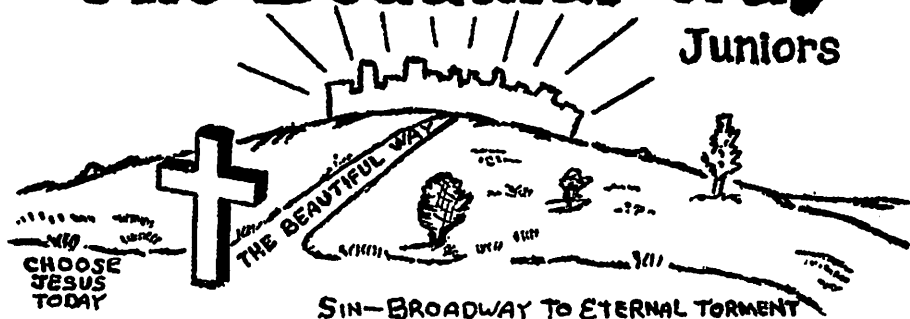


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Part One

July 4

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that God had chosen her to become the Virgin Mother of His Son, she spoke the words, "He that is mighty hath done to me great things." She was a meek and humble person, regarding herself as one of "low estate," but she was chosen of God and precious; and her heart bubbled over with His praise. No other human being can ever be used of God in this manner, but in many other ways He will work to show Himself strong in behalf of each and every one who will put their trust in Him.

During the earthly ministry of Jesus, He sent some disciples out to work for him, and they returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject to us through thy name." Jesus informed them that it was better to rejoice because their names were written in heaven. The devil tempts people to become exalted and think they are something special when the Lord works through them to perform miracles. Jesus knew that the way to overcome that temptation would be to find our joy and happiness in the fact that our names are written in heaven. That

thought brings no exaltation to the flesh. Only God can write a name in heaven. When it is there, we can sing with joy, "I am a child of God." God will do many things to acquaint his child with His goodness and greatness, and to increase faith. Then He wants that child to tell what He has done that the faith of others might be strengthened, too. Many people have yielded their hearts to God because they have seen some of His wonderful works or read about them.

The Apostle John followed Jesus closely and saw Him perform many wonderful miracles—so many that John supposed the world would not contain the books if all could be written. But he wrote a book about some of them. Near the end of his book, he wrote: "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME."

With a prayer that it will strengthen faith in God, I will relate a few of the great things which He that is mighty hath done to me. He has done MANY more things than I can mention, but I realize

He could have done many more if my faith had been greater. Many times I have heard His rebuke: "O thou of little faith."

"My prayer shall be till time shall cease:

O Blessed Lord, my faith increase."

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After the Lord took up his abode in Ann's heart, he began to teach her, "With God nothing shall be impossible." He had encouraged her faith by answering prayer for healing of the body in several different cases; but to put her body into His hands completely was something new to her. In this she was much like Peter when he saw Jesus walking on the water. Peter desired to do as his Master was doing and prayed Jesus to grant him that privilege. Jesus said, "COME." Peter started but got his eyes off Jesus onto the boisterous waves and began to sink. He cried out for help and the Lord helped him, but scolded him for his lack of faith. Ann saw other saints trusting the Lord completely for healing and heard the voice of the Lord bidding her to "COME." Soon she was walking on boisterous waves.

The evangelistic company returned to Guthrie, Okla. (after being in several meetings in Louisiana) where Ann worked in the Lord's Print Shop a short time then returned to New Mexico. She had spent much time in the woods in Louisiana where there was much poison ivy. When blisters that itched began to appear on parts of her body, she thought they were caused by poison ivy. In a few weeks it had spread and the itching became more severe. The disturbing thought began to penetrate her mind, that perhaps it was the itch instead of poison ivy. Oh, horrors! Nothing could be worse in her way of thinking. A terrible disgrace! For awhile she would not admit it—it was SO humiliating! Never had she had the itch and she had the idea that only low-class, unclean people ever had it.

The Lord wanted to teach Ann two lessons: A lesson in humility, and one in standing firm in a trial. In the first lesson she slipped. Because she was reluctant to let anyone know that she had the itch, she had to return to some people later and acknowledge her failure.

Now for the second lesson: Could she trust the Lord fully? She prayed but the itch slowly spread. She was told that it was a little bug like a louse and was advised to put sulphur and lard on it to kill the bug.

Ann had returned to New Mexico too late to get the school where she had been teaching, but was assigned to the primary grades in an isolated mining town, and for living quarters rented a little cabin near the edge of a cliff which towered above railroad tracks. Two months had passed and the struggle within her mind between faith and doubt concerning divine healing for the itch had developed into a fierce battle. Finally, with misgivings, she bought some sulphur and mixed it with lard in a clay crock. Reluctantly she put a little on one arm. "I don't want to do this," she told herself; so she put the crock on a shelf and again went to bed to battle the itch. When she was awake she could exercise will power enough to keep from scratching, but at night she was unable to control her hands. Their clawing caused the sores to become deeper and the bed sheets to be soiled with blood.

The next night at bed time she again reached for the sulphur and lard mixture. She hesitated, and her heart sent up an SOS call to the Master of the sea. Faith increased and arose in triumph. She opened the cabin door and threw the crock as far as she could, saying with determination: "I'll not use that if I rot!" The crock crashed on the rails below with a big noise. The victory was won. The itching stopped and in less than a week every trace of the itch was gone. Praise

the Lord! That victory laid the foundation for many more. —G. Ray (Ann)

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Shepherd's Weapons

"What did the shepherd carry to protect his sheep from wild beasts?" asked Randy.

"He carried a rod, which is a light stick with a hooklike end. This helps him to pull the sheep over rough stones or out of ravines where they might be trapped. He also carries a sling. He cuts a tuft of long wool from the back of the sheep and spins it into yarn. He forms a web to hold a stone and the ends are braided into a long cord about three feet long. This sling shot will cause a wolf to scurry into the woods when the stone hits him," Mother answered.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



STEPHEN'S FACE SHOWN

Dear Boys and Girls:

The twelve disciples were busy men for God. Remember that there were 5000 who were saved about the time of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of men and women on the day of Pentecost. And, of course, many more believed on

Jesus and were saved. Oh, what a happy crowd they were and the love of God flowed from heart to heart. God was blessing the young church of God and they were praying and seeking for others to be saved. But of course, there are always problems to be solved; when we live in this world with others we have to get along peaceably. It seems that there were some who were neglected. I am sure that it was not done just to cause trouble, but the disciples had just too much to see about. So they looked for a way out of the trouble. The disciples called a meeting and seven men were chosen to take care of the daily work among the people. These men were called deacons. The disciples gave their time to preaching, and seeing about the people's soul's needs. Now these seven men were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. They were not to be men that were not living close to God. And as time went on the number grew and we find that Stephen, who was one chosen to be a deacon, preached and God used him in a great manner. He was given power to perform great miracles and wonders among the people. This brought great trouble to him. Some of the Jews, who had not accepted Jesus came and disputed with Stephen. When they were not able to resist the wisdom that God gave to him, and the Spirit of God within him, they were very angry. They hired men to lie about Stephen. These men said that they had heard him blaspheme God. This, of course, was a lie, but the people were stirred up because they believed it, so they grabbed Stephen and brought him up before the council. The men who told lies on Stephen and the people on the council became very angry but God was with Stephen. Oh, boys and girls, it is always best to have God on our side as Stephen did. As he stood there being falsely accused, the glory of God shone on his face. Some in the council said that his face looked like the face of an angel. Wasn't that

wonderful? It pays to live right in the sight of God and tell the truth. God will be with us then. — Aunt Marie

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Lesson 1, July 4, 1976

**DEACONS CHOSEN, STEPHEN
ON TRIAL**

Acts 6:1-4, 6, 7-9a, 10-15

Acts 6:1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

6 Whom they set (the seven) before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9a Then there arose certain of the synagogue...

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him and caught him, and brought him to the council,

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Memory Verse: And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Acts 6:8.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why was there some "murmuring" among the people?

2. Did the apostles think they should leave off the Word of God and serve tables?

3. What did they tell the disciples to do?

4. What were the apostles going to continue to do?

5. How many deacons did they choose?

6. What did the apostles do to the deacons?

7. Explain in your own words what verse seven means.

8. Stephen was full of ---- and -----.

9. Stephen did great ----- and ----- among the people.

10. Did Stephen have some enemies?

11. How do you know?

12. What lies were told on Stephen?

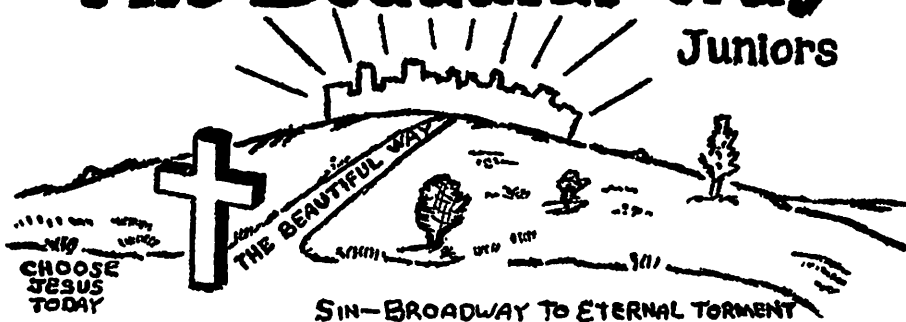
13. Where did they take Stephen?

14. Tell how Stephen looked when he heard the lies told about him.

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Part Two

July 11

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

(continued from last lesson)

"Our Father's wondrous works we see, In the earth and sea and sky; He rules o'er all in majesty, From His royal throne on high. What a mighty God we serve!" Take time to think about the wonders and miracles of creation. It will build faith in God. Children used to spend much time considering God's handiwork. Then their hearts were tender and it was easy for them to believe in God and live for Him. Now the devil has allured them away from natural attractions to spend their time in faith-killing pursuits, such as watching TV, until they are hardened and dominated with a spirit of unbelief.

Spring time comes with its beauties of green trees and blooming flowers after a cold stormy winter when trees are leafless, and everything looks brown and dead. What a wonderful miracle God performs when he keeps such things alive through the cold wintry months by causing the roots to reach way down in the warm earth where they can be kept alive.

Then think of our bodies. The Bible says we are fearfully and wonderfully made. The body encounters many forces

which endeavor to snuff out its existence. But God has created forces in the body like soldiers which come to its rescue and put up a strong fight against disease and other enemies. When we have faith in God, we can pray and He will help the soldiers when it seems like they are going to be overcome. People who do not have faith in God use medicine to help their soldiers, but sometimes that can kill the soldiers instead of assisting them. Faith is better. It is like the roots of the tree. Faith needs to grow deeply into the bosom of God to keep one alive physically and spiritually.

The body must have food to keep alive. God has created many things that are good for food; but some things, if eaten, will kill the body. Good parents will see to it that their children have good things to eat, and not things that will kill the body. Jesus asked the question: If a son asks his father for bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for fish, will the father give him a serpent? NO, NO!

The body is called the outer man, but there is another part called the inner man or soul, which must also be kept alive by proper food. The inner man eats by taking thoughts, impressions, and desires into the mind and acting upon them. Our

good heavenly Father and His servants provide food that will enable our souls to live; but the devil and his agents desire to kill the soul. They have much poison to offer. When children start out in life, they are eager to learn and they desire the truth (bread and fish) but the devil-hearted world is offering to them, and even cramming down their throats, stones and serpents. It seems unbelievers never tire in their efforts to kill faith in God and allure others to tread the downward road.

Ann had an eager mind to learn. School was a delight to her. In former years she had not noticed much in her school studies that would hinder faith in God. She did not know that the devil had been working for years to get control of the educational system for the purpose of killing faith in God; now it struck like a destructive storm. She was supposed to be taking a course in history, but it turned out to be a course in infidelism or believing that there was no God. The teacher was wordly-wise and cunning, and required the pupils to spend much time studying and reciting anti-God and anti-Christian theories. It seemed Ann was kept busy rejecting the deadly substance with which they tried to pollute her mind. She refused to swallow the stones and serpents—God had been too real to her for that—but the conflict left her badly shaken and bruised.

She returned to Rutheron (her former school) to teach. She was clinging to God and put forth an effort to influence the pupils in that direction to some extent; but the devil daily tormented her by sending his Giant Doubt to clobber her. He would accuse her of swallowing some of the atheistic poison and tell her God had cast her off. Anxiously, she searched for clues to assure her that God did love her.

One afternoon while she was seated at her desk in the school room, a severe storm arose. She watched three juniper

trees outside the window. The storm would whip them this way and that in its fury. At times they would bend to the earth. It seemed they would be uprooted; but when the storm subsided, they were still there—much shaken and stripped of their berries and needles, but alive, because of their deeply grounded roots. "Oh," thought Ann, "Lord, I want to be like the juniper trees and not be uprooted by storms of the devil."

When spring came she was still having a hard battle. Outside her window where she often knelt for prayer was a rose bush. It seemed to be dead. Each day she would notice it. Green leaves began to come out on the brown limbs. Then one day she noticed a bud. With great interest she watched it as it began to open up into a beautiful rose. But one morning the rose was gone. "Oh, someone has stolen the rose!" she grieved. Then came a hopeful thought: "It will bloom again because the bush is still alive." And it did. Again the bloom was stolen. The bush was small and young, so it bloomed no more that year; but the next year it's roots had grown down and the bush came out larger and there were many blooms.

Ann understood the lesson. God was teaching her that if she would let roots of faith deepen in Him and His Word, she would overcome the efforts of the enemy to rob her of a victorious life.

—G. Ray (Ann)

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Mummies

"Where did they put mummies?" asked Sharon.

"Sometimes in museums we see them standing up in a corner but they were put in tombs. The kings sometimes had large pyramids built for them," answered Daddy.

"How did they make mummies?" asked Byram.

Daddy told them that the art of preserving the body in that manner is not known today. They took the dead person and wrapped it in linen bandages and put it into a special case shaped like a human being. On the box was painted the head of the person and some strange signs. The mummy of a king was placed in three coffins—each larger than the preceding one.”

— M. Miles

JOSEPH AND MOSES

“How many years passed between the time when Joseph lived and when Moses lived?” asked Betty.

“Less than a hundred years, I believe,” Mother answered.

— M. Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



THEY SOLD JOSEPH

Dear Boys and Girls:

Stephen is standing before the council. He had lied told on him and now the high priest asked him to tell them if these things were so. We hear Stephen preach-

ing a sermon to the council. He goes way back to Abraham's time and tells the council how "the God of glory" appeared to Abraham before he came to the land of Canaan. Gen. 12th chapter. Abraham lived in a country where people did not love God. God told him to leave that place and go to Canaan. On the way, his father died, but he went right on and stayed in Canaan. Abraham moved from place to place and lived in tents. God didn't give him a home there but God promised that the land would be given to his great-great-great grandchildren, or to his seed. You remember how God gave Abraham and Sarah a son, whom they called Isaac, when they were too old to have children. This was a miracle son. God talked to Abraham and he told him that his seed, or family, after he was dead, would be held in bondage in a strange country, which was Egypt, for 400 years. While there, they would be mistreated, but God would bring them back to the land of Canaan which he had promised to Abraham's family after he had died.

Abraham's son, Isaac, had twin sons. The promise went to Jacob. You remember how Jacob went down to his mother's country and there he married Leah and Rachel. Jacob then came back to the land of Canaan. Jacob had twelve sons. You remember how the ten sons of Jacob were envious of Joseph, and sold him as a slave into Egypt. How wonderful it was that Joseph loved God, and our lesson says that "God was with him." Joseph lived in the house of Potiphar as a slave, yet he was a man of wisdom. Potiphar made him steward over all that he possessed. Gen. 39:6-33. Potiphar's wife tried to make love to Joseph, while Potiphar was gone, and Joseph ran from the room, leaving his coat. Since she saw that he would not yield to her, she told a lie on him and Potiphar had Joseph put in prison. But God was still with him in prison. He helped out one of the king's men and when

Pharaoh had a dream, that man told Pharaoh that Joseph could tell him what it meant. Joseph was called and because he helped the king, Pharaoh made him ruler over all the land of Egypt and over his house. It pays to stay with God even if we are in trouble. God will help us out.

— Aunt Marie

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Lesson 2, July 11, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part One)

Acts 7:1-10

Acts 7:1 Then said the high priest, are these things so?

2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mes-o-po-ta'mi-a, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: Yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child.

6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years.

7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

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

10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

Memory Verse: And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. Gen. 22:18.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who asked Stephen if "these things were so?"

2. Who did God appear to in the land of Mesopotamia?

3. What did God tell Abraham to do?

4. What land did God promise to Abraham's seed?

5. What was to happen to Abraham's people before they were led to Canaan?

6. To what nation were they to be in bondage?

7. Tell the names of Abraham's son and grandson.

8. How many sons (they were called the patriarchs) did Jacob have?

9. Why did the patriarchs sell Joseph into Egypt?

10. How did God help Joseph in Egypt?

11. What office did Joseph hold in Egypt?

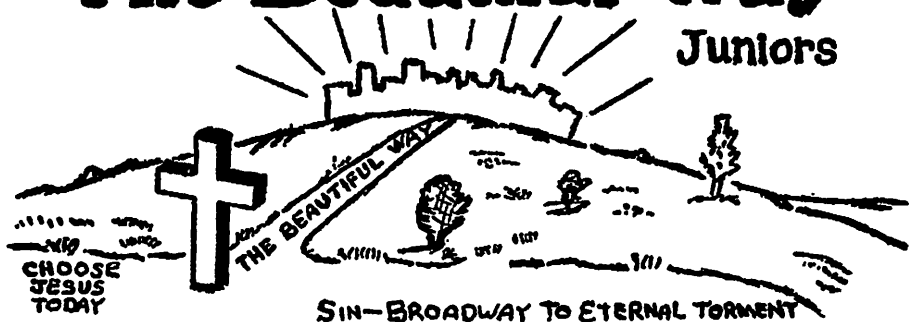
12. What promise did God give Abraham in the memory verse?

13. Tell why this promise was given to Abraham.

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Part Three

July 18

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

(continued from last lesson)

Working with children was a delight to Ann, but teaching in public schools would soon come to an end for her unless she continued to attend summer school. After the spiritual upset it had caused the previous summer, she had no heart to do that. Becoming a missionary had long been her desire, but at present the Lord did not make an opening for that. As she considered and prayed about what course to pursue for the future, a letter came from Bro. Pruitt informing her that there was a great need for a worker at the Lord's Print Shop.

It was not her choice to return to that work. Operating a linotype long hours day after day was very hard on the flesh. She had no natural talent to work with machinery. The summer sun in Oklahoma was very hot. New Mexico was deep in her heart; and to leave it, many heart-ties would have to be sundered. But she had given herself to the Lord as a living sacrifice and had no intention of deliberately taking herself off the altar regardless of the cost to her. She would

go if it was God's will, but she hoped it wasn't.

A poem came into her possession which she knew was God's message to her. Here is part of it:

I said, "Let me walk in the fields;"

He said, "Nay, walk in the town."

I said, "There are no flowers there;"

He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "I shall miss the light,

And friends will miss me, they say."

He answered me, "Choose tonight

If I am to miss you, or they!"

I pleaded for time to be given.

He said, "Is it hard to decide?"

It will not seem hard in heaven

To have followed the steps of your Guide."

"I will go," was her decision, because it was clearly His will. The nice cabin which she had had built in Rutheron (intending to make it her home) was disposed of with all of its furnishings and other belongings, and she said goodbye to all there—perhaps forever. If she had been able to see the heavy cross that would be her's to bear because of that decision without being able to see the grace and glory that accompanied it, she would have

fainted; but as the resurrection eclipses the crucifixion, even so the blessings of the Lord outweighed the hardships which she had to endure. At the onset of the venture, the Lord's care was manifested in a precious way.

Ann went via Espanola to spend a little time with her sister who had a very sick child that required constant care. Ann sat up with the child that night to relieve the weary ones. The next day she resumed her journey, weary and greatly in need of sleep. Someone took her to Santa Fe and left her at a station where she had a short wait for the bus which was to transport her to a train station. Because of mountains, the train did not run through Santa Fe. She went to the ladies' lounge upstairs to wait, and a comfortable sofa invited her recline. She told herself that she dare not go to sleep or she would not be able to wake up to catch the bus. If she missed the bus she would be stranded there without friends for a night and a day. In spite of her efforts to stay awake, she was soon unconscious in sleep. She was alone in the lounge and no one knew she was there. Suddenly she felt a definite touch and awakened with a start. She felt the presence of a Being in the room, but there was no human being there. Hurdled, she descended the stairs. There was the bus just ready to pull out. God was watching over her and had sent His angel to awaken her just in time.

Two summers prior to this when Ann was in Oklahoma she had placed a wet wash cloth over her face and forehead and let the wind blow upon it to obtain relief from the intense heat. That was not a good idea because it caused severe sinus trouble. She prayed and requested prayer, but was not healed. Friends in New Mexico strongly opposed the practice of trusting the Lord for physical healing, so she tried to keep her condition hidden from them. This she could not always do because at times she was unable to teach.

Never before had she missed a day of teaching because of sickness, so strong pressure was put upon her to resort to medicine. One opposer angrily pointed out her decline in health since she had "got religion and quit taking medicine." The thrust had truth in it, but Ann explained that she knew it was a trial of faith and her confidence remained strong in God's ability and willingness to heal. The Christian's hope is that God will resurrect these bodies regardless of the length of time they have been in the grave in a decayed condition. If He can do that, why cannot He resurrect the little portion of the body affected by disease while life is still in it? Many promises in His Word proclaim His willingness to do so. We do have an appointment with death (Heb. 9:27) at which time God will no longer furnish repairs for this decaying body, but until then He will heal diseases of the body as well as the soul.

The trouble plagued Ann about a year after she returned to Oklahoma, then the Lord healed her completely. He has also healed her of many diseases from neuritis to infected ingrown toe nail. Also, she operated the Linotype for more than twenty years, setting type for a great number of tracts, papers, books, etc. without having to wear glasses. That is a very eye-straining job.

— G. Ray (Ann)

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Bricks Made by Israelites

"How did the Israelites make the bricks?" asked Sammy.

"They mixed water with straw and clay and put it in square brick molds and dried them in the sun," answered Daddy. Today men have dug down around the old ruins of walls and buildings in Egypt and there, on the lower bricks they were made with straw and then those higher up were made with stubble roots mixed with clay. Those on the top had no straw or stubble.

That fits in the account in Exodus about how the king made the Israelites make as many bricks in a day as they did when straw was brought to them. They scattered all through the land and gathered stubble instead of straw. If they did not have the right amount they were beaten. How cruel, but God heard their cries and sent Moses to deliver them." — M. Miles

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



**I AM YOUR BROTHER
JOSEPH**
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Dear Boys and Girls:

The first four verses of our lesson are parts of Stephen's sermon. In Genesis we will read more details.

Joseph was a man of wisdom and God showed him that there would be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine in Egypt. Joseph had great barns built and stored the grain during the years of plenty. Our lesson begins with the part of Stephen's sermon when he mentioned the great dearth or famine in the land. The famine was felt down in the land where Joseph's father and his eleven brothers lived. When Jacob, Joseph's father, heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent the ten sons down to buy corn and

bring it back to them. Every day Joseph personally looked in the face of all foreigners to see if any were his brothers. One day he saw his brothers and his heart was glad, yet he wondered if they were still the same wicked men that sold him into Egypt. He knew he must prove them to see. Joseph was about 40 years of age at this time. He had not seen his brothers since he was about seventeen years old. So he tested them by calling them spies and had them put in prison for three days. Gen. 42:8-17. Joseph spoke through an interpreter to them and they did not think he knew what they were saying. He told them that all of them could go back but Simeon, until they brought their youngest brother back with them. They talked among themselves, saying, "We are verily guilty concerning our brother, (Joseph) in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required." Verses 21,22. When Joseph heard them talk he went away from them and wept but he sent them away and kept Simeon.

They told their father all that had taken place and they were almost starving before Jacob would let the brothers take Benjamin and go again for food. Finally, they went with his consent. They arrived and our lesson tells how Joseph longed to love Benjamin but he refrained until he gave them more tests to see if they were good men. He had them to eat with him and he gave Benjamin five times more food and attention than the others to see if they were jealous of him. You can read chapter 44 and see the next test that he put them through. And finally, he made himself known to them and made them know that he had forgiven them, just as we are to forgive others who do us wrong.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, July 18, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part Two)

Acts 7:11-14; Gen. 43:15, 16, 26, 30, 34; Gen. 45:2, 3, 5, 9, 11

Acts 7:11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13 And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to him, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

Gen. 43:15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

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

26 And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

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

34 And he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of their's. And they drank, and were merry with him.

Gen. 45:2 And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

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

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

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

11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

Memory Verse: For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: Matt. 6:14.

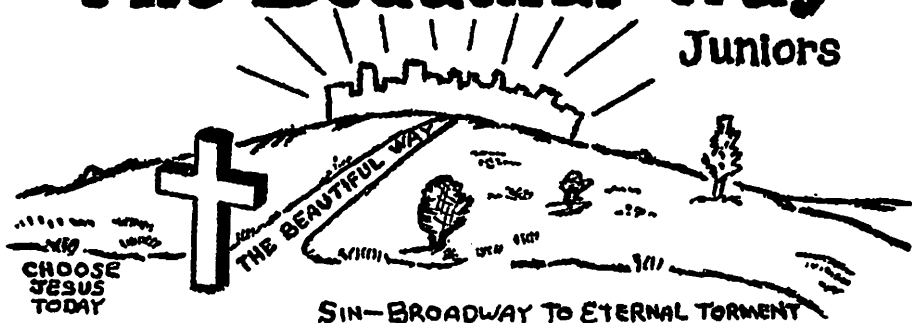
QUESTIONS:

1. What is a "dearth"?
2. Where did Jacob send to buy corn?
3. How many times did they go to buy corn before Joseph told them who he was?
4. How many were in Jacob's family?
5. What did Joseph's brethren bring to him, and how did they greet him?
6. Why did Joseph weep?
7. How much more did Joseph give Benjamin than the others?
8. Why did he do this?
9. How did Joseph's brethren act when he told them who he was?
10. How did he reassure them?
11. What did Joseph tell them to hurry and do?
12. Why did Joseph want them all to come to Egypt?
13. What is the most outstanding thing about Joseph?
14. Is it easy for you to forgive those who do you wrong?
15. Why must we forgive others?

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July 25

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

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Wistful thoughts of a home and family of her own were forgotten as Ann turned all of her affections toward pleasing the Lover of her soul. It was certain that she would not marry an unsaved man, and she knew of no eligible saved one. There were times when she saw a need of a companion who would understand and help her fight the battles of life, but knowing that marriage does not always give assurance of that, she committed the future into God's hands and daily sought Him for His companionship which far surpasses that of a human.

About a year after she resumed work at the Lord's Print Shop she met a young man at the Hammond, La., campmeeting who showed some interest in her; but she was not interested in him. His home was in Tennessee where he had recently got saved in a meeting held by Sister Key of La. George (his middle name) was a sincere young man who wanted to work for the Lord. Soon Bro. and Sis. Key brought him to Guthrie to work at the print shop. Several saints, including George, went to a mountainous region of southeastern

Oklahoma to hold a meeting, and there it seemed necessary for Ann to walk with him to and from services. After they returned to Guthrie, George desired to continue the association, but Ann soon let him know that she was not interested in that. He kept aloof for some time, then again expressed his affection for her. With plainness of speech she endeavored to cut off all hopes which he might have of winning her.

A year passed. When saints at Guthrie were preparing for the assembly meeting, a young sister suggested to Ann that she should get married (no man was mentioned), but Ann replied that she had other talents and was not interested in marriage. That night the thought came to her that she had not really given the Lord a chance to lead her along that line. She told Him that she was willing for anything that He willed for her, even marriage.

Early the next morning she awakened and the Lord dropped a message into her understanding that He wanted her to marry George. "How can that be?" she wondered. Yet she was almost sure it was the Lord speaking.

