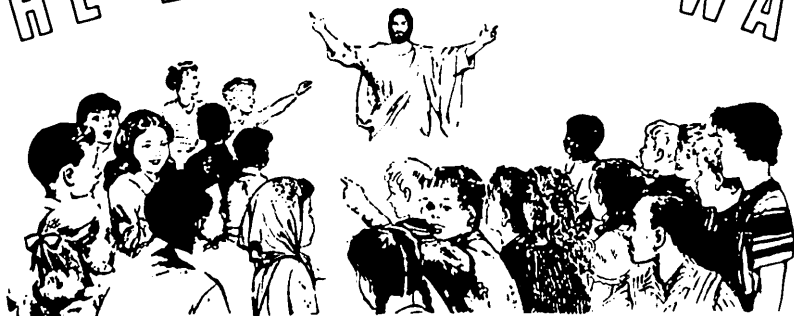


# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE MISSING PIE



Shawn loved his mother. There were many reasons why he loved her. He loved her because she cooked good food for him to eat. He loved her because she worked every day at the office to earn money so she could buy food to cook. He loved her because she washed his clothes. He loved her because she shared his problems.

Friday Shawn's Dad took him to a drive-in to eat. Shawn bought a hamburger, french fries, a strawberry shake and an apple turn-over pie. While he was eating he remembered how much his mother loved apple turn-overs. "I'll save this turn-over pie for Mother," he thought. He unbuttoned his shirt and carefully slid the pie inside. It felt very warm against his tummy. He rebuttoned his shirt. Then he pulled it out just a little to make a pocket for the pie.

"All through eating?" asked his Dad. He was surprised that Shawn had finished so soon. "We'd better be going."

At home Shawn looked around for a place to hide the pie. He couldn't leave it on the table, his little brother John would get it. He couldn't leave it in the refrigerator, his big sister Laura would eat it. He pulled a chair close to the cabinet, climbed upon it and laid the pie on the top shelf. "No one will find it there," he thought.

He went outside to play with John. He loved to play outside but when Mother

came home he stayed inside to help her. At school the neighbor boys teased him about doing *girl* work. It made him feel bad, but it also made him feel bad when his tired mother worked and he played. He knew he should help, so he did. Sometimes he washed the dishes and vacuumed the carpet. Sometimes he folded the clean clothes. He always made his bed and put away his own things. Sometimes he even put away John's things.

Laura was home now, she'd put a load of clothes to wash. He could hear the washer.

Mother stopped the car in front of the house. Shawn ran to meet her.

"I brought you an apple turn-over from my lunch," he half shouted and half whispered. Mother gave him a real tight squeeze and smiled even brighter than usual.

"Give me a hug, too," wailed John. "You always hug him more'n you do me." Mother bent down and hugged John. They went inside.

"It's on the top shelf by the sink," Shawn said. Mother reached her hand high on the shelf, but she couldn't feel any thing. She reached further back, she felt all around, but she couldn't find the pie. "I put it right there," he sighed. Mother felt again but there was no pie.

"Laura may know something about the pie, because I left \$4.27 here so she could pay Mrs. Murry. Laura," she called, "did you see an apple turn-over?"

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Forgive Others

Matt. 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22 Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. (10,000 silver talents are \$52,800,000, Gold would be more.)

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. (one hundred pence is \$44.)

29 And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Mark 11:25 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.

26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

After reading *Words of Gold* and *Let's Talk*, see if you can solve the puzzle on the opposite page with the answers to these questions.

1. Who asked the first question?
2. Who answered it?
3. The ruler in our lesson was a \_\_\_\_?
4. The first servant owed how many dollars?
5. The second servant owed how many dollars?
6. Who was to be sold so a payment could be made?
7. The king \_\_\_\_ the servant.
8. The first servant was \_\_\_\_.
9. Will God forgive us if we do not forgive others?
10. If we do not forgive, God cannot forgive \_\_\_\_.
11. If we do not forgive, then God's forgiveness is \_\_\_\_.

## MEMORY VERSE

But if ye do not forgive, neither will you Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:26.

# Let's Talk

What you have just read is a story Jesus told to Peter to help him understand about the kingdom of Heaven. The kingdom of Heaven is all those who are saved from sin. Even though they still live here on the earth, they are a part of the kingdom of Heaven.

The story was put in the Bible because Jesus also wants us to understand. Everything written in the Bible is so people can understand God and know His wishes for them.

Jesus wants us to know that all saved people have been forgiven of many, many sins. These sins are so many, they are compared to \$52,800,000. Do you know of anyone who has that much money? It is 52 million, 8 hundred thousand dollars.

Things others do that hurt us are compared to \$44. We know we could earn \$44. Some of you are already earning money. Some have allowances, others receive money as gifts. You could save money until you had \$44. It may take a long time, but it is possible. If you saved \$1.00 each week it would take less than ten months to have \$44.

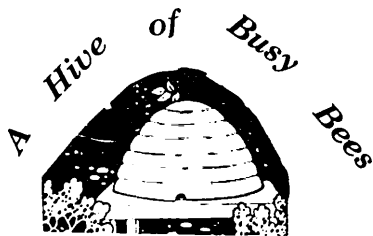
Now let's try to save \$52,800,000. We will save \$1.00 each week. It will take 1,015,385 years, that is more than a million years! Will anyone live to be a million years old?

Now, can you understand how little we must forgive compared to how much God has forgiven us? Sometimes it may be hard to forgive but it is possible.

Jesus also taught us through this story that if we will not forgive those who hurt us neither will He forgive us. We will then be out of the kingdom of Heaven.

Bow your head and ask God for courage to forgive. —Aunt Charlotte

(Answers)  
1. Peter 2. Jesus 3. King 4. \$52,800,000  
5. \$44 6. people 7. forgive 8. wicked  
9. no 10. us 11. none.



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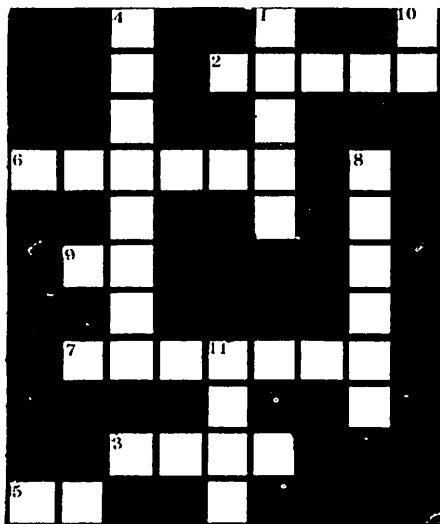
Travel on a train with Don and Joyce as they go to spend the summer vacation with Grandpa and Grandma.

You'll thrill with excitement as you read about their adventures on the farm; milking cows, catching fish at the river, Joyce's ride on the pig's back, and Don summersaulting into a cactus.

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"Yes, Mother," she answered from the bedroom. "Thank you, it was delicious!"

Shawn wanted to shout at her, he wanted to scream, "Why did you eat my pie?" But he stood there silent. Tears welled up in his eyes and trickled down his cheeks. He quickly wiped them away, so John wouldn't see. John might tell the boys.

"I'm glad Laura ate it," sneered John. "Cause you're always bringing things for Mother so she'll love you more'n me."

Shawn clenched his fist, he wanted to hit John, but he knew he shouldn't. He relaxed his fist. He felt bitter at Laura, mad at John and sorry for Mother.

Mother was telling him something about it being alright. He forced himself to look up. Their eyes met. He knew she understood, that made him feel better. He said, "Okay," but he knew things weren't OK, he knew he didn't feel right inside.

John went outside. Laura was still in the bedroom. He could hear Mother talking to her about the pie. He sat down on the sofa, thinking about his bitter feelings, when suddenly he remembered a lesson he'd heard about forgiving others when they do something to hurt you. "I must forgive," he thought. He got up and walked to the door.

There was John, in the tree. John had laughed because Laura ate his gift. Sure he could forgive Laura, she hadn't known the pie was for Mother, she may have thought it was for her. Why else would it be laying where Mother had left the money. Besides Laura did a lot of nice things for him.

He could hear Mother and Laura coming from the bedroom. He stood still with his back to Laura, she was talking. "Shawn, I'm awfully sorry I ate the pie. I thought Mother had left it for me. Will you please forgive me?"

The bitter feelings came back, he did not want to forgive her. "She could have asked or shared it with John and me if she really thought it was for her," he reasoned. Again he remembered the lesson. The memory verse had been: "But if ye do not forgive neither will your Father which is in Heaven forgive

[you] your trespasses." He knew he wanted God to forgive him when he made a mistake. But this may not be a mistake, he thought to himself. Then he remembered the time God had told him to share his Sunday School paper with a boy at school. He hadn't done it because he was afraid of being teased by the other boys. God had forgiven him, and that wasn't a mistake either, he thought.

"Yes, I guess so," he muttered.

Supper was over. As usual Shawn and Laura were clearing the table and washing the dishes. John was playing. Mother was sewing.

For worship Mother read from the Bible, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors . . . For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; But if ye forgive not men their trespasses neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:12-15.

Shawn wondered how Mother knew what he had been thinking; but she usually did.

After John had gone to sleep, Shawn got out of bed and went into the living room. He knelt beside the sofa. He stayed there a long time telling God all about his feelings. He knew that God already knew about his feelings, but it always made him feel better when he told God about them. When he got up all the bitter feelings were gone. Even those toward John.

As he opened the door to his room, he could hear his mother praying in the room across the hall. He listened, "Oh, God," she was saying, "Please help Shawn not to be bitter, help him be able to forgive. Lord you know how much I love him. He brings so much happiness to me. Thank you, God, for Shawn."

He walked over to John and kissed him. He crawled under the covers, and lay there thinking. He loved his mother. He loved his mother more than ever before. He had another reason to love her, . . . He loved her because she prayed for HIM!

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## 48 Hours in Hell

George Lennox didn't believe in the authority of God's Word. His mother knew what the Bible said was true, and she often warned him, "George, you must quit stealing and doing wicked things or you will go to HELL."

"Ah, you can believe all that stuff if you want," he'd reply, "but I'd rather have a good time now and let the future take care of itself."

George kept on stealing until he got caught and put in jail. He served time and got out, but he started stealing again and was soon caught and put back in jail.

His poor mother was so brokenhearted she became sick and died.

George felt sad about his mother, but he could do nothing for her now. All he could do was go to work every day with the other prisoners. In the evening they returned to the jail for a little supper and were locked in the cells for the night. What a life!

"This winter they were working in a coal mine. 'Come on boys,' called Mr. Grason, the officer in charge, 'time to be at work.'"

George went into the tunnel where he usually worked, but he felt so afraid he came back out. "Say, Mr. Grason would you check the roof supports in my room?" he asked. "They seem unsafe."

Mr. Grason checked everything. "That place is fine for working, now get at it, and don't be so cranky," he ordered.

George felt trembly inside, but he returned to work. About two hours later, the ceiling boards broke. The huge boards, rocks and dirt came crashing down on him.

Suddenly everything turned black. Then a great iron door swung open and he walked through. He thought, "I must be dead and in another world." Everything was dark and silent, oh, so silent. He felt himself moving — moving away from the door and out into the unknown.

After a while he came to a wide, wide river. There was just enough light to see. It was somewhat like a bright starlit night. He stood there a little while and then in the distance he heard a noise. George looked and there was a person in a boat coming toward him. He rowed up to the bank and said, "I've come to get you, get in and row to the other side." George was speechless, but obeyed. He wanted to ask, "Who are you? Where are you taking me? Where are we?", but his tongue seemed like it was stuck to the top of his mouth. They finally reached the other side and George got out. Not a word was spoken. Suddenly the boatman disappeared!

