

# The Beautiful Way

Juniors



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Part One

Jan. 2

## Does God Answer Prayer?

Jimmy and Cathy Smith lived with their parents in the slum district of Chicago. They were very poor. The father was unemployed and often the family was cold and hungry. The parents had both been raised in good Christian homes and didn't want to beg.

Jimmy was twelve years old and Cathy was eight. Each one had several city blocks to walk to school. Their clothes were so thin and ragged that they nearly froze in the wintertime. Their dad walked the streets day after day in search of a job but it was in the days of depression and no jobs were available. Jimmy wanted to help out so he got a job delivering papers in the morning and selling the *Press* on the street corners after school. Many times he nearly froze as he had to get up at four o'clock to get his papers delivered before time for school. Chicago is called the "Windy City" and it was very cold standing on the street corners day after day to make a few extra pennies. Some days he would get on a good corner close up town and make good money but other days the bigger boys chased him away and he rarely made enough to pay for his paper.

One cold day as usual, he got up early and went on his paper route. Somehow he felt very blue and depressed that morning. His thin coat seemed to be thinner, the papers heavier and the snow had been unusually heavy that night so it was hard walking, but he trudged on block after block. He arrived home later than usual with scarcely time to eat a bite of breakfast before going to school. As he entered the house Cathy was crying and there was no breakfast on the table. Jimmy at once sensed that something was wrong. Cathy said that Mama was very sick, they had sent for the doctor but he wouldn't come unless they could pay him and how could they without any money? Whatever could they do? Who could they turn to? Mama must have a doctor. Then Jimmy thought of old Mr. Hale, one of his customers who sometimes gave him a nickel extra when he collected for the paper. Telling Cathy not to worry he put on his ragged coat and rushed out into the cold again. Mr. Hale didn't disappoint him. He not only gave him some money but came back to the poor little home with him. Again they called the doctor and this time he came after being promised he would receive his money. He said their Mother was in a

critical condition and must be taken to the hospital at once. But she didn't even live until they could get her there. Jimmy and Cathy were left motherless just when they needed a mother most. Mr. Hale made all arrangements for the funeral, for their father seemed to be helpless, not knowing what to do nor where to turn. Even though his parents had been Christians he was never interested in the things of God, so now he couldn't turn to God for help. Here he was left with two motherless children and no way to make a living for them and then he had the added expense of the funeral to think of. He began to go out at night, trying to forget his troubles, leaving the children alone. How lonesome it was at home without Mother. One night their daddy came in and Jimmy knew he had been drinking for he was mean to them and he had never been that way before. He had turned to drinking in trying to drown his troubles, but that only made things worse. Drinking only makes troubles.

One morning Jimmy came home from his paper route and found Cathy crying. His father had come in drunk the night before and gotten up mean as usual. He had whipped Cathy because she didn't have his breakfast ready. Poor little girl, she didn't know he would get up before she left for school as he very seldom did. Jimmy tried to comfort her and together they left for school without any breakfast. It seemed that things got worse at home day after day. Their father stayed out later and later and when he did come home he was mean to them. Sometimes they wished he wouldn't come home at all, for many times he took Jimmy's hard earned money and left them without any food in the house. If the county hadn't furnished their lunches at school, they would have gone hungry many days that winter. And to make things worse the

bigger boys chased Jimmy away from all the good corners and he scarcely sold any papers during the evenings anymore. Sometimes the boys would take from him what little he did make. Jimmy became very resentful. His mother had taught him that it was wrong to fight but he began to think maybe she was wrong. If you wanted to get anything in this world you had to fight for it. He wasn't as large as some of the boys but they weren't going to push him around! He had tried being good and where had it gotten him? From now on he was going to take his own part and he did. It wasn't long until the boys left him alone for he turned out to be a fighter and even some of the big boys were afraid of him.

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**"Be of good cheer; it is I: be not afraid"** (Matt. 14:27). The Lord Jesus wants us to be of good cheer, no matter what comes into our lives. Even in the

storms—and boys and girls going to school have storms they have to pass through—God has told us to be of good cheer. Just as long as we know that Jesus is with us, we will not be afraid.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

One of the things that we want to understand in our lesson today is that there was someone else in the beginning besides God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit—the three in One—the Trinity. That one was the devil or Satan. Jesus plainly tells us in our lesson that the devil was from the beginning and was a murderer and a liar. He never did live in heaven nor was he ever connected with God. Jesus said that he “abode not in the truth.” Abode means to live. He never did live with truth or where truth was. We have false teachers telling us that the devil was in heaven and was kicked out one time, but that is not true. They will take Scriptures in the Bible

and twist them to make them say so, but it is not true. They will use Isa. 14:12 to try to prove that Lucifer was the name of the devil and was cast down. Read verses 4 and 16 and you will see that this is a prophecy of the “king of Babylon.” You can read about Nebuchadnezzar and know what happened to him (Dan. 4:30-37).

Now notice that our lesson says that Satan, or the devil, will transform himself. So in our lesson we do not want to be “ignorant of his devices” and we can see how the devil talked through, or used a serpent to deceive Eve. It was a serpent that the devil talked through and it is also called a “beast of the field.” We do know that whatever the beast was, the devil talked through it to Eve. Eve was not afraid of this beast so she must have seen it often.

Notice how the devil deceived Eve and caused her to sin. She had only one command to obey and that was to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Notice how the devil talked to her, trying to make her think that God didn’t mean what He said. The devil is still lying to people. He tells boys and girls that if they steal they won’t get caught. They might be able to get by here, but they will meet their sin in the judgment day unless they confess and make it right. The devil makes boys and girls desire to be like others, and they will do wrong with the crowd so they won’t be different. The devil makes them think this is being wise. The devil makes boys and girls want this or that thing that they see. He is still telling lies and deceiving boys and girls like he did Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve had purity, and the robe of pure righteousness on them but when they sinned they lost that beautiful robe and saw their nakedness. They became poor. Sin separates us from God.

—Aunt Marie

## THE FIRST SIN

John 8:44 [Jesus said to the Pharisees] Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

II Cor. 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

II Cor. 2:11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave

also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

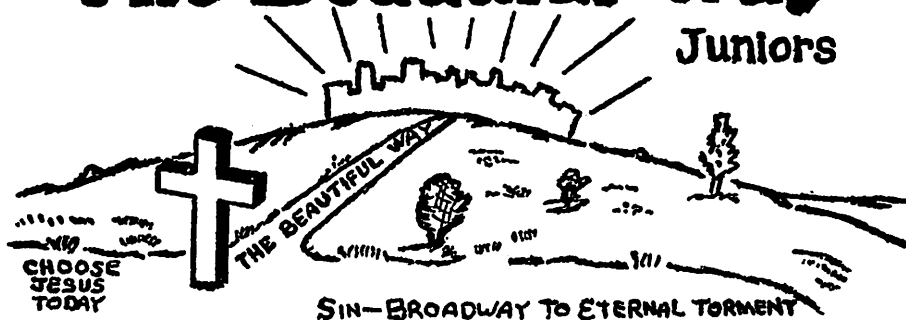
**Memory Verse:** And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. James 1:15b.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was a murderer from the beginning?
2. Who is the father of lies?
3. Who can transform themselves into apostles of Christ?
4. Is it a marvel if Satan is transformed into an angel of light?
5. Would Satan get an advantage of us if we didn't know his tricks?
6. Who was more subtil than other beasts of the field?
7. Do you know what subtil means?
8. Could Adam and Eve eat of every tree in the garden?
9. God had said, "Ye shall — — — eat of it lest ye — — —."
10. What lie did the devil tell Eve?
11. If Eve had not looked at the tree, would she have eaten of it?
12. What happened after both of them had eaten the forbidden fruit?
13. What did they use to make aprons?
14. What happened when they heard the voice of God?
15. Why did they hide?

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**Part Two**

**Jan. 9**

## **Does God Answer Prayer?**

*(continued from last issue)*

Mr. Ramon, the pastor of a little mission near the slums had taken special notice of Jimmy ever since he had come to the city. He had seen the other boys chase him away and had always admired him because he never said anything back to them, but all at once he noticed a great change in the boy. Surely something had happened to change him in such a short time. He began to go out of his way to watch him, but of course Jimmy didn't know anything about that. Sometimes Mr. Ramon bought papers he didn't need, just for a chance to talk to Jimmy. He went home one day and told his wife about Jimmy. She felt very bad when she heard the boy scarcely had enough clothes to keep him covered. The Ramon's were also poor, as the little church couldn't afford to pay them. Mr. Ramon worked as a janitor to make a living for his family. But somehow they must get a warm coat for Jimmy. They went to prayer asking the Lord to send them one or direct them to where one could be found real cheap. He was older than their boys so they couldn't give him one that theirs' had outgrown. The very

next day the pastor's wife went to a rummage sale and there found just the coat she needed and when she told them why she wanted it, they gave it to her, saying it was their good deed for the day. She was very happy for she knew the Lord had answered prayer. The next morning Mr. Ramon took the coat and went out to hunt for Jimmy. He knew that the boy had a paper route in that section of the city so he watched for him. Soon he noticed a boy across the street about a block away that he felt sure was Jimmy. Yes, that was he all right. He soon caught up with him and gave him the coat. Jimmy didn't seem to be as happy as he thought he should be, so he wanted to know what the trouble was. Jimmy didn't want to tell him but after some questioning he finally told how his sister needed a coat even worse than he did. Mr. Ramon told him that God could provide a coat for her just as easily as He did for him. Of course Jimmy didn't understand but he went home happy. He could scarcely wait to tell Cathy that she was going to have a new coat that would keep her warm. But Cathy wanted to know where it was coming from. She knew that they didn't have any money to buy one

Jimmy told her how Mr. Ramon said God could provide one for her. Didn't God get him one?

"But how can God get me a coat?" Cathy asked.

Jimmy didn't know but Mr. Ramon ought to know. Their mother had often told them about God, how He hated sin and could see everything they did but she had never told them that God could get clothes for them.

Their dad was in a bad mood that night. It seemed he never had a pleasant word for them anymore. Everything they did was wrong. How they missed their mother for she was always very good to them. She could seem to make a meal out of scraps. How they wished she had taught them how. Daddy expected them to get his meal but never provided the food.

The very next day as Jimmy was about ready to start for home, he saw Mr. Ramon coming down the street toward him with a box under his arm and carrying a sack. Surely it couldn't be a coat for Cathy already! But it was. Mr. Ramon told Jimmy that God works fast when He sees that it is needed very much. Then Mr. Ramon gave Jimmy the sack also to take home. He fairly flew home to show Cathy what he had for her. They were so excited that it was hard to get the box unwrapped. In it they found a beautiful, warm coat with a fur collar. Cathy tried it on and danced around the room for joy. Together they opened the sack and found food for supper. What a happy evening they had! Daddy didn't come home for supper as usual, so they had a good meal all to themselves. They didn't forget him though, for they fixed a plate and left it on the table.

When Jimmy arose the next morning the plate was still there. He went to Daddy's room but he wasn't there and the bed hadn't been slept in. He was

quite worried for his daddy was always at home when they got up. But his job was waiting and he must go. He hurried along the street watching for his daddy but he wasn't to be seen anywhere, nor was he at home when Jimmy returned. The children were too worried to eat anything so they left for school without breakfast. When they got home that evening the neighbors told them their father was in the jail. He had drunk a little too much and got into some kind of trouble. Jimmy didn't go out on the street that evening with his papers. He just could not face the other boys. Mr. Ramon waited on the corner where Jimmy usually stood. He waited a long time for him, wanting to talk to the boy. He wondered if the coat fit and if they needed anything else. He was quite concerned when Jimmy didn't show up at all and wondered if he were sick. He walked down the street and asked one of the other *Press* boys where Jimmy lived. He got the address and went to see him at once. The little home was even worse than he had imagined. He found the two children alone in the house. Jimmy realized that here was a friend he could tell his troubles to. Mr. Ramon promised to try getting their daddy out and back home before dark. After he was gone the children felt better. Just as they got supper ready and on the table, their daddy walked in. For once he was sober and acted like he used to when Mama was with them. What a nice evening they had together. It was just like old times. Cathy sat on his lap putting her arms around his neck, saying, "Daddy, I wish you would be like this all the time." The children showed him their new coats and told him how God had answered Mr. Ramon's prayers and given them the coats. Surely if Mr. Ramon would ask God for a job for their daddy He would give it to him.

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## Your Valley

In the Valley of Decision,

Each of us must walk today.

Just choose the good and do the right,

God will bless you on the way.

Yes, dear children God will help you,

If to him you give your heart.

He will guide you up to heaven,

If from sin you will depart.

Sin about us all around,

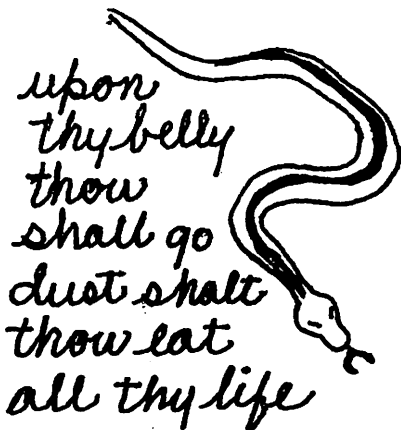
But he leaves it up to you.

Will you choose the good and right,

Faithful be to God and true?

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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Dear Boys and Girls:

How often boys and girls blame others when they do wrong! It might be true that others do try to get you to do wrong but that doesn't mean that you have to, or are forced to do wrong, just because they try to get you to do it. You have a mind of your own. You have a soul that you must see that gets to heaven. You are responsible for your own acts. The boy or girl who got you to steal won't help you out of your problem when you are caught. They won't stand at the judgment and help you. You will have to stand there before God alone. So you

had better think about these things before you listen to others.

Remember not only did sin cause Adam and Eve to know they were naked but their soul was naked before God, too. Sin had separated them from God. Sin is a terrible thing. Sin causes people to go to hell. Sin must be repented of and a boy or girl's life must be straightened up. If you steal something you will have to take it back and confess you did wrong. The devil tries to make you think the person you stole from would not like you, but that person will think more of you because he knows that it took courage and God in a boy or girl's heart, to make things right. He will have a deep respect for you.

Eve blamed the serpent and Adam blamed his wife for their sin. How sad that they did sin. Each was punished separately. Just so, you can't blame anyone else. You will be punished for your own sin.

Someone has wanted to blame Adam for our having to work hard. But boys and girls, God wants all of us to work. He never liked laziness. When God put Adam in the Garden of Eden at first, He told him to take care of it (Gen. 2:17). Never let yourself fall into a habit of being lazy. Don't take the wrapper off your candy bar and throw it down. Someone will have to pick it up. Put it in your pocket or purse and put it in the trash later. Think about all of these things and never be lazy.

Sin separated Adam and Eve from God but God gave them a promise in verse 15. I trust you will never forget this promise. "And I [God] will put enmity [hostility or warfare] between thee [the devil that talked through the beast] and the woman, and between thy seed [those who belong to the devil with the seed of sin in their hearts] and her seed [Jesus Christ, who was born of the virgin, Mary]; it [the seed of the woman, Jesus

Christ] shall bruise [or crush] thy head [devil's power], and thou [the devil] shalt bruise [crush] his [Jesus'] heel [through killing him]. Satan persecutes God's children, but they will overcome through Christ. In this verse we can see the first promise of Jesus—coming to die for our sins.

—Aunt Marie

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**Lesson 2, January 9, 1977**

**BLAMING OTHERS**

Gen. 3:9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, the serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Why did God call Adam?
2. Why was Adam afraid?
3. What did God ask Adam?
4. Why did Adam say he ate of the fruit?
5. Who did Eve blame?
6. What was God's curse upon the serpent?
7. What was Eve's punishment?
8. What did God curse for Adam's sake?
9. Tell some of the things the ground would bring forth.
10. What would Adam have to eat from then on?
11. How long would Adam have to eat of the ground?
12. What was Adam made of, and to what would he return?
13. Who does God blot out of His book?
14. Can you blame someone else for your sins?
15. Will that excuse your sin?

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### Does God Answer Prayer?

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Early the next morning before the children left for school, Mr. Ramon came to see how they were getting along. He invited them all to a revival meeting that was to begin the next night. Of course the children promised to be there but their daddy wouldn't promise.

The next evening both children were there early, even before the pastor arrived. The little Mission was crowded that night. The singing was very good and when Mr. Ramon got up in the pulpit the children were very happy that he was their friend. When the altar call was given Jimmy asked Cathy if she would go with him for he knew he hadn't been a good boy and he wanted to be good like Mr. Ramon, for he was an idol to the children at this time. After some instructions about how to get saved they gave their hearts to God. It was so good to feel clean inside, but how they wished Daddy was there too. The poor motherless children now had someone to go to with all their problems.

Jimmy said, "Now Cathy we can pray for Daddy. There isn't anything God

can't do so I know if we pray real hard, Daddy will come to church and get saved too."

When Mr. Smith came home a short time after the children had gone to their rooms he heard voices. Upon investigating he found both children on their knees praying for him. He had been to the corner saloon but for some reason he hadn't drunk as much as usual. God was watching over him. Although he had been raised in a Christian home he had begun to doubt that there was a God. But somehow tonight he felt that there surely must be a God for his children were praying so earnestly, and hadn't they said that God had given them their new coats? But if God did answer prayer why didn't God give him a job? No one wanted to hire a man who is seldom sober. He listened awhile then went to bed not saying anything to them, so they didn't know he was anywhere near.

The next morning he got up before they left for school and they began to tell him all about the services the night before and that they had given their hearts to Jesus. But he didn't want to hear anymore about it. If that was all they could talk about they had better

stay away from there. The children didn't answer and that was unusual. They soon put on their new coats and went to school.

After they were away from the house, Jimmy said, "Cathy, we'll just have to pray harder for him. I don't believe this is going to be as easy as praying for coats."

"Why," asked Cathy, "can't God answer this prayer as easily? Maybe if we ask Brother Ramon to pray too, it will be answered sooner. Let's ask him and see."

That evening before the service began both children ran to Brother Ramon with their request. He promised to bring the request before the congregation that night. Never was a prayer more in earnest than that one was that night. Surely God was moved on His throne. After the service the children hurried home so they would be in bed when their daddy got there. Not a word did they say about the service the next morning. Their Dad seemed to ignore them entirely. Both children thought surely he would get saved today, but he surely didn't act like it this morning.

That evening he didn't come home to supper as usual, so the children left for service without seeing him. Two very discouraged children came into the church that night. Bro. Ramon noticed immediately that something was wrong. He began to question them and found out that they felt that God had let them down. Their daddy showed no signs of getting saved. Bro. Ramon told them that sometimes it took awhile so they must be patient.

"But," said Cathy, "it didn't take that long for God to get our coats."

Bro. Ramon told them that it was easier for God to get coats because the coats didn't have anything to say about it, but their daddy was different. They would have to pray until he was so

miserable that he would want God more than anything in this whole world. Then he explained that there was a devil in the world and he was making it hard for their daddy. God's voice was speaking to him and the devil's voice was, too. They must be real kind to him and keep on praying and he just knew their father would be saved soon.

"Yes," said Jimmy, "but you once told us that God works fast when He sees that something is needed badly."

"Yes, I did tell you that but this is something a little different. God didn't have to break down someone's stubborn will to get the coats but this time He does. Your father is stubborn but God will find a way to get to his heart if we keep praying."

"That made the children feel much better. They attended every night of the meeting, but they didn't mention it to their daddy even once. But every night they requested prayer for him and they also prayed earnestly at home.

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## THE SHEPARD

In Bible times there were many shepherds. As you watched the shepherd you would see him leading the sheep to still pools of water to drink. While they drank or rested, the shepherd would sit in the shade of a tree and play his flute. He always kept his sling to protect the sheep, or his staff to guide them. At noon he would eat a lunch of bread and cheese. In the evening he led them home to the fold.

"Here comes my pigeon with the note on his leg," Clifford said as he jumped up and down. "He did come home when Billy let him out of the cage."

Soon Betty and Clifford were reading the note from Billy. "Isn't it wonderful how God made pigeons so they can find their way home?" exclaimed Clifford.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Adam and Eve had sinned. They hid themselves from God. Why? Their souls were naked with sin, and they knew their bodies were naked because of sin. They needed two coverings, one for their souls and one for their bodies. Last Sunday we studied about the promise of Jesus being born of a virgin. God would be His Father. Jesus would die and rise again for a covering for the sin on the soul. The blood of Jesus would be the covering for sin. Today, we study how God made coats of skins and "clothed," or made a covering for their bodies. They had made aprons of fig leaves and sewn them together, but that was not enough. Because of sin they must have their bodies covered.

Boys and girls, that is still God's plan, and has been down through the years of time. In the New Testament Peter refers to the "holy women" of old and even mentions Sara, the wife of Abraham, as an example of modesty and plainness of dress etc. I do want you to understand this clearly. We cannot go along with the awful fashions of the world, and still obey the Bible and God's plan for us. We are to be dressed in a way that will let

others know that we have a "meek and quiet spirit." That is the ornament that is to shine out. We are not to wear short dresses or clothing that doesn't cover our bodies. Boys also should dress modestly. They should have their bodies covered too. It is sad when we see boys wanting to be effeminate (or womanish). It is sad to see girls wanting to look like boys. Peter referred to the women of old and it's an "abomination unto the Lord thy God" for them to wear slacks or clothing that look like men's clothing. Abominable means vile, loathsome, very bad. Abomination means disgusting or hateful. We need to think about these things. Would you wear something that made you hateful in God's sight?

Let us consider what the Bible says about long hair. In 1 Cor. 11:1-16 the Apostle Paul was dealing with the wearing of a veil. He brought out the fact that if a woman had long hair she would not need to wear a veil, as there was no such custom of wearing the veil in the "churches of God" (verse 16). Long hair was her covering, but he plainly says man did not need a covering, such as long hair. He says, "if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him." 1 Cor. 11:14. The question might be, "How long is long?" It should not be long enough to look effeminate. I do not feel that a man's hair should go below his collar. There is a question there too, as some have long necks and others have short necks. God will help you to know what long hair is. The main thing is, we want to please the Lord. Pray about this and the Lord will give you understanding.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, January 16, 1977

### GOD CLOTHED THEM

Gen. 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed [covered] them.

I Tim. 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array.

10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

I Pet. 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, . . . whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well.

Deut.22:5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.

Isa. 3:18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

19 The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

21 The rings, and nose jewels.

I Cor. 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, [womanish or unmanly] nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10b Shall inherit the kingdom of God.

I Cor. 11:14 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, [veil or long hair] dishonoreth his head.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover [with a veil or long hair] his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

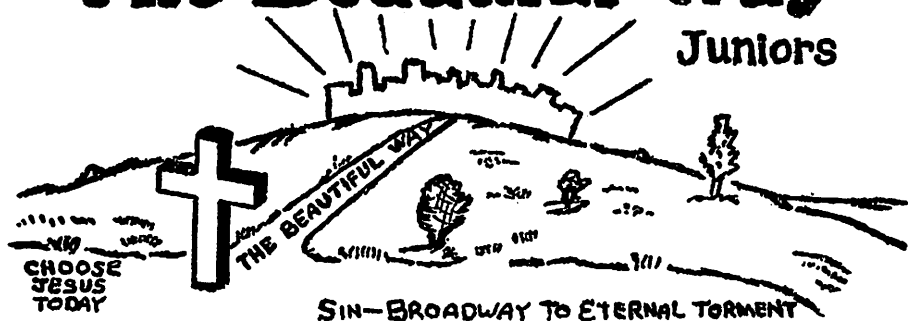
**Memory Verse:** Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. I Cor. 10:31.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Adam call his wife Eve?
2. Why did God make Adam and Eve coats of skins?
3. How are women to be adorned?
4. What are they not to wear?
5. What kind of an ornament does God want the women to have?
6. How did the holy women of old adorn themselves?
7. Name someone in the Old Testament who obeyed her husband.
8. Tell what is an abomination in God's sight.
9. Name some sins that will keep people out of heaven.
10. Do you know what the word effeminate means?
11. How are boys and men effeminate?
12. If a man has long hair it is a — — — — — to him.
13. If a woman has long hair it is a — — — — — to her.
14. What is a good rule for us to follow?

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## **Juniors**



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Jan. 23

### **Does God Answer Prayer?**

(continued from last issue)

One night their daddy came home much earlier than usual and found the children on their knees praying and crying like their hearts were broken. The father went back out without their having seen him and walked the streets. At first he went toward the corner saloon but for some reason he didn't want to go there. He went down the street to a little park and sat on the bench. What should he do? He just couldn't go back home and face the children and yet he couldn't sit there and freeze. God was surely talking to him that night. He got up and again walked up and down the street. Again he started to the saloon but a hand seemed to come before him. Try as he would that hand wouldn't let him pass. He became fearful, surely he was just imagining things! He turned around and started back again but there was that hand again! It was so big this time that he knew it was not imagination. He was so afraid this time that he ran back home. The children were sitting by the little oil lamp studying their lessons. They didn't seem to be afraid, "It must

be my nerves," he thought. The children were so kind to him that night. He went to bed and tossed and turned all night. The next morning he looked so terrible that the children were alarmed and wanted to know if he were sick. He didn't feel too well but it was because he didn't get much sleep.

As the children were on their way to school, Jimmy said, "It won't be long now, God surely is talking to Daddy. My, he looked terrible this morning. If we pray a little harder maybe he will get saved today."

On their way home from school they met Bro. Ramon and told him about their dad and how bad he looked. Bro. Ramon was very much encouraged for that was a good sign.

When they got home from school Daddy was already there. He had found a job that very day and would go to work the next morning.

Jimmy said, "Praise the Lord, one of our prayers has been answered."

"What do you mean Jimmy?" Father asked.

"Why I mean that God has given you a job, now He will soon answer the other one. Don't you feel kinda like you would like to be saved?" Jimmy asked.

Daddy hung his head. Now he knew how that job came about. Why, he didn't even need to ask for it! The man hunted him up. That was the answer, God had provided him with a job at last. He broke down and began to cry. The children had never seen their daddy cry before. Now was the time thought Jimmy, so he told Cathy to stay with Daddy while he ran to get Bro. Ramon. When they got back Daddy was still sobbing like his heart would break. Bro. Ramon talked to him about his soul and how much he needed God. It wasn't long until their Daddy was on his knees crying and praying, with Bro. Ramon's arm around him. The children were so happy that they danced around the room with joy. Their Daddy was getting saved, they just knew he was! Soon Daddy jumped to his feet with a radiant smile on his face. Both children ran to him and were lifted high in his arms. How wonderful it was to have Daddy back with them! And just to think, he had a job now like other men. They could have all they wanted to eat. Daddy would never go to the old saloon again. They could go to church together and sit together like the other families did. What plans! Neither one wanted to go to bed after Bro. Ramon left. It wasn't long until the little family moved into a better house and had things more like other people. What man could not do, God did. Jimmy and Cathy knew that God did answer prayer even if it did take some time. God never fails His children that put their trust in Him. Yes, God does answer prayer.

—Iva Brenner

#### VINEYARDS

In Bible times they had many vineyards. On the hillside you would see the vines with grapes hanging thick and heavy. Around each vineyard a stone wall with a watch tower could be seen. Someone had to watch that no robbers or wild beasts got to the ripening grapes.

