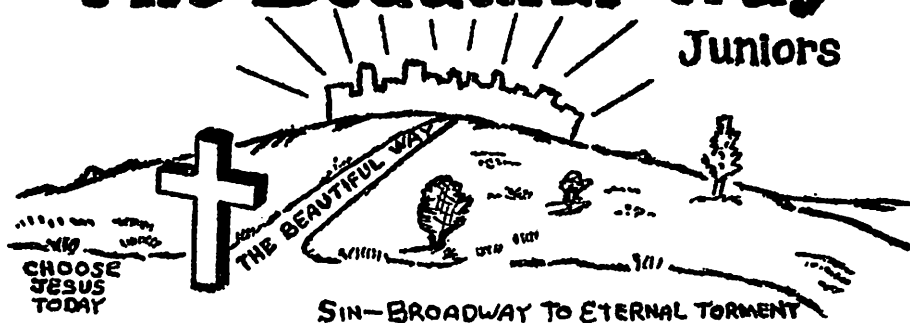


# The Beautiful Way

## Juniors



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Part One

July 3

### Robin the Runner

(A True Story)

#### Notice to Leave

"In short, Robin, you must go," said a stout, well-fed, but hard-looking man, in winding up a pretty long speech he had made to a poorly-clothed but handsome and intelligent looking boy. "You must pack and go; tell your mother that. I am sorry for it, but I can't help it; Lady Shuttleworth wants the cottage for somebody who is to be gamekeeper. She is thinking of the hares and pheasants, now that the young baronet is so near coming of age. I fancy her ladyship is thinking, too, of what happened awhile ago; gentlefolks have long memories for such like things; your mother would know what I mean. But what's the use of talking? She and you must go, Robin."

"Where shall we go, sir?" said the boy, looking anxiously up into the face of the first speaker.

"Pooh, pooh," said the man, "where should you go but to your mother's cousin, the ploughman at Nettlebank Farm? He will take you in, I'm sure. Your mother can still get the needle-

work of the Hall, and I'll see that you get a nice share of the meat and coals that are given away at Christmas; that is, if you go quietly. Mind, there is no use in anymore words; you must go by the Michaelmas term [feast of the archangel Michael in September], at least. Tell your mother that"; and, turning on his heel, like one determined to hear no more on the subject, he walked rapidly away.

The stout, sharp-talking man was Mr. Hardstaff, land-steward of Shuttleworth Manor, a large and wealthy estate in Wiltshire. The poorly-clad boy was Robin Radley, errand boy in ordinary to the whole neighborhood; and on account of his employment, as well as because of his remarkable ability for getting over ground, he was generally known as Robin the Runner. The conversation had taken place at the entrance of a green lane leading through Shuttleworth Park, and open to the public as a country thoroughfare. From the spot where Mr. Hardstaff turned on his heel could be seen his own comfortable house and farm, on a rising ground, just above the village. In a sheltered hollow, halfway down the lane, lay the low thatched

cottage and neatly kept garden which Robin Radley and his mother had now received notice to leave. It was the prime of the pleasant spring, the hedges on either side of the lane were white with May blossoms, the tall trees of the park bent over it in one continuous arch of green, the birds were singing by hundreds, and Robin the Runner had been whistling, too, in the lightness of his young heart, as he sped home to dinner, where Mr. Hardstaff stopped him.

Robin did not resume his whistling when the land-steward turned away, but stood looking after him with a hopeless wonder if anything could be said or done to avert the doom of banishment, until Mr. Hardstaff had turned up the path to his own house and got fairly out of sight. Then Robin turned also, and walked home slowly and sadly, for he was thinking of the cause which left them no appeal from Mr. Hardstaff's decree. What the land-steward said his mother would know, was also well enough known to Robin, who was a thoughtful, sensible boy, now in his twelfth year—though it happened around seven years before. To tell the story properly, we must go farther back even than this.

Robin's father, after whom the boy was named, had been the favorite and confidential servant of the late Sir George Shuttleworth, Baronet, and owner of Shuttleworth Manor in England. He had been brought up in the house from childhood, having been early left an orphan; after a time he was promoted to be Sir George's personal servant, and was entrusted with all manner of private business and family affairs. He had married, while in service, one of the poorest and prettiest girls in the village; and his master had built for him and his wife the thatched cottage in the sheltered

hollow midway down the lane, with a well-fenced garden, and all sorts of small conveniences. There the Radleys had lived, comfortable and happy, for there was true love between them. There Robin, their only child, was born; and there, at last, trouble found them, as it is apt to find people in all earthly houses, high or low. The beginning of it was, that poor Mary Radley, still so young and pretty, slipped one winter morning on the ice formed by a little stream, which ran past her cottage door, and broke her right leg. The bone could not be properly set, or the village doctor did not deal skillfully with it. Though poor Mary recovered from the accident, she lost in a great measure the use of the limb, and was thenceforth obliged to move about on a crutch.

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## The Wrong Button

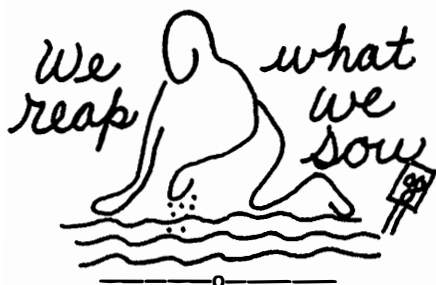
"Dear me!" said Janet, "I buttoned just one wrong button, and that makes all the rest go wrong!"

"Patience, patience, my dear!" said Mother. "The next time look out for the first wrong button; then you will keep all the rest right. And," added Mother, "look out for the first wrong deed of any kind; another and another are sure to follow."

Janet remembered how one day, not long ago, she slapped Baby Alice. That was the first wrong deed. Then she denied having done it. That was another. Then she was unhappy and cross all day because she had told a lie. What a long list of buttons fastened wrong, just because one button was wrong! —Sel.

Who is your very best friend? I know. It's Jesus, the One who loves us more than anyone else in this whole world.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

How many times do you hit someone and then he hits you? Is that reaping of which you have sown? Many people in the world today feel that they must get even with anyone who does them a wrong. How sad this is, but we find it to be true. We, who love God, do not do it that way. We let God take care of those who do us wrong. When we do wrong we are sowing bad seeds and those seeds will grow and bring forth some fruit. If you let a little ill-will get in your heart it will grow and will soon reap hatred. Boys and girls be careful what you sow.

Our lesson is about Jacob, who went to his uncle's home. He walked alone for 450 miles. I am sure he was happy when he saw the well and some men told him that they knew his Uncle Laban. After his long journey, he had arrived safely at his new home. When Rachel came with her sheep, he watered them. He rejoiced and wept. He was glad to see one of his relatives and also was glad to know he was with those whom he then felt would be good to him but he was soon to be deceived.

Jacob loved Rachel. Her father, Laban said if Jacob would work for him seven years he would give him Rachel. Jacob worked hard and the

seven years seemed to pass quickly away because of his great love for Rachel. When the time came for him to be given her in marriage he was given her sister, Leah. In those days the bride was heavily veiled and he did not see her until the next day as the bride was brought to his chamber late in the evening. Oh, how very disappointed Jacob was to find that he had been deceived. No doubt he thought about the time when he took goat meat to his father to eat and had skins on his arms so his father would think he was Esau and he received the blessing. Now he was reaping what he had sown.

Boys and girls, remember our memory verse which tells us that we will reap what we sow. If we do evil we will reap some evil. If we confess our sins the Lord forgives us and lightens the reaping. He helps us bear up under it. If we do not confess our sins remember that eternal damnation awaits those who go on in their sins. Those who confess their sins will be in heaven in glory with Jesus and all that is wonderful. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, July 3, 1977

### REAPING WHAT YOU SOW

Gen. 29:1 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east.

2a And he looked, and behold a well in the field,

5 And he said unto them, [Men by the well] know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him.

6b Behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.

11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

14 [Rachel tells Laban] And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone

and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

15 And Laban said . . . What shall thy wages be?

17 [Laban had two daughters] Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.

18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.

20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

21a And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled.

22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast.

23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him and he went in unto her.

25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah; and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.

27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet other years.

28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

**Memory Verse:** Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

**Central Thought:** God is faithful to help those who love Him even if they are reaping what they have sown.

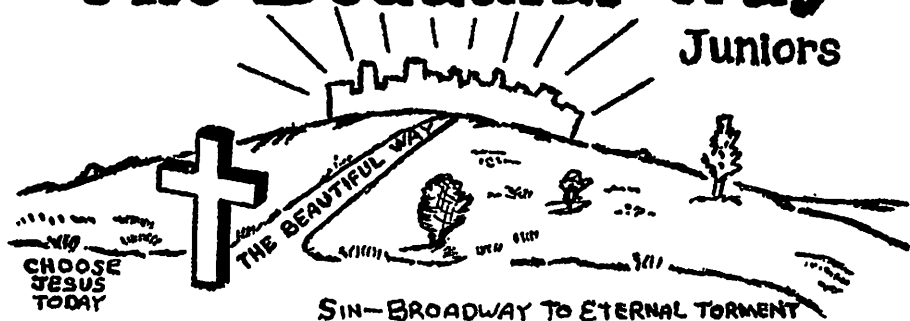
### QUESTIONS:

1. Jacob left Bethel after seeing the vision of the ladder and where did he go?
2. What did he see in a field?
3. What question did he ask of the men?
4. Was Laban the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's mother?
5. Who was coming with Laban's sheep?
6. What did Jacob do when he saw Rachel?
7. Who was Rachel's father?
8. When Laban heard that Jacob had come, what did he say?
9. What did Laban ask Jacob after Jacob had been there a month?
10. What were the names of Laban's two daughters and what does our lesson tell us about them?
11. How long did Jacob say he would serve for Rachel?
12. Why did the seven years seem only a few days to Jacob?
13. Which one of Laban's daughters was given to Jacob after the marriage feast?
14. What did he say to Laban when he knew he was deceived and not given Rachel?
15. What was Laban's answer?
16. Whom had Jacob deceived when he was at home?
17. Do we reap what we sow?

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Part Two

July 10

## Robin the Runner

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It was a hard trial, but Mary bore it well. Young as she was, and humbly as she had been brought up, with little education beyond the ability to read her Bible, Mary was sensible and devout. She knew that sorrow does not spring out of the dust, nor trouble from the ground; that all things are ordered by an overruling Providence, and that which seems to be evil may work for our greatest good. She knew the Bible said, "All things work together for good." Romans 8:28. She was thankful the accident had been no worse, that her active hands and keen eyes were still spared to her, and she made the best use of them in keeping her cottage and everything about it as neat and comfortable as ever they had been. One can do a good deal in spite of a lame leg, and habit makes us expert under any circumstances, while good will and good sense remain.

Mary had more difficulty in bringing her husband to her way of viewing the misfortune. Poor Robin Sr. thought as much of her as ever. He took her to the village church leaning on his arm,

though it was a slow and painful progress now. He hurried home in every minute he could spare from his master's service, to help Mary with her household work, and look after their boy, who had begun to walk alone. Robin Sr. in some things, differed from his wife, and had not the same firm anchor of faith and hope in God. His conduct had been unusually good and steady; he respected his wife's faith in God, but he did not share it. The man had a weak side, and he spent time in the tavern. Robin Sr. went there more often than he should have gone. His master had occasion to reprove him more than once, and Robin Sr. had an apology to plead before him and his friends—it was all to get rid of his grief for Mary's accident. He never would have fallen into the like but for trouble of mind. Poor Mary knew, and so did Robin Sr. himself, in his secret conscience, that he had always been slightly addicted to that one sad failing, and, like other bad inclinations, it had grown upon him under cover of this excuse. His slips into intemperance were never very deep or long continued; and his sorrow seemed always really sincere when Sir George re-

proved, and Mary remonstrated with him in her kind and loving way. She told him the Bible said, "Who hath woe? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." Proverbs 23:29-32.

Robin Sr. promised amendment, and partly kept his promises; he half resisted his besetting sin, and half concealed his slidings into it. He would not be persuaded to take the temperance pledge—that was for men who could not govern themselves, not for him, he thought; and he went on, if not to everybody's satisfaction, at least with little discovery or blame, until his boy (Robin the Runner) was five years old, and his master was called away by death. This mournful event was not likely, however, to make much change in Robin Sr.'s position. Lady Shuttleworth trusted and valued him as highly as Sir George had done. The lady was left a comparatively young widow, with an only son and daughter, both under thirteen; and with an estate which, though large and productive, had debts and mortgages on it. Those affairs had not been well arranged before Sir George's death. The summons had come suddenly after a very short illness, and though her ladyship's property was secured by marriage settlement, and Shuttleworth Manor was as sure as deeds of title could make it to Sir George's son and heir, there were matters regarding the debts and mortgages about which Lady Shuttleworth was in much perplexity; for the creditors were growing clamorous and

threatening law proceedings, which must tell on the family income. There was nobody who could advise her properly, but the family lawyer, a solicitor of great note and practice residing at Devizes, the county town. This was a distance of twenty miles, and the lawyer was laid up with an attack of gout; moreover, he could give no advice without seeing certain papers (which Sir George had thought proper to keep in his own house), and which he recommended Lady Shuttleworth to send him, not through the mail, but by a trusty messenger, if she could find such among her own servants. Under these circumstances, her ladyship at once chose Robin Radley for the important duty.

Accordingly, the papers were carefully packed in a small but very secure suitcase by her own hands. With them were deposited some Indian bonds, which the lawyer was to sell for the benefit of the family; also Lady Shuttleworth's own diamonds, on which he was to raise the rest of the ready money required. Robin Sr. then set out with his precious trust, mounted on a good horse, and under strict promise both to Mary and his lady, not to taste anything stronger than small-beer until he had reached his journey's end, and delivered the suitcase to the lawyer.

(To be continued)

## CORRECTION

We want to correct an article printed in Feb. entitled, "The Stilt City." The word *stilt* was used because it would mean more to a child in the way of explanation than would the term, cement column or a post. The man-made city was built upon a God-made piece of land called Two Cays. We want to correct that we could walk to the main Island on a board walk. You can only get there

by boat or by air. In my visit I was not able to see all the Island, so I told my impressions that I felt would be interesting to a child. I don't recall seeing one automobile. I had never seen a city like it before.

The following is a quote by one who lives there: "The Island of Guanaja or Bonacca as the Indians called it, is one of the major Islands that form the Bay Island of the Honduras coast. It is nine miles long and three miles wide, and has a total of 13 Cays that surround its harbor.

"This Island was first visited by Christopher Columbus in the year of 1502 and he named it 'Island of Pines' because of the many pine trees that were found on the hills and ridges."

We ask forgiveness for any error or statement that brought offense. I enjoyed my visit to Bonacca Town and I hope I will be able to visit there again and see all of the Island. I enjoyed the Convention there very much and only eternity will tell of the good I received from the trip both there and in Roatan and Honduras. I appreciated the kindness shown to me by all. —Sis. Dorothy Keiser

Dear Boys and Girls:

While Jacob lived at Laban's home and worked for him God gave him eleven sons and one daughter. Jacob wanted to leave but Laban asked him to stay and he would pay him wages. So he agreed to work and be paid in cattle, sheep, and goats.

Our lesson begins with Jacob and what his brothers-in-law were saying about him because he had greatly increased in cattle and other animals which required many servants to care for them. Jacob talked to his wives about their father and it seemed Laban did not feel good toward him anymore. But Jacob felt comforted because he said that the God of his

father had been with him. Another thing he said, "You know that with all of my power I have served your father." Jacob worked hard and was careful to keep Laban's flocks strong by caring for them. Laban had also become rich through his help. Laban said that the Lord had blessed him because of Jacob. (Gen. 30:27) God can see all things. He saw how Jacob treated Laban and how Laban treated Jacob. Today God sees you and me. He knows all about us and those around us. It is so comforting to know God sees us, and also sees our needs. God can help us and will not let more come to us than we can bear. He will help us when things become too hard. If other boys and girls push you down or say bad words to you, be assured that God heard them and saw it all. He may allow that person do it often because He knows what is best. God is all-wise, but when God works, things are different. We want to pray to God and ask Him to help us to be kind to those who treat us wrong. When we have good feelings toward them, God will help us out. God loves them as much as He does you. God is trying to help them too. God loved Laban just like He loved Jacob and He wanted to help them both. God saw it was time for Jacob to go back to his own country and God told him He would be with him. So Jacob left and did not tell Laban. He was afraid Laban might not let him leave.

—Aunt Marie

## Lesson 2, July 10, 1977 GOD SEES GOOD AND EVIL

Prov. 15:3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Gen. 31:1 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath

taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before.

3 And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.

4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock.

5 And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me.

6 And ye know that with all my power I have served your father.

7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

8 If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, the ringstraked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ringstraked.

9 Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me.

11 And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.

12b I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

13 I am the God of Bethel, . . . where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred.

14a And Rachel and Leah . . . said . . .

16 For all the riches which God hath taken from our father, that is our's and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

20 And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled.

**Memory Verse:** For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. II Chron. 16:9a.

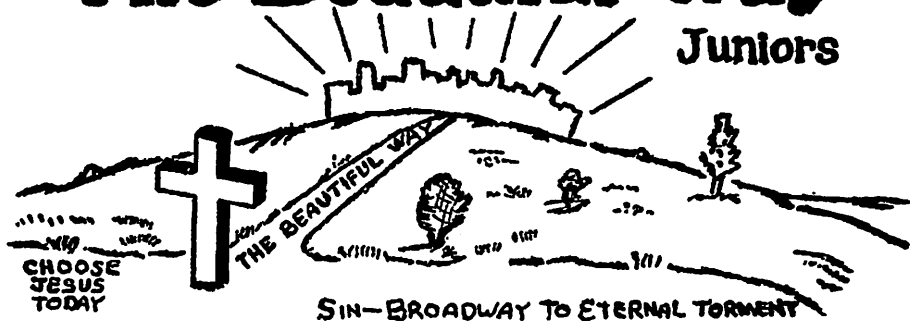
**Central Thought:** Jesus sees all but changes not. We should love Jesus even if peoples' attitudes change toward us.

### QUESTIONS:

1. How many children did Jacob have while at Laban's home?
2. What did Jacob hear that was said about him?
3. How did Jacob think Laban felt about him?
4. What did the Lord say to Jacob and what was the promise He made to him?
5. What did Jacob say to Rachel and Leah?
6. What did God allow to happen to Jacob? Did Jacob allow it to hurt him?
7. What were Jacob's wages that were so often changed?
8. Did Jacob say that God helped him receive Laban's cattle for wages?
9. What was Jacob's dream?
10. Do you remember what happened at Bethel? (Gen. 28:12, 19).
11. What did Leah and Rachel tell Jacob they would do?
12. How did Jacob leave?
13. Did God look down upon Jacob and Laban and see all they each of them did?
14. What does God see about us?

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Part Three

July 17

## Robin the Runner

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The road was considered a safe one, though consisting mostly of byways. In due time, Robin Sr. reached Devizes, the suitcase and all apparently safe and sound; but when the suitcase was opened by the lawyer, there was nothing in it but waste paper and a few pebbles. Robin Sr. was hereupon called for, questioned, and threatened; but he could give no account of the matter. As Lady Shuttleworth gave the suitcase into his charge so it had remained; he had never opened, never lost sight of it, had never stopped on his way but once, and that was at the sign of the "Mayflower"—a small but respectable tavern on the roadside, halfway between Devizes and Shuttleworth Manor. There he had gone into the barroom to get a drink of beer, but took the suitcase with him, laid it down on the bench by his side, did not sit more than ten minutes, and took it up again all right. The landlady of the "Mayflower" confirmed Robin's statement. She could not be mistaken, for there was no bustle about her house at the time. A neighboring farmer, who

happened to be the only person besides in the barroom, gave evidence to the same effect.

But the papers and diamonds were gone, and who was to blame but Robin? Nobody thought of blaming the landlady of the tavern. She was a widow, with two grown-up sons, who helped her to manage the little roadside inn; the whole family were considered very respectable in their station. The mother in particular, professed high principles of honesty and justice. She made one admission, however, which greatly increased the feeling against Robin Sr., and he was obliged to acknowledge its truth—namely, that notwithstanding his promises at home and in the Hall, it was not small beer, but strong liquor he had in the "Mayflower." The lawyer's servant had observed that he labored under its influence when he reached his master's house. Things could have been much better for Robin Sr. if he would have been wise and obeyed the counsel given in Proverbs 23:20. "Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glut-

ton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags."

A man who could break his promises so easily was most likely to break his trust, too, thought the lawyer, and so, at last, thought Lady Shuttleworth. The Bible says, "He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth." Proverbs 10:17. Robin Sr.'s long services were deemed worthy of some consideration. The lady and her lawyer offered to let him off quietly without prosecution or punishment, if he would only say what had become of the papers and diamonds, and how they might be recovered. Robin Sr. stood firm to his declaration of innocence. He knew nothing about their disappearance, he had never opened the suitcase, so he declared; and provoked at what they considered his stubbornness in not revealing the truth, Lady Shuttleworth and her lawyer cast off all charity for him. Robin was accordingly taken before a magistrate, committed to Devises jail, tried at the court, found guilty of the robbery, and was sentenced to fourteen years in prison.

Everybody thought that the sentence was well deserved; Robin's crime being aggravated, in their eyes, by his breach of trust and impudent assumption of innocence; for in prison and in court, to his nearest friends, to the jail chaplain, and before the judge and jury, Robin Sr. made the same unchanging protestation that he was guiltless of the robbery, and knew nothing about it. The lawyer lost no time in advertising far and near the missing papers, bonds, and diamonds, with such particularity of description as would make them easily recognized. At the same time, he offered such rewards for discovery as would have tempted any associate to betray

his fellows. But all in vain; the papers, bonds, and diamonds were never heard of. Their loss was a cause of serious embarrassment to Lady Shuttleworth and her family. The creditors had their own way now, and the Shuttleworths left the Hall to the care of a housekeeper and two or three old servants, while they retired to live cheaply in an out-of-the-way place on the continent, until the son came of age and could take possession of his father's estate.

(To be continued)

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## Life's Clock

The clock of life is wound but once,

And no man has the power

To tell just where the hands will stop—

At late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,

To lose one's health is more,

To lose one's soul is such a loss

As no man can restore.

The present only is our own;

Live, love, toil with a will.

Place no faith in tomorrow,

For the clock may then be still.

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## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



God blesses those who help others.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Poor Jacob, no doubt he felt sad when he saw Laban coming. He had slipped off while he was shearing sheep because he was afraid he would not let him go. Laban no doubt was very upset but God spoke to him in a dream and told him to be careful and not harm Jacob. When he caught up with them he asked Jacob, "Why did you steal away secretly from me? You did not let me kiss my sons and daughters. I have it in my power to harm you but the God of your father spoke to me and told me not to harm you." Jacob told him he was afraid he might take his wives from him. He told Laban that he had worked for him faithfully for 20 years and he had changed his wages ten times. If the God of Abraham had not helped him he would have sent him away without anything. Finally Laban and Jacob made peace. They piled up some stones for a witness between them that they would never harm each other. After Jacob offered a sacrifice Laban arose the next morning and kissed his sons and daughters and departed. The Lord did help Jacob out as he left when God told him to.

In our lesson today we read where Jacob went on his way. He had to face another enemy who was more fierce than Laban. When Jacob left his home 20 years before, he fled because his brother Esau had threatened to kill him for deceiving his father and getting the birthright. Now he would have to face him again. But boys and girls notice how Jacob faced this problem. He wanted forgiveness and peace. But for peace there is a price to pay. We cannot have our way but we need to be

willing to be humble and take the lowly side. When others do you wrong you want to forgive them or God will not forgive you your sins. Be willing to do all within your power to bring about peace. Notice that Jacob even called Esau, "Lord" which was a title of deep respect. Not that he was his God and Lord but just a manner of taking the place of a servant as he calls himself in our lesson. He also gave him presents. The Bible tells us, "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him, if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." Jacob sent gifts to Esau to show him he wanted peace. Read in the unprinted part of your lesson the hundreds of animals he sent to Esau. He took the humble side which is a lesson for us. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 3, July 17, 1977

## JACOB SEEKS FORGIVENESS FROM ESAU

Matt. 6:15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Gen. 32:1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

4 And he commanded them saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy servant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now:

5 And I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and menservants, and women-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight.

6 And the messengers returned to Jacob saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks and herds, and the camels into two bands;

8 And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it then the other company which is left shall escape.

9 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.

12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

13 And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother;

16 And he delivered them [animals] into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove.

18 Then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present

sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he is behind us.