He felt bewildered. Everything looked weird. In the half-darkness he saw two roads which led through a dark valley. One road was broad and had been traveled often. The other was narrow and not used much. George didn't know why, but he started following the broad road. The farther he went the darker it grew. Every once in a while a light flashed in

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## The Authority of God's Word

(To understand this lesson you will need to read Let's Talk first.)



The flood will come: Gen. 6:17,18, "And behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee [Noah] will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee."

The flood came: Gen. 7:19, "And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered."

21 "And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man."

The Israelites will leave Egypt: Gen. 50:24, "And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

They left 400 years later: Exodus 12:40, "Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years."

41 "And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt."

Jeremiah says the nation of Israel will be captured: Jer. 25:8, "Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts; Because ye have not heard my words,"

11 "This whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years."

The city is captured: Jer. 39:1, "In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it."

2 "And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up."

9 "Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city . . ."

Jesus is to be born in Bethlehem: Micah 5:2, "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

Jesus is born in Bethlehem: Luke 2:4, "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, 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."

(Teachers, please study thoroughly each of the prophecies mentioned and emphasize how each was fulfilled just as it was spoken. This will encourage students to believe God's Word.)

Song: The first and third verse of #332, The Word of God, *Evening Light Songs*.

## Memory Verse:

Till heaven and earth pass,  
one jot or one tittle shall in  
no wise pass from the law,  
till all be fulfilled. Matt. 5:18



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about authority. Authority is the power to enforce obedience; the right to command. We understand the Bible is authority because it is correct information and wise advice and it has the power to enforce obedience.

How do we know the Bible is correct? We know it is correct because what it says will come to pass, has come to pass. Think of all the places in the Bible which speak about Christ. These were written many hundreds of years before Christ was born, yet, what was spoken of Him was exactly right. Look in the back of your Bible for Prophecies of the Messiah Fulfilled in Christ. My Bible lists 37, some list 300. How many does your Bible list?

When the Kings from the east came to Herod and asked, "Where is the new King?" Herod demanded of the priests and scribes, "Where is this Christ?" How did they find where He was? They studied the books of the Old Testament. Then they told Herod that He was in Bethlehem and, sure enough, He was.

There are many places in the Bible where people said certain things would happen, and later it happened just as they said. How about when Noah said there would be a flood, and there was a flood? Joseph said the Israelites would leave Egypt, four hundred years later they did. The prophet Jeremiah said the city of Jerusalem would be destroyed. The enemy fought against them eighteen months, but it was destroyed as he had said. These are only a few, you will find many more as you read the Bible.

Some may say, "But those are all in the same book." They are not really in the same book. The Bible is many books which were written at different times over a long period of years. Let us look at some things Jesus spoke about the city of Jerusalem and see if they happened. In the book of Matthew, Chapter 24, verse 4, He says, "See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon

another, that shall not be thrown down." Now we will read in a history book written by Josephus, on page 832 and 833 he said, "It was so thoroughly laid even with the ground . . . that there was nothing left to make those that came . . . believe it had ever been inhabited." Christ said there would not be one stone left upon another and the city was laid so even with the ground that it looked as if people had never lived in it. God's Word is always true.—Aunt Charlotte

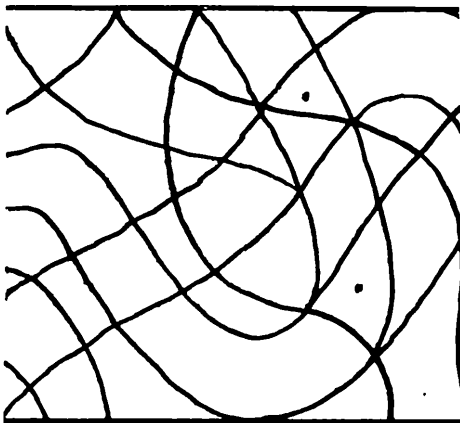
## Questions:

1. The flood was to destroy what?
2. Was Noah to be destroyed also?
3. How long did the children of Israel live in Egypt?
4. Why did Jeremiah say the land would be desolate?
5. Who were the Israelites to serve?
6. Where was Jesus to be born?
7. Where did Mary and Joseph live?
8. Why did they go to Bethlehem?
9. Does God tell his people about the things that will happen?
10. Do things always happen just as God says?
11. Is the Bible the highest authority in all the earth?

(Answers: 1. Every living thing on the earth. 2. No. 3. 430 years. 4. Because the people disobeyed God. 5. The people of Babylon. 6. In Bethlehem. 7. Nazareth. 8. To be taxed. 9. Yes. 10. Yes. 11. Yes.)

Find the letter that begins a prophets name by filling in the 2 dotted spaces and 4 undotted spaces.

(answer: J)



the distance, lighting the road enough so he could keep on walking.

The light flashed again and he saw a gigantic, ugly creature. George stood breathless in the darkness, trembling like a leaf in a storm. The creature stood about ten-feet tall. Its head and body looked somewhat like a man. Its eyes like balls of fire, its teeth were long and white. Its long, coarse hair hung over its huge shoulders. Again the light flashed and George saw in its raised hand a spear aimed right at him. Its voice sounded like that of a lion in captivity. "FOLLOW ME," it roared.

George followed fearfully. He knew if he ran away the spear would be hurled into his heart. On down the road they came to a huge mountain. The mountain side facing them looked straight up like a giant wall. On it were written these words, THIS IS HELL. The creature gave three loud knocks on the wall and a door opened. George was forced to enter. He was lead through a tunnel in the mountain.



It was so dark George could not see but followed the heavy footsteps of the creature. He was afraid to stop walking. The thud . . . thud . . . of its heavy footsteps beat on his ears, and in the distance he heard groans like someone dying. As they traveled on the groans became louder and louder. Above the groaning, moaning sound, George could hear one word, "Water!" At the end of the tunnel was a gateway through which he was led. Here he heard millions of voices calling, calling, calling for water, WATER, water, water!

Just past the gateway stood another huge door which also opened to the creature's loud knock. After passing through the door, George found himself entering a beautiful, green plain. The horrible creature left and George took a deep breath. He stood there wondering what this meant and fearful of where he'd be taken next.

His wondering lasted only a moment, for just then another creature with a sword in his hand came toward him. In a terrifying roar he spoke these words, "YOU ARE IN HELL. For you, all hope is gone! As you were passing through the tunnel you heard the groans and shrieks of the dead who are lost. They cry for a drop of water to cool their parched tongues. Along that passage is a door, that opens to HELL. It will soon be opened to YOU. First you have been brought here to see what you could be enjoying had you believed God's Word and lived as it says." The creature then disappeared.

George was again alone, this time he felt sick. A great weakness came over him and he slumped to the ground. He felt half awake and half asleep. Music in low volume fell on his ears. He opened his eyes, the plain before him was covered with flowers. A gentle breeze carried the fragrance of the flowers to his nostrils. In the distance he saw the beautiful city the Bible tells about. He saw the River of Live, a crystal sea, the great jasper walls and the gate. Multitudes of angels passed in and out of the gate. He lay there stunned by the view and listening to the angel's voices which grew louder and louder.

Something special caught his eye! Was it really his mother he was seeing? Yes, it was, she was beckoning him to come to her! "Oh, Mother," he cried, "I wish I could come to you. I'd give everything to be able to come where you are."

"I wish I could come, Mother," he repeated. His heart felt so full; like it would burst. Yes, full of anguish as he cried, "Oh, how I wish I could be one of those!"

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At that moment another demon of Hell bid him follow. He did, as if drawn by some mysterious power. They passed through the gateway and into the dark tunnel again. He followed until they came to a door in the side of the passage. This opened and they walked through. After a while they came to another door through which George walked. There before his eyes was the lake of fire. His mother had warned him about this very place. "Why, oh, why didn't I listen to her?" he moaned.

As far as eye could see was FIRE, huge billows of fire rolled over each other, and great waves of fiery flames dashed against each other and leaped high into the air. Everywhere large dashing, crashing waves of fire roared as if in the midst of a violent storm. On the crest of these fiery waves were people groaning and shrieking for W-a-t-e-r, WATER. Some were cursing against God as they were carried upon a wave, but every word was quieted as they plunged into the depth of the fire. Young women were there, young men were there; old men, old women and teenagers were there, each one was groaning and shrieking for WATER, WATER, water, water, water.

George shivered all over, he felt frantic to get away. Turning toward the door through which he had just entered his eyes saw these terrifying words; THIS IS THY DOOM, ETERNITY NEVER

ENDS. Then the ground beneath his feet began shaking and cracking away as if to fall into the lake of fire! At that instance he became very thirsty and began crying out for WATER.



I began to feel the earth give way and I found myself sinking into the lake of fire.

The next thing George knew he was being picked up off the prison hospital floor. The men around him looked frightened. Bewilderment showed on every face. One man ordered, "Call the doctor at once!" An orderly disappeared out the door.

George looked around, on one side he saw what he believed to be a casket. Thoughts whirled through his mind. "Have I really been dead? Were they getting ready to put ME in that casket

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## MAN CREATED DIFFERENTLY

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

11 "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself."

12 "And the earth brought forth."

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

21 "And God created great whales and every living creature . . ."

25 "And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind."

Gen. 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

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

Gen. 5:1 "In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;"

Ecc. 3:21 "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit

of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?"

Ecc. 12:7 "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

Psa. 139:14 "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

I Cor. 2:22 "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

I Cor. 3:16 "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

I Cor. 15:38 "But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body."

39 "All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds."

(Teachers, please study the Scriptures and be able to explain each one. A good song is, "What a Mighty God We Serve," #43 *Evening Light Songs*.)

## Questions:

1. What is an image?
2. In whose image are we made?
3. We are formed from what?
4. Whose breath was given to man?
5. Was this same breath given to other animals?
6. Man has a living \_\_\_\_\_
7. Our body will change into what?
8. Our spirit will return to whom?

(Answers: 1. one like another in looks and manners. 2. God's. 3. dust. 4. God's. 5. no. 6. Soul. 7. dust or dirt. 8. God.)

## Memory Verse:

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



# Let's Talk

God created man different than animals. Man was the last thing God created. This does not mean that He made all other living things first and through a process of slow changes, He made people. No! Instead it shows us God wanted everything ready for the special thing He was to make. He knew people would need all the other things He made first to be happy.

We are God's special creation because He made us like Himself. Sure, our bodies are made from dust just as the bodies of animals, but we are different because He put HIS breath in us. God is a Spirit and He created us in His image with a spirit also. God's Spirit will never die, neither will His spirit which He put in us die, it will live forever even after our body is dead. This is what is meant in Gen. 2:7, where it says that man became a living SOUL. I Cor. 15:45, says, "The first man Adam was made a living soul." Remember, God did not make the animals in His image, nor did He breathe into them His breath. He did not put within them a SOUL that will never die.

He also gave more intelligence to man. He gave people dominion, or control over all the other animals. He also told people to subdue the earth. Subdue means to gain control over and to cultivate or farm the land. God gave no other animal this power nor ability.

There are many books with beautiful pictures which say that all living things came from a tiny *bit of life* millions of years ago. They say throughout millions of years things slowly changed until finally there was a being like you and I. It is true that everything living came from one *bit of life*. This life is not tiny. This LIFE is GOD! The very special thing about it all is that a part of this LIFE is in everyone. When we die this life part of us returns to God who gave it. The body part of us goes back to dust just as the body of other animals. People are different because they have a SOUL that lives forever.