The Lord desires to be able to lead us by His Spirit, but since it is possible to

be mistaken about that, in such an important matter as marriage Ann wanted to try the spirits by putting out some fleeces as Gideon in days of old. (Judges 6:36-40)

1. "Lord, you know I do not love him, and if you want me to marry him you will need to cause me to love him." 2. In obtaining a mate, Ann thought the man should take the lead. She had so definitely spurned his previous advances that she didn't think he would ever approach her again about the subject; but if God wanted it, cause him to speak to her again. 3. A multitude of opinions would bring confusion, but a few should be confided in for advice, so she asked that the Lord allow no one to object.

The three fleeces were soon wet with dew from heaven. Formerly, Ann had noticed only George's faults, but now she began to view him in a different light. One night they accidentally met (by God's appointment) on the way home from the assembly meeting, and walked the rest of the way together. He told her that soon after he first met her he had prayed about her for a companion and the Lord blessed, and he was still of the opinion that she was meant for him. He was surprised, but pleased that this time she did not reject.

When a list was made of those in whom they were to confide, parents on both sides were included, and some ministers. George hesitated about telling his mother because he thought she would object to any girl he would choose. Ann insisted that she be included because parents are due that respect from their children. A letter came in which she did object—not to his choice, but his plans to marry were a shock to her, and it is hard for a mother to give up a son. But the next day another letter came from her in which she apologized for the first letter. It was a unanimous approval.

Ann wanted more time to pray and consider. She asked George to return to his

home in Tennessee until their marriage in March.

March 23, 1941, they were united in marriage in a simple ceremony between Sunday School and Church services with no pomp and show. Some think weddings should be glamorous with decorations and wedding customs, so the young couple can have something to remember. The Lord gave Ann and George a beautiful day and an atmosphere of peace and happiness was felt. His glorious approval has meant more to them in the way of memories than the most gorgeous decorations in the world.

There have been adjustments to make, but love and attachment to each other have increased through the years. Their greatest consolation is that they can partake of the Lord's wedding supper without the excuse: "I have married a wife (or husband), and therefore I cannot come." Luke 14:20. Neither will hinder the other in serving the Lord.

—G. Ray (Ann)

(to be continued)

God's Teaching Method

When the Lord laid His hand on me to teach the Sunday School Class in El Alamo, I became very burdened because the children were not retaining the lessons from week to week. I went earnestly to the Lord in prayer about it, and while still in prayer, He opened up an entirely new method for teaching them. As it was a completely new method, I felt impressed to teach the lesson of the Creation that first Sunday. As I taught by the new method, I was also earnestly praying that they would retain it. When we arrived at the chapel (I taught the children over at the house), for the first time, not knowing what had been taking place in my heart nor in the method of teaching, Sis. Ruby Marken asked me if the children would like to tell something about

the lesson before they sang their choruses. As we complied, and I had them all go to the front, I began asking questions about the lesson and would hardly get the question asked before some of the children, if not all, were giving me the answer. It surely was encouraging to know that "God's Method" worked. Teachers and parents, if you desire to know about this method that God gave me, to use in teaching your children, please contact me and I will be most happy to help you. God laid His approval on it in Mexico, and I believe He would do the same here.

—Sis. Opal Kelly

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BABY MOSES
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Dear Boys and Girls:

Again we are going to study about Stephen's sermon. Remember that he had been brought up before the council and there were men who had told lies on him. God so blessed him that the Bible says that his face was like the face of an angel. All the council looked upon him and the high priest let him defend himself.

So Stephen preached the sermon which we have been studying.

Today, Stephen tells them that the promise God made to Abraham hundreds of years before was about to be fulfilled. They had been down in Egypt about four hundred years and they would soon be brought back to the land of Canaan. God keeps His promises. We must always remember that.

The kings that did not know Joseph saw that the Israelites were becoming a great nation in the borders of their own country. They began to fear that they would become so strong that they would take over Egypt. So they made the people work very hard, trying to kill them off. Instead of doing this, it only made them stronger. God was in this way preparing them for the long march to the Canaan land, but the people did not know this yet.

The kings of Egypt decided that they had better have the baby boys killed at birth. But one mother hid her child in the bulrushes at the river and had his sister watch over him. When Pharaoh's daughter saw the little baby in the basket, she loved him and later took him with her to be her own son. She named him Moses and he was taught all the wisdom of Egypt and went to the best schools. God was preparing him for a great work but he did not know it. Boys and girls, remember that if you belong to God he will prepare you to work for Him. Maybe hard things are the best way for you to be prepared, so do face them and learn the lessons you need. Just be humble and be willing to suffer wrong or hard things. That is the secret, just be willing. It harms you when you are not willing to work, or to do hard things, or to be talked about.

Our lesson tells us about Moses making a mistake. Moses did not wait for God's time. He knew that he might be killed by the Egyptians and that his people did not like him, so he fled to the desert.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, July 25, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part Three)

Acts 7:15-29

Acts 7:15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Em-mor the father of Sychem.

17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Ma-di-an, where he begat two sons.

Memory verse: (Moses) Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Heb. 11:25.

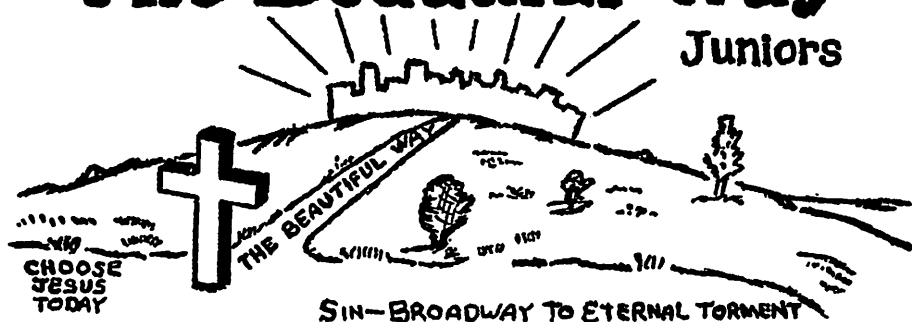
QUESTIONS:

1. Who went down into Egypt?
2. Where was Jacob buried?
3. What does "grew and multiplied" mean?
4. What happened when a king arose who knew not Joseph?
5. Who was born at this time?
6. What happened to Moses when he was cast out?
7. What kind of an education did Moses have?
8. How old was Moses when he decided to visit his people?
9. How did Moses defend one of the children of Israel?
10. Did the people of Israel understand that Moses would deliver them from Egypt?
11. How do you know?
12. Tell what Moses did when he found that people knew what he had done to the Egyptian?
13. To what land did he flee?
14. Can you explain what the memory verse means?

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Part Five

Aug. 1

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

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"Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold." In the Apostle Paul's writings, he spoke of giving as being a grace, and wanted the saints to abound in this grace. A canal has no water of its own, but receives its water from a source of supply and gives it out to irrigate land that needs it. When the canal becomes clogged and water cannot flow through it, a state of stagnation occurs. We have nothing that has not been given to us from the big supply house above. Human beings have a tendency to selfishly keep what the Lord permits them to gain, thinking: "I earned this; it is MINE." But who gave the health and the opportunity to earn it? Who made it possible for them to have it? The Lord sounds a warning to such people: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered." (James 5:1-3) A state of stagnation has occurred. A Christian loves to give and he can and have the bless-

ing of more being given to him from the great store house above. The Lord's law is: "Give and it shall be given unto you."

When Ann was teaching she gave of her earnings to the Lord's work. When she worked at the print shop, money was quite scarce, but even then there were times when she could give. There were also times when she was in need. Then would come a flow of blessings from the Lord's supply house. At one time she needed a pair of shoes. A woman who knew nothing of her need gave her just enough money for the shoes. It was unusual to allow a summer to go by without canning fruits and vegetables that could be obtained at a low price. One summer the service of the Lord kept Ann very busy and she had no time to can peaches when they were cheap on the market. When she inquired about them, the merchant replied that only a few very expensive peaches could be obtained. It seemed Ann and George could have no peaches that winter. The next morning the same merchant called to ask if she wanted to buy a bushel of peaches at a cheap price. A bushel of nice peaches had fallen off a produce truck as it was going through Guthrie near his store, and the driver wanted to get rid of them. They were not hurt, but needed to

be canned promptly. They were delicious!

When Ann and George were to be married, they agreed that they needed about a hundred dollars. George thought he could earn it in Tennessee, but an accident caused him to be unable to work so he had to return with nothing. But the Lord supplied the hundred dollars from an unexpected source and then stretched it so it bought needed furniture.

They thought they needed a car. A friend had a van to sell so they bought it when they were able to save enough money for it. As soon as they bought it, the Lord told them to give it to Bro. and Sis. Allen for the work of the Lord, which they did. For awhile it seemed that they had done the wrong thing because of the strain they were in immediately after that, but later it proved a great blessing to them.

World War II was being fought and George was draft age, classified as a conscientious objector. He had received one deferment and was expecting another. He was working at a feed mill at night. One night Ann was awakened by someone standing by her bed. He gave her the message that George would soon be taken. Ann looked and saw the form of a man's back which disappeared without going out the door. She knew it was an angel because of the profound peace which she felt in his presence. God had sent him to prepare her for the hard thing which would soon be hers to face. For his message, Ann was very grateful.

Yes, George was soon taken to a camp where the men had to work hard with no pay. Ann was grief stricken because she felt she would not see him again. She wanted to continue in the Lord's work where she received very little money, and there was no money for traveling, she thought. It would take a large book to write the story of all their travels during that time and the many ways in which God worked to enable them to see each other.

Besides, they kept up a daily correspondence when they were apart, which was expensive. At one time when Ann was visiting her husband, who was then stationed in Iowa, the owner of a tourist court permitted her to stay in one of his cabins free of charge. Who has heard of such a thing?

Ann also traveled much in gospel work (to lead singing) during that time. At one time she was riding to a meeting in the back of the van which they had given to the Allens, in which they hauled a gospel tent. She thought of the many souls who had been blessed by that gift. As she thought, the Lord's presence blessed her soul and He told her that also He had made ways for the many visits with her husband because of that gift. If they had kept the van for themselves she could not have bought gasoline nor tires and there would have been no visits.

Many, many times their needs were supplied in miraculous ways. They were drawing on money which they had de-

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GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES

posited in the bank of heaven. Later they had needs for large amounts of money, and the Lord supplied. —G. Ray (Ann)
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Old City Ruins Still Seen

The city called Pithom in the Bible was probably the one with a massive brick wall around it. Near by Pithom is another city believed to have been built by Rameses, the Second. The pharaoh or king may have had a palace there, and Moses may have visited him. The ruins of that city are still there today. Men have dug down to it and the bricks have straw and stubble mixed in them.

— M. Miles

Dear Boys and Girls:

Moses fled from Egypt into the land of Midian. There, he lived with a man named Jethro and married Zipporah, one of his daughters. Moses worked for Jethro and took care of his flocks. While out by the mountain he saw the burning bush and God spoke to him from it. God told him to go down and bring out his people from Egypt. Moses told the Lord that he could not talk well and was slow of speech. So God told him that his brother, Aaron, would speak for him. God gave Moses a sign that he was with him. He told him to cast down his rod and Moses did. The rod became a snake. God told Moses to pick it up by the tail and he did. It became a rod in his hand. (3rd and 4th chapters of Exodus.)

Moses went down to the land of Egypt. He and his brother, Aaron, talked to the rulers of the Israelites. They believed that God had heard their cries, would deliver them, and they worshipped God. Aaron and Moses went to see Pharaoh and asked him to let the Israelites go and worship the Lord in the desert. Pharaoh was angry because they wanted to go, so he caused the taskmasters over the Israel-

ites to make them work harder. Moses and Aaron went again and God began to perform great wonders before Pharaoh. Because he would not let them go, the waters in the river and in all the land turned to blood. The fish died and they could not drink the water. Pharaoh would not let the people go so God caused frogs to cover the land, houses, and every place. Again and again God sent plagues to them but Pharaoh would not let them go. He would say they could but then when God would take away the plague, Pharaoh would not let them go.

Finally, before the last plague that God was going to send, He let the Israelites know that Pharaoh would let the people go. He told the Israelites to be ready to leave. They were to kill a lamb and sprinkle blood on the door post. The death angel was to pass over every house, and in the one that did not have the blood on it, the oldest son died. This is a type of Christ's blood upon our souls. All who have repented of their sins and have the blood covering them will be saved. But sad to say, the people in Pharaoh's land did not have blood on their doorpost and there was great weeping and crying. Pharaoh told the Israelites to leave the land. So they did. Our lesson tells us the rest of the story of truth.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, August 1, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part Four)

Acts 7:30-36; Exod. 12:29, 33, 36, 38;

Exod. 14:6, 22, 28, 31

Acts 7:30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Si-na an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

32 Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Exod. 12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

36 And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.

Exod. 14:6 And he (Pharaoh) made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: (followed the Israelites to the Red Sea).

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground:

and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

31 And Israel saw that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses.

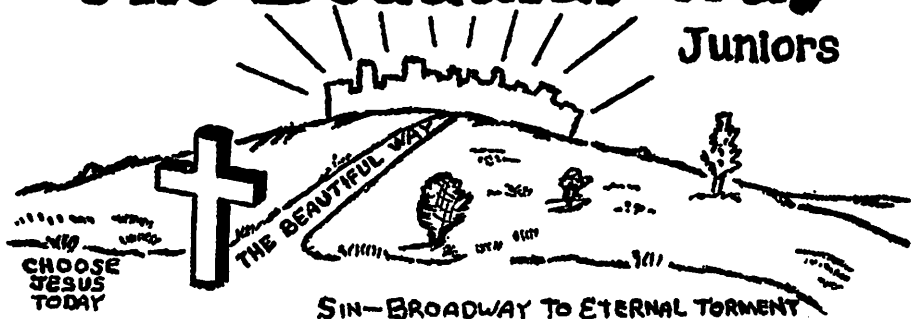
Memory Verse: And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Exod. 6:5.

Questions

1. What appeared in a flame of fire in a bush?
2. Who wondered at the sight?
3. What made Moses tremble?
4. Why did God tell Moses to take off his shoes?
5. What was God going to do for his people in Egypt?
6. When had the people of Israel refused Moses?
7. Did Moses lead the children of Israel out of Egypt?
8. What happened in the land of Egypt at midnight?
9. Did the Egyptians want the children of Israel to leave Egypt?
10. Who gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians?
11. Who followed the people to the Red Sea?
12. How did the children of Israel go into the sea?
13. What happened to the Egyptians when they went into the sea?
14. Were any of the Egyptians left?
15. What did God's great work cause the people to do?

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Part Six

Aug. 8

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

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"O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." (Psa. 95:1) The Lord through His Word has left many instructions to His children about singing. The value of singing to the soul cannot be measured. If a person has no voice to sing, surely the heart of the dumb will sing—as the song says: "Burst forth in joyful melody."

Singing had an important place in Ann's life from childhood. After she was saved, her prayer was: "Take my voice and let me sing, always only for my King." Spiritual songs were so much a part of her life that she often talked to the Lord through a song, and He would talk back to her with instruction and encouragement by the same means. Sometimes the Lord would speak through songs in dreams, and sometimes He would give her a new song that way. One such song had only two different words. In the dream it was being sung by all the Redeemed. Its words and melody become more thrillingly precious as time passes. The words are:

LIFE, LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE! LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE! It is Ann's desire, if she passes away before the Lord comes, that there be no preaching at her funeral service, but that the saints will sing different songs which tell the story of her spiritual life.

Many times when it seemed she was burdened to the limit of her endurance, the Lord would cause a song to lift her spirit. At one time she had prayed earnestly and long about a certain condition that troubled her. It seemed the answer would never come and that the Lord did not care. One morning before day she was awakened with the words of a verse of song ringing in her heart. The melody was the song she knew: "Does Jesus care?" She sang that verse and then the old familiar chorus. It gave her the strong assurance that Jesus did care, even though it seemed He wasn't answering. It was so encouraging that she arose to find a book which contained that song. To her surprise, the verse which the Lord had given for her encouragement was not part of the printed song. The meaning of it remained with her, but the exact words had departed from her memory.

When in college, Ann had been placed with alto singers, so she sang that part

much of the time when singing with the saints. One day she noticed something was wrong with her voice. This was distressing to her, so she took it to the Lord in earnest prayer. He spoke to her heart: "Sing soprano and I'll heal your voice." She obeyed, and He did. The Lord had a purpose in view. She began to lead singing in the local congregation, then there were openings for her to lead in camp-meetings and meetings elsewhere. He was accepting her offer: "Take my voice, and let me sing."

When passing through a severe trial, she heard the song: "He Will Hide Me." It so gripped her heart that she wanted and prayed for a copy of it. It was not in the books which the saints used and she knew not where to find it. One day she was with some other saints in the balcony of a used book store in Oklahoma City where they kept the religious books. There she found that song in a book. So over-joyed was she that all surroundings were forgotten as she earnestly and clearly sang the song. The owner of the store, who was seated at his desk under the balcony when they entered the store, had no way of knowing who was doing the singing without leaving his desk and making a special effort to locate the singer—which he must have done. Six years after that Ann again went to the book store and he met her with the words: "Aren't you the one who sang that song?" God had used the song to touch the man's heart in some way, or he would not have remembered her, because thousands of people had passed through his door during the six years. Ann hopes she will meet him in heaven. Oh, thank the Lord for the privilege of singing for our King!

After Ann dedicated her life to the Lord, she could not sing for entertainment. She tried to help sing specials, only to meet with utter failure and no anointing from the Lord. One time when she was to help a sister sing at a funeral, she was

struck dumb with stage fright even though she was in a room where she could not see the audience and they could not see her. She could sing at funerals with a number of others, and with God's help she could stand before large crowds and lead them to the throne in worship and praise.

During a time of physical strain and weakness, she over-taxed her vocal chords and felt a rip in her throat. Her voice after that sounded like an old worn-out organ from which air and squeaks would escape, but no melody. People could not understand why she no longer sang, and it seemed they hardly believed her explanation. Her talking voice was not affected. One day at a campmeeting healing-service, she demonstrated her need for healing by trying to sing, "Jesus Is Good To Me." Some of the saints wept, and all present realized that she could never sing again until the Lord performed a miracle. A number of years passed, then the Lord restored her voice so she could sing for her own enjoyment, worship and praise, but it was not strong enough for leading.

She hopes He will completely restore the volume; but if not, her heart sings: "We'll sing a sweeter anthem with unnumbered millions there; Glory, honor, and salvation in that home so bright and fair."

— G. Ray (Ann)

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God Gives Strength

For some time since God called me to Mexico I had not been very well. When Sis. Ruby Marken and I would go to the Espinosas to get a load of wood, which was four and one-half miles in the country, it was just about all I could do to do my part of throwing the wood out of the jeep pick-up onto the pile which had been dwindling. Sis. Ruby did the biggest part and when we were about finished she would

ask me if I wanted to bring the broom from the house to sweep out the pick-up. She didn't know it but I would be so weak, it was hard for me to even walk to the house, much less bring the broom. I would go ahead and do it but would be exhausted afterwards. She was trying to make it easy for me, giving me the easier job while she finished throwing the load off. I realized and appreciated it at the time, but all the same, I could barely do it. The next year, she was not with me and I felt the need to be stronger. I went to the Lord in prayer for strength to do the duties I was called on to do, including going to get the load of wood by myself and throwing all of it off, sweeping the pick-up and all. The next time I had to go and get a load, I pleaded for strength. God so sweetly answered me and though I had taught a full day of school alone before I went, I unloaded the entire load of wood in twenty minutes, swept the pick-up and when I got in the house, realized I wasn't very tired. Surely the Lord is good to all who will call upon Him.

—Sis. Opal Kelly

Who died, but was never born? Read Gen. 2:7, 15, 21, 22.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



The Bible has many sayings that people use today. One is "a drop in the bucket," "the widow's mite," "the little foxes that spoil the vines," "the still small voice," "the apple of his eye," and many other sayings that people use.

Dear Boys and Girls:

The children of Israel rejoiced after they crossed the Red Sea and knew that they were forever free from the hard taskmasters of Egypt. They moved when the cloud or the pillar of fire moved and stopped when they stopped. Moses led them up to the mountain where he had seen the burning bush. There, God told Moses to come up into the mountain and he would give him the ten commandments written on tables of stone. The people trembled as they heard the thunder and saw the lightning and the thick cloud upon the mountain. The presence of God being close to the earth, caused it to quake and smoke like a furnace. Our God is a great God and we want to have fear in our hearts, which will cause us to love Him so much that we do not want to displease Him. Oh, how God loves girls and boys who love and serve Him. There can be no greater love than the love of God, so we want to pray and ask God to help us to please Him. And if we love the Lord we will keep His commandments.

God first spoke out the ten commandments to the people but they were afraid. They told Moses that they wanted God to tell Him and then he could tell them what God wanted them to do.

The first commandments taught the people that they were not to worship idols. They lived in a country where the people worshipped idols instead of God. We do not see too much of that here but it would seem so strange to see people bow down and show love to an image, then ask it to help them. Some would even kiss their images. What a pity, because God even made the stone or material of which

the image was made. They should worship God, who is the Creator of all things. God wanted them to reverence His name. Today we hear boys and girls saying bad words and use God's name in vain. Oh, how terrible that is. God wants them to take time to serve Him. Today we want to worship the Lord every day, and we want to be sure and be in services on Sunday if we can. God wanted boys and girls to "honor their fathers and mothers." God would bless them if they did that. Honoring your parents would mean that you did what they told you to do. It would be loving and obeying them. Of course, God wanted them to not kill or steal. They were not to tell lies, nor covet their neighbor's things. If they obeyed God, we are told that God would bless them and heal their sickness. If they sinned, then God would blot out their names from the Book of Life.

— Aunt Marie

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Lesson 6, August 8, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part Five)

Acts 7:37-38; Exod. 20:1, 4a, 7a, 12-17a; Exod. 23:25

Acts 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Si-na, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:
 the lively oracles to give unto us:

Exod. 20:1 And God spake all these words, saying,

4a Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, . . .

7a Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; . . .

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17a Thou shalt not covet. . . .

Exod. 23:25 And ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

Memory Verse: If ye love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15.

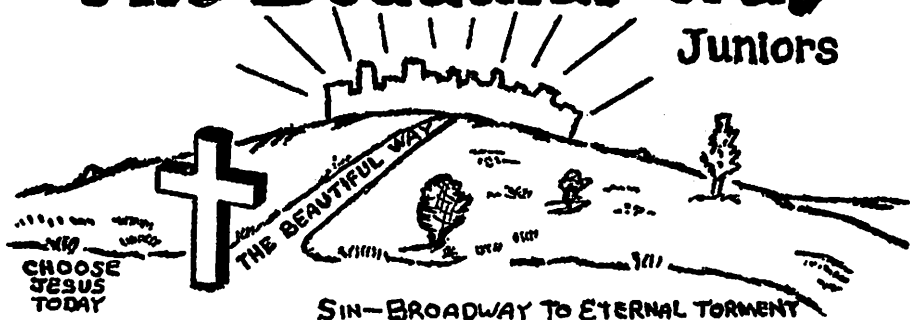
QUESTIONS:

1. What did Moses say to the children of Israel?
2. Who went up into the mountain to get the ten commandments?
3. Who spoke the commandments?
4. What is the first commandment in our lesson?
5. What does it mean to "take the name of the Lord God in vain"?
6. What is the promise given in verse 12?
7. Do you know that to kill is to break one of God's commandments?
8. Do you know what adultery is?
9. Have you broken the commandment in verse 15?
10. What is "bearing false witness"?
11. Define the word "covet."
12. What promise does God give to those who serve him?
13. How do we show our love to God?
14. What caused the mountain to quake and tremble?

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Part Seven

Aug. 15

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

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"Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee." Many people sing that song, then go about their own affairs forgetting that a consecration requires service. The Lord does not save souls for service alone; He saves them because He loves them. But when people return that love, they want to do something for their Lover. One man of old realized he was a sinner and cried to the Lord for mercy. After the Lord took away his iniquity and purged his sin, the man said, "I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." The Lord must have felt sad when he said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Then He gave a prayer request: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." One who is concerned about the Lord's harvest will find some way to lend a helping hand. Everyone in a family (except the baby) can do something to help in a grain harvest, even though all cannot go to the field.

There were many things Ann could not

do, but she did say, "Here am I; send me" when she knew of something that she could do. There were times when her efforts were not understood and she seemed to be a failure, but she had tried and could receive consolation from the song: "He'll understand and say: 'Well done.'"

Soon after Ann started living for the Lord, Sister Key taught her a song. Some of the words were: "I've been traveling for Jesus so much of my life. . . . But I'm counting on taking a trip to the skies; That will be the last move for me." Little did she know that traveling was to play such a big role in her life. The motive prompting her "journeyings often" was misjudged by some. One relative made the remark that she had inherited her father's roving nature—never satisfied in one place. That was far from the truth. Long journeys to her were heavy crosses. She dreaded them so much that she often found it necessary to pray long and earnest to obtain grace from the Lord to make the trip which she knew He wanted her to make. By nature she would have been satisfied to stay always and never go.

The Lord was burdening her to make a trip for Him at one time. She hesitated and drew back to some extent because of a problem at home which she thought

needed her attention. The Lord told her: "You take care of my business and I'll take care of yours." She made the trade with Him and he graciously solved her hard problem.

Her trips, which were usually for the purpose of leading singing for a meeting or performing other needed small services, were made between times of a great amount of type setting. Sometimes she would have to work late hours to get the needed type set so she could be free to go. At one time she needed to set type for a small book when a call came to go help in a meeting. She spoke to Bro. Pruitt about her burden to go and he told her it would be all right if she would first set type for the book. Normally she could not have done it in the time she had; but it seemed the Lord took hold of her hands to make them go faster, also a miracle was wrought on the Linotype to make it work perfectly, without the usual tie-ups and stoppage. The type was finished just in time for her to go.

At one time Ann needed to go to a meeting to be held in Winona, Mo. She knew traveling would be difficult because there would be changes and buses were crowded with soldiers. She had to catch the bus after midnight after the Guthrie station was closed. When the bus door opened, she saw that even standing space was taken. The only place left was the entrance step. She sat upon it at the feet of soldiers who were revelling in wickedness. She would have had some fear if it had not been for the presence of the Lord enshrouding her with His comfort. He flooded her soul with the words of the song: "She hath done what she could." Those words had been spoken by Jesus to a woman who had poured precious ointment upon Him. She could not go with Him to spread the gospel, but she found one thing that she could do. Her love for Him had caused her to make a sacrifice, and He blessed her with His approval.

How happy Ann was to know and feel that His approval was upon her sacrifice at this time.

At one time Ann felt burdened to go somewhere, but had no money for train fare. She told the Lord she would go if he would give her SOME money. She went to Sunday School and someone handed her forty cents. That was a small part of the fare, but she remembered the words of her prayer and that was the answer. She went home and packed and by the time she was ready to go, the Lord had provided the rest of the money.

The part of Ann's first long airplane trip which made the most lasting impression upon her was near the end of the flight. The announcement was made: "Get ready for the landing." Everyone had to buckle his seat belt and sit erect. In our journey of life, the most important thing is to get ready for the landing—buckle up and sit erect—no lazy reclining.

—G. Ray (Ann)

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LIVE FOR SOMETHING

Live for something; be not idle—
Look about thee for employ;
Sit not down to useless dreaming—
Labor is the sweetest joy.
Folded hands are ever weary,
Selfish hearts are never gay,
Life for thee has many duties—
Live for something, while you may.

Scatter blessings in thy pathway!
Gentle words and cheering smiles
Better are than gold and silver,
With their grief-dispelling wiles.
As the pleasant sunshine falleth
Ever on the grateful earth,
So let sympathy and kindness
Gladden well the darkened hearth.

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"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

— Matt. 5:9.

"Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink." Isa. 5:22.