20 And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me.

**Memory Verse:** And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11:25.

**Central Thought:** There is only one road to travel to find peace and that is the road of humility.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jacob leave Laban in peace?
2. As Jacob went on his way whom did he meet?
3. Why did Jacob send messengers to Esau?
4. What did he tell the messengers to tell Esau?
5. How did he address Esau and what did he call himself?
6. What answer did the messengers bring back from Esau?
7. How did Jacob feel about the news that he heard from Esau?
8. What did he do?
9. Read verse 9 and tell how Jacob started his prayer.
10. Jacob said, "I am not . . . . . of the . . . . . of all the . . . . ."
11. What did he say in his prayer in verse 11?
12. Did Jacob remind God of His promises to him and what were they?
13. What did Jacob send to Esau?
14. How did he send his gifts, and in what manner?

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Part Four

July 24

## Robin the Runner

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The Shuttleworths, then, went to the continent, and poor Robin Radley Sr. went to Botany Bay Prison; but his wife and child were allowed to live on in the thatched cottage down the lane. Neither Lady Shuttleworth nor the lawyer blamed Mary—her honest, faithful character, and the trouble she had with her husband's slips and falls from temperance, were too well known. Guilty as everyone believed Robin Sr. to be, they were sure she knew nothing about the robbery. Even though the lady could not be expected to favor Robin's family, she took no steps against them. Mary was allowed to live in the cottage rent free, as she had always done. This charity enabled the thrifty, industrious woman to support herself and child by doing plain needlework for the housekeeper at the Hall and the neighboring farmers' wives, all of whom pitied, and were willing to help Mary. Her patience and endurance under that last and greatest trial were marvelous to those who did not know the Arm of Strength in which Mary trusted. She had done

a wife's duty, and more than the afflicted woman was thought capable of. She had obtained testimony in Robin's favor, had tried to make friends for him in every quarter, had gone to see him in prison as often as she could, had talked, read, and prayed with him, and what seemed most strange to Mary's neighbors, she firmly believed in her husband's innocence. She never spoke of the subject if she could help it, knowing that every proof was against him. When they parted for the last time, and the man seemed the most overcome, she threw her arms about his neck, and said, "Robin, be of good courage; if you are innocent, as you have told me, and I believe you are, God will clear the stain from your name and character in His own good time and way. Trust in Him; and if we meet no more in this world, may God in His infinite grace, have us both in His holy keeping, and bring us to meet in heaven!"

### Parted by Poverty

Young Robin thought of his father as he walked homeward after his conversation with the land-steward who said that he and his mother

would have to move out of the cottage. His father made the mistake of stopping for strong drink on his way to Lady Shuttleworth's lawyer with some of her important papers and valuable possessions. When the case was opened the valuables were missing and he was sentenced to 14 years in prison. Seven years had passed since the boy lost his father by the sentence which made him a convict in Botany Bay—seven years, with all their chances and changes. The time was so long ago that Robin the Runner had but a faint remembrance of the trial day and the bitter parting. He had grown to be a great boy since then. He was able to run errands quicker than any foot in the neighborhood, and thus to earn something to help his mother, and lighten the burden of her continual stitching. She had brought him up well and wisely, and her instructions and prayers had been evidently blessed and answered. Robin was a good boy, fearing God, and seeking to show his love to his Saviour by keeping His commandments. Perhaps he was made more steady and thoughtful by his father's sad misfortune, and the disgrace attached to it. This kept him from associating with the rougher village boys, and led him to attend more to his mother's good counsel. He was regular at public worship and the Sunday school, and also at a small evening school, where he not only improved in reading, but learned to write well. He also made himself generally useful at home and abroad. The neighbors would have trusted him with any message or parcel, notwithstanding their recollections of his father. Robin had from nature and practice such an ability for running, that a sporting squire of the neighborhood wanted to back him against a swift horse, and he was in universal

request whenever speed was required. Robin was proud of his peculiar accomplishment, as what boy would not be? His mother sometimes warned him that people might run too fast or too far, and cheerfully remarked to her neighbors that Robin had speed of foot for himself and for her both.

We may add, here, that these good dispositions were the greatest comforts the poor mother could receive. The Bible tells us that "a wise son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother." Prov. 10:1. How great would have been the heaviness of poor Mrs. Radley if her son had turned out to be foolish, disobedient, and wicked! She had enough to bear in the sad cause of her separation from her husband: but God was pleased mercifully to give her joy in her son. She felt that, for him, her prayers had been heard. The Holy Spirit of God had made him "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." II Tim. 3:15. This not only gave her present happiness, but encouraged her to persevere in pleading hopefully with God for her banished husband.

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### STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

"Stop, Look, Listen," read Randy, as his daddy pulled up to the railroad track.

"Randy, I do hope that you and Ellen will always stop, look, and listen before you do anything. If you will always stop and listen to the still small voice of Jesus and do what He tells you, and look to see that you are going right, you will make it into heaven," Daddy said.

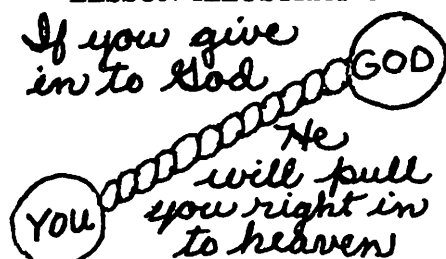
—M. Miles

God wants his people to be happy. Those who praise the Lord are joyful

people. God wants us to tell others about the times Jesus kept us from yielding to temptation. He wants us to praise Him for answering prayer when we were in need.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

How do you feel about a big boy wrestling with a little boy? Wouldn't it seem foolish for a little boy to try wrestling with a great big boy? Well, in our lesson we see a man who is nothing, in comparison with the angel of God wrestling with him. Of course, it was dark and Jacob did not know it was the angel of God until the breaking of the day and then he realized who the man was. He then held on to Him until He blessed him.

Notice how Jacob took care of his family. He divided them into two companies. He sent all of them over the brook Jabbok and there he stood guard alone. He knew that Esau was coming to meet him with 400 men. He did not know what might happen. The last time he had seen Esau he had threatened to kill him. He did not know if his presents would be accepted or not.

Boys and girls, let us think about Jacob and his life. Jacob always was wanting his own way. He schemed and planned to get his way. He wanted Rachel for his wife and he

didn't let anything stop him. He worked hard for 14 years for her. So you can see that he was very, very determined to get just what he wanted. When he was at home he wanted the blessing and deceived his father to get it and took the results which meant he had to leave home. God is not pleased for us to want our way so much that we will do anything to get it. We must want God's way and then be willing to suffer anything to go God's way. That is the only way we will get to heaven. For 20 years God had dealt with Jacob. But still he tried to work out his own plans. God wanted Jacob to let Him work things out.

In the wrestling, Jacob kept resisting the angel of God that wrestled with him until God had to touch the "hollow of his thigh, and his thigh was put out of joint." The angel did not do this until after wrestling all night. Jacob was a broken man. The angel of the Lord wanted to go, but Jacob felt his need of God. He had surrendered. He clung to God. He said he would not let the angel go until he received the blessing. *Jacob* meant "supplanter." He confessed he had been that kind of person. After his confession, God changed his name to *Israel* which meant "a prince of God." From that day the family of Jacob was called Israelites.

We should not want our own way, but should choose God's way, which is truth and right. Then we will be ready to be used of God and ready for heaven. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 4, July 24, 1977

**JACOB QUILTS STRUGGLING  
AND SURRENDERS**

Luke 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever

will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Gen. 32:21 So went the present over before him [Jacob]; and himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two womenservants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok.

23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

31 And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.

**Memory Verse:** And he said to them all, If any man come after me, let him

deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23.

**Central Thought:** "A religion that costs us nothing is to us worth nothing."

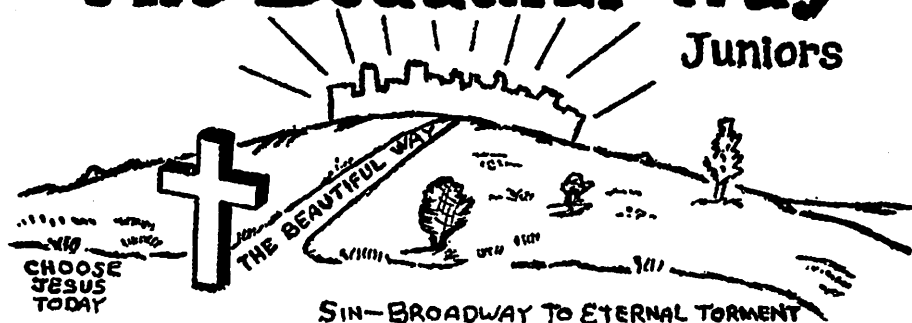
### QUESTIONS:

1. Losing one's own life would mean not wanting to please self and having one's own way, but having God's way. What did Jesus say we would find if we lost our life and did not try to have our own ways and please ourselves?
2. To whom did Jacob send presents?
3. What did Jacob do about his animals?
4. Why did Jacob stand guard and who did he expect to come to meet his wives, children, and servants?
5. Who wrestled with him that night until the break of day?
6. In wrestling with the angel of God did he still want to be the victor?
7. What did the angel of the Lord have to do to break him and overcome him?
8. Is it a dangerous thing to resist God and God's ways?
9. In verse 26 Jacob is a broken man. He now had surrendered to God. What was he now begging for?
10. The name of Jacob meant, "supplanter." Did Jacob confess that he was a supplanter?
11. God blessed him and changed his name to what?
12. Did the angel tell Jacob his name? Then what did he do to him?

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Part Five

July 31

## Robin the Runner

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Things had gone on pretty well with the mother and her son for some time. With the free cottage and their own exertions, they could live. Robin turned the garden to the best advantage, by growing vegetables there as well as flowers. Mrs. Radley kept house as neat as ever. The cottage, though solitary and small, was comfortably and pleasantly situated. They had learned to look on it as their own. If it were not for the weary thoughts that went far across the seas to that place of penal exile where the husband and the father still lived (and that was all they knew concerning him), the Radleys would have been as well off as most of their poor neighbors.

The land-steward, Mr. Hardstaff, knew they were only tenants at will. He also knew that Lady Shuttleworth took no heed of them, and had probably forgotten their existence in her long sojourn on the continent. Her son was coming of age, and the hall and park were to be set in order for the family's return. A gamekeeper was thought necessary to begin with. Mr.

Hardstaff got a poor relation of his promoted to that office, which had remained vacant for the last seven years. For his relation Mr. Hardstaff also wanted the Radleys' cottage. He had made himself so useful to Lady Shuttleworth, and gained so much of her good graces, that his word was law in arrangements of the manor. Mr. Hardstaff was worthy of his name, being a selfish, cold-hearted man, who would have sacrificed another's living to the smallest interest or whim of his own. He wanted the cottage for his relation, and he warned the Radleys out under pretext of Lady Shuttleworth's order, though he knew that out of the cottage they could not live, except by depending on some of their relations. The nearest relatives the Radleys had was one cousin, a ploughman at Nettlebank Farm, and another who had been from his youth, a shepherd on the Wiltshire Downs.

The ploughman had a family of his own; the shepherd had never married. "But which of them will give us room?" thought Robin, as he approached the warm sheltered hollow on which the sun was shining cheerily. It made the thatched roof and clean windows of

the cottage as bright as any palace hall, and drew out upon the soft still air the fragrance of the climbing roses that wreathed along its walls and arched over the door. There was the garden, all in bloom with his own handiwork. There was the grassy slope in front, the little stream murmuring by; and his mother in her accustomed seat close by the window, hard at work, and looking out for his return, with a clean cloth spread on the table nearby, and everything ready for their poor but comfortable dinner.

"You are late, Robin," she said, as he stepped in, "and you look troubled, lad; what has happened?"

"Nothing has happened, Mother; only I met Mr. Hardstaff at the end of the lane, and he says we must get out of here by the Michaelmas term at least."

"I was afraid it would come to that," said Mrs. Radley, turning pale, but trying to keep her composure, for the blow was a heavy one. They had had cause to expect it for some time, however. Hardstaff had been preparing his way by hinting that the cottage would be wanted for the gamekeeper. The Radleys had clung to the hope that it was only one of his cold-hearted suppositions. Now that hope was gone, and they must go from their pretty, pleasant home, to find shelter with relatives who would be in no hurry to receive them.

The poor dinner was a sad one that day, as they talked over their plans and prospects. The mother knew that her patrons, the farmers' wives and the old housekeeper, would find it far to send their needlework to Nettlebank Farm, and Robin would find it far to come home from his errands.

"But it is the order of Providence. We must do the best we can, and leave the rest to God who knows our wants

and has encouraged us to 'cast all our care upon him,' " said Mrs. Radley. "As I cannot walk, Robin dear, you will go over to my cousin, the ploughman; it is only three miles. Tell him what has happened to us, and see if he will take us in until something better turns up."

Three miles were nothing to Robin. He set out in good heart, having part of his mother's courage, and earnestly wishing that he were a grown man for her sake. The reception Robin met with was such as needy relations are apt to get from selfish ones. The ploughman did not know what cousin Mary meant by expecting him to take in her and her son; and when at length made sure they would be no burden to him, except for house-room, he and his wife, who was not a whit more charitable and kindly than himself, agreed that the mother might come, but positively refused to harbor Robin. They had boys of their own, and were not going to have the errands and light work of the farm taken out of their hands by him and his running. He might go to the other cousin, the shepherd on the Downs, who had no family, and would doubtless want a boy to help him in looking after the sheep. This was a hard and a heavy sentence of separation. Robin could scarcely keep back his tears when telling the ploughman's decision at home. The lonely boy's heart clung to his mother, as the only friend he had in the world. The mother's mind had learned to lean on her only son, so quickly growing up to be her help and comfort in his father's stead, and now they must part; but her faith and patience did not fail.

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

## Who Owns What?

One day soon after my grandmother's death, Mother brought home a pair of brass candlesticks. Sue and I recognized them at once as the ones which had always stood on Grandmother's dining room mantel.

Turning to us, Mother asked, "Whose candlesticks are these?"

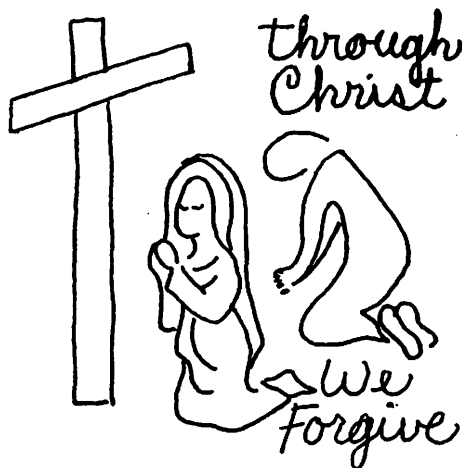
"Yours," we replied, "now that dear Grandma has gone."

"Nearly one hundred years ago my great-grandfather bought these candlesticks. He thought they were his, because he paid for them, but after awhile he died. Then they came to my grandfather. He thought they were his, because his father left them to him. When he died they came to Aunt Lou. She kept them for many years. After Aunt Lou died, they came to my mother. Now Grandma is dead, and the candlesticks have come to me. Who really owns them?"

The point was plain. We understood that God is the real owner, and man merely has the use of things for awhile.

—Selected

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Aren't we glad that Esau and Jacob are at peace? For 20 years Jacob had carried the thought that his brother Esau would kill him when he saw him again. Oh! how he prayed and sought God to soften Esau's heart. God heard and answered his prayer. In our past lessons we studied how Jacob was very humble and sought to have peace. He still loved his brother even if he had threatened to kill him. Boys and girls, Jesus wants us to love those who do us wrong just the same. Treat them nice even if they do not treat you nice. God will bless you if you will.

In the last part of our lesson Jesus tells us what to do about those who do us wrong. Jesus puts a "woe" upon those who do wrong to one of God's little ones. It is a serious thing to harm God's children, and the one who does will have to deal with God. God will not let His little ones perish but will help them.

If someone does you wrong, you are to go to him alone and talk to him and see if it can be cleared up. If it can't, then you are to take someone else with you and talk about it. If it isn't cleared, then you can take it before a number who are in the church or the ministers. If that person will not hear them then he is bound by God's Word here and in heaven. When he confesses to God and those here on earth and asks forgiveness then he is free. We have to deal with God and man when we do wrong. Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, July 31, 1977

### BROTHERS BECOME RECONCILED

Gen. 33:1a And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

8 And he said, What meanest thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, These are to find grace in the sight of my lord.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir.

Matt. 18:7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

**Memory Verse:** But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:57.

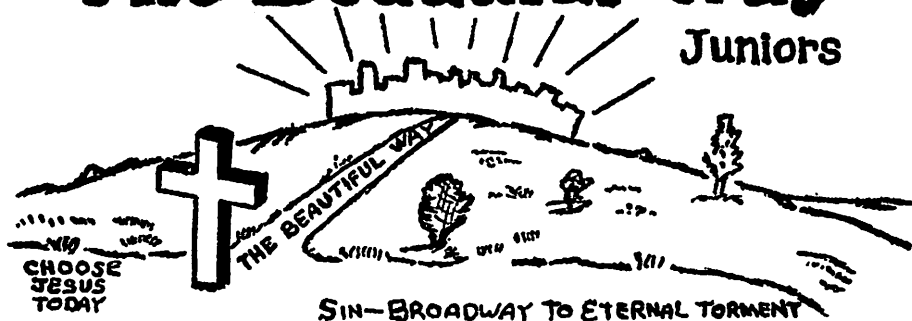
**Central Thought:** It is God's will that we be at peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ and all people.

## QUESTIONS:

1. How do you think Jacob felt when he looked out across the field and saw Esau coming with 400 men?
2. After dividing his family what did he do?
3. Do you think his bowing before Esau helped to tender his heart also?
4. What did Esau do when Jacob came near him?
5. What question did Esau ask of Jacob?
6. Why did Jacob want Esau to take the "blessing" or droves of animals he had sent him?
7. Did he take the gifts? Then what did he do?
8. Offence means "injury, trespass, or cause of displeasure." What does Jesus say about the person through whom offences come?
9. Is it the will of God that any of His children perish?
10. If someone trespasses against you what are you to do about it?
11. If he will hear you, what have you done?
12. If he will not hear you, what is the next step you are to take?
13. If he still will not be humble and try to get the problems fixed up then what are you to do?
14. If he will not hear the church, what is the result?

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Part Six

Aug. 7

## Robin the Runner

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"Robin," she said, "it seems hard and harsh of our cousin. He might take us into his house for a little time. I am sure we should get a place of our own as soon as we could. We must not blame him too much, he has a wife and family of his own. At any rate, our Heavenly Father calls us to the trial of parting; and, Robin, He that calls us can make that parting turn out for the best, and bring us together again, perhaps under happier circumstances. I have prayed earnestly that, if it were His will, your father's innocence might be made clear, and I might live in our old pleasant home to see him back a restored and free man. Maybe that prayer is not to be granted. The Judge of all the earth knows best; His will be done. Robin, our course is plain for the present. I will go to my cousin the ploughman; you will go to my cousin the shepherd, if he will receive you. Maybe he will give you some wages for helping him with the sheep. I will go on trying to earn something by needlework, as I have done. You will come to see me when

you can. Perhaps some of the farmers who have been so kind to us will have a vacant cottage by and by, which we could get at a low rent and make a home for ourselves. Cheer up, Robin; the darkest night has a morning to come, and I have known people to reach better days through greater troubles and misfortunes than ours."

Robin did cheer up, for he was a brave boy, and had something of his mother's faithful and trusting spirit. Besides, he would not grieve her by showing himself out of heart. It was hard to part, but the thing must be done soon. The Radleys began preparations for their removal. Their cousin, the shepherd, always came to see his friends in that part of the country on his way to the fairs. He was daily expected at the time they got the notice from Hardstaff; and he arrived at the end of the week. The Radleys, being the poorest of his relations, were the last visited, but when he did call, the shepherd agreed to take Robin. He promised to teach him the whole art and mystery of keeping sheep on the Downs, and give him what wages he could spare if he found the boy worthy of it. He added, that many a

one would expect a premium for teaching him because there was a great deal to learn about a shepherd's business.

All the farmers who knew the Radleys, regretted that they didn't have a place for Robin, so that he might be near his mother. All their wives promised Mary their needlework; so did the housekeeper at the Hall; and Hardstaff said he would find her another cottage sometime next year for doing as he told her and making no fuss. Mary never made anything of the kind, and she pleased the land-steward still more by moving out before the Michaelmas term, with the few things that belonged to her.

The ploughman took her in with a rather chilly welcome, but Mary was so kindly and useful to his family, so ready to mend all their clothes, so clever with her needle, so easily accommodated, and such pleasant, cheerful company, that his wife, his boys, and, at last, the sturdy ploughman himself, began to think her quite an acquisition; and Robin was allowed to remain with her in their house until the shepherd called for him on his way home from the Michaelmas fairs.

Then the mother and son parted for the first time, with many a tear and many a blessing, many a good advice and many a promise of remembrance.

"Be a good boy to our cousin," said Mrs. Radley, "as you have been a good son to me. Never forget your father who is far away; and more especially never forget your Father above, who is not far from any one of us, and who has promised that when we lack wisdom, and ask Him for it, He will give us the best of all wisdom; and Robin, remember what God says to us in the Bible—"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy

ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.'" (Prov. 3:5, 6) Think of what the dear Saviour says to His disciples—"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things [that is, all necessary things for this life] shall be added unto you.'" With many such words as these, Mrs. Radley encouraged Robin as they were parting. She especially instructed him to ask every day for the help of God's good Spirit.

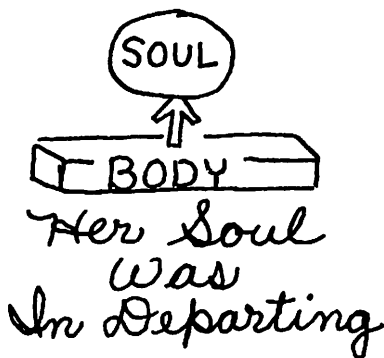
"I will never forget anything you have told me, Mother. Oh! if I were only a grown man to work for you, and keep you in a cottage of your own," said Robin.

"Come along," said the shepherd, "we have a good day's march before us to my sheep-walk on the Downs."

Robin kissed his mother, and, with a bundle containing his well-mended clothes and his Bible slung at his back, and a stout hazel stick, which he had cut to be shepherd-like, in his hand, he marched away with his cousin, while Mary sat with her needlework in hand at the window, looking after him until he was lost to her sight in the mist of the October morning.

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## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



"A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke." Proverbs 13:1.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Death is just as sure as life. I am sure that it touches you deeply when friends and loved ones pass away. They have been here and you have known them, but after death you do not see them again in this life. Many times the question is asked, "Where does a person go when he dies?" One thing you should remember is that you are made up of two parts. One part is your body or clay house which was made of dirt. Then you have a soul which is the other part. When you die, your soul, or the other part of you, separates from your body. Then your body does not have any feeling, nor any mind. It is completely nothing, but your soul has a memory and feeling. Luke 16:25. It is the real "you," and will live on somewhere. In our lesson Rachel died and the Bible says, "her soul was in departing [left her body] and she died." Jesus gives us a glimpse of where those go who are saved and have their sins forgiven. When Lazarus died, the angels came for his soul and took him to a place of rest, which was called Abraham's bosom. Wasn't that wonderful? We need not be afraid to die if we know that the angels are coming for our souls. And we know that the angels will come for us if we love Jesus and have asked Him to forgive us of our sins and we are living daily to please Him. But when the soul of the rich man left him Jesus tells us that he was in hell or in torment and was begging for mercy. Boys and girls, these are real truths and are to be considered. You should be ready to die at any time and you can be if you will only come to Jesus and seek forgive-

ness of your sins and quit sinning and begin living for God.

Esau went back home but Jacob moved to a place and bought some land and stayed for awhile and then moved to another place. His two sons Simeon and Levi killed some men in a city and this grieved Jacob. Then Reuben, the oldest son, committed a sin and Jacob was grieved. These three boys were the oldest in the family and one of them should have had the birthright, but when Jacob died he gave it to Judah the fourth son. We read that Jesus came through the family of Judah. The Jews are called Jews because we study mostly in the New Testament about the tribe of Judah. Remember this.

Our lesson begins with God telling Jacob to go up to Bethel. This is where Jacob saw the ladder which reached from earth to heaven and the angels were ascending and descending on it. That happened on the first night he was away from home on his way to his uncle's. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 6, August, 7, 1977

## HER SOUL WAS IN DEPARTING

Gen. 35:1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

7a And he built there an altar,

11 And God said unto him, I am God almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

12 And the land which I gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land.

13 And God went up from him in the place where he lked with him.

16 And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was but a little way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel trav-ailed, and she had hard labour.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem.

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

6 Therefore we are always con-fident, knowing that, whilst we are home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight.)

Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, [converted thief] Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luke 16:22 [Jesus said] And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abra-ham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

I Pet. 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

Gen. 35:28 And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore years.

29 And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being old and full of days: and his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

**Memory Verse:** All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward. Eccl. 3:20, 21a.

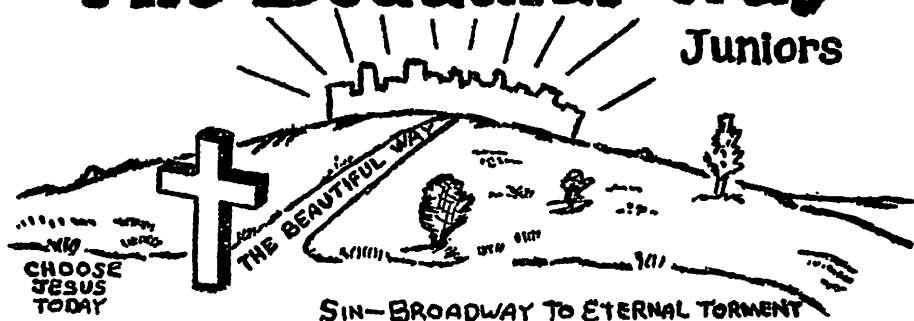
**Central Thought:** When we die, our soul separates from the body which is its house of clay and goes to the waiting place for departed souls until the judgment.

## QUESTIONS:

1. In the beginning of our lesson what does God tell Jacob to do?
2. Why had Jacob been to Bethel before?
3. What did he do at Bethel?
4. What did the Lord say to Jacob at Bethel?
5. What land did God promise to Jacob and his family?
6. Rachel died when her son was born. What does it mean when it says, "her soul was in departing"?
7. What did she name the little boy and what did Jacob change his name to? (See Gen. 35:18)
8. What is the difference between the earthly house and a house not made with hands?
9. Paul was saved. Where does he say he would be if he were absent from the Lord?
10. Where did Jesus say he would be with the converted thief?
11. Who carried the soul of Lazarus to the resting place in Abraham's bosom?
12. Where did the rich man go and how was he feeling there?
13. How can we know if we will be carried by the angels to be with Jesus when we die?

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Part Seven

Aug. 14

## Robin the Runner

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Willy Weston, as they called the shepherd-cousin, was a very hardy, active man, though his hair and beard were gray. There was neither railway nor stage-coach on his homeward track; but Willy disliked such ways of traveling. They might be all right for townspeople, who were never easy until they get back to their shops and houses, he said; but what did an honest countryman want with whirling away at that rate, which gave him no time to see the land about him or call on his friends? The world never went on so well since his youth, when all the educated men rode on horseback, and everybody else went on the feet that Providence had given them.

By way of adherence to those good old times, Willy marched right on, sometimes over turnpike roads, sometimes through byways, pausing now and then to look at the sheep or cattle in the fields, and calling on his friends in wayside farm or tavern, where he seemed to be a well-known and a welcome man, a great news-bringer from fairs and markets, and a great

adviser in the matter of herds and flocks. On he marched, and on marched Robin gallantly with him. It was a long walk, but Robin was accustomed to using his legs. The shepherd showed him to all his friends by the way, as a boy he was taking to learn his business on the Downs. The weather was fine for the season; the misty morning was followed by a sunny day, the early-falling night was lighted by a glorious full moon, but by that time they had left the scattered farmhouses and stubblefields behind them. All before seemed a wild and desolate country; there was no church-spire, no chimney smoke to be seen. High and bare the land stretched away on all sides, like one wide open field, covered with short, coarse grass, and showing the dry sandy soil below. The shepherd told Robin they were on the Downs now, and also told him that the same barren waste extended from the borders of Wiltshire over all the north of the country of Dorset, affording pasture to thousands of sheep, and sending wool to all the English markets.

"There is nothing here but sheep-farms," he said. "We shall reach the

one I live on in an hour or so. It goes a long way into Dorsetshire—I'll show you the landmarks some day—and belongs to Mr. Delmore, a great man and a justice of peace in these parts. His house is some miles off, I don't know how many; we never count miles on the Downs; but it is a grand place, and the nearest to mine, except a cottage halfway. Mr. Delmore keeps the one side of this cottage for him and his friends to rest or sleep in when they happen to be late after the moorfowl, and the other side is the only house where one can get a drop of good beer within a day's journey; but I don't much like the people that keep it, and I warn you to have nothing to do with them, though they did come from Wiltshire and are our nearest neighbors. But what does a sensible boy want with neighbors and friends? Looking after the ewes and the lambs will be something more to the purpose. I'll make a capable shepherd of you, Robin; and it is not every boy I would undertake to make that of; but you'll do, or I hope you will, for I have a deal of business down in the farm country and market towns. I want a boy to trust with the sheep when I am gone; and if you turn out as you should, there are savings of mine in the Dorset Bank, I can tell you, and I have neither son nor daughter to get them; besides maybe I would give you a lamb for your first year's wages, and in time you might have a flock of your own—not to speak of your chance of being Mr. Delmore's shepherd in my stead, for old folks must go some day.

While Robin was making the best acknowledgments he could for these vague promises and prospects, and feeling his heart sink with a sense of strangership and loneliness in that wide barren waste, the shepherd struck

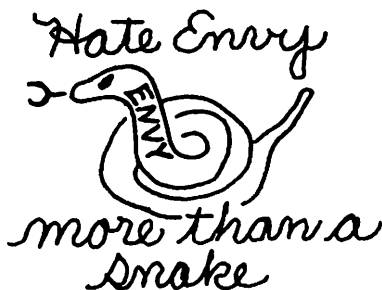
into what seemed a sheep-track among the heathy grass. Half an hour's walking brought them in front of a low cottage, not unlike the one the Radleys had left, except that its walls were thicker and its thatched roof more substantial. There was no woodbine or climbing rose about it, no flower bed in front, no garden in the rear; the wild plants of the waste grew up to its very door; it was overshadowed by one great beech tree, with the fading red of autumn now on its leaves. There was a huge rock nearby, with a spring trickling through a moss-grown cleft in it, and falling into a rude basin below.

"The tree keeps off the north wind, and the rock keeps off the east," said the shepherd. "That spring never fails, winter or summer; it serves the sheep and me. Robin, my boy, we want for nothing on the Downs. You'll live here as snug as ever you did in Shuttleworth Park." So saying, he lifted the wooden latch—it was all the fastening thought of for that lonely cottage—and they stepped in.

(To be continued)

"Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction; but he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured." Proverbs 13:18.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



"Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." Col. 3:20.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

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

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

Joseph was greatly loved by his father because he was the son of Rachel, his dearly beloved wife who

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

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

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

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 7, August 14, 1977

## JOSEPH AND JESUS FACE ENVY AND HATRED

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

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was

the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

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

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

5 For neither did his brethren believe in him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to envy someone?
2. Where did Jacob and his family live?
3. How old was Joseph? What did he do?
4. Should a child report to his parents the wrong-doing by his brothers or sisters when it will affect the family? (An example would be like getting father's gun.)
5. What kind of report did Joseph bring to his father about his brothers?
6. Tell about Jacob's love for Joseph and what he did for him.
7. How was Joseph treated by his brothers?
8. What did Jesus face? Did Jesus' brothers believe in Him?
9. What do verses 7 and 35 tell us about Jesus which caused others to hate Him and be envious of Him?
10. Tell about Joseph's first dream. What did his brothers reply when told about it?
11. What was the second dream Joseph had?
12. What did his father think of it?
13. What causes boys and girls to be envious of others, which leads to hate?
14. Jesus and Joseph were hated because they loved righteousness. How do evil people feel about us because we love righteousness?

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### Robin the Runner

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Robin saw by the bright moonlight, which shone through two low windows with leaden sashes and diamond-shaped panes, a tile-floored room, which served for kitchen and parlor, furnished with a rough table, two clumsy stools, a few cooking utensils lying in one corner, a heap of dry sticks in another, a settle-bed (a long seat or bench, generally of wood) in a third, an old chest in the fourth (for the room was nearly square), and all manner of sheep-crooks, shears, and tar-pots hanging by way of ornament around the walls. "There is another room," said the shepherd, "but I keep it to store wool in, and it's rather close, having no window; but you can sleep with me on the settle-bed when I am at home; when I am not you'll have it all to yourself. But now," and he sat himself down on one of the stools, "put away your bundle on the top of that chest—it's all the cupboard I have—and I'll teach you to make a fire; there is nothing like beginning early. Look, there is a hole in the

chimney-jamb, where you'll get a flint, steel, and tinder-box. Then go to the corner and bring some of those dry sticks, heap them up neatly, and strike out the spark."

Robin did as he was directed, and at length the fire was lit, the dry sticks blazed up brightly, sending a red glare far across the hearth through the windows, for which shutter or curtain had never been thought necessary. Then the shepherd sent him to his chest for ewes milk cheese and hard oaken cake; they sat down to supper at the rough uncovered table. Willy Weston never thought of asking a blessing or giving thanks. While he got through the hard cake and harder cheese, like a man who had walked all day, Robin was lectured on the comfort and prosperity to be had on the Downs, on the excellent chance it was for him to get living with such a cousin, and on the obedience and duty he was expected to practice. Before that lecture was fairly concluded the shepherd sent him to the chest once more, together with a deep horn cup, which Willy half filled and drank off at a draught, while a powerful smell of rum pervaded the cottage.

"Lay the bottle," said he, "very carefully in the corner where you found it, and the cup too. Oh! it doesn't need washing," he added, in reply to Robin's expressive look. "We are not so particular on the Downs; and mind you have nothing to do with that bottle when I am out. I can't lock it up, for the lock of that chest went wrong in my grandfather's time; but rum is a bad thing for young people. Howsoever, take off my coat"; and quickly undressing himself with Robin's help, the shepherd tumbled into bed, drew the clothes about him, and commanded Robin to get in after him. Robin got in accordingly, but did not forget his evening prayer; and, notwithstanding the coarse coverings and hard straw of the bed, the small space allowed him, and the frequent flings of Willy Weston's feet, he slept soundly until the early beams of the sun, flashing through the uncurtained window, woke him up from dreams of his mother and the old home in Shuttleworth Park. The shepherd woke soon after, had a drink from the black bottle, and then took Robin out to see the sheep and get acquainted with his duties before he had any breakfast.

There on the Downs were the sheep, large and small, great horned rams and little lambs of that summer, up and grazing on the wild pasture almost as far as Robin could see, watched over by two rough but trusty dogs, called Keeper and Speed, which came barking and frisking with joy to see their master. The sheep-walk was some distance from the cottage, and the faithful creatures did not know he had come home the night before.

"I can leave the sheep with them for days and nights in this fine weather," said Willy, "but it wouldn't do in the winter; they must be folded,

you see, and it would not do now either. Mr. Delmore happens to be in London, and can't come over un-awares and see them lying out. You'll look after that, Robin, when I'm off doing my business and seeing my friends."

(To be continued)

## A Little Word

You'd be surprised, I'm sure, to know  
How far a little word can go.  
How many miles it runs away,  
Up hill and down, in a single day;  
How many angry hearts it wakes,  
How many pleasant friends it makes;  
What very wise things it can tell;  
What very simple ones, as well;  
How very busy, brave, and true;  
How very false and lazy too.  
So, take good care before that word  
By anybody else is heard,  
That it shall truly worthy be  
To join a happy company  
Of helpful words, that march with grace  
And bear sweet sunshine in the face.

—Sel.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



## THE GREATEST CHOICE

One time three little girls were telling each other what they wanted to be. One said she wanted to be an author. The third said she wanted to be a lamb in Christ's fold. Which do you think was the greatest choice?

The last, of course. It is greater to be only a little lamb in Christ's fold than to have the highest position one can have in this world. The least thing we can be for Christ is far, far greater than being a king, or a president, or a ruler of any kind over this world.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

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

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

they were at Dothan. That was about 68 miles from his home. That was a long journey in that day, and they did not have cars to drive as we do today. We don't know if he went on foot or if he rode a donkey.

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

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

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 8, August 21, 1977

## RESULTS OF ENVY AND HATRED

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

14b Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again.

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

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

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

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

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

25a And they sat down to eat bread:

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

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

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

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

32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found:

know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

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

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

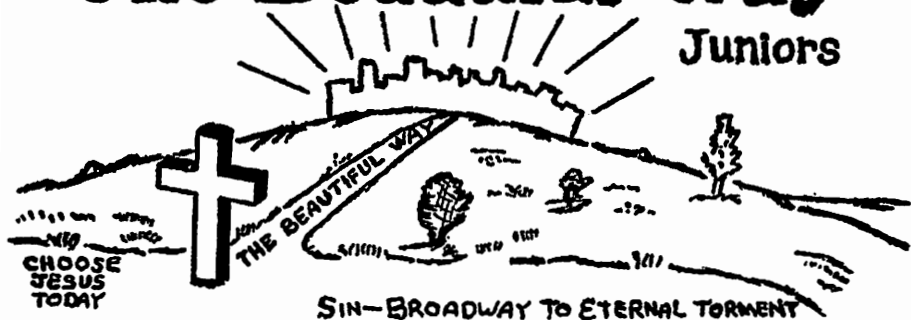
**Memory Verse:** I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Psalms 27:13.

### QUESTIONS:

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

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Part Nine

Aug 28

## Robin the Runner

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Robin promised all sorts of care, and entered regularly on his duties that day. They were new and strange to him at first, but he soon learned the shepherd's ways of managing his flock, which were simple and easy enough, much as Willy Weston made of them. To see that the lambs did not stray too far, or get into dangerous places, swampy spots where they might sink, and deep pools where they might be drowned; to take care that the weaker ones were not attacked by fox or badger, that the dogs did their duty in protecting them, and that the flock moved from one grassy spot to another, so as not to leave their pastures too bare, but always to find good grazing ground, was the sum of the day's business. At nightfall, he had to gather the flock into the fold—a large enclosure behind the great rock, with sheltered pens for cold winter weather, and a sort of rude granary, where hay and turnips were kept for their provision at such times. The supply was scanty, for the weather was wild indeed that kept the

hardy sheep of the Downs within pen or fold.

"The snow lies too deep for them to get at the grass sometimes," said the shepherd, "and Mr. Delmore don't let them want. Robin," he added. "When I am off, if you should need anything for the sheep or yourself, just go at once to his farm."

Robin knew that he needed better help for himself than any human protector could give; but he knew also that God is a present help in time of need, and that he was safe under the care of the Good Shepherd.

### New Acquaintances

It was not many days before Robin got thoroughly acquainted with his duties in and out of doors. All the shepherd's household work, as well as almost all the care of the sheep, now depended on him, but something else was to come. He awoke one morning, and found the shepherd with staff in hand, and ready for a journey. "I am going over to the farm, Robin," he said. "You can take out the sheep, and, in fact, look after everything until I come back. You know what to do now, and I have hopes you will

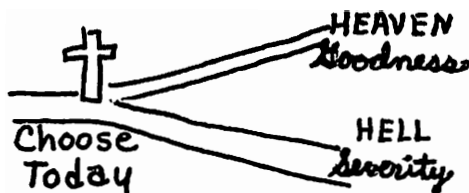
turn out a very capable shepherd." Then Willy Weston set forth across the Downs.

Robin went about his accustomed duties, looked after the sheep, prepared his own scanty meals, the only variety of provisions he had to choose from being the ewes milk cheese, a piece of very dry bacon, oaten cake, and some meal to make porridge. But the keen open air of the Downs, and the continual running after the sheep, made those rough foods acceptable and savory. The day passed, however, without the shepherd's return, without sight or sound of human life in the wide and solitary pastures. Robin was alone as he had never been before, far from village, farm, or cottage—no sound on the still air but the crowing of the moorcock and the tinkling of the sheep-bell, no cultivated field, no highway within miles of him. The boy was not afraid; there was nothing to fear; bad characters did not come there, the shepherd's cot contained no temptation for them. When the night fell dim and dreary on those lonely plains, when the flock was safe in the fold, and the dogs were sleeping in the shadow of the rock, Robin felt like one forsaken by all the world, and it was only by remembering his mother's words, "Do not forget your Father above, who is not far from any one of us," that he could compose himself to say his evening prayer, and lie down quietly to sleep in that hut of the desert.

Robin slept and rose, led out the sheep, and got through his assigned duties; but another day, another night passed, and still he was alone. Had any accident happened to Willy Weston in coming or going to Mr. Delmore's farm? Robin would find out the place and inquire. It was a bit of a venture, new as he was to the Downs

and their landmarks, with nothing to direct his eye or step through the wide grassy waste but sheep-tracks running every way, and frequently crossing each other. Robin was a boy of some invention, however; in this emergency he thought that a handful of the shepherd's meal judiciously strewed along his track would enable him to find his way back to the cottage. Having tried this device, and found it successful, he put another handful in his pocket, saw that the sheep were contentedly grazing under the guardianship of the faithful dogs, in the quiet of a bright forenoon, and started on his voyage of discovery, taking, as nearly as he could remember, the direction in which the shepherd had gone. It soon led him to a beaten path, by keeping in which Robin came at length within sight of another cottage, very much like the shepherd's own, but was still less sheltered and bare. It had two doors, one of which was shut, while the other stood open. Over the open door swung a rudely-painted sign, representing some sort of fowl, and called the "Moorcock." At that open door two men were lounging, with dirty hands and faces, and pipes in their mouths. At the open window close by, an old woman was sitting, taking snuff and scolding. Robin could hear her high shrill tones as he came nearer, and also the angry grunts in which the men answered. Assuredly that was the place where beer could be bought, according to Willy Weston, and where the people he did not like lived; but Robin would inquire for him there. He stepped up to the men with cap in hand, said hello with his usual politeness—Robin never forgot his manners—and then requested to know if they had seen anything of his master, Mr. Delmore's shepherd?

(To be continued)



Dear Boys and Girls:

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

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

God is long-suffering and is not willing that any be lost. He gave Jezebel "space to repent" of her sins, but she "repented not." All of us had

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

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

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 9, August 28, 1977

## THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD

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

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

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

Rom. 11:22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of Er's wife?
2. Why did the Lord slay Judah's son whose name was Er?
3. What happens to those whom God reproves often and they harden their neck (or heart) against God's commandments?
4. The — of God is upon those who fell through unbelief, and the — of God upon those who continue in His goodness.
5. What was the name of the woman who called herself a prophetess but did evil?
6. When God gave her "space" (or time) to repent, did she?
7. Will others who do not repent be punished with Jezebel?
8. The Lord is not slack, but is longsuffering to all people. Is He willing for people to perish, or be punished, for their sins?
9. Because God does not punish people speedily, or quickly, after they sin, what are the sons of men continuing to do?
10. What will not be forgiven in this life nor in the world to come?
11. Can we pray for a person who commits a sin not unto death, which sin is not against the Holy Ghost?
12. What does verse 17 tell us is sin?
13. If we are "born again" or saved, we do not sin. What will not touch us when we are saved?
14. What is the conclusion of the whole matter?

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Part Ten

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## Robin the Runner

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"Are you the boy he brought from Wiltshire?" asked one of the men. They both stared at him as if he were something very new and curious.

"Ask him what part he comes from, you blockheads," cried the snuff-taking old woman.

"Ask him yourself," responded the other man. The woman muttered an unkind name, and then came forward, snuff-box in hand. She was old, wrinkled, dressed in shabby black, as dirty as the men, daubed with snuff into the bargain, and looked as if she had been making acquaintance with something like the contents of the shepherd's black bottle. She greeted Robin in a very different way from that she had used in talking to the men.

"You are from Wiltshire, my dear?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," said Robin, "from Shuttleworth Park."

"Ay, we know nothing about parks in these parts, but it was a pity you came, my lamb. The Downs are not a fit place for so young a boy as you, brought up about a great house, I

imagine," and the old woman looked straight at the ground. "As for Willy Weston, you needn't be asking about him; he has gone away down the country, among the farms and towns, and won't come back most of the winter, maybe. Willy has got tired of his lonely life on the Downs, you see; that's the reason he brought you to look after Mr. Delmore's sheep, and let him go on his tramps. You'll not see a sight of him for a month; and if I were you, I would leave the sheep to him, and get back to Wiltshire as fast as I could."

It was not good advice, but Robin would not have expected anything good from that old woman. Robin remembered the Scripture that says, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." Psalms 1:1. He tried to get clearer information regarding his master, however, but could obtain nothing, except a general assurance, in which the two men agreed, that Willy would not come back for a long time, and that the best thing he could do was to return to Wiltshire without delay.

"No," said Robin to himself, as he turned from them, "I have promised to serve the shepherd, and I have no right to leave his service and his sheep because he chooses to leave me alone on the Downs. The Bible says 'Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.' (Eph. 6:5). These people may be deceiving me out of dislike to him—they look neither good nor respectable—so I'll go straight to Mr. Delmore's; it lies in this direction, somewhere farther on."

On Robin went, the same beaten path conducting him straight enough, with a curve or two round a swampy hollow or steep moss-grown rock. At last his undertaking was rewarded by the sight of the fenced fields, farm buildings, and a large old-fashioned house, with smoke rising from its chimneys, and people moving about. There were cattle grazing in the fields, and laborers at work. Robin felt himself within the circle of human life once more, and ran up to a man, who was leading a mare and her foal into a meadow gate, with, "If you please, sir, can you tell me where is Willy Weston, my master?"

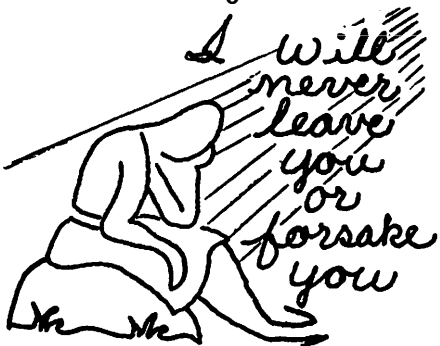
"Willy Weston, your master, my boy?" asked the cheerful, good-natured horse-groomer. "I suppose he is off on some of his rants or markets, and left you to take care of the sheep. Just like him. Mr. Delmore has had some suspicion of his tricks for seven years past, but he gets worse every season. And you are the boy he brought from Wiltshire. He was here yesterday morning, telling us what a fine shepherd he was making of you, and we thought he had gone back; but instead of that, he went off to some market town, I'll guess. There is no use in complaining

about it. Willy will never be better. At any rate Mr. Delmore is in London just now, looking after some law business. There is nobody at home but the missus, and she knows nothing about the place, being very fine and always ill, poor lady. However, I am head servant, and my mother is housekeeper, so come in. You'll get a good dinner and anything you want to take back to the cottage."

Robin went in, and was kindly welcomed and liberally entertained in the kitchen of Mr. Delmore's house. It was something between a mansion and a farmhouse, kept in a plentiful but rustic way. Its owner was the only gentleman and justice of peace within many miles, and had a high reputation for two things which do not always go together—wealth and uprightness. His wife, who had been brought up in London, was never satisfied with her country life, and was never quite well, through fret and idleness. They had no children, but many good and long-kept servants, for Mr. Delmore's farm was extensive. The chief of them was Stewart, the man to whom Robin had spoken at the meadow gate—groom, butler, and footman all in one. His mother, who acted as housekeeper, was an old woman, who took snuff like the woman at the "Moorcock," but looked respectable, and did not call people "lambs." All the household were kind to Robin, though they had no encouraging news to give him about his master. The groom found out that he liked reading, and loaned him a book, to make the long lonely hours pass quickly on the Downs. It was *Accounts of Remarkable Men*, and Stewart had a good many in a little bookcase of his own. He was the only reading man in the house, except his master, and he promised Robin that the books should

be at his service, provided the first one loaned was carefully kept and safely returned. Stewart's mother also gave him a basket of good things to help his cottage fare. She said it was just a trial for a poor boy to be taken away from his friends, and left night and day with no company but the dumb sheep and dogs.