## Pray, Lads, Pray

Do you say it isn't manly  
For a lad to kneel and pray?  
There is no more manly action  
In the wide world of today;  
For the best of men—the Lord of all—  
Found a strength indeed in prayer,  
And we who would be like to Him  
Must seek and find strength there.

There's a joy surpassing knowledge  
Comes to every lad of prayer—  
He is strong 'gainst all temptation  
And is happy everywhere,  
For he knows his way is guided  
By the God to whom he prays,  
And God's favour lends a brightness  
Which makes gladsome all his days.

It will draw an aid from heaven  
That will help you bear each load,  
Till life's burden is unloaded  
At the very feet of God.

Pray, my lads! You'll ne'er regret it,  
For when ends "life's little day,"  
It will prove a source of solace

When a boy you learnt to pray.

—Selected

Unscramble these words found in your lesson:

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1. gaime    | 8. shif      |
| 2. odg      | 9. sudt      |
| 3. miodinon | 10. trilnoss |
| 4. amn      | 11. thrae    |
| 5. duebus   | 12. tripis   |
| 6. wolf     | 13. lous     |
| 7. telcat   | 14. dormef   |

(Answers: 1. image, 2. god, 3. dominion, 4. man, 5. subdue, 6. fowl, 7. cattle, 8. fish, 9. dust, 10. nostrils, 11. earth, 12. spirit, 13. soul, 14. formed.)

and bury me? Was I really in HELL?" He noticed the clothes he had on were not the usual prison garb. "Why had they changed my clothes except to bury me?" He hadn't worn any clothes except the prison garb for a long time. He hadn't done anything for a long time, except work in the prison coal mine. The coal mine, yes, that was the last thing he remembered doing on earth. He'd asked Mr. Grason to check out his room because he felt it unsafe. Mr. Grason had said it was safe, he had worked a while and then everything grew dark. After that was the horrible trip to Hell. George shut his eyes to close out the sight, but it was forever before him! He moaned because of the sight, then the awful thirst returned. "Please, give me some water," he begged.

He was sitting up drinking the water when the doctor came in. "Hello, Mr. Lennox," he said to George. "I never thought I'd be examining you again."

"Why? Why am I here?" asked George.

All was quiet for a while, then the doctor answered. "There was an accident in the mine day before yesterday, and, . . . you expired."

George said nothing, he just lay there wondering if he heard right. He also wondered if the word "expired" really meant "died", as he thought.

The doctor listened to his heart, checked his pulse, punched on his chest, back and abdomen. Then he examined his legs and arms. "You'll need this leg in a cast. It is broken in two places. A lot of bed rest and you'll be in good shape again. This afternoon we'll take care of your leg." He gave George a big smile and left the room.

After he left, the orderly got a hospital gown and helped George get off his clothes and into the gown.

"Why do I have these clothes on?" asked George.

"Didn't you hear what the Doc said? You died two days ago, when the mine caved in and buried you. They dug you out and brought you here but the Doc said it wasn't any use trying to help you because you were already gone. Better thank the good Lord in Heaven that we hadn't put you in that box, and

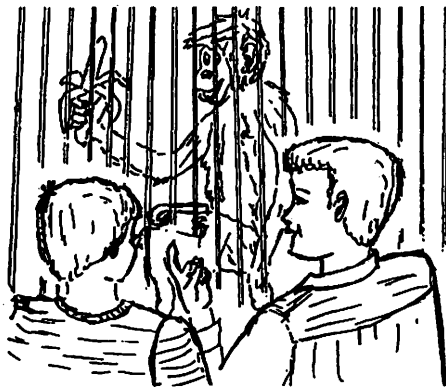
put you in the ground," he said pointing to the casket. "We were carrying you, to put you in, when Jim stumbled and dropped your head on the floor. You moaned real pitiful like, and started breathing again. You hadn't breathed once in the forty-eight hours since they found you buried in the mine."

He hadn't breathed for forty-eight hours. George knew for sure now that he'd been in Hell. He just lay there trying to get all these things pieced together. Most of all he was trying in his own way to say, "Thank you God, for giving me another chance to be saved from that awful place called HELL." He asked God to forgive him for all the bad things he'd ever done, and he promised to never do them again. He told God he was sorry for not believing His Word, the Bible. "Dear God," he said, "I'm giving my life to you. You will be my master from now on, and I will be your servant. I know your Word is true, I know there is a Heaven and a Hell."

George stayed in the hospital for six months and then went back to work in the mine to finish serving his time for stealing.

He told his fellow prisoners about what happened to him during the forty-eight hours he was dead. Some way another man heard about it and after meeting George, he wrote a story about it all, just as George told it to him.

(A true story.)



"You may think he's your great uncle, but he's not mine or yours."

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Alma's Promise

"Mamma, the fifth grade pupils are going for a picnic this afternoon, and they want me to go," cried Alma. "May I go?"

"Why, I think so," answered Mrs. Criton. "It's a beautiful day for a picnic."

"But I promised Miss Nelson to go to Mary Burt's this afternoon," Alma said, still holding the telephone in her hand. "Will it be alright if I get someone else to go visit her?"

"Whatever you think is best," answered her mother slowly.

"Mamma, I know I shouldn't break a promise, but there will be few chances for picnics this summer." Then to the friend waiting an answer, she said hastily, "I'll call you in a few minutes and let you know if I can go." She knew she must decide for herself whether to go or not, and that would take time. Turning from the telephone she said to her Mamma, "It won't make a bit of difference whether I go or another girl in our Sunday School class goes in my place. Of course, I persuaded Mary to be a part of our class, and she likes me very much, but she probably likes the other girls just as well." Mamma said nothing, and Alma went on hurriedly, "It's not as if Mary needed me, I feel just as sorry as I can for her because her little brother is dead, and maybe she wouldn't want to see me if I did go."

Presently Alma stopped talking about the matter and slowly climbed the stairs. She wished for her mother to settle the

question, and yet she knew what Mother would say. The Criton children had been taught that a promise is a sacred thing and not to be easily broken. Alma hesitated a long time, thinking of the promise Jesus made to God, His Father. A promise to die on the cross for the sins of everyone. "It wasn't easy for Jesus to keep His promise either," she said to herself. She dropped on her knees by her bed. The victory was won before she spoke the first word in prayer. Alma had fought out other problems in this quiet place. She lingered a moment to whisper a little prayer of thanksgiving. Then she ran down to tell her friend she would not go.

"Why not?" demanded her friend, Gladys.

"Because I must take some flowers down to Mary Burt's. Her little brother is to be buried this afternoon."

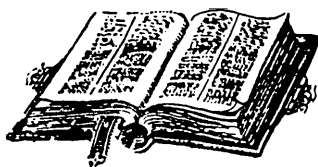
"Is that all?" replied Gladys. "I'll get Joe to do that for you. The idea of giving up a picnic for something so unimportant!"

Alma resolutely held on, and though she wiped away a few tears, she gave up the picnic. She wiped away a few more tears when she saw Gladys' Mom drive by with a station wagon filled with her friends.

A little later she put on her sweater, picked up the beautiful flowers and started out to the saddened home almost a mile away. Mary's family was poor and now in great distress. Alma was tired and hot when she reached the shabby house.

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## JESUS' WORKS PROVE HE IS THE SON OF GOD

Jesus said, John 10:37, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not."

38 "But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him."

John the Baptist was in prison for speaking the truth. When he heard of Jesus works, he sent two disciples to see if Jesus was the promised Saviour.

Matt. 11:4 "Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:"

5 "The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

Jesus reminds His disciples of other unusual things which he did.

Mark 8:19 "When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve."

20 "And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven."

Let us read about a few more things Jesus did:

Matt. 9:18 "... behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live."

19 "And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples."

20 "And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:"

21 "For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole."

22 "But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole [well] from that hour."

Jesus raises a girl from the dead:

23 "And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the minstrels and the people making a noise,"

24 "He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn."

25 "But when the people were put forth, he went in, and took her by the hand, and the maid arose."

27 "And when Jesus departed thence, [from there] two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us."

28 "And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord."

29 "Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you."

30 "And their eyes were opened;"

John 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.

(Teacher's note: A good song for this lesson is "He is Just the Same Today", #307 in *Evening Light Songs*. Your own personal testimony will be very effective in proving Jesus is the Son of God. Answers below for the questions on page three.)

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. because of the work He does. 3. yes, later but not at first. 4. He said, "Go tell him the things you see and hear about me. 5. five. 6. twelve. 7. four thousand. 8. seven. 9. twelve. 10. yes. 11. yes.

### Memory Verse:

And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Mark, 1:11



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about Jesus, the Son of God. Some people say that Jesus was just a great man like President Lincoln, or any other person who has done wonderful things for people. Of course, we know Jesus was a wonderful man but He was also the Son of God. The extraordinary things He did while on earth is proof enough that He was not an ordinary man. Extraordinary things that happen today through believing in His name is also proof that He is the Son of God.

What are some extraordinary things Jesus did? He healed *all* the sick and demoniac people who came to Him, gave life to some dead, calmed the storms and walked on the water. He fed 5,000 and 7,000 people at different times with a little bread and a few fish. He loved His enemies, and forgave His murderers. He is still doing extraordinary things for those who believe in Him!

In the book of St. John the first chapter, John says that Jesus was God, and all things were made by Him. He also says no man has seen God, but Jesus has informed us of Him. Jesus knew about God because He lived in Heaven with God, His Father, before coming to earth.

It is unusual how Jesus came to live on earth. The Holy Spirit came over a virgin girl and caused her to have a baby which was part God and part human. Even as a baby, many people knew Jesus was the Son of God, not the son of His mother's husband. You may read about this in the Bible in Luke 1:26-38 and 2:1-52.

All who met Jesus while He lived on earth knew He was part Spirit and part human. Even the demoniacs cried out saying, "Thou art the Son of God." An unbelieving soldier standing by His cross cried out, "Truly this was the Son of God." Matt. 27:54. When John baptized Jesus at the Jordan River, God spoke out of Heaven saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Jesus told some unbelievers, I am the Son of God. . . If I do not the works of my Father, God, believe me not, but I do the works of God. The things He does, proves He is the Son of God.

Jesus said He was the Son of God. God said Jesus was His Son. The people who lived at the time Jesus was living on earth agreed He was the Son of God, even the weak-minded people said He was. Today most people with real brain power believe He is, too. I know smart children like you believe Jesus is the Son of God!

—Aunt Charlotte

## Questions:

1. Who is the Son of God?
2. Why do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?
3. Did John the Baptist believe Jesus was the Son of God?
4. How did Jesus answer John's disciples?
5. Jesus fed five thousand people with how many loaves?
6. How many baskets of food were left?
7. How many were fed with seven loaves?
8. How many baskets of food were left over?
9. The woman was diseased for how many years?
10. Did Jesus heal her?
11. Was the girl brought back to life?

## Word Search

How many words from the lesson can you find in the maze below? List of words on page 4.

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"I knew you would come," sobbed Mary, when Alma placed her arm about her. "Some of the neighbor girls said you wouldn't, but I knew better. What beautiful flowers! These are the only ones we have. And oh, Alma, could you sing this afternoon at the funeral? You sing so well, and it would be a great comfort to poor Mamma."