MOSES BROKE



THE COMMANDMENT

Dear Boys and Girls:

Moses was delayed in coming back from the mountain and the people thought about their neighbors who had images that they could see to worship. They asked Aaron to make them an idol. Aaron asked them to bring their golden earrings and he fashioned a golden calf for them to worship. They liked what Aaron had made so they had a feast and "sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play." Are there people today who are following the fads and fashions of the world and going to the places of amusements? Are they forgetting God and right ways? Are they letting these things come between them and obeying God? Then we could call some of the things of the world idols or golden calves that people are worshipping because they love them more than God. Surely we are living in a time when all that most people think about is to sit down to eat and drink and then rise up to play. They are forgetting the most important

thing which is their souls' welfare. Boys and girls, do you see these things going on today? Jesus has told us to, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. While in your youth you should seek God. Many old men and women are satisfied to live in sin. They have habits that have a strong hold upon them and they are afflicted many times. They just think there is no use to try to change now. So they just go on and on and die in sin. Oh, do not put off living for God. Now is the day for you to love and serve God.

Moses came down from the mountain and oh, his soul was overtaken with grief. The very first commandments that God had written upon the tables of stone had been broken. What were the first commandments? Oh yes, God wanted them to Him and not to bow down to any idols. Moses threw down the tables of stone. He took the calf, ground it up and put it in their water for them to drink. Then he asked for all to come to Him who were on the Lord's side. He then told them to go through the camp and kill all that had taken part in the wickedness. That day three thousand men fell. Then Moses fell upon his face before the Lord. He asked God to forgive them and if he would of life, but that is not the way God does things. God said, "He that sinneth, his name shall be blotted out." God punished them for their sins to help them to remember not to do that again.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 7, August 15, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON (Part Six)

Acts 7:39-41; Exod. 32:19, 20, 26,
28-35

Acts 7:39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust him from them, and

in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

40 Saying unto Aaron, Make us godstogo before us: for as for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

Exod. 32:19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount.

20 And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strawed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

30 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.

33 And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit I will visit their sin upon them.

35 And the Lord plagued the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

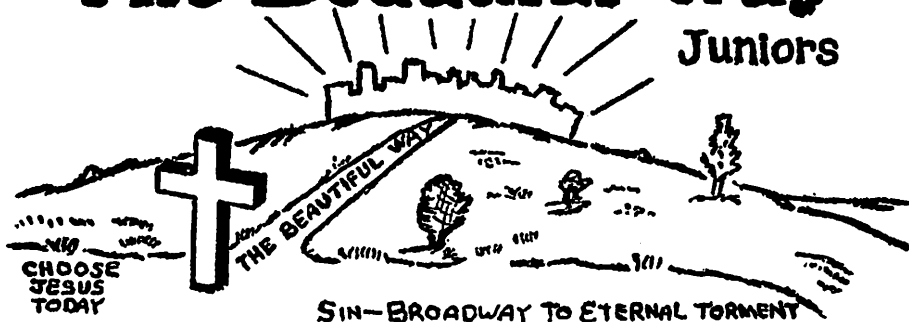
Memory Verse: And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. Exod. 32:33.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the people want Aaron to do?
2. What did they say about Moses?
3. What kind of an idol did they make?
4. How did Moses feel when he saw the calf?
5. What did he do with the tablets?
6. What happened to the calf?
7. What did Moses give the children of Israel to drink?
8. Who said, "Who is on the Lord's side?"
9. How many people were slain because of the idol?
10. What did Moses tell the people?
11. Who was going to make an atonement for them?
12. What did Moses ask God to do if He would not forgive the people's sin?
13. Who did God say He would blot out of His book?
14. What did God do to the people because they sinned?
15. Do people still have to pay for sin today?

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Part Eight

Aug. 22

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

(continued from last lesson)

An industrious boy kept asking Ann to give him a job in the dining hall where a meal was being prepared for saints attending the campmeeting. She gave him the job of cutting up onions in the salad master. The job of turning the handle of the salad master was especially attractive to boys of his age, so he was delighted to do it; but soon tears began to flow. Thus it is with some jobs which the Lord gives His helpers. The work needs to be done and some joy is connected with it, but tears, too. The Lord gave one such job to Ann by her request.

A good well-meaning sister chided Ann about not having any children, saying it was not God's plan and a home was not home without them. Ann felt in her heart that the Lord had not given her any because He had other work for her and she had nothing to do with the condition; but the words of the sister had an effect upon her. She thought a child would help relieve some of the nervous strain caused by the machinery. Soon she and her husband had the opportunity of adopting a baby boy who had been deserted by his mother

while she pursued her reveling. Following is part of an article which Ann put in the Beautiful Way soon after the adoption:

"A little over a year ago a little baby was born into this world. He did not come into a happy home. His big blue eyes saw almost everything around him. He would look this way and that way, but he could see nothing that would make him learn anything about God. All he could see was people smoking, drinking, and doing evil things. His ears heard lots of swearing and evil talk, but he did not hear anybody pray or sing praises to the Lord. The Lord was not pleased for this sweet little baby to grow up seeing and hearing such things, so He worked it about for the baby to have a new home, a new mother and father . . . Sometimes he sits on her lap and watches her operate the big machine that sets the type. The best part about it is that now the baby hears people pray and sing praises to the Lord, and his new parents do not drink or smoke or do other evil things. He does not talk much, but he likes to help his mother sing, and he is learning to pray in his baby way. When we think of how he was taken out of his evil home and adopted into a good home, it reminds us of people when they get saved. First they are in the devil's

family where they see and do evil things, then they get saved and God adopts them into His family where they see and do good things. I hope you have been adopted into God's good family."

The Rays were happy and dearly loved their new son. They had a dedication service in their home, telling the Lord that they desired Baby Johnny to be exposed to the training and love in their home that would cause him to grow up to be the Lord's. Johnny had a dual nature. Ann worked to help him to overcome the wrong one and to develop the one which reached toward God. His faith was strong and he seemed to grasp truths in gospel messages more than many adults did. He knew the contents of Bible story books from cover to cover. It seemed that God's dealings with him were very special. But he was hyperactive and wanted attention to the extent that he would try almost any means to obtain it. Ann accepted his objectional traits as a challenge to do missionary work for the sake of his soul; but others did not share her missionary aspirations in the case; so great heartaches resulted.

Other changes came about causing trials which Ann was not able to soar above with complete victory. She wept more than she smiled. She had heard that God's children would be like the eagle who spreads his big wings, heads into the storm and lets it bear him up and up; but Ann could not fly; a wing was broken. A child of God has two wings of faith: one keeps him believing in God and steadfastly serving Him; the other causes one to be inspired to do exploits for Him, knowing God will back him up. Ann's second wing was broken. About all she could do was flutter around in an attempt to avoid the devil's club which he swung at her.

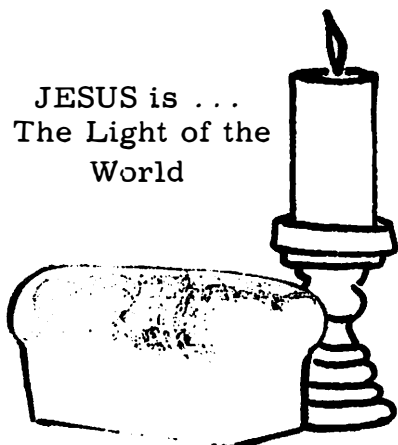
When Jesus knew that his disciples would be severely wounded because of his crucifixion, he told them: "I will not leave you comfortless." Nor did He

leave Ann comfortless. He permitted her to live in Arizona for awhile where daily pursuits aided in her efforts to "forget" hurts. The ability to forget, or cast hurts from the mind, is a grace which His children must have. It is like the game of Volley Ball. The opponent bats the ball over the net to you, and you must be very alert to bat it back without allowing it to go down on your side, or you lose. In life, hurts are batted to you; but you must not let them go down on your side (into your heart) or you will lose. God warns: "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." (Heb. 12:15) If you allow hurts to lodge in your heart, they will defile you and many others, too.

Soon after Ann returned to Guthrie, she heard a song (new to her). The words did not all fit her case, but parts of it came to her with a strong impression that they were sent by the blessed Comforter for her benefit: "There is healing in Jesus; There is balm for each pain; The heart that is broken can be made whole again; . . . The wing that's been broken

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

JESUS is . . .
The Light of the
World



The Bread of Life

can soar high again." Courage was renewed. Her main duties now were to care for her husband and Johnny, but she aided with the printing work when there was a special need.

G. Ray (Ann)

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Be sure to pray everyday.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We have a big lesson today and there are a lot of good truths in it but we will not try to go into all of them. We do want you to know just how the ark that Moses made looked in the tabernacle. Each thing in the ark has a meaning for us today in this gospel age. The tabernacle worship was done away with when Jesus came. That was the burden of Stephen's message to the council that day. He was wanting to bring them to know that Jesus had fulfilled all that the law worship had stood for. He wanted them to know that we do not have to offer sacrifices any more because Jesus was a sacrifice offered once and for all, for our sins.

In the tabernacle there were two rooms. One was the Holy place and the other was the most Holy place. Now, boys and girls, we want to think of each room standing for something that is done in our hearts today. The first room was justification or, being saved from the sins that we had committed. In that first room there was a candle stick and bread. Don't you remember that Jesus said, "I am the light," John 9:5, and He also said, "I am the living bread." John 6:51. When we are forgiven of our sins we have Jesus to be a light to us and He is the bread of life. In other words, we have eternal life by having Jesus. We eat bread every day and that bread gives us life here is this world and Jesus, the bread of life, gives us life eternal.

Now I do want you to notice that there was an altar at the door of the tabernacle

and that was the place where lambs were offered for the peoples' sins. Do you remember that John said one day when he saw Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Some blood was taken from the altar in front of the door and taken inside, through the first room and put on the golden altar that stood in front of the second room. The second room stands for our sanctification or being filled with the Holy Spirit. So boys and girls, it takes blood for us to enter into the second room, too. Remember that Bro. Stephen was wanting to get some truths to the council about Jesus and what he came to do. We read in Paul's writings about Jesus and he said, "Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered..." Heb. 13:12. So there has to be blood for us to be saved or cleansed from our sins and blood to purge or cleanse us from the sin principle with which we were born—that thing that caused us to sin. Now we are ready to go into the second room which is a type of our sanctification. There we are before the mercy seat, right in the presence of God, covered by the wings of the angels, and we can commune with God. The glory of the Lord will fill our souls as we love and serve Jesus. Remember that Bro. Stephen was telling the council that we no longer were looking at the earthly ark in the tabernacle but are looking to Jesus who came to fulfill all that the first ark stood for. These are important truths that I trust you will not forget. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, August 22, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part Seven)

Acts 7:44; Exodus 40:19-30, 33b, 34

Acts 7:44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

Exodus 40:19 And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the Lord commanded Moses.

20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy seat above upon the ark:

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony; as the Lord commanded Moses.

22 And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses.

24 And he put the candlestick in the tent of the congregation, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

25 And he lighted the lamps before the Lord; as the Lord commanded Moses.

26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the veil:

27 And he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the Lord commanded Moses.

28 And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle.

29 And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meat offering; as the Lord commanded Moses.

30 And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash withal.

33b So Moses finished the work.

34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Memory Verse: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his (Jesus) own

blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. Heb. 9:12.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. In the _____, our fathers had the _____ of witness.

2. Moses was to make the tabernacle according to _____ he _____.

3. He spread abroad the _____ over the _____.

4. He put the _____ into the _____ and the _____ above the _____.

5. Moses did all these things as the _____ him.

6. He put the _____ in the _____ of the congregation.

7. He set the _____ in _____ upon it.

8. He put the _____ in the tent of the _____, over against the _____.

9. He lighted the _____ before the _____; as the _____ commanded _____.

10. The _____ altar was put before the _____.

11. And he burnt sweet _____ thereon, as the Lord _____ Moses.

12. B_____ offering and _____ offering were offered on the _____ of burnt _____ by the door.

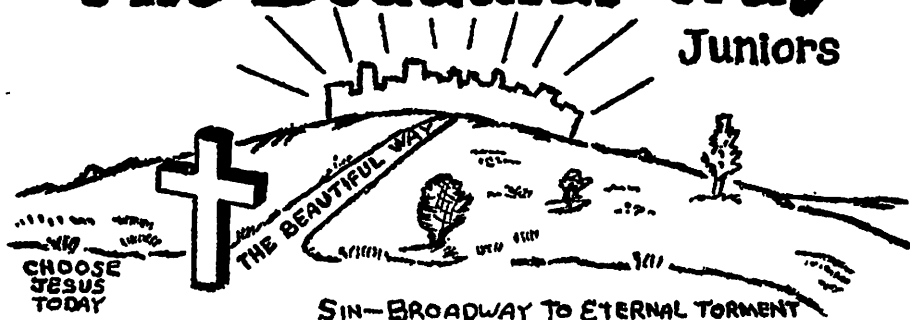
13. He put water in the _____ to _____ withal.

14. So Moses _____ the _____.

15. A _____ covered the _____, and the _____ of the _____ filled the _____.

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Part Nine

Aug. 29

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

(continued from last lesson)

Because Johnny was a lonesome-natured boy and had a strong craving for associations with other children, the Rays decided to care for children placed on child welfare. Johnny was about twelve years of age. Most of the children were small, but each one was a blessing.

Six-year-old Jesse came to them somewhat disoriented because of previous environments. His parents divorced when he was two years old and from that time he was in the care of different irresponsible relatives, including a drunken grandfather and retarded uncle. His vocabulary witnessed to the fact that he had been shamefully exposed to base vulgarity. He was like a little frightened animal, starving for love. He was afraid of men, but idolized Johnny and from the first, adopted Ann as his mother. His attitude toward her was like that of Ruth in the Bible toward her mother-in-law: "Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God." He clung to her as if in constant fear of being snatched away.

He knew nothing about God except to hear His name used in blasphemy, so it seemed that he had no religious inclination. But his new environment began to have some effect upon him along that line. One day his teacher gave him some home work on paper and sternly warned him that he would be punished if he did not bring it back completed. He knew Ann would be at the printshop, so he went directly there from school. Children were there playing, so he carelessly put his billfold containing the sheet of homework on the hood of a car, and played with them. At home that night, he remembered his homework in the billfold. He was very distressed. By that time the car would have been driven home by its owner and the chances of the billfold remaining on the hood were very slight. He was permitted to look for it. The owner of the car admitted him to her garage; and there lay the billfold on the hood. He joyfully grabbed it, and said, "Praise the Lord!"

Jesse learned that it does not pay to associate with evil boys—even for a few minutes. He was helping George with some work under the carport when he kept hearing voices of boys down on the creek a short distance away. He begged for permission to go just to see what they

were doing. He was gone not more than five or ten minutes; but shortly after that the phone rang and an angry mother spoke to Ann with threats because Jesse had stolen her son's watch down on the creek. Ann made a thorough investigation and was convinced that he did not do it; but evidence seemed to be against him. Some of the boys said they saw him pick it up. Police investigations in the case were distressing, and in his nervousness, Jesse said something that seemed to incriminate him. Even the fact that he was a ward of the State was against him. Children cruelly taunted him at school about being a thief. But God was a refuge in time of trouble. In answer to prayer, the truth came to light that the boy who had been the first and loudest to accuse Jesse was the one who had taken the watch.

Other children came and went, but Jesse remained in the Ray home. When he was nine years old, authorities in the case thought they had found adoptive parents for him. Two days before the beginning of the Monark Springs Campmeeting, they took him. Ann had been earnestly praying to know the mind of the Lord about a move to another state, but had not been able to understand His will in the matter. When Jesse was taken, it seemed a strong cord was binding her heart to him. She felt the overshadowing presence of the Lord, and prayed: "Lord, if you want us to stay here, bring Jesse back." The Lord assured her it would be that way. When the morning came for them to leave for Monark Springs, Ann received a call from the social worker telling her to wait because they were bringing Jesse back. Oh, how happy he was to be back with her! He had not been able to adjust in the new home. Social workers thought it was because he had such a strong desire to go to Monark Springs, so they planned to take him at another date. But each time God intervened.

Jesse begged the Rays to adopt him and the authorities gave their sanction. They prayed much about it, but each time they considered it seriously, he would perform some antic that caused them to be afraid to do so. Finally, they were informed that if they did not adopt him, he would be taken from them and placed in an institution. That would mean that all of their efforts to teach him about the Lord would be lost. He meant too much to them to allow that to happen. At different times he had sacrificed his own desires and pleasures to be of assistance to Ann, thus proving his love for her, so she could not desert him now. At one time Ann was in a mangled and almost helpless condition because of a car accident. Jesse was at another place, enjoying himself with friends. He was brought to Ann's bedside for a visit, and from that time he gave up thoughts of selfish pleasure. "Mama needs me," he said as he begged to go home. At another time George had put a pipe in the wrong wall when he was working on their home. Ann pointed out to him the necessity of its being moved. He acknowledged that she was right, but the task was so great that he dreaded it. When Jesse came home from school, George said, "Jesse, Mama wants the pipe in the other wall." Jesse replied, "If Mama wants it; Mama gets it." He climbed into the attic and worked hard and long to accomplish that which Mama wanted.

After he had signed his name "Jesse James Ray" for nine years, it became legal thru adoption.

G. Ray (Ann)

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Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you.



Dear Boys and Girls:

After Moses died, God told Joshua to lead the children of Israel over the Jordan river into the Canaan land that God had promised to them. As Bro. Stephen said in his sermon, that God would drive out the people who lived there before them, and that they would take the ark that was in the tabernacle.

In our lesson we read about how God spoke to Joshua and told him that every place that the sole of his foot stepped upon would be the land that belonged to the children of Israel. God promised to go with him and be with him. Boys and girls, today God has great things for you. But you must work for them. Pray to the Lord to help you to receive power from Him to not get mad or do wrong things. But you must work at it and have faith just like the Israelites did. I know you wish you wouldn't say hateful things to mother or others, but do you wish it hard enough to pray and ask God and others to forgive you when you do say naughty things? You will find if you are careful and just put your foot down upon the naughty things, in the name of the Lord, you can have victory over them. You must do as God told Joshua to "Be strong and of good courage." Don't be discouraged when you fail but just keep trying and moving right on, doing the right. Meditate or think about God's word "day and night" like God told the Israelites.

You want to have faith in God, just like the Israelites did, when they came to the flooded Jordan river. They took the ark of the covenant and moved right on toward that swollen river. And notice that as soon as they, by faith, stepped into the edge of the waters, the waters stood up in a heap and all marched through on dry ground. That was a wonderful miracle wasn't it? The same thing had happened forty years before to their fathers at the Red Sea. We must not stagger at the

promises of God but believe and move right on, even if there are things that look big to us.

And boys and girls, when the Lord does something wonderful for you, you want to remember it. God had the Israelites to put up twelve stones as a memorial of what God had done there at the Jordan river. When others would ask about the stones they would be told what God had done. God wanted all the people on the earth to know how mighty the hand of God was so they would fear and want to love and serve Him. And be sure to notice the last verse of our lesson. God did not fail to do for the Israelites all that he had promised to them. He had promised Abraham that his family after him would go down into Egypt from Canaan and become a great nation and then he would bring them back to Canaan. God did just that. Isn't that wonderful?

— Aunt Marie

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Lesson 9, August 29, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part Eight)

Acts 7:45; Joshua 1:3, 4, 8, 9; Joshua 3:14-17; Joshua 4:6b, 7, 24; Joshua 21:45

Acts 7:45 Which (tabernacle) also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus (Joshua) into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; Joshua 1:3 (Joshua) Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast (Canaan land)

5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life:

as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Josha 3:14 And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

16 That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon a heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.

17 And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

Joshua 4:6b What mean ye by these stones?

7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it

passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off; and these (twelve) stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God for ever.

Joshua 21:45 There failed not ought of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

Memory Verse: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. Romans 4:20.

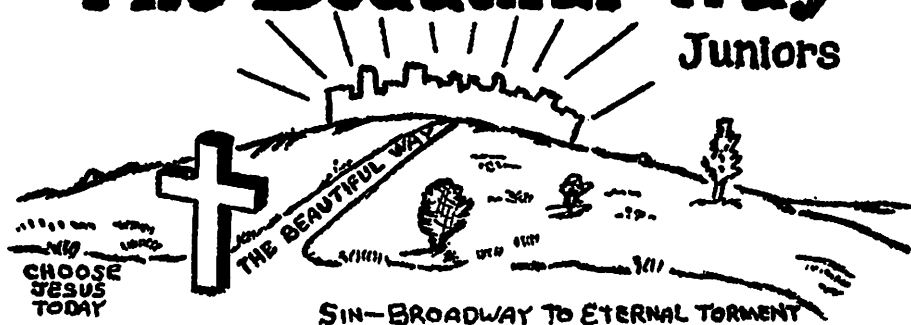
QUESTIONS:

1. What was the promise given to Joshua in verse 3?
2. How far was the land of Canaan to extend toward the going down of the sun?
3. State the promises given in verse 5.
4. Read aloud how to have success according to verse 8.
5. What command did the Lord give Joshua?
6. Do you know what it means to be dismayed?
7. Who went before the people bearing the ark?
8. Tell the condition of the Jordan river at this time.
9. What happened when the feet of the priests touched the water?
10. Did the people have to swim across the river?
11. How do you know? Read the passage that tells what happened.
12. How long did the priests stand in the middle of Jordan?
13. What were the stones for?
14. Why should we fear the Lord God forever?
15. Did any of God's good promises fail?

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Part Ten

Sept. 5

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things (continued from last lesson)

Diseases and accidents are great problems for parents. The Rays met them in abundance after adopting Johnny, at numerous times he was healed of serious ailments, sometimes instantly.

When he was about four years old, Ann took him up town with her. Due to Christmas time shoppers, it was necessary to park three blocks from the store. On their way back to the car, Johnny began to complain about having to walk so far, saying that someone must have stolen their car. Walking should not have been a problem for him because he had much energy; but he continued to complain. Ann looked at him as he began to lag behind and noticed he was limping badly. The limping became worse and she had to all but carry him to the car. His legs began to draw, and she realized there was a serious problem. He wanted to be taken to the print shop for prayer. Ann had to carry him in because he had become entirely helpless. The saints in the front part of the print shop prayed for him, but he requested that all stop their work and

come to pray, which they did. Again, prayer was offered. He was still paralyzed, so he said, "Pray again." That time he jumped to his feet, laughing. He went around the room lifting heavy boxes to show what the Lord had done for him.

At another time, Johnny was playing with some children in the print shop, when he fell from a standing position from a high cart to the concrete floor, landing on his forehead. It was badly injured. He was taken to the house where saints gathered around to pray. The Lord wiped away every trace of the injury instantly.

He was hit by a speeding drunken motorist while riding his Honda when he was near fifteen years of age. An ambulance was called to pick up a "dead" boy. The driver discovered life in the body, but thought he could not make it to the hospital with him still alive. When the same driver was called to transfer him to Oklahoma City, he just knew (he thought) that he could not make it—but he did.

At the time of the accident, George had gone to his work in Oklahoma City and Ann was pushing a stalled car to a garage with her car. She was stopped at a stop sign when the speeding ambulance passed with siren sounding furiously. Ann shuddered, but did not know her son was it it.

When she returned home, a man drove up to inform her that the police were looking for her and she should call them. There had been an accident. She did not know whether it was her husband or son, but sensed it was serious. Before calling the police, she looked to the Lord, asking Him for grace to be calm and to be guided by Him. They told her that her son was injured, but gave no details.

She arrived at the local hospital just in time to receive an invitation to ride in the ambulance with him to Oklahoma City. The ride was a horrible experience with siren screaming most of the way because of heavy traffic. When it sounded, Johnny would utter weird groans which sounded like some which Ann had once heard from an unconscious dying woman. She could see only the top of his head. His hair was matted with dirt and blood. Thinking that her voice would be soothing to his ears, she spoke: "Johnny, Jesus will help you." The driver looked at her with skeptical pity, as if to say, "He is beyond help." She learned later that he did think she had false hopes.

In her helplessness, Ann continually sent heart-messages to the Lord. She wanted to trust Him in everything, but now Johnny was in the hands of four physician specialists, and she could do nothing about it. What was she to do? A scripture came to her, which she accepted as His instructions to her. She was to turn the case over to Him. George and other saints came to the hospital at Oklahoma City. They waited in suspense while the doctors set bones, drained blood and fluid from his lungs, bound up part of his wounds and inserted a tracheatube.

He had a brain concussion which required drainage, badly cut head, fractured neck, right ankle crushed and foot severed (held to his leg only by a tendon and skin), ribs broken, elbow fractured, internal injuries, cuts and bruises over most of his body, and in places chunks of flesh

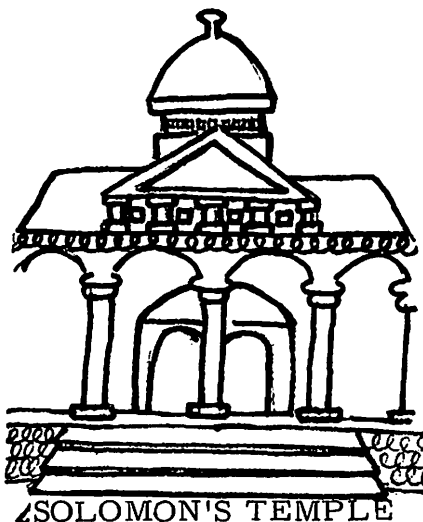
were torn out, exposing the bone. Doctors' verdicts were not encouraging. If he recovered, it would take a long time with many operations.

Because they were financially poor and the woman who hit him had no insurance, hospital authorities allowed them to care for him. The Souders (Pastor in Okla. City) invited Ann to sleep at their home. She with the help of other saints cared for him by day; and George, with help of the brethren, cared for him at night, driving home to rest by day. George's mother flew in from Louisiana to stay with Jesse and answer phone calls. They braced themselves for the vigil, not knowing what nor when the end would be. Saints from near and far prayed, helped, and sent offerings. Calls came from people unknown to them. They usually mentioned God in connection with it, and in spite of the seriousness of Johnny's condition, it seemed they expected him to recover, because of the Rays' faith in God.

—G. Ray (Ann)

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

God Kept Them

One day a station wagon bearing a Christian mother and her children was speeding down the freeway. The mother and children were singing songs of praise as they rode along. Suddenly, a wheel came off the station wagon, causing the car to flip over and over. The mother only had time to say "God keep us." After the car had stopped rolling over and settled back on its wheels, it was found that no one was really hurt. "It felt like the angels were holding us," exclaimed the children.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We want to keep in mind in studying these lessons that this is the sermon that Bro. Stephen is preaching to the council before which he had been falsely accused. We are filling in the background of the things that he was talking about. They were well aware of what he was telling them because they had studied the Old Bible. We want you to know what Stephen was talking about also.

Bro. Stephen told them that David wanted to build a tabernacle for the ark of God to be in, but God chose Solomon to build it. Bro. Stephen told them that David was one who had favor before God. We know how King Saul had disobeyed the Lord, and God sent Samuel, the prophet to the house of Jesse to choose a new king. All seven brothers of David had passed before Samuel but none of them were chosen even though Samuel looked at one state-ly, good-looking young man and thought he surely would be the one. God told him that God looked upon the heart and not on the outward person. Boys and girls, that is something for you to remember. Be kind, tender and thankful to everyone and live for Jesus. You will then be beautiful to all who know you. It is what you are and not whether you are pretty or handsome that counts. Of course, God ex-

pects you to keep clean and keep your hair combed. David was taking care of the sheep and when he came Samuel anointed him and the Spirit of the Lord came upon him. Later, after King Saul died, David was made king. When he grew older he wanted to build a house for the ark to be in and for God's presence to dwell in, but God told him that he had been a man of war and that his son would build it. Through Solomon his throne would be established forever. Now boys and girls, this is what Bro. Stephen wanted to get over to the men at the council. Remember our memory verse and also it would be well to read the verse above it. God had told Mary that Jesus would reign on the throne of David forever and there would be no end to his kingdom. When we have Jesus in our lives we are in the kingdom of God. These are the words of Jesus. Luke 17:21. And at the end of the world Jesus will deliver up the kingdom to God, the Father. I Cor. 15:24.