## My Back Does Not Hurt Now

One morning Sister Carrie Sheppard and I were busy about the work of the house in Rosarito, when there was a knock at the door. It was Leticia, one of the teen-age girls in the congregation, carrying her little brother in her arms. Leticia's mother was in prison because she had stolen a baby from the nursery in the hospital, when her own new-born baby had died. Leticia was fourteen and had the care of all her little brothers and sisters. The little boy's back was raised up in blisters from a burn which he had received in getting in under feet of Leticia while she was cooking. He was crying pitifully and Leticia's immediate request was that we pray for the little boy. We went right to prayer, with hearts aching for him and the entire family. We earnestly looked to the Lord to heal the child and while we were praying, the little boy stopped crying and as we

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finished, he looked at us with a tear-stained face, but with a smile and said, "My back does not hurt now." How grateful we were, that once again, the Lord had heard prayer in behalf of one of His little ones and had reached a healing hand to him. Doesn't the Word say, "And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him?" Let us ask in faith believing.

—Sister Opal Kelly

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Medical science today is trying to find a cure for the ills of the body which was caused by sin. In the Garden of Eden there was a tree of life that was good for the healing of the body and Adam and Eve ate of it and were in perfect health. But when they sinned, God put them out of the Garden because He didn't want them to eat of it and live forever in a sinful state. What a terrible world this would be if every person was still living that had lived in the past. Think of all the wickedness there would be! But sin brought death and therefore every person dies. But God was merciful to peoples' souls. There is a way made so the soul can live on in peace and happiness if boys and girls and men and women will take that way. Christ is the tree of everlasting life. Those who will come to the Lord, confessing their sins, with godly sorrow, can have salvation and they will live in eternity, after death, with the Lord. But the body goes back to dust.

God placed a sword at the east of the garden of Eden and cherubims or angels guarded the way to the tree of life. If we will take the way, or the path that Jesus has told us about, we can come up to the gate. We have to go through the flaming sword that is turning every way. Our lesson tells us that the Word of God is the sword. We have to measure our lives

by God's Word. It even makes us know about our thoughts. Your thoughts must be changed. You can't think bad thoughts anymore. You must think good thoughts. Those things that you have hid away in your mind and heart that are wrong, or those secret things that no one knows about but you, will be made known by God's Word. You must get rid of all those things. This sword goes every direction and cuts off everything that is wrong.

Our lesson in Revelation is a vision that John saw, when he was put out on the Isle of Patmos. It's to be applied spiritually. He saw the river of water of life, which is salvation or eternal life, that came out from the throne of the Lamb (Jesus). In the middle of the street by the river there was a tree of life which bore fruit for the healing of the nations. John fell down and worshipped God. The Lord said that He is coming soon and His reward with Him. Those who eat of the tree of life and are saved, or who hear the call from the Spirit and the Bride (the church), and obey the call, will enter into the gates of the City of heaven. That was a wonderful vision and it will come true. Jesus did come as the tree of life and as we accept Him we have eternal life and belong to the Lord.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 4, January 23, 1977

### THE TREE OF LIFE

Gen. 3:22 And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

23 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Rev. 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say,

come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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.

**Memory Verse:** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6.

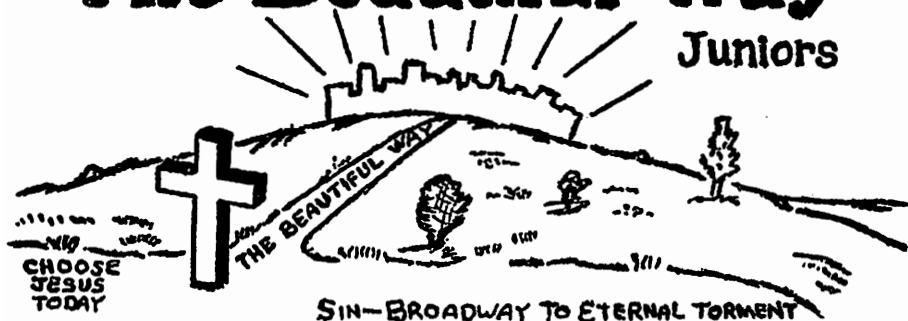
#### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Why didn't God let man stay in the garden of Eden?
2. What did God send the man to do?
3. What did God place before the tree of life?
4. From where did the river of life come?
5. What else did John see?
6. What did John do when he heard and saw these things?
7. Why wasn't John supposed to seal the book?
8. What does verse 11 in Revelations 22 mean?
9. How will Jesus reward every man when He comes?
10. Explain what Alpha and Omega mean.
11. Who are blessed?
12. Who has a right to eat of the tree of life?
13. Who can take of the water of life freely?
14. To whom are all things naked and opened?



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Jan. 30

## Traffic Lights



"There is an accident down the street," cried Phil to Joe as he ran past Joe's house. Joe joined Phil and the two hurried on, the hot sidewalk burning their bare feet. At the intersection, a large crowd had already gathered. A blue car had been knocked upon the sidewalk and had smashed into the street light pole. The other, a black car was sitting in the middle of the intersection with the left front badly crushed.

The ambulance came, a lady was lifted from the blue car, laid on the stretcher, and put inside. Then turning on the flashing light and siren, the driver hurried toward the hospital.

A policeman was talking to the driver of the black car, "Didn't you see the traffic light was red? When the light shows red, you are to stop. I'll have to give you a ticket for not obeying the red light. This carelessness is going to cost a lot of money in hospital bills, car repairs, and the fine for disobeying."

The driver got into the police car with the policeman. They talked a long time, while the other two policemen investigated the accident. When everything

was completed they drove away with the driver.

"That guy was foolish for not stopping for the red light," said Phil as they walked away. "I'm always going to obey the traffic lights when I learn to drive."

"Yes, so am I," added Joe. "But my dad says we each have traffic lights to obey everyday."

"Of course, when we are walking and come to a traffic light we are to obey it," answered Phil.

"But he tells me we have a traffic light system built inside us. This system flashes a red light in our mind whenever we should not do something we plan to. For example, if I find Jerry's ball that he lost at the park last Saturday, and decide to keep it for my own then this light would flash red. If I decide to return the ball to him, a light would flash green in my mind."

"You think we have poles, lights, and electricity running through our minds?" asked Phil.

"No, it's not like the traffic light system on the street, it's a different system. God created this system in us to help us know right from wrong. I think it's called conscience. It is a feeling within a person

that tells him when he is doing right or warns him of what is wrong.

"Sometimes God uses other things to help our conscience speak to us. My mother read to me about a little girl named Mary, who didn't stop when her traffic light flashed red. Her mother put a bag of apples in the refrigerator and told Mary not to eat another one. Mary loved apples and wanted to eat some more. Everytime she passed the refrigerator, she peeked inside and looked at the delicious, red apples. Each time she looked at the apples, she wanted one, but the red light shone, saying, "Stop! don't take one." Then Mary would go away to play. It wasn't long until she would be back looking at the apples. One time she reached out her hand and took one. But just as she was ready to take a bite, she noticed a picture on the wall of an European peasant. The eyes of the woman were looking right at her. Mary almost heard her say, "I'm looking at you." The red light flashed brighter in her mind and she laid the apple back in the refrigerator.

Mother was away, her big brother was asleep upstairs, so Mary took the picture off the wall and cut the woman's eyes out, then carefully hung it back in place. Now she opened the refrigerator and got an apple and ate it. When that apple was finished she ate another. She was so busy crunching on the apple that she didn't hear her mother come into the house. When Mother came into the kitchen, there she sat crunching away.

Mary got a hard spanking for eating the apples and ruining the picture. God flashed the red light many times to stop her from doing wrong, but she paid no attention to it. Dad says if we stop when our light flashes red, we will keep ourselves out of a lot of trouble."

"I think your Dad is right," said Phil. "Because sometimes, I would want to tell a lie and a feeling inside me says,

'STOP' or 'DONT.' But will this light system always warn us about wrong, or will there be times when it doesn't work?"

"Dad says this traffic light system will always work, for those who obey it faithfully. The way to get our light system out of order is by not obeying it. If our light shows red and we go ahead when it tells us to stop, we become blind to the light, or our conscience becomes hardened. It will also get out of order if it shows green when we know we should do something good and we don't do it just because we don't want to."

"Then we will need to take very good care of our light system," added Phil.

"Yes, that's right," assured Joe. "Our light system is very important to us, and we must take the utmost care to keep it in good working order."

—C. Huskey

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### GOD'S GREAT PLAN

Did you ever watch a mother cat care for her kittens? Where did she get the understanding to take care of them? Of course we know that God gave it to her. God gave all the animals an instinct or knowledge to take care of their little ones. Surely, we have a wonderful God. From the very beginning of time God said for the animals to bring forth young and they have been doing that ever since. Old ones die and young ones are born. What a great plan! We never want to forget how great our God is because today so many are just taking everything for granted. They know these things but never think about who caused them to be as they are. — M. Miles

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Jesus said, "... Learn of me, ... " We are supposed to learn all we can about Him. Every time we go to Sunday school we learn more about Jesus. We need to read our Bibles every day and pray for the Lord to help us know more about Him.

"Come unto me,"  
Jesus said one day;  
"I will take your burden  
If you will only pray."

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

*Abel's offering*



Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that the life of Adam and Eve had changed a lot after being put out of the beautiful Garden of Eden. That is what sin does for us. It takes away the beautiful things in life. Sin might offer times of great excitement and a boy or girl may push aside the fact that they are not saved, nor ready to meet the Lord. Sin might make one feel happy in some things but, oh, how terrible it is when a boy or girl is alone. Those sins come right into your thoughts and, oh, you wish you were right with God! When the storm is raging outside and the lightning is flashing, you think about being ready to meet God. One never knows what might suddenly happen. If we are ready to meet God we can have faith to trust Him. God will never fail to take care of His children.

It is wonderful to be the Lord's and that brings such peace and satisfaction all the time. You can rest and know that all is right between you and God.

The weeds grew and it was hard for Adam to till the ground. He had to work hard. His sons, Abel and Cain also had to work. How sad it was that the devil didn't leave them alone. He had caused them to sin and get put out of the garden and now he wanted to cause more trouble. He caused Cain to be jealous of Abel. Jealousy is a terrible thing. Be happy when someone else has something new or something nice. Never let the seed of jealousy creep into your heart. It will cause you trouble. Jealousy will turn into hate and hatred in the heart against another person will cause you to do some terrible things.

God had taught them to offer the first, or best, of their flocks as a sacrifice unto Him. Cain saw Abel's offering being accepted by God because Abel had carefully obeyed God, and offered the right sacrifice. Cain was displeased and let jealousy enter into his heart because God didn't accept the offering of fruit that he brought but accepted Abel's offering. Cain could have offered a lamb but he wasn't careful to obey God. Cain's works were evil and Abel's works were righteous. God saw that jealousy in Cain's heart. He saw how "that wicked one" (the devil), was working to get Cain to do evil. God wanted to help Cain so He asked him why he was angry, or "wroth." God told Cain that "if thou doest well you will be accepted" but if not, sin was in his heart. Cain did not listen but rose up and killed his brother. Oh, how sad! God punished Cain and put a mark upon him. He went out from the presence of the Lord and wandered into the land of Nod.

The "more excellent sacrifice" today is Jesus who was offered for us. Through His blood we can be saved from our sins.

—Aunt Marie

## Lesson 5, January 30, 1977

### THE MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE

Gen. 4:2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Heb. 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Heb. 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

1 John 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

**Memory Verse:** But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God. Heb. 10:12.

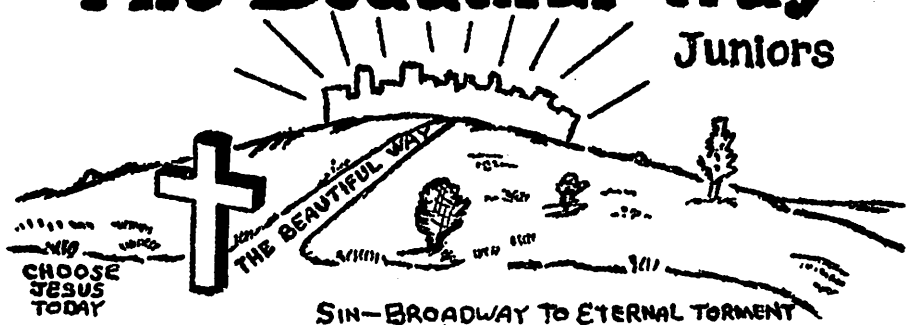
### QUESTIONS:

1. Tell the kind of work each brother did.
2. What did Cain bring as an offering?
3. What was Abel's offering?
4. Which offering did God respect?
5. How did Cain take this?
6. What did God tell Cain?
7. What happened when Cain talked to Abel?
8. Give God's question to Cain and Cain's answer.
9. How did God know Abel was killed?
10. Who is the mediator of the new covenant?
11. What did it take to make the new covenant?
12. Why was Abel's sacrifice more excellent than Cain's?
13. What is the message we have heard from the beginning?
14. Why did Cain slay Abel?
15. How can we know we've passed from death to life?

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Feb. 6

## Teddy's Home

In the fifth-grade composition class Teddy listened to the other children read their vacation stories. His throat felt choky. They were nearly all about visits to relatives, Grandparents especially. Teddy had no grandparents; he hadn't even a father or mother—no one at all who was really his own. He was an orphan.

The teacher frowned when Teddy said he hadn't written anything. He wiped the dampness from his eyes and bent his tow head over the desk while he filled a page of white paper telling how he and Steve had fished beside the lighthouse point. How pleased he was when the class voted his the most interesting of all.

Teddy lived with Steve Majors and his wife. He was a state ward. That meant, because he had no one living to care for him, that the government paid for his keep. Their home was a weathered house at the foot of the hill. Their door opened on to a sandy beach in summer and a sheet of icy snow in winter. The ocean was only a few feet beyond. Teddy loved the ocean; it lay so blue and friendly in the sunshine, and he slept

soundest when the waves lashed the beach in a storm. Steve Majors loved it even more than Teddy did. Day after day sitting by the window he never grew tired of watching its ceaseless motion. As he carved toys he hummed sailors' songs that he had learned years ago.

Ruddy, deep-chested, and strong-armed as Steve was, yet he was a cripple. When he stood he walked on leather kneecaps that covered his stubs of legs, but at that he was taller than Teddy. Teddy never thought of Steve as unfortunate, or the Majors as poor. For Steve was jolly, and Mrs. Majors kept their little house clean. A plant in the window and a warm fire made from the driftwood brightened the room. Teddy liked his home; he was grateful to Steve, who had taken the place of a father, and to Mrs. Major, who washed and mended for him and cooked the things he liked. He was glad, too, that he was the means of bringing the money these kind people so much needed, but a lump would rise in his throat when he thought how he was different from other boys. How he wanted someone who really belonged to him.

Teddy would have been surprised to have known that this same thing worried

Steve and Molly Majors, and that they were apt to talk about it after he had fallen asleep in the evening.

"He is such a likeable chap. Somebody will surely take the notion to adopt him. It's a wonder that it hasn't happened already." As Molly spoke she looked appealingly at her husband with fear in her eyes.

"You wouldn't want to deny him a real home when you know that is what he needs above everything?"

But Molly continued her appeal: "You would not be willing for him to leave us when I see by the pride in your eyes that you love him as you would have your own son if God had given us one?"

Steve did not meet her look. "If I could only have been appointed to the place as watchman on the point yonder we would have had the adoption papers by now."

"It's a shamel" Molly's resentment rose. "The man to whom they gave the place, in spite of his two legs, cannot always be depended upon to keep the light burning."

But when the next day came they were cheery as usual. Teddy did not know of Molly's fear nor of Steve's disappointment. They never talked about these things, but laughed and made much of the little pleasant things that were theirs to enjoy.

It was their custom in the evening to watch the dusk grow over the ocean. Then the lights would come on one by one around the harbor and at the lighthouse on the point. Steve's chair was before the window and Teddy sat with his elbows on the table beside him. Later, when the lights were lit, the boy would do his arithmetic problems. It was no fun to work them at school, for he liked to show Steve how easily he could manage them and have him admire his regular rows of figures.

Tonight the lights glowed in the harbor, but the point was still in darkness. It was a treacherous black, Teddy thought, when he pictured to himself the sharp jutting rocks near which they had fished. The wind was rising; the whitecaps showed in the darkness.

Teddy looked at Steve questioningly. Steve moved in his chair; he took from his pocket a large silver watch fastened by a braided leather chain. Teddy struck a match for him to see. It was well past the time when the beacon was always burning.

"I saw him in town as I came from school," said Teddy, referring to the watchman.

Molly's indignant eyes met her husband's. They sat in silence; an hour passed; the wind grew into storm, and still there was no light. Then Steve spoke to Molly. "Get my oilskins." Her face turned white at the thought of his trying to cross to the point on a night like that.

"The freighters are overdue at the dock," he said. "The beacon must be lit so that the boats can come safely into the harbor."

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## The Stilt City

Did you ever walk on stilts? Maybe some of you have stilts. They are sticks about six feet tall with a board nailed to the stick to put your feet on. Generally they have a leather belt to hold your feet to the board so you can walk on them.

Sis Dorothy Keiser visited a town named Bonacca Town. It was built on stilts. It is located 500 yards off the main island, Guanaja, which is in the bay of Honduras, Central America. All the houses were on stilts, on a man-made shoal, covering 18 square miles. The houses are about four feet above the water. They drive the stilts down into the coral or shoal, porous-like substance on which the city is built. There are hundreds of houses built this

way. All they have are boardwalks, which are about three or four feet wide, to walk to the main island or to the door of their homes. The center of the shoal was filled with dirt so they could plant shrubs and trees. This stops the flow of the water and makes it stagnant. One blessing about this island is that there are no mosquitoes.

Sis. Dorothy attended a convention in this stilt city. At the convention they taught the truths of God's Word. They also had children's meeting. The "Beautiful Way" papers were used in their Sunday school and also, the "Evening Light Songs" book was used.

The boardwalk was generally crowded, sometimes with drunks, dogs, and etc. Whenever she walked along it, she was fearful of being shoved off. This had happened to others but the Lord never did let it happen to her.

A big boat was rented to go along the main island and pick up people to take to meeting. They would be waiting on the shore with their baggage. Sis. Dorothy enjoyed this boat ride. — M. Miles

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION

<i>ages died</i>	
<i>Adam</i>	<i>930 yrs</i>
<i>Seth</i>	<i>912 yrs</i>
<i>Jared</i>	<i>962 yrs</i>
<i>Enoch</i>	<i>365 yrs</i>
<i>Methuselah</i>	<i>969 yrs</i>
<i>Lamech</i>	<i>777 yrs</i>
<i>Noah</i>	<i>950 yrs</i>
<i>Methuselah knew both Adam &amp; Noah</i>	

Pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Didn't people live a long time, thousands of years ago? Adam lived 930 years. We think that people live a long time today when they live to be in their nineties. Not many people live to be one hundred years old. But Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. He was the oldest man that we have any record of. That is almost a thousand years old! He was really old, wasn't he? But we do not want to ever forget Enoch. Enoch was a good man. The Apostle Paul mentions him in the New Testament. He said, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Heb. 11:5. Translated means that he was just taken up out of this world into heaven. There was another man who was translated too. That was Elijah. He went up in a chariot of fire, in a whirlwind, into heaven. You can read about him in II Kings 2:11. But wasn't that a wonderful thing to be said about Enoch—that "he pleased God"? Boys and girls, we want that to be said about us. We want to please God. If we do, then when we come to die we will be received into heaven to be with Jesus and oh, that is such a wonderful and glorious place! I do want to go there, don't you?

One thing I want you to remember is that Methuselah knew Adam and Noah. So after the flood Noah knew all that had taken place in the Garden of Eden and all about Adam and Eve. All of this was kept on record and told to the next generation until Moses wrote it all down. It is in the Bible for us to read. Methuselah was 369 years old when Noah was born and he lived until the year of the flood.

God saw the wickedness in the world. How terrible it was for people to listen to the devil and do so many wicked things. God looked down and felt sorry that He had created mankind. Sometimes when I hear people saying there might be people on other planets, I think about how disappointed God was with the people that He had made here on this planet. I don't think He would want to have any more people on another planet, do you?

God saw that people's thoughts were wicked. They imagined wicked things to do all the time. How sad! We are living in a world of wickedness today. No doubt God feels sad when He looks at this wicked world just like He did when He looked at it in the beginning. But, boys and girls, we can be like Enoch. We can please God each day if we watch and pray.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 6, February 6, 1977

## GOD SEES GOOD AND BAD

Gen. 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:

26 And Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters:

27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

30 And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters.

Gen. 6:1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Memory Verse: By faith Enoch was translated . . . he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Heb. 11:5.

## QUESTIONS:

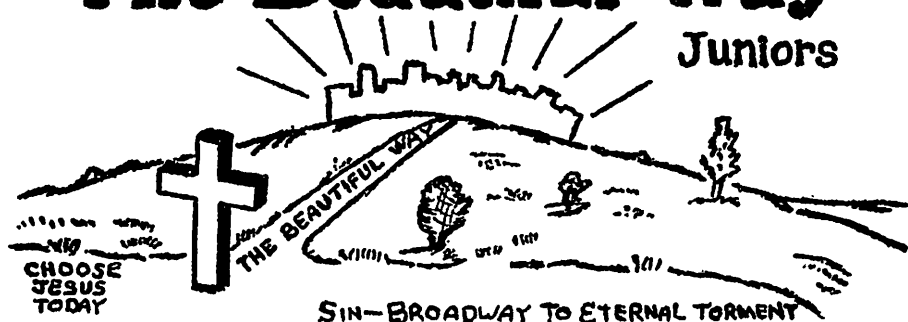
1. How old was Adam when Seth was born?
2. How long did Adam live?
3. Who was Methuselah's father?
4. How old was Enoch?
5. Tell about Enoch's death.
6. Who was Methuselah's son?
7. How long did Methuselah live?
8. Tell who Noah's father was.
9. What happened when men began to multiply upon the earth?
10. Why did God say, "My spirit shall not always strive with man"?
11. How many years was man to live?
12. What did God see in the earth?
13. Can you explain what the last part of Gen. 6:5 means?
14. What was the testimony Enoch had?

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## Teddy's Home

(continued from last issue)

"Take me," Teddy begged. "I can help you light the beacon in the lighthouse so the freighters can find their way."

The man shook his head and started to refuse. "It's dangerous—" but the boy's lips set in a firm line, and he glanced at Steve's limbs with meaning. "You may need me. I want to go with you."

They put matches in the oilskin pockets, and Molly brought a can filled with kerosene. She took two large safety pins and fastened the coat collars about the boy's and the man's necks.

"Good-by, Molly," Steve said. Silently she stood by the door and let them out.

"Good-by."

They went over the slippery ice to the boat. Together they fastened the oars in the locks. Then they settled themselves, Steve to row and Teddy grasping the kerosene can. The waves swelled high, but Steve skillfully rode them. It was an art he had known in the old days when the sea had been his home.

They were soon wet and freezing cold, though they did not feel it; Steve's body was warmed by the effort of battling

with the oars, and Teddy was so excited that he was dumb to everything but their progress. Steve steered by the position of the harbor lights. He was kept busy holding the boat to the course from which it was continually driven by the wind and breakers. He aimed for a place on the shore from which they could walk to the rocky point. When at last they reached the cove and made a landing Steve's strong body was tired out from fighting the waves and the wind.

Once on shore it was a question of following the path to the lighthouse. Teddy took the kerosene and went ahead and Steve followed. The trail upward was steep and slippery, and Steve had to make his way slowly and with care. Before he reached the steps ascending to the lighthouse, Teddy had already lighted the beacon overhead. It burned brightly, a warning to the vessels in the storm, and it carried a message of great joy to Molly, waiting on the opposite bank.

Later the unfaithful watchman was discharged, and Steve was appointed to take his place.

When Molly heard of it, she foresaw her husband's plans, saying: "Now we

can manage without the money we get for taking care of Teddy."

And Teddy, overhearing it, for a short moment felt more alone than he ever had before. Then Steve put an arm about his shoulders. "A man likes to earn his own son's living," Steve said. "We are going to arrange it so you will really belong to us," Molly smiled.

"Father Steve—Mother Molly," Teddy said, and his heart was too full of happiness for the instant to say more.

When we believe on the Lord Jesus as our Saviour, we "receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:5). We are adopted into His Heavenly Family. We are no longer as though we belonged to no one. Instead of turning us away, He makes us His own children. —Sel.

## Pedro's Fever

Late one night Pedro, an Indian boy, sat up on his bed. He cried, "My head, my head!"

His father and mother got up. And his mother laid her hand on his head. "He is very hot," she said. "He is sick with a hot fever. He is very sick."

Pedro began to sweat, until his body and his clothes were wet. His head hurt. He had never felt such pain.

"Dear Lord Jesus, please help me." he cried.

Then Pedro heard his mother and father talking in soft voices. He asked "Are you talking about the medicine man? Please do not call the medicine man. I believe in Jesus, so call the kind pastor and ask him to pray to the Lord for me."

"Hush, my poor sick child," said his mother. "You do not know what you believe. You are too sick, Pedro."

Soon Pedro's father left the house. He came back again with the medicine man. The medicine man wanted to say magic words over Pedro.

"Don't touch me!" sick Pedro cried. "Now I belong to Jesus. I do not belong to the devil."

The medicine came close to the bed. He wanted Pedro to drink a magic drink. The medicine man thought this would make Pedro well.

But Pedro jumped from his bed. He ran to a corner of the room.

"I belong to Jesus!" he cried. "Call the Christian pastor to pray. I know that Jesus will help me."

As the medicine man went nearer to Pedro, his parents were afraid. "Stop!" they called. "You are only making Pedro worse. Let us call the Christian pastor. He will make Pedro be quiet. After Pedro is asleep, you can do your magic."

So the father again ran out into the night. This time he went to the house where the Christian pastor lived. The Christian pastor brought a friend with him to Pedro's house.

How happy Pedro was to see the pastor. He said, "Jesus can help me, can't He? Jesus can do anything, can't He?"

"Yes," said the two Christian men. "Now, lie down, Pedro, and we will pray with you. Yes, the Lord Jesus can do anything. We will ask Him to make you well."

The two men prayed beside Pedro's bed. But the medicine man did not like it. At last he grew very angry. He shouted, "I leave this house!" He shut the door with a bang as he left the house.

But Pedro felt quiet and much better. The words of the good Christian men sounded farther away. Soon he was asleep.

After a long time, Pedro woke up. He saw that the two Christian men were talking to his mother and father. He could hear them talking about the Bible and about God. He could hear his mother and father asking many things about the Lord

Jesus. He could hear the men saying that the Lord Jesus had given His life for all people. Pedro smiled and fell asleep once again.

In the morning, Pedro sat up. He looked at the sunshine. Then he called, "Mother, my head feels very much better."

His mother came and felt his head with her hand. "Yes, my son, your head feels cool now."

The Christian men smiled, too. "We think Pedro should stay in bed a few days," said the pastor. "But he is much better."