(To be continued)



Dear Boys and Girls:

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

Potiphar (Pot-i-far) saw Joseph and bought him as a slave. No doubt he gave a good sum for him because he was fine looking, as was his mother, Rachel. But boys and girls, it is a terrible crime to make a slave out of a person. We are all to be equal and free. Each one has a right to use his talents to take care of himself. Of

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

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

Lesson 10, September 4, 1977

## THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH

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

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

3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord

made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope;

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

I Pet. 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready

always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

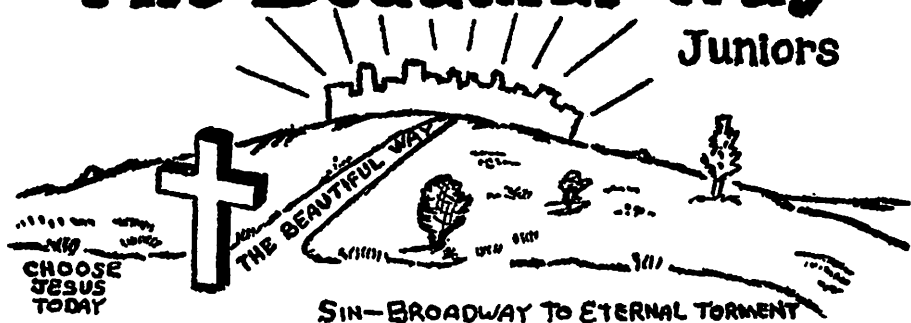
**Memory Verse:** The righteous also shall hold on his way and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger. Job 17:9.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Who in Egypt bought Joseph?
2. Explain what it means to be a slave.
3. Who was with Joseph? How did He help him?
4. Who recognized that the Lord was with Joseph?
5. Was Joseph hateful and bitter? How did he act so Potiphar could tell that the Lord was with him?
6. Since Joseph asked the Lord to help him be a good slave and serve his master well, what nice thing happened to him?
7. Later Potiphar made Joseph overseer of all he had. What did the Lord do for Potiphar for being good to Joseph?
8. In his looks and in his manners, what kind of man was Joseph?
9. Who sees us at all times and hears our prayers, but is against those who do evil?
10. Do you think, because Joseph's conduct was good and he was "content with such things" as he had, that this was the reason God was with him?
11. Are you content with what you have, knowing the Lord has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"?
12. What can we say with boldness?

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Sept. 11

## Robin the Runner

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So Robin went back, determined to keep his post, in spite of the loneliness. He knew his nearest neighbors now; there were people to be spoken to, but it was such a distance; and he would soon get used to the place and its ways.

With these good resolutions and substantial encouragements, he hastened back to the sheep. They were all safe and well, but the cottage was lonely as when he left it, and night again came without bringing back the shepherd. Robin, in these lonely times, pleasantly spent the weary hours, when not actively engaged with the flocks, by reading and meditation. His thoughts were often with his mother; and he learned also to hold much communion with his Heavenly Father in prayer, which comforted his spirit, and confirmed his Christian faith, knowing that the Father says, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Hebrews 13:5b. Even though he was lonely—yet he had the comfort of God's love, protection and care over him.

## A Lonely Winter

Day after day, night after night passed; Robin went quietly on with his solitary work and watching the flock. He made friends with the trusty dogs, Keeper and Speed, until they knew him as well as their old master, and seemed to like him better. He made friends of the innocent sheep, too, whistled to the lambs, and taught them to follow him even as Robin followed the Good Shepherd as he had read in John 10:14-15. "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep."

It was a life that differed strangely from his errand-running days about Shuttleworth Park, where every neighbor knew him, and there were dozens to say hello to, from field-fence to cottage-door. Robin would have been glad to see one of the old familiar faces now; and sadly missed his mother's kind look and word, when he went to prepare his meals in the cottage, or sat down by its lonely fireside at night. He remembered what she had often said, that a blessing might be expected in doing the duty of what-

ever situation Providence might appoint. His duty was to keep his master's sheep on those wide deserted Downs; and had not many a great and good man done the same? Did not David keep his father's flock before he became a champion and a king? Did not all the patriarchs, told of in the Bible, live in tents and look after flocks and herds? Was it not the shepherds on the plains of Bethlehem who saw the hosts of angels and heard that the Saviour was born? Did not that Saviour take to Himself the name of the Good Shepherd, and thus give to the watchers of flocks an honor and dignity which no other craft could boast? In Robin's evenings by the cottage fire, and in his noontide sittings on mossy banks beside the grazing sheep, he cheered himself with thoughts like these, and sometimes, when the solitude of his situation pressed heavily on his mind, and he could not help feeling forsaken and desolate, those words of the Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," would occur to him with far greater power than in his days of many friends and neighbors.

There was one thing which Robin greatly missed and sorely lamented, and this was the Sunday services to which he had been accustomed. They had always been very pleasant and very profitable to him. He didn't know how far away the nearest place of worship might be, and even if it were near, his duties would have prevented his attending it. At first the boy was very sorrowful, and perhaps he wasted some hours in hopeless groanings and wishes as often as the Sundays came around. Then he roused himself, and remembered that God, his Father and Saviour, was not confined to any place, and that the Holy Spirit's teaching and comforts were promised to all

who earnestly ask for them. While he could not help feeling how happy he should be if he could but find himself in his old accustomed seat in the house of God, and could say, with the psalmist, "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord; my flesh crieth out for the living God,"—yet he could take comfort in thinking of God, and in lifting up his heart in prayer and praise to Him.

(To be continued)

Jesus has told us to watch. He said that He will come in a moment when you will not know. But if you are always doing what He has told you to do, you will be always ready for His return. So "watch" your words, your actions, and your deeds.

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

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

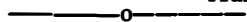
he or she feels real bad. The devil loves for boys and girls to feel bad. When they want to quit sin because they feel bad, the devil will bring something along that they might like that isn't really sin but is not what will help a boy or girl get to heaven. The devil is sly like the fox. He is a wise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

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

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

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

—Aunt Marie



## Lesson 11, September 11, 1977

### FIRMLY REJECTING SIN

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

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

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

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

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

12 And she caught him by his garment, . . . and he left his garment

in her hand, and fled, and got him out.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## QUESTIONS:

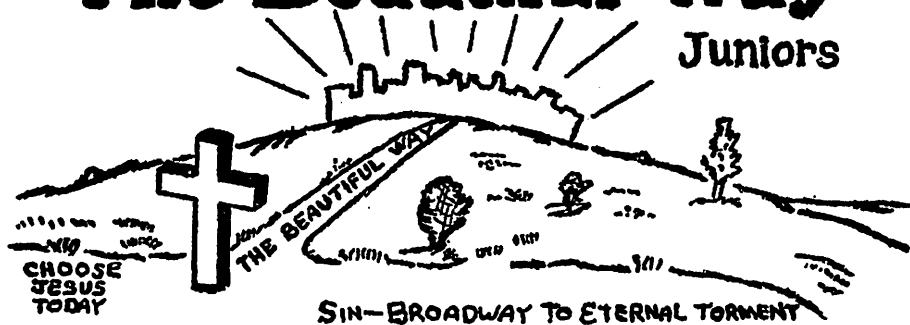
1. Would it mean that Potiphar's wife loved Joseph when it says she began to "cast her eyes upon Joseph"?

2. How did Joseph react to the attentions that she gave to him?
3. Potiphar had placed all of his business and the management of his household into Joseph's hands. What did Joseph say he had kept back from him?
4. Did Joseph call loving or returning the attentions of Potiphar's wife a "great wickedness, and sin against God"? Why? Read Prov. 6:24, 27.
5. Did Potiphar's wife let Joseph alone after he talked to her?
6. What did Joseph do when she tried to make love to him and caught his coat?
7. Name some temptations we should run from? What about stealing?
8. What did Potiphar do to Joseph after his wife told a lie about him?
9. Is it better to go to jail than to do wrong?
10. Who was with Joseph in prison? How was he treated?
11. Sometimes today God's children are mistreated because they love to do right. They won't lie for others, etc. What did Jesus say about them? (Matt. 5:10).
12. Use the example in the "Dear Boys and Girls" letter to explain the verses in our lesson in James 1:14, 15.
13. How are we to feel about evil? About good?
14. Are we to watch and guard our hearts?
15. Would "Ponder the path of thy feet" mean to think about where you go and what you are going to do to see if it is according to what would please Jesus?

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Every Sunday, therefore, he took out his Bible with him, and, without neglecting his sheep and lambs, had many an hour of happy companionship with it, and of communion with God. It would be well if all boys, and men, too—aye, and girls and women also, who are detained by other duties from public worship—would think and do as Robin did; remembering, as he also did, that the Lord promises to be with them who are of an humble and contrite spirit, and who tremble at His Word.

Willy Weston did not stay away for months, as the people of the "Moorcock" had predicted; but his absence was of some weeks' duration; and when he came back, it was only to replenish the black bottle out of a large tin flask, to see that Robin and the sheep were all right, as he expressed it, be waited upon for another day and night, and then to take his departure in a different direction, but equally unknown to his boy.

"You see, Robin," said he, "I am so much sought after by sheep-farmers

and dealers—the highest of the class, mind you, they are always wanting to consult me, and Mr. Delmore expects me to bring news about fairs and markets, so it is impossible for me to stay long at home. In fact I can't do it, and I am tired of the Downs; it is no place for a man of my judgment, though when I was young I liked it well enough; and so will you, I'm sure. If Mr. Delmore comes back from London, as I hope he will not, and inquires for me, just say I had to go off on business."

"What business shall I say, sir?" asked Robin.

"Whatever you like," replied Willy Weston, tramping away; and thus he continued to come and go, at longer or shorter intervals, all that season; for Mr. Delmore's law business kept him in London, and nobody else interfered with the shepherd's movements.

It happened to be what was called an open winter, that is, a mild one, on the Downs. There was no storm, no snow, very little frost, and less rain, until far into December. The pastures continued green, and the sheep grazed out all day. In his walks and watchings about them, Robin learned to

know his neighborhood, wide and lonely as it was. He could go miles from the cottage without a handful of meal, he recognized the landmarks of neighboring sheep-farms, found out the heights from which the largest prospects could be had in any direction, and took a special pleasure in those that looked towards Wiltshire.

Then he was not altogether without company; there was a silent friend in his now well-used Bible, and a pleasant companion in the book which Stewart had loaned him. On the mossy bank, or by the cottage fire, Robin read of those remarkable men who had climbed from conditions as humble as his own, some to fortune and some to fame. Robin made acquaintance with such men in his lonely service with Willy Weston. He also made a living friend in the owner of the book. Stewart, Mr. Delmore's groom and manager, was a steady, sensible, though rather blunt-spoken young man, something above the other farm-servants in taste and thought, and therefore somewhat solitary among them. He took kindly to Robin from the first, perhaps out of sympathy with the boy's lonely situation, perhaps because the boy liked reading as well as himself. At all events Stewart became his good friend, loaned him his books, one after another—they were all taken good care of and safely brought back—came over to see how he was getting on (and never without some trifle to help the cheese and bacon), sat with him sometimes in the evening, and told him the news of the farm and the country.

On these occasions, tales of former and more severe winters would now and then turn up in his memory—the deep snowfalls and the sudden storms which had visited the Downs since he came into Mr. Delmore's service, and

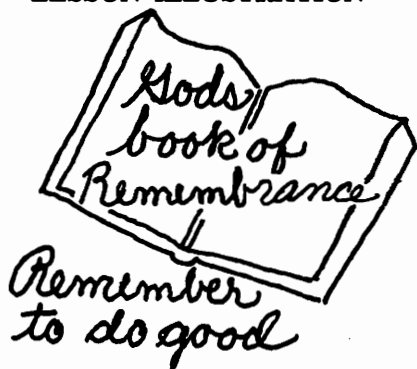
that was many a year, for Stewart had come almost as a child.

"I hope nothing of the kind will happen this winter," he said, "while Willy Weston stays away; it would be terrible for you to have the gathering in of the lambs, if a storm should come on suddenly about nightfall. They are apt to stray at such times, poor things; but don't endanger your life looking for them, my boy; you might get into one of those deep pools or swamps, particularly if it were snow. Take my advice: if you should see the sky look black and threatening towards evening, get the sheep to the fold as quickly as you can; get yourself to the cottage and bar up the door; for there is no telling how quickly a storm may come on over the Downs.

(To be continued)

Love your neighbor as yourself.

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

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

When I was in high school, Bro. and

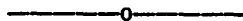
Sis. C. E. Orr were in our home. In fact, Bro. Orr took sick at camp-meeting and my folks had him brought to our home. He stayed with us until he died, as he was up in years at the time. Sis. Orr took care of him, and his daughters came also to help care for him. While they were here, I was going to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

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

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

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

—Aunt Marie



## Lesson 12, September 18, 1977

### FORGET NOT TO DO GOOD

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

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

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

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

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

7 And he [Joseph] asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in the

ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to day?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

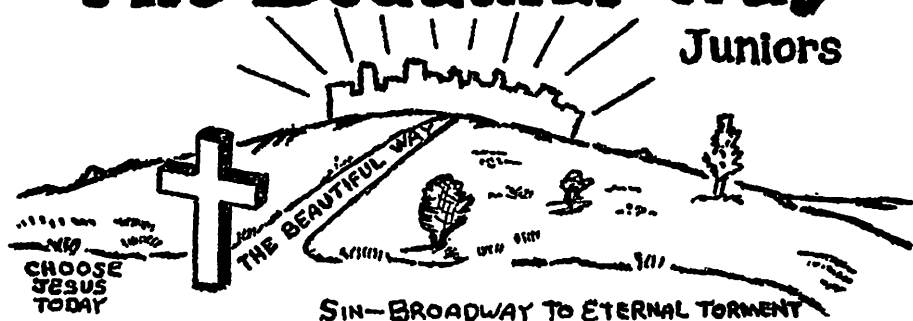
**Memory Verse:** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10.

## QUESTIONS:

1. "Sacrifices" in our first verse means doing something in the name of the Lord as an offering to Him. What kind of sacrifices was God well pleased with?
2. What did Joseph do in the second verse of our lesson? If he had been gloomy and grieved over his fate, would he have been given this job?
3. What does our next verse tell us about how the Lord helped him? What does the word "prosper" mean?
4. Who was put in the same prison with Joseph by King Pharaoh?
5. What was Joseph to do about them?
6. Joseph was doing good to others and was interested in them. What did he ask the butler and baker?
7. Who did Joseph say could reveal dreams?
8. What did the butler dream? What did the three branches mean?
9. What does verse 13 tell us would happen to the butler according to what God had revealed to Joseph?
10. What did Joseph request of the butler when he was restored to his job?
11. Did Joseph blame his brothers? What did he say had happened to him?
12. What happened to the butler and the baker on Pharaoh's birthday?
13. If we say we have faith in God and are saved, but we never do anything good for anyone or obey God's Word, will it profit us anything?
14. What is dead if it be alone?

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## Robin the Runner

(Continued from last issue)

"There is another thing," continued Stewart, "I was going to say to you: Since that man can't be kept at home, and the days are getting short, if you should happen to be overtaken by a storm or a dark night anywhere near the 'Moorcock,' there is a nice place you could get shelter in. You see, Mr. Delmore keeps a part of the house; it is only a room below, and a kind of loft above; but the room has a fireplace, and the loft a bed in it, and there are some other things to keep one comfortable for a night or so. You'll always find some peat and firewood in the fuel-box and candles and matches in the corner cupboard. Nobody ever comes there except in the shooting season, and I am sure Mr. Delmore would have no objections to my lending you the key. Don't lose it, and take care to lock up the door carefully when you come out. There is nothing in the place to take, but we don't want those next door people to make a haunt of it, and I advise you to have nothing to do with them. I think they are a rough and a bad

group, always idle, always quarreling, everyone given to drink and bad language. Nobody here knows anything about them except that they were once thought respectable, and came from Wiltshire. A relation of theirs kept the 'Moorcock' before them; and Mr. Delmore allows them to keep it merely because a tavern is wanted in the neighborhood, and very few would like such a lonely situation. Have nothing to do with them, my boy, you would learn more evil than good in their company. If you ever happen to sleep a night in the loft, you'll hear enough of them, I'll promise, for the partition is very thin and crazy. Just take no notice, and go to sleep; that is what I do. Here's the key for you; I brought it on purpose," and Stewart pulled out of his pocket a key both stout and strong.

Robin received it with many thanks and promises of good care. It was something to be sure of shelter in case of being overtaken by a sudden storm such as the groom had described; and he had no great fancy for the people of the "Moorcock." He attached the key to the inside of his safest pocket by a cord long enough to admit of its

free use. The thread and needles his mother had sent with him made that matter easy, as Robin was a handy boy; and Stewart, after admiring his dexterity, and saying his own mind would now be at rest about the key, bade him goodnight and went home.

### Lost on the Moor

Robin was much gratified by the possession of that key; it showed what confidence Stewart placed in his sense and discretion, and where is the boy who would not be proud of that? It also encouraged him in taking more extensive rambles on the Downs, especially in the direction of the "Moorcock." The house, as I have said, stood about halfway between the shepherd's cot and Mr. Delmore's farm. Its own situation was bare and cheerless, but on the western side, which Robin knew by the sun going down there, there lay one of the most pleasant spots within his reach. The ground sloped down to a long hollow, dry and warm, covered with the best grass, and studded with small thickets of hawthorn, dog-rose, and hazel, which, in that mild winter, still retained their bright berries, and many a cluster of brown nuts. Robin went in search of them sometimes; he had no better amusement, except the borrowed books. He also went in search of a stray lamb now and then; for nothing would keep the wanderers of the flock out of that grassy hollow, though their wool was sure to get caught in the thorny thickets, and he was the more particular and careful in watching this spot, and keeping the sheep and lambs away from it as much as he could, because the shepherd had warned him that foxes might be expected to crouch there.

Robin was startled late one evening, when he had been looking after one of the strays like a good shepherd-boy;

he perceived something move in one of those clumps of bushes. It was one he had never looked into, being bare of berries and thick with thorny gorse. It grew on the edge of the hollow nearest to the "Moorcock"; as Robin stopped in his walk and peered cautiously in, he was considerably astonished to see that it was neither hare nor fox, but the old woman of the house, on her hands and knees, at the root of an old thorn, where she seemed to be heaping up withered leaves and moss, which lay there thick and dry—as if to cover something with uncommon care.

(To be continued)

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you have some hard problems at school. Perhaps it is some

boy or girl who is continually doing you wrong. Maybe they fight you or they continually tell untruths about you, or maybe they trip you nearly every time you pass them. I have even heard some say that boys and girls spit on others. This becomes hard to bear. Then it might be that the teacher does not seem to like you although you do all you know to do the right. All of these things are hard and bring you many tears and hurts. Maybe, because you want to do right and many do not, you are made fun of and shunned. Boys and girls, in this life we will not always be treated nice if we love the Lord and want to do right. You might as well expect this. Of course many who do not love the Lord have troubles too, but we who love God have the Lord to help us in our troubles. Just be patient. God will help you. You might be surprised how the Lord will change the teacher or change some pupil if you will just be nice and pray. Look to God with faith to bring about a change.

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

I can. I did it before." How sad to leave God out. All wisdom is given of God. God is the One who can help us to know what is best to do.

We rejoice with Joseph today. We have felt so sorry for him lingering in prison. It was hard enough for him to be away from his family, but we felt a little better for him to be in Potiphar's house, but prison was so hard for him. Now he is exalted by God. He honored God and God honored him. Boys and girls, remember this. If you will please the Lord in the hard things, God will bring you out and you will be better boys and girls. —Aunt Marie

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### **Lesson 13, September 25, 1977**

#### **JOSEPH'S FAITH REWARDED**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh the dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty . . .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## QUESTIONS:

1. How should a man, boy, or girl, wait for God to work out their problems?
2. After the butler had been restored to Pharaoh's house two years passed by. What happened then that troubled Pharaoh?
3. Could the wise men of his court or the magicians of Egypt tell him what his dream meant?
4. Who then remembered his fault in failing to remember someone who had done good to him?
5. What had the butler dreamed and how did it come to pass?
6. In verse 12 how did the butler refer to Joseph?
7. What did Joseph do when Pharaoh sent for him? How do you think he felt?
8. What was Joseph's answer when Pharaoh asked him if he could interpret his dream?
9. Someone read from the Bible the two dreams that Pharaoh had, or read it from the letter to you in this paper.
10. Who did Joseph say had shown Pharaoh, a heathen king, what He was about to do?
11. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh would happen in the land of Egypt?
12. What did Joseph advise the king to do about the seven years of plenty?
13. In verse 36 what did Joseph say should be done with the food that they gathered?
14. How did Pharaoh accept the interpretation of his dreams?
15. What did he say about Joseph in verse 38?

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Part One

Oct. 2

## The Oyster and the Crab *Conscience*

My dear young friends: I want to speak to you today about "Having a good conscience." (I Peter 3:16.) This is rather a hard subject, but I desire to make it plain by the use of a familiar object. "What's this I have in my hand?" I rather expected that you would say an oyster; but, really it is nothing but an oyster shell. I suppose you have all eaten stewed oysters, or oyster broth. I remember, when a little boy, that one day when we had stewed oysters for supper, I found a little yellow something in my broth. I did not know whether my mother had put it in purposely, or whether it had fallen in by accident; whether I should push it aside of my plate, that it might be thrown with the crumbs to the chickens, or whether I should eat it to discover what it was.

I suppose you have all seen these little animals in your soup, and know that they are called crabs. Now, do you know how the crab comes to be in with the oyster? I will tell you how it is. The oyster lives in the water at the bottom of the bay, and some bright day, when the sun is shining down genial and warm,

just the same as in the summer, we open the doors, and sit out on the porch to enjoy the cool of the day; so the oyster opens his shells and lets the cool currents of water move gently through his house. But while lying there with his shells wide open, along comes a great hungry fish. He sees the oyster, but the oyster cannot see him. The oyster cannot see, for he has no eyes. He cannot hear, for he has no ears. Of the five senses which each of us have, hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting and feeling, the oyster can only tell of the presence of his enemy when he feels himself being dragged out of his house, and being quickly swallowed by the fish. But his knowledge of what is happening only comes when it is too late.

Now, with the little crab, who also lives in the same neighborhood with the oyster, it is quite different. The crab has eyes, and can see the hungry fish that comes to eat him up. He has legs, with which to try and run away; but the fish can swim so much faster than the little crab can run, that he is sure to be devoured before the race is half over. So what do you think the little crab does? He crawls along quietly, and creeps into

the shell with the oyster, and the oyster and the crab enter into a kind of partnership for mutual protection. After this, when the oyster opens his shells, the little crab uses his eyes very diligently to look around, and watch for the approach of any fish. As soon as he spies any sly fish coming near, he pinches the oyster, and immediately the oyster closes his shells very tightly, and the oyster and the crab are both within, safely protected from the fish.

Now, boys and girls, we are something like the oyster. We are constantly exposed to the danger of being destroyed by sin. We cannot see sin, we cannot hear sin, we cannot perceive it by any of our senses. So God has given us a conscience, which means "to know with God." When you are tempted to do a sinful act, it is conscience that quickly whispers, "Now that is wicked," "If you do that, God will be displeased."

Let me illustrate this thought. One real pleasant day, when the birds are singing, and everything is attractive out of doors, Johnnie thinks how hard it is to be studying his lessons in what he calls a prison of a schoolroom. He knows that Daddy and Mamma will not give him permission to stay at home; so a little before nine o'clock, as he saunters towards the school, Satan suggests to him to play "hookey," and when he comes to the corner of the street, looking back to be sure that no one sees him, he turns the corner to remain out of school, intending to come home at the regular time for dinner and escape discovery. Just as soon as he turns the corner, and even before that, conscience has seen the danger, and whispers strong and clear, "Johnnie, this is wicked; you will surely get into trouble, and you will make Daddy and Mamma sad, and also displease God." Now, if Johnnie does not turn right back when conscience warns him, he is sure to go on without

having any pleasure all that forenoon, because his conscience continues to warn and reprove him.

Or suppose that Willie goes down the street and sees Mr. Brown's dog a little ways off. He looks around quickly for a stone, and immediately conscience says, "Now, Willie, don't hit the poor dog, for the stone will cause him pain, just as it would if someone were to hit you with a stone." Willie does not listen to conscience. He throws the stone with all his might. It strikes on the pavement, just by the side of the dog, glances and breaks in many pieces the large plate glass window of the drug store.

Willie is more frightened than the dog, and without a moment's forethought he runs around the corner, to get out of sight. After concealing himself for a time in the alley, he steals quietly into the house at the back door. How he dreads to meet his father and mother. Every time the door bell rings he thinks surely that it is the druggist or the policeman. Oh! how this sin pains him; just like the oyster would be hurt if he does not heed the little crab, when he warns him that the fish is coming to destroy him. If Willie had only listened to conscience, what sin and trouble it would have saved him. So, boys and girls, God has given each of us a conscience, and if we want to be saved from sin and suffering, we should always be quick to obey our conscience. Let each of us try and "keep a good conscience."

—With the Children on Sundays, by S. Stall

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(The story of Robin the Runner has been continued in Lesson Eight of this quarter.)

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"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Psa. 55:22.

## STORY ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

We will study the last book in the New Testament this quarter. Boys and girls, learn all you can about this book. It has good things to tell us.