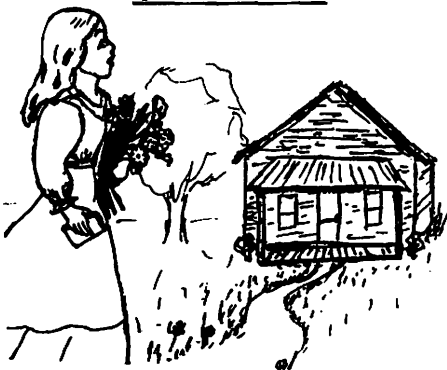
Alma had been planning to get her cousin Joe to take her in his new car to the picnic, thinking that even if she missed the food, she could still have a share in the fun. Mary's pleading voice made her heart soft. She couldn't refuse.

"Mary, Mary, don't cry so," she said, "I can't sing very good, but I will do my best if it will help comfort your mother. I'll be at the funeral this afternoon," she assured Mary.

She had another long walk back home and then down to the funeral, but somehow she did not feel very tired, nor did she think the picnic so important, after seeing the happiness she brought to the sad family. If she could do anything more to comfort them, she'd be glad to do it. Even after the service at the cemetery, she lingered to say a consoling word to the brothers and sisters left behind.

At supper time, Joe asked, "How was the picnic today? I heard the boys and girls planning it, and I knew you would have a great lot of fun."

"I didn't go," answered Alma. "I had promised to go down to Mary Burt's and I couldn't break my promise. I'm glad I went to see the Burt family. I think I helped cheer them."



"I knew you wouldn't go," said the young man quietly. "I was at Gladys' house talking to her brother when she called. I told Gladys you wouldn't go, but she said you would. I didn't leave until you called back half an hour later."

"You knew it?" cried Alma in amazement. Her cousin Joe had recently come to live with them. His own family was very careless about living right, why should he be so sure she too would not break a promise? Her thoughts must have shown on her face, for he very quietly answered her unspoken question.

"Yes, I felt sure you would keep your promise because you are a *real* Christian. I said to myself that Alma Criton could be trusted, and I wasn't disappointed. I'm glad I wasn't. I thought if an eleven-year-old girl can give up a picnic to make her word true, then I was missing out on something very fine in life. Alma, I decided this very day to be a Christian like you. I feel very happy."

"A dozen picnics couldn't make me as happy as I am now," exclaimed Alma.

Alma ran lightly upstairs to her room and flung herself upon her knees, but this time it was to celebrate the victory rather than to try to gain one. "There will be plenty of good times this summer, now that Joe is saved. I am so glad I kept my promise and went to Mary's instead of going to the picnic," she said to herself. No wonder Mamma has always said, 'A promise is a sacred thing.' Of course, I knew she was right, but I never felt it like this before." —Selected

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What's the Use of Kindness if You Do It a Day Late?



(List of words that can be found in the Word Search on page three: and, arose, basket, blind, blood, cleanse, dead, fed, four, five, God, hand, he, her, Jesus, John, loaves, live, men, poor, prison, prove, seven, the, thousand, to, twelve, two, works, years. How many did you find more than once?)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Will Jack Be Saved?

"Mother, I got it, I got it," shouted Jack as he bounded up the stairs.

"Got what?" questioned his Mother.

"I've been chosen to be the foreign exchange student, and I get to choose the way I travel. Now I'll get to go in an ocean liner. You know how long I've wanted to go on one. I hope I can make friends with the captain and learn about navigation. Maybe some day I'll be a captain myself."

"I'm so happy for you," Mother said, then added rather sadly, "Dad and I will really miss you while you are gone."

Jack was the youngest child in a family of six children. He was the only child living at home, so he would be terribly missed, but what really made Mother feel bad was Jack's loss of interest in spiritual things. Sure, he was a good, clean boy but his love for the things of the world was growing so fast that it would soon choke out his love for God.

The day for sailing finally came. They had driven all day Monday and six hours Tuesday to get to New York City. Being in such a big, busy city was exciting, but when Jack saw the harbor, the ocean liners, and the great Atlantic Ocean extending behind them as far as his eyes could see, he thought he could burst with excitement. "I'll soon be on an ocean liner and sailing for Spain," he said to himself. "I'll know all about that ocean liner before I get there."

Mother was speaking but he hadn't heard a word. "What did you say?"

"I was saying," Mother repeated, "I hope you will read your Bible and pray every day. Be strong for the Lord and don't be ashamed of Christ. Remember Jesus said, 'Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.'"

"I'll do my best," Jack promised half-heartedly.

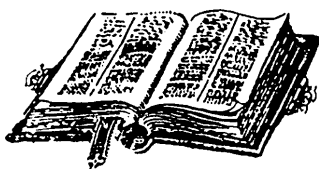
"Learn all you wish, my boy," added Dad, "but don't love anything more than God."

The good-byes were said, hugs and kisses finished and Jack was at last on his way to Spain on the ocean liner. How happy he was!

They sailed at 11:42 A.M. At first Jack stood on the deck and watched New York City disappear in the distance. He did feel a little sad, leaving his country and his beloved parents. He might not see them for six months, maybe a year, that depended on whether they sent him a plane ticket to come home at Christmas. What would Christmas be without being with Mom and Dad and all the family. His eyes welled with tears. "Ah," he said to himself, "I haven't time for such foolishness. There is too much to see." He wheeled around and walked to the other side of the deck, then to the other end, down into the hull he went, up stairs into the different lounges, into the dining room and through

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## HOW TO BE SAVED

There are four steps to being saved.

1. One must be drawn by God or convicted of sin. A heavy, sad feeling of guilt is conviction.
2. One must repent or feel sorry for sin and ask forgiveness.
3. One must confess, or admit one's sin.
4. One must believe.

Now let's read some Bible about these four steps.

1. Conviction: John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 6:44, "No man can come to me except the father which hath sent me draw him: . . ." Rev. 3:19, "As many as I love, I rebuke [scold] and chasten [punish]: be zealous therefore, and repent."

God draws everyone. Feeling a need to be saved is God's conviction. Now you must do your part and draw toward Him.

2. Repent: Acts 17:30, ". . . God . . . commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Luke 13:3,5, ". . . except ye [you] repent, ye [you] shall all likewise perish." Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Acts 3:19, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, . . ."

3. Confess: 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Romans 10:9, "if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Matt. 10:32, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."

4. Believe: John 6:40, "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life, . . ." Heb. 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently [carefully] seek him." Acts 16:31, ". . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, . . ." 1 John 5:13, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Acts 13:39 "by him all that believe are justified [excused of blame or guilt] . . ." John 5:24, ". . . He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, . . ." John 8:24, "if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." We will end the lesson with this sweet promise: John 6:3, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

## Questions:

1. There are how many steps to being saved?
2. Does God call everyone to be saved?
3. What is conviction?
4. What is the second step to being saved?
5. Is repentance feeling sorry about your sins?
6. If we repent will our sins be blotted out?
7. We must confess our sins to whom?
8. If we confess will Jesus forgive?
9. Can we be saved if we do not believe?
10. If I do not believe in Jesus will I die in sin?
11. Does Jesus ever turn away those who come repenting?

## Memory Verse:

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
1 John 1:9.

# Let's Talk

Let's talk about having a trust in God that will complete the work of salvation.

In our lesson today we studied the four steps to being saved. I hope you who are saved will share these steps with a friend or family member who is not saved. Those of you who are not saved, I hope you will seek God to be saved. The following story will explain the trust you need in God for salvation.

An acrobat stretched his tightrope across Niagara Falls. On a day when many visitors were there he said, "How many believe I can walk across the falls on this rope?" People everywhere gasped to think of anyone walking out across the dangerous falls on a tightrope. Finally one man spoke up, "I believe you can, go ahead and try. We want to see you!"

"All right," the daredevil acrobat answered, and he started across! The wind began to blow, and once in the middle he lost his balance and almost fell. Some women screamed! However, he regained his balance and went on step by step until he was across the Falls and standing on the other side.

After he had rested a while, he called out, "How many of you believe I can walk back across the falls?" A great many people called out, "Sure we believe you can! Let us see you do it again." The people cheered and cheered, wanting him to walk across again.

When the crowd quieted down, he called again, "How many of you believe I can walk across the Falls with a full-grown man on my shoulders?" All was silent except for the "Ohs" and "Ahs". Finally one man called out, "I believe you can." Others called out the same. Then the daredevil said, "All right, I will! Who will be the man to sit upon my shoulders?" No one answered, so he called again, "Who will volunteer to sit upon my shoulders?"

No one was willing to sit upon his shoulders while he walked across the Falls on the tightrope. They believed he

could but they would not trust him to take them across. This is the way many people are, they believe Jesus can save or heal but they are unwilling to trust Him. They will never be healed or saved unless they are willing to trust God fully.

## One Thing God Cannot See

A teacher said to her class of boys and girls, "There is nothing that God cannot see, for the eyes of the Lord are in every place seeing the evil and the good."











Tom, a small boy, raised his hand and said, "I know one thing God can not see."

"What do you think God cannot see?" asked the teacher in surprise.

Tom answered, "God can't see sins when they are covered by the Blood of Jesus."

The surprised teacher stood with her mouth open, she hadn't thought of it, but Tom was right. The sins washed away by Jesus' blood have disappeared forever.

Using the clues below, can you write the four steps to being saved?

1.  +  - l =
2.  -ad +  -a +  -a =
3.  -r +  -ire +  -d =
4.  -l +  -c + 5 -fi =

(Answers: 1. conviction, 2. repent, 3. confess, 4. believe.)

(Teacher, familiarize yourself with these Scriptures and be ready to answer other questions which might arise. A good song to sing with this lesson is, 1st verse of "If You Will", #443, or #149, and #411, in *Evening Light Songs*.)

(Answers: 1. four, 2. yes, John 12:32, 3. a heavy, sad feeling of guilt, 4. repenting, 5. yes, feeling sorry and asking forgiveness, 6. yes, 7. Jesus, 8. yes, 1 John 1:9, 9. no, 10. yes, 11. no, John 6:3.)

the kitchen. He soon found out he was not welcome in some places, but there was plenty to learn in places where he was free to go. The rest of the day he explored.

That night he remembered to read his Bible and pray. The next morning he read and prayed again, ate breakfast and started exploring some more. The navigation department interested him more than any other part. Before long he made friends with some workers in that department. They introduced him to the captain. How important Jack felt shaking hands with the captain of the ocean liner. "I'm interested in navigation," he said hopefully. "I've studied a little about it."

"So you are interested in navigation," said the captain. Then come in my office and I will show you around."

Jack enjoyed being with the captain so much, he went the next day and asked to help. There wasn't anything he could do. The captain was having problems with an engine room. Suddenly it caught on fire! Jack was there, he heard the men talking about it, he saw the fear in their eyes.

The other passengers were doing the usual things, some were sun bathing on the deck, some were eating, others playing tennis, but none were aware of the danger. Jack wanted to tell them, but he knew he shouldn't. "How can I help?" he thought, then he knew. He dashed into the nearest bathroom and knelt down and began praying. "Oh, God," he said, "this ship's on fire and most of the people aren't saved. Please God save us from death and help the people to repent of their sins. Forgive me for being so interested in things of the world. Help me to love you with my whole heart. Amen."

Jack came out just in time to hear the radio say, "The fire is spreading toward the fuel tank! We can't control it!"

He heard the first mate saying into the microphone, "Get the lifeboats ready to be lowered! An emergency may be ahead." The captain was calling in distress signals to headquarters in New York.