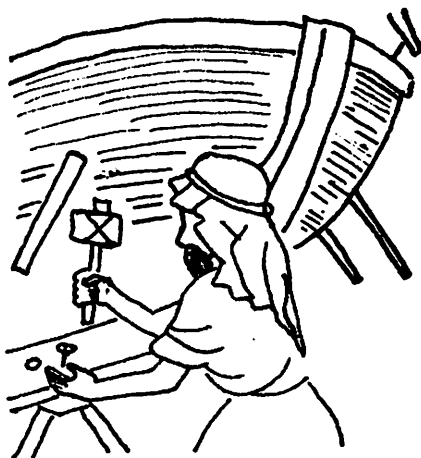
Pedro's father shook his head. He had never heard of anything like this before. He said, "Something wonderful happened here last night. I do not care if the medicine man ever comes again to this house. What do you think, wife?"

"I think I would like to learn more about Jesus and be a Christian!" said Pedro's mother, smiling at Pedro.

As Pedro lay back on his bed, he felt very happy. "The Lord Jesus can do anything," he said to himself. And then he waved good-bye to his two Christian friends.

— Sel.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

What a wicked world God saw as He looked down upon it. People were doing terrible things. They were killing, stealing, and cursing. They didn't have any love for one another, nor for God. Our lesson said that the "earth was filled with violence." Violence means rough, unjust use of force or power, injurious acts, damaging others, severity. What a wicked world it was for God to look at. No wonder He repented, or was sorry, that He made mankind. He wanted them to be people that He could enjoy, people that would love Him and He could commune with. But God is holy, just, and loving. He could not have any part in all of the evil ways of mankind. They had turned away from Him and were serving another master, the devil. The devil had people doing all the wicked things that he could get them to do. The devil loves wickedness.

There was one man whom God saw among all the wicked people. We are glad that Noah loved God. So God talked to Noah. He told him how sad He was that the people He had created were so wicked. He told Noah that He was going to destroy all of those wicked people but He would spare Noah and his family.

I wonder what Noah's wife and sons said when he told them about what God had said? Noah told his family that God told him to make an ark that would float on water. God was going to destroy the people from the earth by a flood. I am sure that his sons asked him the question, "How will God destroy the people because we never have that much water on the earth? There is only a mist that comes up and waters everything. There never could be enough mist to make that much water." But Noah assured his sons and their families that God had said, "Behold, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under the heaven;

and every thing that is in the earth shall die." No doubt his family shook at the thought of what a "flood of waters" would mean. They helped Noah build the ark. This ark was about one and one-half city blocks long. It was 450 ft. long, 75 ft. wide, 45 ft. high. It had three decks, divided into compartments, with a window on the top.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 7, February 13, 1977

### NOAH RECEIVED MERCY

Gen. 6:6 And it repented the Lord he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

11 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

12 And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

15 And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and height of it thirty cubits.

16 A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.

17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

18 But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee.

**Memory Verse:** Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. Gen. 6:22.

### QUESTIONS:

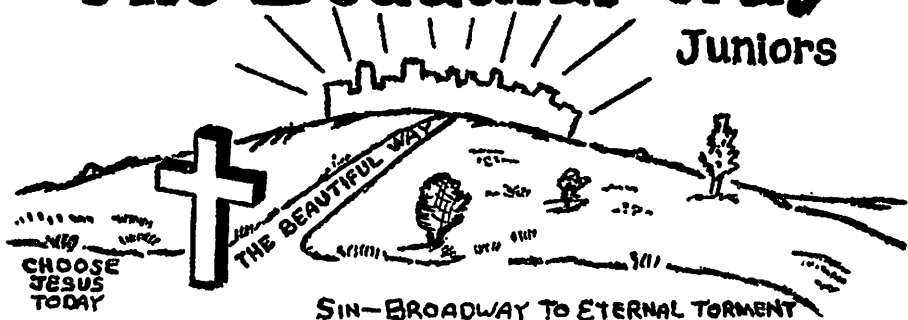
1. What did God repent of?
2. What was God going to do?
3. Who found grace in God's sight?
4. Tell some good things about Noah.
5. Name Noah's sons.
6. Tell two things about the condition of the world at this time.
7. Was everyone corrupt?
8. What did God tell Noah to do?
9. How long was the ark to be?
10. How many stories did the ark have?
11. What was going to destroy the earth?
12. With whom was God going to establish His covenant?
13. Did Noah do all God told him to do?
14. What do you think it means to "find grace" in the eyes of the Lord?

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## The Contest

"Oh, Mother, we're going to have a sewing contest—all the sixth grade girls. We're going to dress the dolls the P.T.A. have gathered for the Children's Home," cried Betty Ann. "We are to do our work at home—that's so no one will know what we are making. I'm glad you taught me to take tiny stitches."

"Betty Ann, with whom were you walking home?"

"Geraldine Monroe."

"Where was Sarah?"

"I don't know. We don't walk home together any more."

"What's wrong? You used to walk home together every afternoon."

"Well, Geraldine doesn't like Sarah."

"I think you would be wise in seeing less of Geraldine and more of Sarah," said Mother. "Sarah loves the Lord, and is trying to please Him."

"So am I," Betty Ann said, "and I thought maybe I could win Geraldine."

"I hope you can, my dear. But I think Geraldine has more influence over you than you have over her. You must be friendly to her, of course. But she is not the kind of girl you want to become. And you are becoming more and more like

her. The Bible says, 'Evil communications corrupt good manners' (1 Cor. 15:33). Have you ever asked her to go to Sunday school with you?"

"Yes, once," Betty Ann said slowly. Then she added, "Don't worry, Mother. She'll not get me to do anything wrong."

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"Have you finished your doll dress?" Geraldine asked Betty Ann a month later.

"Oh, yes."

"Let me see it," begged Geraldine.

"But we're not supposed to."

"I do lots of things I'm not supposed to do," said Geraldine, tossing her head. "It never hurts me. Please, Betty Ann. You sew so beautifully. I just love to look at your work."

Betty Ann listened to Geraldine's words of flattery. "Well," she said slowly, as she got out her sewing basket. Tenderly she lifted out the dress.

"Oh, Betty Ann—a colonial lady," breathed Geraldine. "It's beautiful! Would you let me take it to show Grandmother? Please, Betty Ann," Geraldine begged.

"Will you promise not to let anyone else see it?" asked Betty Ann. "And will you bring it right back? No, you'd better

bring it to school in the morning. I don't want Mother to know you took it."

Geraldine promised faithfully to guard the dress. But when Geraldine was gone, Betty Ann had that uncomfortable feeling which comes from wrong doing.

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The afternoon the dresses were judged Betty Ann burst into the house, sobbing.

"Don't take it so hard, dear," Mother soothed. "There will be other contests and other prizes. You did your best and that is worth everything."

"But Mother," Betty Ann wept, "Geraldine won."

"Next to yourself, wouldn't you rather she'd win than anyone else? You have been so fond of her."

"I hate her now. She's a thief and a liar and—"

"Betty Ann!" Mrs. Martin said sharply.

"Well, she is," Betty Ann replied hotly. "She stole the idea for her dress from me. Then she just added a few things to make hers more fancy—and it won the prize. She told me she already had hers finished when she asked to see mine."

"You let her see your dress? I thought that was forbidden in the contest."

"It was. But she begged so hard. And then I let her take it home to show her Grandmother. Oh!" And the tears began again.

"I think this will show you what I meant when I warned you against making Geraldine a bosom friend," said Mrs. Martin. "She talked you into doing something you knew was wrong. Sarah would never have done that."

"No, Sarah wouldn't," Betty Ann admitted. "And I'm going to stick to her after this. I'll show Geraldine!"

"You must not hold resentment in your heart against Geraldine. You are to blame as well as she. You knew it was against the rules to show your work to her. Yet you deliberately disobeyed."

"But Mother, she influenced me."

"That is just what I have been trying to get you to see. She has the wrong kind of influence over you. The Bible tells us we must watch our friendships. We must be courteous to all, but we must never make close friends of those who like to do wrong."

The phone rang and Mrs. Martin answered it. "Betty Ann, Miss Curtis wants to see you at school. Remember, dear, speak the truth about the whole affair. Do not try to shield your own wrong doing."

It was a very subdued Betty Ann who walked into the house an hour later. "Neither one of us will get the prize now," she said. "Miss Curtis noticed how very alike the dresses were, and she decided to ask us about it. When I got there she asked me if I had shown my dress to Geraldine. I told her I had. Then she called Geraldine in from the other room—and she confessed she had copied mine. And Mother, Sarah is to be given the prize. I'm glad it's to be Sarah."

—Sel.

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## Daniel Webster and the Woodchuck

When Daniel Webster was a boy a woodchuck once helped itself to what vegetables it wanted from the homestead garden. Daniel's brother, Ezekiel, set a trap and caught the woodchuck. "The rascal has done enough mischief; it should die," declared Ezekiel stoutly.

But Daniel took a different view of the matter, so the case was brought before their father who acted as judge.

Ezekiel told of the vicious habits of the prisoner. He dwelt on the damage it had done to the garden, adding also a comment on the value of its skin. For these reasons he claimed the woodchuck should die.

Then Daniel pleaded the woodchuck's case saying that it was one of God's crea-

tures, not particularly vicious; also that it had a right to food, life and liberty. He closed his plea by dwelling upon the cruelty of taking the life of a helpless creature.

The father, sitting in judgment, was so moved by Daniel's pleading for the poor helpless creature that he cried, "Zeke, Zeke, let the woodchuck go!"

That was Daniel Webster's first case and he won it when he was only ten years old.

— Sel.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Noah preached to the people. He warned them that a flood was coming. They laughed at him and went right on living in their wicked ways. They would not listen. They were like people today. They know that death might overtake them at any time but they just continue to live wickedly. They know that Jesus might come at any time but they don't make any change. How sad!

Rain, rain, rain! The water filled the streets and it rose higher and higher. The creeks filled up and overflowed. The

ponds and the rivers overflowed. There was water everywhere. The fountains in the deep broke through the ground. Great rocks rolled down the mountain sides, crushing everything in their way. People ran for higher ground. They pounded on the door of the ark but there was no answer from within. Oh, how they wished they had listened to Noah! They cried and they prayed to God but the heavens were as brass. The day of mercy was past. The ark floated on out of their sight. They had missed God's mercy that He had shown to them by sending His warnings through Noah. Oh, how they wished and wished they had listened and were safe in the ark. But it was too late. The day of mercy was past. How sad, oh how sad! God's door was shut.

Jesus talked to the people one day, and He warned them that a time was coming when "heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away." He told them to think about Noah, how people did not listen to the warnings of God through Noah and they went on drinking, eating, marrying and giving in marriage right up until the time that the animals went two by two into the ark. They saw this and surely they could see that this was a miracle within itself, but they didn't let it bother them. They saw Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives, move all of their things into the ark. They saw all the food that had been stored for the animals and watched as the big door closed them in. Probably they laughed with unbelief. Maybe they even said, "One of these days they will get tired of being in there and come out." They didn't know that it would be in a day when they would not be there to see them. How sad! Oh, if souls today would listen to the warnings about the coming of the Lord and get ready to meet Him! He surely is coming. Boys and girls, if you are not ready, do not wait any longer. Seek God's forgive-

ness through Jesus Christ. Be ready when He comes, because He will come. Don't be like the people in Noah's day.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 8, February 20, 1977

## NOAH AND FAMILY SAVED

Gen. 7:1 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.

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.

13 In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark;

14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life.

16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the Lord shut him in.

17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the

high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered.

24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Matt. 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Memory Verse: But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be. Matt. 24:37.

### QUESTIONS:

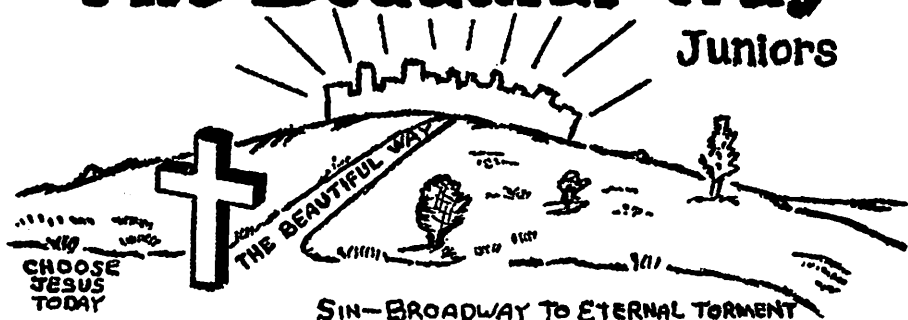
1. Who did God tell to come into the ark?
2. How old was Noah when he went into the ark?
3. How many days was the rain upon the earth?
4. Name Noah's family.
5. What else went into the ark with Noah and his family?
6. How many of each went in?
7. Who shut them in the ark?
8. What happened to the ark as the waters increased?
9. How high did the water get?
10. How long was the water on the earth?
11. What were people doing before the flood?
12. How did Jesus say it would be when he comes again?
13. Will people know when the time is?
14. Will they be surprised?

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### **Mara's Lamb**

Mara stood on the deck of the big ship watching the Statue of Liberty. She had reached her new home, the great land of America. Here, she was told, no one ever went hungry. She had been hungry many times. Mother's folks in America had sent them parcels of food and clothing, and now they were bringing them to this wonderful country to live.

Mara liked her new home at Uncle Rudolph's. It was so good to sit down to the table and eat all she wanted. She could drink a whole glass of milk, and then have the glass filled again.

Her father continued to be sick. The doctors feared he had a dread disease. Uncle Rudolph purchased a small fruit farm in Arizona and sent the little family out to it. There with the milk from two goats and a lot of fruit and vegetables, they felt sure Father would regain his health.

It was a lonely life for Mara. The only children she ever saw were the children of tourists who often passed by. There was no public school close, but there was a mission school in the village. But there was no money to buy clothes

and books so Mara could not attend. Mara had no toys or pets.

Mara liked to watch for the man who sometimes drove his flock of sheep past her home. He always had a smile for her. One day she saw him coming back, he was carrying something in his arms. As he drew near she saw it was a baby lamb and it was crying. It must be sick, poor little lamb!

When he reached her he held out the lamb to her. "Its mother just died," he said, "and it's hungry. You can raise it on goats' milk," and he motioned toward the goats.

Mara held the struggling lamb in her arms, not knowing what to do with it. The man motioned again toward the goats and made her understand she was to feed it. She ran with it to the house and told her mother.

Mara was not lonesome now. She had to see that the lamb got his bottle of milk several times a day. He would come leaping and frisking toward her whenever he saw her or heard her voice. Mara loved her little lamb.

The sheep man often stopped to speak to her and to see the lamb. He sometimes brought her candy, and once he brought her a picture book of the life of

Jesus. Mara couldn't read the English words, but she liked to look at the pictures. She liked one especially, the one where the kind man sat holding some children while others played around him. Many of them were listening to him.

These children were not afraid. Most of the children Mara knew in her old home were always afraid. Men were so cruel there. How she wished the men could have been like this kind Man, they wouldn't have been afraid then. How she wished she could read all about them. Her mother didn't know the English words either.

When fall came the sheep man was busy separating the lambs from their mothers and taking them to a different pasture. Mara's lamb was big now. One day the man stopped and looked the lamb over carefully. He wanted to buy the lamb back. He offered money. But Mara drew back and shook her head. She couldn't think of such a thing as selling that lamb. She decided not to tell her parents about it for fear they would insist on her selling it. She knew they needed that money. They had lots of food—milk and cheese from the goats, fruit and vegetables from the garden, and her mother made delicious bread from their own corn; but they had no money and they all needed clothes.

One morning while Mara was out playing with the lamb her mother unpacked some spreads from their great chest. She had made those spreads herself in their old home in Europe. They were made of many colors and looked so pretty when she hung them all on the line. Mara saw many people watching them as they passed by. One car slowed down and stopped. A woman came in and she and Mara's mother went to the line where they examined the spreads.

When Mara reached the house the lady was gone and her mother was telling her father that the lady would pay her \$30 each for the two new spreads.

"It will cost nearly ten dollars for thread for just one," she said, "and where can we ever get that much money? It is impossible, and Mara should be going to school, too, to learn the English."

Ten dollars! Mara wondered what ten dollars looked like. Maybe it was ten dollars that the sheep man had offered. But she didn't want to sell the lamb. "But to go to school," something seemed to whisper to her. "Wouldn't you want to go to school? You would learn to read about the kind Man then." Mara went outside thinking very hard.

(to be continued)

## Respect Your Elders

The people were passing out the door of the chapel. The minister was standing at the door shaking hands with each one that passed. As one little boy started out, the preacher held out his hand. The boy being in a jolly mood just slapped the minister's hand and darted out the door. He thought he had done a very funny thing. But it didn't turn out very funny in the end because his big sister had seen it all. On the way home from the chapel, big sister told father about what she had seen. Since this boy had a christian father, he promptly took care of the whole matter. He told his son how very, very disrespectful he had been; that he had been taught better than to act that way. His father let him know that those who had seen him probably didn't think so now. He told him how grieved he was to think that his son would ever do such a thing. The father took his son to the minister to tell him how sorry he was that he had done such a thing. Truly this boy felt very, very sorry after his father had made him know how awful it was to act in such a manner. With

tears in his eyes he asked the minister to forgive him for being so rude.

—(Told to me) M. Miles



*In her mouth  
was an olive  
leaf*

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever own a pigeon? One time my father cut a hole in the attic of the garage for a place for two pigeons to live. He enjoyed them. There was a bedroom in one side of the garage, and one time he let some people sleep in the bedroom. Well, they didn't rest very well for the cooing of the pigeons, so he thought he would get rid of them. He told a man who lived out in the country, to come and get them. He came one night, put them in a sack, and took them with him. He kept them penned up for several days. When he let them out, they flew right back to my father's garage. The man came for them again and my father shut up the hole. The man kept them penned up for a longer period of time. When he let them out, they came back but didn't stay, since the hole was closed. Pigeons are very interesting.

There are several species of the dove: The wood-pigeon, the tame pigeon, the ringdove or turtledove, the picaipinima, and the St. Thomas pigeon. The dove, under the law of Moses, was declared to be pure. If a person were poor, he could offer two pigeons or two turtledoves for a

sin-offering instead of a lamb. In another place in the Bible, we read about the Holy Spirit coming down upon Jesus, in the shape of a dove. The dove is a meek, harmless, and lowly bird. Jesus said for us to be "harmless as doves." Matt. 10:16.

The ravens brought food to Elijah during the famine (1 Kings 17:4,6). Jesus also told us to "consider the ravens, they neither sow nor reap" but God feeds them; then Jesus asks "how much more are ye better than the fowls?" Matt. 12:24. The ark rested on Mt. Ararat. Noah, his family, and all the animals came out of the ark. Today, many are sure that the ark is still on Mt. Ararat, which is in Northern Turkey, close to the Soviet Union. Turkey must get along with Russia so they cannot allow anyone to go up on that mountain. This mountain (17,000 ft. elevation) has the largest icecap in the world. The ark is in a little cove about 650 ft. long and 150 ft. wide. There was a time when there wasn't ice on this mountain. "Thirty years before Christ, Damascenus writes about the Ark on a mountain in Armenia; Josepheus (the ancient historian) says the stranded ark could still be seen in his day." Some have gone up to it, and brought back pieces of wood. In 1916, a Russian pilot reported seeing a ship on top of Mt. Ararat, "as long as a city block." Two expeditions investigated. They took pictures and measurements. "They said it contained hundreds of small rooms, some huge rooms which had fence-like partitions, made of upright timbers, two feet thick, many cages with tiny iron bars. In one side there was a big door about twenty feet square." Russian records were destroyed. The last attempt to find it was in 1971 and the communists stopped it. Maybe in God's own time it will be found and will be a testimony against unbelievers.

—Aunt Marie

## THE TWO BIRDS

Gen. 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged;

4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made:

7 And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth.

8 Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground;

9 But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark.

10 And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark;

11 And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth.

12 And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry.

14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried.

18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him:

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

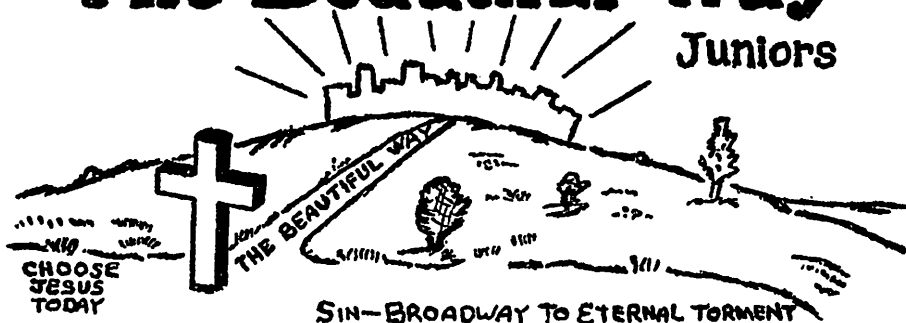
**Memory Verse:** And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him. Matt. 3:16.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How did God make the waters assuage (lessen)?
2. Where did the ark come to rest?
3. How long had the ark been on Mt. Ararat when Noah opened the window?
4. How long did the raven go to and fro?
5. What was the second bird Noah let go?
6. Did she stay away from the ark?
7. How long did he wait to send the dove forth again?
8. How did Noah know the waters were abated?
9. In what year were the waters dried up?
10. How much longer did Noah stay in the ark?
11. How many came out of the ark?
12. What did Noah do when he came out of the ark?
13. Tell about a dove in the New Testament.

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## Mara's Lamb

(continued from last issue)

Mara had never gone to the sheep man's house, but she knew where it was. She wanted to know how much ten dollars was and if that were ten dollars he had offered her that day.

The man guessed what she wanted and went back with her to talk to her father. When he left, the lamb went with him and Mara held ten dollars in her hand.

The following days were busy ones for Mara, for her mother spent all her time now making the pretty spread and Mara had to do all the work. She didn't mind too much, for she was thinking of the pretty dresses that would be hers when the spread was sold and her mother could start on a second spread. Maybe she could sell many spreads. Her father thought so.

Mara was so happy when she entered school. She didn't have to wait to learn to read before she could hear the story of the kind Man in the picture. The teacher told the children something about Him every day. Mara was very glad and listened closely so she could

tell her father and mother when she went home.

The teacher told them one day that Jesus, the kind Man, loved all children everywhere. They could come to Him just like the children did in the picture, and He would take care of them. They couldn't see Him, of course, but they could talk to Him. The teacher then taught them to accept Him into their hearts.

When Mara told her mother this, she nodded and said, "It must be so. We didn't know that back in our home, and see how we suffered. Here in America the people and the children are so safe and happy. It must be so. They have asked Him to take care of them. I wish we too had known."

Mara asked the teacher to come and tell her parents more about the kind Man. Mara was very glad when her father and mother gave their hearts to Jesus, and asked Him to keep their little family safe.

—Selected

## THE MASTER CALLS

The Master calls for reapers;

And shall He call in vain?

The sheaves lie there ungathered

And wasteth upon the plain.

## The Boy and the Family Altar

I knew a little boy whose pious father died when he was in his fifth year, and when he fell in death, the family altar fell with him. After a time, that little boy thought how he once sat on his father's knee at family worship, how the praises of God were sung, and how he knelt by his chair as he offered up to God the morning and evening sacrifice; and he longed to erect anew the family altar. But there were his brothers, older than he, and he felt shy and afraid to speak of it, yet as he expressed his desires to pious friends, they urged him to the duty.

Coming in one evening and finding his mother alone, he took the Bible, and opening it at the tenth chapter of Jeremiah, pointed with his finger to the twenty-fifty verse, which reads thus: "Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not upon thy name."

She read the verse, and her tears fell upon the page. She understood his meaning, and no doubt felt the rebuke. She said she would speak to his elder brothers when they came in, as it was their duty, rather than his, to conduct family worship. She did speak to them, but they refused to do it, and opposed it. When they had each and all refused, the little boy took the Bible and psalm-book, and looking up to God for help, began to read. They all arose and left the room, leaving him and his mother to conduct the worship as they pleased. In the morning his brothers did the same, and so continued to do for a long time. They also began to persecute him by insults and bad treatment, in which his mother rather joined than opposed. He was in the habit of attending meetings of prayer in the evenings, and was frequently called on to visit and pray with his sick companions, and if on such occasions he had not gotten home by nine o'clock, the door was generally locked against him. His brothers

continued so to persecute him for about two years, till some of his pious friends advised him to leave the family, but he delayed in hope, nor was his hope put to shame.

Just then one of his brothers kept his seat during morning worship, but he did not join in the song of praise or kneel in prayer. Not long after this another kept his seat, and by-and-by all of them, though they took no part in the devotions, but merely sat as spectators. At last one joined his voice in the song of praise, then another, and another. Soon after this one knelt in prayer, shortly after another, then another, and soon all the family were kneeling before God.

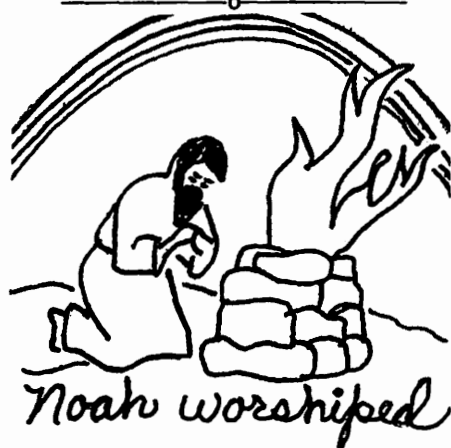
It was not long after this that he observed one and another of them retiring, and heard them praying to God in secret; nor had he long to wait till he had the happiness of seeing them all in the kingdom of God, having first given themselves to the Lord. Then each of them took his turn in conducting family worship, and by every act of kindness tried to atone for the unkindness they had shown their little brother.

That little boy became a young man, and when taking his last fond embrace of his widowed mother, before he left to go as a missionary to the heathen, she said to him, "You are not my son only, but my father. I owe the salvation of my soul to you, as being the means of it." His oldest brother said to him, "Had I been treated in this house as you have been by us for so long a time, I should have been guilty of some rash act. It was your meekness and endurance that first smote my heart and convinced my conscience." His other brothers said, "You are not only our brother after the flesh, but our father after the Spirit, nor was the change affected so much by what you said to us, as by your example."

And what wonders has not example wrought, when but one says, "I am the

Lord's!" The conversion of one sinner is almost certain to lead to the conversion of others, and the "obedience of one" to be followed by that of many. Who of the dear youth will go and do likewise? Who of them will first say, "I am the Lord's?" Many, no doubt, feel its importance, but wait for others. Sister waits for brother, brother waits for sister, wife waits for husband, husband waits for wife, and children wait for parents. Wait no longer for any. Flee for your life! They for whom you wait, influenced by your example, will come after you, fleeing from the wrath to come, as did the mother and brothers of this little fatherless boy.

— Sel.



Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever see a rainbow? I am sure that you have. I have seen many of them, but one rainbow stands out in my mind especially. We had been traveling down an interstate highway, and had stopped at a place where the restaurant was built over the highway. We went up the steps and when we got over the highway in the hall, we looked out and there was a beautiful rainbow. It was very clear and beautiful. Every time I see a rainbow I

think of God's promises. God never fails to keep His promise. God promised that He would never again destroy all the people on the earth by a flood and He has never permitted it to happen again. What a great and mighty God we serve! What a faithful God we serve, who is true to all that He has promised. Boys and Girls, always love and serve Him. It will pay, for God holds this world in His hand. He holds your life in His hand. You might say, "I am going to do as I please," and you might be doing as you please, but never forget that when God says you cannot do as you please anymore, you will be stopped. God is merciful and lets people go on and do many wicked things, yet there comes a time when He stops them. They must take what has been promised to the wicked.