Our lesson tells us when Solomon's temple was built that all the stones were cut and made ready to fit. There was not a sound of hammer in the temple. This was a type of peace in God's house and all the members (stones) are fitly framed together. Eph. 2:20-23. All the members are hid in Christ. The house was covered with pure gold—full of the purity of Christ. It took Solomon seven years to finish the temple. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 10, Sept. 5, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part Nine)

**Acts 7:46, 47; 1 Sam. 16:7, 11, 13;
II Sam. 7:4, 5, 12, 13; I Kings 6:7,
18, 22, 38**

Acts 7:46 Who (David) found favor before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.
I Sam. 16:7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature: because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: (David) for we will not sit down till he come hither.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

II Sam. 7:4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

I Kings 6:7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the

house: also the whole altar that was by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

38 And in the eleventh year, in the month of Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

Memory Verse: And he (Jesus) shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Luke 1:33

QUESTION:

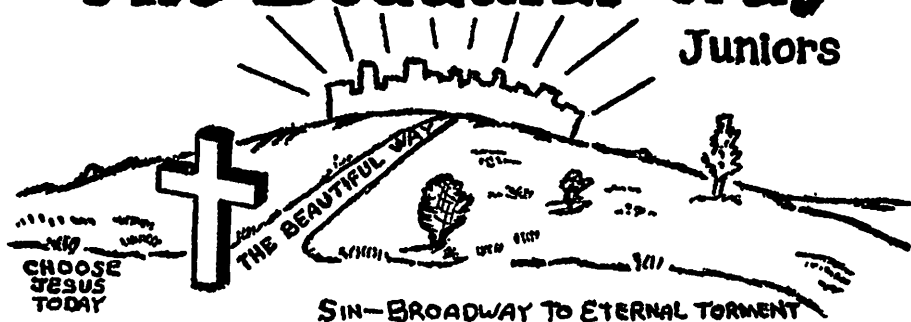
1. Who desired to build a tabernacle for God?
2. Who did build God a house?
3. Why didn't Samuel anoint the first son of Jesse as king?
4. Which one of Jesse's sons was keeping sheep?
5. What happened to David when Samuel anointed him?
6. To whom did the word of the Lord come?
7. To whom was Nathan to give the message?
8. Was God going to establish the kingdom through David's seed?
9. How was the house of God built?
10. What was used to build the house?
11. Could you see the stones?
12. What was the house overlaid with?
13. How long did it take to build the house?
14. Tell what the types of quietness, stones, gold, hidden stones stand for in the church of God.

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God's spirit left King Saul because he disobeyed. He knew David was chosen in his place. He tried to kill David but God took care of him. God will take care of us.

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Part Eleven

Sept. 12

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

(continued from last lesson)

The Souder home where Ann stayed at night was located next door to the chapel. Early, every morning she would go there to pray. One morning after Johnny had been in the hospital two weeks, the Lord spoke with these words: "Let my people go." She knew the story about the struggle of the Israelites to be free from Egyptian bondage, and these were the words which the Lord had spoken when He was ready to undertake in the case. Her heart sang for joy when He now spoke them to her. She knew He was ready to release them from the hospital. They felt out of place in the hospital, as a fish out of water, and longed to go home.

The Lord had been with them and had come to their rescue many times. When Johnny had special needs, instead of calling upon a doctor for help Ann would call some of the saints for prayer to keep the doctors from giving him a shot.

Johnny was far from being well, but he was now conscious and had been wanting to go home. Going to his bedside that Sunday morning, she whispered in his ear: "The Lord is going to let us go home.

She meant for him to keep it as a secret, but when the nurse came in on routine duty, he told her he was going home. She replied, "Oh, Johnny, you can't go home." She mentioned different conditions of his body which would make it almost impossible. Ann's faith was not daunted; she knew God had spoken.

Then the doctors in charge of his case came to check him, one at a time. Ann had thought she could not handle him at home with the tube in his throat, but the doctor had told her that he was going to leave it in for use in future operations even though Johnny could now breathe without it. He came with the intentions of changing it, but suddenly changed his mind and left it out. Ann asked and obtained his release. The brain specialist was surprised at Ann's request for a release, but granted it. Next was the lung specialist, who had announced four days previous that Johnny's lungs were again filling up with fluid and he would have to extract it. Ann had requested special prayer. When asked for a release, he answered: "I guess so; his lungs were filling up with fluid, but it all went away." He seemed puzzled, but Ann was not. Dr. Harsha, the bone specialist, did not come, but other doctors told him about the de-

sired release. He ordered x-rays. The next morning he came and gave them permission to take Johnny home if they would return at a certain date. Some of the brethren fixed a mattress in a van to take him home. When he was placed in a wheel chair for the exit, he fainted away. The specialists were not present, but some of the hospital staff were excited and angry. If they had had the authority in the case, they would not have let him go. The brethren hurriedly obtained a table to put him on, and got him out of the hospital before they had time to get word to the specialists. The Rays desired the Lord to work in a special way before they had to take him back, so they took him to the Louisiana assembly meeting where the ministers could pray for him. After they had taken him back to Dr. Harsha, he wrote a report to a doctor in Guthrie and his secretary addressed it to the Rays by mistake. It read in part: "Johnny Ray has been seen. All told this boy has done fantastically well. . . . I am just amazed that we don't have a situation where the wound is disrupted and bone exposed." He mentioned some after-effects that might develop—but they did not.

After the struggle for their son's existence was won, the Rays were faced with other problems. What should they do about forcing the woman who had hit him to pay the costs? and what should they do about filing criminal charges against her? The Lord plainly answered the questions. The enormous hospital bill had arisen as a huge mountain before them. They were advised to mortgage their home to someone so the hospital could not take it for the bill; but they would not. It was their debt, and their debts were cast upon the Lord. The debt was paid promptly by a special miracle from the Lord.

"Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom. 12:19. This and many other scriptures answered the second question. If the Rays had wanted to take

vengeance, they would have come against the woman—she was the driver. The officers in town thought the husband was more to blame because they had had much trouble with him and in this case he boasted that he had killed the boy. The Lord, who knows all things, must have put the blame on him. About six months later a doctor who had not been connected with Johnny's case, but knew about it, said to George: "In case it is of interest to you, the man in the car that hit Johnny had a wreck on a country bridge, he was thrown out of the car, and because his clothing caught on the bridge, he hung there for a longtime. When he was found, he did not have enough blood left to cleanse his wounds. He was sent to Oklahoma City to the same hospital where your son was." The doctor knew that George had not taken vengeance and he recognized it as God's vengeance. The man recovered, but later was stabbed to death.

—G. Ray (Ann)

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The Hero Moses

"Moses was a real hero!" Billy said, with a real admiration in his heart for him.

"Yes, Moses was a general, a statesman, a leader and a conqueror and I believe he leads the parade of heroes. Moses had many mountains of troubles but he asked God to help him to climb over all of them," Daddy assured Billy.

"Soldiers were ordered to kill him the moment he was born," added Billy.

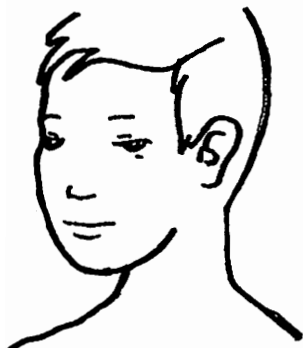
"No man living has ever brought a nation of perhaps two million people out of slavery and guided them safely through so many desperate experiences as Moses did. Yet, he never got to enjoy the country which his people finally conquered."

—M Miles

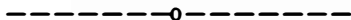
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Be sure that you stop and think before you say, "I never did it."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



GOD DWELLS IN
YOUR HEART



Dear Boys and Girls:

Bro. Stephen was bringing his sermon to a close. He now was telling the council how that God today did not dwell in temples and houses. Those on the council thought about the big beautiful temple in which they carried on the offering of sacrifices and all the temple worship. God is too big to dwell in houses made with hands.

Let us go back to Solomon's temple and begin with part of Solomon's prayer. Solomon prayed in his prayer what God had spoken to David. "Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded." But God did hear Solomon's prayer and when the 120 singers, dressed in white, were sounding their trumpets making all "one" sound, the glory of the Lord filled the temple. Now boys and girls, this is a type of another time, after Jesus arose from the grave and went back to heaven. He had told the disciples and others to wait in Jerusalem until He sent

the Holy Spirit into their hearts. So when the 120 were all together, and their hearts were all of "one accord," the Holy Spirit filled them and they rejoiced. Notice the same number of 120 people were mentioned and they were all together as ONE, as in Solomon's day. Isn't that wonderful? God wanted them to know that he does not dwell in temples made with hands today, but that our bodies are to be the temple of the Holy Ghost.

Don't forget, boys and girls, about your bodies belonging to God. God wants your body, soul and spirit to be His. You are to be careful with your bodies. You are not to take strong drinks nor use dope or eat anything that will harm your bodies. Work and make your body strong and rest the proper hours. Don't eat a lot of candy and sweets. They are not good for your body. You should eat vegetables, meat, and things that will make you strong.

God wants your hearts. You were bought with a great price. Think of how much God wanted you to love Him and even was willing to pay such a big price of coming here in the person of Jesus Christ and dying on the cross that you might be saved. Oh, He did not have to do this but how much He loved us. This is what Bro. Stephen was trying to tell the council that day.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, Sept. 12, 1976

STEPHEN'S SERMON

(Part Ten)

Acts 7:48-50; 1 Kings 8:26, 27, 28;
II Chron. 5:12-14; Acts 1:15; Acts
2:2, 4a; I Cor. 6:19, 20

Acts 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

I Kings 8:26 (Solomon prayed) And now, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day:

II Chron. 5:12 Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:

13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord;

14 So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

Acts 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty

wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

4a And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost,

I Cor. 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Memory Verse: Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? I Cor. 3:16.

QUESTIONS:

1. Does God dwell in temples made with hands?
2. What is God's throne, and what is his footstool?
3. Who made all these things?
4. Solomon prayed that God would ----- His word.
5. Do you know what verify means?
6. Can the heaven and heaven of heavens contain God?
7. What did Solomon want God to do in verse 28?
8. There were --- priests sounding trumpets.
9. What happened when they all sounded as one?
10. Why couldn't the priests stand to minister?
11. How many disciples were there when Peter stood in the midst?
12. What happened where they were sitting?
13. Describe the sound.
14. Our body is the ----- of the -----.
15. Why should we glorify God in our bodies?

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Part Twelve

Sept. 19

He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

(continued from last lesson)

"For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God in ALL THINGS THAT WE CALL UPON HIM FOR?" (Deut. 4:7) "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalms 50:15) It seems people have a tendency to trust in material gods instead of the living God to help them out of their troubles. People trust in money, in physical strength, in doctors, in machinery, and countless other things. All of such gods have their limitations; with God nothing shall be impossible. Ann learned early in life to take her troubles to Him, and it is her delight to glorify Him when He delivers.

One Sunday the Rays took some saints to Shawnee for services and to visit some aged and infirm saints there. Their car was newly purchased and they did not know that most of the oil was out of the differential. When they were visiting in the afternoon the bearing went out, letting the teeth pass one another and they would break as they caught. The brethren,

knowing well how serious the trouble was, decided the car could not be used for the homeward journey. That was trouble, indeed, because they had pooled their money to buy gas for the trip and they knew of no way to get home, sixty-five miles. Ann and May went into a bedroom to pray for help from the Lord. After prayer, their eyes caught the motto on the wall: "Have faith in God." God was telling them that He would help them to get home in the car. The brethren did not have faith for that, but agreed to try it to please Ann and May. One brother said that if his lack of faith would hinder theirs he would hitchhike and not get into the car; but they insisted he ride with the rest. There was a loud noise all the way home, but they made it without trouble. After they pulled into the driveway, the car would not go another foot. The mechanic said there were no teeth left; the case was filled with broken pieces.

At another time Ann was bringing a family of six with a large amount of luggage and produce home from the Louisiana campmeeting. The springs were greatly over-loaded. At Shreveport where they planned to spend the night, they pulled into a rough driveway to get something for the children to eat. Something on the

under side hit the rough cement on which was some scattered gravel. They could not get what they wanted, so drove on to the place where they were to stay. Ann smelled gas when she got out. Going to the back of the car, she saw a stream of gas coming from the gas tank. This was trouble, indeed, and she called upon the Lord. They called Bro. C. who came immediately. When he saw that there was a hole in the gas tank, he called a mechanic, who said there was a slight chance that it could be fixed temporarily by using a screw and a leather washer; if not, they would have to remain in Shreveport over the weekend and have the tank taken off and welded on Monday. Bro. C. got a screw and washer, but had overestimated the size of the hole and it would not go in. He thought he would make the hole larger with a hammer and nail, but Ann did not want the hole larger. The Spirit of the Lord whispered instructions to her, which she relayed to Bro. C. "Pinch the hole closed with pliers." To him, that seemed foolish, but he tried it to please her. When the grasp of the pliers closed on the metal, the gas stream stopped. They went home the next day with no gas leak. The tank was never welded and it did not leak as long as they had the car (about two years). The Lord had healed the gas tank. Is there anything too hard for Him?

Ann fell and broke a front tooth at the gum line. The pain was terrific, but it was Sunday and she could not get help from a dentist. Ministers laid on hands and prayed, and while they prayed the Lord killed the nerve. Every trace of pain was gone. Seven months later when she had the root extracted, the dentist admitted it was a miracle.

Late one night, on the way home from a campmeeting, they had a flat tire. They had a spare, but no jack. George tried to lift the car with a tree limb, but could not. They prayed and sat in the car to wait for

His answer. They had agreed to take some saints to the Monark Springs Campmeeting the next day. They were helpless, but Ann did not believe the Lord would leave them there. Recently, serious calamities had befallen people who had stopped to help a stranded car, so no one would stop that time of night unless the Lord put it in his heart to do so. Very soon a car stopped. A man got out to learn the trouble. He had a jack, and soon the tire was changed.

Ann's mother had an accident in Indiana and Ann prayed about going to her. The Lord said, "Go." It was Saturday, at a time when gas was scarce and most stations were closed on Sunday at the suggestion of the U. S. government. She, with Jesse to help her drive, started out. At Springfield, Mo., when she filled up with gas, they told her that she would not be able to get gas anywhere in Illinois on Sunday. She thought if she could drive through St. Louis that evening and fill up, the tank full plus the five gallons which they had in their trunk would be sufficient for the trip. On the Interstate Highway in Mo. a van passed them, and as it did its water hose burst, spraying hot brown liquid over the windshield of both vehicles, and the driver of the van lost control of it. It zig-zaged from the outside lane to the shoulder, then started back to the inside lane. It seemed that a crash was inevitable. Ann prayed and the Lord used her lips to speak the instruction: "Step on it, Jesse!" The car lunged forward just in time to barely escape. In such an accident, the gas in the trunk would have exploded. Ann was exceedingly grateful to God, but was in a tremble and unable to drive through St. Louis that night. The Lord helped them to find gas in Illinois the next day. "Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me."

— G. (Ann) Ray

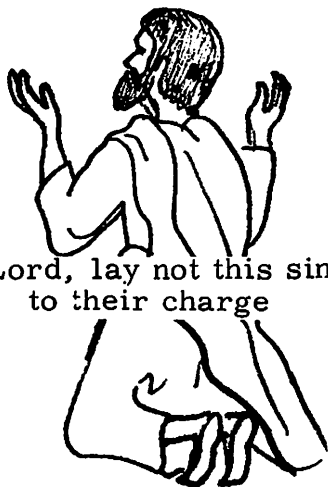
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Precious Water

One time David longed for a drink of water from the old well in his home town of Bethlehem. His three mighty men heard him say he wished for a drink, and they risked their lives to go through the Philistine lines to get a jug of water. When they brought it to David, he realized the danger they had faced and he would not drink it; it seemed as precious as their lives.

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God will take care of those who pray to Him. You must trust Him. He has made the world and all that is in it.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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Dear Boys and Girls:

Bro. Stephen finished his sermon. He had proved to them that Jesus came and fulfilled the temple worship and that it was not needed anymore. God did not dwell in temples but he wanted to dwell in our hearts by His Spirit. As those men on the council thought of the temple, all the great sacrifices that they had made, all

the feasts, when people came from all parts of the country to Jerusalem and how important they felt, they did not want to give it all up. They were very angry that Stephen should even think that they would. They had gotten rid of Jesus because they were afraid that he would destroy their temple worship and now one of His followers was trying to tell them the same thing. When Bro. Stephen told them that they were resisting the Holy Ghost as their fathers had, and caused the old prophets trouble, had slain or killed Jesus, the "Just One," they were cut to the heart or were very, very angry. They gnashed upon Stephen with their teeth. But, oh, the Lord was with Stephen and he was full of the Holy Ghost. The presence of the Lord and His glory was all around him. He looked up into heaven and there he saw the heavens open. He saw Jesus, the Son of God, standing on the right hand of God. Jesus could not sit down and watch His beloved child be stoned. He stood up in honor to the one who was willing to stand before that council, and declare that Jesus was the Saviour of the world, even though it meant his life. The men of the council cried out with a loud voice, and ran upon Bro. Stephen with one accord. They drug him out of the city, and threw stones at him. But God was with Stephen. I believe that he was so full of the glory of the Lord, that he did not feel too deeply those stones. As he knelt down, he prayed a wonderful prayer. Oh, how he loved the souls of those wicked men. He did not hate them, but prayed as Jesus had prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." And then he said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" and he fell asleep.

There was a young man standing by who held the clothes of Stephen. His name was Saul. Saul was a devout follower of the temple worship. He believed strongly that God did not send Jesus Christ, but when he saw Stephen die and forgive those who stoned him, it did something to

him. It worked on him and later, God was able to help him to be saved. It has been said that "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church." — Aunt Marie

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Lesson 12, Sept. 19, 1976

FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR

Acts 7:51-60; Acts 8:1, 2

Acts 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels and have not kept it.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

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

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

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their

charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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

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

Memory Verse: Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. Luke 23:34.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Stephen call the Jews stiff-necked?

2. What had their fathers done to the prophets?

3. Had they kept the law?

4. How did they act when they heard the things Stephen said?

5. What did Stephen see as he looked up into heaven?

6. Why do you think Jesus was standing at the right hand of God?

7. How did the Jews react to this statement by Stephen?

8. What did they do to Stephen?

9. At whose feet did they lay their clothing?

10. What was Stephen doing as they stoned him?

11. What was Stephen's last request?

12. Who was consenting to the death of Stephen?

13. What arose against the church at this time?

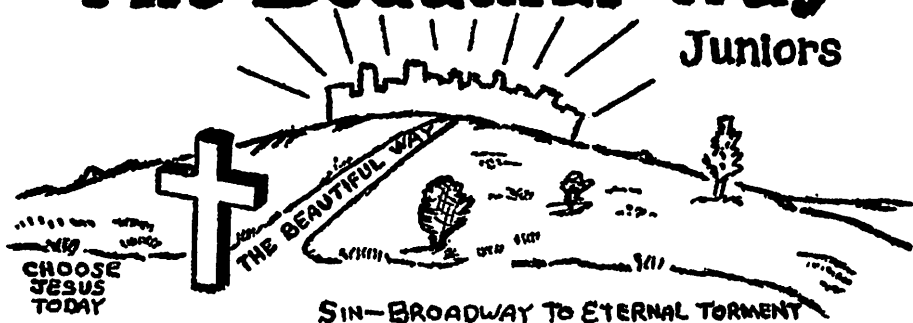
14. What effect did this have on the church?

15. What did they do with Stephen?

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He That Is Mighty Hath Done Great Things

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The Lord will be our Helper even when other helpers fail, but He does not want us to feel independent of others. He wants us to make friends of His children and to pray one for another. Many times Ann has been impressed of the Lord to pray for others, then learned that they were in danger or need. Many times her husband has been in great danger and escaped just about the time Ann had been burdened to pray for him. At one time he was in the path of a tornado which lifted just before it reached him. At another time a man came out of the dark and tried to get into the car with him when he had stopped at a traffic light; but a miracle prevented it. Again, he was thrown from a tractor to the ground in front of a disk. The tractor continued to move and he was dragged, but the Lord aided in his escape. Then, there was a time when Ann was seriously ill alone, and unable to pray, when suddenly healing virtue went through her body. In a few days she received a letter from a sister in a distant state in which she said Ann's face had come up

before her on a certain day (the day Ann was sick). She did not know what the need was, but had stopped her work and prayed.

Ann had endeavored to "Dwell in the secret place of the Most High" so she was under the shadow of the Almighty. To such, the Lord gave this promise: "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him . . . He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him." Psa. 91. Ann was unable to call upon Him, but He heard the prayers of others in her behalf. For a day and a half she was unconscious most of the time, but at times she would come to, just long enough to realize where she was and what was happening or beingsaid. She heard the doctor say: "That is pressing into her brain; it is depressed the depth of my finger." The Lord whispered to her: "It will be all right." She did not know when George came, but suddenly realized he was standing over her weeping. She said: "Don't cry; it will be all right." She didn't know when He did it, but the Lord lifted the skull off the brain to its rightful position.

She was in the hospital about a week, ministered to by her faithful husband and

others. They knew no one in Memphis but every day someone came to see her. Near the end of that time, a sister came, and seeing no flowers in the room, said: "You need some flowers." Suddenly a vision passed before Ann's eyes in which she saw each saint who had visited her. The Lord said: "These are the flowers which I sent you." Oh, thank the Lord for each living blossom! They had a blessed fragrance! With that sister, came others to sing for her. One song which they sang stirred emotions to the deepest depths of her soul. "He Is So Precious To Me!" It was the song she had sung to the Lord so much after she started serving Him! He was singing it back to her, telling her, "To Him in MY WEAKNESS for STRENGTH I can cling."

One year near the close of the Monark Springs Campmeeting, Ann desired to go to her Mother in Indiana. Johnny was available for a few days, so she asked him and his friend, Julie, to take her in Johnny's car. From Indiana, he wanted to attend a friend's wedding at Senath, Mo. then attend some of the Myrtle Campmeeting. Just west of the Mississippi River, a large truck and semi-trailer jackknifed, blocking their lane just in front of them. There seemed to be only a second between that time and the inevitable crash. In that second, Ann prayed, "Lord, help us." And the Lord whispered a promise to her heart.

She was thrown from the rear seat through the windshield onto the pavement, her head hitting the post of the windshield. The post was broken from the top, so it is thought that her head broke it. Only God could have kept her from being killed. She received a multiple fractured depressed skull, a broken left wrist, internal injuries, many cuts and bruises and much loss of blood. She was taken by ambulance to the Sikeston Hospital, unconscious. Johnny and Julie suffered less injuries, but were hospital-

ized—Julie with a badly crushed ankle.

Johnny called the saints at Senath, and soon some of them were on the scene to witness for the Lord. Ann was sent by ambulance to Memphis. George (in Guthrie) was notified that she would have to have an immediate head operation. Her bones had been set at Sikeston. A brother in the Lord took him to Memphis, arriving there early the next morning. George did not know what to say to the surgeon, so he told a minister, who had arrived, to speak for him. The minister said: no operation, no blood transfusion, no medication. He and other saints began to pray very earnestly for the Lord to undertake. If He did not help, her brain would be damaged.

There comes a time in everyone's life when he needs strength greater than his own. How blessed it is, to feel that Everlasting Arm underneath to strengthen and sustain. One elderly saint used to testify: "You serve the Lord, He'll serve you; you slack up, He'll slack up; you stop, He'll stop." There is the case of Jim who went into a chapel each day at noon to pray. He stayed such a short time that others were curious. They learned he would go to the front and say, "Jesus, it's Jim." Then he would go out. When Jim was injured and hospitalized, each day at noon he had a Visitor. Jesus would appear, and say, "Jim, it's Jesus."

"It pays to serve Jesus" is the testimony of the multitudes who have tried it. If you are ashamed of Him, He will be ashamed of you before the Father and the holy angels.

Children, remember now your Creator in the days of your youth. "If you'll be a friend of Jesus, He will be a friend to you."

G. Ray (Ann)

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The good shepherd leads the sheep beside the water and into cool places to rest. Jesus takes care of us like the shepherd does his sheep.

TAKING POISON

A man arose in the night to take some cough medicine, and all of a sudden he began to shout, "I've taken rat poison! I've taken rat poison!" He rushed out of the house and dropped dead. The newscaster said they took him to the hospital, and after examination, they found he had not taken poison at all. The man thought he had picked up the wrong bottle, and he died through fear which caused a heart attack. I am sure that those who heard this broadcast were alarmed and concerned for the man at the thought that he had taken poison. But I am concerned about boys and girls who take a little poison every day. Mothers and fathers shed tears when they see their children smoking cigarettes and using dope. Did you know that the Bible says, "If any man defile the temple of God (which is your body), him shall God destroy." 1 Cor. 3:17; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. You just can't do wrong and get by with it.

There are 18 poisons in a puff of tobacco smoke. All of those poisons are deposited in your lungs and body after each puff. Please do no smoke or take dope and wreck your body. You are too smart to be talked into it and feel good about it.

—Sis. M. Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Repent..

..of thy wickedness.



Dear Boys and Girls:

The background of our lesson is about Philip going down to Samaria and preaching Christ to them. God blessed him and many were saved and Philip did great miracles among the people. Many who were filled with unclean spirits were delivered. The lame were made to walk and many were healed. There was a man named Simon who was full of witchery. It is said that Simon had "bewitched the people" and used sorcery. He had caused them to be removed out of themselves and be out of their wits. (Clarke Commentary). The people thought him to be a great man and full of God's power. They did not think him to be God but full of the great power of God. But now, Philip the true man of God came to their town. He did many miracles among them and they were convinced that Philip was truly full of God's power and they believed on Jesus Christ and were baptized. Simon himself believed and was baptized with the others. He watched the miracles that Philip did, through the power of God, and Simon wondered with amazement.

Some of the Apostles from Jerusalem came down and taught them about receiving the Holy Spirit. When Simon saw Peter and John laying their hands upon the people who believed so they could be filled with the Holy Spirit, Simon wanted this power. Simon had plenty of money from his witchery, and seeing the apostles were poor men, he offered them money if they would give him this power to lay hands upon others so they would receive the Holy Spirit. But money didn't interest Peter at all. Peter knew that what Jesus came to bring could not be bought with money. Salvation is the gift of God. Only the humble in heart can receive it. Peter said to Simon, "Thy money perish with thee." In other words, "Simon, if you do not repent, the money that you have received through your witchery will per-

ish and your soul will perish in hell likewise." Yet, Peter takes care to inform Simon that the gift of God cannot be purchased with money, and told him to repent because he was in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. He was in an awful condition. He had been baptized but he went down into the water a dry sinner and came up a wet one. He did not believe from his heart. We do not know whether Simon repented but he did want prayer. We hope that he did get right with God.

— Aunt Marie

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Lesson 13, Sept. 26, 1976

SIMON DOES WRONG

Acts 8:9-13, 18-24

Acts 8:9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

18 And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,

19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

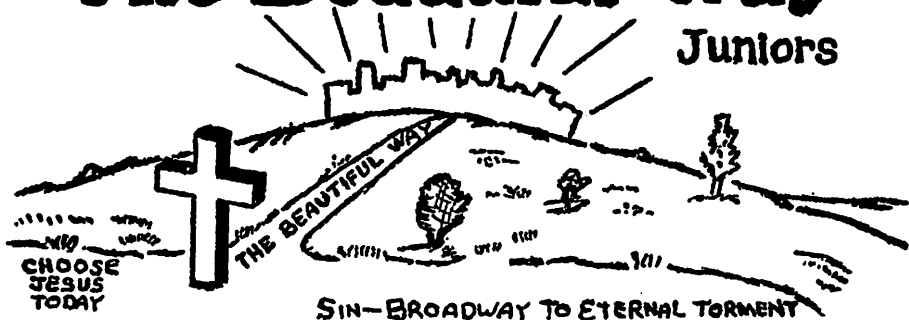
Memory Verse: Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: Matt. 3:8.

QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of man was Simon?
2. What did the people of Samaria think of Simon?
3. Explain in your own words what it means "to have regard."
4. Tell what happened when the people believed the preaching of Philip.
5. Did Simon believe the preaching too?
6. How do you know?
7. What did Simon want to buy with money?
8. Read Peter's answer to Simon.
9. Why did Simon have neither part nor lot in this matter?
10. Tell what Peter told Simon to do.
11. In Peter's words, describe the condition of Simon.
12. What makes you think that perhaps Simon did repent of his sin?
13. What does the memory verse tell us to do?
14. Can you explain this in your own words?

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Oct. 3

Missionary James Evans FOLLOWING CHRIST

James Evans was born at Kingston-on-Hull in the year 1801. Living near the ocean, and being the son of a sea captain he, like thousands of other English lads, soon came deeply to love the sea, and longed to follow his father's occupation. At first his father, who by personal experience knew the dangers and drawbacks of that adventurous life, tried to discourage him from adopting this as his future occupation. So persistent, however, was this lad of eight years, that his father had to adopt some severe measures to repress the boyish ambition. He therefore permitted him to accompany him on a couple of wild, tempestuous voyages to the Baltic Sea, keeping him on the plainest fare, and giving him plenty of work. While the plucky lad cheerfully did the rough work assigned him, and uncomplainingly ate the coarse fare of the common seaman, yet he lost his ambition to become a sailor and, after some years at school, was apprenticed to a grocer in the near-by town of Hull.

James Evans' master, Mr. Traine, was a godly man, held in high regard by his fellow-citizens. He was loved for his

kindness and his practical interest in everything that was for the uplifting of humanity. Not only did he fear and love God himself, but he was ever anxious for the salvation of others, especially of those whom he had any influence and to whom he could speak a word in season. Mr. Traine's sympathies did not alone go out to the neglected ones thousands of miles away, but also included those nearer home. His clerks, apprentices and all in his employ, saw and felt the influence of his good life, and were deeply attached to him by his kindly interest in their temporal and spiritual welfare. Mr. Traine felt that as an employer, it was his duty to exert a kindly influence for the development and strengthening of the moral character, and spiritual growth of all committed to his care. He therefore aimed at this, giving them many a word of warning and advice; and, when opportunity offered, uniting his prayers with theirs for the blessings of which he believed them to be in need.

James Evans was specially fortunate, as he was one of the few who dwelt in the home of his master; and, in after years, he spoke gratefully of the restraining influences and blessings that had come to him through always being expected to be

present at family prayers, where the head of the household, not only earnestly prayed for the members of his own family, but for all in his employ.

Another thing which this godly master felt to be a duty placed upon him, was to see that all those young persons under his authority, should on the Lord's day, attend religious worship. In this, also, James Evans' conduct is to be commended. Too many young persons leaving home for a strange town or city, neglect to identify themselves with the church for the simple reason that no one takes any interest in them, or accompanies them to the house of God. At the request of relatives, James accompanied his master and family to the chapel in which they worshipped.

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is." I John 3:2. Into this blessed assurance James Evans entered while the dews of youth were still upon him. Highly honoured are they, who thus begin in early life, the service of God, which after all is the easiest, sweetest, happiest service on this side of heaven. Would that all of our young men and boys could be brought to realize how much more blessed it is to do the right and serve the Lord, rather than to be servants of Satan and of sin.

Such was the active, energetic temperament of James, that he was very anxious to tell others the story of redeeming love that had now personally come to him as a great joy. Having received the Spirit of adoption, which enabled him to cry, "Abba, Father," he wanted to have his young associates and others enter into this same rest of soul. A bold and fearless lad in sports and daily duties, he at once showed the courage of his convictions in his religious life. While modest and retiring in his conduct, especially toward his elders, yet he let it be known, in a

way that could not be misunderstood, that he would go to no sports, or places of amusement to which he could not invite his elder Brother, the Lord Jesus Christ, to accompany him. Here is a good solution of this so-called difficult question of proper places and amusements for Christian young people.

James soon found opportunity to exercise the gifts and graces intrusted to him and the Sunday School was his first field, and a grand training-school it was. He studied his Bible diligently and availed himself of all assistance possible. Here he developed abilities of so high an order, that he was engaged with others to hold services in the adjoining villages and hamlets. He quickly became popular among his rustic audiences. His youth and modest behavior joined to his readiness of speech, in the simple yet inspired scriptural addresses which he gave, completely won their hearts. Thus for a while he continued, "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord".

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Correction Notice: Please note the mistake in the paragraphs in the last Junior paper, Sept. 26, 1976. The fourth and fifth paragraphs should have been before the second paragraph on the front page. This will make the incidents related to be in proper place. — M. Miles

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Note to Teachers: Cut a circle and paste it on another piece of stiff paper. Give one to each child. Let them paste the words from our Lesson Illustration of the first three lessons on top or outside of the circle. You can label the top, "eternity." Let each child paste the remaining circles from Lesson Illustrations on the big circle, or use your own ideas for your class. — Sis. Marie Miles

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Always tell the truth. It pays.

Bible Sayings White of An Egg

"Who said, 'Is there any taste in the white of an egg?' asked Julie.

"I don't know but it must have been someone in the Bible," answered Roy.

"When Job's three friends came to visit him in his time of suffering, he asked them about the taste of an egg white," Mother said.

"The Bible has everything in it and is never out of date."

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Remember God loves you now and forever.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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Dear Boys and Girls:

Every child, when very small, will ask the question, "Who made God?" But no one can answer that question. God is so big and great that we cannot understand all about God, but we can know what the Bible tells us about God. We can look around us and know that there surely is a God, for the sky to be so big above us and the beautiful earth below. We can even pinch our arm and know that it took God to make flesh like we have. Man cannot do it. Man cannot make the sky, nor can man cause things to grow without the sun and its energy working force. Oh, God is so great and mighty! He was God before the world was even made. God has always been and always will be. God knows

everything. He is all wise. God can see everywhere and God can be everywhere at the same time. God has all power. There is nothing impossible with God. He made everything in the world and causes it to be as it is today. God is the only one that can make a big oak tree grow out of a little seed. God made every grain of sand and made every grain different. God is a God of love and a God of justice. God never makes a mistake. God is a Spirit and no man has ever seen his face but Jesus Christ. Jesus was with God, His Father, before He came to the earth. Jesus told us many things about His Father, God.

Do not ever let anyone tell you that there is not a God. It is such a terrible belief in the world today. The devil is the one who hates God and he is working in every way he can to cause boys and girls to not believe in God. But we must believe in God. Where did all the things around us come from? There had to be a God. By faith we believe there is a God and we read the Bible, which is God's Word, to find out how to be ready to go to that Home that God has prepared for all who will love and serve Him with all of their hearts.

Those who do not believe there is a God will one of these days wake up to the fact that they are facing God. They will have to give an account of their sins and it will be too late then. We must never be foolish and take any chances with our souls. God is our Saviour and He loves us and He wants us to love Him.

The Bible begins with the statement, "In the beginning God." We are glad that we can read the Bible and know that it is true.

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— Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, Oct. 3, 1976

GOD

Gen. 1:1a "In the beginning God..."

God is:

ETERNAL

Psa. 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Isa. 57:15a . . . the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity.

SELF-EXISTENT

Psa. 36:9a For with thee is the fountain of life. . .

John 4:24a God is a Spirit. . .

Isa. 45:21b . . . There is no God else beside me. . .

UNCHANGABLE

Mal. 3:6a I am the Lord, I change not. . .

James 1:17b The Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

EVERYWHERE PRESENT

Acts 17:27b, 28a . . . He be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move and have our being. . .

Jer. 23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

ALL-KNOWING

Heb. 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

UNLIMITED POWER

Matt. 19:26b . . . With God all things are possible.

JUSTICE

Psa. 89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Acts 10:35 . . . But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

ALL WISE

Romans 11:33, 36 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Memory Verse: The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Psa. 14:1a.

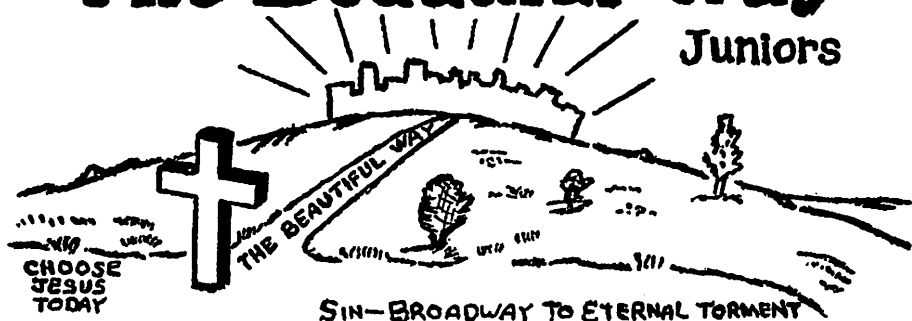
FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. In the beginning — — — .
2. — — — — from everlasting to everlasting, thou art — — — .
3. The high and lofty — — — that inhabiteth — — — — — .
5. — — — is a — — — — — .
6. There is no — — — else beside — — — .
8. The Father of — — — — — , with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of — — — — — .
9. In him we — — — — and — — — — and have our — — — — — .
10. Can any — — — — himself in — — — — — places that I shall not — — — him?
11. All things are naked and opened unto the — — — — of — — — — with whom we have to do.
12. With God — — — things are — — — — — .
13. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy — — — — — .
14. He that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is — — — — — with him.
15. The — — — — hath said in his — — — — — , there is no — — — .

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Part Two

Oct. 10

Workers for the Lord

(continued from last issue)

After some years in Yorkshire town, James Evans, like other young men anxious to succeed in life, went to live in London, where a fairly good job was offered to him. His stay in London was not helpful to his religious life, so a couple of years later, he crossed the ocean and joined his family now living in LaChute, Quebec, Canada.

At first, in Canada, he hoped to secure employment in some business establishments similar to those in which he had worked for some years. No opening in this line of business being immediately available, Mr. Evans took a position as school-teacher. In this new country, the hardy and industrious immigrants, amidst their toils and labours to change the primeval forests into splendid farms, were not unmindful of the educational needs of their growing children. The cedar-log schoolhouse was rude in its appearance, and primitive in its furnishings. In many instances the best teachers available had never seen the inside of normal schools or college halls. Some of them were most unfitted for their work, being not only very ignorant, but brutal, and often

drunken. On the other hand, there were some so naturally gifted and so ambitious in their work, that success, but little short of the marvellous, crowned their efforts.

Some of the brightest men in every profession and avenues of honourable life the country has produced, look back with pleasure to the inspiring helpful times spent in the old log schoolhouse, as the best days in their lives; as then, under the inspiration and guidance of some conscientious teacher, they laid the deep and broad foundations of that splendid education, which has enabled them to triumph over every obstacle that lay between them and success.

For some years James Evans successfully continued this employment in what was then known as the Province of Lower Canada. The religious zeal and fervor of the first years that succeeded his just being saved, seemed to have greatly declined.

James never became immoral or skeptical. He never lost his love for God or his belief in his teaching. But his love had grown cold, and he no longer considered himself worthy to work in the place he once filled as a Sunday School Teacher. This state of religious decline lasted for some years; then, under the faithful illu-

minating power of the Holy Spirit, James received a new and marvellous quickening and re-baptism of the Holy Spirit at an old-fashioned camp meeting, and never again did he waver in his spiritual life. The experience of the past was ever before him as a warning to be constantly on his guard.

With this constant reliance on God as the source of his strength and with a sublime faith in the gospel to meet the needs of a redeemed humanity, he began a career of such glorious success, that he could say, with the great apostle Paul to the Gentiles, "Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place."

About two years after Mr. Evans' religious quickening, through the work of some of the ministers who had noticed his abilities, he was appointed to the charge of an Indian school at Rice Lake, Canada. It was a beautiful sheet of water several miles north of Lake Ontario.

Here in 1828 began, what may well be called his life-work. From this time forward his name is to be found inseparably connected with Indian evangelism. To it he devoted all his abilities and talents. In behalf of the red man of the country, his labours were many, and so constant, that most men would have sunk under them. But with a zeal that never flagged, a courage that never faltered, a love that never cooled, he pushed on amidst storm and sunshine, into the older provinces of the Dominion, and then in later years, by canoe and dog-train, in tempests and blizzards, into the vast regions that stretch from Lake Superior away to the mighty Mackenzie River.

When James Evans was appointed to the Rice Lake mission as school-teacher, there was not a house built on the reservation. The Indians all dwelt in wigwams. All the land was still wild and uncultivated. But with his brave young

wife, he went there and tented, until, with his own hands, he had built a small log house. Then he built a schoolhouse, and opened his school with about forty scholars. About a year later the school consisted of fifty-two scholars of which twenty-two had learned to read English and could now read the New Testament. He soon mastered the Ojibway language and was able to translate seven chapters of Matthew.

In 1830, Mr. Evans was called into the ministry. He still, however, remained at Rice Lake, having also in charge another band of converted Indians at Mud Lake. Here in addition to his work for the natives, he also had the religious oversight of, and frequently preached among the white settlers at seventeen different places within a radius of fifty or sixty miles. But his best energies were put into his Indian work. He mastered the language of the people, and began a careful study of the different Indian dialects, which was of invaluable service to him in after years when inventing the syllabic characters.

Not only did he aim to bring the Indians from under the fetters of their degrading paganism into the light of the gospel, but he did all he could to teach them the essential methods of civilization. Cleanliness, thrift and industry were urged and taught both by precept and example.

(to be continued)

Egyptian King Ramses II

"Who was the king that lived during the children of Israel's slavery?" asked Roy.

"Most people who have studied the history of that time think that Rameses II was the king who oppressed the Israelites and made them slaves. He was a proud and powerful pharaoh, reckless in battle as well as in his rule over the nation.

He built strong forts and large cities along the border of the country to protect it from enemies. Some treasure cities have been unearthed in recent years. It is possible that these cities are the ones built by the Israelites as the book of Exodus tells us." — M. Miles

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Make play out of your work and it will be easier to do.

Take time to do good. You will feel happy inside. God makes you happy when you think of someone else besides yourself.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



JESUS

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We are studying about the beginning of all things. We want you to understand that we do not know all about how things came to pass, but we do know that God was in the beginning and that Jesus was in the beginning also. Before Jesus came to this earth, He was in heaven with God, His Father. Together they created all things. In our lesson we have scriptures that make us understand this fact. It was a miracle for Jesus to come here in the flesh, as a tiny baby, but that was God's plan for us so we would understand something about God.

Did you ever hear the story about a man who was sitting in his warm room, near to the big patio glass door during a snow storm, and the birds were beating against the glass trying to get into that warm room? The man thought he would

help them, so he went out to the barn and opened the door and tried to get them to go into the barn. He tried to talk to them, he tried to show them how to get in, and tried to go before them so they would know how to get into the warm barn but they did not understand him. He said to himself that if he was just a bird he could lead them. Just then, the church bells rang and he thought of Jesus Christ. This is what Jesus did, He came here in the flesh and became like man so He could show men the way to heaven. Jesus was "God manifested in the flesh."

All things were created by Jesus Christ. John called Jesus "the Word." What He says is important to us. Jesus is the head of the church. Jesus is the One who died on the cross and by His shed blood we are redeemed, or saved, from our sins. He could take our punishment because He was without sin. Jesus is the greatest Name the world has ever heard. Through His Name we are saved, sanctified, kept by His power each day from sinning; we are healed, blessed in our souls and made ready to go to heaven when we die. What a wonderful Name is Jesus! Jesus will resurrect us in the last day from the grave. Some people today do not want to bow before Jesus. But that is their privilege, Jesus will not make them, but when He comes in the clouds of glory to judge the world, then they will bow and confess His Name but it will be too late.

Jesus knows all about each one of us and knows all of our thoughts. Nothing is hidden from Jesus. We want to live each day to please Him. — Aunt Marie

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Lesson 2, Oct. 10, 1976

JESUS IS, WAS, AND IS TO COME

Gen. 1:1a In the beginning God (Jesus)

Phil. 2:6 Who (Jesus), being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.

Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephra-
tah, though thou be little among the thou-
sands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he
come forth unto me that is to be ruler in
Israel (Jesus); whose goings forth have
been from of old, from everlasting (mar-
gin: from the days of eternity).

Rev. 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega the be-
ginning and the ending, saith the Lord,
which is, and which was, and which is to
come, the Almighty.

St. John 1:1 In the beginning was the
Word (Jesus, verse 14), and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God.

St. John 1:3 All things were made by
him; and without him was not any thing
made that was made.

Heb. 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the be-
ginning hast laid the foundation of the
earth; and the heavens are the works of
thine hands.

Col. 1:16 For by him (Jesus) were all
things created, that are in heaven, and
that are in earth. . . , all things were
created by him, and for him.

Eph. 1:7 In whom we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of his grace.

St. John 17:5 And now, O Father, glor-
ify thou me with thine own self with the
glory which I had with thee before the
world was.

Col. 1:18 And he is the head of the
body, the church. . . that in all things he
might have the preeminence.

John 2:24b He (Jesus) knew all men.

25 And needed not that any should
testify of man: for he knew what was in
man.

Phil. 2:9 Wherefore God also hath

highly exalted him, and given him a name
which is above every name:

10a That at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow. . .

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am
the resurrection, and the life: he that be-
lieveth in me, though he were dead, yet
shall he live.

Rev. 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds;
and every eye shall see him, and they also
which pierced him: and all kindreds of the
earth shall wail because of him. Even
so, Amen.

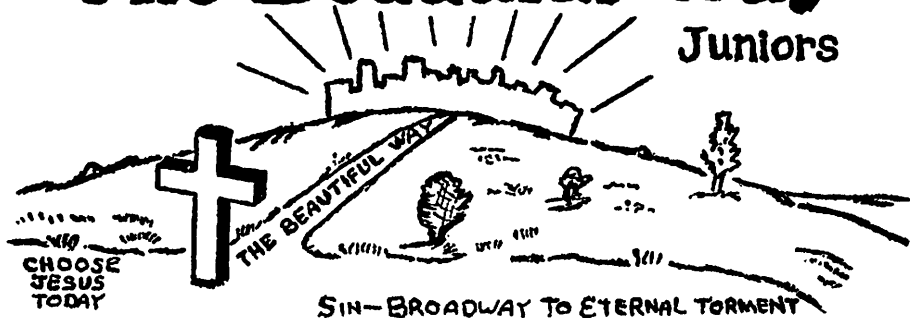
Memory Verse: And Jesus came and
spake unto them, saying, All power is
given unto me in heaven and in earth.
Matthew 28:18.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was in the beginning?
2. Who thought it not robbery to be equal with God?
3. — — — — — made himself of no reputation, took upon him the — — — — — of a — — — — — , and was made in the — — — — — of men.
4. Who was to come forth to be ruler in Israel?
5. Who is Alpha and Omega?
6. Who is the "Word"?
7. How long has the "Word" been here?
8. Who laid the foundation of the earth?
9. Who created all things?
10. Whose blood brings redemption and forgiveness of sins?
11. What glory did Jesus want to be glorified with?
12. Who is the head of the body, the church?
13. Did Jesus need someone to tell him about men?
14. At what name shall every knee bow?
15. When Jesus comes again who will see him?

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Part Three

Oct. 17

God's Saving and Healing Power

(continued from last issue)

Although the condition of the Indians at this period was most discouraging, there were some remarkable conversions among them. Mr. Evans tells of the marvellous change by the gospel on a native Indian, Oozhushkah, who was of the Ojibway tribe. Oozhushkah was one of the lowest and meanest of the native Indians in that area. His stature was small and his frame worn down with age and his countenance spoke of the past life he had lived. Oozhushkah tells the following account of his former life: "From the earliest period of my recollection, inspired by the traditions of my tribe, I had a great desire to become a prophet. . . . To accomplish this object I started a fast. I partook of no kind of nourishment for twenty days, excepting the broth of a little boiled corn after the going down of the sun. On the twentieth day I erected my tent alone in the forest; I entered it, and on that evening ate nothing. I was almost famished with hunger, my skin clave to my bones and I had barely strength to stand on my feet. Nearly fainting, I laid down in my

tent determined to die or obtain the object of my desire. I lay until nearly midnight when suddenly an evil spirit entered my tent and asked, 'What are you doing?' Why are you here? What do you want?' 'I want to be a prophet,' I replied and I then went to sleep." Oozhushkah then believed that the gods had answered his desire to be a prophet, until he heard the gospel from the missionaries stationed at Mackinaw. They faithfully tried to instruct him about how the devil can do so many things to deceive us and make us believe that even wrong things are all right to do. And that to become a prophet, or a worker for God, he would have to accept Christ, be saved from sin, and not believe in the old witch doctor ways. But he must believe in the one and only true God. They told him what the jailer said to Paul in Acts 16:30-31. "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and they house."

Oozhushkah was often in a drunken state when he visited the mission station. The lessons taught by the missionaries seemed as "pearls cast before swine." But they were lodged in Oozhushkah's memory and he often told them to his wife, who was as drunken as himself.

In the winter, as usual, Oozuskah chose his hunting-ground some fifty miles from the mission station. Here, with no companions but his aged squaw, he pitched his lowly tent in the recesses of the forest. Here, the two had time for reflection, and for conversation. They had not long occupied their quarters when Mekagase, Oozhuskah's wife, was taken ill; Oozhuskah's witchcraft songs, and Indian medicines could not cure her. During this severe illness she retained her senses. The truth of heaven dwelt upon her mind; her understanding told her she was a wretched sinner; that she had all of her life persisted in doing knowingly and willfully wrong things. Death stared her in the face and she was afraid to die; her conscience convinced her she was unprepared, and that as a consequence of her wickedness she must accept misery hereafter. Trembling on the threshold of eternity, she humbled herself, prayed to the Great Spirit (God) in compassion to forgive her, to blot out her sins and receive her departing spirit.

Suddenly the fears of Mekagase were taken away; joy filled her heart, and she felt happier than when in her youth she had joined the Indian dance around the evening fires of her tribe. In short, she experienced what the apostles designate as "joy unspeakable and full of glory!" From that hour she began to get well. She felt she was a new creature; and, unlike too many enlightened Christians, she did not reason herself out of the faith; but, taking the simple testimony of the Spirit bearing witness with her own, spoke of her hopes and her joys to Oozhuskah, with joy and confidence; she warned him of his folly and wickedness, with such convincing testimony, that his heart was touched. He prayed to the Great Spirit (God), and soon the radiance of Divine truth beamed on his darkened understanding, melting his hardened heart, and in ten days from his wife's remarkable conversion, Oozhu-

skah could heartily join with her in offering their morning and evening sacrifice to the Great Spirit (God) in praise and with redeeming grace.

When the hunting season was over they returned to Mackinaw, where they lost no time in making known the change wrought in their feelings; and from that day on they proved their conversion by living well-ordered lives in godliness.

(to be continued)

Time and Eternity Will Meet

"Where did God come from?" asked Jack, while watching his mother make gravy.

"God has always been. He lived in eternity before the world was made," Mother said, as she poured the gravy into the bowl.

"When did eternity start?" asked Jack.

"Eternity never started nor will it ever end. Only we on the earth have time. Time began when God created the heavens and the earth. And time will cease when this old world comes to an end or is on fire," explained Mother, as the family gathered around the table.

"Did you sing with us the song last night about eternity?" asked Daddy. "Don't you remember that the song said, 'I saw then the Judge in his splendor, as he stepped to his great judgment seat, And thought of the crashing of ages, when time and eternity meet'? So time will end when this world ends and eternity will go right on and on. We want to be sure we love Jesus and be ready to meet Him in that great day."

"Then we will live in heaven for all eternity?" asked Jack.

"Yes, and it will be wonderful to be with Jesus and everything will be glorious."

— M. Miles

King Tut

"Wasn't King Tut found in a tomb in Egypt?" asked Dick.

"You mean King Tutankhamen, I suppose. His tomb was found in Egypt in 1922. There were dishes, vases, chairs, chests, jewels of many kinds, beautifully carved furniture that were more than three thousand years old. Even some of the king's pets (dogs and monkeys) were mummified and placed in it."

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- M. Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



HOLY
SPIRIT

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We already understand by the Word of God that God and Jesus were in eternity before the beginning. We now want to talk about another part of the trinity that was there. Trinity means three. So we know that God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit were before the beginning and were there to create all things. The second verse tells us that "the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." The Spirit of God is a moving, working power. Not only can the Spirit of God create, but today we know that the Spirit of God can dwell within our hearts and move upon us as we are willing to obey His commands. The Greek word for Spirit of God used here is *r-u-a-c-h* and it means "wind," as well as "spirit." Jesus compared the Spirit with the wind when He was talking to

Nicodemus, John 3:8. The word "moved" means "brooding over" and it makes us think of the hen who broods over her eggs, or is taking care of her chicks under her wings. It means a tremulous motion. So we want to understand that the Spirit of God is a powerful, moving force.

In our lesson we used the account of Simeon upon whom the Holy Spirit was resting. He was a just and devout man. The Holy Spirit had revealed to him that he would not die until he saw Jesus Christ. One day the Spirit of God moved upon his soul. He felt that moving and he could not stay where he was, but he had to act as the Spirit moved upon him. So "he came by the Spirit into the temple." He was not slow in obeying the call from the Spirit. Now there probably were a lot of parents that came into the temple with their babies, to do after the custom of the Law of Moses, but when Mary and Joseph came into the temple with Jesus in their arms, the Spirit moved strongly within Simeon. He went over and took baby Jesus in his arms and rejoiced as he looked up to God and praised Him for letting him see the "salvation," or the One who would bring deliverance from sin for all who would believe on Jesus Christ as their Saviour. He rejoiced, not only that the Jews, but also the Gentiles would have salvation.

We also read of another moving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost when the 120 were waiting for the Holy Spirit to come, as Jesus had said before He went back to heaven. Here, the Spirit of God came with a sound of "a rushing mighty wind," and filled their hearts with rejoicing. Seventeen nations heard about Jesus' power to save that day.

Our last verse makes us know the Holy Spirit is so powerful that it can cleanse, or purify, our hearts from the sin principle that came upon us all from the fall of Adam. Oh, boys and girls, God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are real! Each

have a work in our hearts, yet they work together to help us be ready to go to heaven. The Holy Spirit will give us power to live without sin and power to tell others about Jesus who died for their sins. — Aunt Marie

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Lesson 3, Oct. 17, 1976

HOLY SPIRIT POWER

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God (Jesus, Holy Spirit) created the heaven and the earth.

2b And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Luke 2:25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

32 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they (120) were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

11b We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

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

9b Purifying their hearts by faith.

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

QUESTIONS:

1. Who created the heaven and earth?

2. Tell about Simeon.

3. What was revealed to Simeon by the Holy Ghost?

4. Simeon came by the — — — — — into the temple.

5. Who did Simeon take up into his arms?

6. Was Simeon willing to die now that he had seen the Lord's Christ?

7. What did Joseph and Jesus' mother marvel at?

8. How many were with one accord in one place on the day of Pentecost?

9. What happened on the day of Pentecost?

10. Note that verse 11 says in "our" tongues. Do you know that the word tongues means languages?

11. What did they hear them speak in their own languages?

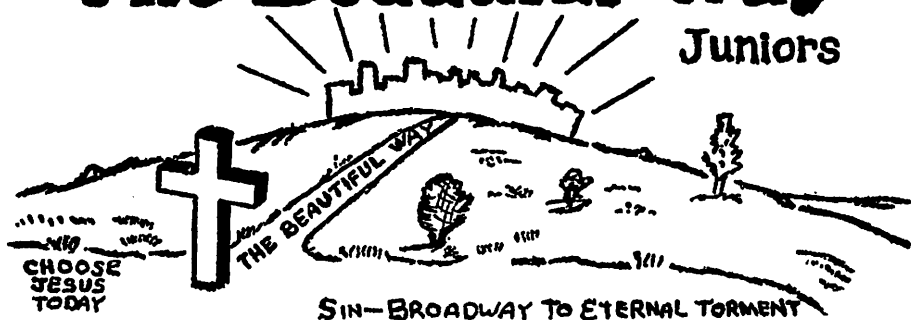
13. What is the promise in the memory verse?