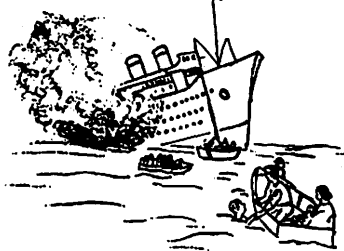
A few minutes later, Jack felt a trembling throughout the ocean liner and at the same time heard a strange noise like thunder in the distance. He felt sure the fuel tank had exploded! The captain's actions were calm, but his face showed terrible fear. The first mate ordered all life boats filled and lowered. Water was surrounding them on every side as far as eyes could see, but it couldn't stop this fire! News spread; "The boat's on fire!" Women were screaming, children crying, men were running back and forth like crazy! Life boats were being filled with women and children. Some men didn't wait for a lifeboat, they slipped on life jackets and jumped over into the water and swam away from the burning ship. As soon as the lifeboats touched water they rowed far away also.

It was Jack's turn to get into a lifeboat. He hated to leave the captain, whom he was sure would go down with the ship.

When the boats were away from danger of the burning ship, there was nothing to do but wait and hope. Jack was thankful he had already repented of his sins, and believed on Jesus for the saving of his soul. At least if he died he would go to heaven. He asked God to please help the captain and his crew to repent and believe, so they would be saved.

Now Jack thought he really understood what being saved meant. All he could do to save himself was to believe he was in danger and obey the command to get in the lifeboat. Had he not believed and got in the lifeboat, he would be lost. His soul would also be lost if he hadn't believed the Bible and obeyed its command to repent, confess and believe.

—Aunt Charlotte



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## David Learns About Baptism

The Shields family had just come from Sunday church services, and was now seated around the dinner table. Everyone was enjoying the good roast, potatoes, carrots and salad. Mom had even baked a delicious apple pie for dessert.

"Sure was a good message this morning, don't you think?" asked Dad.

"Yes, Bro. Payne brought out some real searching thoughts," Mom said in agreement.

"Speaking of good thoughts, we had a good Sunday school lesson this morning, too," David said, "about Jesus being baptized. It was brought out so clear. I had never known why it was needed."

"It is one of the ordinances and we need to follow the example Jesus has set before us in the Bible," Marsha said. "Sis. Sharon explained that to us quite some time ago."

"John the Baptist was so humble, he felt he wasn't worthy to baptize Jesus," exclaimed Dad. "Jesus insisted that it must be done, though."

"When Jesus came up from the water, what happened?" asked Mother.

"Oh, I know," Mary said. "The Holy Spirit came down, it looked like a dove."

"Which one can tell whose voice was heard and what was said?" Mother asked, as she started to cut the pie.

"That was God's voice and He said, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,'" the children all answered.

"Since I now understand about baptism, I want to follow Jesus just as soon as I can," David informed them all.

Dad and Mom were pleased to know that David wanted to follow Jesus in baptism.

—Dorothy Wilkins

## Buried With Jesus

Down into the flowing river,  
Lo, the Lamb of God we see;  
There he speaks in clear example:  
Take the cross and follow me.

Now the sacred waters cover,  
O'er the holy Son of God;  
Thus he washed me in that fountain  
Of his sin-atoning blood.

Crucified with my redeemer,  
Now I sink into the grave;  
I am dead to sin forever  
By the life of God I live.

Here I witness a confession  
As I merge from human sight,  
In the tomb of yielding water,  
That the blood has made me white.

Oh, how sweet to follow Jesus,  
in this ordinance to show  
That we're cleansed in life's pure river  
Even whiter than the snow.

### Chorus:

Gently buried with my Savior,  
Let me sink beneath the wave;  
Crucified to earth forever,  
Hence alone to God I live.

# WORDS OF GOLD



## BAPTISM

The Bible speaks of two kinds of baptism. Baptism in water, and baptism by the Holy Spirit. Baptism by the Holy Spirit is the greater and we must seek God for it. However, a person is usually baptized in water first, so we will study about it. Baptism is an ordinance of the Church of God. That means it is a rule made by God for His Church.

Jesus is baptized:

Mark 1:6 "And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;"

7 "And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose."

8 "I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost."

9 "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan."

10 "And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:"

11 "And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

He commands to be baptized:

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

How we are to be baptized:

Matt. 28:19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

Col. 2:12 "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."



(Other Scriptures to read are: Acts 8:12-24, 36, 37; Acts 9:18, 10:37, 47-48, Acts 16:15, 33, 18:8 and Gal. 3:26-27. Song: #291, *Evening Light Songs*. If you do not know the tune, please read it.)

## Questions:

1. Of what kind of baptism did we study today?
2. What is the other kind of baptism?
3. Who baptized Jesus?
4. In what form was the Holy Spirit which sat on Jesus?
5. Who spoke from Heaven?
6. What did the voice say?
7. Must we be baptized?
8. In whose names are we to be baptized?
9. Are we buried with Jesus in baptism?

(Answers: 1. water baptism. 2. baptism of the Holy Spirit. 3. John. 4. a dove. 5. God. 6. "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 7. yes. 8. The Father (God), the Son (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit. 9. yes.)

## Memory Verse:

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



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about going to the river. Would you like to go? Let's go today to the Jordan River and watch John baptizing people. You may be surprised because John doesn't look like any preacher you've seen. He dresses in rough clothing made from camel's hair. He lives in the wilderness on whatever is there, like wild honey and locust. His preaching is also unusual because he tells the people, "You must accept the blame for your sins and quit blaming others and God." To accept the blame for sins is true repentance.

Many came with true repentant hearts. John baptized them. Here comes the Pharisees and Sadducees whose hearts are wicked! John says to them, "Oh, you age of poison snakes! Who has warned you to escape? Get your hearts clean from sin before coming to be baptized."

These men must have thought that being baptized would wash away their sins, some people believe that it does, but it doesn't. Others think they can be baptized for someone else who is already dead! However, Jesus teaches that each person must repent, confess, and believe to be cleansed from sin, then they may ask to be baptized.

The prophets in the Bible did not baptize, John was the first man to do it. Do you wonder why? God knew Jesus was already in the world ready to save people from their sin and make a new communication system between Himself and people on earth. To get this new system started one must accept the blame for their sins and show it to the world by being baptized. Jesus had no sin, He was to be the leader of this new system, so he was also baptized.

John didn't want to baptize Jesus. He said, "Jesus, are you coming for me to baptize you? I am not worthy to stoop down and unbuckle your sandal, how could I be worthy to baptize you. You should baptize me instead." But Jesus said, "Go ahead and baptize me, for I

must obey all the rules of God, and this is one." John then put Him under the water and when He came up the Holy Spirit in the shape of a dove came and sat on Him. At the same time God spoke saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Now, we've been to the river and watched John baptize. Are you ready to be baptized? —Aunt Charlotte

## The Message of Love

Here's a message of love,  
Come down from above,  
To invite little children to Heaven.  
In God's blessed Book,  
Poor sinners may look,  
And see how all sin is forgiven.

For there they may read  
How Jesus did bleed,  
And die for His dear little ones,  
How clean His Blood makes them,  
And how that God takes them  
To be His own daughters and sons.

And then if they die,  
He takes them on high,  
To be with Him in Heaven above!  
For so true is His heart,  
That He never will part  
From a child that has tasted His love.  
—Selected

How many words can you make from the word **baptism**? Start with "at" and see how many words you can make ending with "at" like "bat". Do the same with am, it, is, and so forth. You may use a letter twice in the same word.

## Who Am I?

How many points can you make? If you know the answer by reading only the first sentence you make 100%. The second will give you 95%, the third 90%, the fourth 85%, and the fifth 80%.

1. I was filled with the Holy Spirit from birth. (Luke 1:15)
2. I lived out of doors, ate strange food and wore strange clothing. (Matthew 3:4)
3. Many people came to me at the Jordan River. (Matthew 3:5,6)
4. Sometimes I told people they were like poison snakes. (Matthew 3:7)
5. I baptized many people including Jesus. (Matthew 3:13)

(Answer: John the Baptist)

## "Predictable Pam"

I was awfully tired of always being good! Anybody who knew me could predict where I would be and what I would be doing at almost any given time: school on weekdays, helping Dad at the Thrift-Mart 5 to 9 on Tuesdays and Fridays and all day Saturdays, Sunday School and church on Sunday mornings, Young People's and church Sunday nights. Then a new week and the same routine all over again.

I snatched up a plastic bag and tore it open. Popcorn kernels clattered against the sides of the machine. I turned the switch to "on," then measured out pecans to add later. Soon the smell of fresh Pecan Puff—carmelcorn with pecans—would permeate the huge Thrift-Mart store, and customers would start drifting my way.

Anybody who knew me could also predict what I *wouldn't* do, I thought. I wouldn't be seen at Tony's Game Room, for example, where lots of the school kids went. Or would I? What was so terrible about it? Here I was a junior high-school student, and I'd never ever been to a game room. I could almost hear them buzz: "You'd never guess who I saw going into Tony's last Saturday night!" "Not Pam Parker! *She* wouldn't go to Tony's. It's a game room and Pam doesn't go there. She's a Christian and her folks . . ."

That was the trouble; my folks, my Sunday School teacher, the youth director, the preacher, they'd all made it plain that Christians don't gamble, but what was so wrong about it? How could I know if I didn't go? I had to make up my own mind about this.

I glanced at the clock. Karen and Deb had promised to pick me up after the store closed, Dad was out of town. Maybe I could talk them into joining in my little adventure. Only there was one little hitch. I was broke, and payday wasn't until Thursday.

"You're kidding," Karen said when I told her and Deb of my daring plan. "Tony's is flooded with school kids to-night. You wouldn't want to be seen there!"

"Y-s, I would," I told her. "I've got to go. Lend me some money. Just \$5.00 until payday."

Karen and Deb were both being pretty stern. They had money, but they wouldn't lend me any, not if I wanted it to spend at Tony's. Deb backed the car, then swung out of the parking lot. "What will we do?" she asked. "Shall we go for a hamburger? I'll give you a loan for *that*." She glanced at me convincingly.

Our school was having a candy-selling contest. I'd seen some of the candy in the back seat. "I know what," I said. "Let's sell candy. Every little bit helps."

The girls seemed relieved. They thought I'd only been joking about going to Tony's. They didn't know what this *good girl*, Pam Parker was capable of. I had a little plot. "Stop at this phone booth, and lend me a quarter," I said innocently. "I'll phone Mom from the booth."

"I'll be a little late," I told Mom. "Deb has her folks' car. We're going to sell candy. Karen is along, too."

"Well, you're in good company," Mom's voice came back into my ear. "I hope you sell a lot. A hamburger? Okay. Have a good time."

We parked the car and went house-to-house down one block. We sold candy at two houses, and I pocketed the money—no law against my using it until payday. We didn't have to turn in the candy or the money for two weeks yet.

Headed to Zip's for burgers, I told Deb, "Let me off at Tony's, please. I said I wanted to go and I meant it."

"I'm not letting you out *there*," Deb said. "You're younger than I."

"You are, too!" I shot back. I guess both friends were shocked at my insistence. I sort of shocked even myself. Anyway, I finally got Deb to stop, and out I jumped.

Gaily, I waved her off. I felt free. No Mom or Dad, no preacher, nobody to order me away from the place. I was on my own! After all, I'd be 13 on my next birthday—I had to make my own decisions sometime.

(continued next week)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Ron Needs to be Sanctified

When Ron came into the kitchen, his mother knew right away something was troubling him. He had that serious little frown on his face when he was trying to understand or figure out what is wrong.

"What is wrong, Ron?" Mother inquired.

"I just can't understand what makes Gary tick," answered Ron. "He's such a nice guy, then some little thing will happen and he gets so upset."