God has said that He would put a fear of man upon all the animals, also put a fear upon the fowls of the air and the fishes of the sea. We find that it is true today. Not many animals will attack a person unless they are hungry, or are in a corner, and feel they must fight for their lives. God also said that "every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you, even as the green herb have I given you all things." That is the reason we eat the animals because they are put here for our food. The green herbs are put here for our food. God wants us to eat the right kind of foods. You should eat vegetables, meat, and drink milk. Many boys and girls do not want to eat vegetables, but God has put them here for food and you will be healthy if you will eat as God commanded. Too many sweets will not be good for you, nor are too many potato chips and other snack foods. Eat a good balanced meal and the Lord will bless you with health. We notice that our lesson commands us not to eat blood. In the New Testament it is also commanded that we are not to eat blood (Acts 20:29). Our lesson makes us know that God will

punish those who kill other people and beasts that kill people are punished also.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 10, March 6, 1977

### THE RAINBOW

Gen. 8:20 And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22 While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Gen. 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.

3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

4 But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

5 And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

13 I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14 And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

**Memory Verse:** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness. II Peter 3:9a.

### QUESTIONS:

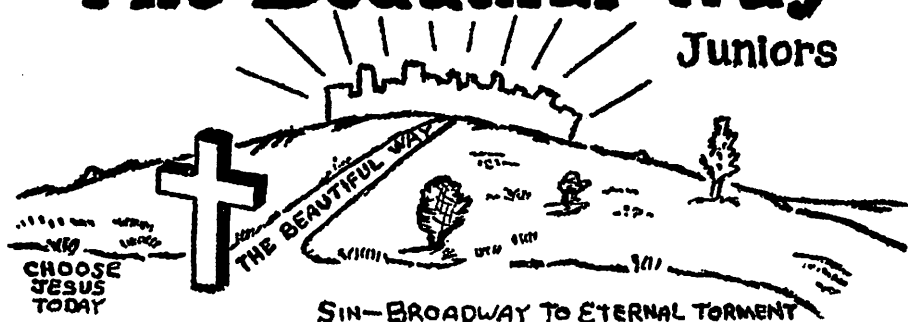
1. What did Noah offer on the altar?
2. What did the Lord say in his heart?
3. How long will spring and fall, summer and winter last?
4. What did God tell Noah and his sons to do?
5. Explain in your own words what the fear and dread of man meant.
6. What did God give for meat to man?
7. What was forbidden man to eat?
8. What will God require at the hand of man?
9. "Whoso — — — — — man's — — — — —, by man shall his — — — — — be shed."
10. Why did God set the bow in the cloud?
11. What was the covenant God made to man?
12. When will God remember His covenant?
13. Do you think of God's promise when you see the rainbow?

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## Faith That Conquers Fear

"Man," said one Christian Scotsman to another, "I got a wonderful text in my reading lesson today."

"Oh," said his friend, "let me hear it."

"Well," responded the other enthusiastically, "the text is Psalms 56:3, it says, 'What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.' " "Very good," agreed his friend, smiling, "but I got a better text in my reading lesson, for in Isaiah 12:2, I read, 'I will trust, and not be afraid.' "

There is a wide difference in the meaning of these two texts. The first suggests a faith that is born of fear. Some great calamity comes, and men realize their helplessness, and cry to God for help. Some people never enter the house of God except when they are in trouble. "What time I am afraid," they say, "I will trust in Thee." They know that God hears the cries of those who are in distress. But does God want us to seek Him only when we are in trouble? Are we satisfied with a faith like that? Is it not possible to have a higher and more noble relationship to God?

It is a great privilege to be able to say, "I will trust, and not be afraid." It implies an implicit confidence in God. It

suggests that we know Him personally and intimately, as a child knows its own father. Therefore we believe in Him with a faith that banishes fear. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

A woman, who had been delivered from the curse of alcohol, was once asked, "Do you ever touch drink?" "Drink!" she exclaimed, "whenever I think of drink I fall on my knees and pray." She had learned the secret of victory, that Jesus Christ was able to keep her from falling, and in His strength she resisted and overcame temptation. Hence she could say, with Isaiah, "I will trust, and not be afraid."

When John Bunyan was in Bedford jail, he was threatened with execution—the sentence might take place at any hour without warning. But he says: "This prison very sweet to me hath been since I came here, and so would hanging be, if there Thou should'st appear." At first he wondered if, when he was launched into eternity, he would fall into the arms of Jesus. Later, he realized that, when the moment came, his business was to jump and trust his Saviour,

for Jesus never fails those who put their trust in Him.

"I will trust, and not be afraid." What is the secret behind this testimony? Simply this: that God never forsakes His children. We abide in Him—and nothing can separate us from His love. We walk with Him—and no foe can harm us. In the darkest hour He is with us. The presence of God is the guarantee of our redemption.

Rudyard Kipling was taken seriously ill in New York. The nurse, watching him, saw his lips moving, and bent low to hear what he was saying. He was repeating the children's prayer, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep." He opened his eyes and saw the nurse. "Oh, Mr. Kipling," she said, "I thought perhaps you needed something." "Yes," said Mr. Kipling, "I do need something; I need my Heavenly Father, and that is all I need just now."

We need Him in the hour of trial and temptation. We need Him in the hour of sickness. We need Him in the hour of sorrow and death. We are always needing Him, and He is always ready to come to our aid.

"What time I am afraid" said the first Scotsman, "I will trust in Thee."

"I will trust, and not be afraid," declared his friend.

Which of these two resolves is yours? The happiest Christians are they who possess the faith that conquers fear, who can say in the hour of crisis, "I will trust, and not be afraid." —Sel.

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## Happiness

*The following story I read recently about two boys whom we will call Joe and Billy.*

One day Billy went to visit Joe and they played ball in the back yard. Soon they became hungry so they went into the kitchen to find something to eat. Joe's

mother and father were gone. The boys ate what they could find, then Joe said: "Let's wash these dishes." Billy never had washed or helped with dishes at home, but he helped Joe and they soon had them done. Joe said, "I like to do this for my mother because it makes her happy."

They went outside and were playing ball when Joe went around the garage and found the trash cans missing. Billy said, "I saw them out by the street when I came over."

Joe said, "Yes, Daddy had to work late last night and he left early this morning. He didn't have time to put them back where they belong. Let's go get them and put them away." Billy didn't much want to, but he did it to please his friend.

When Joe's parents returned home the boys were happy to see them. Joe's mother came into the kitchen and saw that the dishes had been done so nicely. Billy also saw her face light up with happiness, and she commended the boys for their thoughtfulness. She baked them some cookies.

When Joe's father saw that the trash cans were back in place his face also lit up with happiness. He thanked the boys very much for helping him.

It came time for Billy to go home and when he got there, his parents were gone to a meeting. He saw the sink was full of dirty dishes, so he washed up the dishes for his mother. He then saw that his father's shoes needed polishing, so he polished them.

When his mother came into the house she said, "I'm so tired, but I must wash those dirty dishes." When she saw that they were all washed, and put away so nicely, she was very happy and her face lit up with joy. This repaid Billy for all the work he had done.

His father was also happy to see his shoes polished. He then asked Billy why

he had done this and Billy said, "I wanted to surprise you." They were all very happy.

I told this story to my little grandchildren while baby-sitting with them and my little four-year-old granddaughter got real busy, putting away their toys, and picking up papers. She said, "I want to make my mother happy." When her mother came home she exclaimed with joy how nice the house looked. My little granddaughter looked at her with such a sweet, happy, satisfied expression.

Children, the secret of being happy is to make someone else happy.

—Effie Miller



Dear Boys and Girls:

Noah was 600 years old when he went into the ark, and he lived 350 years after the flood. Busy were the days for Noah and his sons after they left the ark. Within a few years there were houses, fields of grain, many families, herds of cattle and flocks of sheep over the country side. Noah often told his great-grandchildren the story of how God created the world, how the people became so wicked and He destroyed them with a flood. He repeated the promise of the coming of some One great, born of a

virgin, who would conquer Satan, who in those times ruled in the hearts of men, women, boys, and girls. The Saviour would deliver those from sin and death who believed in Him.

Some of the great-grandsons of Noah did not love God. They were only interested in being powerful leaders and building cities. They even worshipped idols of gold and silver. One day they decided they would build a tower that would reach to heaven. No doubt they reasoned that if another flood came they could climb to the top of the tower and be safe. Bricks were made of clay and baked in ovens. Workers hauled them to the place where the Tower of Babel was to be built. How proud the people were of their plans and the tower as it rose higher each day!

God had been watching and He let them go ahead with their plans until the time came when He decided to stop their work. One day while the commands were being given to carry brick and mix mortar, a mysterious thing happened. The men could not understand the words of their leader. They were strange words and new sounds! The bricklayers were babbling as they waved their hands. Neighbors could not understand one another. Soon those who still spoke the same language got together and moved away.

What had happened? Men in their pride had forgotten God, and they thought they could make the world perfect by their own wisdom and strength. God stopped them. God is the same today. God lets people go on in their wickedness but one day each person will face Him and their own works will be stopped. We need to do the works of God and please Him. We cannot go to heaven on our own works.

In the last part of our lesson we read about John, who was banished on the Isle of Patmos, who saw visions. Babel or

Babylon stands for false teachers in cages, or false churches. They have false spirits and God is not with them. There is much confusion in those churches and God is calling every one who loves Him to come out from among them.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 11, March 13, 1977

### TOWER OF BABEL

Gen. 9:18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan.

19 These are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth overspread.

Gen. 11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick for stone, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.

6 And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

8 So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Rev. 18:2 And he (the angel) cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

**Memory Verse:** For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. James 3:16.

### QUESTIONS:

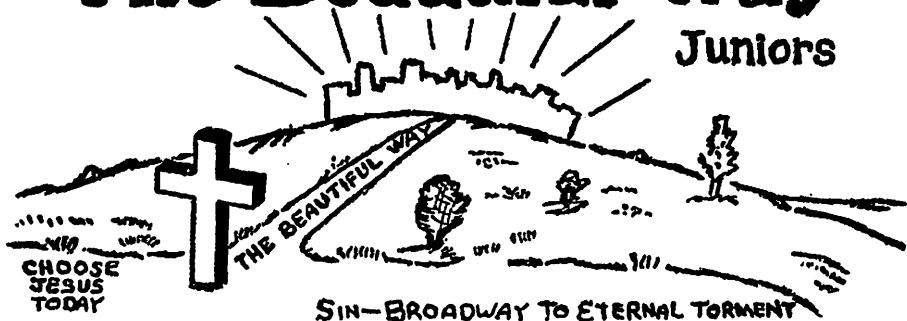
1. Name Noah's three sons.
2. Explain verse 19.
3. Was there a time when everyone spoke the same language?
4. How do you know?
5. What did the people decide to do on the plain?
6. What did they use to build with?
7. Who came down to see the city and the tower?
8. Why didn't God want them to continue building the tower?
9. How did God stop them?
10. What happened to the people?
11. What did the angel cry?
12. In Rev. what had Babylon become?
13. Tell the command the voice from heaven gave.
14. What does the memory verse tell us?

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## The Broken Window

Martin was on his way to the vacant lot at the corner of Vine and Second Streets to play baseball. He cut down an alley to the parking lot behind the big church, planning to cross it and go on through another alley for a good short cut. He glanced up at the big clock in the steeple. It was only 3:20. The game wouldn't start for ten minutes yet. There were no cars in the lot.

"I'll practice a pitch or two against that brick wall," thought Martin.

Once, twice, three times he threw the ball against the wall. What fun! The ball bounded back to him and he caught it easily. Again he threw it. Somehow his hand slipped and the ball crashed through a little window in the church basement. Martin caught his breath in horror. It was a stained glass window. He had heard someone say that they cost a lot of money. He looked all about. No one had seen him. Quickly he darted out of the lot, through the alley and on to the ball game.

That night at supper Martin was very quiet. His mother looked at him uneasily.

"Are you feeling well, son? she asked.

"Oh, yes, Mother, I feel all right."

But Martin wasn't feeling all right. His family were Christians. He had gone to a little church nearby to Sunday school and church as long as he could remember. He knew that he should tell his parents about the broken window and go to the minister and offer to have it fixed. But he was afraid none of them would understand how it happened. He knew his parents were short of money and the window would be expensive. That night he stayed awake for a long time, but he couldn't make up his mind to confess.

Next day at school Mike Bebari was called out.

"I suppose he is in trouble with the police again," whispered Martin's nearest neighbor. "He's always bad and in trouble."

Mike didn't come back and right after lunch the story spread over the playground. Mike had been accused by the police of breaking the window at the church. The janitor had seen him running from the lot soon after he heard the crash.

"He's always doing something like that," said one boy.

"His reputation is so bad no one will believe him," said another.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they sent him away this time," said another.

The whole afternoon was agony for Martin. He knew that only his confession could save Mike. He was so upset that he missed every question in class and the teacher studied him closely.

He went home and to his room instead of out to play. How could he tell his parents? How shocked and ashamed they would be! How could he face his room at school when they knew that he and not Mike was guilty. He ate no supper and his parents were beginning to be really alarmed.

After supper his father opened the Bible for the family devotions. He began to read from II Cor. chapter 8. Finally he came to the words, "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."

"Oh, Dad!" broke in Martin. "I must tell you something. I am not honest."

Quickly he told them the whole story.

"Dad, I will pay for that window somehow," he ended. "I will work and pay for it if they will let me pay for it a little at a time."

"Martin, I am glad you have confessed this. Come, we will go right away to the minister of that church so you can tell him. Then we will report to the police so Mike will be freed."

The minister was very kind about the whole affair.

"I'm glad you came to me, Martin," he said. "We are going to put in a cheaper window of stronger glass. You can pay for it a little at a time as you are able. You don't need to go to the police. I will phone them and see that Mike is released and that you are not bothered about it."

At home again Martin's face was aglow with joy.

"Oh, Dad! Mother! How good it is to be right with God again. I know now what my Sunday school teacher means when she talks about the joy of the Lord." —Sel.

## Friends

"Come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for we are journeying unto the place of which the Lord said, I will give it you" (Num. 10:29).

When we begin to serve God, we are traveling to the land of promise, the heavenly Canaan, the good land which God will give to His people. God's ways are the ways in which we are to travel, to reach that land. All God's people are our fellow-travelers, in trying to reach that happy land. We also have better friends than these fellow-travelers, in God's ways. The holy angels are the companions of all who walk in these ways. Paul says that the angels "are all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister unto those who are heirs of salvation." This means all true Christians—"all who love and serve God. David says, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Psalms 34:7).

Now, these angels are silent friends; they are not allowed to speak to us. We cannot see them. But still, they are real friends of all who walk in God's ways. But, though silent and invisible, they are active and useful friends. God employs them to take care of us, to protect us from harm, and prevent many evils that Satan, and his evil spirits, would inflict upon us.

But we have better friends even than this, in God's ways. God, Himself, will be the Friend of all who walk in these ways. Enoch walked in these ways, before the flood; and when the Bible tells us about him, it says, "Enoch walked with God." If Enoch walked with God, then God must

have walked with Enoch. Jesus says, "If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Paul says, "Truly our fellowship"—and fellowship, you know, is just the same as companionship—"our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ." Ah! this is good company indeed; these are the very best friends we can have. Only think, my dear children, of having the Lord Jesus Christ for a friend! Though you cannot see Him either, like the angels, yet He is not silent, like them. Oh, no; He speaks to His people as He walks with them, and what He says makes them very happy. As He walked with His disciples when on earth, and talked with them on one occasion, "their hearts burned within them," and they were so happy they hardly knew what to do. Just so, He talks with His people now. It is not, indeed, by words, spoken to their outward ears, that Jesus talks with His people now, but by thoughts put into their minds by His Holy Spirit. In this way He speaks to them of the precious promises of His Word, of what He has done, and suffered for their salvation, and of the glorious home which He has prepared for them above. There is nothing in the world can make us so happy as to have Jesus for our friend.

—"Sermons to Children"

Even if it is not your turn to help do the dishes, it would be a good deed to help your sister clean the table or put away the dishes.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Abram was born in the lineage of Shem. Through that lineage Jesus Christ was to be born, thousands of years later.

Abram lived in the city of Ur of the Chaldees. The people around him forgot about God and they worshipped idols. God was displeased with them. He called Abram to leave his land and people and

go into the land of Canaan. God wanted to make of him a great nation but he wanted him to be separate from the idol worshippers and also to strictly teach his family that they were to keep themselves separate and were to worship the one true God. God told Abram that He would bless him and "in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed."

Abram obeyed the call from God. He packed up his belongings, took his servants, cattle etc., and left the land of the Chaldees and headed for the land of Canaan. Abram took his brother's son, Lot and his aged father, Terah. Abram was careful to offer sacrifices unto the Lord along the way. God spoke to him and made him know that He would give unto him and his children's children the whole land of Canaan. Abram lived in tents and journeyed on through the land of Canaan. A famine took place in Canaan so Abram went down into Egypt to live during the famine. While there, he had problems, as Pharaoh took Sarai, Abram's wife to live in his house. God plagued Pharaoh and his house because he did this, so Pharaoh told Abram to take his wife and leave. Abram left Egypt and went back into Canaan.

Time had passed and Abram was very rich in silver, gold, and cattle. Lot also had flocks, herds, and tents. The land around them was not big enough to take care of all their animals. Strife arose between Abram's servants and Lot's servants. This grieved Abram, so he told Lot to choose which direction that he wanted to go and he would go the other direction. Lot lifted up his eyes and beheld the well-watered land of the Jordan river and the cities. He chose the best place and left. Surely Abram was a peacemaker. He didn't want trouble so he took the other and they parted. Boys and girls, it is best to take the smallest, or be last, or take a few hits than to let strife rule you. Strife is an awful thing. God

has called us to peace. Jesus has said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." So do strive for peace. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, March 20, 1977

## ABRAM'S CALL AND PROBLEMS

Gen. 12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.

Gen. 13:1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3a And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel.

5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Ca-

naanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10a And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom.

13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.

**Memory Verse:** Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Rom. 14:19.

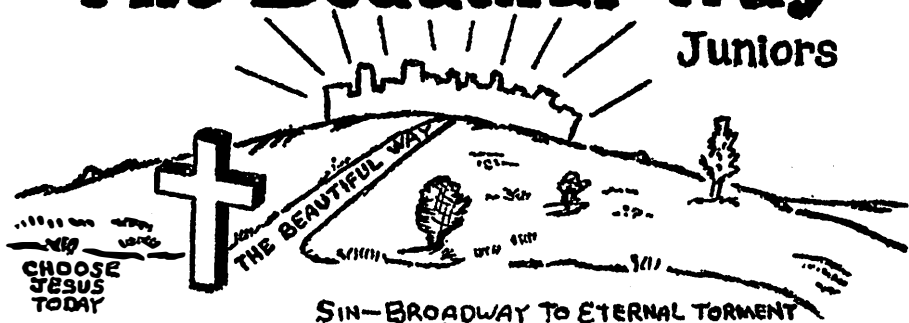
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who did God tell to leave his country?
2. What promise did God give Abram?
3. What would happen to those who blessed Abram? To those who cursed him?
4. Did Abram obey and who did he take along?
5. Why did Abram go down into Egypt?
6. Tell the kind of riches Abram had.
7. Who else went with Abram to Bethel?
8. Who had trouble and strife?
9. What choice did Abram give Lot?
10. Tell why Lot chose the plain of Jordan.
11. Where did Abram dwell?
12. Where did Lot pitch his tent?
13. Tell about the people in Sodom.



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## Drugs Lead Boy To Kill Himself

*It's a Bad Scene*

Joliet, Ill.—Percy Patrick Pilon Jr. 18, told his mother he wanted to write a letter to help somebody.

He did. Then he sat down with his grandfather's shotgun pointed at his heart and pulled the trigger to end the life he said had been made "hell" by drugs.

That was Saturday. Wednesday, his parents released the open letter he wrote to fellow teen-agers:

"I have used all types of drugs from hash, pot and acid to hard stuff. It's all a bad scene.

"The people who push it don't use it because they know it's bad stuff. They can see what it does to you. All you are doing is ruining your life and letting people make money through you. . . .

"Where are you going to go from pot—hash—acid—heroin?

"Man, if you are on to the stuff, please—for your sake—get off it. If you can't fight it by yourself, then get help from someone.

"It may be rough trying to straighten yourself out, but it's never too late. Man,

at least try . . . you don't know me, but I want to help because I needed help and someone helped me."

He recalled the words of a song, "So much of life ahead, we've only just begun to live."

"If you can kick drugs, then you will find out what the song is really about. Don't give up to problems and escape by using drugs. It only makes more," he wrote.

Then he penned a warning for teen-agers who are tempted to try "stuff."

"If someone offers you drugs, be more of a man than I was—say no. Learn from my mistakes. I don't want anyone to go through the hell I went through and am still going through. Those friends of yours will offer stuff free, then start making you pay for it."

His father, a plastering contractor, said it was hard for him and his wife, Arna, to make the letter public, but they decided to "because today's children and young people need so much help."

The younger Pilon was expelled from Central Texas College for taking narcotics. His parents were trying to help him get back into college to help him realize his dream of becoming a commercial pilot.

In a separate letter to his mother and father, young Pilon told them they are "the greatest parents ever."

"I have lived a lot in 18 years, more than some people have all their lives," he wrote. "Well, my 18 years are over. It's best this way.

"Drugs played a big part in ruining the last year of my life. I spent 17 years of good times close to you. I know I have changed and I realize that drugs could never undo what they did to me in one year. They clouded my ambitions and ruined my family life, which meant very much to me.

"Drugs have their small moments of happiness, but for each moment lies a century of sadness never to be removed."

—Newspaper

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## God Takes Care of His Own

In the early part of the 1600's, during the time of the greatest persecution of the Christians in Scotland, God gave a wonderful deliverance to some of His people. It was necessary to meet secretly because of the great persecution and hunt for the group of worshippers called the "Covenanters." Everywhere the army of the King searched for them. The persecutions were so violent the days were called "the killing days."

A small congregation of about 100 souls met for a baptismal service in the chasm of the river Mouse. It made a natural cathedral with walls hewn from the great stone cliffs. The river itself, at this time of the year, was low and shallow. The gently flowing water, the rocks and great boulders, the blue sky and the stillness inside the chasm, made a peaceful meeting place. The Christians felt safe and protected between the high cliffs. Here they could observe their rites of baptism.

The aged minister stood on a natural pulpit of rock in the middle of the shal-

low river. Psalms were chanted, prayer offered, Scripture read, then several candidates stepped forward to be baptized. Just as the rites were finished, a large stone fell into the peaceful water from above, a loud cry was heard, and a Scottish plaid pushed out over the edge of the cliff on a shepherd's staff. It was a signal from the watchful guard above, that the soldiers were coming. Immediately, the congregation arose, and the younger helping the elders and the women with children, all made their way quickly up the steep, narrow ledges into the cave high above the river. In just a few moments, no one was in sight.

The soldiers, coming upon the guard above, had seen him give the signal to those below. As quickly as possible, they made their way down the steep cliffs and stood on the rocks below. One soldier picked up a Bible left behind by some fleeing one and threw it into the river. Another picked up a bonnet and planned how he would put the owner thereof to death. All knew the worshippers had hidden in the cave above.

As the soldiers looked up at the steep walls and jutting boulders above them, a fear seemed to settle over them. It would be an easy thing for those above to send boulders crashing down upon their heads as they climbed the cliff.

As the soldiers hesitated, a rumbling roar, like distant thunder was heard. Up the river beyond the cliffs, a huge water-spout had formed, then broken, and released all its waters into the river. A great torrent of water was at this time rushing in huge waves down the river-bed. It was a surging torrent, as the waters crashed into the canyon. The aged minister stepped to the mouth of the cave above and loudly proclaimed, "The Lord God terrible reigneth." God delivered His people in a miraculous way. The waters quickly swept the

soldiers away, leaving the praying Christians safe in the cave high above the roaring waves. They had been delivered from sure death. —Rewritten by T. S.

“Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things” (Phil. 4:8).

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION

*Lot and his family  
were taken  
Captive*

Dear Boys and Girls:

There is no one like Jesus. He is the very best Friend that anyone can have. I do trust that you will always love and serve Him. It will bring the best things in life to you. Oh, the heartaches that boys and girls have had who follow the ways of sin. You might not know now, just how much you have been spared from troubles, but, oh, if you would just look around you and see the many troubles that others have finally gotten into. You may think, “I will never do that,” or “that will never happen to me,” but when you serve the devil, many things can happen. Oh, please, always serve the Lord and keep Him first in your life.

Lot had chosen the well watered land around Sodom. Soon he had moved into the city of Sodom. Sodom was a very wicked city, but this shows how sin will draw people into its clutches. Just as sure as one looks toward sin it will soon

have that person charmed and caught. Trouble came to Sodom in the course of time. Some kings made war on Sodom and Gomorrah. The kings of those cities fled from the battle and they were overcome. The enemy took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and also many that lived in the cities. They also took Lot, and his goods, and departed. Some one escaped and told Abram about Lot's trouble. Now Abram could have said, “Well, that is good enough for Lot. He chose the best lands and now he is being punished.” But no, that is not what Abram said. Lot was in trouble and he would help him out. He took his trained servants, who were all dear to him, and he pursued the enemy. He only had 318 men to fight against the great host but God was with him. He divided his servants, and at night they came upon the enemy and smote them. The enemy fled and he followed them. He brought back Lot, his goods, the women, and the people. Thus Abram returned good for evil.

As Abram came back from battle, bringing the captives and their goods, he met the king of Sodom. The king wanted to give Abram all the goods that he had captured but Abram refused any of it. Abram was afraid the king of Sodom would say that he had made Abram rich. Abram wanted God to receive all the glory for the riches that he had.

Notice what is said about Melchizedek, the priest of God. He is again mentioned by the Apostle Paul in Hebrews the seventh chapter. You can read and study it. Nothing more is known about Melchizedek than what we have in these verses in Genesis. —Aunt Marie

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### ABRAM RESCUES LOT

Gen. 14:10 And the vale of Siddim was full of slimepits; and the kings of

Sodom and Gomorrah fled, (from the battle) and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram.

14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand of Damascus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

17 And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which is the king's dale.

18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God.

19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth:

20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take the goods to thyself.