God told Jesus things to tell His disciples. John wrote down all these things that were shown him by an angel. The object of writing this book was to "show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." God wanted you and me to know about things in the future. Remember, the words of John about Jesus Christ when he said this book was from "him which is, and which was, and which is to come." Isn't that beautiful? Jesus is in eternity now, sitting at the right hand of God, but was here on earth for over 33 years and then went to heaven; but He will come again in the clouds of glory to take those to heaven who have loved and served Him. Think about this expression and memorize it. The seven spirits represent the Holy Spirit which is before the throne and who is also the third person in the Trinity. (The word *seven* is used in the Bible to mean "fullness or completeness.") We want to remember the book of Revelation has symbols in it. A symbol is an object used to represent something like it. For instance, a lion would represent strength or courage, and a lamb would represent meekness. This is another thing we want you to memorize.

John was a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos. It was a small, desolate, rocky

island in the Aegean Sea, near the coast of Asia Minor. It was ten miles long and six miles wide. The Roman ruler, Domitian, put him there in 95 A. D. He wanted to get rid of that preacher of righteousness. After God had given John all these wonderful visions, another ruler let John return to Ephesus where he lived and died a natural death.

Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet, just like A and Z are the first and last letters in our alphabet. This is one way of understanding that Jesus Christ is the beginning and ending of everything. Notice verse seven in our lesson. This will happen at the end of time on earth. Those who are ready will say with John, "Even so, come our Lord."

The book of Revelation was written to the servants of Christ and to the seven churches in Asia. In other words, it is to all the congregations and the entire ministry.

—Aunt Marie

### Note to Teachers

It would be well for you to study from the book *The Revelation Explained* by F. G. Smith. Drill the juniors on the basics of Revelations. When they are older they will have a background for the Spirit of God to use to bring deep spiritual truths.

—Sis. M. Miles

### Lesson 1, Oct. 2, 1977

#### JOHN ON ISLE OF PATMOS

Rev. 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and

unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

Memory Verse: And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 1:6.

#### Questions:

1. Where in our Bible do we find the book of Revelation?
2. Who wrote the book of Revelation? Where was he when he wrote it?
3. Why was John put on the Isle of Patmos? Did he die there?
4. From whom did John get the things that he wrote in this book?
5. What is a "symbol"? Name one.
6. To whom did John write the book of Revelation? Name the churches.
7. The book was written from "him which — — , and which — — , and which — — to come." Explain this phrase.
8. The Trinity is made up of the "seven Spirits" of God, which is the Holy Spirit, — — — , and His son, — — — .
9. Jesus was the "first begotten of the dead, and the — — — — — of the kings of the earth."
10. Jesus "loved — — , and washed — — , from our — — — — , in his — — — blood." If we have been saved or washed from our sins, then are there any sins left?
11. After Jesus saved us then what do we become? (verse 6)
12. How is Jesus going to come and who will see him in that last day?
13. Who "pierced" Jesus?
14. What does *Alpha* and *Omega* mean?
15. How is John a "companion in tribulation" or trials with us?

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Part Two

Oct. 9

## The Worm in the Apple

### *Sin in the Human Heart*

The object which I have chosen today, is one with which I am sure every boy and girl is thoroughly familiar. The moment you see it you recognize it. This large and beautiful apple is one of the most perfect of its kind, large in size, beautiful in color, and one which tempts the appetite of anyone who is hungry.

Now, boys and girls, I have here another object—an apple. This is not only an apple, but it is a wormy apple. It did not grow as large as the other, and, by looking at the outside, I see that it is defective. It is stunted, like wormy apples quite universally are. You might think that the worm went into this apple because it was not full grown and strong and large, the same as it is sometimes thought that boys and girls who have never improved their advantages, but have failed to become noble and good, therefore sin has entered their hearts. The truth is just the reverse; wickedness first possessed their hearts, and that has been the cause of their failure to improve their opportunities, and to become manly, noble, good, and kind. If they had first got the evil and sin out of

their hearts, they would surely have stood a much better chance. They would have become Christians, and have grown up more and more like Christ, to be good, kind, generous, and useful.

I want to ask you a question concerning this worm. To be sure that we are not mistaken, let me take a knife and cut this apple in two, and see whether or not there is a worm inside. Just as I said, this is a wormy apple. It has evidently had two worms in it. Here is one of them, and the other has taken its departure. Now, boys and girls, I want to ask you, did this worm eat his way into the apple, or did he eat his way out of the apple? Quite as I anticipated. I expected that you would say that he ate his way into the apple; but the fact is, he ate his way out of the apple. I am sure that you will ask immediately, at least in your minds, how then did he get in, if he ate his way out? I will tell you how it was. Early last spring, just after the apple trees had been in blossom, and when this apple had just begun to form on one of the branches, there came along a bug and stung this apple, and deposited in the inside the germ of the worm. As the summer grew warmer, and the apple grew larger, the germ began to

develop, until finally it grew into a worm. When it began to grow strong, it discovered that it was confined in the interior of something, and soon it began to eat, and continued until it ate its way out of the apple. This other worm, which still remained in, had continued to eat in the various portions of the apple, and possibly because of having less bodily vigor had concluded to remain there for a time, but you can see from the inside of the apple that it has done great injury, at the very core or heart, and I suppose that if it had been left to itself, in the course of a few days, or a few weeks at the most, it also would have eaten its way out of the apple, in order to escape from its confinement.

Now, boys and girls, this worm represents sin in the human heart, or wickedness possibly presents the thought better, and when you see a boy or girl doing wrong, they are simply giving outward expression to the wickedness which exists in their hearts. Boys and girls are bad, not so much because the influences by which they are surrounded are bad, but because their hearts are sinful, wicked, and bad. I am sure you will want to know how wickedness gets into the human heart. I will tell you how it is. Way back in the springtime of the history of the human race, way back in the Garden of Eden, soon after God had created Adam and Eve, Satan came and inspired in the hearts of these first people the desire to disobey God. God told Adam and Eve that they should not eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree, and that when they did they would die, that is, they would be separated from God. Satan came and told them that they would not die, but that when they ate of the fruit of this tree they would become very wise. They believed Satan rather than God, and they did that which was wicked and wrong. Throughout all the generations

since, there has been that willingness to believe Satan and to do what he wants us to do, rather than to believe God and do what God would have us to do.

Boys and girls who find themselves inclined to disobey their father or mother, to be disrespectful to those who are older than they, to remain away from the Sunday school and church, and to enjoy the beautiful spring day, by strolling through the fields or wandering through the woods, do so, not alone because the day is pleasant or because of the opportunities from which others turn away, but because there is wickedness in their hearts. When boys and girls quarrel, fight, steal, or do any other thing that is wrong, it is not so much the influences by which they are surrounded, the temptation from without, but the wickedness, evil, and the sinfulness which there is in the human heart, eating its way out through their heart into their lives, and deforming their lives, which otherwise would be upright, honorable, manly, and Christ-like. I trust that when you are tempted to do wrong you will recognize the fact that there is evil in your heart, and that you will go to Jesus and earnestly pray for Him to forgive you of your sins and send the Holy Spirit to cleanse your heart. Just the same as with these apples, if you had the privilege of choosing, I am sure you would prefer the large one, which has not been spoiled because of the destructive worm inside, so I trust you will choose to have the good heart, which God can give you, rather than the heart that has wickedness and sin within. If you will go to God in prayer and ask Him, He will give you a good heart, a true heart, one that has no sin and no wickedness within.

—*With the Children on Sundays*, by S. Stall

Jesus sees you all the time. He is very pleased when you do the right.

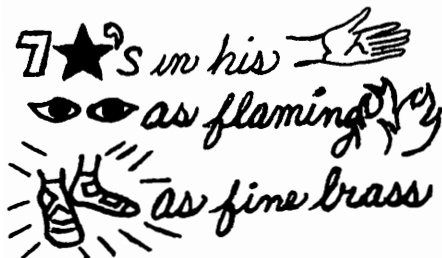
## THOUGHTFUL MARY

"Did you help your mother today?" asked Sis. Brown. Mary had came skipping up the sidewalk as Sis. Brown was coming from the store.

"Oh, yes," Mary replied. "We made cookies and oh, they are so good! I'll bring you some."

Soon Mary returned and Sis. Brown gave her a hug as she took a bite of the cookie. "You are a dear sweet girl to think of me."

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Have you ever seen candlesticks? They made them in the olden days with seven branches going out from a stem and on each branch was a bowl, in which they burned oil. I want you to get a picture in your mind of seven golden candlesticks and in the middle of them was "one like unto the Son of man." That would be Jesus. Remember Jesus cannot be symbolized; that is the reason it says, "one like unto" Him. We will talk a lot about symbols. Won't that be interesting? I know you will really like to study this book.

Now the "one like unto the Son of man" had on a garment that went down to his feet and he had a wide piece of golden cloth around his chest. His hair was white as snow, which would be an emblem of his age and also glory of purity. His eyes were like a flame of fire.

Have you ever looked into a fire? It was bright and shining. Jesus' eyes were bright and piercing. What does that make you think of? Why, it makes you know that Jesus can see anything and everywhere. His eyes pierce even into your mind and heart. He sees and knows all about you. He knows about every lie you told and every naughty thing you have ever done. He knows what your thoughts are about and what you intend to do. Oh, boys and girls the eyes of Jesus are as a "flame of fire," so be careful where you go, what you say, and what you do! You are being watched.

Jesus' "feet were like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace." "Brass is considered the most durable of all metallic substances or compounds." Some thought "fine brass" was a combination of brass, silver, and gold which was highly valued in that day. Anyway it means that Jesus was stable and was very sure of His coming and going. He never made a mistake in His movements. What He did was right and we could follow Him wherever He went. When Jesus was here on earth He did good and right, so if we read about what He did we will know how to live to make heaven our home.

His voice was "like the sound of many waters." His voice carries a message from eternity to us. We should never disregard that message. Also, out of His mouth went a two-edged sword. Read Heb. 4:12 and you will know what that sword is. Boys and girls, God's Word, which comes out of the mouth of Jesus is sharp, and we had better listen. Name some of the words which Jesus spoke. He said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Are you obeying that command? If not, that sword will come out of His mouth and cut you off. Solemn thought!

When John saw this vision of Jesus, he fell down upon the rocky ground of the Island of Patmos as one that were

dead. Jesus laid His hand upon him and told him who He was and said, "Fear not: . . . I am alive . . . and have the keys of hell and of death." It's a serious thing to stand before such a person, isn't it?

Notice that the seven candlesticks are the seven churches and the seven stars are the angels, or ministers, of each church.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 2, Oct. 9, 1977

### John's Vision of Christ Glorified

Rev. 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

**Memory Verse:** I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. Rev. 1:18.

### QUESTIONS:

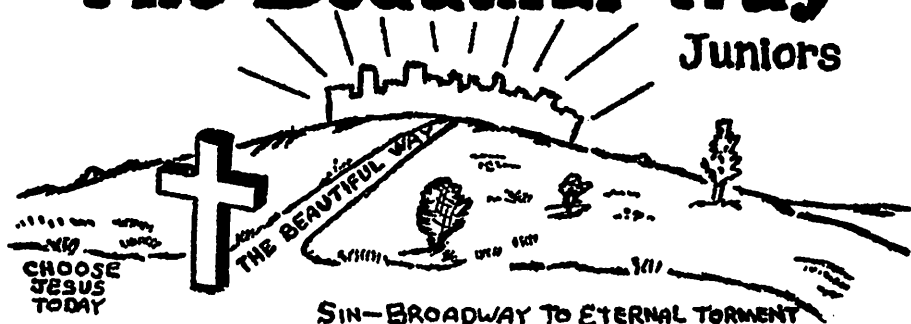
1. Who was in the middle of seven golden candlesticks?
2. How was Jesus dressed?
3. What color was His hair and what does it make you think of?
4. What did His eyes look like and what does that make you know about Jesus?
5. Can you name something that Jesus saw you do, or saw someone else do, with His eyes?
6. What about Jesus' feet? What does that make you know about Him?
7. What was His voice like?
8. What went out of His mouth and what does that mean?
9. What does a sword do when it is used on something?
10. His face "was as the — — — shineth in his — — — — —."
11. What happened to John when he saw this wonderful vision of Jesus in the middle of — — — — — candlesticks, with — — — — — stars in his right hand?
12. What did Jesus say to John and did He let him know that He was Jesus?
13. What did Jesus say for John to do about what he had seen?
14. Who has the keys of hell and death?

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# The Beautiful Way

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## Wayside Weeds and Garden Flowers

### *Neglected Versus Christian Children*

The land of Palestine, in which Jesus lived, has always been noted for its flowers. They grow everywhere in great abundance, and oftentimes in very great perfection and beauty. One time, when Jesus was preaching on the mountain, He used the flowers which were growing on the side of the mountain, to preach an object sermon to the multitudes about Him. He said, "Consider the lilies of the field; how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you that Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6:28, 29.) Let us today take the object lesson, to set forth to our minds a clearer understanding of some truths, which are very important to every boy and girl.

I have here two bouquets. One is indeed very beautiful. Here are some lovely roses, some tulips, some peonies. Here is a dahlia and heliotrope. Here are some tube roses, and a great variety of other flowers, which together constitute a very beautiful bouquet. I gathered them in a flower garden which was very carefully tended.

Now, here is another bouquet, but it is not a very pretty one. I spent a great deal of time gathering there small, spindling flowers. I gathered them along the roadside, in the fields, and in the woods. These flowers are what the farmer calls "weeds." Here is a rose with a single leaf that grew in a neglected corner, along the outskirts of a woods. It is a genuine rose, but it is by no means pretty, or at all to be compared with those in the other bouquet.

I will tell you why there is such a difference in the appearance of these two bouquets. One grew in the garden, where it was protected by a fence from being tramped upon. The weeds that grew about it were all pulled out of the ground, and the stalk upon which this flower grew was given a fair chance, so that it might grow successfully. The roots of the plants were carefully nourished, and whenever there was not sufficient rain the flowers were all watered, and thus the plants and flowers grew to their greatest perfection and beauty.

Now, these other flowers which I gathered in the fields and along the roadside and in the woods, have had a hard time of it. In their growth they had

to contend with other weeds. They have been tramped upon by the cattle. They have been scorched by the sun. Year after year they have grown in these neglected quarters with great difficulty, consequently they are stunted and have never attained any perfection or beauty.

Do you know that these very beautiful flowers in this bouquet at one time grew just the same as the flowers in the other bouquet? They were removed from the roadside, and from the fields and from the woods, and placed by themselves where they could be properly cared for and cultivated, and they grew more beautiful from year to year, until we have this present satisfactory result.

Boys and girls are very much like flowers. Those who are neglected, who are permitted to walk the streets, to stroll along the roads and over the fields, to go along the streams fishing on Sunday, instead of being in Sunday school and in church, those who are permitted to run out at nights and play with all kinds of company—these are the boys and girls who are like the flowers which grow by the roadside. Nothing very beautiful, very good, or very perfect can reasonably be expected from them.

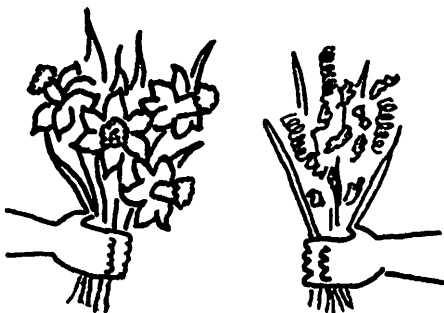
This beautiful bouquet represents those boys and girls who have Christian fathers and mothers, who surround them by influences which are well calculated to make them pure in thought and upright in life, so that they may grow up to be good Christian men and women. These flowers represent the boys and girls who grow up in the Sunday school and in the Church, who give their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ, and grow up into His likeness, and into His image, and into His stature, and become noble Christian men and women.

When parents permit their children to run wild, they cannot expect them to

grow up and be Christians. It is only by culture and education and Christian influences that they can be improved so as to become honorable and upright.

—With the Children on Sundays, by S. Stall  
(to be continued)

## STORY ILLUSTRATION



## GIFTS OF JESUS

What does Jesus give to you?  
What does He give to me—  
Let's be thoughtful now and peek  
Into our hearts to see!

Jesus gives us BLESSINGS  
Of the very finest worth,  
Parents, relatives, and friends  
To make glad our days on earth.

Jesus gives us JOY  
Because He loved us so  
He gave His life upon the cross  
Many years ago.

Jesus gives us PEACE  
For we can trust in Him,  
We know then He will take  
Away our every sin.

There's no friend like Jesus,  
No better friend to know;  
He will guide and safely lead us  
Wherever we may go.

—M. N. Freeman

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." Psalms 55:17.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We are studying about the vision John saw when in the Spirit on the Lord's day while on the Isle of Patmos. Two of the golden candlesticks symbolize two churches. John saw the great piercing eyes of Jesus, as a flame of fire, looking at these churches. What did He see? He saw some wrong things among the people in the church at Ephesus. Jesus, who walked among the seven churches, told John to write "unto the angel," (minister), of that church and tell him Jesus had something against them. First, Jesus tells them that He knows all about their patience, their good works, how they hated evil, and how they had tried some who said they were ministers but were liars. This was some of the good things they had done. Isn't it awful to think that some among them called themselves apostles or ministers, yet they were liars? Oh, boys and girls, there are some in the world today who call themselves great preachers, yet they are just false prophets! Jesus does not have anything to do with them, but He loves the right things. Some had labored with patience in God's work, and had not fainted, but He said they were growing cold and had left their first love. Their candlestick was about to go out, as they were not being careful to walk in the light or obey Him. They no doubt were careless about praying and loving Him as they should. He told them to repent and do their first works over or He would come and remove the light from their candlestick. Oh, how sad for those piercing eyes to see wrong things in that congregation, yet they had done some good. But good works will not take us to heaven. We must love the Lord with all of our heart, mind, and soul.

Those who did overcome would eat of the tree of life. We never hear of the Ephesian Church repenting.

Paul had established the church at Ephesus and you can read about it in Acts 19th chapter. Paul had preached the gospel and it caused a riot. For two hours the people cried, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Diana was their god. Many heard Paul preach and they believed on Jesus Christ and were saved from their sins; but they lost their first love and this displeased God.

Our second church, Smyrna, was commended by Jesus. They had stood true through many persecutions. Their pastor, Polycarp, suffered death by martyrdom about 167 A. D. Later, Jesus said they would suffer great persecutions, but if they would be faithful unto death He would give them a crown of life. Many did overcome.

The history of Smyrna is different than Ephesus. Today, only a few little huts mark the great city of Ephesus, but Smyrna is the great commercial city of Levant. The light of Jesus has grown dim and we need to pray for that city.

—Aunt Marie

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### Lesson 3, Oct. 16, 1977

#### Messages to Ephesus and Smyrna

Rev. 2:1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I *know* the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

**Memory Verse:** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. I Cor. 13:13.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Ephesus was proud of its glory in its age, having the temple of Diana, their god, which was considered one of the seven wonders of

the world. Tell something about Ephesus as recorded in Acts 19th chapter, and the church established there.

2. What good things did the piercing eyes of Jesus, which were as "a flame of fire," see when He looked at the Church of God at Ephesus?
3. Today, are there false preachers who do not live up to the Bible, yet are causing others to think they are right? What about preachers who say God is dead?
4. Will good works take us to heaven?
5. What did Jesus see in the hearts of the ones who went to the church at Ephesus?
6. Read I Cor. 13:1-2 and discuss it, also our memory verse.
7. Name some things to cause a person to lose their first love.
8. What were they to do about not having burning love in their hearts for God?
9. If they did not repent, what was Jesus going to do?
10. The Nicolaitans committed fornication and did many evil things. What did Jesus say about them who wanted to stay among the church at Ephesus?
11. Who will be able to eat of the tree of life in the midst of the paradise of God?
12. What did the piercing eyes of Jesus see at the church at Smyrna? Good or bad?
13. Jesus saw how poor they were, yet He said they were rich. What did He mean?
14. What did Jesus say that Satan would do to some of them?
15. If they were faithful what was Jesus going to give them?

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### **Wayside Weeds and Garden Flowers** (continued from last issue)

Nearly all the products of the field have been improved by cultivation, just the same as these flowers have been improved. Wheat in its native state, as it may still be found in France and Italy along the shores of the Mediterranean, was a stunted and straggling plant, with a small and inferior seed, but after long years of patient and continued cultivation, it has grown to its present plump and prolific proportions. All the beautiful fruits which now grow in our orchards were at one time unsightly and undesirable. The apple was small and sour, and unpalatable; but by pruning, grafting, and fertilizing, it has grown to be not only beautiful to the eye, but delicious to the taste. The acrid and unwholesome berries, which formerly grew on the mountain ash, have been developed into the sweet and juicy pear. By cultivation, the acrid and bitter sloe has grown into the beautiful plum. The same is also true of the potato, the turnip and the cabbage.

Boys and girls can only be developed into useful men and women by the

influence of the week-day and Sunday school, the Christian home and the Church, by reading and studying the Bible and other good books.

When you are restricted or corrected by your parents, you may oftentimes feel very much irritated and may feel rebellious, and may think that you do not have as many privileges or as much freedom as some of the other boys and girls whom you know. You must remember that all this is done by your parents for your good, and later on in life you will see the value of it all and be very grateful to your parents for what they have done for you.

When I was a boy, in the little village where I lived they organized a cannon company of six or eight boys, who were to accompany the men who went to other villages to listen to political speeches before elections, and then to march in a torch-light procession. I was at that time a boy about twelve years old. I was asked to join. The boys were all to wear red shirts and red caps, and to my thought just then, nothing in the world was so much to be desired as the torch-light procession and the red shirt and cap, and to be permitted to march behind the drum and the fife, hauling

the little cannon after us.

I shall never forget how I cried and how ugly I felt toward my father when he would not let me be one of the cannon boys and wear a red shirt and a red cap. He said that at night I ought to be at home and in bed, and not be exposed to possible bad influences, the danger of catching cold, and of other bad results which he could clearly see, but which I, at that time, thought were only imaginary.

When I grew to be a man, I saw that my father was right, and later when at intervals I journeyed back to my boyhood home and visited the cemetery, I frequently placed one elbow on the tombstone of my father and the other elbow on the tombstone of my mother, and with my face buried in my hands thanked God that He had given me Christian parents who were wise and judicious enough not to let me have my own way in all things when I was a boy, but who had restricted me and guided me wisely and well.

So, boys and girls, it will be with you when you have grown to manhood and womanhood. You will be, oh, so thankful again and again that father and mother have oftentimes denied you things which you have most desired to have.

**Questions:** Which are the prettier, flowers which are neglected by the roadside, or those which are cultivated in the garden? Are boys and girls like flowers? Which boys and girls are the best, those who are neglected and not taught, or those who are cared for and carefully trained? Is it more pleasant for boys and girls to have their own way in everything, or would they prefer to be taught and trained by their parents? Can wild flowers be made more beautiful by care and cultivation? Did the writer of this story want to have his own way when he was a boy? What did he want to be? What kind of a cap and shirt did he want to wear? When he became a man, was he thankful to his

father for not allowing him to have his own way at that time? Will all good boys and girls, when they become men and women, be thankful to their parents for right training?

*With the Children on Sundays* by S. Stall

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## Dropping Pennies

Hear the pennies dropping;  
Listen how they fall;  
Everyone for Jesus,  
He must have them all;  
Dropping, ever dropping  
From each little hand;  
'Tis our gift to Jesus,  
From His little band.

Now, while we are little,  
Pennies are our store;  
But when we are older,  
Lord, we'll give Thee more;  
If we have not money,  
We can give Thee love;  
Thou wilt own our offering,  
From Thy throne above.

Dropping, ever dropping,  
Hear our pennies fall;  
Ev'ry one for Jesus,  
He shall have them all;  
And when we are older,  
And have more to give,  
Better gifts we'll bring Him;  
More He shall receive.

—DeWitt

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Live to please the Lord each day,  
And in the end, "Well done," He'll say.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Sin is a terrible thing. Just one sin will keep you out of heaven and will cause you to land in that place prepared for the devil, where you will be tormented forever. Hate sin with all of your heart and keep your heart right with God.

The piercing eyes of Jesus, who has the sharp twoedged sword, looked down at the congregation at Pergamos, one of the seven churches that John wrote to tell what Jesus had said to him. What he saw was terrible! Some among them were very wicked. Yet, some had held fast to the faith and never once denied the name of Jesus, even when a faithful child of God among them had been killed for Christ's sake. There were some among them who were causing others to sin. These wicked people were committing fornication, which is a sin against the body. Oh, boys and girls, God gave you a wonderful body and you want to never abuse your body. Every part of your body is important and is wonderful; but you can use parts of it in a sinful way. God has laws about the use of our bodies that we must follow. We will be punished if we do not follow God's law, and sin against our bodies, which are the temples that belong to God.