"Well, one thing we do know is he's not saved, and people act that way, when Jesus isn't guiding their lives," Mother told Ron.

"I know how I used to be when things didn't go my way, I'd get terribly upset too," Ron said, as he poured himself some milk and took some freshly baked cookies. "I'm so thankful that Jesus forgave me of all those bad deeds."

Mother took some more cookies from the oven and said, "You have been so different since you've been saved. Dad and I really appreciate the way you are living now."

"Only thing," Ron said, soberly, "sometimes I still see some of my old ways trying to start up again. It bothers me."

"What you need now is to be sanctified. God will take the old nature out, cleansing your heart, the Holy Spirit can then give you power over those things, Ron," Mother tried to explain.

"I need to pray that God will help me understand sanctification, I guess," answered Ron.

"When we give our lives and all we have to the Lord, to use as He wants," replied Mother, "He will send His Spirit to guide us into all truth." (Rom. 12:1).

"Mom, let's pray now that God will help me," said Ron, "and let's pray for Gary, too. God can lead him, and send conviction, so he can be saved too."

—Dorothy Wilkins



## The Broken Pinion

Oft we hear the story  
Of the bird with broken wing  
Never soaring high again,  
Or ruling in his realm.

It is meant to be a warning  
For the youth to never err.  
Still there is a difference  
Most joyful to hear.

Men and birds are different  
Tho both in God's control.  
Each fills a different purpose  
In God's plan for the world.

The Holy Spirit in man  
Can overcome a fall;  
Give power to complete the plan  
God had in mind for all.

Call on Christ to help you;  
Ask the Comforter to come in.  
Glorify your Maker's plea,  
Then you will soar again.

—J. D. Kelley

# WORDS OF GOLD



## The Holy Spirit Baptism

(please read Let's Talk first)

It will remove the root of sin:

Matt. 3:10 "... now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn [cut] down, and cast into the fire."

11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, ... he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost [Spirit]."

Acts 1:4 "... wait for the promise of the Father, ..."

5 "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost [Spirit] ..."

Teach:

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, ..."

Give boldness:

Acts 4:31 "... they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

Give power:

Luke 24:49 "I send the promise of my Father upon you: ... ye shall be endued [supplied] with power from on high."

Keep Jesus on the mind:

Heb. 10:15 "... the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us:"

16 "I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them:"

17 "And their sins and iniquities [wickedness] will I remember no more."

Clean:

1 Thess. 4:3 "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification [or cleansing from the root of sin], ..."

Keep from sin:

1 Thess. 5:23 "... the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and

body be preserved [kept] blameless [without sin] ..."

Be given:

Luke 11:10 "every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

11 "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he ... give him a serpent?"

12 "Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"

13 "If ye then ... know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Questions:

1. Jesus promised to baptize with what?
2. What is another name for the Holy Spirit?
3. Does the Holy Spirit give the believer boldness?
4. Will the baptism of the Holy Spirit give power?
5. Where will God write His law?
6. Does God want to sanctify Christians?
7. From what does God want our body and soul kept?
8. Will one receive the Holy Spirit if one seeks for it?
9. What special thing does God want to give us?
10. Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?

(Answers: 1. the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost. 2. the Comforter. 3. yes. 4. yes. 5. in our minds. 6. yes. 7. from sin. 8. Yes, if one seeks with one's whole heart. 9. the Holy Spirit. 10. yes or no.)

(Teachers, this lesson is essential for spiritual growth, please seek God for wisdom to explain it. Songs: #222 or #292 in *Evening Light Songs*.)

## Memory Verse:

**But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, John 14:26**

# Let's Talk

Last week's lesson was about baptism in water. This week we will study about being baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Remember when the wicked people came to be baptized by John? He called them "poison snakes!" Then he said, "Now the ax is laid unto the root of the trees; therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn [or cut] down, and cast into the fire." John was saying, "God has made some changes. You have been having bad fruit or sin and coming each year and making an offering to be forgiven for it. Now you must have good fruit and no sin! If you have bad fruit, or sin, then you will be cast into the fire of Hell when you die." Without the Holy Spirit in one's heart one cannot live without sinning. For a root of sin is in every heart. This root of sin is removed when we are baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever seen a stump of a tree that has small green limbs and leaves growing out of it. Even though the old tree has been cut down the root is still in the ground and it will start growing again. That is the way with sin. One may ask God to forgive their sins and get saved. However, before long he will be doing the same sins again, like lying, cheating or disobeying. It is because the root of sin is still in one's heart.

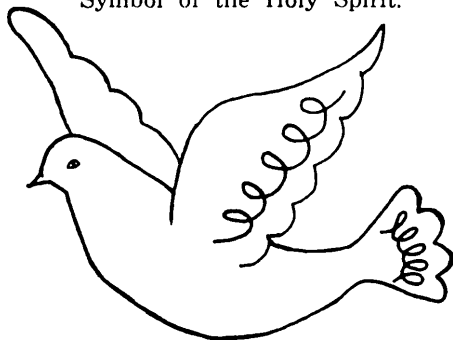
There are certain things one must do to receive the Holy Spirit and get the root of sin removed from the heart. It cannot be bought with money. The Bible says in Acts 8:20 that the gift of God may not be purchased with money. Ask your teacher to tell you about the man who tried to buy it with money. One must be saved, or have a heart clean from sins. Then one must give oneself to Jesus. With all your heart say to God, "Everyday I will choose your way. You may do whatever you wish to me. I know you are fair. You may use me in whatever way you wish. I know your way is best." If you do pray like this with your

whole heart, God will remove the root of sin from your heart and put the Holy Spirit in. Without wholehearted praying one will never get it!

This plan cost Jesus His life and it will cost you.

"When thy soul the perfect price has paid, God will send the Holy Fire [The Holy Spirit]."

Symbol of the Holy Spirit.



## A Song to Finish

(Using the following words, finish the song. If you have trouble, help can be found on page 338 in *Evening Light Songs*.)

Father  
Comforter  
overcome  
Teacher  
evil  
happy  
boldness  
Comforter

Spirit  
spirit  
Jesus  
heart  
power  
peaceful  
heav'nly  
Guide

By the promise of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
Comes the \_\_\_\_\_ from on high,  
Into hearts redeemed from \_\_\_\_\_,  
By His \_\_\_\_\_ to sanctify.

Power to \_\_\_\_\_ He gives us,  
Power to reign thro' \_\_\_\_\_ grace,  
Holy \_\_\_\_\_ in each conflict,  
Entrance to that \_\_\_\_\_ place.

Since the \_\_\_\_\_ abideth,  
Naught my \_\_\_\_\_ can molest;  
I am sanctified and \_\_\_\_\_ —  
Sweet and \_\_\_\_\_ is my rest.

Chorus:  
Holy Spirit, faithful \_\_\_\_\_,  
In my trusting \_\_\_\_\_ abide;  
By thy sacred, holy presence  
Be my \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## "Predictable Pam"

(continued from last week)

Bright-colored lights were strung along the parking lot. Kids my age were milling around, most of them headed for the entrance to Tony's. Hot music drifted from the open door. The kids were in couples or in groups, and there was a lot of loud laughing. I noticed a girl puffing on a cigarette. I knew she was only 12 years old. It sort of nauseated me, her trying to act so sophisticated.

I didn't go inside at once. I sort of hesitated, taking everything in—the lights, the music, the laughter, the smoking. Was that staggering boy high or drunk? Deb and Karen cruised by slowly, and I knew they were looking for me.

"So this is what I've been missing," I said to myself. I kept looking and listening.

As I sort of soaked up the atmosphere, the sounds, the sights, the smells of the place—I made a discovery: I'd been missing a lot—and I was *glad*!

Suddenly, being inside Tony's was the *last* thing I wanted. I found it hard to put my feelings into words. After thinking about it, I'm sure it was because Christ was in my heart. *He* wouldn't have been comfortable in me in *there*.

Kids were still laughing—but now their laughter sounded hollow. They may have thought they were having fun, I don't know. Their shallow laughter amid all the tinsel and glitter wouldn't have been fun for me. I wanted to get out of there—fast!

However, I was stranded. Deb and Karen had given up and gone for hamburgers without me, I guessed. I got out a quarter and headed for a nearby phone booth. I'd ask Mom to come get me—but quick. Would you believe it? While the phone was ringing, I saw a red Volkswagen park in front of the drugstore next to Tony's—and out stepped my Mom. I banged the receiver down and hurried out, not bothering to pick up the quarter that clattered back for the uncompleted call.

"Mom," I yelled. "Am I ever glad to see you?" I puffed as I neared her. "I didn't want to go into Tony's after all!"

Mom looked bewildered. Finding me here and listening to my jumbled words didn't make much sense to her. After she got the shampoo and we were heading home, I told her everything that had happened.

The experience made me do a lot of thinking. I'm glad I didn't actually get involved—I saw enough from the sidelines to know it wasn't for me. So I decided to go on letting my friends know exactly where I'd be. School on weekdays: at work on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays; Sunday School, church and Young People's on Sundays. I'm still predictable Pam—but a little wiser one, and a lot happier!

(A true story with names changed.)

## SAMUEL MORRIS & THE MARCH OF FAITH

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Juan is Born Again

We all love to go to Sunday School. It's a fun time! A time to sing and talk about Jesus with our friends and family. It makes us feel good and happy all over! However, for some children it is not a time of sharing together with their parents. That is very sad, but it can still be a good time for sharing with your friends, so keep on attending! Someday mother and daddy may come with you. Some of you may have a mother who wants you to come to Sunday school and a daddy who does not. Some may have a daddy who wants you to come and a mother who doesn't want you to come. I am sure you want to come, so do something nice for your parent or parents who do not wish you to come. They will be more likely to let you come if you do something nice for them.

There are many countries in the world that do not allow the children to attend the Sunday school of their choice. In other countries, where Sunday school is allowed, sometimes the people of the town will be ugly to the Christians, making the children afraid to go.

In a little town in Old Mexico, there lived a group of Christians. In the same town lived a group of ugly people who hated the Christians. One day this ugly, angry mob of people went through the town hitting and beating on the Christians. They set fire to the Christians' homes hoping to burn them down. They

even burned the roof and doors of the little stone church.

Soldiers came in and made the ugly people stop!

The Christians rebuilt their chapel and had meetings and Sunday school again. It had been two months since the trouble with the ugly people, but the Christians were still a little bit afraid, especially the children. So each time just before service, they gathered for prayer. They asked God to keep the ugly people from killing them.

A preacher came and had service every night for a week. During this week one of the bad men came. His name was Juan. He stood outside the door and listened. After service was over Juan came inside to get saved. Juan was one of the men who killed a woman because she would not give up Jesus and worship their idol. The dying lady said, "I have been saved twenty years. In those twenty years, Jesus has always been good to me, why should I turn away from him now? He is waiting to receive me into heaven." This mean man could not forget those words. Neither could he rest until he found out more about the God she loved so much.

Jesus was good to Juan and forgave him for killing the lady and for all other sins. Juan was born again and became a part of God's Church when he was forgiven. He attended Sunday school and was an encouragement to the Christians. The children were happy to have Juan in Sunday school.

# WORDS OF GOLD



## BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH

John 10:9 Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

John 3:36 "Jesus answered . . . Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God [the Church of God]. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, . . . Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Psalms 87:5,6 "And of Zion [the Church] it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her. The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there."

Acts 2:41 "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

Acts 2:47b "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Acts 20:28 "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, . . . to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

I John 2:29 "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him."