22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth,

23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich:

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

**Memory Verse:** See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. I Thess. 5:15.

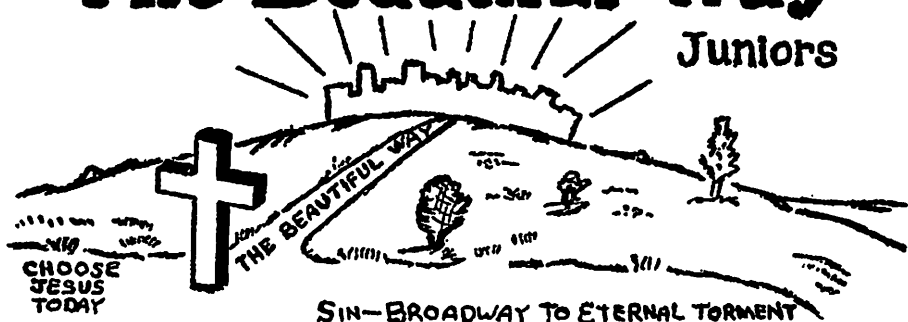
#### QUESTIONS:

1. Who fled from the battle?
2. What was taken from Sodom and Gomorrah?
3. What man was captured in this battle?
4. How did Abram find out Lot was captured?
5. What did Abram do then?
6. Tell about Abram's attack, and if he were successful.
7. What did Abram recapture?
8. Who met Abram on his return?
9. What king brought forth bread and wine for them?
10. Who blessed Abram?
11. Who delivered Abram's enemies into his hands?
12. What did the king of Sodom offer Abram?
13. Did Abram accept all the goods?
14. What did he accept?
15. In your own words, what does the memory verse mean?

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## The Cross

Little Christian had a heavy burden on his back. He met a man by the name of Evangelist. Evangelist told him that if he would start for the Celestial City and come to the cross, his heavy burden would roll off his back. Now this heavy burden was full of his sins. In the City of Destruction where he had lived, the other boys and girls got him to do wrong things. When he told a lie, that burden on his back became heavier. When he disobeyed his nurse or his father, that burden on his back got heavier. Poor little Christian. He wanted to get rid of that great big burden on his back.

Little Christian's mother had died when he was a baby. He often longed to see his mother. This made him sad. He had been told that he would see his mother if she were in the Celestial City. So he started out for that city. The other boys and girls laughed at him. They said that he should forget his burden and be happy, but little Christian could not. He wanted them to go with him but they would not.

As little Christian walked across the fields toward the city, others tried to get him to turn back but he went right on.

The way became hard and he fell in a pond of mud and water, but a boy, by the name of "Help," came to get him out. This boy was sent to him by the King of the Celestial City. The Evangelist told little Christian that the King would help him get there.

Finally, little Christian came to the wicket gate. Above that gate were the words, "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Little Christian knocked and knocked. Finally the door was opened by a man who was kind, like Evangelist. He asked little Christian his name and where he was going. When little Christian told him that he wished to see the King of the Celestial City and had left the City of Destruction, the man grabbed him by the arm and pulled him in. Little Christian asked him why he had done that. The kind man said that the wicked prince lived close and shot arrows at anyone who tried to go through the gate.

Little Christian was told that when he got to the cross, his heavy burden would fall off. He was also told to take the straight and narrow road and never to turn off on a wide, crooked road.

Soon little Christian saw the cross. He felt the burden loosen from his shoulders and he became lighter, as it rolled off his

back and down the hill out of sight. Oh, he felt so light! As he looked at the cross he remembered how cruel the people had been to the King's Son, who had come to the City of Destruction to tell them the way to the Celestial City. Tears came into his eyes as he thought of how much the King's Son, Jesus, had loved all the people and even him. He then heard a voice behind him. It said, "Peace be unto you." Little Christian felt so happy and light. He was so glad that he had left the City of Destruction and had started for the Celestial City.

—M. Miles

(Rewritten from *Little Pilgrims' Progress*)

## Little Girl of India



Far away in the land of India, there lived a little orphan girl called Tara. She had no Mommy or Daddy.

But Tara had always been well cared for by a kind old woman named Bala. She had enjoyed good food and had worn a long pretty sari. She had been happy and her black eyes had sparkled when she laughed.

One day Bala became very ill and was taken to the hospital. Poor little Tara now had no one to care for her. Soon there was no food left, and then one day she was turned out of Bala's house.

So Tara tried to beg. She did not like begging. She lost her smile and became very sad. One day as she sat by the side of the dusty road begging, she heard someone call her name. Looking up she saw the white missionary smiling at her.

"Tara," she said, "I have been looking everywhere for you. Bala is very sick and she calls for you. Come, I will take you to her."

Now, Tara had always been afraid of the white missionary, but at the mention of Bala's name she went with her. The clean white hospital seemed very strange to the

little girl, but she soon forgot about it when she saw her old friend again. They were so happy to see each other. Bala told her little friend that the missionary had taught her to believe in Jesus.

"Soon," she whispered, "I shall go to be with Jesus in heaven." And she smiled.

Tara thought much about these words. What did she mean? Where was heaven anyway? As she watched the face of her friend she wanted to ask her so many questions. But Bala's eyes were closed. She was so very sick.

It was only a few hours later that Bala died and went home to heaven. Now Tara had no friend at all. She felt very lonely and afraid, and she cried.

It was then that she heard a kind voice saying, "Little Tara, come with me." The kind missionary took the little girl's hand and led her to her home. Tara did not really care what happened to her now. She would not eat, she would not talk, she just sat on the floor and cried.

The missionary felt so sorry for Tara. She brought a beautiful big doll into the room and placed it in front of Tara. The little girl just sat and stared at it for a long time. She had never seen such a lovely doll. Soon her trembling little brown hand reached out and stroked the edge of the doll's dress.

The kind missionary placed the baby doll in the little girl's arms. As she did so the doll said "Mama" in a high squeaky little voice. Tara sat up quickly and looked at the doll. Then she hugged it closely to her, and again it said "Mama." For the moment Tara forgot her sadness, for she had found something to love. She sat on the floor and like a little mother, rocked her baby back and forth. Softly she began to sing to her doll. Before long a little smile broke over Tara's face.

That night the missionary told little Tara all about the beautiful home in hea-

ven that God had prepared for her old friend, Bala, and how happy she was to be there.

The missionary told her how to get to heaven. Then Tara came to Jesus and asked to be made His very own. That night, with the doll in her arms, she fell asleep.

From that time on Tara stayed with the missionary. She was not lonely any more. She was happy again, for she had given her heart to Jesus, and He had taken her sadness away. —Sel.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

As I read our lesson the words that Pilate said came to me so forcefully, which were, "Behold the man." Today we want you to "behold the man," Jesus. Look at Jesus. Look at this innocent man who did not sin, nor did he do any kind of evil. Look at the stripes upon His body. Look at the scornful faces of those who cried, "Crucify him, crucify him." See the hatred and the murder in their eyes as they shoved and pushed our dear Saviour around. Look at the mockery of putting a purple robe on Him and a crown of thorns

upon His head. See the stream of blood trickled down upon His face as the thorns pricked his head. "Behold the man!" Listen to the mock trial as Pilate questions Jesus. Finally Pilate says, "I find no fault in him." This did not satisfy the Jews. They wanted Jesus killed because He said He was the Son of God. Pilate questioned Him more but Jesus would not answer him. Jesus did not have to give answer to man. God was His Father and to God He stood or fell. It was Jesus' love for us that caused Him to not take up for Himself. Finally, Pilate told Jesus that he had power to crucify Him or to release Him. Jesus told him, "You could have no power at all against me, except it were given you from God." This made Pilate quake. Pilate's wife had told him not to have anything to do with that "just" man. He tried to release Jesus but the Jews cried out louder than ever, "Crucify him, crucify him." Finally, Pilate delivered Jesus to be crucified.

"Behold the man!" See Him as they lead Him away to be crucified. The cross they compelled Him to bear became too heavy. He was very weak. He was weary, sick, and in pain. Finally, another man bore His cross for Him. When they got Him to the place called "Golgotha," they placed Him upon the cross. They took spikes and drove them through His precious hands. Then they drove nails through His feet. They took the cross up and dropped it down in the hole with a jolt, which tore His precious hands and feet. Hanging there as He was, cut off His breath. He would pull up and get a little air and then His body would sag down again. At last He cried out, "It is finished: and he bowed His head, and gave up the ghost." He died on the cross for our sins. Sin had to be punished. We could not die or take the punishment for our own sins, but Jesus told us that He would take them for us. We must come to Him and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, and

believe that He takes them away. When we confess and forsake them, then we can know they are all gone. Oh, how we love Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer! Never forget what Jesus did for you and always love and praise Him for it.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 1, April 3, 1977

### JESUS IS CRUCIFIED

St. John 18:14 Now Caiaphas [High Priest] was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

John 19:1 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

2 And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe,

3 And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

4 Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man!

6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

9 And [Pilate] went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

11 Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them [Roman soldiers] to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

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

41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.

42 There laid they [Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus] Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

**Memory Verse:** The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin. I John 1:7b.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who said one man should die for the people?
2. What does "scourge" mean?
3. What kind of crown did Jesus have?
4. Tell what they did when they said, "Hail, King of the Jews."
5. Did Pilate find Jesus guilty of any crime?
6. Tell the three words Pilate said when he brought Jesus forth?
7. Did the sight of Jesus arouse any pity in the hearts of the crowd?
8. How do you know?
9. What question did Pilate ask Jesus?
10. Give Jesus' answer.
11. Could Pilate have any power against Jesus?
12. What did they do with Jesus?
13. What were Jesus' last words?
14. Where did they put the body of Jesus?
15. Why did they put it there?

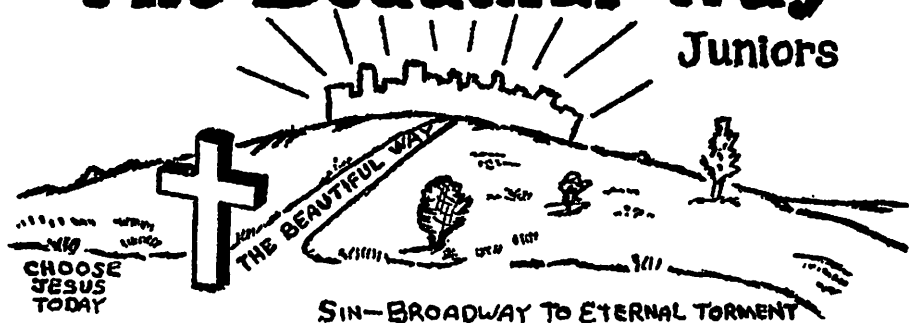
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## The Silkworm

It was Easter Sunday, and Bill and John were on their way to Sunday school. The leaves on the trees were beginning to look fresh and green, and the birds were singing cheerily. The boys were happy, too.

John was carrying a curious looking box very carefully, and when Bill asked him what was in it, John raised the lid, and let Bill peek inside.

"What funny looking butterflies!" exclaimed Bill.

"Those aren't butterflies; they are moths," answered John.

"Where did you get them?" Bill was interested.

"Remember that missionary from China who spoke at our church a while ago?" Bill thought he remembered her, and John continued. "She gave me the eggs, and asked me to raise the caterpillars, and to give the moths to Mr. Sanderson, the Sunday school superintendent, on Easter Sunday."

"Why on Easter Sunday?"

"I don't know. I guess we'll just have to wait and find out."

Soon the boys arrived at the church. Mr. Sanderson was glad to see that John had kept his promise to bring the moths. During the opening exercises of Sunday school, all the boys and girls were curious about the box Mr. Sanderson had put on the table. Soon he was ready to tell about its strange contents. He

held the box up so that all could see the moths. Then he began:

"Our Lord Jesus was the Creator of the world and all that is in it. All of His creatures are wonderful, but among the strangest and most interesting is the silkworm. First of all, it comes from a small egg, no larger than a pinhead."

John thought of the many eggs stuck on one sheet of paper which the missionary had given him, and how closely he had watched to see that each one was kept safe.

"When the egg hatches, something tiny and black wriggles out. It is a baby silkworm, really a caterpillar," Mr. Sanderson continued. "In about a week this little caterpillar is half an inch long and has become gray in color."

"What does he eat?" asked a tall boy in the back of the room.

"I was just coming to that," answered Mr. Sanderson. "This little caterpillar is very particular about his food. He will eat just one thing. What is it, John?"

"Mulberry leaves." John was remembering what a hard time he had had to find those leaves.

"You are right, John. And that is something like the Christian. He has one kind of spiritual food, God's Word. Without that he cannot grow to be a strong Christian."

"Pretty soon something has to happen to this silkworm, or he will be unable to grow any more. He has to have a new skin. His old hard skin slides back over his body and drops off."

There right where the old skin had been, is a brand new one, soft, and full of folds so that the caterpillar will have plenty of room to grow. Now he can go right on growing larger and longer; but while he is growing, he has to shed his skin four times. This reminds us that we Christians have to discard from our lives the things with which the Lord Jesus is displeased, and add to our lives the things He wants to be there, if we are to be successful followers of Him."

Many of the boys and girls were very thoughtful. They needed to get rid of some of their sins, and in place of them, they needed to develop habits with which the Lord Jesus would be pleased.

Then Mr. Sanderson told them that the caterpillar had to be kept in a clean place where the air was pure. Two of the poisons he must not be allowed to breathe, Mr. Sanderson said, were gas fumes and tobacco smoke.

Bill nudged John. "I guess the Christian needs to be in a clean place with clean company, too. Some of the jokes I've heard lately around school haven't been what you'd call clean," he whispered.

Mr. Sanderson was explaining, "In about eight weeks, the caterpillar is perhaps three inches long. He stops eating, and crawls away from the other caterpillars. He is looking for a comfortable place in which to spin his silk cocoon. He is very particular about his choice, and may take as long as three days to find the right location. Just as soon as he is settled, he commences to work.

"As he spins, a liquid comes through his mouth in a tiny silk thread. First, the caterpillar must make the network to hold his cocoon in place so it will not roll away. Then he begins to really labor. Around and around himself he spins until there is no more silk thread left in his body, and his cocoon is finished. It is very strong, and nothing can get inside to harm the life there.

"Soon something very wonderful happens. Little by little, the caterpillar's body changes into a moth right inside the cocoon.

"Then when the moth is ready to come out of the cocoon, he spits a clear liquid onto one end of the cocoon. This softens the cocoon, and soon the moth is able to push his way out with his head and feet, leaving the cocoon empty. Presently, his wings unfold. How

different he is now from the plain gray silkworm he once was!"

Then Mr. Sanderson said something very important. "This story of the silkworm has reminded us in many ways of ourselves and our Christian lives, but, best of all, it has made us think of the Lord Jesus' resurrection from the grave. As the silkworm came out of the cocoon a changed creature, so will all Christians rise from their graves, with new bodies. Today we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the dead. He said that because He lived again, we, His followers, when we die should not remain in our graves forever either, but, like our Saviour, we should live again, changed into perfect people."

"I never knew much about silkworms before," Bill whispered to John, "but I'll never forget what I learned today."

"I wonder what it will be like to be changed," said John thoughtfully. —E. S.

## Love Everybody

"Mother, did some wicked people really hang Jesus on a cross until He died?" asked Debbie.

"Yes," answered Mother, "the Bible tells us that they crucified Jesus on a cross between two thieves. But before they hung Him on the cross, they put a robe on Him and placed a crown of thorns on His head. They mocked and spit on Him and even hit Him on the head with a reed. After they hung Jesus on the cross, He told them He was thirsty and they gave Him vinegar to drink."

"Oh! How cruel," cried Debbie. "I don't like those people at all. They were mean. I hate them!"

"But, Debbie, Jesus had to die so that we could be saved. He doesn't want us to hate people, either. He wants us to love everyone and pray for them. Do you know how He prayed for the people who hung Him on the cross?"

"How?" said Debbie eagerly.

"In Luke 23:34 it tells us that He prayed, 'Father, forgive them; for they

know not what they do.' He is our example in everything, so we ought to love and pray for the bad people, like Jesus did." replied Mother.

"Mother," said Debbie, "I am going to pray and ask Jesus to forgive me for hating those men. I want to love everyone like He did." —E. R.

Boys and girls can work for Jesus. They can do kind things for the sick, the crippled and the aged. If you do all those kind things in the name of Jesus you will receive your reward. God keeps a record of all that you do. —M. Miles

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION

They came  
unto the  
Sepulchre



Dear Boys and Girls:

Rejoice and be glad! Jesus has risen! The tomb is empty. Jesus is in heaven, sitting at the right hand of God. He hears our prayers and asks the Father to answer them. What a glorious thought and truth! We are serving a living Christ. The tomb could not hold Him. He came forth that early morning on the first day of the week. He came forth with power and glory. Because He has risen, we can

rise from the grave some day. Boys and girls, rejoice today as you think of that great day over nineteen hundred years ago. It was one of the greatest days this world has ever known. It was a great day when Jesus was born as a little Babe, and laid in a manger. The angels in heaven came down and let mankind know that they were happy, but a greater day came when Jesus arose from the grave. If He had not risen then we could not rise in the last day.

The Jews thought they had gotten rid of Jesus. They had him put on a cross and then watched Him die, yet the centurion that stood by watching said, "Surely this was the Son of God!"

The chief priests and Pharisees wanted to be sure that no one took Jesus' body out of the grave. They remembered Jesus had said that after three days He would rise from the grave, so they asked Pilate to command the sepulchre be sealed and soldiers placed around it. Pilate told them to do as they wished. Matt. 27:62-66.

Early in the morning, God shook the ground with a great earthquake. Man's seal was broken and an angel rolled the stone away. The soldiers fell down as dead men. When the women arrived, the angel told them that "He is not here: he is risen!" They ran for joy to tell the disciples. The soldiers fled into the city and told the chief priests what had happened. They took counsel with the elders and gave the soldiers large sums of money to tell that the disciples came by night and stole Jesus' body away. Of course this is commonly reported among the Jews today. Matt. 28:11-15. We know He has risen because He lives in our hearts today, if we believe on Him and obey His words.

When you die, your body will be put in the ground, but you will not be there. You will go to be in paradise with Jesus and await the last day. When that last trumpet sounds and the world is on fire, all

those who were saved from their sins before they died, will rise from the graves. They will soar up into the clouds and meet the Lord. All who are saved, and still on the earth, will rise in the air and all the saved will be with the Lord forever. How sad for those who are not saved. They will be cast into hell with the devil and his angels. It will pay to be ready for that great day. —Aunt Marie

## Lesson 2, April 10, 1977

### HE IS RISEN

Mark 16:1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

5 And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.

6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

John 20:19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

Acts 1:9 [On Mt. Olivet] And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

1 Cor. 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump [or end of the world]: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

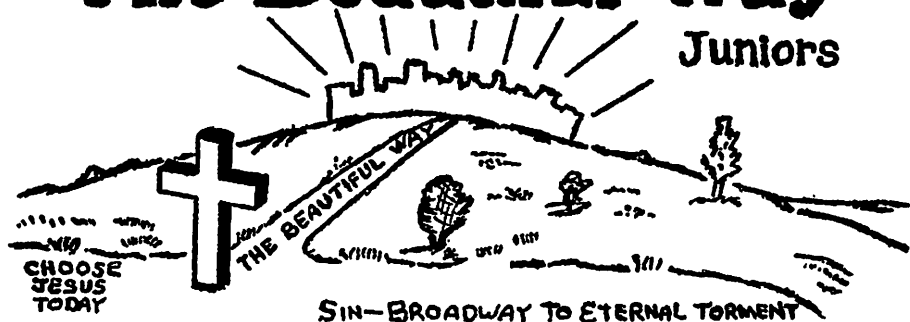
**Memory Verse:** He is not here: behold the place where they laid him. Mark 16:6b.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who bought sweet spices to anoint Jesus' body?
2. What time did they come to the sepulchre?
3. What problem did they have?
4. Who rolled the stone away?
5. Who did they find in the sepulchre?
6. What did he tell them?
7. Why did the disciples have the doors shut?
8. Who came and stood in their midst?
9. Where did Jesus go after talking to the disciples?
10. Will everyone be dead when the last trumpet sounds?
11. How will we be changed?
12. What is the sting of death?
13. What is the strength of sin?
14. Why should we give thanks to God?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

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## **The Innocent Boy and Girl**

Boys and girls who desire to amount to anything, or become men and women of worth, and hold some good position in life should always try to live a pure life and keep away from all places of evil.

The best rulers of the nations of the earth; the best ministers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, and businessmen are those who were once innocent children around the fireside at home. As they grew older, they did what they could to make home pleasant, and help those around them.

Now let us picture in our minds a few scenes among the boys and girls of our country, and pay them a visit. We will first take a look at them while they are all yet in their innocence, just leaving off their days of babyhood. Oh, what a beautiful sight, what a host of precious jewels!

With happy hearts and happy faces,  
To cheer the homes in many places;  
With busy hands, and busy feet,  
And pleasant words for all they meet.

Let us now choose one of those bright little ones and take a look at his future life. The first one we take, his father and

mother are poor and live in a humble little home, but he knows no care nor worry, and is his mother's pride, his father's joy. As the years fly swiftly by, he lays aside his toys for books and papers which contain only the best of reading. He will not be found with bad boys, but always prays and seeks to find a place where he can be of some use, and soon grows up to be a good and useful man, with the love and respect of all around him.

When Christ was here upon earth His great loving heart went out in tender compassion toward the little innocent boys and girls, and he called them unto Him that He might bless them, and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Although He has ascended up into heaven, yet He has the same love and watch-care over us as He had in times past.

## **The Temptation**

Among a group of children was a boy who had a loving father and mother. He had a pleasant home where there were flower gardens, orchards of rich fruit, a nice barnyard where there were horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens, turkeys,

and in the yard and along the driveway were beautiful shade trees. Nearby were beautiful meadows, and fields of golden grain, beyond which were woods where game was plentiful and the fishes in the brooks were sporting in the water, and there were a thousand things to make a boy happy and contented out in the open air. In the house were his former playthings, a library of good and interesting books and everything was very lovely and pleasant.

You would scarcely imagine that any one in such a place would ever think of leaving home. When only a few years of age he met with some bad boys who invited him to play with them. Again he was tempted to go with them time after time, and do naughty things which they assured him were all right. He soon began to say bad words, because they said them, and from one thing to another, he grew from bad to worse. When he would come back into his pure sweet home, oh, how guilty he felt, and would tell a falsehood, when his parents would ask where he had been.

A few years rolled by, and father and mother had a great burden of care for their wayward son. Home seemed to have no charms for him. One bad habit after another fastened upon him, and he was no more the innocent boy which once shed the sunshine rays of happiness in the home. He loved to steal away to himself and read bad books or spend his evenings with bad boys, in playing cards or gambling in some way.

As time rolled on, his evil companions induced him to run away and go to the city where they expected to have a good time. The quiet country home was left, in the stillness of the night, and it is no hard matter to guess what his doom was soon to be. Alas! poor boy, city life was not what he had expected. Thrown into the midst of all kinds of wickedness, his path seemed to be marked out for him to

travel in that way. On and on he went from the ballroom and theatre, to the bar room, gambling places, and dens of vice and wickedness of all kinds, until one crime after another had been committed. Finally he was arrested and brought into court where he was tried for burglary. When proven guilty the judge sentenced him for several years of hard labor in the State's Prison.

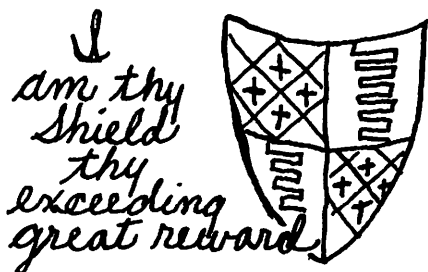
As the shackles of iron were placed upon him, to keep him from breaking away while they were taking him to prison, he began to more fully realize his condition. He shed bitter tears of remorse, as the thoughts flashed through his mind, of the beautiful country home, and his loving father and his heart-broken mother. Oh, what a sad message to those parents, when the news came, "Your son has just been sentenced to a term in State's Prison!" It brought greater sadness than it would, had the news of his death been brought to them while he was yet in his innocence.

My dear young readers, can you not now see the great danger of running into bad company? You can clearly see where it leads a person. The trouble does not even end in the State's Prison, but when death comes there awaits an awful burning hell for such ones, as our Bible tells us, unless they repent of their sins and make their peace with God. Let this be a warning to every boy and girl, and see to it that you do not start on such a downward course, for there is danger ahead.

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"My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee." Proverbs 6:20-22.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Abram, who later was called Abraham, was a good man. He loved God and listened to His voice. God had called him to leave his people in the land of the Chaldees and go to the Canaan land. He lived in tents and went from place to place. God wanted a people who would worship Him instead of idols. Through the family of Abram, God was going to make a nation that He could teach the commandments, and through them bring Christ to the world thousands of years later.

In our lesson we start out with the wonderful words that God spoke to Abram. God told him to not be afraid, because God was his shield and his exceeding great reward. What is a shield? It is "any person or thing that guards or protects." (Web. Dic.). Today, if we love God, He will be our shield and protector. Isn't that wonderful? In Ephesians we read about the Christian's armor. It says for us to "take the shield of faith, where-with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Eph. 6:16. Our faith in God is our shield. We must believe that God will protect us from the devil, who is the enemy of our soul. We must believe that God will reward us and bless us if we will love and serve Him. Those were great words spoken to Abram and I hope you will remember them.

Abram believed God and, as he offered his sacrifice unto the Lord, the fowls tried to eat that sacrifice but as he watched, prayed, and guarded that sacrifice, it was saved. That is a lesson for us. We must guard our faith, our love for God, our actions, our words and be sure that the devil doesn't cause us to lose salvation. As Abram was faithful, God spoke to him in a vision. He let him know some things that were to come to pass in the future. God told Abram that he would have a son, grandsons, great-grandsons etc., and that one day they would go down to Egypt and be there 400 years. You remember how Joseph was sold into Egypt, then later, when he was made next to Pharaoh in power, his father and brothers came to Egypt to live. Joseph gave them the land of Goshen, in which to live (Gen. 47:6). Later, Joseph and all of his brothers died, but the families lived there and they increased in number until they became a great nation. When the 400 years were up, Moses led them out of Egypt to the land of Canaan that God had promised to them. But boys and girls, notice in our lesson that this did not happen until the Amorites became so sinful that they were to be punished by God. Their cup of iniquity, or sin, became full. God waited 400 years for them to do better but they became more wicked and they were punished along with their neighbors. Notice God's mercy. Today God is waiting until the cup of iniquity, or sin, is full in our nation and then it will be punished. Sin must be punished. But God is merciful to every boy, girl, man, woman, and every nation.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, April 17, 1977

### GOD SPEAKS TO ABRAM

Gen. 15:1 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision,

saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcases, Abram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:

**Memory Verse:** Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph. 6:16.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did God tell Abram?
2. Abram's seed (descendants) were to be as the — — — — —.
3. "And he [Abram] believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for — — — — —."
4. Abram came from — — of the — — — — —.
5. What question did Abram ask God?
6. Name the animals and birds Abram offered as a sacrifice.
7. Did he divide all the sacrifices?
8. What did Abram have to drive away from the carcases?
9. What happened when the sun was going down?
10. What did God foretell to Abram about his seed?
11. Was God going to bring them out of the nation that they served?
12. What was going to happen to Abram?
13. Abram's seed was to return to Canaan in the — — — — — generation.
14. What happened when the sun went down?
15. What do we need to quench the fiery darts of the wicked?

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## A Misspent Life

I was born in Falmouth, Pendleton Co., Ky., in the year 1867. My parents were respected Christians, well thought of in the community in which they resided. They succeeded in training two boys and a girl in the path of Christian rectitude, and would have trained me in the same manner if I had allowed them. From my earliest recollection I have been a self-willed boy and man, inclined to evil and mischief.