In the great city of Pergamos much wickedness abounded. Jesus said it was located "where Satan's seat is." It was the headquarters of idolatry. People came from many places to worship idols and connected with that worship, were women whom wicked men used in an ungodly way. This was very sinful. Some had come in among the church at Pergamos and were teaching false doctrines, trying to mix the worship of the true God with idol worship and doing ungodly things with their bodies. The command was to "repent"! Jesus was going to use the sword of His mouth against them. They would be cut off. Today, there are many ungodly things going on. Boys and girls take a stand for right. It's ungodly for teen-agers to live together before they are married. They are committing sin. Even if a lot of people are doing it today, that does not make it right. It's ungodly. Be bold to label it as sin. They are committing the

sin that Balaam taught Balac which caused 24,000 of the Israelites to be killed because of God's wrath against them for this terrible sin.

In olden days places to stay were difficult to find. They had a custom of taking a white stone and cutting it in half, inscribing the host's and the guest's name on each half. This was handed down from father to son. When a person arrived with the one-half of the stone, they were treated in that home with great hospitality. Jesus said those who were true would have a new name written on their stone through the blood of Jesus, and have privileges of "eating the hidden manna," or have access to all of the privileges of the graces of God and eternal life. —Aunt Marie

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Lesson 4, Oct. 23, 1977

### MESSAGE TO PERGAMOS

Rev. 2:12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches, To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Num. 22:21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

27 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.

28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?

31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.

35 And the angel of the Lord said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balac.

25:1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.

2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods.

3 And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel.

9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.

31:16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor, and there

was a plague among the congregation of the Lord.

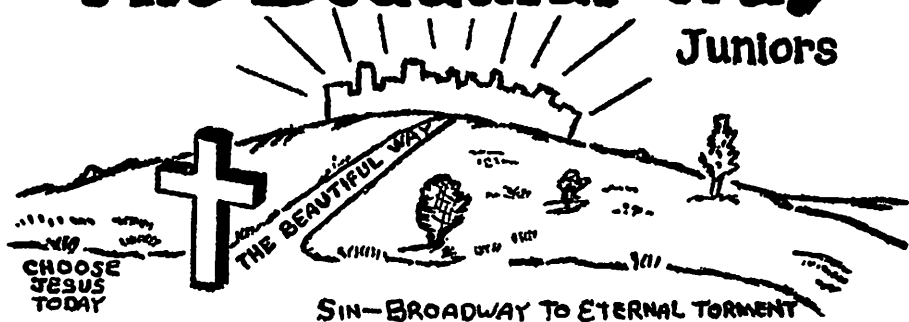
**Memory Verse:** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? I Cor. 3:16.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus have, who sent word to the angel, or the pastor, of the church of Pergamos?
2. Why was the city of Pergamos called the place "where Satan's seat is"?
3. What man had been faithful even to his death that was in that church?
4. Did many in that congregation hold their faith in God?
5. What was the doctrine of Balaam that he taught to Balac?
6. Was God angry with Balaam for going down to talk to Balac even though Balac offered him much money?
7. How did God get the message to Balaam that He was displeased with him?
8. How many Israelites were killed by the wrath of God because they committed fornication, which is an evil thing to do with one's body?
9. Should we hate fornication and keep our bodies clean and pure, living according to God's Word?
10. What did Jesus tell those who were evil to do?
11. What would those be given who overcame and lived faithfully?
12. What privileges do we have today, if we have our names written upon the white stone?
13. What will be the result of living in sin until we die?

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Oct. 30

## BANKS

### *Gathered and Guarded Treasures*

My dear young friends: Can you guess what we are going to talk about today. I am sure most of you have one—a bank in which to save your pennies, nickles, and dimes.

In the time of Christ the children did not have little banks like we have. Even the big people did not have banks where they could deposit their money. When they had jewels or money they would place them in a box, or a copper kettle, and bury them in the earth. They would hide them away from other people, and thus seek to secure them for themselves. In that period of the world, there were many thieves and robbers; Palestine was often invaded by hostile armies; there were occasional earthquakes, which destroyed whole cities, and so the people used to bury their money for safe keeping. After burying it, sometimes they were killed in war, or perhaps died suddenly, before they had time to tell anybody where they had concealed their money, and on this account all over that land there were buried treasures, or "hid treasures" as they are called. For centuries since

many people have dug here and there hunting for money or treasures that have been hidden. Even in the time of Job people must have dug for treasures, as they did in Palestine, for Job says of the miserable and unhappy, that they often "long for death, and dig for it, more than for hid treasures." Job 3:21.

It is altogether right for you to economize and save your pennies. I hope every boy and girl will have a little bank, but while you are learning to save, you should also learn to give to every good cause, to give in Sunday school and to give for the support of the church, for missionaries, and to give to assist the aged and the poor, and to contribute something for those who are in poverty and in distress. If you simply learn to save, or hoard up money, and do not learn at the same time to give, you will become what people call "a miser," and that word means miserable. Misers are always miserable, not because they do not already have sufficient, but because there is so much more that they desire. They always wish for more.

While you are learning to save money and to gather treasures here upon the earth, you must not forget the Bible

says, that we are to lay up for ourselves "treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Matt. 6:20. It says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33. God means that first of all you and I shall give our hearts to Him, and then afterward, in all our getting, we should constantly remember that we are only stewards of God—that is, all the money and everything else we possess in this world belongs to God. He simply permits us to have it and to use it in His name, and we must honor and reverence Him by giving to help on every good work.

Now, after we have given our hearts to God, and have become followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are to lay up our treasures in heaven by living right, by seeking to be good, and by doing good to others. We are to lose no opportunity to do that which will be a blessing to those about us.

Often boys and girls call their banks a penny bank. That name is very suggestive. A bank is a place where you deposit money. Now, if you have a bank like this, do you only put silver dollars, five, or ten-dollar bills in it? If each one would wait until he had a five or ten-dollar bill, or until he had come into possession of a silver dollar before he placed any money in his bank, I am sure his bank would always remain empty. The way to fill a bank is to put pennies in it—to save each cent and each five-cent piece. Today a penny, and tomorrow a few pennies, and so on through the week, and through the year, and at the end of the year you will find that you have saved quite a goodly sum.

Now, there are some people who want to lay up treasures in heaven, but they do not want to lay it up there, little by

little. They prefer to wait until some opportunity comes when they can do a great deal of good at one time. But the person who does not do good every day and every hour, little by little, will never have any treasure in heaven. It is the pennies that make the dollars; it is the "many mites that make the muckle." It is the constant doing of little things, for the glory of God and the good of others, that makes a man great. Great men are great in little things, and if you desire to be great men and great women, you must always use the little opportunities, and use them well. Lay up treasure in heaven, each and every day, just the same as, day after day, you would save your pennies, and thus fill your banks. If you want a large treasure in heaven you must constantly be engaged in laying up your treasure there. Never lose an opportunity to do good, and in this way you will have an abundant treasure in heaven.

**Questions:** Where do people put money for safe keeping? Is it only silver and gold which is put into a bank? Do thieves ever break into banks? Can any treasure be laid up in the earth where it is absolutely safe? Where does the Bible tell us we are also to lay up treasure? When boys and girls are obedient, is that laying up treasure in heaven? Does being great in little things make a great man or a great woman? Should boys and girls learn to save their money? What would they be called if they spent all their money? What would they be called if they hoarded up all they could get? Should we always use all our money in the fear of God?

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## JUST JESUS

Just Jesus can save you!  
None other but He  
Can give you salvation  
So full and so free.

—V.M.N.

## STORY ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

I hope you have not forgotten about the vision that was given to John and how Jesus was portrayed to him. It would be well to think about it again. Remember that His eyes were like a flame of fire and His feet were as fine brass. In that day, fine brass was very, very valuable. It is very important where Jesus walks. He walks with authority. He came walking right into the midst of the church at Thyatira and looking with his eyes, as a flame of fire into the heart of each one. He saw how each one really looked. Sometimes people will act nice but feel real ugly in their hearts. Did you ever hear someone talk real nice to someone and then when that person turned to leave they said, "I just hate him." How awful!

Jesus saw how some in the church at Thyatira did works of charity. They helped the poor and were ready to help anyone in need. This was wonderful. Do you do this? You are strong, and it is wonderful to help older people who have pains and aches. Things many of them do, are done with great effort, as their bodies are wearing out. Just a little help from you means so much to them. When they drop something, do pick it up for them. Also, help Mother who has so very much to do and Daddy, too. Help big sister, as she has much to do, also. Be ready to help anywhere you can and Jesus will see you just as He saw the good works of the Thyatira church.

What did He see that was wrong? There was a wicked woman among

them who was allowed to preach and teach. Jesus was displeased with this. She even urged people to do wicked things and eat things that had been sacrificed to idols. Jesus had tried to talk to her and get her to change and do right. He waited and talked to her again, and maybe He let something come her way to cause her to see her evil. He gave her space to repent, but she did not. So judgment was to come to her and to her children who were evil, and to those who worked with her. Oh, how sad for people to go on and not repent of their evil ways! They will be searched by God's eye and be judged by their works.

Those who were overcomers would be given power to rule over nations. Rod means the Word of God. Our memory verse tells us that the Word of God would bind people here on earth when they disobey it. The Word will bind or loose them when they stand before Jesus. We cannot put enough value on God's Word. By it we stand before Him or we fall into eternal damnation.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 5, Oct. 30, 1977

### MESSAGE TO THYATIRA

Rev. 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Psa. 149:5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;

9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.

Memory Verse: Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matt. 18:18.

## QUESTIONS:

1. How is Jesus portrayed when He came looking at the church at Thyatira?
2. Can we do good works and not really be right in our hearts before God?
3. It seems there were only a — — — things wrong with the church and what was the evil woman's name?
4. What evil did she do?
5. What did it mean for Jesus to give her "space to repent," but she did not?
6. What punishment was given to her?
7. Was Jesus going to judge them and will He judge us according to — — — — —?
8. In the old Bible, there was another wicked woman named Jezebel. Can you tell something about her? (I Kings 16:31-33; 17:1; 19:1,2; 22:15, 23, 25; II Kings 9:30, 33, 35)
9. Does it pay to disobey the Word of God that is like a sharp twoedged sword?
10. What did Jesus tell the others who did not partake of the evil doctrine Jezebel gave out?
11. What are we to do when we have Jesus in our hearts and know that He saves us from sin? Are we to hold to Him and watch and pray so we will not be cut off?
12. What will those have power to do who overcome the devil and all the evil around them, keeping their hearts pure and clean?
13. What does the rod of iron mean?
14. How can God's Word be used by God's saints to execute or bind people and nations?
15. Does it pay to disobey God's Word?

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## The Chart

### *Avoiding the Dangers*

My little men and women: We are all travelers. When a traveler starts out upon a journey he always desires to have in his possession one of these things which I hold in my hand. I know you will recognize it at once, and say that it is a map. This map tells you the name of the country; it shows you where there are mountains, where there are rivers, where there are valleys, where there are cities, and shows you the entire United States of America. In traveling through a strange country, if you do not have a map, you might be lost upon the mountains, or your journey would be obstructed by the rivers which you could not cross, and in various ways you would find it absolutely necessary to have a map.

When a traveler goes out upon the sea, it is just as necessary that he should have a map, or what the sailors call a chart, as it is for the traveler upon the land. The chart which the sea captain has, shows the mountains, the valleys, and the rivers which are in the sea; for these exist in the sea, as well as upon the land. The rocks, against which ships

are sometimes dashed to pieces, are simply the tops of high mountains that come very near to the surface of the sea; and the captain without a chart, not knowing where they are, is likely to run against them with his ship. The islands are simply the tops of these mountains, that rise higher above the water, and form a place of abode for man; and we call them islands, because they are very much smaller than the great continents on which you and I live.

A chart of the sea always locates the dangerous places. They show where other ships have been foundered, and oftentimes where hundreds and thousands of lives have been lost. It also shows what are really rivers in the sea, or great currents, one of which we call the Gulf Stream. When a ship is crossing the Gulf Stream the motion or current of this water might carry it many hundreds of miles out of its course, and if the captain had no chart he would not be able to allow for this distance, which the ship is being carried, either north or south.

You and I are travelers in this world. We are out upon a great voyage, and it is necessary that we should have a chart, and therefore God has given us

the Bible, which you and I can use greatly to our advantage. In the Bible, God has pointed out the dangers which lie like the hidden rocks under the surface of the sea. In the commandments God marks out the great dangers which beset you and me. There is the rock of Idolatry. Whole nations of the earth have been wrecked on this rock. There is another rock—Profanity, swearing: Oh! how many people are ruined because they do not observe how God has marked this dangerous rock, against which no one can run without danger of losing his immortal soul. There is the rock of being disobedient to parents; and God marks another, "Thou shalt not kill"; and there are others, against stealing, against bearing false witness, and against covetousness. All these dangerous rocks God has marked in the Bible, in order that you and I may not run against them, and thus be shipwrecked in our voyage to the haven of everlasting rest.

God also marks the influences which you and I must come in contact with. Every child who goes to school feels the influence of other children, some of whom are very bad. If he permits himself to be moved by these things he will go wrong, just the same as the ship that is crossing the Gulf Stream is carried out of its course. So the Bible warns us against bad company.

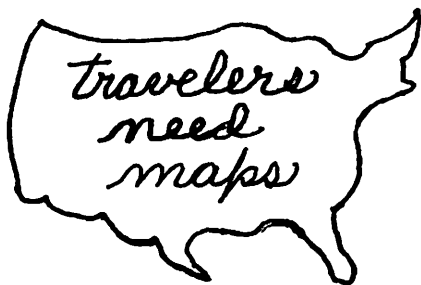
The chart which the sea captain has, indicates also the ports of safety. It shows the location of these different ports, and the direction the captain must take in order to reach them. The Bible shows us where you and I can find refuge in the day of storm, in the day of trial, in the day of sickness, and in the day of distress. To the sea captain, out upon the great ocean, there are ten thousand directions which are sure to end in shipwreck. There is only one safe way to go, in order to reach his desired port in safety.

What would you think of a captain out upon the seas who folded up his chart and laid it carefully away, and never looked at it, never studied it, never sought to know what was on the chart? Do you not see how he would go upon the rocks? His ship would go down to the bottom of the sea, just as surely as if he had no chart on board his ship. It is important that he should have his chart in constant use. So it is important, not only that we should have the Bible, but that we should use the Bible, that we should read it, that we should study it, that we should know what it says. I trust that each and all of you not only have a Bible, but that you study it daily, and that you seek to avoid the dangers which God has pointed out, and that you desire to know the will of God concerning you.

Questions: What should a traveler always have in a strange country? What must a sea captain always carry with him on his ship? What does the chart show? Are we travelers? To what country are we journeying? Has God given us a chart to show the dangers to which we are exposed in our voyage or journey? Should we read the Bible every day? What are two principal parts of the Bible? Do you know how many books there are in the Old Testament? Do you know how many books there are in the New Testament?

*OWith the Children on Sundays by S. Stall*

## STORY ILLUSTRATION



Mother and Daddy love you so much and took care of you when you were real tiny. Now they need your help so be sure and help them do all the things around the house that you can do to help.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

In our lesson today we have two more churches that John wrote to, about the things that Jesus saw in them. Sardis was a cold, formal church and only a few were living right in the sight of God, and they would lose out with God if they were not watchful. How sad for people who once knew all the truth, to drift away into such a careless way of living, yet are still claiming to be God's children. Boys and girls, you cannot make it to heaven if you do not take time to be holy, pray, love, and serve God. Jesus wants you to love Him and do the things that are right. By doing right you prove to Him that you do love Him. There were a few names in Sardis who had not defiled their garments with sin. White garments are the clothing of salvation. If they continued to love Him, He would not blot their names out of the book of life. Jesus would confess them before His Father and before the angels. Boys and girls, we want to live so our names will stay in the book of life. We want Jesus to tell God, His Father, that we are loving and serving Him. Jesus said that He would visit the church at Sardis suddenly as an unexpected thief breaks in unawares.

Now the church at Philadelphia was a good church. It was like the church at Smyrna. These were the only two of the seven that had done right and were loving and serving the Lord with pure and clean hearts. Jesus refers to Himself as the one who has the key, opens and shuts the door. He has power and authority. He had set an open door before those saints at Philadelphia, and they would be able to have deliverance

from their enemies and help others find Jesus as their Saviour.

He even said He would cause those who were in the "synagogue of Satan" to acknowledge they were right and that God loved them. Boys and girls, it pays to do the right and love the Lord. If you will keep true to the Lord you will, in time, cause those who do not like you to acknowledge that you do love God and are living right. Because the church at Philadelphia had obeyed God's Word, Jesus was going to keep them in the "hour" when they would be tempted. He will do the same for you today. If you will hold fast to the love of God in your heart, and hold fast to right, even if others try to influence you wrong, you will be blessed of God. Remember our memory verse. One of these days Jesus will come in the clouds and we need to be sure we are ready, and have not let others influence us to lose our crown.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 6, Nov. 6, 1977

## MESSAGES TO SARDIS AND PHILADELPHIA

Rev. 3:1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God; and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their

garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

**Memory Verse:** Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Rev. 3:11.

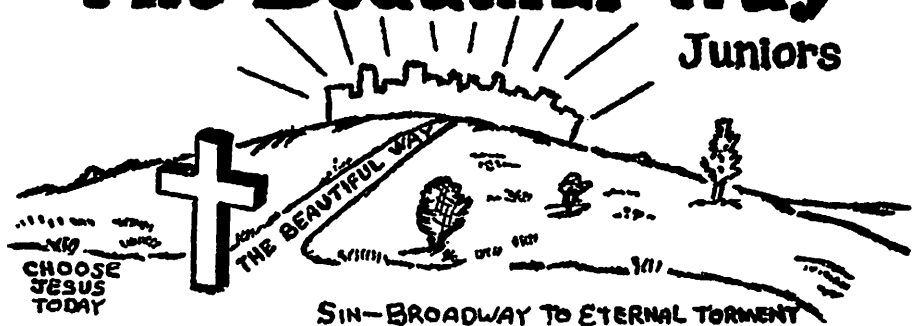
### QUESTIONS:

1. How many churches in the seven were good? Name them.
2. What kind of church was Sardis and what does it mean that they were once alive but are now dead?
3. There were some among them who were about ready to die. What does this mean?
4. What did He tell those who were about ready to die to do?
5. "I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not — — — — — what — — — — — I — — — — — come."
6. Who knows what hour that the Son of man will come? (Matt. 24:36).
7. What does it mean to defile one's white garments of salvation? Read (Ex. 32:32).
9. Philadelphia had an open door, and no man could shut it. Since they were God's children, would they go out and work for God and no man could stop them?
10. What did He mean when He said that He would make those who lied to "worship before thy feet?"
11. Temptations were to come upon the whole world and the saints at Philadelphia would be tried but what did Jesus say He would do for them?
12. "Behold I come — — — — — : hold that — — — — — which thou hast, that — — — — — take thy — — — — — ."
13. If we will overcome what will we be in God's house or temple? Name some pillars. (Gal. 2:9).

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Nov. 13

## The Anchor

### *Hope That Lays Hold of Christ*

My dear young friends: I want to talk to you today about a very important subject. The Bible speaks of hope, and says, "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil." Hebrews 6:19.

Have any of you been on board a ship or large boat. Very near the bow, or front end of the boat, there is a chain, at the end of which is an anchor, made in the form of the one in our story illustration today. I would not care to go out to sea on any ship which did not have an anchor on board. In crossing the Atlantic you may sometimes be out for days and weeks, and sometimes even for months, and have no need of using the anchor. But all the time, while the weather is pleasant and everything is moving along prosperously, the fact that the anchor is on board the ship and that it can be used in time of danger, gives a sense of security to all the passengers. If it were not there you would constantly fear, lest the storms or fog might come when your ship was near land or dangerous rocks or shoals,

and then your ship might be lost with its many hundreds of lives on board, simply because it had no anchor.

Every man and woman, and every boy and girl, needs to have hope as an anchor to his soul. We should have faith in God, and then at times when all is well, when we are prosperous and blest, and everything goes along like the ship in pleasant weather, we will constantly have peace and rest in our minds and hearts, because we know that our hope is staid on God, and that though the world be removed, yet God will not disappoint us.

Some people seem to think that religion is a good thing to have when they get sick, or when adversity, sorrow, or great affliction comes. But the fact is that genuine salvation is a necessary thing at all times. We need it when we are well and strong, as well as when we are sick and weak. We need salvation in this world to live by, as well as to die by, that we might live with the Lord in the world to come.

The anchor is very serviceable indeed in time of storm. Often it has to be used in order to secure the ship and save the lives of all who are on board. If it were not for the anchor the ship might be

thrust upon the rocks, or it might be dashed to pieces by the waves that break upon the coast. The anchor is oftentimes very serviceable. So it is with our anchor in the Lord Jesus Christ. When trials and perplexities and adversities come, as they do in every life, this anchor is a source of very great blessing, because it saves from shipwreck, occasioned by unbelief and the perplexities into which those are cast who have no hope, or who don't trust in God.

To be serviceable, the anchor must take hold of something. If it simply drags along it will not hold the ship; but the ship may go to pieces on the rocks, even though it has an anchor, which has already been cast over. Now in time of sorrow and perplexity or distress everyone throws out an anchor. That is, he tries to take hold of something which will sustain him and keep him, just the same as a boy who falls into the water would grab after a board. They say that a drowning man will even grasp after a straw in order to help support his body, so that he may save his life. Everyone in perplexity reaches out to lay hold of something. The text which I quoted in the beginning says that this hope which we have as an anchor to the soul lays hold of something, and that something is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is like the ship whose anchor goes down, far below the waves, deep down out of sight, and lays hold of the rocks which form the foundation of the earth. The faith of the Christian is staid, not on things which are seen, but on the things which are not seen. As the text expresses it, it lays hold of those things "which entereth into that which is within the veil." That is, this figure refers to the Temple at Jerusalem, where the Holy of Holies was concealed from the rest of the Temple by a large curtain or veil, and no one was permitted to go into this Holy of Holies

except the High Priest, and he but once a year. But when you and I have the faith of the Christian, although we may not be able to enter into the great mystery of God's grace and mercy, yet our faith lays hold of that which is beyond our understanding, and beyond our possibility to see or to fully comprehend, and thus our faith lays hold of that which is "within the veil." With our understanding, you and I cannot enter into the mysteries of God, but by faith we can enter into them. I trust that every boy and girl here will have that faith in God, which will be an anchor to his soul, sure, and steadfast, entering within the veil at all times.

I will tell you how this anchor of faith and hope can be of service to you. There are times when you see other boys and girls who have many more comforts, luxuries, and possessions than you have. You may even be discouraged sometimes because you think your lot in life is more than usually hard and difficult.

When I myself was a boy, my father died, and only three years later my mother died. I was left an orphan and without a home. I had to become an errand boy in a store, and for a number of years I had a hard struggle. I was a Christian boy, and I had this anchor of faith and hope. I trusted in God that He would make all of these things to work out eventually for my good. I could not at that time understand how. It was beyond my understanding, but later on in life I found how all the trials and struggles of my earlier years had worked together for my good. I understood that passage of Scripture which says: "All things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.

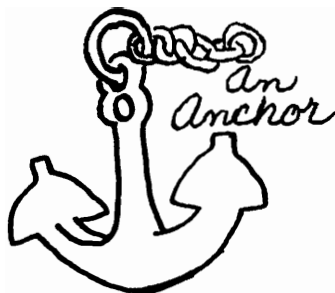
When you see others who have it easier and who have more comforts and luxuries than you have, if you have this hope which the text speaks of as "laying

hold within the veil" be sure that in God's own good time, in His infinite wisdom and love, He will work out for you also the blessing and the good which you can only hope for, but which at the present time you can neither see nor understand.

—With the Children on Sundays, by S. Stall

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### STORY ILLUSTRATION



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It takes more than to be sorry because you were caught telling a lie, to be forgiven by God. You must be real sorry you did wrong by disobeying God as well as your mother or whoever you told the lie to.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We will talk about the last of the seven churches in Asia. One thing you must remember is that not everyone who attends the chapel where you go to church is in the Church of God. God has a church and only the pure and holy in heart are in it. They are separate from the world and have their names written in the book of life. They are living according to the Bible and their lives are right in the sight of God. Just as it was in the seven churches of Asia, so it is today. How sad! Sometimes you will see that name on several buildings in one city. But remember, God still has a pure and holy church. I am glad I am in it aren't you? We can know if we are in it,

because we have been born again and have Jesus living in our hearts.