14. The Holy Ghost was to give them power to be — — — — — s.

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Part Four

Oct. 24

Evils of Strong Drink

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Quite a number of men and women had heard and accepted Christianity at a place close to where Mr. Evans was teaching school. Some little houses had been built and quite a number of acres of land had been brought under cultivation. Potatoes and corn were being raised in considerable quantities, and there were many other signs of progress and comfort. The mission house, which was two stories high, was so constructed that the missionary, at this station, Solomon Waldron and his family, and his sister dwelt in the lower story while the upper one served as a chapel on Sunday, and as a school room during the week-days. In this room the sister was endeavouring to teach her little Indian pupils to read and write, but also was even more anxious to instruct them in the simple truths of Christianity. The students soon began to be interested in the story of the Saviour and learning of the love of God.

One hot summer day the missionary and his wife were attending to some mission matters at another place. This left the sister alone with her pupils. All at once there rushed up the outside stair-

way, a drunken pagan Indian chief. Drawing his tomahawk, he sprang at the sister and shouted; "If you don't promise to marry me, I will kill you!"

The teacher, seeing his drunken condition, knew at once that there was no use trying to reason with him, and that her only hope was in trying to get away from him. As the terrified children looked on, she suddenly ran down the aisle to an open window and jumped out even though it was a second story window and therefore quite a distance from the ground. As she fell out the window, the drunken Indian managed to get hold of the skirt of her dress. Fortunately for her, the dress tore off at the waist, and let her easily down to the ground, without her suffering any injury. Quickly rushing into the house, she caught up a house dress, and throwing that around herself, she hurried away to a cornfield, where a number of Indians were busily at work. To them she told the story of the drunken young chief's words and conduct. They were upset at this insult to their young teacher, and at once rushed back to the schoolroom to find the drunken chief still there. His being a chief did not save him from being punished by them. They gave him a severe thrashing and then hauled him off to the forest where

they tied him hand and foot securely to a tree and left him to sober up. For days he was left there without food. The schoolteacher at last persuaded them to release him as she wished no harm to be done to him, and her main desire was for the saving of his soul. The punishment seemed to have done him good, as he proved afterward. That was the last time he had anything to do with "fire-water," as it was called in those days by the Indians.

The great curse of the Indian is "fire-water," and their love for strong drink is their greatest weakness. When America was discovered, the Indians didn't have strong drink. They were content to drink water from the streams and lakes, but the white man introduced strong drink among them, and many and grievous have been the evils that have followed.

Mr. Evans and other missionaries, taught the Indian converts the Bible teaching about not using strong drink. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:31-32. Mr. Evans and others met with strong opposition. Some wicked men who had been making money by selling "fire-water" to the Indians, were furious when they stopped buying it.

One day four Indians went to the white settlement to trade goods. The trader tried to tempt the Indians to drink some whiskey but they refused, saying they were Christians. Finding he could not succeed, he thought perhaps they were afraid lest someone should see them drink and tell the missionary, and that if they could take it slyly they would drink it as before. Knowing the road they would take to return home, he put a small keg of whiskey by the side of the Indians' path at the edge of a sloping bank, and hid himself in the bushes beneath, thinking to en-

joy seeing them drink it. After a while the Indians came along, when, suddenly the first one stopped and exclaimed:—"O, the evil spirit, the devil is here." The second, on coming by said "Yes, me smell him." The third shook the keg with his foot, and said, "Of a truth me hear him." The fourth Indian coming along, gave the keg a kick and away went the fire-water, tumbling down the hill into the creek. The four Indians went on their way like brave warriors, happy in their souls for the victory that the Great Spirit (the Lord) had given. "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." James 1:12.

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A Place for Everything

Mary: I wish you would lend me your thimble, Sarah. I can never find my own.
Sarah: Why is it, Mary, you can never find it?

Mary: How can I tell? But if you will not lend me yours, I can borrow one elsewhere.

Sarah: I am willing to lend mine to you but it would be interesting to know why you come to me to borrow so often.

Mary: Because you never lose any of your things, and always know where to find them.

Sarah: And why do I always know where to find my things?

Mary: I don't know why, I am sure. If I did know, I might sometimes find my own.

Sarah: I will tell you the secret. I have a place for everything, and I put everything in its place when I am done using it.

Mary: Oh, Sarah, who wants to run and put away a thing as soon as she has used it, as if her life depended upon it?

Sarah: Our life does not depend upon it, but our comfort does, surely. How much more time will it take to put a thing in its place, than to hunt for it or to borrow whenever you want to use it?

Mary: Well, Sarah, I will never borrow of you again, you may depend upon it.

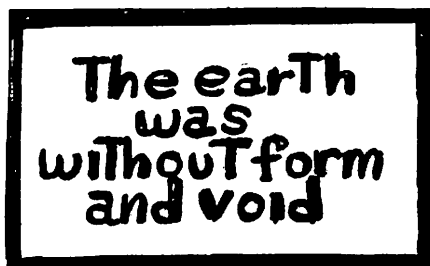
Sarah: You are not offended with me, I hope?

Mary: No, but I am ashamed. Before night, I will have a place for everything, and then I will keep everything in its place. You have taught me a lesson that I shall remember.

— McGuffey's Reader

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If you are saved from your sins, you are in the Church of God.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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Dear Boys and Girls:

In school you are taught by some who do not believe in the Bible. We want you to keep this in mind as you listen to what is written in your books, and to those who deny the truths written in the Bible. Yet, some scientists admit that the Bible is true. They do not all agree about the account in Genesis. One man who taught in five universities and read thousands of books and articles on various scientific subjects, said that he is convinced that every word in the Bible is true. In fact, with thousands of scientists who have so many ideas, who has the authority to say that the Bible account is not true? We

must believe the Bible, that God made a full size world and a full size man in the beginning. It doesn't take God thousands of years to do anything, yet He made it, so we can believe it. He could have spoken and it instantly would have come to pass but we can also understand if we know that He took six days to do it.

Our lesson says God "hangeeth the earth upon nothing." Isn't that amazing? There is nothing that scientists can add to, or take away from that statement. Our lesson also says, "It is he who sitteth upon the circle of the earth." The word "circle," in the Hebrew translation is "khug." A more exact definition would be "roundness." For thousands of years scientists thought the world was square, but the Bible had said all the time it was round. Now they believe it to be round.

God laid the foundation of the world and the heavens are the work of His hands. "Through faith" we believe and know that the world was made and spoken into existence by the "word of God." We read in Heb. 1:2,3 that the world is upheld "by the word of his power." One of these days He will speak and it will be dissolved. II Pet. 3:10,11. We must remember that God is indeed God, and has all power and created all things.

The Bible has said for thousands of years that the world will grow old, but only in the last few years have we heard much about the universe aging. Our lesson brings out the fact that the earth and heavens will "perish" and that they will "wax old like a garment." Many are loading their ground with fertilizers and of course the pollution that is in the air and the water causes much concern. The oceans have plenty of water but now they are discussing ways and means to clean out the salt and use that water because of the lack of good water. So our world is aging and God will bring all of us into judgment, after the world is dissolved.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 4, Oct. 24, 1976

IN THE BEGINNING

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Job 26:7 He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.

Psa. 102:25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed.

Heb. 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Acts 14:15 And (Paul speaks to idol worshippers) saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein.

Job 38:1 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof.

Isa. 40:21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from

the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22 It is he (God) that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in.

Rev. 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Memory Verse: I am the Lord that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself. Isa. 44:24b.

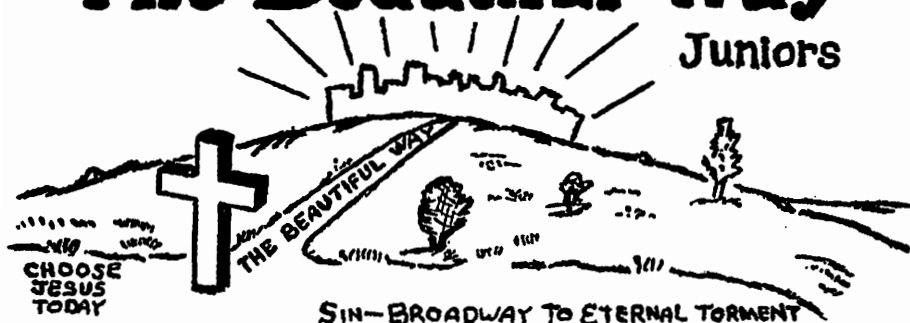
QUESTIONS:

1. Who created the heaven and earth?
2. Who moved upon the face of the waters?
3. What did God hang the earth upon?
4. Who laid the foundation of the earth?
5. Do you understand what verse 26 means?
6. How do we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God?
7. What did Paul preach?
8. Who answered Job out of the whirlwind?
9. What was the first question God asked Job?
10. Who do you think measured the foundations of the earth?
11. Who sits upon the circle of the earth?
12. Who are as grasshoppers in God's sight?
13. God stretches out the heavens as a — — — — —.
14. Why is God worthy to receive glory and honour and power?
15. What does our memory verse tell us?

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Part Five

Oct. 31

False Teaching Rejected

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One of Mr. Evans faithful helpers was an Indian named Shawundais, who later became known by the name John Sunday. John was perhaps one of the ugliest Indians in the land. He was at one time a poor drunken Indian of the Missusagas tribe. Until well on into manhood, he wandered about with his wild pagan relatives, making a very poor living by fishing and hunting. When he would rouse himself from his indolence and drunken fits, he was an excellent hunter, as he was very clever. Associating much with wicked men during his pagan days, he acquired a knowledge of broken English, but when he became a Christian it was so improved that he became an effective preacher and platform speaker. Still there was ever to the end of his days a broken quaintness in his talking, that did not hinder his preaching but, added to its effectiveness. He had the art of imitating others and was always the center of a crowd when he began to speak. Shortly after his conversion, a Mormon preacher came to the area where he lived and held a series of meetings with the object of getting members for the Mormon church. Some of the newly con-

verted Indians, on hearing of these services, attended, not knowing that the Mormon church was a false movement. Great was their sorrow at hearing the Bible, which they had learned to love, so misquoted and made fun of, and the Book of Mormon, being praised above it. The Mormon teacher said that the Mormon book had been found buried in the ground. When the Mormon had finished his talk about the book, he gave permission for any of the congregation to say anything they desired about what he had said. All sat still, and as no white man was brave enough to get up and defend the dear old Bible, John Sunday arose, and asked if an Indian might speak. He was quickly given permission and John then said: "A great many winters ago, the Great Spirit gave His good book, the Bible, to the white man over the great waters. He took it and read it, and it made his heart all glad and happy. Because it was 'the power of God to salvation to all those that believe.' By and by the white man came over to this country, where the Indians live and brought the good book, the Bible, with him. He gave the Bible to the poor lost Indian. He heard it, and understood it, and it makes his heart very glad too. But when the Great Spirit gave His good book to the white man, the

evil spirit, the Devil, try to make a book too, and he try to make it like the Great Spirit (God) made His, but he could not, and then he got so ashamed of it, that he went into the woods and dug a hole in the ground and there he hid his book. After lying there for many winters your preacher went and dug it up. This Mormon book you teach about is the book the evil spirit buried." John Sunday then declared that the Bible was the book that had taught him about the Great Spirit (God) and that it was the only book he needed to tell him the way to heaven. This put an end to the Mormons' preaching in that tribe. They soon left and did not return.

Not long afterward, John Sunday was able to see how the God he served was able to supply them with food. He was able to prove the Bible was really the true Word of God. "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. John Sunday and nine others were on a missionary trip and soon their food began to run out. Being Indians, they were experienced hunters and fishermen. They decided to go fishing. Getting some inflammable birch bark to make a brilliant light, and taking their fishing spears, they started out on the lake. A number of pagan Indians went immediately before them, others followed behind, and some kept close beside them in their boats. Yet strange to say, that while some of the canoes of those wild Indian fishermen were within ten yards of Mr. Evans and John Sunday's canoe, they never caught a single fish, although they fished all around them. Great indeed was their astonishment when they found that the missionaries had thirty-five nice big fish. The only explanation John Sunday gave to the pagan Indians was that the Lord had sent them before his canoe just when he was able to catch them with his spear.

That evening for worship John Sunday read in John 21:3-6. "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. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. 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."

The Indians then rejoiced that the Great Spirit would give them fish to eat just as he did in the Good Book.

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What Was His Name?

"Hey, Jerry, what was the name of the man who died, but was never born?" asked Leland with a grin on his face.

Jerry thought and thought and then he said, "That isn't possible."

"Oh yes it is because the Bible said so."

"I don't know. Who was he?" asked Jerry.

"Adam," answered Leland. "God created Adam and he was not born."

Jerry thought a minute and then he smiled and said, "Oh, that is right! How come I didn't think of that. And of course, Eve wasn't born either but was created."

"You know, I imagine Adam surely looked funny lying there made out of mud or dirt," Jerry mused. "And just think how surprised he must have been when he came to life all of a sudden and jumped up and looked around at all the beautiful new things in the new world."

"Yes, but he got tired of looking at them. He wanted someone to talk to," Leland added.

"Well, God knew who he needed and gave him what he wanted. You know, God does that today, doesn't He? I think God is great!"

— M. Miles

God's Animals

"God made some wonderful animals," Mother said as she talked to her children about the pictures they had seen while they listened to the man tell about his trip to Africa.

"That lion was sure strong," exclaimed John. "Did you see the muscles stand out on that lion's shoulders as he pulled that zebra by the ear to his den?"

"Yes, and that big rhino was really trying to get to their truck," Betty cried as she tried to get some words in, too.

"God's plan is wonderful. He made food for every animal so that not any bug, animal, or bird would become too many. Of course, man has killed out some of God's birds and animals, upsetting nature's balance, and therefore some animals have become to be too great," explained Mother. — M. Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

What a mighty God we serve! God spoke and it came to pass. What a world this would have been if we did not have light. At first, there was darkness everywhere. That would be an awful world to live in, but God knew what we

needed so He spoke and said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God divided the light from the darkness and called the light Day and the darkness Night. This was the first day. Boys and girls, we want to believe the Bible. God made the world in six days. We read later in the Bible where it says, "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day." Ex. 20:11. Some write in school books that it took billions and billions of years for the earth to be made, but they do not believe in miracles. God made a full-grown world in the beginning. We must believe in God and not believe what man thinks or has said. God has all power and upholds the world by His power. God is light. The disciples saw the light around Jesus on the mountain.

Now, let us think about the spiritual light of God. Boys and girls who love the bad things in this world and do not pray and love God, have darkness in their hearts. Just rejecting Jesus as the One who died for their sins is enough to make their hearts dark. They are cut off from God. Oh, how terrible that is! They need the light of God to shine into their hearts and cause them to see Jesus as the One who died for their sins. Darkness is awful. If you were in a dark room and wanted to get out, you would start feeling all around the room for the door. When you found the door you would open it and it would flood the light. You would be happy about that. Boys and girls who tell lies, or talk sassy to their parents, or take things that do not belong to them are in a dark room. They need to start seeking after Jesus. As they start seeking, they will find the door. Jesus said, "I am the door." And when they find Jesus, kneel before Him and pray, asking Jesus to forgive them of all their sins, the light from Jesus floods their hearts and makes them happy. Then they need to walk out of that door and follow Jesus, who is the

light. They must stay close to Jesus by praying every day, and by loving and obeying Him. He will lead them to heaven and they will be where the Bible says there is no sun, but Jesus is the light there. Oh, how happy all will be there together with Jesus! — Aunt Marie

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Lesson 5, Oct. 31, 1976

**GOD'S LITERAL AND
SPIRITUAL LIGHT**

Gen. 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Psa. 104:1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Matt. 17:2 And (Jesus) was transfigured before them: (Peter, James and John) and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

II Cor. 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in

our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Eph. 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

John 3:19b (Jesus said) Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Eph. 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

Memory Verse: For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light. Eph. 5:8.

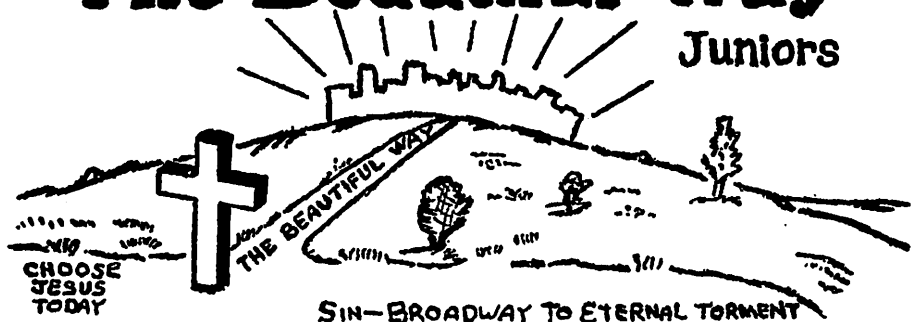
QUESTIONS:

1. Who made the light?
2. What did God divide?
3. Who named Day and Night?
4. Why did David bless the Lord?
5. Who is covered with light as a garment?
6. Describe the way Jesus looked when he was transfigured.
7. Who is the light of the world?
8. What is the promise to those who follow Jesus?
9. To whom is the gospel hidden?
10. Who blinds the minds of those who believe not?
11. Who is the image of God?
12. Why does God shine in our hearts?
13. Do you know who the children of light are?
14. Are we to have fellowship with the works of darkness?
15. Why do men love darkness rather than light?

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Nov. 7

God Hears Prayer

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One of the converts whom Mr. Evans carried with him by canoe from Lac La Pluie on Lake Superior was Peter Jacobs. He was for many years a faithful and efficient worker among the Indians in Canada. The following is about his conversion. "In the year 1824, I first heard the gospel preached by Mr. Case, a missionary. Before that time I was a heathen and so were all the tribes of Canada West. When I was a lad, I never heard an Indian pray as Christians pray to God, the Great Being. Our people believed in the existence of a Great Being, and Maker of all things; but we thought that God was so very far away that no human voice could reach Him: and indeed we all believed that God did not meddle with the affairs of the children of men.

"I, as well as the people of my tribe, was very cruel and wicked, because there was no fear of God in my heart, and no fear of punishment, but every man settled his own affairs by the force of his tomahawk; that is to say, by burying his tomahawk in the people's heads and that ends all disputes. The Indians made their women do all their work and the men did

little or nothing in the heathen life. The women made the wigwam, and removed it when necessary, carrying it on their backs; they also chopped the wood and carried it home on their backs. They brought the venison home when the deer was killed by their husbands; they dressed the skins for their husbands' clothes and made the coats, shirts, pants and moccasins, which completes the Indian dress;—all was done by the women. Notwithstanding that the poor women did all this, they got very little gratitude from their heathen husbands.

"The main prayer in the heathen life was: 'O God the Sun, I beseech you to hear my prayer, and to direct my steps through the woods in the direction where the deer is feeding, that I may get near him, shoot him and kill him, and have something to eat thereby.' And this was all the prayer I ever made. There is nothing about soul salvation in that prayer. Some pray for fish, or ducks, or rabbits, or whatever they wish to get.

"At length the missionary came and began to preach about Christ and how He died for me; but I first said, 'No; that is the white man's God and white man's religion; and that God would have nothing to do with the Indians.' But he assured me

God would save me if I would believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and as a proof he read portions of Scripture to me again and again. And then at last I began to think that he must be right and I must be wrong because he read the 'Book of God' (as we call the Bible) to me. Then I began to pray for the first time in English. Then I knew only a few words. I said, 'O God be merciful to me, poor Indian boy, great sinner.' The word of God had now got hold of my heart, but it made me feel very sick in my heart. I went to bed and I could not sleep for my thoughts troubled me very much. The Holy Spirit was convicting me of my sins. Then I would pray the words over and over again, and got more and more sick in my heart. I was very sorry that God could not understand my Ojibway language. I thought God could only understand English. And when I was praying tears came spontaneously from my eyes, and I could not understand this, because I had been taught from infancy never to cry. In this misery I passed three or four weeks. I then met with Peter Jones, who was converted a few months before me; and to my surprise I heard him return thanks at a meal in Ojibway, my native language. This was quite enough for me. I now saw that God could understand me in my Ojibway, and therefore went far into the woods, and prayed in the Ojibway tongue to God and said; 'O God I was so ignorant and blind, that I did not know that thou couldst understand my Ojibway tongue! Now O God, I beseech Thee, to be gracious to me, a sinner! Take away this sickness and conviction that I now feel in my heart; for all my sins lay very heavy in my heart. Send now Thy Holy Spirit to come work in my heart! Let the blood of Christ be now applied to my heart, that all my sins may depart!'

Though I could now pray in this way in my native tongue, yet God did not seem to think it best to hear my prayers at this time, but left me to pass many miserable

nights. And I cried out again: 'O God, I will not let Thee alone! I shall trouble Thee with my prayers till Thou bless me!' And at last God heard my prayers, and He took away this heavy sickness of heart; but not till many tears had been shed. And when this sickness was taken away from my heart, then I experienced another feeling which was 'joy in the Holy Ghost,' which was indeed 'full of glory.' My tongue could not express the joy I then felt. I could say nothing but 'Happy, happy!' When I found this religion of Christ so sweet in the heart of man, I wanted all my people then to know of the great and true God; but they all said: No; that I was wrong; that I had been to the white man's God and not the Saviour of the Indians. But I said that God was the Saviour of all the nations of the earth; the Bible says, For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13. I know in my own heart what God has done for me in forgiving my sins and what He has done for me He can, and will do for you. And they began to pray for mercy, and for the forgiveness of their sins; as they prayed in strong faith, many of them were converted."

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Children Had Toys

"Did the children in Egypt have toys like we do today?" asked Jeanie.

"Yes, they have found in the ancient ruins and even in tombs where children were buried many toys such as balls, games, funny wooden animals that opened and closed their mouths when a string was pulled and many other things. The children over three thousand years ago were like the children of today."

— M. Miles

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Who was the oldest man that ever lived, yet died before his father? Read Gen. 5:24, 27.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

God Separated the Land From the Sea



Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson today is about water and we know that for all life water is necessary. I am sure that you have learned in school that $\frac{3}{4}$ of the earth is covered with water and that water is composed of three elemental particles, or atoms, two of hydrogen (H) and one of oxygen (O). There are trillions of molecules in an ounce of water. Water sticks together. It takes a force to pull it apart. You can carefully place a needle on top of water and it will float because you have not broken the surface. Water is truly a miracle and I am sure you can name a long list of its uses. Water serves in many ways to maintain life, health, vigor, and social stability. Even marriages have been influenced by the difficulties of obtaining water. In one place in southeastern Asia a wife must walk nine miles for a bucket of water. Since she can make only one trip a day a man must have several wives, which is not according to God's Word.

We read in the Bible about the wells that Isaac dug and how they would be taken away from him. And today Jacob's well is still at the place that he dug it.

It is said that they had to go through rock to a depth of 105 feet. In Egypt we find the reported oldest dam was built 5,000 years ago to store drinking and irrigation water. But it failed and no other dam was built for 3,000 years. Water can also cause much damage and loss of life. In August you may have read about the ten-inch rain along the Thompson River in Colorado. It brought a wall of water down the canyon and swept away vacationers, homes and people. Many sad stories were told about the terror that water brought.

Our lesson tells us what God did on the second and third days. It didn't take God a billion years to do it. He caused a firmament, or space, to come between the heavens or sky and the water over the whole earth. Then God caused the water to gather together in rivers, seas, lakes, and oceans. He caused the dry land to appear. God "said" and it came to pass. God is a miracle working God. He saw that it was good. God's plan is perfect.

At first in the creation, God had a mist to rise up from the earth to water the ground, but after the flood it rained and we have storms, etc. Isn't it wonderful how "the present balance between the land and water, between air and water, the distance between the earth from the sun, the constituents of the atmosphere, the location of the mountain ranges and equatorial ocean streams, and many other things that contribute to the workings of the Hydrologic cycle" continue? The hydrologic cycle is, as you know, the mist that arises from the ocean, goes up into the sky and when the clouds become full, the water comes back down as rain, runs into the rivers, down to the oceans and then back up into the sky. God is an all-wise God.

It is a miracle when a sinner is thirsty and tired of sin, and comes to God and drinks of the water of life; then he is fully satisfied.

— Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, Nov. 7, 1976

THE MIRACLE OF WATER

Gen. 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.

Job 37:16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

Isa. 40:12 Who (God) hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span.

Psa. 33:1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Gen. 2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

Gen. 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened.

12 And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

Eccl. 1:6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.

7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

John 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water (salvation) that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Memory Verse: Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy. . . without price. Isa. 55:1.

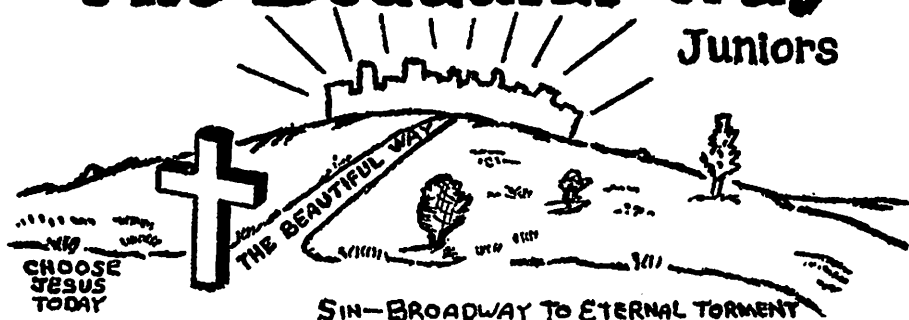
QUESTIONS:

1. What did the firmament do?
2. On what day did God make the firmament?
3. What did God call the dry land?
4. What did He call the gathering of the waters?
5. What did God ask Job?
6. How does God measure the waters?
7. The — — — — — were made by the word of God.
8. Note verse 8 and tell why we should stand in awe before God.
9. How did God water the ground in the beginning?
10. How old was Noah when the flood came?
11. How long did it rain upon the earth?
12. What does the wind do continually?
13. Why isn't the sea full?
14. What water does Jesus give that we shall never thirst?
15. Must we have money to buy the water of life?

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Part Seven

Nov. 14

God's Protection

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Mr. Peter Jacobs and another Christian Indian give the story of how God answered prayer and spared John Sunday from being killed by a bear. "The afternoon was calm and beautiful; and as we had had a good rest and were afraid the wind might rise, we rowed the canoe all night. At sunrise the next morning we attempted to land and eat breakfast, but the water was so shallow we could not, without having to wade a distance. The beach was of bright sand and the sun had been up about two hours, when I saw an object moving on the shore. It appeared to be a man; and as we neared it, it appeared to motion to us. We were wearied and hungry, but thinking the stranger was in danger or suffering, we pulled on toward him. How surprised we were when we found him to be an enormous bear. He was seated on the ground, and what we thought his gestures were his motions in raising himself on his hind legs to pull berries from a high bush, and with his paws filled, sitting down again. Thus he continued enjoying his fresh fruit. On we pulled and forgot our hunger and weariness. The bear still continued eating his

breakfast. We got as close in shore as possible and John Sunday taking my gun, a double barrel, leaped into the water and ran to the shore. Some dead brushwood lay between John and the bear. The bear now discovered us; and John not seeing him for the dead brush ran along the beach toward the bear. The weariness from rowing all night, and being so long without breakfast, and the excitement of seeing the bear, probably disturbed my presence of mind, for I remembered now that the gun was loaded with heavy duck-shot only, and you might as well meet a bear with peas. We knew that John was in danger, and we strained at our paddles; but as the bear was a very large one, and we had no other fire-arms than the gun John had, we would have been poor help to John in the hug of a wounded bear. The bear was at the other side of the dry brush on the beach. Then John heard the dry branches cracking as the bear came toward him. John dodged into a hollow under a thick bush. The bear passed the dry brush and was coming along the sand, but as he passed by where John lay, bang went the gun. The bear was struck. We saw him leap through the smoke on to the very spot where we last saw John. We held our breath but, instead of the cry of agony

we expected, BANG, went the gun again! John was not yet caught. Our canoe rushed through the water. We might yet be in time. But my paddle fell from my hand, as I saw John pop head and shoulders above a bush, and with a shout of praise point to the side of the log he was standing on. There was the bear, dead. We were indeed thankful to God, the Great Preserver of life who said in the Bible, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." *Psa. 34:7.*

"A few days later we were rowing in our birch canoe on a windy day. The waves were very big and we had to keep bailing water out of the canoe or we would have soon sunk. About an hour and a half from where we had camped for the night, a wave struck us and half filled the canoe. We ran into the bay, bailed out and again turned to the lake. We were wet and cold from the wind. After rowing for some time a big wave struck us and over we went. When I rose to the surface I found the canoe bottom side up and John sitting on top. I held on to the side toward the front and the old Indian man, who was with us was on the other side about mid way back. I said to John, 'We die now.' 'Yes,' replied John. 'We certainly die now.' I advised the men not to attempt swimming to shore as the water was so cold that they would faint and drown. We were about two miles from land. They promised to hold on, trusting that we would soon drift to shore.