My parents seemed not to have any control over me, and I drifted from one bad thing to another; truly, they punished and advised me, but no good ever came of it. I delighted in all that was bad; impulsive and thoughtless, my actions were never controlled by the thoughts of the consequences of wrong doing. I simply chose the wrong and leaped into it with a worldly kind of pleasure, and kept at it until brought to myself through Christ and my dear old mother.

I seldom, if ever, took any pleasure in associating with good people, or going among those who would have been glad to lend me a helping hand and start me on the right road. I cannot blame my

parents, still, it is hard to give any comprehensive reason for my leading the life that I did. I mingled with boys older than myself when a child, and they being thoroughly bad, led me to some extent into the way that leads to hell and destruction. I formed habits from these associations that clung to me until I threw off the stupor that bound me to sin and the devil. This is as good an excuse as I can give for my career of evil. It was not hereditary, for the simple reason that my people, as far back as I have any knowledge, were good Christians, given to uprightness and honesty.

My folks moved from the country town of Falmouth to Covington in the same state, while I was a good-sized boy, and the temptations there were greater and stronger than in the country. I, of course chose the worst class of boys for my companions, both at school and out of it. We "played hooky" and did all manner of mischievous things, deriving lots of so-called pleasure therefrom. The real good boys we shunned and made fun of; I, at least, little dreaming those same boys could point the finger of scorn at me in the future.

We would also, sometimes, whip them just for meanness. This could not last

long and me remain at school; younger boys would follow my example to the sorrow of their mothers and the ruination of themselves. The school authorities knew this, consequently I was suspended; but through the pleading of my good mother I was reinstated and did well for a time, when, getting tired of being a "goody goody" boy I strayed back into my old habits with more vim than before; for, you see, the short while I had been comparatively good only tended to push me ahead still farther.

All those evil inclinations had been lying dormant within me, and once more aroused, they sprang forth as lava from a fiery volcano. From then on, until I landed in prison for the fourth time, I literally plunged into evil; stealing, gambling, and all the rest of it, not omitting drinking the devil's poison called whiskey.

During all this time parents and friends alike made every endeavor to stop my headlong course, all to no avail. My poor old mother's prayers and the admonitions of friends were alike, powerless to check me. It required power from whence the only true power can come to bring me to a realization of my doings; the distress and anguish I had caused my people and to see myself as others saw me. I was truly a prodigal, wandering ever so far from the Father's care. I had no conception of the tremendous, horrible danger I was in while in this whirlpool of sin and vice. I truly believe if someone could have obtained the right sort of influence over me, and pointed out the consequences of my way of living, I would have been saved long before I had given my youthful life to sin and wickedness.

It is true, as I said before, my mother advised me, and tried, oh, so hard to lead me away from the wrong way, but she had not that influence over me which a mother ought to have over her boy or girl. All my own fault, because I

would never stay at home long enough at one time to learn that she loved me and was doing all for my good.

How many boys are there do you suppose, dear reader, who are just as I was? Are you one? If so, then let me beg you to listen to mother, who would give her life rather than advise you wrong.

You can believe me when I say there is nothing but misery and sorrow in a life of "sport." Do not let the short-lived pleasure of doing wrong fascinate you and allure you to the bottom of the ladder of ruin. If you are on top, stay there and remain happy and contented.

If you are halfway down, stop! and climb back. Once you are at the bottom, it will cost a mighty struggle to ascend to the top again. If any are at the bottom, there is hope; turn square around, face the top and say, "I will go back and be a man," asking God to help you. Do not rely altogether on God, you who are resolved to ascend; what I mean is, you have to do the climbing. God will clear the way and help you out. If I had remained at home and listened to my mother's loving advice, given when her heart was overflowing with love and sympathy for me, and a motherly, Christian desire to bring me to the sense of my misspent life, I would have been guided by her. But, oh no, her advice always wearied me and I would not listen to her. She tried, heaven knows, to rear me in the fear of God.

My dear brothers, if you could only look ahead and see your future if you choose an evil career, you would stop, and tremble and be only too glad you were yet able to turn back. Take warning from one who knows just what there is in it, and avoid evil in any manner. If you are tempted, stand firm as a rock. Be honorable, upright and true, thus gaining what so many miss, contentment, happiness, and peace.

—W. S. H.

## Can You Figure?

Add the times Paul received 39 stripes (II Cor. 11:24) to the number of years of Methuselah's life (Gen. 5:27); add to this the number of men that were on the ship with Paul when it wrecked: (Acts 27:37); divide by the number of righteous people which Abraham used to try to spare the city of Sodom (Gen. 18:24); multiply by the number of times the Lord called little Samuel (I Samuel 3).

If your answer is right, it should be the age of Abraham when Isaac was born. (Gen. 21:5).

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

I am glad that you do not have T. V. in your home, but if you do I beg you not to look at it. There are some good programs on it but most of them are not good for you to see. Don't look at those that have killing and all the mean things in them. Boys and girls, if you see murder on T. V. everyday, it will cause you to think it is not so terrible. Murder is a terrible sin and shooting someone is a great crime. If you see those things a lot you might just do them. Once I read in the newspaper about some parents who left their boys alone and they got their father's gun to look at. They did not know that it was loaded. One boy was accidentally shot. He was lying on the floor, rolling around in terrible pain. On T. V. the other boy had seen a person rolling in pain after being shot, and someone shot that

person again, saying that he needed to get him out of his suffering. So this boy shot his brother again before he could think it all through. The second shot killed his brother. Oh, how terrible! He really didn't mean to kill his brother but was only quickly doing what he had seen. Boys and girls, do not look at all of the murder and sinful things. God is not pleased when you do. Remember, God sees you all the time.

Our lesson tells about Hagar, a girl whom Abram and Sarai had brought back with them from Egypt, at the time they had gone down there during a famine in Canaan. They taught her about the true God. One day Hagar displeased Sarai and Sarai punished her severely, so she ran away. She followed the sandy desert road until she came to a fountain. She was lonely and didn't know where to go. God was watching Hagar all the time. He knew that she was in need of help, and He sent an angel to talk to her. The angel of the Lord asked, "Where did you come from, and where are you going, Hagar?" She told him that she was fleeing from her mistress, Sarai, because she was very unhappy. The angel told her to go back and try to please Sarai. The angel said, "God will give you a son. He will grow up to be a strong man. Through his family your children's children will become a great nation. Call your son, Ishmael because the Lord has seen how unhappy you are and has heard your prayers." Hagar called the fountain of water where she stopped, Beer-lahai-roi, which means, "A well of the Living One who sees me." Hagar returned, and when her son was born, Abram called him Ishmael.

Later, God talked to Abram and changed his name to Abraham which means, "The father of many." God changed Sarai's name to Sarah, which means, "princess." Even though Abraham was one hundred years old and Sarah ninety

years old, God promised that He would give them a son and they should call him, Isaac. By faith Abraham believed God.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 4, April 24, 1977

### GOD SEES ME

Gen. 16:5 And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and . . . I was despised in her eyes: the Lord judge between me and thee.

6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

7 And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

9 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

10 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

11 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction.

12 And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

13 And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?

Gen. 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

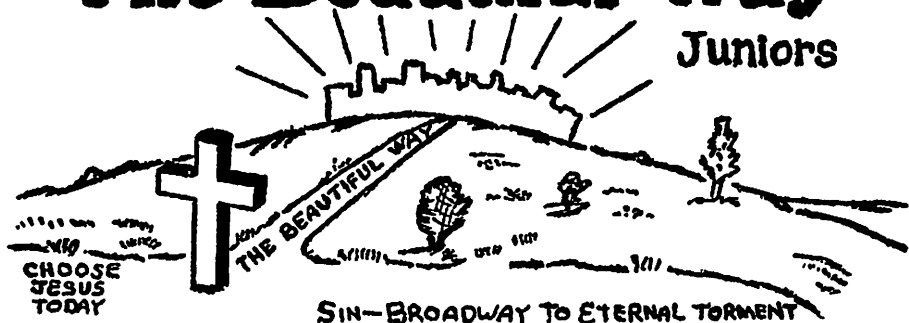
**Memory Verse:** Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. Psa. 139:3.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who said, "My wrong be upon thee?"
2. What did Abram tell Sarai to do?
3. Why did Hagar flee?
4. Where did the angel of the Lord find Hagar?
5. What answer did Hagar give the angel?
6. Did the angel tell Hagar to run away?
7. What was the promise given to Hagar?
8. Who named Hagar's child?
9. Tell what kind of a man Ishmael would be.
10. What name did Hagar call the Lord?
11. When Abram was 99 years old, what did God tell him to do?
12. What did Abram's new name mean?
13. What was Sarai's new name?
14. With whom did God establish his covenant?
15. Who knows all about us at all times?

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Part Five

May 1

## A Young Man's Downfall

*State's Prison, Michigan City, Ind.,  
November 5, 1893*

I was born in the year 1871, at Alamo, Ind., and had a good home and kind parents. When about nine years of age I did not like to stay at home, as some boys were always telling me of the money we could make if we did not have to stay at home and go to school. I got my father to let me go and work out.

Soon after this I went to work at a place a few miles away, and there were some bad boys in that place. Soon the worst of them were my constant companions.

We would get into orchards and waste the fruit. I was not very bad at first, but some of the boys would "banter" me, then I would go. The first winter, while at that place, I went to school, and was nine years of age. One Saturday when I went to the post office to get the mail, I met one of my school mates who was just about as bad as boys get. He wanted me to take a drink of whiskey. I refused to do so, then he said I was afraid to do it. I would not stand that, so I took my first drink of whiskey.

That evening they all bragged on me, and said I would be a man if I drank plenty of that. It had such a nice effect upon me that I wanted more, and drank it every time I could get it.

Thus I grew from bad to worse, and got so I would tell some of the biggest lies you ever heard, and I got whipped very hard for it. When I was twelve years of age I left that place and went out into the world to do for myself, but the course I took proved to be a sad one.

Another place to stay was found, but I soon grew restless and left, and lived with another man for about a year. He gave me money with which I bought cigars and whiskey. I thought it looked big to smoke and drink, and did not want to stay where they were down on such things.

After I was fourteen years of age, I stayed at home a year, then stayed three years at another place. The first year seemed to pass by pretty quietly, then I formed the acquaintance of some bad boys and went about at night with them, drinking and carousing about. We soon began to steal fruit, watermelons, and such like. I led this kind of a life for three years, and was just about as bad as a boy generally gets.

At the age of seventeen I went to the city of Louisville, Ky., for eighteen months, where I continued my life of sin. Shortly after my return to Indiana, where I stayed for one year, I began to work for a man, but he could not trust me, for I was always drinking when I could get any liquor.

Once after I had done some work for the man, I got drunk and went to settle with him. He would not settle with me because I was drunk, and that made me mad and I knocked him down and took his purse. Two hours later I was arrested and afterwards sentenced for a term of ten years here in the State's Prison. I once had a good pleasant home, but because of my bad conduct, I must now make my home in the prison for ten long years.

Yours truly, \_\_\_\_\_ —B. S.

## Caught by Detectives

My father was a British soldier. I was born on the bay of Biscay, during my father's transfer from England to India. Brought up in idleness and pride amongst the soldiery, it became my second nature.

My mother idolized me instead of fitting me up for the sober, serious pursuits of life before me. I grew up in pride and was petted and flattered in various ways. How sad, for as I grew older I grew angry and revengeful toward those who would not flatter and pet me as I was used to at home. Instead of growing wiser and more noble as I got older, I became more willful and vain.

My parents now tried to stamp out this vanity they had petted into me, but alas, it was too late. From being revengeful and proud I grew conceited and vicious. Day by day I grew more stubborn and willful. If Father or Mother would tell me to do something I would act sullen and not do it, or else run away and play with some bad boys. Oh, how sad! That is what made me a wicked man. Because I

would not mind my parents or those who loved me, I drifted and became proud, disobedient, stubborn, and vicious. I started telling lies and stealing. Oh, I hope all you who read this will obey your parents and never get as wicked as I have been! But I will tell you all about it.

I spoke to you about my boyhood days. They were very bad. Most every time a naughty boy makes a bad man. From lying and stealing in little things as a child, I started going to greater wickedness as a man. I began gambling, drinking, fighting and oftentimes very near murder. I grew reckless, bold, and defiant of law, of God and man.

One day a lot of detectives turned on me suddenly with revolvers and took me prisoner. I was tried for one of the many wicked things I had done, found guilty, and sent to the penitentiary. How sad! Years before I had left father, mother, sisters, and brothers and started robbing and stealing right and left. But God loved my soul. His Spirit started talking with me alone at times, and showing me how wicked I had been to my parents. He showed me I must stop or my sins would send me to hell. Oh, my wicked, wicked sins! How they would come up before me and make me feel guilty and ashamed! How my eyes would droop and my head fall as I would think of them! My heart would pant with fear. I would sigh, feel lonely, and sad. Oh, so sad! Then God's sweet Spirit would say, "Come to Jesus and be saved." It kept talking and talking, oh, so sweetly and yet so sadly, I could not resist it. I had to come and be saved. Today, I feel the Spirit of God asking you to be His children, to quit your evil ways, forsake your sins and come to Him and be saved.

—K. H. W.

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"Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away." Proverbs 4:14, 15.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you know the Bible tells us to "be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares?" We need to be careful that we show love to everyone. We never know who that stranger might be. Abraham was that kind of person. He loved everyone. One evening, as he sat in his tent door, he looked out and saw three men coming. He knew they were from a far country because he did not know them. He ran to meet them, bowed low, and asked them to come in and rest awhile. He had some water brought so their feet could be washed. (This was a custom in those days to make a person comfortable; it rested their tired feet. They traveled by walking, not as we do today.) He had food cooked for them after they agreed to rest awhile and visit with him. As they ate, one visitor asked, "Where is Sarah?" Abraham answered, "She is in the tent." The visitor then added, "Your wife, Sarah, will have a

son." Sarah heard this remark and she laughed. She and Abraham were too old to have children. The visitor turned to Abraham and asked why his wife had laughed, then said, "Doesn't she know there is nothing too hard for the Lord to do?"

After they had eaten, the men started on their way and Abraham walked with them for a way. By this time he knew that they were not like other men. He was glad he had entertained them. One of them was the Lord and the other two were angels. The Lord asked the angels if they should keep from Abraham what they were going to do. He mentioned that Abraham was a good man and had taught those in his house about God, and would teach his children to keep the ways of God and do good. The Lord then told Abraham that the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah were great and they were going down to see just how great they were. Oh, how sad Abraham became. He thought of Lot and his family living in Sodom. He began to plead for the righteous people in the city. "Will you destroy the city if you find 50 righteous people?" Abraham then asked the question, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" The Lord promised to spare the city if fifty righteous people could be found. Abraham was afraid there might not be fifty in that city, so he asked if he would destroy the cities if there were 45, then 40, then 30, and then 20. Abraham was still afraid for Lot, as he knew of the terrible wickedness in Sodom, so he pled for him not to destroy the city if He found ten righteous people there. When he got a promise that God would not destroy the city for ten righteous people, he stopped asking and rested the case with the Lord. What a wonderful example for us! We are to plead for the salvation of souls. We should not be satisfied for souls to be lost but seek God to deal with them and bring them in. —Aunt Marie

## Lesson 5, May 1, 1977

### ABRAHAM PLEADS FOR SODOM

Gen. 18:2 And he [Abraham] lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground,

3 And said, My Lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant:

4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:

5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said.

17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

**Memory Verse:** And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. I John 5:15.

### QUESTIONS:

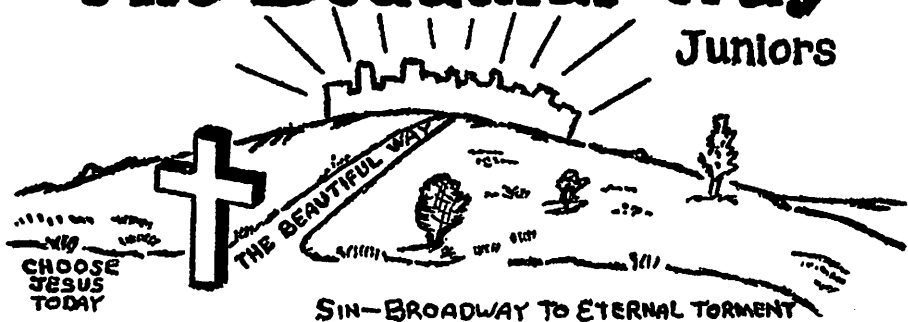
1. Who came to Abraham's tent?
2. What invitation did Abraham give them?
3. How were the men treated?
4. State the question the men asked.
5. Why were the men going to Sodom?
6. Was Abraham concerned because the city was going to be destroyed?
7. How many did Abraham ask God to spare the city for?
8. How did Abraham reason with the Lord?
9. Do you believe the Judge of all the earth will do right?
10. Would the Lord spare the city for 50 righteous people?
11. Abraham in his humility compared himself to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Was that a good comparison?
12. What was the least number the city would be spared for?
13. Why was Abraham content to leave the matter in the Lord's hand?
14. What does our memory verse tell us?

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May 8

## A Message for Mother's Day

God's Word has much to say about mothers. The Lord Jesus himself had a mother; and wherever the gospel is preached and received, mothers and children are given their rightful place. Let us choose from the many women mentioned in the Word of God, a group which exemplifies the various steps in the Christian life.

Eve will be our first, and rightly so, for she is the very first mother of all. Eve's story is a sad one for though with Adam she lived in the beautiful garden home, she and her husband disobeyed God and through them sin entered the human race.

Romans 5:12 says, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). The Lord God provided a covering for Adam and Eve through the shedding of the blood of a substitute (Gen. 3:21).

Now we have chosen Mary the mother of Jesus for the second mother. Mary was chosen to be the mother of our Lord Jesus, yet she realized her need of a

Saviour. In the *Magnificat* she sang, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:47).

We have chosen Ruth as the third mother. Ruth stands for *decision*. Ruth made a great decision that day so long ago when, looking into the face of her mother-in-law, Naomi, she said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me" (Ruth 1:16, 17).

Our next mother stands for *Prayer*. Her name is Hannah. Hannah prayed for a son; God answered and sent her the little baby Samuel. When presenting him to the priest, Eli, she said, "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him: Therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshipped the Lord there" (I Sam. 1:27, 28).

We will next honor two mothers, a grandmother and her daughter, Lois and Eunice, the grandmother and mother of

the boy Timothy. In II Timothy 1:15 and 3:15 we read, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." "And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Thus Timothy was taught the Scriptures by his godly grandmother and mother.

Our last mother is Jochebed, the mother of Moses. Jochebed is known as a mother of *Faith*. In Hebrews 11:23 we read, "By faith Moses, . . . was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment." She put the baby Moses in the cradle basket, and hid him among the flags on the river bank. Jochebed believed God, therefore, she was willing to entrust her child to His care.

As we consider this group of mothers, I am sure that you can see that they all have a message for us today.

Like Eve, we must needs realize that "all have sinned." Like Mary we must be able to say, "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Ruth made a great decision. We too must make the great decision that chooses the Lord Jesus to be our Saviour. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

If we would grow in the Christian life we must learn from Hannah's example to pray, and from Lois and Eunice the importance of studying the holy Scriptures. Prayer and Bible study promote growth in the Christian life.

Like Jochebed we must have faith in God and believe that what He says He will do. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17.

—M. H.

## Take Me With You

A group of fishermen were lounging around their boats at a Scottish village one wild and stormy day.

They had given up all thoughts of any profit that day, when an active lad with a fine open face approached them.

"I want a boat," said he, "come, Phil, which shall we take?" addressing his companion, who was as strongly built and active as himself.

"This looks about our sort," replied Phil.

"You surely won't venture out today," said the oldest of the fishermen. "This is no day for pleasure boating."

"Yes, we will," responded the leader of the two boys. "If you men are afraid to go out, we are not."

"You shall not have my boat," said the old fisherman. "It would be murder to give it to you."

"Why shouldn't the boys have a turn, if they wish it?" growled a man from the back. "It's not as rough as it was. They can have my boat if they just have to go."

"I shall go," said the boy.

"Then," said the old man. "take me with you. This is no day for boys to be out on the sea, but if you must go, you should have an experienced man with you. Take me with you."

Something in the tones of the old man's voice touched the lad more than all he had previously said. He hesitated. Then he said abruptly to his companion:

"Perhaps after all, Phil, we had better wait until tomorrow," and then walked away again.

Eventually that lad became Archbishop of York. He addressed, years later, a gathering of men, and urged them to take Christ with them in their voyage on the stormy sea of life.

Jesus Christ stands before us and pleads with you and me, "Take Me with

you." Before us stretch the stormy seas of life across which we must sail. But to make a safe passage and to reach the port of Heaven at last, we need Him on board. So listen to His voice and accept His loving offer when He says, "Take Me with you."

—Sel.

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"We bring our little offering;  
And, humble though it be,  
We ask our God to bless it,  
On low, and bended knee;  
Perhaps a Bible purchased  
With this, so freely given,  
May teach some wandering heathen child  
The way to God and heaven."

—Sermons for Children

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



## Sodom Burns

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We must remember as we study our lessons, that what God said would come to pass, did come to pass. You might say, "I don't believe in God," or "I don't believe God will do this or that," but it doesn't change the fact at all. There is a God, and God will do just what He has said He would do. God permits things to go along in certain ways because that is what people want, and He lets them have their way, but there comes a time when all will have to give an account to God for what they do. We must not try to fool ourselves. God is God and has the last say about each of our lives.

We talked about the cup of iniquity or sin that was to be filled for the Amorites, in a lesson some time back. When it came to pass God was going to give their land to the Israelites. In our lesson today we are going to talk about some cities whose cup of sin became full, and God destroyed them. Boys and girls, when the cup of sin is full for the United States it will be destroyed. It's sad when we see the sin that is abounding. All around us we see boys and girls doing terrible things. Some are abusing their bodies. Our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost and we can't misuse it and not give an account to the Lord. Many are using their minds to think about dirty jokes and unclean things. Many are stealing, lying, and using dope and other such things that harm their bodies and minds. The cup of sin is being filled rapidly. We need to seek God daily, or we will be caught up in the whirl of things and be lost—eternally lost! Oh, how terrible that would be.

The two angels arrived in Sodom and found the people were very, very wicked. They wanted to force Lot to give them the two strange men, so they could abuse them. They were so wicked that they were going to harm Lot and try to break into his house, but the angels smote the wicked men with blindness. God knows how to take care of the righteous, but He also will punish the wicked. God's Word is true. We must believe it.

Poor Lot and his wife were sad to leave their children in Sodom. But their children were like lots of people today. They would not believe God's Word. As they lingered, the angels took hold of their hands and led them out, warning them not to look back. Poor Lot's wife. She thought of her children and did look back. She did not obey. She turned to a pillar of salt. I do trust that in all this lesson, one thought you will remember—that is, God will do just what He says He will do, and

He expects us to obey Him. He will not accept excuses. —Aunt Marie

### Lesson 6, May 8, 1977

#### LOT IS SPARED

Gen. 19:1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter:

6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.

10 But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:

13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great

before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

16 And while he [Lot] lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

24 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

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

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Lot do when he saw the angels?
2. What does "pressed them greatly" mean?
3. Who surrounded Lot's house?
4. What did Lot say to the men of the city?
5. Did they listen to Lot?
6. Tell their reaction.
7. How was Lot saved from the crowd?
8. What was Lot told to do?
9. Why were they to get out of the city?
10. Did Lot hurry?
11. How did the angels get Lot and his family outside the city?
12. What command were they given?
13. How did God destroy the city?
14. What happened to Lot's wife?

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May 15

## Sin Destroys

The time has now come, my dear boys and girls, for us to give you some real plain talk. We believe you are anxious to listen, and willing to learn and profit by whatever may be given for your good and benefit.

Let us picture in our minds a beautiful illustration. Along the roadside, two small nuts, or seeds from a tree were planted in the ground, and it was but a short time until two tiny little plants came peeping forth, into the great world of sunshine and storm. Day after day, they seemed to mount higher and higher, as if they were trying to stretch themselves up to the sky above.

Both of them were beautiful, and each soon had a nice little body from which grew small tender branches filled with beautiful green leaves.

For a time it seemed as if each was trying to be more handsome than the other. One day while the wind was gently blowing, one of those plants which had now become a young tree, reached out one of its branches a little too far and caught fast among some rubbish nearby. This did not seem to bother it at the time, nor stop its growth, but one limb being

fast soon caused another one to turn in the same direction, and soon a number of limbs had grown in among the rubbish so securely that the whole top of the young tree began to bend over in that direction. The beautiful showers of rain fell, and sunshiny days one after another passed by, which caused the tree to grow very fast for awhile. The more it grew, the more it bent over, until its body was very crooked, became wind-shaken and shriveled to the heart, so that it never could become a sound tree again. There were places where the bark had been knocked off which left some very ugly scars. The tree became dwarfed, and burly looking knots were formed upon it, and the limbs began to die and decay until the whole tree was a mere worthless wreck.

The other one which stood nearby had now grown to be a large and handsome tree with a beautiful shady top reaching far up into the cooling breeze, and there the birds loved to perch themselves and sing their sweet songs; the squirrels played among the branches, eating nuts from the very same tree. The long slender body seemed a picture of perfection.

Oh, what a lesson to be learned from those two trees which were once both alike and now so widely different! How

sad to think there is any occasion for this comparison to be applied to any of the boys and girls of our land today; yet it is too true.

Follow the lives of two young children who in the innocence of childhood, know no guilt, nor sin, and there appears to be nothing in their lives to keep them from growing up to be useful men.

We will now trace their lives as we did that of the trees. One of them, as the years pass by, keeps his mind pure, shuns evil companions, asks God to direct him in all things, prays every day, obtains an education, reads only good books and papers, and when he is grown to be a man, he becomes very useful and makes those around him happy and contented.

Now, take a look at the other boy; he is like the crooked tree, when but a few years of age he begins to reach out in a wrong direction. Soon he is round among evil companions, and soon evil thoughts come into his mind. Evil thoughts lead to evil actions, bad words and such like, until his life is bent over on the line of wickedness, and his life is blotched with scars of sins, and ere he reaches manhood, he is a wreck both soul and body. He is wretched indeed, having a bad reputation, a defiled character, and has become the offscouring of the earth, as it were. Poor boy! He has turned away from all that is good and noble, and now, when too late, see the error of his way. He finds himself an outcast, despised, because of his degraded course which he has chosen. It has now bound him down, firmly in the clutches of sin, where he knows nothing better than to sit down and hug misery, as his boon companion which he has chosen to his sorrow.

Alas! alas! poor boy! When he first started on his downward course he had no idea that his first little sins would lead him on and on to where he had no

power to reform. But such is the case with hundreds and thousands of the boys and girls and young men and women of today. They seem to have no power within themselves to turn from their wickedness.

There is but one way out; but one way of escape. We read in the Bible of a Saviour, who came to "save the lost," those who are steeped in sin and disease.

There was once a woman who was bowed down by disease for eighteen years, and this loving Saviour seeing her faith, spoke the words and she was made well. He is just the same today and will heal our diseases if we trust Him, or will break the bondage of sins as he did the woman's disease. He will forgive and sweep away all the sins and guilt of the vilest sinner, and make him pure and innocent so he can begin life anew.

We are quite sure that none of you desire to live a life of wickedness, and if any have already been overtaken in some ways of wickedness, we trust that you will begin today to live a pure life.