Ephesians 5:25b-27 ". . . Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish [sin]."

I Cor. 12:18 says, "God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." Studying these Scriptures makes one realize that he is a member of God's Church when he gets saved. God Himself places each member in the body wherever He wishes. He also adds members to the Church. In one day there were 3,000 people saved and added to the Church.

Christ was willing to die on the cross for the Church. In this way He gave His life to purchase, or to buy, the Church; therefore it is His Church. He always keeps the Church clean from sinful people, too. If a saved person does sinful acts, God will punish him hoping he will repent of these sins. If he does not repent and continues to sin after he is punished, he is no longer a part of Christ's body, the Church. Are you a member of this great Church?

### Questions:

1. Who is the door of the Church?
2. What must happen to a man before he can see the kingdom of God?
3. Can a man be born when he is old?
4. Of what must he be born?
5. How many people were added to the Church in one day?
6. Are new people added to the Church each day?
7. With what did Jesus purchase the Church?
8. Do born-again people do right?
9. Has Christ cleansed the Church?
10. Are you a member of the Church?

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. he must be born again. 3. yes. 4. of the water and the Spirit. 5. about 3,000. 6. yes, there is only one Church and from someplace in the world one is added each day. 7. His own blood. 8. yes. 9. yes. 10. yes or no.)

### Memory Verse:

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. I Cor. 12:18

# Let's Talk

The word "church" is used in many ways. You may say, "Our church is beautiful." Here, you are talking about a building. Again one might say, "He is never late for church." In this sentence, church is the worship service. Another person could say, "The church is a group of people who worship together." All of these are true meanings of "church". However, in the lesson today we will talk about the Church of which Jesus said, "I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

We understand by this verse that the only way into the Church is to be saved through the blood of Jesus. Jesus also said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." In this verse Jesus is calling the Church the kingdom of God. He is also saying one must be born into the Church. How can someone be born again? Can he shrink and be a little baby again? No! Remember the lesson about God making people different from animals? We learned that each human is two parts. One part is

the body which can be seen; the other part is the soul or spirit which cannot be seen. The soul is not alive to God because of sinful actions of the body. Jesus wants to bring it to life. He wants our soul, not our body to be born again. One must be born of the living water which Jesus has, and of the Spirit of God. There are other verses in the Bible which teach that one must be born into the Church. Being born again is getting saved.

Also in the Bible the Church is called the body of Christ. Ephesians 1:22,23a says, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, . . . ." —Aunt Charlotte

## The Bones Go to Church

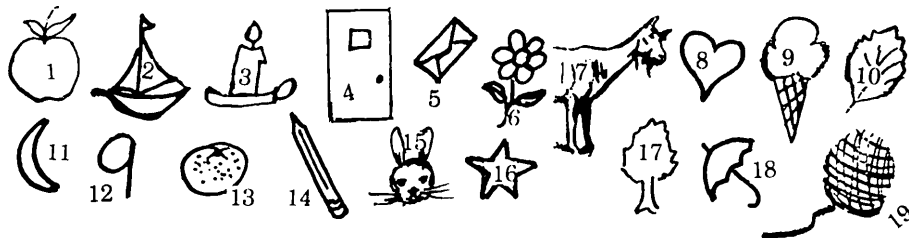
Quite often wishbones go to church  
And do a lot of wishing,  
But if a headache's coming on,  
They spend the day a-fishing.

Then there are the jawbones  
Who always have their say;  
They scold, advise, and criticize  
And drive the folks away.

But, oh, those faithful backbones —  
They really do the work;  
Pick up the load and carry on;  
Not one is known to shirk.

—Selected

Use this code to find out how to become a member of the Church. Put the first letter of each picture-word on the line with the same number.



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(Answer: The Church of God is a family, people are born into it.)

## Mark Becomes a Member of The Church

Ron and Dick's Sunday School teacher had just presented a challenge to their class. Next week was the beginning of the Revival at church.

Bro. Tom had told the boys, "Let's all ask the Lord to give us a real burden for the meeting. Then try to invite as many as we can to hear the Word of God."

On the way home, the boys were discussing what they could do and who they could ask to the meeting.

"Ron, let's agree in prayer for Mark," Dick said, "he needs the Lord so much. His parents don't go to church, so he knows so little about Jesus. I would sure like to see him saved."

"I would too," Ron answered. "So many of our friends at school need Jesus."

"Why not get together before school to pray?" suggested Dick. It will mean coming to my house a little earlier."

"I don't mind that," Ron replied, "then we can ask the Lord to bless the meeting and also those we should invite to the meeting."

So the boys got together early for prayer, and while at school invited as

many as they could to the revival. They especially carried a burden for Mark to accompany them to the meeting.

One night about the middle of the meeting, they were surprised and pleased to see Mark come into the meeting house.

He came to sit next to the boys. Bro. Fitzgerald had just started his message. It was inspired of God, and was so clear on how one must get saved. During altar call Mark asked the boys a few questions about the message that he didn't understand. Then asked them if one of them would go with him to the altar. Of course, they were glad to go, so Ron went with him, while Dick stayed behind and prayed for him. Presently Mark got up from the altar and you could see how happy he was by his bright, shiny countenance.

He said, "Thank God, He has saved me tonight. I feel so clean and happy."

The boys were rejoicing too, God had answered prayer. Ron said, "Praise the Lord, you are now born into the family of God."

"Yes, yes, now he is a member of the Church of God, and we all rejoice with you!" exclaimed Dick. "Even the angels in heaven are glad and rejoice."

—Dorothy Wilkins



First Steps Toward Inner Happiness—

the Church steps.



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## What is Communion?

Rick, Bob and Ron were friends. On the way home from school Ron said, "I'm going by the church today to take communion."

"Do you take communion on Tuesday?" questioned Rick. "We take it every Sunday."

"We don't have it every Sunday," answered Ron. "We only take it on special occasions after we have learned all the church rules."

Rick turned to Bob and asked, "When does your church have communion?"

Bob felt embarrassed. He didn't know what they were talking about so he muttered, "I don't know."

Ron said, "Goodbye," and left them at the intersection to go to his church. Bob and Rick walked on without talking. Bob was thinking about communion. "What is it? Does our church have communion?" He'd heard others talk about it before, but he really didn't know what they were talking about.

Bob was near his home now, "See you tomorrow," he said to Ron. He went in the house. Mom wasn't there and would be late coming home as she was caring for Sis. Case who was sick. He sat on the sofa, still wondering what Ron and Rick meant by communion.

At the supper table he said, "On the way home from school Ron and Rick were talking about communion at their church. Ron asked me when we had it. I said I didn't know because I don't know what he meant."

"Communion is what we call the Lord's Supper of the Ordinance Service," Mother said.

Dad raised his head and looked across at Bob. "Communion means the act of sharing equally," he said. "What your friends were speaking about is a church service in which bread and wine or grape juice is served as a remembrance of Jesus' death. Each church has it's own way of conducting this service. If you are ready for a long speech," Dad continued, "I'll tell you what the Bible teaches about it."

"I'm ready," Bob assured him happily. He wouldn't feel like such a dummy again when his friends talked about it.

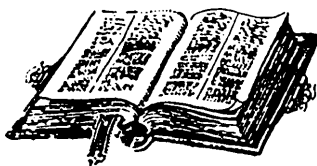
"Communion, baptism and feet washing are all three ceremonial services which we call ordinances of the church. An ordinance is a rule or law made by someone of authority. We know there is no higher authority than Jesus and these ordinances were made by him."

"I know about baptism," Bob said, "but when did the other ordinances begin?"

"It happened the night before Jesus was put on the cross. He and his twelve disciples ate together and after they had eaten, Jesus took a container of water and a towel. After wrapping the towel around himself, he washed each of his disciples feet. Then he said to them, I am your Lord and master, I have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you an example or pattern that you

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### THE CHURCH ORDINANCES

John 13:4-17 "He . . . laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet . . . If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

I Cor. 11:23-29 ". . . The Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation [eternal punishment] to himself, not discerning [understanding] the Lord's body."

Matt. 26:1 "And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these sayings, he said unto his disciples,"

2 Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified."

3 "Then assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,"

4 "And consulted that they might take Jesus by subtilty, and kill him."

John 13:21-30 "Jesus . . . said, . . . Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. . . One of his disciples, . . . saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, . . . he gave it to Judas Iscariot. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night."

What will a sinner be after he is baptized?

(Answer: A wet sinner)

### Questions:

1. Did Jesus use a towel in the first Communion Service?
2. Did Jesus wash His disciples feet?
3. Does He tell us we should wash one another's feet?
4. Will we be happy if we wash one another's feet?
5. Of what is the bread a symbol?
6. What is the grape juice a symbol of?
7. Did Jesus bless the bread and the cup of juice?
8. Are we to do this in remembrance of Jesus' death?
9. If we are not saved are we worthy to take of the communion?
10. Of what will one be guilty if they eat the bread or juice unworthily?
11. Should we get in a quiet place before God and test ourselves about how we've been living?

(Answers: 1. yes. 2. yes. 3. yes. 4. yes. 5. yes. 6. Jesus' body. 7. yes. 8. yes. 9. no. 10. of the body and blood of Jesus. 11. yes.)

### Memory Verse:

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

. John 13:17.



# Let's Talk

Do you like others to remember your birthday? Sure you do! Do you like to remember your friend's birthday? Of course you do! You are made happy when you make others happy. Each gift you give makes your friends love you more. Each gift you receive makes you love the giver more.

God gave a very special gift to us. The gift was His only Son, Jesus. The Bible tells us that God loved us so much He gave His only Son that we might be saved. Jesus also gave us a wonderful gift. He wanted to give us this gift so badly that He was willing to come from His happy home in heaven to live and suffer on this earth for more than thirty years. All the time He was here He knew that some day He would let men nail Him on a cross to die. He wanted to do it for us. He surely loved us very much.

The night before He died, He ate the Passover supper with His disciples. This was a special supper the Jews ate in remembrance of the time God delivered them from slavery in the land of Egypt. After finishing this meal, He performed the first Communion Service. He told His disciples they need not eat the Passover any more, but that they should have Communion Service in remembrance of Him. His death on the cross which would take place very soon was to deliver all men from the bondage of the evil power of the devil. From that time until now all men can be free from the slavery of sin.

There are special times we like to remember, such as one's birthday, Christmas, Thanksgiving, the fourth of July, and many more. To remember these times we do special things. To remember Jesus' death we have Communion Service. It is a way of saying, "Thank you Jesus, I am remembering what you suffered for me."

This service can also be called an Ordinance Service or the Lord's Supper. What it is called is not so important as

having our hearts full of thankfulness to Jesus for dying to take away our sins.

## What A Sacrifice

O look dear friends and humbled be,  
By Jesus' death on Calvary;  
'Twas there his precious life he gave,  
Our lost and dying souls to save.

Chorus:

O what a sacrifice!  
O what a sacrifice!  
Jesus died on Calvary,  
And paid the debt for you and me.

He went to sad Gethsemane  
And agonized for you and me;  
His sweat like drops of blood ran down  
Upon that consecrated ground.

Accused, rejected, and denied,  
And shamefully was crucified  
For guilty sinners, one and all;  
And died to save them from the fall.

O see him there in agony  
Upon the cruel, cruel tree:  
He trod the wine-press all alone;  
His blood doth now for sin atone.

To save from sin, O what a price;  
He gave himself a sacrifice;  
And suffered death for you and me;  
And rose again with victory.