The city of Laodicea was one of the richest cities in Asia Minor. It was built in the center of fertile land and it was famous for its money transaction and for the beautiful soft wool grown there, which was in demand by many in the world at that time. During the reign of Tiberius Caesar, it was entirely destroyed by an earthquake but its wealthy people rebuilt it quickly. The Apostle Paul planted a Christian church there. He speaks of it in Col. 4:16. How sad to think that Jesus, who represents Himself as the "faithful and true witness," finds no deep love for Him in that church. He says they are "neither hot nor cold." Even in the church at Sardis, He said there were a few names who had not defiled their garments. In Laodicea they are called, "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked," even though they were a rich people. Oh, boys and girls, the riches of this world do not count with God! What counts is having salvation, which is true gold. They were counseled to buy of Him, "gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich." The Apostle Peter talks about gold and he said the trial of your faith is more precious than gold. (1 Pet. 1:7). Faith in God is true gold. Today, many are losing their faith in God. You hear of many saying they do not believe there is a God. You and I know there is a God and we have something more precious than gold. Jesus told the Laodiceans that "I stand at the door (of your heart) and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Have you opened your heart's door and let Jesus come in? When Jesus lives in your heart, do you send Him to the door when the devil comes knocking on your door? The devil will flee then and you will be an overcomer.

—Aunt Marie

## Lesson 7, Nov. 13, 1977

### MESSAGE TO LAODICEANS

Rev. 3:14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

**Memory Verse:** Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come

in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. Rev. 3:20.

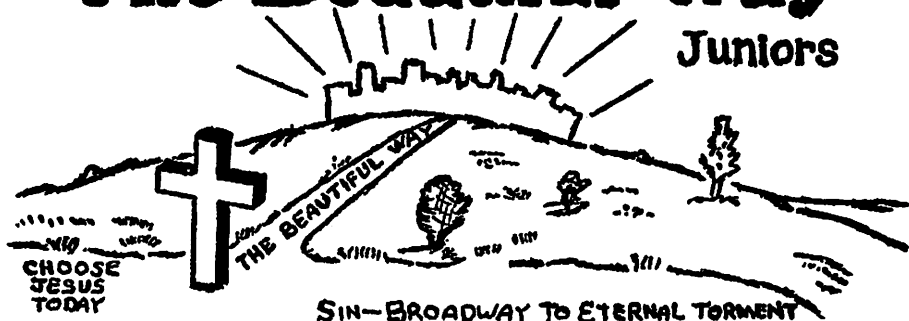
### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus refer to His character as being, in His address to the Laodicean church?
2. Were the works of the Laodiceans done from a heart that was cold or hot?
3. What did God mean by saying He was going "to spue thee out of my mouth?" Did you ever quickly spit anything out of your mouth? Why?
4. What do you think God thought about the church at Laodicea?
5. Were the Laodiceans rich, and where did they get their riches?
6. What did Jesus say when He looked at their riches, and then into their hearts?
7. What counsel did He give to them? Counsel means admonishment or advice.
8. What is the spiritual gold they were told to buy?
9. What kind of garments did their hearts need, and what about their spiritual eyes?
10. Why do your parents correct you? Why did Jesus correct the Laodiceans?
11. Who stands at the door of the sinner's heart? What is He doing?
12. When you think of Jesus supping or sitting down to eat with you in your heart, do you think of the Psalmist who said, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies"? What is on that table?
13. Where were they to sit, if they overcame the devil and all of his works?

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## Robin the Runner

(Continued from last quarter)

Robin did not wish to have any further acquaintance with that old woman. He saw that she did not wish to be seen, for with every movement of her hands among the moss and leaves, she cast a glance out into the open ground; but it was always in the direction of her own house, and not towards Robin. The bushes on his side formed a thicker screen; and, knowing himself to be safe from observation, he could not help standing to watch and wonder at her motions. It was not his business; but what could the old woman be doing there? She was heaping up moss and leaves at the root of an old thorn, and all the while muttering to herself, so low that Robin could only hear, "They shan't get it out of me; no, they shan't, the disobedient dogs; and it was all for them I did it."

At last, having satisfied herself with the heaping up, she rose from her stooping position, trampled down the moss and leaves with great anger and resolution, muttering, "It's safe enough there; they'll never think of

searching, and they'll not get it out of me." Then, casting another anxious look on all sides, which Robin escaped only by the sheltering bushes, to which he had crept closer in his astonishment, the old woman slid cautiously out of the thicket, and ran home at a speed of which one would scarcely have thought her capable.

"She has hidden something at the root of that old thorn, which she doesn't want those dirty lounging men to find," said Robin to himself. "It is probably money or silver spoons; she looks like a miser, and they look able to spend. There will be more quarrels about that, and they are mother and sons, too. Stewart was right, and so was the shepherd; they are a bad group; I will keep away from them, and clear away from that thicket. If one of the men finds what the old woman has hidden, I may get blamed for stealing it." He would be quiet and say nothing about it. Surely the Lord was giving Robin wisdom as in Proverbs 21:23 it says: "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

Robin kept his resolution, but could not help peeping into the thicket some-

times, and more than once he saw the old woman scrambling among the moss and leaves. She did not see him, and he appeared not to her; and Robin thought it better to tell the shepherd nothing about the transaction; it might be too much for his honesty, and get himself into trouble. Robin had little of Willy Weston's company; as the winter advanced and the days grew shorter, there were fewer inducements for him to come back to the Downs; and, according to his own account, business was increasing upon him vastly, though it had all to be transacted at hospitable farmhouses and wayside inns. Every time he came and went, Robin got praises for well-done duty, exhortations to continue his care and attention, and promises of future rewards out of the savings in the Dorset Bank, though in the meantime he never got a sixpence.

There was one thing, however, which reconciled Robin to his master's frequent goings and long absences more than either praise or promise, and that was that the shepherd never came back without news of or from his mother. Sometimes Willy met with people from the neighborhood of Nettlebank Farm, and heard that Mary Radley was well and comfortable with her cousin the ploughman and his wife; sometimes he went expressly to see her, Robin was given to understand, at an immense sacrifice of time and business. Then Mary got flourishing accounts of her son, and hints of what might be expected if he only continued to behave well. The good woman did not place much reliance on those vaguely magnificent promises; but it cheered her heart to hear that Robin was doing well, and she sent him short loving letters, written in the hours she could spare from sleep or from stitching. Mary was a

slow writer, and not a very correct one; her schooling had been poor and brief, but her faithful and affectionate letters were more welcome and cheering to her solitary boy than would have been the best-penned epistles from any other hand. The shepherd was the only mail-carrier between them—there was nothing else of the kind in that part of the Downs. People went to see their friends when they wanted news of them, or, at best, got their letters in the nearest market town. So Willy Weston's coming back was watched for with great expectation, and his departure was never murmured at. "You know, Robin," the cunning and idle man would say, "I must go on particular business, and I'll bring you word from your mother."

"When do you think you can let me go and see her, Mr. Weston?" asked Robin, taking uncommon courage one day about the beginning of December, when Willy was setting forth, staff in hand as usual. "Christmas is coming on, and —"

(To be continued)

### GENEROSITY

Sometimes a child may give away

A toy he doesn't need;

But when he gives a thing he wants

He's generous, indeed!

—N. K. Duffy

(Suggestion to Teacher: As a lesson illustration for your students, draw a throne as described in our lesson.)

Dear Boys and Girls:

I hope you really understand what a symbol is, as we will have to think in those terms in our lessons in Revelation. A symbol brings or suggests something to the mind. For instance, a lamb is a symbol of meekness and a lion is a

symbol of great strength. As we study Revelations, we will talk about the meaning of the symbols. God and Jesus cannot be symbolized (Isa. 40:18). Since most boys and girls like to draw pictures, I am sure that you can remember what the picture will mean in our lesson. These lessons tell us about things that have happened and will happen, or help us understand more about God and what He wants us to be.

In our lesson today, John, while he was in the spirit, had another vision. Things passed before him as a vast moving picture. As John was in the spirit, he stepped through the door into heaven. There he first saw God sitting upon the throne. God was so great and mighty that he looked like a jasper or sardine stone. This makes us think of a great monarch, likened to beauty of the prettiest gems. God was sitting on the throne but He cannot be symbolized. His throne was surrounded by a rainbow (discuss Noah's rainbow — Gen. 9:11-17). God's covenant (favor) is still true today with His people. As John looked, he saw lightnings, heard the thunder and voices coming out from the throne. This was the same as when God gave the holy law on Mt. Sinai. (Ex. 19:16-19; 20:1-19.) And as we look with John, we see the "seven lamps of fire burning before the throne." This stands for the Holy Spirit and His work in the hearts of men and women who have been saved. Again as we look with John, we see something of great beauty which is the "sea of glass, like unto crystal." The clearness of glass would make us know that only purity, clearness, and holiness can abide before the throne. (Remember, that our hearts must be cleansed by the blood of Jesus before we can come before God's throne.) No sin or defilement can stand in the presence of God. (Remember that a symbol stands for something else.)

The four beasts and four and twenty elders come into view. The word *beast*, who had eyes, which means superior intelligence and sleeplessness, is supposed to bring to our minds "a living creature," and not a brute beast. Let us think of the beast "like a lion" as strength and courage. Think of God's people before the throne who have power to overcome their enemies or the devil. The next living creature is "like a calf," or an ox, which brings to our minds a symbol of sacrifice or patient labor. God's people are to have these qualities. The next living creature had a "face as a man," which denotes intelligence or the ability to reason. There was "a living creature like a flying eagle." This would be an emblem of swiftness and far-sighted vision. So those who are God's children should have these virtues as they come before the throne of God on the sea of the glass of purity.

In the next chapter (9:8,9) we read that the four and twenty elders are the redeemed by the blood of Christ "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

Boys and girls, be sure to get a picture in your mind of this wonderful vision. I know that you love pictures and this is one that God wants you to remember.

—Aunt Marie

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## Lesson 8, Nov. 20, 1977

### THE SEA OF GLASS

Rev. 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

2 And immediately I was in the spirit; and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

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

**Memory Verse:** Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne:

mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Psalms 89:14.

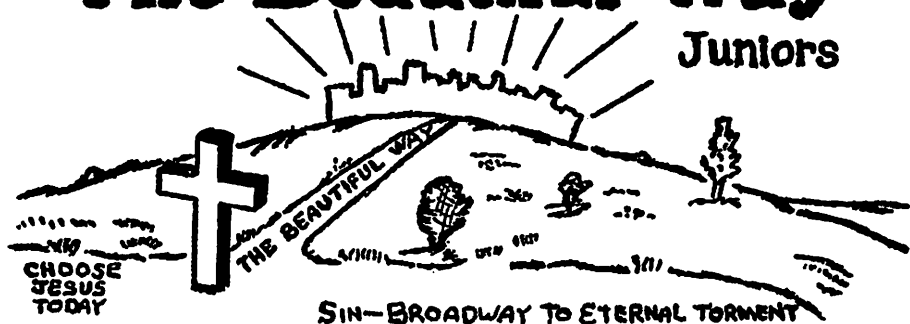
## QUESTIONS:

1. While on the Isle of Patmos, John was in the spirit. What opened in heaven and what did he hear?
2. What did he see in heaven and who sat upon that throne?
3. What does the rainbow around the throne remind us of?
4. Who sat upon the 24 seats around the throne? How were they clothed?
5. What does the "white raiment" worn by the 24 elders remind us of? (Rev. 19:8)
6. What proceeded out of the throne and what does that cause us to know about God?
7. We learned that the seven Spirits of God are the Holy Spirit. What does the fire make us know?
8. What was before the throne "clear as crystal" and what is the meaning of it?
9. The four beasts, or they should be translated "living creatures" were full of what?
10. What is the symbol of the lion and what does God's people, who bow before the throne, have?
11. What is the symbol of the calf or ox and what does it make us know God's people have?
12. Give the symbol and meaning of the man and the flying eagle.
13. What were the elders and the living creatures saying?
14. When we bow before the great throne of God, we too, want to think of these things and what do we want to do or say with those in John's vision?

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## Robin the Runner

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"Oh! Christmas brings grand doings here," interrupted the shepherd. "Mr. Delmore feasts all his people; you never saw such rounds of beef and mugs of foaming beer; nothing like it to be seen at Nettlebank Farm, I'll promise you. You'll be there on my account—Mr. Delmore has such respect for me. He'll come home to celebrate Christmas, I'm sure. Folks don't quickly get out of London and law. I'll be at home first, however, and then we'll talk about going to see your mother, but you can't go at Christmas, my boy—the days are so short, and there will be such fun here."

Willy Weston left his boy no time to reply; he was off with the last word, scouring over the Downs to some of his accustomed haunts in the farming country. Willy would have remained at home if he had only known what was about to happen that day, for, in the same forenoon, Mr. Delmore arrived unexpectedly at his own house; and having got an account of his shepherd's proceedings from Stewart, he came over to the sheep-walk to see how

his flock went on under the management of the solitary boy.

I have said that Mr. Delmore was a just and good-natured man; his indignation at Willy's conduct in deserting his post, and leaving a boy, so young and from the low country, all alone with flock and fold to look after, was high and strong. He praised Robin's sense and care for keeping all so safe and well, bade him come to the house for whatever he wanted, be sure to take shelter in his part of the "Moor-cock" if he happened to be caught out that direction, and promised him a Christmas-box that year.

Encouragement was coming at last, from more quarters than Nettlebank Farm. Robin took an honest pride in Mr. Delmore's good opinion. He knew it was sincerely given, and not for selfish motives, like the shepherd's praise, bestowed to keep the burden off his own shoulders. Moreover, Robin knew it was deserved, and looked rather more sharply after the flock, just to show what he could do without a master. But the worst of his trials on the Downs was close at hand.

Some days after Willy Weston's departure and Mr. Delmore's arrival,

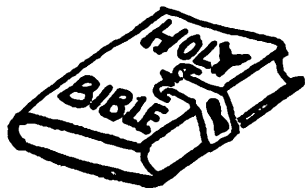
the uncommonly mild and clear weather which had hitherto prevailed, underwent one of those sudden changes to which weather is liable in all parts of England, and more particularly on the high and bare moorlands. A keen east wind, which had blown all day, rose to a fierce gale towards nightfall, bringing with it showers of sleet and snow. Robin hastened to gather his flock into the fold, and the poor sheep were glad enough to get into shelter; but, as he reckoned up their number as usual, Robin found that one of the last spring lambs, the largest and handsomest of its age, was missing. The poor thing must perish if allowed to remain out in the bitter night, and Mr. Delmore's good opinion was not to be lightly lost. His honor, as well as his humane feelings, urged the shepherd boy, the moment the rest of his flock were safe in the fold, to take the two trusty dogs with him, and search for the missing lamb in every direction.

Search he did, and whistle with all his might—the lambs had been taught to answer to that signal—but there was no bleat in reply. Keeper and Speed gave their able assistance, sniffed, barked, ran backwards and forwards, poked their noses into every cleft and every thicket, but no trace of the lost lamb could be found. Meantime, the night closed in, cold and dark, with that fierce wind and driving snow. They seemed increasing every minute, bewildering the dogs and puzzling Robin, who, at length, finding his search fruitless, and fearing to lose his way, turned back, though with a heavy heart, and tried to regain the cottage. Keeper and Speed seemed to understand his motions, and flew home before him; but not having their scent to guide his steps, Robin missed his way in the

pitch darkness, wandered he could not tell how far, until a mossy rock with which he came in contact showed him he was off the path, and in the midst of the bare and shelterless moor. He called, but, with the howling wind and falling snow, the dogs did not hear him; and a fear came over the boy's heart that he must be lost as well as the lamb. There were swampy hollows and bottomless pools scattered about the Downs—what if his next step should be into one of them? He could see nothing, for there was neither moon nor star; but he felt that the snow was getting deep on the ground, and the cold striking to his heart.

It was a terrible moment; "but there is One who rules the storm and darkness as well as the sunshine and clear skies," said Robin, repeating a sentence from his mother's last letter, which occurred to his memory and gave him sudden courage. He stood for a minute with clasped hands, uttering a short and simple prayer for help in that hour of peril. Psalms 46:1, 2a, says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear. . . ." He then pressed forward, with renewed hope, in a direction as near as he could guess opposite to that he had formerly taken. There seemed a gleam of light somewhere before him; it shone and was lost again as the wind rose and the snow drifted, and the poor boy at first feared it was but a

#### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



fancy. Still he pressed on, and the light became more distinct and steady. It was no delusion of his weary eyes, no wild fire of the waste, but the "Moorcock," all bright with fire and candle, and he was within a few yards of its door.

(To be continued)

Dear Boys and Girls:

Let us keep in mind the vision we saw last Sunday with the Apostle John out on the Isle of Patmos. In our lesson today we see God holding a book and we hear an angel crying with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?" As John continued to watch he saw heaven and earth searched and no one was able to open that book and loose the seals. John knew this was a very important book as it had the plan of salvation for all mankind. If no one took the book and opened it, all mankind would be lost in eternal damnation. John wept much and if we had been there we would have wept, too. The world needed a Saviour to save them from sin and make them able to come into God's presence. One of the 24 elders saw John weeping, with his head bowed. The elder said, "Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David hath prevailed to open the book." John looked up and there he saw in front of the throne and in the midst of the four living creatures and the 24 elders, a Lamb (Jesus, the Son of God), who had been slain. As he watched, Jesus came up to the throne and took the book out of God's right hand. When he took the book, the 24 elders fell down before Him. In their hands they held bottles or "golden vials which were full of odors, which are the prayers of the saints." All the prayers, of those who needed God's forgiveness, had been bottled up, and through the Lamb, the Son of God, they were to be answered.

Oh, how thankful we are that Jesus was willing to come here, and die on the cross, and rise again for our salvation! We can sing with the elders and the host of heaven, "Glory to God in the highest" and unto the Lamb of God, Jesus, who took the book, opened the seals, and "wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth" over sin and the devil by His saving power and grace. We join in singing praises also with the angels and the host of 10,000 times 10,000 of thousands of thousands, "blessing, honor, glory, riches, power, wisdom, and strength be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne and the Lamb for ever and ever." The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders, who represent the redeemed of all ages, worshipped Him and said, "Amen."

—Aunt Marie

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### Lesson 9, Nov. 27, 1977

#### THE LAMB OF GOD TAKES SEALED BOOK

Rev. 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

6 And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

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

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

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

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

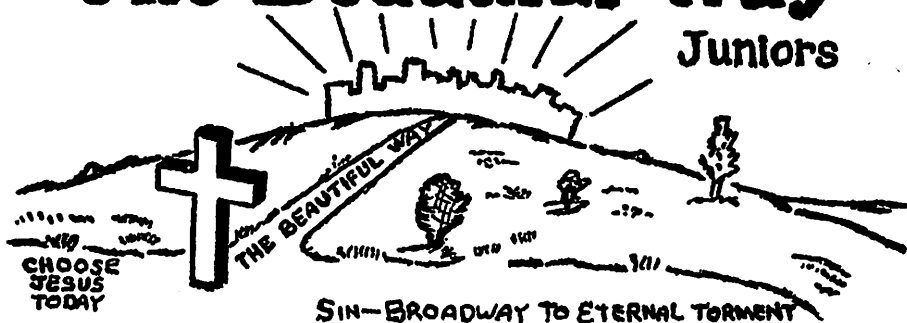
**Memory Verse:** Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Rev. 5:12.

#### QUESTIONS:

1. Relate the vision of the throne in last Sunday's lesson.
2. What did God, who sat on the throne, have in his hand?
3. What did the angel cry with a loud voice?
4. What is this book a symbol of?
5. How did John take it when heaven and earth were searched and no one was able to open the book?
6. What did an elder say to him as he saw him bowed in weeping?
7. When he looked at the throne, who stood in the middle of the four living creatures and the 24 elders?
8. What did Jesus, the Lamb of God do and what does it mean for us today?
9. What did the four beasts and the elders do and what did the elders have in their hands?
10. The elders represent the redeemed of all ages and what kind of new song did they sing?
11. How many angels and hosts in heaven were around the throne at that time?
12. What did they say with a loud voice? (verse 12).
13. What did every creature in heaven, earth, and the sea say?
14. What did the four beasts and the 24 elders say?

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## Robin the Runner

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### A Providential Discovery

"I'll make use of the key, and take shelter in Mr. Delmore's room," thought Robin. He was cold and hungry, but had no faith in the hospitality of the old woman and the dirty men. Besides there was that about the family which made Robin wish to avoid them under almost any circumstances; and the sounds within told him there was some company after their own tastes, for loud talking and snatches of songs resounded from the barroom. Some farmers or sheep dealers, whom the storm had overtaken, were passing away the time after their own fashion.

The noise they made prevented anybody from hearing Robin cautiously open the door of Mr. Delmore's room, and slip in. With some groping he found the cupboard containing candles and matches. The first light showed him that the room was a great deal more comfortable than the shepherd's cottage. There was a bit of old cheese and a few good apples also in the cupboard; and fortunately he

had a bit of oatcake in his pocket. There was a fire laid in the grate, too. Robin applied a match to the dry wood, and soon had a cheerful blaze of his own, got well warmed, had what he thought a very good supper, and, being heartily tired, went up to the loft to bed. Things were comfortable there too; and he was thankful the Lord answered his prayer and guided his footsteps to safety in that stormy night on the desolate Downs. Robin said his evening prayer, not forgetting to ask a blessing for his loving mother and his far-off unfortunate father. Having thus committed himself and his to the care of Him who neither slumbers nor sleeps, the lonely boy went to sleep with a mind easy on all subjects except that of the missing lamb.

Stewart's account of the thinness of the partition was true, however. Every sound in the "Moorcock" could be heard distinctly, and the noise was such as to disturb Robin, tired as he was. For some time, it was a sort of broken sleep he got, light enough to make him conscious that the storm without was gradually abating, and, at length, that the revelers within had

thought proper to take their homeward ways. Robin's sleep grew sounder then; but the peace and quiet did not last. With a dream of his mother, and their pleasant old home in Shuttlesworth Park, harsh and discordant sounds began to mingle. They rose higher, and the dream was finally dispelled by the noise of a family quarrel, which had commenced in the "Moorcock" as soon as its inhabitants were left to themselves. Robin started up, scarcely knowing where he was, and half frightened to hear them curse and scold each other, as it seemed, at his very bedside. Recollecting how matters stood, he was about to lie down again and try to take Stewart's advice, given him with the key, when the sound of his own name made him pause and listen.

"Yes, poor Robin Radley," said the voice of the old woman, speaking between a scold and a groan; "I did get him transported, and wasn't it all for your sakes, you villains? Didn't I think that the diamonds and the notes would make us all rich forever, and set you up like gentlemen?"

"And haven't you set us up nicely!" cried one of the men, with a wicked laugh. "Here we are, as poor as church mice, living on the bare moors for fear people should find us out, and you keeping the things fast in your own fingers," and he added oaths and ill names that made Robin shudder.

"What else can I do?" cried the old woman, with an equal volley of the same description. "When the advertisements got abroad I knew we should be taken if one of the things were ever seen; but I have them safe, all safe, and you'll never see nor get share of them if you don't behave better."

Here the men broke out in chorus, scolding and threatening their mother.

To hear such quarreling made Robin's blood run cold; but he crept out of bed and listened to every word, for there were the proofs of his father's innocence, and the evil doers for whose guilt he had suffered. They had covered this sin for a long time but it didn't bring them happiness—only the fear and torment of being caught. Isaiah 30:1 says, "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin."

Robin heard the men scold and threaten, and the old woman return their accusations and refuse to give up the notes and diamonds, which she had all safe, until at length she seemed either frightened or tired out, and said, "Very well, since we must all go to Botany Bay Prison together, and Robin Radley get back again—for my mind tells me that will be the end of it—come along and do what you please with them; you won't run far until that lawyer gets hold of you."

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## A Messenger

Today we are going to discuss a wonderful little messenger. It is a bird. Can you guess what kind of a bird it is? It is the carrier pigeon.

A carrier pigeon is dependable and is a very faithful messenger. When sent on an errand he keeps about his business and nothing can tempt him to turn aside. His course is straight. His only aim is to complete his mission safely and perfectly.

A man said that a carrier pigeon stopped to rest on his windowsill a few moments. The silver band on the foot of the bird showed that he was bound for New York. The man tried in every way to coax the little creature to stay awhile,

but it was of no use. It seemed as if he knew he were on an important errand and must not be sidetracked.

It is the privilege of every Christian boy and girl to be a faithful messenger for Jesus. Let's be like the carrier pigeon—true and faithful. Jesus is counting on us to tell others about Him. Every person you meet and every friend you have is part of your mission field.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Obey this command today, and begin by being a missionary right in your own neighborhood. Are you willing to give your whole life to Jesus? He needs you to help Him today. —Sel.

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Do good to them that hate you.

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



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Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure you remember the scene of the throne with God sitting upon it, and the 24 elders and the four living creatures all around with the rainbow overhead. Last Sunday we saw Jesus go up to God, who was sitting upon the throne and take the book that was sealed with seven seals, which is the plan of salvation. In our lesson today we read where Jesus, the Lamb opened one of the seals and there was a great noise,

as of thunder, and one of the four beasts or living creatures with the face of a lion said, "Come and see." John looked and he saw a beautiful white horse and the one who sat upon the horse had a bow and a crown was given to him as he went forth to conquer his enemy.