## **The Chains Broken**

The question comes now, how shall the chains of sin be broken? How shall this load of despair be swept away? The Word of the Lord says, "Cast your care upon Him; for he careth for you." You must first decide that you *will* from this time forth quit your evil practices, and stop sinning against God, then confess all to God. Tell Him all about it, and the resolve that you have made, and that by His grace you will obey Him in all things. Ask Him to forgive you of all your sins and blot them out of His book of remembrance, and He will do so. As you believe His Word, He will sweep away your load of guilt and sin, and create in you a clean heart.

You can then go forth praising God for freedom, being no longer under the bondage of sin. Keep your thoughts pure

and your mind upon heavenly things; do much praying for the Lord to help you in all things that you undertake to do. Give Him much praise for what He has done, thus you will defeat the enemy and will be able to even present yourself to the Lord for a complete healing of your body.

—E. E. Byrum

“Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.” Proverbs 20:11.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Joy came to the house of Abraham and Sarah. The long promised son had been born. He was a miracle child because Abraham and Sarah were too old to have children, but God kept His promise to Abraham and gave him a son. They called him, *Isaac* which means “Laughing.” They were very happy and they wanted everyone to laugh with them. Soon, Isaac grew and began to say words. No doubt, Ishmael and he would play together, even though, Ishmael was older than Isaac. As the child grew, Abraham and Sarah enjoyed him so much that they gave a big feast in his honor. No doubt, this caused Ishmael to become jealous of Isaac. At the feast instead of Ishmael being happy with

Isaac, he made fun of him. This hurt Isaac’s mother very much. Sarah told Abraham that he must send Ishmael and his mother, Hagar, away. She did not want Ishmael to grow up in the same house with Isaac and cause him trouble. This grieved Abraham very much so he talked to the Lord about it. God made him know that Isaac was to be the heir and through his descendants, God was going to bring Jesus to the world hundreds of years later, and that he should send Ishmael away. God also said that he would make a great nation of Ishmael because he was Abraham’s son by Hagar.

With a sad heart Abraham rose up early in the morning, took bread, a bottle of water, gave it to Hagar and sent her and her child away to Egypt, the land from which she had come as their servant. Hagar started out, but got lost in the wilderness, her food and water ran out. She could not bear to see her son die so she put him by some shrubs and went a little way off and sat down. She was very sad. Now Ishmael had been taught about God, and no doubt he began to pray to God, because God sent an angel to talk to Hagar. The angel called out of heaven, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid. God has heard the voice of the lad. Arise and lift him up and hold him in your arms. I will make a great nation of him.” Hagar knew God and she was comforted. She got up, and behold, she saw a well of water bubbling up out of the dry, sandy ground. She filled her bottle of water and gave her son a drink. He grew and became an archer in the wilderness.

Boys and girls, we need to know that the Lord is not pleased for us to be jealous of others. Yet, when we see that we have done wrong, and feel sorry, God will forgive us and help us out like He did Ishmael. I am sure that Ishmael was very sorry for the way he treated Isaac. God knew all about this and spared his life.

—Aunt Marie

## Lesson 7, May 15, 1977

### ABRAHAM'S JOY AND SORROW

Gen. 21:5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast the same day that Isaac was weaned.

9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking.

10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.

11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of his son.

12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.

13 And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed.

14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

15 And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.

16 And she went, and sat down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept.

17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is.

18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.

19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink.

20 And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.

**Memory Verse:** And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. John 8:35.

### QUESTIONS:

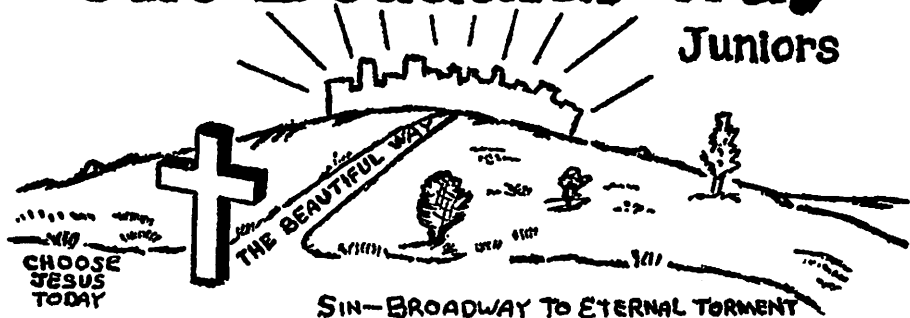
1. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
2. What did they make for Isaac?
3. What did Sarah see?
4. Why did Sarah want Hagar and Ishmael cast out?
5. Did Abraham feel sad?
6. Did God tell Abraham to send Ishmael away?
7. What promise did God give for Ishmael?
8. When did Abraham send them away?
9. What happened to Hagar and Ishmael?
10. Did Hagar think Ishmael would die?
11. What makes you think Ishmael prayed?
12. What was God's message to Hagar?
13. How did Hagar see the well of water?
14. What happened to Ishmael?

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## Sin Destroys

**NOTE TO TEACHERS:** It might not be well to read this story in a mixed group of boys and girls, but encourage each boy and girl to read it at home. It is the duty of church to teach against all kinds of sins.

There are many temptations all along the way to turn the mind of the child from the path of right and purity.

There is one temptation to which thousands of boys and girls have yielded and been brought down to destruction as a result. It leads to an awful sin, and that is the sin of Self Abuse. Many of you perhaps do not know what is meant by the words, "Self Abuse." You may have to ask your father or mother, or some kind man or woman just what it means, and they will explain it to you. Never ask a bad boy or girl about such things. We will try and make it as plain to you as possible, and while we do so, you must keep your minds pure, for we are going to show you the awful effects and results of this vile practice.

Self Abuse is an improper use of your hands upon that part of your body called the sexual organ. It is a very evil and dangerous practice, which if continued will destroy both soul and body. It is an

abuse of the body, and a sin against God, and the Bible tells us that they who do such things cannot get into heaven. This practice defiles the body, and in another place the Bible says that we are the temples of God, and if we defile our bodies, God will destroy us. (I Cor. 3:17). So you see, God is against all who do such a wicked act.

There are a great many who when very young accidentally learn this evil practice themselves, or are taught it by older boys and girls who are very wicked. The practice is kept up, not knowing there is much harm, if any, in so doing. I have known of little ones not over three years of age practicing this vile habit, but they knew nothing about the bad effects that were sure to follow, but by proper warning and careful training they soon quit it.

Boys and girls generally learn this practice after they are about eight or ten years of age, but in a few years the effects are plain to be seen.

One bad boy or girl in a family or school, or in a community is often the means of ruining scores of innocent young boys and girls and starting them on a sinful course by teaching them this vile practice. He tells them, "just for fun," informing them there is no harm

whatever, and laughs at them if they will not do so. Dear boys and girls, it is better to be laughed at a few times than to be ruined forever.

This vile practice is sometimes called masturbation, because it is practiced with the hands. Also called the secret vice, as boys and girls addicted to the habit, love to go off alone to some secluded place where they can secretly indulge in the sinful abuse of their bodies. But there is an eye which never sleeps, and is always watching you while in secluded places. You cannot hide from this all-seeing eye. It is God who watches you, even in the dark, or when shut up in a room; He can see, and know all about what you do or say, and even knows all about your thoughts. Nothing can be hidden from Him, and the good book tells us that He has a book of remembrance, in which is kept a record of all bad deeds done. Yet He has promised to blot them all out and remember them no more against us, if we quit doing evil and ask Him to forgive us.

There are bad effects from this evil practice. It often works on young boys and girl's nervous systems. Others in a few years complain of pain in their sides, back, limbs, and other parts of the body. They often get dizzy; are troubled with weak eyes and many other ailments. If the habit is continued, they will fill an early grave, or end their days in an insane asylum.

Years ago an inquiry concerning the inmates of an insane asylum, brought forth the fact that 364 persons had been sent there from the effects of vicious habits.

Do you not know that doctors can tell what you have been doing, as soon as you come in their presence? Your teacher can tell it also. You cannot hide it. The old saying is that "murder will out." Well this is self-murder, and you are yourself, every time you practice it, exposing

yourself by telling what you have been guilty of doing, and yet you thought it was all a secret.

God saw you do the act, and now you go about telling the people about it by your actions and the signs it has left upon you. Shame! Shame! on the boy or girl who reads these lines and ever tries to do such a thing again.

—E. E. Byrum

## Bound in Slavery

Not many years ago, a certain class of people in this country were held as slaves; although living in what was considered a free country, yet they were bound in slavery, and placed under the control, often times, of wicked task-masters who used them as though they were brutes. Fathers and mothers were separated and sold from their children. The chains of bondage were so great that the ties of nature were broken, and the pleasures of home were almost unknown, and natural affections and love were destroyed through the inhuman bondage. One attempt after another was made to obtain their freedom. A long and bloody war followed, in which many precious lives of both black and white people were lost to free the black slaves.

Finally, the time came when the President made a declaration, and signed the papers that the slaves were to be set free. It was joyous news to the poor captives, and when the time came that the fetters of bondage were broken by the powers of the government, it sent a wave of joy throughout the land, and they were made happy and free. Yet, scores of years will pass before the awful effects of the bondage will be completely removed.

As we look around, behold! the land is full of slaves, from sea to sea, from pole to pole; from the humble country home to the palaces of kings, and from hamlet to city. Everywhere we are astonished to

find slavery making inroads into even the quiet homes the world over, capturing some member of the family and sometimes not one of them escapes the awful binding chains. Satan himself is the great slave holder of today, and his chains for binding souls are many. There is a chain of vice that has fastened its hold upon many boys and girls until they have no power of resistance. What a pity! What a disgrace! —E. E. Byrum



Dear Boys and Girls:

God gave you the life and breath that you have. He let you live in this world, but there will come a time when you will leave this world. When we know this to be a fact, then we must think seriously about life and what will be after death. We choose where we will live after death. God has given us that choice. He doesn't make us serve Him, but He longs for us to love Him. Everyone that goes to heaven will love Him while in this world and do what He has told each one to do in the Bible. All that will be in heaven will be holy people. What a wonderful place that will be! I want to go there don't you? It will be just perfect.

God wants us to love Him with all of our heart. He doesn't want us to love

anyone or anything more than we love Him. We must put the Lord first in our lives. God has ways of letting us be tested to see if we are putting Him first. We must remember that the Lord gives and the Lord takes away as He sees best. Just trust the wisdom of God. Be sure to remember that God always knows what is best for us at all times.

Abraham was very happy for his son. He was the promised child from God. He was a gift. Abraham and Sarah loved their son whom they had looked forward to having so very, very much. Through him God had promised Abraham the whole world would be blessed, because Jesus would come from his family. Maybe God thought Abraham was loving Isaac too much. So He tested him. God spoke to him and told Abraham to take his son up to Mount Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice to Him. In other words, God wanted Abraham to give Isaac back to Him. No doubt, Abraham wondered who would take his place, or be the promised child, or how God would fulfill His promise to him, but Abraham trusted God's wisdom. He knew God knew best.

Early one morning, Abraham arose and saddled his ass. He took two servants, Isaac and the wood. It took them three days to get to the mountain. Abraham left his servants at the foot of the mountain and he and Isaac walked on up to the place where God told him to go. There he laid Isaac, bound, on the altar. Just as he held his knife in the air God called to him and said, "Abraham, Abraham." Abraham said, "Here am I." God told him not to lay a hand upon Isaac. God said that now He knew Abraham loved Him and had not withheld his son from Him. Abraham had passed the test and his son was restored to him. A ram was caught in the thicket so Abraham took the ram and offered it to God, and I am sure his heart was full of praises to the Lord.

—Aunt Marie

## **Lesson 8, May 22, 1977**

### **ABRAHAM IS TESTED**

Gen. 22:1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt [try] Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee unto the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

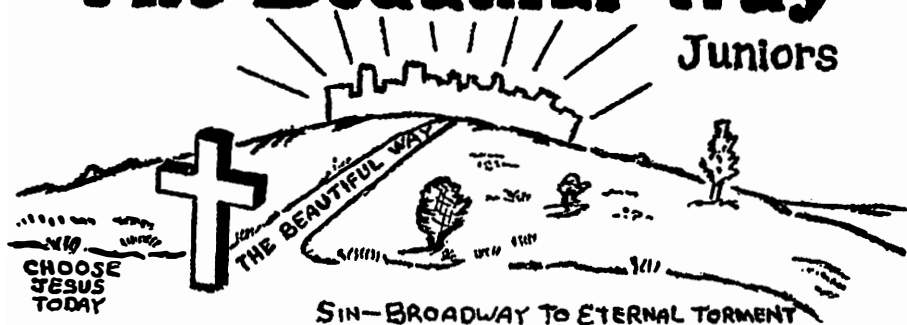
**Memory Verse:** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. Mark 12:30.

### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Who was tried by God?
2. Why did God tell Abraham to take Isaac to the mountain?
3. What did Abraham do early in the morning?
4. How many days did it take to get to the place?
5. Who went up to worship?
6. Who carried the wood?
7. What question did Isaac ask his father?
8. Give Abraham's answer.
9. What happened after the altar was built, and the wood laid in order?
10. Was Abraham going to kill his son?
11. Who called Abraham?
12. Did God mean for Abraham to really kill Isaac?
13. What did God know, now that Abraham had been tried?
14. What kind of sacrifice did Abraham offer?

# The Beautiful Way

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Part Nine

May 29

## An Attempt to Escape

Those who have only just started on the downward road can stop if they will, and escape the clutches of slavery. We will now turn our attention to boys and girls who have gone deep in sin. They become awakened to their condition and see there is great danger just ahead and their frail vessel is already almost wrecked.

They now resolve that they will quit their sins. Their minds are weak, and they have little or no power to resist evil. Evil thoughts are still harbored in the mind, and wicked companions discourage all attempts to do better. They do not have courage to speak to any one who is able to help them out, and even feel that God is a great ways off. The battle is left to be fought alone, and in their weakness they yield to sin again and again. Maybe the sins are lying or stealing and to their horror find themselves in deep despair. A failure indeed! The most wretched creatures upon the face of the earth!

This is only a too true description of thousands among the rich as well as among the poor. It takes something more than wealth to free a person from such a bondage and break the chains of slavery.

As the drowning man grasps at a straw with a hope of being rescued, so will the poor degraded one, when fully awakened to his condition, reach out after almost anything that promises recovery, after he finds his own efforts are of no avail.

"My wretchedness! My wretchedness! O that I had never been born!" This has been the expression of many a person when hope had fled away, and grim Despair and Misery stood up like giants before him.

Listen! Hark! A sweet voice in the distance calls out in soft mellow tones, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." The poor despairing one looks about in surprise. "Surely, this cannot mean me, yet I am surely heavily laden enough with sin, and my soul needs rest."

Listen again! That sweet loving voice seems nearer than ever before, saying, "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be read like crimson, they shall be as wool." Behold! it is a voice from heaven. Hear the words as they gently fall, "Let

the wicked forsake his way, and God will have mercy upon him and will abundantly pardon." "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."

Dear suffering ones, this means you, they are the words of the Lord. A loving Saviour is reaching out a helping hand, and now it is for you to decide as to whether or not you will accept. His word says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9.

Though you may be steeped in sin, as it were, yet He means you, for He says He came to save the lost. If you are among the lost, then remember He is ready and willing to save your soul and give you a pure heart, and enable you to yet live a pure life. Will you not make the attempt and decide to begin anew just now?

—E. E. Byrum

## A New Life Begins



The Lord does not only forgive one sin, but He forgives them all. A new birth takes place. It is a spiritual birth, and you are now a child of God. Your body may still be weak, and the enemy of your soul may attack you, to discourage your soul, but remember your covenant with the Lord. Rebuke the enemy when he comes, and call upon God to protect you and keep you. You must shun your wicked companions and places of vice as you would shun a poisonous reptile. There are many ways in which you can improve yourself, that will help you along both bodily and spiritually.

If your body has been wrecked and weakened, and your mind robbed of its strength, you should take outdoor exercise, daily walks in the fresh air, and practice deep breathing, filling your lungs with pure air. When not quietly resting, you should busy yourself in some way, for when the mind is occupied at

your work there will not be such a chance for evil thoughts to come in to confuse you or get you to do wrong.

Should you be tempted to sin again, dismiss it from your mind at once. Run a foot race a half dozen times around the house, or down the road, across the field; or run some errand, mow the grass, empty trash, work in the garden, or anything to divert your mind.

There are also improvements to be made in scores of other ways. Always try to be cheerful, kind, and gentle to everyone you meet, and try to do as many kind acts as possible each day.

No doubt a change will also be needed in regard to your food and manner of eating. If you have been in the habit of eating candies, pastries, rich cakes, pork and fat meats, horseradish, mustard, pepper sauce and such like, you surely need a change of diet, because eating so much of that kind of food has a tendency to ruin the nervous system; furthermore, little strength is derived from such food.

There are things that are much more wholesome, and are solid food for making bone and muscle, and building up the brain and body. Bread made from graham flour, which includes the whole grain of the wheat, is the most healthy bread that can be used. Graham mush, oatmeal, rice, ripe fruit of various kinds, and such like are good, wholesome articles of food. Good plain food is the most wholesome, and close attention concerning the same has much to do with overcoming bad habits and preventing ill health.

Tea and coffee have the same, or even worse effects, as they not only injure the nerves but poison the system, and are often the cause of nervous or sick headache setting in as a chronic disease. Do away with such things, also other indigestible articles of food; quit overloading the stomach by eating too much. Quit eating between meals, and you will aid wonderfully in resisting the temptations of evil after you have quit the habits

which have formerly bound you down. Late suppers, or going to bed soon after eating a full meal, has a bad effect and should be avoided. A person should eat slowly and chew the food well, which will greatly aid in digestion. It is also better not to drink anything while eating. One can soon get so used to this as to care nothing for drinking during mealtime.

—E. E. Byrum

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

What a great and wonderful Lord and Saviour, we have! He lives within our hearts, when we have opened the door and let Him come in. He is there to help us and to answer our prayers. He is there to guide us and lead us in the right ways, if we will let Him. He is there to correct us and to make us know when we have done wrong. Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God are one and they work together to help us get to heaven. Oh, how we love our Lord and we do want to please Him! He has proven His love for us by dying on the cross.

Prayer is the way we talk to Jesus. If we will pray and then become quiet, Jesus will help us to understand what He

wants us to do. When we read the words of Jesus in the Bible, and the words of the Apostles, that is God talking to us. It is good to read, then pray and ask God to help us live up to the Word of God. We need His help to fight against the devil who hates every Word of God. Today men are trying to destroy God's Word by making so many new versions of the Bible. They are taking away from the power in the Word of God. I believe God ordained the King James version of the Bible to be printed, for it was a time when the reformation was beginning, and the Bible was being restored to the people. There might be some grammatical errors, but the main truths are clear and plain. Don't let anyone cause your faith in God's Word to be weakened. Cling to it because it tells you how to live in this life so you can go to heaven when you die.

When you pray, you want to say the words that come from your heart. Mean every word. Say the words that you want God to hear. Don't pray lazy prayers or sleepy prayers. If you feel lazy or feel sleepy, just keep praying until you quit being lazy and quit being sleepy. Pray and mean every word you say. God is hearing and God is a very, very smart Person. He wants to be talked to in a way that He can understand what you want, or are saying. Your parents don't want you just to jabber to them. They want you to talk intelligently, and so does God.

God does answer prayer. Sometimes God says, "Yes," sometimes He says, "No," and sometimes He says, "Wait awhile." We must trust God's wisdom. He is all-wise and knows all about our needs, our future, and things that we need to learn. We can pray until we know what God is going to do. Some have prayed for years for a certain thing. God in His wisdom answered their prayer when He saw that it was best. Do pray with faith like Eliezer in our lesson.

—Aunt Marie

## Lesson 9, May 29, 1977

### ELIEZER'S PRAYER ANSWERED

Gen. 23:1 And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.

Gen. 24:1 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things.

4 But thou (Eliezer) shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

10 And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

11 And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, even the time that women go out to draw water.

12 And he said, O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham.

13 Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man

known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher.

19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw water for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.

22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;

23 And said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?

25 She said . . . We have . . . room to lodge in.

26 And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord.

**Memory Verse:** What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24b.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How long did Sarah live?
2. How had God blessed Abraham?
3. What kind of wife did Abraham want for Isaac?
4. Where did he send the servant to find a wife?
5. At what time of day did they come to the well?
6. To whom did the servant pray?
7. Did the men draw the water?
8. What sign did the servant ask for?
9. Who came to the well before the prayer was ended?
10. What did the servant ask Rebekah?
11. Did Rebekah draw water just for the men?
12. Did God answer Eliezer's prayer?
13. How did Eliezer show his appreciation to God?



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## Old Associates Deserted

A new life having now begun, new associates are found, in place of old ones. Those boys whose company was once sought to help to carry out some plot or scheme along the road of vice, do not seem as real friends now. They see the change that has taken place and become scoffers, and they now love to make fun and ridicule in every possible way. The places of vice have not the same charms as before. Tobacco and cigars, bad language, and such like are forsaken, and you say farewell to those whom you once took delight in calling your friends. You have found a true friend in Jesus, and you now select for your friends, only those who are His friends.

Now boys and girls, take a few words of advice. The reform has only begun, and you may expect some battles with the enemy of your soul. He will try to lead you into sin, but you must not yield to the tempter in any way. By all means keep out of bad company. If you continue to live a pure life, you will soon be respected by all around you, and your life will be a prosperous one.

As your life has been one of wicked-

ness in the past, now try and put forth every effort to make up for lost time and make your mark in the world by doing all the good you can. It may not be much that you can do at first, but you can soon see ways of usefulness opening up before you. When you meet with discouragements along the way, do not forget to tell them to Jesus, who is your best friend. Always take everything to Him in prayer and He will help you out of all your troubles. If the way seems dark before you, pray over the matter and then trust the Lord to bring you out all right and He will do so. He says, "Ask and ye shall receive."

There is still another class of friends to be left behind, and they are your bad books, novels, bad pictures, playing cards, and such like. Instead of these, turn your mind to something that will be of some use to you; in place of novel reading, take up good histories, or something that will give you a storehouse of knowledge from which you can draw riches in future years. Above all things, do not neglect the reading of your Bible. Read some from it each day, and your life will soon grow brighter, and it will bring many happy days of sunshine to your soul.

Remember now that your will and your

thoughts must be brought under subjection; you must control them. You must be a conqueror on that line. You can do it, and you must do it. Keep your thoughts pure, keep away from places of temptation, and make your peace with God or you will be lost forever. God is ready to help anyone who will earnestly seek His aid.

—E. E. Byrum

## Book For Crybaby

Two boys, Bill and Robert, ran as fast as they could down a Hawaiian road. Bill stopped running and started crying. Then he sat down and rubbed his big toe.

"What happened?" asked Robert.

"I hurt my toe!" Bill said.

"Oh, just a little bit! Why do you cry so often, you big baby!"

"I'm not a baby!" said Bill. He jumped up and ran ahead of Robert. But he knew that he did cry too often for a boy as old as he was.

Before long, Robert caught up with Bill and said, "When we get to the store, I am going to buy some candy. A great big piece of candy."

"So am I," said Bill. "No, I want to buy some cookies or some cakes." Then all at once he said, "Say, what is that over there?"

At the side of the little town was a red truck with many, many people around it. A man stood in the back of the truck showing books to the people. "You may take these books to read for only five cents," he said. "And you may get another when you bring one back."

Bill stopped. He loved books, and he loved to read. But he thought books were only for school.

"Give me a book to read," cried Bill. "I want a book with pictures!"

This missionary looked at Bill. He said to his helpers, "A book for a boy

about eight years old. Find him a book with pictures."

"You are crazy for spending your money on a book when you could have candy," said Robert.

A lady handed a book to the man, and the man handed it to Bill. He asked Bill's name. Then he said, "Bring it back next week."

How happy Bill was with the book! He began to read it as he walked away from the crowd. He sat down beside a tree and said, "Robert, you go for candy. I want to read my book."

"Good-bye! You are a crazy cry-baby!" shouted Robert.

But Bill sat right there and read the picture book. And something seemed warm and good inside of him. The book told of a good man who loved all people. He loved bad people, good people, crazy people. And this wonderful Man loved even crybabies.

A shadow fell across Bill's book, and he looked up. Why, it was the missionary man from the book truck. Bill asked eagerly, "Sir, can you tell me more of this Jesus? Does He really love everybody? Does this Jesus want to be friends with everybody?"

For a long time the two talked of Jesus. Then the missionary man said, "If you tell Jesus you are truly sorry for your sins and ask Him, He will be your Friend and Saviour. Perhaps then you will not so very often feel like crying."

The next week, Robert and Bill were running to the village again, each with a nickel. Bill clutched the book under his arm, and Robert was talking of candy.

"But I suppose you will spend your nickel on another book to read, you crazy crybaby!"

Just then, Bill stubbed his toe. It hurt!

"Well, go ahead and cry, you cry-baby!" teased Robert. And he laughed very hard.

Bill hopped around, holding his foot, but he didn't cry. "I'm not a crybaby any more."

How surprised Robert was! "It's true," he said. "You haven't been crying at all lately. What has happened?"

"I have a new Friend," said Bill. "Jesus, the Son of God, is now my Friend and Saviour. And now I really don't feel like crying so much all the time."

They came to the book truck. Bill said, "Robert, go into the village and buy your candy, and I will stop for a new book."

Robert just grinned. "No, not today," he said. "I want to get a book today. I want to see what Jesus can do for me."

— Sel.



## Rebekah covered herself with a veil

Dear Boys and Girls:

Eliezer was very tired when he arrived at Mes-o-po-ta-mi-a. For days and days the ten camels, loaded with many rich presents, servants, and Eliezer had traveled across valleys, hills, and rivers, and by the great lonely desert. After God had answered his prayer, outside the city of Haran, and he had met Rebekah who ran to tell her mother and brother, he accepted the invitation of Laban to come to his home. They took care of his

camels, while a big meal was prepared. Before he would eat he said he must tell his mission. He told them he was Abraham's servant and that his master was very, very rich. He said he was well, but up in years and had made him promise that he would not take a wife of the heathen worshippers around him for Isaac, but go back to his family's country, and there bring him a wife who loved God. Then Eliezer told how God had answered his prayer and led him directly to Rebekah, the granddaughter of Abraham's brother, Nahor. When Rebekah's father, and brother, Laban, heard how God had blessed Eliezer they were willing to let Rebekah go because they felt that God had sent Eliezer for her. Rebekah was willing to go also. Eliezer bowed his head and worshipped God for all that He had done. He enjoyed the feast that night and gave other presents of silver, gold, and beautiful clothing to Rebekah and her family.

The servant wanted to leave right away but her family asked that she be allowed to stay for ten days more, but they agreed they would ask Rebekah what she wanted to do. She said she was ready to go at that time so she told her family goodbye, then she and her maidservants rode on camels and Eliezer led the way back to Abraham's home.

As they neared the place of Abraham and Isaac's home, Rebekah saw a man walking in the field. Isaac had gone out in the fields to pray, meditate, and to think on the good things of God. When he saw the camels coming, he hurried to meet them. Rebekah asked who the man was and when Eliezer told her it was his master, Isaac, she got down off her camel and covered her face with a veil.