"The old Indian was getting exhausted, I asked him if he was prepared to meet his God? He said: 'I have prayed to Him long, long ago. I have faith that God will take care of us.' I then felt myself getting weak. I committed myself and my family into God's care and was at peace knowing there was nothing more that I could do. I told John that I felt I was drowning, and that he must, if he could, save his own life. He replied that he had

no wish to live; that if we were drowned that he would be drowned also. We all prayed and prayed knowing that if God was not finished with our lives then all the water in the lake could not drown us. We were God's and God's will must be done. Just as it seemed there was no hope, God let a big wave bring one of the paddles within John's reach. Soon we were nearing the shore. As we at last came to shore, thankfulness to God was our uppermost feeling. As soon as the old Indian man was made comfortable as possible, lying on the makeshift bed under some bushes, we knelt down on the beach and returned thanks to God for His care in sparing our lives."

(to be continued)

The Chief Changes

Tenagibachak was another chief, who it was Mr. Rundle's great joy to bring to the Saviour. He was an Assiniboine chief and lived among the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Before his conversion he was a warrior and believed in having two or more wives at the same time. When he became a Christian he gave up his warlike habits and accepted the New Testament teaching of having only one wife. As his tribe was constantly in danger from invasions by their hereditary enemies the Blackfeet, Mr. Rundle one day asked Tenagibachak what he would now do if attacked by the Blackfeet?

To this question he replied: "If the Blackfeet stay away, they will never again be attacked by us. With them we are willing to live in peace and quietness. But our new religion has not made cowards of us, and so if they attack us, they will find that we can fight as well as pray." — Sel.

Who did you do a good deed for today? Jesus saw you and was happy about it.



Dear Boys and Girls:

What a great God we are serving. He is so great that there are many things God created that we do not understand. The Bible says "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong unto us and our children." Deut. 29:29. So we know God has a lot of secrets and they belong to God. There are some things God has revealed unto us and we can rejoice and glory in them.

When we look at the sun and the moon and realize that God created them, we surely do thank and praise Him. Light is such a great miracle. We do not understand all about it but we do know some things. We do know that God is the source of all light. Most of the light that we need comes from the sun. Fire gives off light. Stars give off light and are called luminous. Electrical sparks, lightning, some plants and animals, certain kinds of bacteria and mushrooms give off luminous light. The familiar firefly is well known for luminous light. The moon is not a luminous object. The light in the moon is produced by the sun and is only reflected by the moon. The sun is 93 million miles from the earth. Every day that the sun shines and light reaches us is a miracle. It takes 8 1/3 minutes

for the light rays to reach us after they leave the sun. Here again we see God's wisdom and greatness. Read Psa. 19:1-6, about the sun's circuit. The sun, with its entire solar system moves at a speed of 600,000 miles per hour in such a gigantic orbit that it requires over two million centuries to complete it. The speed of light in a vacuum is about 186,000 miles per second. Both God and light are glorious.

God created every plant, tree, herb, and grass on the third day. Since light is a form of energy and can produce either chemical or physical changes, the plants needed light to grow and develop. One of the most important chemical reactions to light is the chemical change in green plants. In this reaction, water and carbon dioxide unite to form sugar and oxygen when light falls on the green leaves. This chemical reaction will cause the changes we see in the leaves.

Remember that God made the plant first and filled it with seeds. The elm tree produces 1,580 million seeds and each seed has the power to produce the same amount. These sums are too immense for the human mind to understand!

The Bible is full of references of the glories of God's creation. The Apostle Paul speaks of the "glory of the sun. . . of the moon, and. . . of the stars." I Cor. 15:41. The sun is compared to Christ. Mal. 4:2. The man who trusted in the Lord is compared to a tree that is planted by the waters and is green even in the heat and never ceases to yield fruits of righteousness. Jer. 17:7,8; Rev. 22:1,2; Psa. 1:3. We want to bring forth good fruits and we can if we let the Sun of righteousness live in our hearts and guide our lives. — Aunt Marie

Note to Oklahomans: A well reported source says that there are more native trees (141 species) living in Oklahoma than in all of Europe.

GOD SPOKE AND IT WAS DONE

Gen. 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind; and God saw that it was good.

13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.

Luke 6:44 (Jesus said) For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

Gen. 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth,

18 And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

Psa. 74:16 The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Psa. 8:3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

Heb. 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

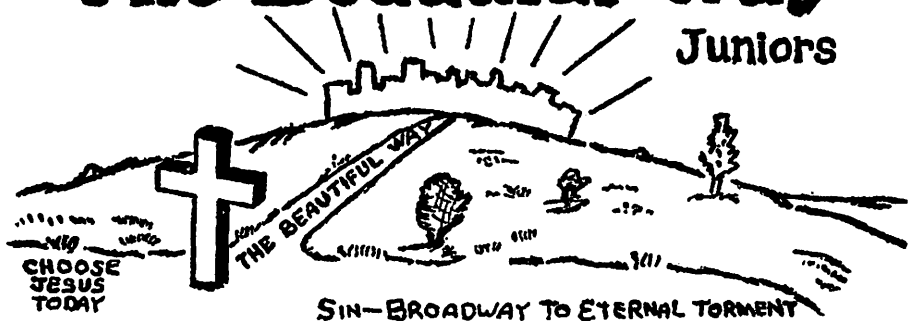
Memory Verse: For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast. Psa. 33:9.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who made the grass, herbs and trees?
2. What does "after his kind" mean?
3. On what day were these things created?
4. By what do we know a tree?
5. What does a good man bring forth out of his heart?
6. Explain what "of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" means.
7. Tell what the lights of heaven are to do.
8. What are the two great lights God made?
9. On what day were the lights created?
10. Do you know the day and night are God's? (Psa. 74:16)
11. Explain what the Psalmist meant in Psalms 8:3,4.
12. How was Jesus made a little lower than the angels?
13. By the grace of God what did Jesus do?
14. What does the memory verse tell us about the power of God?

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Part Eight

Nov. 21

Maskepetoon Forgives

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The Holy Spirit led Mr. Evans to make a move farther into Canada, near Winnipeg. True to his mission for the Lord, Mr. Evans held prayers each night and morning with the canoe men at the campfires, and from the beginning of the journey endeavoured to exercise over them an influence for good. Being a good singer, and now quite well able to speak the Indian dialect, he had very little trouble in making the gospel plain to the Indians. After some weeks traveling in the canoe with his wife and daughter they arrived at the Fort where they were to live. With his accustomed energy and tact he began his work with a different tribe of Indians.

The Crees, who claim all this vast region, are of the great Algonquin race. They are the finest of the tribes, both in appearance and intelligence. Their religion is a kind of devil-worship. They believe in the Kissa-Manetto, and the Muche-Manetto, the good God, and the evil one. Their belief was, that the good God loves them and that all that is pleasant and desirable are His gifts. He cannot be otherwise than kind to them because it is His nature. He sends not only the

sunshine, and the welcome shower, but He is so interested in them that He guides the fish into their nets, and the otters and the beavers into their traps. On the other hand the evil one is ever at work to cause trouble. He hates to see people happy, and his wicked mind is ever active to try and find means to defeat the kindly actions of the Kissa-Manetto to make the people happy. Some of them believe that the evil one is much afraid of the Great Spirit, and so has to keep out of His way, and thus he tries to do his evil deeds in the dark. Some believe that this influence of the good over the evil is so great, that all their sacrifices and dances and drummings were to please the Great Spirit. Others have such ill will toward the evil one, that they have among them a kind of devil-worship. Their explanation to me was, that it was to calm the anger, or at least produce indifference in the evil one, so that he would leave them alone.

Their belief of the highest bliss on earth was to be completely let alone by the evil one, and thus to be always under the care and guidance of the good God. Many of them also believe in what they call Wind-egoods, strange gigantic creatures half demon and half man. The poor superstitious creatures who believe in their ex-

istence say that they are so large that as they stalk along they brush the pine-trees aside as easily as ordinary mortals move the grass. These Windegoos are cannibals, and to them are attributed the disappearance of hunters and others who go off on the long journeys and never return. When we questioned this and said that perhaps the reason why some who had mysteriously disappeared was that they were lost in the rapids, or killed by wild animals, we were always met by the reply, "O no, it could not have been that. The Windegoos caught them and devoured them." And then they would shudder at the thought.

Another belief quite common is what is called good and bad medicine. The word "medicine" in their religion has an entirely different meaning than what we give it. They associate "good medicine," or "bad medicine" with many of the affairs of life. If a hunter's success fails him, they say his good medicine has deserted him. So he must go through a lot of ceremonies himself, and get a magician or medicine-man to make "good medicine" for him in order that his success many once more return.

As soon as Mr. Evans established the work at Norway House, he began his great journeys over the country. In his travels he became a favorite with everyone. Even Maskepetoon, an Indian chief, whom I had often seen on his return from battle with scalps from the heads of his slaughtered enemies, took a great liking for Mr. Evans although he had not yet become a Christian.

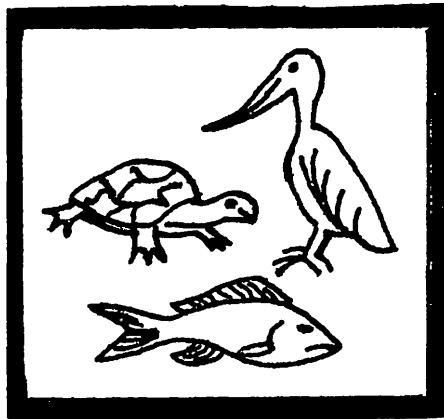
The tribes of the plains in those days were all very warlike. To secure the scalps of their enemies, and to steal their horses, were the great objects of their lives. When Maskepetoon and other chiefs in council first heard of Christianity, they seemed quite interested in it, but when they learned that it taught peace and the forgiveness of their en-

emies, they rejected it with scorn, and said that such a religion was only fit for old women. Maskepetoon's words were: "I'll never be a Christian as long as there is a scalp to take, or a horse to steal from the Blackfeet." He was a nice looking man physically, and was keen and intelligent, but he had before his conversion, a way of showing his unlimited authority and uncontrollable temper. The way he treated one of his wives clearly showed this. Her name was Susewisk. One day she happened to do something that aroused his temper. Suddenly rushing at her, he drew his knife and scalped her alive. Strange to say, she survived the dreadful ordeal, and lived for years.

THE THANK OFFERING

In Bible times when time came to harvest the grapes from the vineyards, many gathered in and soon they were put in the winepress. The grapes were trampled to press out the juice. Maybe some would be spread out in the sun to dry and make raisins. If you would ask the vineyard keeper about the grapes that were set apart he would say, "They are the best of the fruit. They will be my thank offering to God."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Did you forget to pray last night?
Did you forget to pray this morning?

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Evolve means for something to develop gradually. Scientists and school teachers in your biology class will tell you that it took billions and billions of years for the flowers, grasses, trees and grains to "evolve" slowly and gradually into being, independently of the bee, upon whom they must rely for their continuation of life. So which came first, the bee or flowers, corn, and other plants? The bee carries pollen from one flower and one corn stalk to the other. The only way that the yucca flower can be cross-pollinated is by the yucca moth, so if the only place the yucca moth lays its eggs is in the seed pods of the yucca, and if the only feed that the larvae of the moth can feed on is the growing yucca seeds, how does evolution explain it? The yucca could not have been evolved first; because even if a yucca plant had evolved without the moth, it would not have reproduced; so the first plant would have died out. If the moth had come first, it would not have had any place to lay its eggs, so it would have died out. Boys and girls, the evolution that you are taught in school is false. Scientists, biologists and atheists admit there are some blank spaces in evolution, but there are no blank spaces in the account of the beginning in the Bible. In the beginning God created a full grown world and a full grown man. They began to operate together and are perfect in design and order. They are doing the same today. Do not let men cause you to not believe what the Bible teaches. Let what they say go in one ear and out the other, so to speak. They are trying to explain some of God's secrets. Those secrets belong to God. Only the things that are revealed to us in the Bible belong to us. Deut. 29:29. The scientists can't answer which came first, the chicken or the egg.

They try to laugh it off with a scoff but the question is better than the scientist's point of view.

God's law from the beginning was that animals and plant life bring forth "after their kind," and this is a law of God that cannot be broken by man. Cows bring forth cows, sheep bring forth sheep, trees bring forth seeds and the seeds bring forth trees like their seeds; fish bring forth the exact kind of fish that laid the eggs. There are hundreds of different varieties within a certain species. There might be small, medium or large dogs but they are all dogs. They are not cats, horses and are not even showing a trend toward being anything but dogs. Let us believe the Bible and not believe that things evolved or gradually came into existence. God created them in the beginning and told them to bring forth after their kind and they are still doing so today.

We brought out in our lesson about how God told the Israelites to choose a lamb without blemish so that when the death angel, or the destroyer, passed over their houses, they would be saved. Today, Jesus is that Lamb and when we have Him in our hearts the devil (the destroyer) can't cast us into hell and into everlasting death.

— Aunt Marie

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Lesson 8, Nov. 21, 1976

GOD'S CREATION AND THE LAMB

Gen. 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters

in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Eccl. 3:20 All (man and beast) go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

21 Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?

Ex. 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

23 For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will. . . not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Rev. 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood

out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

II Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Luke 13:32 And he (Jesus) said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, (of crafty nature) Behold, I cast out devils, and do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.

Memory Verse: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40:31.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God tell the waters to bring forth?
2. What else did God create besides the creatures in the sea?
3. On what day did God create these things?
4. What things did God create next?
5. Of what are man and beast made?
6. What happens to the spirit of man?
7. What happens to the spirit of the beast?
8. Tell what was required in the lamb that was to be used to keep the death angel away.
9. Where was the blood to be sprinkled?
10. Who did John say was the lamb of God?
11. Who fell down before the Lamb?
12. What was the new song they sung?
13. If a man is in Christ Jesus, what is he?
14. What happens to old things when one is a new creature in Christ Jesus?

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Part Nine

Nov. 28

Dog Sleds

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Mr. Evans, now being in northern Canada, and it being quite cold most of the time, it was necessary to use dog sleds for transportation. His desire to get the Gospel to all who would hear, required that he take many long trips by dog-sled. The four dogs Mr. Evans had, looked very much like the large northern wolves. They never lost their wolfish nature. Only their owner and one or two of his Indian drivers could manage them. They had to be chained up each night at the close of the day's work. The dogs were faithful and so were the Indians who guided them. The guides would run in front of the dogs, to lead the way as there was no road to follow. The daylight hours in the summer time would last about sixteen to twenty hours each day. The winter days were very short, with only a few hours of daylight. Many times in the winter the snow would put off a bright glare that was hard on the eyes. The dogs would get sore feet from running on the ice and at night they would complain by coming to the guide, lying down on their backs and putting all four feet up in the air, groaning and crying almost like a child. The har-

ness of the dogs was made out of well tanned moose skin, and generally each collar had three or four little bells on it. The dogs were very fond of these bells and one of the ways they punished some dogs was to deprive them of their bells.

When going on a long journey of several hundred miles, it was necessary for the comfort of all, that everything essential be well packed on the sleds. They must, when making up their loads, remember that they were going into a country where no stores were found along the route, there would be no hotels or comfortable homes for them to enter at the end of the long, hard journey.

To provide for all emergencies, and be able to live in the cold country and sleep out in the snow, it required several well packed sleds, consisting of an abundance of food, the fattest that could be obtained, with a good supply of tea and sugar. Then of course, they must carry the kettles in which to cook the meals, and a number of tin plates and cups, with knives and forks. For their faithful dogs they must carry sufficient frozen white fish to be able to give two a day to each dog, for the whole journey.

The bedding was also an important matter, as perhaps they might not see a house

in which to sleep for weeks. They must be prepared to sleep in a hole dug in the snow wherever night overtook them. They might be fortunate enough to get into a spruce or balsam forest, where the trees could guard them from the wind and the branches be used as their bed. This, however, was not always the case. The day's journey might end by finding the party in some open wind-swept place, where there was but little material to make a shield against the fury of the snow and storms. Camp was made when night fell, as all were tired after a long day's run over the ice and snow. The big snowshoes made good shovels and with these, the light, dry snow was speedily thrown out from a space ten feet square. This was the abode of the party for the night. The snow was piled up on banks on three sides, while on the fourth side, a fire was started with the dry logs or brush that could be found. Supper was then started and while it cooked, the dogs were fed frozen fish. Long experience had shown that a good meal of two white fish at night, for each dog, kept them in better health than feeding them even two meals a day. Some dogs get so that they will refuse food at any other time of day. At times, in their nervous anxiety, while waiting for their fish, which was thawing on a log by the fire, fights began among them, and as one dog after another joined in, it became quite a battle. But it was always noticed that dogs that had toiled in the same trains, very seldom quarrelled with each other. After being fed, they went and dug holes in the snow and cuddled down to sleep and shiver through the bitter, cold night as best they could.

Sometimes, when the night was intensely cold, which was generally the case, the meat would freeze up two or three times during the meal. When this would occur, it would have to be plunged for a minute or two into the boiling pot, kept specially ready for this emergency.

When it was colder than forty below zero, the ice would form on a pint cup of tea in a few minutes after it was poured out of the boiling pot. Many indeed were the cold nights thus endured, so all were thankful for the roaring log fire.

After supper they had prayers. The Indians were bright and joyous and full of pleasantry. Mr. Evans, himself one of the most joyous of men, would never take with him the second time, a dog-traveller or guide, no matter how capable he was in doing his work, who was gloomy or sullen in his disposition. Serving the Lord with gladness himself, he wanted that kind of men around him. But when after supper the words were uttered: "Let us worship God," all talking and laughing ceased, and reverently and devoutly they all, with uncovered heads, seated themselves around their beloved missionary, who always led the service. A portion of the Word of God, newly translated into their musical Cree language would be read, then a familiar hymn would be sung, and, devoutly kneeling, first one and then another of these happy converted Indians would lead in prayer. Then Mr. Evans would offer the closing petitions and pronounce the benediction in their own language, and the precious devotions were at an end.

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HELP SAVE OTHERS

A man in a boat saw another man drowning, but he didn't row towards him; he didn't reach out to help him. He just sat still and calmly looked at the man in his death struggle.

"That was an awful thing for that man to do," you say. Yes, it seems that the man would have wanted to help him but he didn't. But we see people around us doing wrong. Are we helping them to know about Jesus who will save them from hell?

— M. Miles

Maskepetoon Forgives

Yet this is the same Maskepetoon, who in after years listened to a sermon at a camp-fire from the text, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." He pondered all night over the love of the Son of God in forgiving His enemies, and the missionary's words: "If you expect the Great Spirit to forgive you, you must forgive even the man that has done you the greatest harm." The next day he forgave the man who had killed his son. Ever afterward Maskepetoon was a devoted, humble, useful Christian. The gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth."

Mother is your best friend. She loves you and will help you in every way that she knows how. Always tell Mother everything. She can help you know what is the best thing for you to do. She can help you know what to say or how to face other boys and girls who do you wrong. She can pray for you and will love you always. Love her and help her. Some day you may not have a mother.

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Never take any strong dope. It will ruin your health and displease God.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Let us remember that God made a full grown world in the beginning, full grown plants, animals and a full grown man and a full grown woman. God didn't need a billion years for man to evolve from a "simple" life. People do not want to admit that only God can give life. God spoke and it came to pass. God has all power. At school, your teachers have to go by the books that ungodly men have written. But you know better than they because the Bible is true. Jesus has said that if you didn't believe the writings of Moses you didn't believe in him. John 5: 47. Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible.

God created man in his own image and likeness. This does not mean in His physical image because the Bible says that "God is a spirit." John 4:24. Jesus tells us that a spirit does not have flesh and bones. Luke 24:39. Man was created different than the animals. God gave man intelligence and a mind. God gave man a right or freedom of choice. He can serve God or not serve Him. God also caused every boy, girl, man, and woman to know about what is right and what is wrong. That makes every person responsible for his own deeds. God, in the beginning, created Adam and Eve holy and pure. We will study later how they lost the purity and holiness, also how sinners can regain it.

God told man to replenish the earth. That is a miracle in itself. God's plan was beautiful and holy. Only wicked boys, girls, men, and women have brought God's plan of bringing children into the world down to a low level. Never speak of God's beautiful holy plan in a filthy way. It's never filthy (only as sin makes it so). We must not think of it in that way.

God made us with a body and soul or spirit. We have a body that will die and a spirit within us that will never die. The body will go back to dust but the soul will live on forever. We have the choice of where we will live after death.

— Aunt Marie

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Lesson 9, Nov. 28, 1976

GOD'S CROWNING CREATION

Gen. 1:26a And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: . . .

Gen. 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Gen. 2:21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen. 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28a And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it. . .

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

Acts 17:28 For in him (God) we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your poets have said, For we are his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

Col. 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Eph. 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Prov. 20:27a The Spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts. . . .

II Cor. 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

Memory Verse: I will praise thee: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Psal. 139:14

QUESTIONS:

1. How did God make man?
2. In whose image was man made?
3. What did God take out of man to make a woman?
4. What did God tell Adam and Eve to do?
5. What did God give to the beasts of the earth, and the fowls to eat?
6. In whom do we live, and move, and have our being?
7. Do you know what the word "offspring" means?
8. If we are God's offspring, should we think of God as being an idol?
9. What is the new man renewed in?
10. Another verse tells us the new man is — — — — — in righteousness and true — — — — — .
11. What is the spirit of man?
12. What does it do?
13. Which part of us is renewed day by day?
14. What part of us will perish?
15. How did the Psalmist say we were made?

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Part Ten

Dec. 5

Night in a Wintry Camp

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One of the favorite hymns which Mr. Evans and his Indian dog-drivers used to sing at their evening devotions, before they retired for the night, was the Cree translation of the Evening Hymn.

There they were, out in the dreary forest in that hole, scooped out in the snow. No roof had they above them but the starry heavens, no walls on three sides of them but those snow banks, which their snowshoes had thrown up. The fire blazing so brightly in front of them, would, unless constantly renewed, soon go out. Yet they had to pass the long cold night with the temperature ranging anywhere from forty to sixty below zero. So no wonder if with a consciousness of their need of the watchful care of the ever-loving Almighty Friend, they would ask His presence, and His protection.

As they rose up from their devotions, the devoted Indian attendants said, "Now missionary, if you will get ready, we will make your bed, and then tuck you in." No traveller ever had more loyal and devoted attendants than were these loving Christian Indians. They were alive to the many dangers that were likely to hap-

pen to such travelling by day and night, and were quick to meet every emergency. The way they made the bed for the missionary is about as follows:

First, they spread out a large buffalo skin on the ground in this so-called camp, from which most of the snow had been removed. On this robe a large blanket was laid. The pillow was then so placed that the feet of the missionary would be toward the fire. While the men were making the bed, the missionary had been preparing himself to occupy it. There was no disrobing before retiring to rest, in such a bedroom, and in such an atmosphere. On the contrary the Missionary very gladly put on a large amount of additional clothing.

A fur bag into which to crawl was at one time quite popular, but it has been much discarded of late. Fur boots reaching up to the body, and large enough to be pulled on over the moccasins, leggins and pants, were very comfortable. A fur or heavy blanket coat, with well-lined hood to draw over the large fur cap was also needed, then fur mittens for the hands and perhaps a heavy Scottish plaid wound round and round the body, generally completed the outfit. The next operation was to get into this bed already described.

When the missionary had lain down, the Indians at once completed their work. Over the already well packed man, a couple of blankets and large fur robe were thrown. Then they began the process of tucking him in. No loving mother ever more tenderly or thoroughly tucked in her child in his crib than those experienced Indians tucked in their beloved missionary. The operation was very satisfactory at first, as they began at the feet and gradually worked up to the head. When, however, the head was reached they proceeded to cover it too. This, of course, was very trying to an inexperienced white man, as there is such a sense of suffocation which is not entirely removed even by the assuring words of the faithful Indians, who inform the sufferer that although he thinks he is going to die, yet he will manage to survive. However, in spite of those assuring words he found it extremely difficult to breathe packed in as he was under the heavy covering and if the night was unusually cold, tucked in under his shoulders. But trying as it is for the person to sleep without his accustomed number of cubic feet of fresh air, there is no case on record of any missionary having thus been suffocated, although Mr. Evans and others found it quite an ordeal to accustom themselves to sleep after this fashion.

The experienced Indians, well knowing the dangers of the winter camp, generally warn the missionary to keep as quiet as possible, while thus almost buried beneath his heavy coverings. When questioned as to the reasons of this special care, the answer given was, "You may disarrange the clothing while you are asleep, and so let in the cold air; and then you may freeze to death without awakening." This was serious information, and is apt to make the missionary careful.

This was easy to see from the fact that one night a missionary subconsciously uncovered his face, doubtless on account of

the natural longing for fresh air. When a little later he fully awoke to consciousness, he found himself pulling away at something he at first thought was the end of an axe-handle, but which he soon discovered was his frozen nose!

Strange as it may seem, a fall of snow is like an additional blanket on a none-too-warm bed on a cold, wintry night. The question has been asked, who tucks in the faithful Indians who have been so considerate and thoughtful about their missionary? Accustomed as they were to their primitive way of sleeping, from long practice, they have become very skillful in so rolling themselves up, each in a single blanket that it seems as though not a particle of air was able to reach them. They were brought up in a moss bag, were lashed to a board when babies, and had to keep still, so an Indian very seldom stirs in his sleep from the moment he lies down, until he springs up, refreshed and full of energy in the morning.

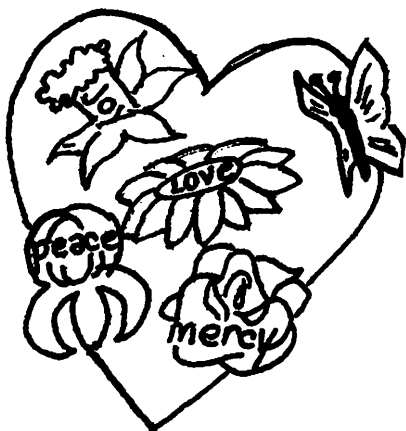
At times Mr. Evans and his dog-drivers were exposed to the attacks of the great northern gray wolves. Fortunately, they seldom went in packs larger than seven or eight. When their howling was heard, additional wood was put on the fire, which was kept burning as long as they were troublesome. It was a fortunate thing for missionaries and other travellers, that those bloodthirsty brutes were afraid of fire. Still, it was ever necessary to be on guard when their mournful blood-curdling howlings were heard.

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Many have become drunkards because they would not take a dare. Many have been put in jail because they would not take a dare. Many have stolen, lied, smoked tobacco, danced (which led to wrong actions, etc.) because they would not take a dare. It's better to be made fun of or be shunned than take a chance of getting into trouble.

If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



The Garden in Your Heart
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Dear Boys and Girls:

What a beautiful garden it must have been that God made for Adam! I am sure that none of us have seen anything quite so beautiful. It was full of every kind of beautiful flowers, bushes, trees, vegetables, and ferns. Nothing that was lovely was left out. God didn't make the garden for Adam to just sit and enjoy, but he told him to take care of it. Work is healthy for everyone. God doesn't like laziness. An idle brain is the devil's workshop. God wants us to be busy and then when night comes, He wants us to rest. He has made everything just right, if we will live according to his rules.

Notice, that God put two trees in that garden. One was the tree of life and the other was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. After Adam sinned he knew the vast difference between good and evil and felt its pain.