Now boys and girls, remember we are using symbols. The one who rides the horse isn't Jesus Christ as we do not have any symbols of Christ or God as they appear as they are. No description in this rider is peculiar to Jesus so we must look elsewhere to know the meaning of the one who rides the white horse. We know that white would stand for purity. The rider on the horse stands for the humble ministers of Christ, who in the beginning of the gospel age carried it to "all the world." In our lesson, we find that Jesus told them to "go into all the world" and preach the gospel. He told them that He would give them power over all the powers of the devil. The disciples went forth and many were saved, but they had opposition from the Jews who thought they had killed Christ and would be rid of His teachings. The disciples went forth with power to conquer and they did conquer. They "fought a good fight" and were worthy to wear the victor's crown.

Our white horse and the rider with the bow and a crown stand for the early church and the events around it. The disciples preached Christ and many believed on Him and were saved. Three thousand believed and the number grew. We note that the "Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Man did not vote to take in members in the Church of God but the Lord "added" them to it by the spiritual birth. When you repent of your sins and are saved, you are born into the Church of God. Your name is written in heaven and only sin can put you out. So the Lord takes care of it all. —Aunt Marie

## Lesson 10, Dec. 4, 1977

### THE WHITE HORSE

Rev. 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering and to conquer.

Mark 16:15 And he [Jesus] said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Mem. Verse: Behold I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy. Luke 10:19.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Relate again the throne scene and Jesus taking the book that had seven seals.
2. What does one of the four beasts or living creatures say when Jesus opens one of the seals?
3. What did John see?
4. What did the crown stand for?
5. What is the symbol of the white horse and the rider who went forth to conquer?
6. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do after he was resurrected?
7. What would happen to those who believed and were baptized?
8. What would happen to those who did not believe?
9. What signs would follow the disciples and those who believe?
10. What did Jesus tell the disciples they would receive after the Holy Ghost would come upon them and what would they do?
11. As Peter and the disciples preached, how many souls were saved?
12. How did those who were saved live afterwards?
13. What was done by the disciples as they went forth to conquer the enemy of all souls?
14. What did the Lord add daily to the church?

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## Robin the Runner

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The men cursed both her and the lawyer, and then Robin heard them all get up and go out of the house. They were going to the thorny thicket on the edge of the hollow, he felt sure of that, and could guess now what the old woman had been hiding there. Oh! if he had only guessed in time! But it might not be too late to see, though what justice of peace of magistrate would believe him? Silently and hastily, Robin bundled on his clothes, crept downstairs, opened the door, and peeped out into the night. It was calm and clear now, with a pretty thick covering of snow on the ground, and a moon shining fitfully through passing clouds. But, moving away from the "Moorcock," he saw the light of a lantern and three figures. They were bending their course to the thorny thicket. He could go around the house the opposite way, follow them unperceived by keeping out of the moonlight, and stand where he had stood when the old woman heaped up the moss and leaves.

No sooner thought than attempted;

Robin stole cautiously out, followed the light of the lantern and the moving figures at a sufficient distance, so as not to be seen or heard. He gained his station behind the bushes, and peeped through. The three figures were already in the thicket, one of the men holding the lantern, the other leaning over the old thorn, and both with their eyes fixed on the woman, who shovelled away the moss and leaves with her own withered hands, muttering all the time, "No, no, none of you shall get it out but myself; I buried it, kept it, and hid it all these years, and I'll bring it to the light, since you must have it, you villains." At these words she pulled something out of a hole at the root of the thorn, and, as she rose with it in her hands, Robin saw by the light of the lantern, a small, old-fashioned suitcase, worn from wear, and soiled with moss and clay.

"Here, Bill," she cried, handing it to the lantern-holder, "I always liked you the best, though you are as disobedient a dog as your brother."

"You shan't have it! I am the eldest, and have a right to open it first!" cried the man who had been leaning

over the thorn, turning quickly around, and wrestling with his brother. Bill had grasped the suitcase with one hand; now he let the lantern fall, and tried to keep off his hostile brother with the other; but Bill seemed the stronger; he caught the arm that held the prize, and tried to wrench it away while the old woman cried, "Fling it to me, Bill."

Bill did attempt to fling it to his mother, but in doing so he overshot the mark. The suitcase whizzed over the old woman's head, passed clear through the bushes, and dropped at Robin's feet. He knew that the proofs of his father's innocence, Lady Shuttleworth's papers and diamonds, were there; and Mr. Delmore was a magistrate. The family would not yet have retired to rest, if he could only reach the house and get in. The thought passed through Robin's mind like lightning. While the men were wrestling together in their covetous fury and the old woman crying, "Where has it gone?" he caught up the suitcase, rushed from his hiding place, and across the Downs like a deer flying before the hunt.

The speed which won for Robin the name of the Runner about Shuttleworth Park was all needed now. The three caught sight of him as he dashed across the moonlight; the men instantly gave up their strife and set off in full chase, while the old woman followed with all her might, screaming, tossing her arms, and uttering the most tremendous threats. On Robin flew, with the worn and dirty suitcase clasped to his breast, and a prayer in his heart, which he had no breath to utter, for strength to reach Mr. Delmore's house. On came the pursuers, shouting at him to stop for a thief and a robber, and declaring, if he didn't, they would take his life the

moment they came up with him. But Robin neither stopped nor listened; on he sped, and, though much stronger, they were not half so swift. It seemed that his prayer was answered too, for the moon now shone out steadily from among the drifting clouds, lighting him along the narrow path, until he knew by the diminished shouts that the distance was wide between him and his pursuers, and he saw the white walls of Mr. Delmore's farmhouse. "Let me in, let me in!" cried Robin, thundering at the outer gate with foot and hand, for it was locked, but the lights were still bright within. "Let me in!" he shouted still louder, as the steps and voices behind him drew nearer. "Let me in, Mr. Delmore, oh! let me in, or they will kill me. I am Robin Radley."

"Robin Radley," cried Stewart, rushing to the door, lantern in hand, and unlocking the gate as he spoke; "What brings you at this hour?" Robin made no reply, but threw himself inside with a bound. Then he gasped, "Thank God," and almost dropped into Stewart's arms as the gate was slammed, and a far-off growl of disappointed rage, mixed with a shriller cry from the old woman, told that his pursuers were on their way back to the "Moorcock."

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## THE GIRLS HELPED

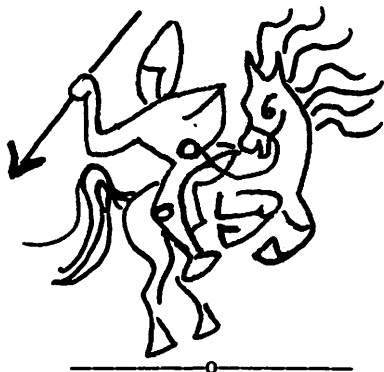
"Look at the cookies we made to take on our trip," Della said, as her neighbor came into the house, after being invited when she knocked.

"My, they look good!"

"Here is one to taste," Betty said as she handed one to her neighbor.

"You are very sweet girls to help your mother so much. I know that she has been real busy packing. I do hope you will enjoy your trip very much."

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

Let us think of the scroll or book with the seven seals on it that Jesus took out of the hand of God on the throne. In our last lesson, He opened one of the seals; John saw a vision of a white horse and a rider going forth to conquer. We know this was a symbol of the early morning church and we read about many, many souls being saved.

Jesus opened the second seal and the second beast, with a face like a calf or ox told John to come see, and he saw a red horse. The one that sat on the red horse had a great sword and he was given power to kill, and to take peace from the earth. Boys and girls, we look into the history of religious affairs to find what this red horse and its rider mean. Note that this horse is of a different color. White denotes peace and purity. This horse is red and is quite different from the first. He is going forth to take peace from the earth. In place of a victor's crown he possesses a great sword. This makes us know that he is an agent of great destruction.

As soon as many souls were saved, and the early church began to grow, the devil was stirred and he worked through the pagan religions to hinder the Church of God. Now the pagan religions

worshipped idols or did not worship the true God. They did not believe in the true God, so the red horse and its rider, with a sword, is a symbol of the persecuting power of idol worship or disbelief in God.

Our lesson in Acts talks about the early church and how this red horse and rider, fought against the white horse, and its rider. We read how many souls were brought to Christ, but Demetrius, who made statues for their god, Diana, had a great meeting and stirred up the people against Paul and those who believed in the true God. They were so filled with wrath that for the space of about two hours they cried out for their goddess, Diana. This was Christianity and Paganism in a great conflict. Christianity, according to history, held up, but time came when a great slaughter of the Christians was made by the Pagans, with the government behind them. Many were thrown to wild beasts, some stoned and tortured in many ways, but we read in Rev. 12:11 that "they overcame by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony: and they loved not their lives unto the death."

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 11, Dec. 11, 1977

### THE RED HORSE

Rev. 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

Acts 19:20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

26 [Demetrius said] Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but

almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

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

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

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

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

34 But when they knew that he [Alexander] was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians.

35 And when the townclerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter?

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

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

**Memory Verse:** And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by

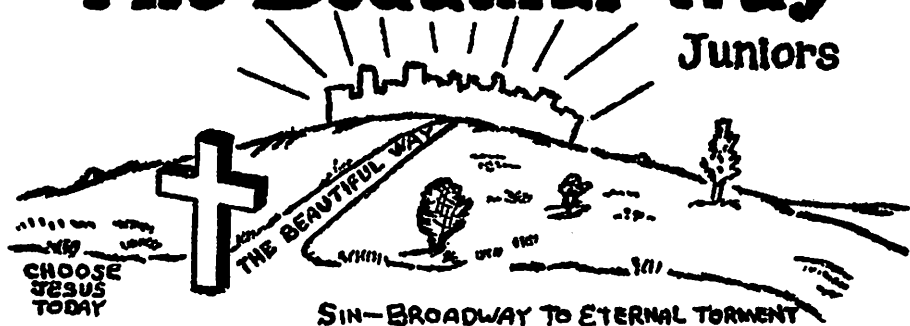
the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev. 12:11.

### QUESTIONS:

1. When John opened the second seal from the book that Jesus took from the hand of God, what did he see?
2. What was the purpose of the red horse rider, with the sword in the earth?
3. We remember that the white horse and rider were symbols of the early morning church. Of what are the red horse and rider, with the sword to kill, and to take peace from the earth, a symbol?
4. In our lesson, in the book of Acts, we read how Paul preached the gospel and many were saved. Who was stirred against this new belief in the true God?
5. What did Demetrius say that Paul had done "throughout all Asia"?
6. How long did the uproar continue? Is this a symbol of the red horse and rider, fighting against the rider on the white horse?
7. What did they do with Paul's companions when they caught them?
8. Did the red horse and rider "take peace" from that city?
9. What did Alexander tell them?
10. How did the uproar between the red horse and rider, and the white horse and its rider end?
11. Read Rev. 12:11. Man were killed by the red horse and its rider which was paganism. Those who belonged to God "loved not their lives unto death." They went to be with the Lord in paradise.

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## Robin the Runner

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### The Father Restored

When Robin found himself fairly out of danger, and had recovered breath enough after that desperate run, he explained, as well as he could, to the astonished groom, what the suitcase contained, and how he had got possession of it. While he was doing so, Mr. Delmore, followed by his farm people, came out to see what was the matter, and Robin instantly presented the still firmly-clutched prize to him.

"Take it, sir; you are a magistrate, and open it, if you please. I know the papers and the diamonds that my father was put in prison for stealing are there, and he didn't steal them at all. Open it, sir, and oh! do try and get back my father from Botany Bay."

"I'll open it, my boy, in the presence of all these witnesses," said Mr. Delmore, taking charge of the suitcase. He had heard the story of Robin's father from Willy Weston and others, and easily understood the boy's account of what he had overheard in the "Moorcock," and how he

came to get hold of the long-hidden treasure, which so many inquiries and advertisements had failed to find out.

Open it accordingly Mr. Delmore did, before all his people assembled in his own parlor, and Robin close by his side. The lock had been wrenched and broken, but its place was supplied by a strong cord wound about the suitcase, and fastened with many a knot. When it was cut away and the lid thrown back, there lay the valuable papers and jewels, still carefully packed up as they had been by Lady Shuttleworth's own hands, though, no doubt, frequently opened, surveyed, and repacked by the miserable old woman. The case was clear against her and her two sons. Stewart, with a strong force, consisting of all the farm men, was immediately dispatched to arrest and keep them in custody until daylight came, and the nearest constables could be sent for. They were all found at the "Moorcock," making preparations for flight, and were captured and guarded there until the morning.

As for Robin, he could only say, "Oh, if my mother but knew how her prayer has been answered this very

night!" Everybody praised and congratulated him; and when all the farm people had retired, and he was alone in the spare attic room (for Mr. Delmore would not hear of his going back to the shepherd's cottage, until his evidence against the old woman and her sons was taken in due form), Robin knelt down by the low bed and poured out his thanks to Him who seeth in secret, and whose Providence had brought the long-hidden secret to light by means seemingly so common and accidental as the straying of a lamb and the falling of a snowstorm. Then Robin went to bed, and fell asleep with a lighter heart than he had known for many a long day.

In the morning the constables were sent for, and the old woman and her sons were brought to examination; but they knew the case was too clear against them for any denial of guilt. The old woman at once and without ceremony made her confession to Mr. Delmore. She had been the landlady of the "Mayflower," that inn on the road to Devizes where Robin's father stopped on his way to Lady Shuttleworth's lawyer. A distant cousin of her's happened to be Lady Shuttleworth's maid at the time, and being in more confidence than she deserved, was aware of her mistress's intention to send him with the suitcase. The maid went on a visit to her friends living near the "Mayflower," some days before he set out, and told them all about it. They mentioned it in the "Mayflower," and the landlady, who had always been a covetous woman, though, until then, of good reputation, was tempted, by her knowledge of the messenger's peculiar weakness, and the valuable property he carried, first, to prepare a suitcase as nearly as possible resembling the one entrusted to him; and secondly, to repeatedly

offer the poor man more strong liquor than he ought to have taken. Bustling about the room in discharge of her duties as landlady, it was easy for her to substitute the one suitcase for the other without attracting the slightest suspicion. Robin's father took the false one on to his destination, being too stupefied and confused with what he had drunk to notice the difference, and was charged with the robbery, and jailed for it; while she kept the stolen property concealed through fear of the inquiries and advertisements of Lady Shuttleworth's lawyer.

She and her sons gave evidence against Robin Radley, and escaped the grasp of human law themselves; but they did not escape the consequences of hidden crime. The evil secret worked upon them, as such secrets always work. Even though they were able to keep it hidden from people for several years, yet God knew about it all the time. We can never hide anything from Him. In Mark 4:22 it says, "For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad." It just doesn't pay to do wrong. Be sure your sins will find you out. The dread of discovery kept them from using any

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of the stolen goods, while the knowledge that they had such a store made them idle, careless, and extravagant.  
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When God forgives you of your sins he never remembers those sins again. They are cast as far as the east is from the west from you. If you sin again then that one will be remembered unless you with godly sorrow ask for His forgiveness.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

When the Lamb of God, who was Jesus, opened the third seal, the third beast which had the face of a man said to John, "Come and see." John saw a black horse and he that sat upon it had a pair of balances in his hand. He heard a voice say, "A measure of wheat for a penny: . . . and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine." Let us think about this horse. It is black and a direct opposite of the white horse. The white horse was the ministry of the early church and those who went forth to conquer. So this would be an apostate ministry. How sad, as time went on, that others came in among the children of God and brought in wrong teachings. We studied about the seven churches of Asia and found this to be true in them. He that sat upon the black horse held a pair of balances in his hand. Truth and error were surely weighed in the balances in those days and not many were holding on to all the truths that Jesus taught or that the disciples and others after them taught. Error outweighed truth. There was a spiritual famine in the land. The oil and the wine or the Word and the Spirit were not seen in the lives of those who were their leaders. Many lost their salvation and were left with only a profession.

In our lesson, we read where Jesus taught that those who were to be the

greatest were the servants of all. But we read in the history, at that time, the Christian church began to give more authority to some ministers than others. Some took the name of bishop and began to wield power over others. In A.D. 107 history said that a number of letters were written which said, "It is well to reverence both God and the bishop." "Let no man do anything connected with the church without the bishop." This is not according to God's Word. False teachers came in among God's true people and led many away. The black horse rode over the land destroying the Spirit and the Word in the hearts of the people.

Also history tells us that the Romans exacted high taxes from the people. The balances weighed out grain and the government took most of it. "A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny" meant that "it would require a man's day's labor to supply food sufficient for one man." That would be terrible taxes. This was a crushing burden on the people and many were near starvation. This was a terrible time for the people. They were in a literal famine as well as a spiritual famine.

—Aunt Marie

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Lesson 12, Dec. 18, 1977

### THE BLACK HORSE

Rev. 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

Matt. 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion

over them [disciples], and they that are great exercise authority upon them. servant. Matt. 20:27.

26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;

27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

II Pet. 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

III John 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

I John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

I John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Memory Verse: And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your

## QUESTIONS:

1. What did the third beast that had a face like a man, say to John when Jesus or the Lamb opened the third seal?
2. What were weighed in the balances, taxes and grain or truth and error, or both?
3. The black horse was opposite to the white horse. If the white horse stood for true ministers, what did the black horse stand for?
4. History said that in that time taxes were terribly high. A penny was the ordinary wages of the day. It took a — — — — daily — — — — to supply food for one man.
5. There was a literal famine and a — — — — — famine in the land at that time.
6. Jesus spoke to His disciples about the Gentiles exercising authority over others. What did he tell the disciples they should do?
7. What does it mean to be a servant and to become a chief among the people?
8. How was Jesus our example?
9. What did the false teachers bring in among the people?
10. Did some deny the Lord and speak evil of the way of truth?
11. What does II Pet. 2:3 tell us about the false prophets?
12. What did the man named Diotrephes love and was he one who rode the black horse?
13. If we hear the true ministers, who are of God, we will have the spirit of — — — — —. (I John 4:6)
14. "He that committeth — — — is of the — — — — —."

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## Robin the Runner

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The same causes made them leave the "Mayflower," and take to the "Moorcock," on the solitary Downs, where there seemed less probability of being found out. It was partly the mother's fears, and partly her covetousness, that made her keep the ill-gotten prize entirely in her own custody. Quarrels were always arising in consequence, and the last of them had revealed to the son of the injured man the proof of his father's innocence.

On that confession, and Robin's evidence, the three were committed to the county jail. In due time they were brought to trial, found guilty, and sentenced to different terms in prison. The ship which carried them out to Botany Bay might have passed, somewhere on the wide sea, the one which brought Robin's father back to his family and country. Lady Shuttleworth and her lawyer, when they received knowledge of the discovery, lost no time in applying to the government for his release. The banished man returned, clear in character and reputation, and what was still better,

cured of his desire for strong drink, which, being the principal cause of his misfortune, he had resolutely given up, and was now confirmed in temperate habits.

What a joyful meeting there was between the father, mother, and son, need not be told; every reader can imagine it. They were all made happy and thankful by the remarkable answer to poor Mary's prayer. The faithful, patient woman lived to see her husband a wiser, though in some respects a sadder man, restored to an honest reputation and his pleasant home in Shuttleworth Park (Mr. Hardstaff's relation being obliged to move on a very short warning), as Lady Shuttleworth and her son, now a grown man, thought they could never do enough to make up for the past misfortunes to the family. The Radleys, therefore, moved back to the cottage with all their former privileges. Robin, the father, was reinstated in his ancient place at the Hall. Robin, the son, was promoted to be the young baronet's servant. Mary got the best and easiest of Lady Shuttleworth's needlework to do, and a small pension besides. Her cousin,

the ploughman, became proud of his relation. So did Willy Weston, though he could get no boy in Robin's stead, and had to stay at home for fear of Mr. Delmore.

The Radley's great trouble was now over. Their son grew up to be a wise, good boy, in the best and truest sense. And so ends my story of Robin the Runner, which, though the events in it happened a great many years ago, may teach the young readers some important lessons.

In the story of the father, they may see how one evil habit, if once it takes root, is sure to influence the conduct, and to bring sorrow and shame in its train. It shows, also, what is equally true, that any such habit gradually increases in strength and influence until it overcomes both principle and resolution. Let the young reader always bear this in mind.

It may be hoped that, in the case of Robin's father, Divine help was sought, as well as pardon for the past, so that in time to come, he ceased to do evil and learned to do well. But even then, he could not undo the mischief he had wrought, nor put out of remembrance the long years of poverty and trouble he had brought on those he loved, and indeed, spread all around, by his unhappy self-indulgence.

Then, the history of the mother may teach a lesson of humble trust and quiet submission, and of hopefulness in circumstances of sorrow. She trusted in God, and she was helped. Strength was given to her to bear her sorrow bravely; and in God's good time she was helped out of it. It is the Christian only, who has a right to look to the promises of the Bible for help in time of need, and to believe in them. But all who love God *have* a right to them; and, in one way or

other, those promises are fulfilled right faithfully; for He who has promised is able to do for us exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think: and He will do this, because He is God, and not man.

There have been multitudes of God's people who have had reason to say with quiet joy, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears . . . The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the Lord is good." But the only way to enjoy this blessedness is to be a child of God, by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and to have God's Holy Spirit dwelling in us in love.

And then, in the young hero of our story, we may see that even a child is known by his doings (Prov. 20:11), what his character is, and what he himself is likely to be. It shows us, too, that it is never too soon to begin to do right, nor too early to go to God in prayer, asking for help in time of need. "I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me." Proverbs 8:17.

There is no doubt Robin had many temptations (what boy has not?) to idleness and disobedience and self-indulgence. But he bravely withstood them all, and by patience and well-doing he was sustained in a position and placed in circumstances to do a very great service for those whom he dearly loved, as well as to those whom he was in duty bound to serve.

It may be hoped that none who read this story will be tried in the same way that Robin was; but all will find it to be in their power to spread, in some way and measure, comfort and happiness and joy all around.

—Author unknown

"My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." Prov. 23:26.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Dear Boys and Girls:

How happy we are that Jesus was born on that long ago day and what wonderful change He brought to this world! What a sad world this would be if He had not come. We are rejoicing today because this day has been set aside to honor Him for His birthday. It might not be the exact day, but we know that He was born one day. Each of you enjoy your birthdays so it is nice to enjoy a birthday with Jesus, is it not? We are made sad when we see many doing things on His birthday that grieve Jesus. Some will drink strong drinks and get drunk. That grieves the Lord. So many will think only of gift-giving and never think of the greatest Gift that the world has ever been given. But we today, do rejoice that "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. What a wonderful Gift! In that Gift we find, as we unwrap it,

love, joy, peace, and many lovely things. We find forgiveness for our sins, and we are given eternal life. No gift is like it in the whole world. No wonder the Apostle Paul said, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." II Cor. 9:15. In other words, Jesus, the Gift of God, is so great that one can't express His greatness.

Today we are rejoicing with the angels, on the hills of Bethlehem, as they appeared to the shepherds and told them the greatest news that the world has ever heard. Today we have news broadcasters who give out news, and sometimes, they are very excited to tell some great things that have happened, but no news has ever been given that is as great as the news from the angels in heaven to the shepherds. They brought "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Those words still ring in our ears almost 2000 years later. Today, we rejoice in knowing that Babe who was lying in the manger is our personal Saviour. He was sent here for a purpose and He fulfilled that purpose. He grew up, went about doing good, and then willingly died on the cross for our sins. He did not stay in that tomb, but came forth and today He is still alive, sitting at the right hand of God, interceding for our sins. Oh, how we do love and adore Him! No Saviour is so great and no peace is given to anyone like Jesus can give. Today we are rejoicing with the angels, the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and the wise men as they showed love to Him long years ago!

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, Dec. 25, 1977

## REJOICING WITH THE ANGELS

Luke 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

5 To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

7 And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

Matt. 2:11 And when they [wisemen] were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

**Memory Verse:** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who gave the order for everyone to come to the place of his birth to register and be taxed?
2. Where did Joseph and Mary go?
3. While they were there, did Mary have a boy or a girl?
4. What did she wrap the Baby in and where did she lay Him?
5. Who appeared to the shepherds that night?
6. What did the angels say?
7. Were these tidings of great joy just to the shepherds?
8. What does a Saviour mean?
9. What was the sign to the shepherds that would cause them to find the right baby?
10. What did the multitude of angels say?
11. Did the shepherds find the Baby as the angels told them that they would?
12. Did they keep the good news or tell it?
13. What did the wise men bring as gifts to the Baby?
14. Tell what each of you think of Jesus.

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