How happy Isaac was when Eliezer told him how God had prospered his journey, how He had answered prayer and sent Rebekah to him. Isaac loved her from the first because He knew God had

given him a wife. Isaac took her to his mother's tent and she became his wife. Sarah had been dead for some time and Isaac had mourned for her. Now he was comforted by the coming of Rebekah.

Time passed and Abraham died at the age of 175 years. He was buried beside Sarah.

—Aunt Marie

## Lesson 10, June 5, 1977

### REBEKAH BROUGHT TO ISAAC

Gen. 24:31 And he [Laban, Rebekah's brother] said, Come in [Eliezer], thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

34 And he said [before he ate], I am Abraham's servant.

48 And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.

50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, the thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good.

59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

62 And Isaac came from the way of the well Lahairoi; for he dwelt in the south country.

63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel.

65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done.

67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

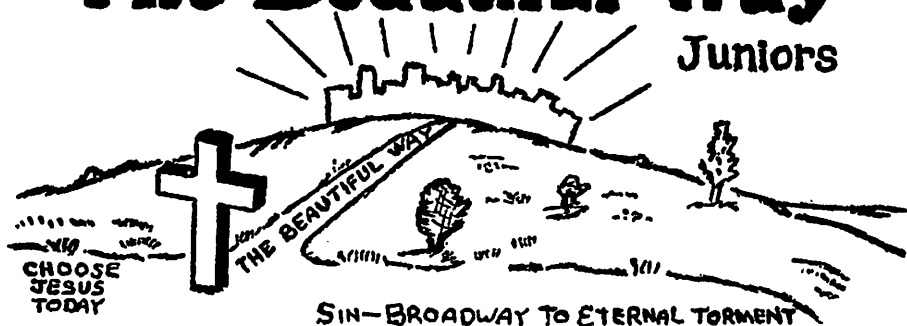
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who invited Eliezer into his house?
2. Did Eliezer tell them who he was?
3. Why did Eliezer bow his head and worship God?
4. How did Rebekah's brothers feel about her going with Eliezer?
5. Who else went with Rebekah?
6. What blessing did they give to Rebekah?
7. How did Rebekah travel?
8. Where did Isaac live?
9. Why did Isaac go out into the field in the evening?
10. What did he see?
11. What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac coming?
12. How did Rebekah cover herself?
13. Where did Isaac take Rebekah?
14. Did he love her?

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## A Terrible Experience

"John, did you see those pictures of the men they are going to hang?" asked Bill.

"No, where is the picture?"

"I'll run and get the paper," Bill said as he raced off to the house. Soon he was back with little sister trailing along behind. The three children sat behind the chicken house looking at the faces of the three men who were to be hanged because they had killed someone.

"How do they hang people?" asked little sister.

"They put a rope over the limb of a tree and then they tie the other end of the rope around the man's neck while he is standing on a box. Then, when they get all ready, they kick the box out from under him and let him hang until he dies," explained Bill.

"Why don't we play like we are going to hang someone?" John stated as he looked around for a box. "We won't get a great, big box like they do, but just a little box."

"I don't think we ought to do that," Bill said, "It might hurt."

"Oh, you are just a coward," John said as he brought back a box and put it under

the tree. "I'm not afraid."

"Let me be first," little sister said. Soon John arrived with a rope from the barn and climbed the tree. He tied it around a limb and let it dangle down several feet from the ground. By this time Bill was greatly interested and thought that maybe the idea was going to be fun. He helped John to decide if it was about right to put around little sister's neck. Little sister got up on the box and they tied the rope around her neck.

"Now be sure and tell us if it hurts and we will take it off," John said.

"Oh, it won't hurt me!" boasted little sister. She wanted to be big and brave like her brothers. But when they took the box out from under her, and she was swinging a few feet from the ground with the rope around her neck, it did hurt! She could not even tell them that it hurt. Oh, how terrible that was! Oh, how she wished she had not let them put that rope around her neck. She kicked and tried to scream. The girl who worked for their family happened to look out and see her hanging from the rope. She ran out, just in time to get her loose. Poor little sister. She screamed and cried. She was so scared and her neck hurt her so bad. John and Bill both began to cry. Oh, how

sorry they were for what they had done. Never again would they do such a thing. When their daddy got through talking to them, they were sure that they would never do it again. Poor little sister could have died.

Boys and girls, never do such things even if you see them on T.V., or in any other way. The girl who was little sister is 75 years of age today, and she has never forgotten how terrible it was to have a rope around her neck. She was only five years of age when this happened.

—Marie Miles

## Ten Minutes' Thought

"How old are you, son?"

"Fourteen, sir."

"What time do you usually get up in the morning?"

"Oh, that depends, sir, but most mornings during school time, I have to be up at a quarter till eight."

"And what time do you go to bed?"

"As late as I can, and get away with it. It's supposed to be nine o'clock, but I usually manage to hang out to nearer ten."

"Let's do a little arithmetic together. If you get up at a quarter till eight and go to bed at a quarter till ten, that's fourteen hours a day that you are awake, right?"

"That's right, sir."

"Now I want to think about a period of ten minutes. How many ten-minute periods are there in your waking day?"

"Well, there are six every hour, and fourteen hours a day makes it—er—eighty-four, I think."

"Good. Now, at eighty-four a day, how many in a year?"

"Oh, sir! I should have to have a pencil and paper for that one."

"Fair enough. But actually, I can tell you it comes to over 30,000."

"Thirty thousand! But what's the sense of working it out, anyway?"

"Well, I want to ask you a question. It is quite a serious question. You see, you are fourteen years old, and you have had 30,000 periods of 10 minutes each, fully awake, in the last twelve months.

"Now, have you ever spent ten minutes in your life sitting still and thinking about God, and the way we shall all have to answer to Him for the way we live? That His Son, Jesus, died so that we may be forgiven of our wrong doing, and may be able to face God without fear?"

"I'm afraid that's a big order, sir. No, putting it that way, I don't think I have."

"Well now, you know there is a living God in heaven."

"Oh, yes, sir."

"And that you will some day have to have a sort of examination by Him on how you have lived your life?"

"I suppose so."

"And did you know that Jesus took the punishment of our sins upon Himself when He was being crucified, so that if we ask Him, He can forgive us our trespasses?"

"I've never really thought of it like that, sir."

"Well now, will you get somewhere quietly today, all by yourself, and give that ten-minutes' thought to those three things? Isn't it a sensible thing to do—out of 30,000 'ten-minutes' in a year, to spend at least one of them thinking about God and about our Lord Jesus Christ?"

Several years ago I asked four boys between 13 and 15 this last question that I have asked you. They all went away to think. Within an hour, every one of them had come back to me to say, 'I have decided to become a Christian.'

Will you spend ten minutes like that today—and then decide for the Lord Jesus Christ?

"Remember now thy Creator in the

days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1).

"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).

—Sel.

"Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you" (1 Samuel 12:24).

"Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil." Proverbs 4:26, 27.

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

How happy Isaac and Rebekah were when God gave them twin boys. Each of the boys had their own likes and dislikes. They were different in their looks. Esau liked to hunt and became very good at it. He delighted his father by serving him some of the game that he killed. Jacob loved to work in the soil and loved the animals. One day Esau came in from hunting and was very, very tired. In fact, he was about to faint from hunger and weariness. He asked Jacob to feed him

some pottage quickly. Jacob thought to himself that this was the time to get Esau to give him his birthright. Since Esau had been born first he was to receive the best of the inheritance. Esau didn't love God as Jacob did. God had wanted Jacob to have the birthright but Jacob didn't wait on God. He took things into his own hands. Esau thought he was about to die and he didn't care about the birthright so he sold his birthright to Jacob that day. Jacob then gave to him the "pottage of lentils" or beans. Esau ate and arose and went his way. He didn't care about his birthright.

Time passed by and a famine came into the land. Isaac moved his family close to the Philistines as the Lord told him not to go down to Egypt. Isaac was very rich in servants, herds, flocks etc. As time went by, the Philistines envied Isaac. All the wells that Abraham had dug, the Philistines had filled. Isaac had his servants dig the wells again. The Philistines asked Isaac to go away from them as he was mightier than they, so he departed to another place. There he dug more wells of Abraham. Again he had trouble with the herdmen of Gerar. They wanted the spring of water from the well. Isaac was a man of peace, so he moved on to another place. There he had another well dug. Then he had peace. There was room in the land for him. The Lord spoke to him and made him know that he would become a great nation through his family and the same promise was given to him as to Abraham.

In our unwritten portion we read about the Philistine king and others coming to Isaac. Isaac asked why had they come, since he knew they hated him. They said that they saw the Lord was with him and they wanted a covenant made between them, that Isaac would not touch them, but that they could live in peace. Isaac wanted peace

too, so after their talk, the Philistine king and the others departed in peace.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 11, June 12, 1977

### ISAAC LOVED PEACE

Gen. 25:27 And the [twin] boys [of Isaac and Rebekah] grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Gen. 26:12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him.

14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.

16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

17 And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beersheba.

24 And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

**Memory Verse:** Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. II Tim. 2:22.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who were the twin sons of Isaac?
2. Did Isaac and Rebekah each have a favorite son?
3. How did God bless Isaac?
4. Who envied Isaac?
5. What did Abimelech ask Isaac to do?
6. Why did he want him to go away?
7. What kind of wells did Isaac dig?
8. Where did the servants find a well of springing water?
9. Did they get to keep the well?
10. Why not?
11. How many other wells did Isaac dig before he got to keep one?
12. Why did he call it Rehoboth?
13. Where did God appear to Isaac?
14. What was God's promise to Isaac?
15. What three things did Isaac do at Beersheba?

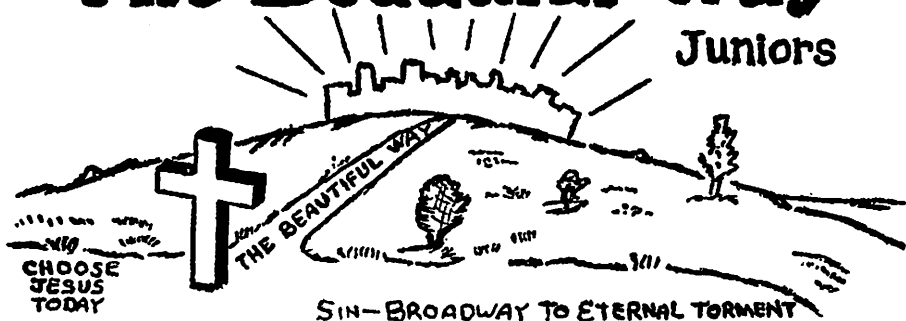
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Part Twelve

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## Settled At The Altar

Loud, angry words were coming from their parents' room again tonight as usual. Nancy and Carl put their fingers into their ears trying to shut out the sound. It was almost ten o'clock on a Tuesday night. Both children had been sent to bed early but it was impossible to go to sleep with all that racket going on. Nancy finally got out of bed and went across the hall to Carl's room.

"Carl, why do Mommy and Daddy have to fight every night? Why can't they be like Beth's Mommy and Daddy? They always talk so nice to each other." Nancy wiped the tears from her eyes with the back of her hand.

Carl sat up in bed and thought for a minute. "Maybe Beth's Mommy and Daddy are good while you are there but I expect they fight too, after you leave."

"No, they don't," said Nancy, "for Beth says they never fuss at all and I believe her 'cause she goes to Sunday school and she never fibs to me."

"What difference does that make?" retorted Carl. "Jimmy and Joe go to Sunday school but they are always picking a fight with someone. I don't see where they are any better than we are."

"Yes, I know they fight," said Nancy, "but they don't belong to the church or whatever it is you do. I think they just go because they have to. I wish we could go to Sunday school. Beth says her mommy and daddy are saved, whatever that is. I wish our mommy and daddy would get saved too, if it would keep them from fighting. I wish we didn't have to listen to them fuss every night. It makes me afraid and I can't go to sleep. Doesn't it scare you too, Carl? What if Daddy really leaves like he says he is going to? What would we do?" Nancy began to cry in earnest.

Carl tried awkwardly to comfort her. "Aw, Sis, quit worrying, he hasn't left yet and I guess he won't. Go back to bed and cover up your head like I am going to do," and Carl proceeded to do just that.

Nancy turned towards the door, then stopped and said, "Sometimes I feel like running away. I guess they would be sorry then. Beth said she was going to pray that we could go to Sunday school next Sunday. She said her mommy and daddy went to the altar and got saved. Wish I could go to the altar and pray for Mommy and Daddy. Maybe I will, but I might have to miss school. She said the altar was up in front of the church close to where the preacher is."

Carl scarcely heard all she said for he was almost asleep before she left the room. Nancy went back to bed but she still couldn't go to sleep. Her parents had quieted down at last but Nancy knew the same thing would happen again tomorrow night. At last she got out of bed again and went to look out of the window. The moon was shining bright and she could almost see the steeple of the church above the houses, although it was several blocks away.

Mary and Tom Dawson hadn't always quarreled, but each year they seemed to be getting farther apart. Tom left for work early and seldom got home in time for supper anymore. When they were together they never could agree on anything. One word led to another and almost before they realized it, they were shouting at each other, never realizing what they were doing to their children as well as to each other. Many days the children never saw their daddy at all, for they were in bed when he got home, but his voice could be heard.

Friday morning, Mary went to Nancy's room to awaken her and the room was empty. She hurried across the hall to Carl's room thinking she might have become fearful in the night and gone to him. "Where's Nancy?" she asked as she stood in the doorway and saw her little daughter wasn't there.

Carl yawned and turned over. "Guess she is still in bed, Mom, I haven't seen her."

"No, Carl, she isn't in her room, unless she is hiding, for I looked there first. I thought sure she must have come in here. Where can she be?" Mother went back to look again but there was no sign of Nancy.

All at once Carl remembered something Nancy had said last night, "Mom, maybe she has run away. She said last night that she felt like it."

"Oh, no, my baby surely wouldn't do

that! Why should she? Carl, you don't know something you are not telling me, do you?" and Mom began to cry. Then Carl told her how fearful Nancy was last night, and how she said she might go, but she would have to miss school. She was afraid Daddy might leave us and Mom, she said she wanted to go to church next Sunday. He also told what Nancy said about Beth's parents never quarreling. "Nancy said all of that?" cried Mother.

Carl nodded, feeling sorry for his mother. "Mommy, Nancy must have left real early while it was still dark. I wish Daddy were home, maybe he could find her."

Mother went to the phone and called him at once. Carl heard her telling him to come home and maybe he had better call the police. "Carl, you hurry and get dressed and go to all the neighbors. See if they have seen her this morning. I want my baby back. What have I done to you children?" Mother went to her room with tears streaming down her cheeks, to get ready.

Carl went from house to house, but no one had seen her since yesterday. When he got back, his dad was there. "Tom," Mother was saying, "What are we going to do? I am so terribly worried. Carl told me how fearful Nancy was last night. I never realized what I was doing to our children. Tom, I've been wrong all along. Everything is my fault. Can you ever forgive me?"

"Mary, we are both to blame. Let's find our baby and then we'll talk things over." That evening the three were together in the kitchen. No one wanted anything to eat. No trace of Nancy had been found though they had searched all day. The police were still searching. They had gone over the entire town and the country around. Several thought she might have been kidnapped, but her window was locked from the inside. Tom Dawson walked the floor and Mary sat crying.

Some of the neighbors had just left so they were now alone. "If there were only something we could do," said Tom. "I can't bear to think of our darling out alone somewhere. Surely she hasn't been kidnapped. Where can we go that we haven't already been?"

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"Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 19:14.

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**LESSON ILLUSTRATION**



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Dear Boys and Girls:

The birthright, as you know, was a special honor in the family. Usually the one who had the birthright, had the greater part of the lands, cattle, and money. Also the one who had the birthright was specially blessed and dedicated to God, and it was his duty to care for the family after the father was dead.

Isaac was now old and his eyes were very dim. He knew his time on earth was short so he called Esau to him to give him the birthright or blessing. He told him to go to the fields and kill a deer, bring him a savory meat dish, and he would then give him his blessing before he died. Isaac and Esau did not know someone else was listening at the

door. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, wanted Jacob to have the blessing. After Esau took his bow and arrows and started on his hunting trip, she called Jacob to her. They began to plan how he could get the blessing before Esau returned.

Jacob was worried. He did not want to deceive his father but he wanted to obey his mother. What if the plan failed? He knew his father could not see, but he could feel his arms and know that he was not a hairy man like Esau. Rebekah thought of that too, so she put pieces of goatskins on his arms and neck. She put a hot dish of savory meat, that she knew Isaac loved, into Jacob's hands and sent him to his father. His father questioned Jacob but he lied and said that he was Esau. When Isaac said that he had come sooner than he expected, Jacob said God had helped him. Then blind Isaac gave Jacob the blessing. In this way Jacob obtained the birthright.

Jacob hurried out of the room because he didn't want Esau to see him there. Not too long afterwards Esau arrived with his dish of deer meat. "Who are you?" asked Isaac. The elderly man trembled as he knew something was wrong. "Who was it then who got some game and brought it to me? I ate heartily of it before you came, and blessed him, so that he is indeed blessed."

The strong hunter, Esau, lifted up his voice and wept loud and bitterly. He knew that Jacob had tricked him. "Bless me also, my father!" he begged. Isaac told him that he had given Jacob the richest blessings and it could not be given to another. For the first time in Esau's life he realized that the blessing and birthright counted for something and was really important, but he had waited too late to realize that.

This is the way it is with many boys and girls, they wait too late in life to know that salvation is really important.

—Aunt Marie

**Lesson 12, June 19, 1977**  
**JACOB PRACTICES DECEIT**

Gen. 27:6 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying,

8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee.

14 And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his mother: and his mother made savoury meat, such as his father loved.

15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:

16 And she put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck:

17 And she gave the savoury meat and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son?

19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought it to me.

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not.

22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him.

24 And he said, Art thou my very son Esau? and he said, I am.

30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

35 And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing.

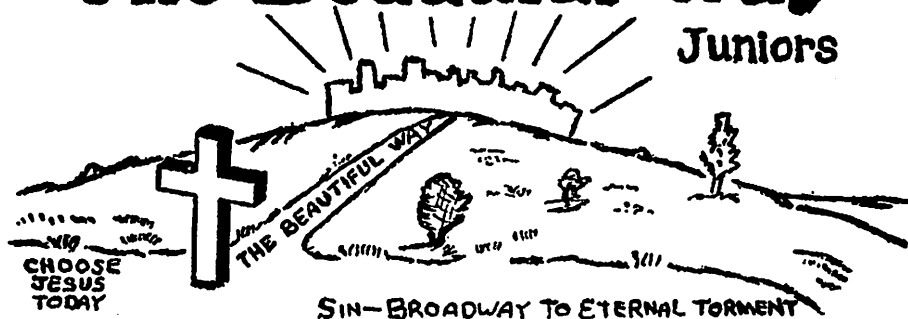
**Memory Verse:** That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. I Thess. 4:6.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Who was listening to what Isaac said to Esau?
2. What did Rebekah want Jacob to have?
3. Who made the meat for Isaac?
4. How did Rebekah disguise Jacob?
5. Who took the meat to Isaac?
6. Did Isaac ask Jacob who he was?
7. What was Jacob's answer?
8. How did Jacob explain finding the meat so quickly?
9. Was this a lie?
10. Why did Isaac want to feel of Jacob?
11. Why did Isaac ask the question in verse 24?
12. What happened right after Isaac blessed Jacob?
13. What did Jacob have to do to get Esau's blessing?
14. Do you think Jacob and Rebekah did what was right?

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Part Thirteen

June 26

## Settled At The Altar

(continued from last issue)

Carl suddenly thought about something Nancy said last night about going to church. She was wishing she could go to the altar and pray for Mommy and Daddy. Could she have gone there? "Daddy, I would like to go to the church. Nancy said last night that she wanted to go there and pray for you and Mom. I just now remembered about it. Do you think she might have gone there?" and Carl looked anxiously at his parents.

"Oh, surely not," replied Dad, "if she did, surely she wouldn't stay this long, besides, I expect the church is locked."

"Maybe so Dad, but I would like to go and see anyway. Can't I Dad?" Carl was about ready to cry, "Can't I, please?"

"Carl, you know that the preacher has probably been there, and I expect the police searched there the first thing. Nancy has been gone since last night or early this morning, where could she be hidden all this time?"

"Dad, please, can I go see? I won't stay long," said Carl wiping his eyes.

"If you feel it is that important, we will all go," said Daddy. "It will give us something to do instead of just waiting.

This waiting is about to get me down." It wasn't too far, so they decided to walk. The church was dark when they arrived, but there was a light in the pastor's study. They knocked on the door. The pastor was on his knees praying for the safe return of the lost child. Opening the door he found the family of the child at his door. After hearing their strange request, the pastor explained that the janitor had done cleaning in the church; the police had also been there earlier in the morning. They hadn't seen her, but they could look around. "Whatever caused her to run away? Was she having trouble at school? I can't imagine a little girl leaving home unless there is a reason." Tom and Mary looked at each other, then both began talking, blaming themselves for their little daughter's unhappiness. They told him about their home life and how they hadn't been to church for nearly twelve years, not since they were married. Carl ran ahead into the darkened church and began to look around for his sister. Somehow he had a strange feeling that she was in there someplace. The light from the study made it light enough for him to find his way around. At the front of the church was a beautiful picture of John

the Baptist, baptizing Jesus. The light behind it made it really stand out in the dark room. As he went closer to get a better view, he almost stumbled over something in the aisle by the altar. Looking down, there was Nancy curled up on the soft carpet, asleep. Carl turned to call his parents who were still by the door but he was so excited he couldn't make a sound. He ran to them and pointed to the altar, but they thought he wanted them to look at the beautiful picture. They started after him just as the preacher turned the light on. Tom ran and gathered his little daughter in his arm. Her eyes were red and swollen from crying, but there was a smile on her lips.

"Why did you do it, honey?" said Daddy. "Mom and I have been nearly out of our minds. If Carl hadn't insisted we come here we wouldn't have found you tonight. Where have you been all day?"

"Daddy, I was praying for you and Mommy. And Daddy, you know what, Jesus saved me while I was praying! I have waited a long time for you to come."

"But darling, how did you know we were coming? We didn't even know where you were. You didn't tell us you were leaving."

"Daddy, Beth said we could pray and ask Jesus anything and He would answer us. You and Mommy won't go to Sunday school so I had to come here. I was afraid Mommy wouldn't let me so I slipped out and came here while it was still dark. I asked Jesus to bring you here too."

"Nancy, how did you keep hidden so the police didn't find you? They have hunted all over this town and they were here in the church. Where were you all this time?"

"Well, Daddy, I left home when I heard your alarm go off. I was already dressed and I slipped out while you were dress-

ing. The door was locked when I got here so I hid in that big bunch of bushes over there in front. I must have gone to sleep because I never saw the police. I lay there for a long time, and Daddy, I got awfully hungry. I was afraid to come out because there were a lot of people passing and I didn't want them to see me. I wanted to go to the altar and pray.

Daddy, I was afraid you might leave us and we wouldn't have a Daddy, like the little girl in my room at school. After a long time I saw a man come up the steps and open the door. He didn't shut it, so I waited until I couldn't hear him anymore, then I slipped out and came in, too. He almost found me once, so I had to hide until he left. When he left, I came up here to see the picture and to pray at the altar. I didn't mean to go to sleep. I was so tired and it was so still in here."

By that time Mommy was down at the altar weeping out to God all her unhappiness and asking Him to forgive her many sins. In a few minutes Daddy was on his knees at Mommy's side, crying for God to save him. Carl didn't understand what it was all about. Why were Mom and Dad acting like that? Were they getting saved like Beth's mom and dad? If they were, it must be all right for now they were in each others' arms, laughing, and crying, while Nancy danced around them for joy. The police were soon called and informed that the runaway girl had been safely found. The little family went home to a late supper, really happy for the first time in several years. Tom and Mary couldn't scold Nancy for running away, otherwise they might never have found God. Sometimes it takes a real calamity to awaken sinners to their need of a Saviour. It wasn't long until Carl sought and found the Lord. Every Sunday they could be found in church worshipping God. Many times God has to allow sickness or even death to awaken the lost to their need of

salvation. A family that prays together always stays together. —Iva Brenner

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.” Colossians 1:10-13.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We just can't do wrong and get by. In our lessons, we may think that Jacob is doing wrong and getting by, but as time goes on he has to reap what he has sown. By Jacob taking the birthright by trickery, he brought the hatred of his brother, Esau, upon him. Esau vowed that after his father's death, he would kill Jacob and then he would have all that he had taken from him and more too. How sad! Evil leads to evil. Rebekah heard about Esau's vow and she was afraid for Jacob's life. She called him to her and told him that he must flee. She loved her boys and she knew that trouble might cause her to lose them both. She talked to Isaac about how grieved she was with Esau, because he had married the daughters of Heth, who did not worship the true God but, worshipped idols. The daughters were a problem to Rebekah. Isaac did not know about Esau's threats but he too, wanted Jacob to marry a girl who loved God, so they called him to them and sent him away to find him a wife among Rebekah's family.

Jacob loved his home and parents, and it was a long, long, lonely journey to walk to his mother's home. He also was worried because he had cheated his brother and stolen his birthright. Little

did he know how much he, too, would have to suffer for being deceitful. We read in our lesson, “Jacob obeyed his father and mother” and left on the long journey. Night came and Jacob lay down to rest. He had a stone for his pillow. Jacob, no doubt, had plenty of time to think. We are not told about his thoughts but surely he was sorry for his wrong doings, and before he went to sleep he probably thought about what a great responsibility he had by having the birthright. He knew about the promise from God that through Abraham's family Jesus was to be born and that the Messiah would come through his family. He did not know about sin as we do today (even though they offered sacrifices for their sins, they could not be delivered from them), yet, Jacob knew he had done wrong. That night, as he slept on the ground, he dreamed a dream. He saw a ladder going up from the earth. It reached up into heaven and angels were going up and down upon it. God was at the top of the ladder and God told Jacob that He would go with him. How wonderful God was to comfort this lonely, sad man in his great time of need. When Jacob awakened he was greatly afraid. He felt too sinful to be in the presence of God. He immediately gave an offering to the Lord. He set up the rock he had slept on and poured oil on the rock. He called that the house of God and the gate to heaven. He vowed that if God would go with him and bring him back in peace, he would come again and build God a house there and would give him a tenth of all that he had. Jacob was deeply touched and he worshipped God.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, June 26, 1977

### VISION OF A LADDER

Gen. 27:41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his

father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42 And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran.

Gen. 28:1 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.

7 And . . . Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram;

10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14b In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this

land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

**Memory Verse:** Are they [angels] not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Hebrews 1:14.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Why did Esau hate Jacob?
2. What did Esau plan to do?
3. Who told Jacob Esau planned to kill him?
4. Where did Rebekah want Jacob to go?
5. What charge did Isaac give to Jacob?
6. Did Jacob go away?
7. Tell where Jacob had to sleep one night.
8. What did he use for a pillow?
9. Tell what Jacob saw in his dream.
10. Can you tell three promises God gave Jacob?
11. How did Jacob feel when he awoke?
12. Tell what Jacob did with the stone.
13. What promise did Jacob make to God?
14. Our memory verse tells us that the angels are - - - - - for whom?