Man sinned and spoiled the plan God made for man in the garden; but God had

another plan. God put the garden in man. In our lesson, notice that the "soul shall be as a watered garden." Through Christ, God planted a garden in our hearts. When we come to Jesus and confess our sins, and with godly sorrow ask Him to forgive us, He does. We then have a garden planted in our souls. We become a "planting of the Lord," and "trees of righteousness." We can bring forth fruit that will please the Lord. We have in us a "well of water springing up into everlasting life." That is what Jesus told the woman who had come to the well to draw water. Jesus told her that He could give her water so that she would never thirst. This everlasting water was salvation and would bring peace to her longing soul. Every boy and girl, man and woman was created with a longing for God. They may try to get that longing quenched, by going here or there, but only God can fill that longing.

Our hearts can be full of the graces of God and the fruit of love, joy, peace, gentleness, and other fruits grow in the garden of our hearts. God looks at the kindness that you show to others, and that makes Him happy. When you are gentle, He blesses you. He sends "showers of blessings" upon you. How wonderful it is to be the Lord's, and when the "north wind" of trouble comes, the Lord blesses and helps us. — Aunt Marie

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Lesson 10, Dec. 5, 1976

GOD'S GARDEN

Gen. 2:8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9 And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

12 And the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone.

15 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Jer. 31:12 (Prophecy) Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

Isa. 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Isa. 58:11 And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

Ezek. 34:26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be show-ers of blessing.

John 4:14 (Prophecy fulfilled) But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the wa-

ter that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

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

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Song of Sol. 4:16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

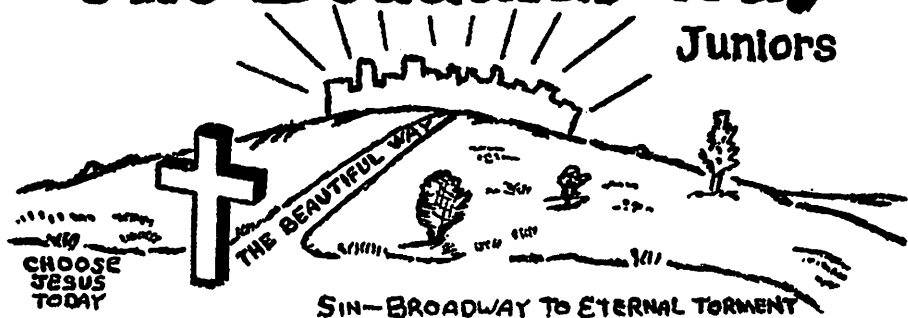
Memory Verse: Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did God plant a garden?
2. Who did God put in the garden?
3. Tell about the trees that grew in the garden.
4. What did God tell the man to do in the garden?
5. Could they eat of every tree in the garden?
6. What did God say would happen when they ate of the forbidden tree?
7. What was the prophecy given to those in Zion?
8. What were they to have for ashes, for mourning, for the spirit of heaviness?
9. They were to be called, the trees of — — — — —.
10. Name the five blessings mentioned in Isaiah 58:11.
11. To whom will the blessings be given mentioned in Ezekiel 34:26?
12. What kind of water did Jesus say He would give?
13. Name the fruits of the spirit.
14. Is there a law against these fruits?
15. How do we glorify our Father in heaven?

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Part Eleven

Dec. 12

Night in a Wintry Camp

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He had some fierce encounters with blizzard storms, and at these times it was extremely difficult to find the way. A blizzard is very different from an ordinary snowstorm. It may come on while the sky is cloudless and the sun is shining with undimmed splendor. It must be remembered that where the winters are very cold the snow does not freeze, but is light and dry and feathery. A blizzard storm consists of a high wind which lifts up and drives before it this light dry snow. So full does the air become of it that often it is impossible for those so unfortunate as to be caught out in it to see a dozen feet in any direction. Trails, paths, or roads, whatever there may have been of this kind, were soon covered up. This makes it very hard for anyone but the most experienced guides, to keep from becoming frightened and lost.

These blizzards often come up very suddenly and are as apt to occur by night as by day. At midnight the stars may be shining in the heavens with rare beauty, and in one short hour a blizzard storm may be howling through the forest, or over the lakes and prairies like a fierce mon-

ster after his prey. Then indeed it is far from pleasant in the wintry camp. The banks of snow they worked so hard to shovel with the snowshoes were instantly caught up in the maddening gale and whirled in every direction. The fire that may have been burning brightly is extinguished by its fury, so that where the bright blaze shed its light and warmth around, the pitiless storm has smothered all and piled up a drift of snow, like a great winding sheet.

Fortunate was it for Mr. Evans and his companions if they were so completely covered up that they could comfortably lie still and let the blizzard howl and rage above them. Strange as it may appear this was quite possible to do, and many a missionary party since has slept out in the woods during these terrific storms. Warm and safe under their heavy blankets and robes, the howlings of the blizzards have only been to them as lullabies, and they have rested and slept as comfortably as though in their happy homes.

The getting up in the mornings, however, was not always comfortable, after one of these night storms. Everything was buried under the snow. Even the dogs had to be searched for and dug out. From the spot where the fire had blazed

the night before, the snow had to be cleared away, and fresh wood had to be cut and a new fire made. Snowshoes, dog harness, sleds and various other things had to be searched for, and dug out from the drifts. Breakfast similar to the supper of the previous night, was quickly cooked and eaten by the half frozen company, who, although all busy, found it hard work to keep from shivering. Prayers followed, and then the dogs were harnessed, the loads tied on the sleds, and the journey was resumed.

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Talking Birch Bark

Mr. Evans was now in an area where the Indians did not have a written language and had made it hard for them to understand that the Bible was for them as well as the white man. He preached to the Indians the best he could about the Bible being the bread of life, but they had no idea of what bread was. They lived on fish, deer, or bear meat. So "Give us this day our daily bread," as written in the Lord's prayer, was without meaning to them. Mr. Evans translated it to "Meyenan anooch kakesekak kaoche pe mah teseyak," which is "Give us this day something to keep us in life." The missionary would at times try to teach them how to read English but because they were always moving to new hunting grounds, it was a hopeless task. Mr. Evans was troubled in spirit and mourned over them not being able to read the Bible for themselves.

While pondering over this matter and making it the subject of much prayer, there flashed into his mind this thought: "Why cannot a simpler, easier method of learning to read be invented, than our old, slow, cumbersome one with the alphabet?" Believing that the Lord was with him in the thought, he set to work. His first work was to study the language, to find the number and character of the sounds used by the best speakers in the

tribe. He soon found that its principal sounds were thirty-six in number, and that with some slight changes, a few affixes, the whole language could be expressed.

The next thing was to make his invention of practical value. Thus far what had been done in the way of experimenting was not good for wide usage. So the next thing was to get it into type. There was no type, no paper, no ink, no press, not even a building to work in. With hopes of teaching the Indians to read the Word of God he set to work with the limited materials he could find. God was surely backing this work. The material he used for the manufacture of his type were the thin sheets of lead which are found in the tea chests. These, he begged from the fur traders, who sell large quantities of tea to the Indians. Having carefully carved out little models of his characters, he made casts of them in soft clay, and then pouring into these moulds the melted lead, he made type. He made his ink out of the soot of the chimneys mixed with fish oil. He had no paper, and so had to be content with birch bark as a substitute. It did better than a person would first imagine it would. He then manufactured his own printing press. The beauty of these Syllabic Characters is that they can be learned so easily, and then, when this is accomplished, the art of reading by them, is only a matter of a very few days of study. Each character is a syllable, as the name indicates, so there are just as many characters in a word as there are syllables. All then that is necessary for the Indians, from the boys and girls of six or eight years of age, up to the old men and women of ninety, is just to master the syllabic alphabet, and then begin to read. There is no spelling required. No first book or second book; no long lessons to memorize. Then there is no cross teacher to say to the class, "I am sorry so many words were spelled wrong." The first words a six year old boy or girl

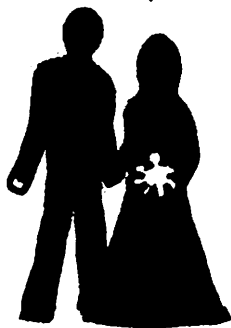
would learn to spell would be LL = Mama, and << = Papa. How strange this sounded to the boys and girls, being able to read easily and correctly, without ever having to spell a word.

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Daddy works hard every day. He loves you and will help you in things that you need help in. Tell him all about the boy or girl who treats you badly. Daddy will help you to know how to treat that bad boy or girl. Daddy will pray for you. He loves you very much. Love Daddy and pray for Daddy.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

*Till Death
do us part*



Dear Boys and Girls:

In a few years you will be seriously thinking of marriage. Now you are to be carefree and enjoy your years of development. Don't let your emotions be disturbed by thinking of the boys or girls anymore than just friends. Mistakes have been made because boys and girls at a very early age liked a certain boy or girl very much and it has caused them great troubles. Wait until you are older to face that great task of liking one more

than another. You might think that it won't hurt you but it has hurt others and it could hurt you, so please be careful. When you are older there will be plenty of time to pick out a close friend. It is your business now to prepare yourself to be a good husband or a good wife. You should start now and when the time comes for you to choose someone you will be better able to do so. To face marriage and have a successful life you must have God with you, so keep saved.

The Bible tells just what God expects of you when you are to be a husband or a wife. You might think the time is so far away that you don't need to think about it, but you need to know what the Bible teaches on all subjects. So think of it in that way. You may see mistakes of others around you, and if you take note of them, they can be a warning so you will not make the same mistake. One man said he used to crawl up on the bed beside his mother, while she was crying because his daddy had talked hateful to her, and he said if the Lord ever gave him a wife he didn't want to talk hateful and then leave her crying. So, boys and girls, be kind to your mother and father now and that will help you become a good husband or wife.

If you were going to go into a business that would involve thousands of dollars you would be sure that you made the right move. Someday, you will face marriage, now is the time to find out what God has said about it. First, we notice that God wanted Adam to have a help meet so he created Eve, because it was not good for Adam to be alone. Notice that God "brought her" to Adam. That is like the father walking down the aisle of the chapel taking the bride to the bridegroom. Adam was full of love and said that she was "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." She was to be treated like he would treat himself. Also, our lesson teaches us that Jesus is

against divorce and refers them to that first marriage. So when a person marries, it is for life. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 11, Dec. 12, 1976

THE FIRST MARRIAGE

Gen. 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

22 And the rib, (Adam's), which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Matt. 19:3 The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

4 And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,

5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

6 Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

7 They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered

you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.

9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.

I Cor. 7:10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.

Memory Verse: What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Mark 10:9.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who named all the cattle?
2. What did God decide man needed?
3. From what did God make a woman?
4. Who is to be "one flesh"?
5. What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus?
6. How did God make them at the beginning?
7. For what cause is a man to leave his father and mother?
8. What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Do you know what this means?
9. Why did Moses allow divorces?
10. Did God mean for people to get divorces?
11. What sin is committed when a divorced person remarries?
12. What does the Lord command?
13. If a wife does depart, what is she to do?
14. How long is a person to stay married?

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Talking Birch Bark

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Great indeed was the astonishment of the Indians when this discovery was revealed to them. There were different impressions about it all. When those who had become Christians, and had thus broken the claims of superstition, had the method explained to them on their visits to the Mission, they were eager students, and were soon able to read as fast as new copies could be made. Not only this, but they became teachers themselves, and carried to distant hunting camps the knowledge they had acquired, and gladly explained to others this wonderful invention.

With a rude sort of wooden pen, they carefully multiplied copies of the passages of Scripture first given them by Mr. Evans, even before he was able to begin his crude printing operations. These caused intense excitement, as they went from wigwam to wigwam in the wilderness. That birch bark could "talk," and above all, it could talk about the Great Spirit, and say His Words, was indeed a thing of mystery and astonishment. Nothing else for a time could be talked about. The Christian Indians rejoiced,

but the pagan Indians and medicine-men were enraged, and declared that terrible calamities would follow. Superstitious Indians were frightened, and nothing could persuade them to touch the magic birch bark that could talk.

Mr. Evans was indeed grateful to God, to be able to carry out Christ's commission in Luke 16:15-16. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

As spring opened the next year, after the discovery of these characters, and the circulation of portions of Scripture, Mr. Evans was delighted and encouraged by the number of men, women and children, who had, in their faraway hunting grounds, obtained a knowledge of the syllabics, from those who had visited the mission during the previous winter.

What a blessing it was to the Indians to be able to read the Bible and learn of God in their own language and to be able to carry it to their families and friends so far away.

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The love from God to men was so great that the Saviour, after death, rose again.

Almost Like the Heathen

There was great rejoicing in the camp that Mr. Evans visited one day several miles from the Mission station. After the preaching that morning an old Indian man told of how God had visited him.

"O, but I have been a great sinner. I have walked in the dark road! My head is gray like the hilltop in winter, and I shall soon be under the earth. O, I am so thankful that I have heard the good Word of God. I hear with my eyes wide open, and sometimes my heart is very soft when I hear about the love of the Son of God. I think He has been very merciful to me to allow me to survive many of my poor relatives, who are gone to the earth; that I might hear this good news. Christ dying on the cross that I might be forgiven of all my sins, is glad news to me. If I had died before it came, I should certainly have perished! for I have been as you can be sure, a great sinner. But I am now pardoned. O, now I have the gladness in my heart! And it is so good to read God's book. I want to tell others all about how to get forgiven of their sins. I am old, I cannot hunt or fish anymore, but Jesus told Peter, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' (Matt. 4:19). So I too, can tell others of God. I wish now but to see Jesus Christ. I am sure I shall love Him yet more when I see Him. His Spirit tells me I am His. He blesses me daily, and all my heart wishes to serve Him. I wish very very much, that all my poor people everywhere could hear the good words of the Great Spirit before they die."

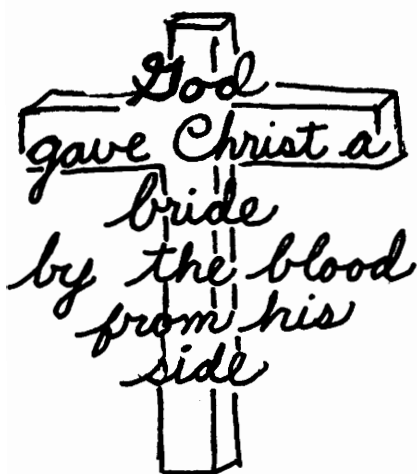
Another Indian told of how he met the Lord Jesus Christ. "Last summer I visited the mission station, when for the first time I heard the news of these good words that Jesus saves from sin. I felt that I was a great sinner, and that I was in darkness and on the broad road to eternal punishment. I learned very little a-

bout Jesus. I heard that I must pray to the Great Spirit through His Son, whose Name I could not remember, although I tried very much to do so. I then came home. I often went back into the wooded swamps and cried very much. O, my heart was very, very heavy! I tried often to pray to the Great Spirit to pity me, a poor Indian. I said, 'Great Spirit, I hear that you wish to save the poor sinner. I wish to pray, but I do not know your Son's name. O, pity me and forgive all my sins and crooked life.' I had no missionary here at that time to teach me as we later did, and I often wept much when I went to bed, and could not sleep, because I had no one to teach me. The Great Spirit did pity me, for He sent me a dream that encouraged me very much. One night last winter I dreamed that I saw two roads. One was very wide and full of white people and Indians; they were very wicked, swearing and fighting. The other road was only a foot-path, and I saw only very few persons following each other's trail; some were singing, and they went very fast and looked very happy. I prayed in my sleep that the Great Spirit would let me go with them. When I awoke I thanked Him for this dream. O, now I have more than a dream to bless me! I now know that the Bible says in Matthew 7:13-14, Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. O, yes, I have my poor heart cheered by the good words. When I pray I am so very, very happy. O, I cannot tell how much I am blessed. I love the Son of God, Jesus Christ. I shall never more forget His great name. I am very happy to be forgiven of my sins."

A few days later Mr. Evans came to another Indian village and preached the Message of Christ. After the message a

white man came to him and told him this story of his life since he had come to this village. "O, Sir, I am a poor forgetful sinner, and have become almost like the heathens; but the words I have heard to-day have awakened me and I asked for forgiveness and God has had mercy on me. It has been more than 30 years since I came to this village and I have not heard one sermon since I came here. God had been forgotten and I went on in my own way and I now can see how much I have grieved the Great Spirit of God. I was a very bad sinner and now God has forgiven me. I am so happy and thankful." A few minutes after he left, his wife came running and asked to be saved. She was deeply touched by the Gospel story of the Son of God dying for her sins. I talked to her and inquired when she intended to pray. She replied, "I began this morning as soon as I heard that I should pray. I did not say very much, I asked God to forgive me for Jesus Christ's sake, and help me to be better; but I was so sorry and the tears ran so fast I could not speak many words." After prayer she was so happy that she ran with joy to tell her husband and family.

(to be continued)



Dear Boys and Girls:

Some things in this life are a mystery. We do not understand it all but we just believe it to be. We do not know where the wind comes from nor where it is going. We feel it but cannot see it. Other things are mysteries to us. Today we are going to talk about a mystery. The Apostle Paul calls it a great mystery.

We have studied about God taking a rib from Adam's side and making a woman. Adam looked at her and loved her, because she was "bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh." Now, let us think of another person. Jesus was put on the cross, although He was without sin. While He was on the cross the soldiers came along to see if he were dead. They put a spear into His precious side. Out flowed blood and water. Oh, He died of a broken heart! He died for your sins and for mine. Oh, how we do love Him! Why did blood and water flow out of His side? It was to purchase for Himself a bride. Who is that bride? Our lesson tells us that Jesus purchased with his own blood the church of God. Who is in the church and have had their sins washed away by the blood of Jesus? All who believe that Jesus died for their sins. They become the bride of Christ. This is a mystery, but it is true. We cannot see our sins being taken away but we feel the peace and rest that comes into our hearts when we have confessed our sins to the Lord.

Now, the Apostle Paul talks about the husband and wife. Husbands are to love their wives, even as Christ loved the church, being willing to die on the cross, so He could purchase for him a Bride, the church. He wanted a pure and holy bride. He wanted one that was without spot or blemish. There cannot be sin in the heart of His bride, the church. Just like a man loves his wife and she becomes part of his life and body, just so, those who are spotless and without sin become part of the body of Christ. Just as a husband

loves and cherishes his wife as someone very, very precious, just so Christ cherishes his Bride, the church, the people of God, those who are free from sin. Just as a girl and boy, who grow up and marry, and leave their father and mother; just so, those who love Jesus leave the sins of the world, do not go to the places of the world but cling to Christ. All of this might be a mystery but Paul says he is speaking of Christ and his Bride, the church. — Aunt Marie

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Lesson 12, Dec. 19, 1976

THE GREAT MYSTERY

Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, (as he looked at his Bride) This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

John 19:33 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.

35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

I John 5:6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

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

Eph. 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Memory Verse: I in them, and thou in me. John 17:23a.

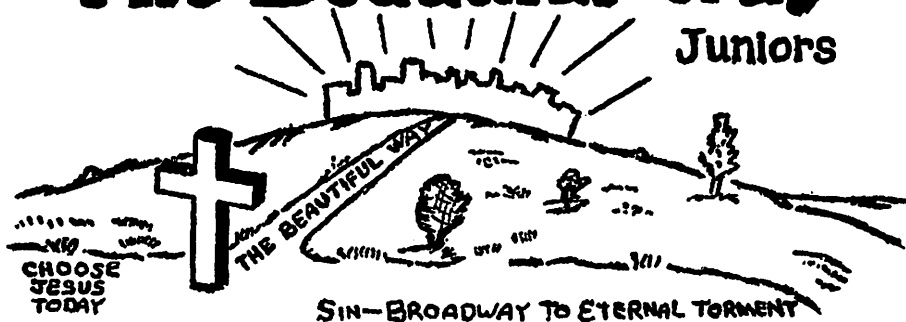
QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Adam call his wife "Woman"?
2. Did they break the legs of Jesus?
3. Why not?
4. What came out of Jesus' side when it was pierced?
5. Who came by blood and water?
6. Who bears witness?
7. With what was the church of God purchased?
8. How much is a husband to love his own wife?
9. Why did Jesus love the church and give himself for it?
10. Why did He want the church washed and cleansed?
11. Men are to love their wives as — — — — — own — — — — —.
12. Why?
13. Does any man hate his own flesh?
14. How can we be members of Christ's body?
15. What is the Great Mystery?

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Proving God

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Mr. Evans was a thorough and consistent missionary. He was a brave and fearless man, and shunned not to declare all the counsel of God. He had such faith in the gospel, not only to save men, but to keep them in the paths of righteousness, that on their acceptance of Christianity he at once began to impress upon his converts the necessity of fully keeping all God's commands.

Because of the lax ideas of some who occupied high positions in the country, very soon opposition arose against Mr. Evans. One of the troubles that was to hinder the work of God was their Christian duty of meeting together on Sunday to worship God. Some Indians worked for big fur companies in transporting furs from the north to the factories, which in turn shipped them to England. These companies required that the Indians work seven days a week. The Bible teaches that the disciples met together on Sunday, after Jesus' resurrection, and Heb. 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Of course, they did not have a chapel like we do today to worship in. So Mr. Evans taught them that where ever they were on Sunday, they should take that day and rest and worship God. "Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord." Exodus 35:2.

The authorities, at the big factories felt that the Indians would not give them as good service if they worked only six days a week. Not wanting to cause any undue trouble, Mr. Evans tried to tell them that if the Indians were allowed to rest on Sunday, God would bless them and make the work go on as well, or better, than if they had worked seven days.

Mr. Evans and the Indians tried an experiment to prove God's power, and without exception, the Sunday-keeping Indians always did better in a shorter time than did those who knew no rest day.

When going up the height of the land to get furs, three or four groups of Indians in their canoes would leave at the same time. They were heavy loaded with supplies and then would return with heavy loads of furs.

We would push on, keeping much in company, until we began to reach the portages, then we would separate. Our Christian Indians could hold their own.

with the rest of the others, who were generally pagans. Saturday, we were generally ahead. We camped as usual Saturday night, sometimes close together, sometimes ten miles ahead of the others. As the next day was Sunday, our day of rest, we made everything as comfortable as possible. We covered our cargoes with the oilcloths, and after supper and prayers went to bed. When morning came we arose as usual, had a good wash, got out our Sunday clothes, which we had carried with us, and put them on. Then we had our breakfast, and after that, we got our Bibles and song books and held a religious service. After dinner we had a good sleep, then supper, and another religious service. Then we lay down and went to sleep, knowing that God was with us and was well pleased in our worship to Him. During the day, perhaps in the evening the other men passed us. They pushed on and on, but we never minded. We were keeping God's commandments. We were up very early on Monday morning. The day of rest had refreshed us in soul and body, so while the morning star was still visible, we were stirring and making ready for a long day's pull at the oars.

"About Wednesday we generally caught up to the other men who had no Sunday rest. With a shout, the struggle began, they to keep ahead, we to get ahead. Perhaps we could not do it that night, but we did it the next day. Then on we went until Saturday night came again. Then the next day, we worshiped God and took our rest. Perhaps about five o'clock, or maybe six, the other men would come along. They are now so tired they can hardly get up a cheer as they pass us and push on, perhaps five, six, or ten miles further, they camped for the night. They are very tired, and so sleep long the next morning. We have had our day of rest, and so feel strong again. So with the morning star still in the sky, we are up and off, and we get on so well that we pass the other men, perhaps

when they are just having their breakfast. With a cheer, we push ahead. We travel on for some weeks over many rough places, but at length we reach the post to which we are traveling. We exchange our loads of goods and turn around and begin the journey homeward.

"We push on day after day, having our usual quiet Sunday rest and worship, and we generally arrive home about a week or ten days before the other men return. God always blessed us in these trips when we obeyed the Word of God and put the Lord first in our lives."

God's way being proven right by the missionary and his Christian Indians, made the officials at the big company begin to work to have the missionary sent back to his home in England. The devil is never happy to let God's ways be proven right and so it was with Mr. Evans, too. Through deceit and lies they soon had Mr. Evans removed from the mission field and from working with the Indians. It was surely a blessing then, that God had raised native missionaries among the Indians, such as John Sunday, who was a faithful servant for God.

— "The Apostle of the North—James Evans"
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The Short Pencil

Debbie wanted to sharpen her pencil, but since it was so long she just knew the teacher would not let her. Suddenly a thought came to her. She saw a short pencil in the desk in front of her. She reached over and took the short pencil. Putting her long pencil up her sleeve she then held up her hand with the short pencil and told the teacher she wanted to sharpen it.

"Is that the only pencil you have?" asked the teacher.

"Yes," Debbie said. The teacher gave her permission to sharpen her pencil. When Debbie returned to her desk she

felt so bad. Oh, she knew that she had told a lie! She knew that she had displeased Jesus. For two or three days Jesus talked to her and made her know that she had sinned. Now she could not go to heaven until she cleared up that sin. One night she couldn't sleep. She got up and went to her mother's bedroom where she told her mother all that had happened. Her mother prayed with her and she asked Jesus to forgive her. The next morning Debbie and her mother went to school and found the teacher. Debbie asked her forgiveness for telling a lie. Now she felt good again. All was clear between her and the Lord. So boys and girls, stop and think who is bringing thoughts to you. Remember that good thoughts come from God, but all bad thoughts come from the devil. (Told to me) M. Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

We do not know the day that Jesus was born, but we do know that he was born, and since Dec. 25 was chosen to remember Jesus' birth, we are glad to observe it. We feel that a person's birthday is "their" day and it is important. How much more

is the birth of Jesus important. We should never think about His birthday without thinking about why Jesus came to this world. We give gifts to those close to us in memory of the greatest Gift that was ever given to this world. Our memory verse tells us that God loved us and that is the reason He gave His Only Son, Jesus Christ. He came here as a babe, and was laid in a manger, which was a lowly, common thing, so that the very poorest would know that Jesus came to save them also. Oh, today we do love and adore our precious Saviour and Lord! Let us rejoice together and lift our hearts in praise and adoration unto Him for loving us enough to give us soul-rest!

Back in the beginning, God rested on the seventh day. That would be on Saturday. He said that all He had created was good. Then in Matthew we read about how Jesus was to be born of the virgin, Mary. God was His father and Mary was His mother. His purpose in coming to this world was to save people from their sins. They needed soul-rest. God rested from creation and has been resting ever since. When we are saved from our sins, we rest from sinning and have peace. Jesus is saying, "Come unto me" and let me give you soul-rest. The prophet Isaiah tells us about the wicked who do not have peace or rest. They are like the sea that is continually moving. Have you ever seen the ocean? The waters roll in and roll back, roll in and roll back, continually troubled. They have no peace. In the same way, those who have sin in their hearts cannot rest. They have a troubled conscience. But great peace comes to those who confess their sins to Jesus, clear them up and then they have peace. No wonder the angels rejoiced that night when they appeared to the shepherds, because they knew that Jesus would bring soul-rest to those who were troubled and full of sin. They gave a sign to the shepherds that they would find the babe, lying in a man-

ger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. When they went, they found it as the angels had said. Let us rejoice today because Jesus was born! — Aunt Marie

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Lesson 13, Dec. 26, 1976

CHRIST BRINGS SOUL-REST

Gen. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Matt. 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Luke 2:12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Isa. 57:20 (God said) But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21 There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

Matt. 11:28 (Jesus said) Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Heb. 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have

sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

Gal. 5:24 And they that are Christ's have been crucified with the affections and lusts.

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

QUESTIONS:

1. On what day did God finish His work?
2. On what day did God rest?
3. Why did God bless and set apart the seventh day?
4. What was Jesus going to save his people from?
5. What was the sign given to the shepherds?
6. What did the angels sing?
7. The — — — — are like the troubled — — —.
8. What do the waters cast up?
9. Do the wicked have any peace?
10. Who said, "Come unto me and I will give you rest"?
11. If we take His yoke and learn of Him, what will we find?
12. Who has entered into God's rest?
13. God — — — — — on the — — — — — day.
14. Who has crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts?
15. Why did God send His only begotten son to this world?

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