—Ulysses Phillips

Ordinance Service helps us remember  
the sacrifice Jesus gave for each of us.

(Teacher: Be diligent to stress the importance of this service. We usually think of God's Spirit not blessing a ceremonial service, but, of the ordinances, Jesus says, "Happy are ye if ye do them." Scripture reference: Matt. 26:19-28, Luke 22:1-20, John 13:2-17, I Cor. 11:20-34. Song: verses 1,3, and 5 of "Obedience", #121 in *Evening Light Songs*.)

Unscramble these objects used in the Lord's Supper.

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2. binsa
3. toewl
4. puc
5. dreab
6. margetns
7. efet
8. iceuj

(Answers: 1. water 2. basin 3. towel 4. cup 5. bread 6. garments 7. feet 8. juice)

should do as I have done. You may read about this in John the thirteenth chapter, verses fourteen and fifteen. At the same time He gave this new ordinance. He also gave a new commandment. Jesus said, 'A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another as I have loved you, By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples.'

"You see, Bob, the people who are true Christians love each other more than people of the world love each other. If we give to the poor, so do sinners give to the poor. If we visit the sick, so do sinners visit their friends who are sick. This little ordinance of feet washing is to show the world that our love for each other is as strong as Christ's love for us. Just as baptism is to show the world our sins are gone and that Christ is our personal Savior, so feet washing is a testimony to the world about our love for each other.

"The communion part of the Lord's Supper is breaking of bread and sharing of grape juice. The bread is a symbol of the body of Jesus, and the grape juice is a symbol of His blood. As the loaf of unleavened bread is broken before we take of it, so was Jesus' body broken so we could be saved. Also, He gave His life's blood in death for the cleansing of our sins. By faith all people can equally share His body and blood for forgiveness of their personal sin."

"Can a person not be saved unless he believes in Jesus' blood?" asked Bob.

"No, Bob, all our hope of being saved from eternal death is built on Jesus body and His blood. The communion service is held in remembrance of His death. Each year we celebrate Easter because Jesus arose from the grave. It is a very good idea to also remember His death and suffering at least once a year just before Easter. Sometimes we have Ordinance Service when a large group of true Christians meet together. In this way we are remembering that we all equally share in the blessing of being saved. This blessing is given to each of us because Jesus loved us enough to die for us."

Bob was finished eating now. Thoughts were whirling in his mind. Feet washing shows we love others in the Church as much as Jesus loved men. Sure Bob loved his parents, the pastor, and most children, but there was one boy named Albert who was always teasing him and making him mad. "Oh, Lord," he prayed within himself, "please give me love for Albert." He looked across the table at Dad who was looking at him.

"Thanks ever so much, Dad, for taking time to explain all this to me. I'll never forget what Communion is!"

—Aunt Charlotte

(Teachers note: It is very important that juniors know the doctrine of the Church. Songs 419 and 4 in the *Evening Light Songs* go very well with this lesson.)



### Communion Service

For saving grace and healing power,  
We give thee thanks and praise.  
For the sacrifice of thy Holy Son,  
Who spent with us earth's toilsome days.

In this blessed Communion service  
Ordained by God in heaven;  
We tenderly wash each other's feet,  
Share juice and bread without leaven.

This is our way dear Heavenly father,  
To show our heartfelt thanks for all  
The cruel sufferings you endured  
To save us from Adam's fall.

Thank you, Jesus!

Amen

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## When the Roll is Called



Eight-year old Adeline lived in a little shack beside a dirty, bumpy street. One day she was playing in front of the shack when a man came walking down the street. He stopped and said, "Good morning, I'm the pastor of the church on Elm Street. My name is Mr. Black. Do you go to Sunday school?"

"Sunday school, what kind of school is that?" she asked.

Mr. Black answered, "Sunday school is a school we have on Sunday where we teach about God, our heavenly Father. We tell children about His great plan for them. Afterwards we show them how to talk with God and trust Him as their Savior."

"I would like to learn those things!" Adeline exclaimed.

"You may, if you will come to Sunday school," Mr. Black assured her.

Adeline ran into the house to ask permission. A skinny, haggard woman came to the door. "What you want?" she asked.

Mr. Black explained and she answered, "No, she can't go. The clothes she has on are her very best, and you know others would sneer at her in such rags."

"Oh, Mother," Adeline begged, "I won't care what they say. I just want to go and learn to talk with God."

"No, Adeline, you are not going!" she said firmly.

A plan formed in Mr. Black's mind as he stood listening to Adeline begging.

He left the house, walked on down the street inviting everyone he saw to come to Sunday school. Some agreed to come, others laughed at the idea.

At church that night he told about Adeline. He also told his plan of getting better clothes for her.

Each day as usual Adeline went to school and played in the dirty street in the evenings. Often though she thought about the words Mr. Black had said, "We teach children about God's plan for them. After that we show the children how to talk with Him and trust Him as their Savior." She wanted to know about God. She wished she knew how to talk to Him, and have Him as her Savior. She thought of a lot of things she wanted to tell God.

A few weeks later Mr. Black knocked on the door of Adeline's house. In one hand he held a box full of clothes for her. Her mother was surprised, but after looking through the box she promised to let Adeline go to Sunday school.

Adeline loved it from the very first day. She came every week. Each time the teacher called her name, she answered. After a few weeks she learned that she needed to ask God to forgive her for all the wrong things she had done. When she asked forgiveness, Jesus came into her heart. How happy she felt!

Many Sundays later the teacher called her name and Adeline didn't answer! Everyone was surprised! They couldn't believe she would miss, but she did!

## WORDS OF GOLD



### GROWING IN THE LORD

After we are saved, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit we are ready to grow in the Lord. The following verses will help you.

II Peter 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

1. Meet with others to worship:

Psalms 50:5 "Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant [agreement] with me."

Psalms 149:1 "Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints."

Psalms 30:1-4 "I will extol [praise] thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O Lord, . . . thou hast kept me alive, . . . Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness."

Hebrews 10:23-35 "Let us hold fast . . . our faith . . . and let us . . . provoke [motivate] one another to love and to good works: Not forsaking [quitting] the assembling ourselves together . . . but exhorting [urging] one another: and so much the more, as ye see the [Judgment] day approaching."

2. Study the Bible:

Psalms 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

II Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew [show] thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Isaiah 33:6 "Wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability [the thing that makes one able to stay true] of thy times, and strength of salvation . . ."

I Peter 2:2 "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"

3. Communicating with God through prayer and thought:

Luke 18:1 ". . . men ought always to pray and not to faint."

I Timothy 2:8 "I will therefore that men pray every where . . ."

Matthew 6:5-6 ". . . when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites [fake] are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. But thou, when thou prayest, . . . pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly."

Philippians 4:6-9 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

(Teacher's note: Today's subject is very important. There have been many, many people sweetly saved but are not saved today because they did not grow in the Lord. Children need special help to know how to grow and also to stay encouraged until they learn how to conduct themselves in the ways that are pleasing to God. God is pleased with the child who loves Him, even though the child may be very ignorant about Christian ethics.)

You May Be the Only Bible Some People Read.

#### *Memory Verse:*

**Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**2 Peter 3:18.**



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about ants. The Bible in Proverbs 6:6 says, "Go to the ant thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise."

The ants are wise little insects who know they need help from one another. They work together to build their hill home, to protect themselves from enemies, and to find food. If one little ant finds a lot of food it sends a message to the other ants. Then a lot of them work together carrying the food to their home. There it is stored away to be used when needed. Some of the ants are fighters. They protect the hill home where the eggs and babies are cared for by the nursing group of ants. A large group of fighter ants can protect the hill home from large insects and small animals.

If each pair of ants decided to make its own little hill and live alone there would soon be no more ants in the world. What can two little ants do against an enemy?

Trying to be a Christian without the help of God and other Christians is as foolish as two little ants leaving the ant hill to live alone.

We need to worship God together with other Christians because we gain strength from them. Hearing other Christian's experiences helps us know how to protect our souls against the devil, our enemy, who is much stronger and wiser than we.

A girl became so discouraged with life that she tried to kill herself. Afterwards her family took her to different doctors to find help. Nothing seemed to help her. Two more times she tried to kill herself. One day a friend took her to church. There she found the strength she needed to overcome discouragement.

You also need the strength you gain from worshipping together with other true Christians. —Aunt Charlotte

"The child who hasn't time to do the things that are good is probably doing some things that aren't good."

## Questions:

1. What does a Christian need to do after being saved?
2. Name three necessary actions for keeping saved.
3. What do Christians gain from meeting with other Christians?
4. Name some things Christians do when they worship together.
5. What is the Word of God to our feet?
6. What is the strength of our salvation?
7. What was it Jesus said men ought always to do?
8. On what things are Christians to think?
9. How do hypocrites like to pray?
10. Why should we study God's Word?
11. Do you study God's Word?

(Answers: 1. grow in grace. 2. meet with others for worship, study the Bible and communicate with God. 3. strength and encouragement. 4. sing, pray, praise, motivate each other to love and good works, share, etc. 5. a lamp or light. 6. things that are honest, just, pure, love, ly, or of good report, praise and virtue. 9. standing in the church or on the street corner. 10. to be approved of God. 11. yes or no.)

## Keep trying until your good is better and your better is best!

Give yourself 5 inches for each question answered "yes". Count by 5's to see how tall you are.

1. Do you talk with God in prayer each day?
2. Do you remember to thank God before eating?
3. Is your Bible read each day?
4. Do you meditate (or think) on what you read in the Bible?
5. Do you attend church service every time possible?
6. Are you learning all you can at church?
7. Are you memorizing a new verse each week?
8. Do you sing praises to God?
9. Are you friendly and kind to others?
10. Do you obey parents and teachers?
11. Is your work done as well as possible each day?
12. Do you try to please God?

Someone must find out why! Mr. Black visited her that afternoon and found she was very sick with a fever. "I'll be in Sunday school next Sunday," she said.

The next Sunday Adeline was still too sick to come. The following Sunday she missed again. This time she was so sick she could hardly talk. Mr. Black put his ear close to her mouth and heard her say, "I'm going to be with Jesus! When He calls the roll up yonder in heaven, I will be there!"

Tears rolled down Mr. Black's cheeks. He just couldn't help it. Adeline was so sweet. She was already like an angel! In a few days, she'd be one! He prayed with the family, then left. Along the way home he kept thinking of Adeline's words, "When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."

A few days later she went to be with Jesus. Her family and people of the church buried her body.

The weeks that followed were very busy ones for Mr. Black but he couldn't get those words off his mind. One day as he was in his study he knelt and offered prayer. All of a sudden like the surging waves of the ocean these words came rolling over and over in his mind.

He wrote the words in the form of a song and named it, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". Maybe you can sing the song.

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound,  
and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright  
and fair;

When the saved of earth shall gather over  
on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning  
when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather to  
their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn  
till setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and  
care;

Then when all of life is over, and our  
work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Chorus:

When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.

"Would you like to do something  
great for the Lord Jesus? Then do little  
things with a heart full of love for  
Him."

## If Jesus Came to Your House

If Jesus came to your house  
To spend a day or two—  
If He came unexpectedly,  
I wonder what you'd do.

Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room  
To such an honored Guest,  
And all the food you'd serve to Him  
Would be the very best,

But—when you saw Him coming  
Would you meet Him at the door  
With arms outstretched in welcome  
To your heav'nly Visitor?

Or would you have to change your clothes  
Before you let Him in,  
Or hide some magazines and put  
The Bible where they'd been?

Would you turn off the radio  
And hope He hadn't heard,  
And wish you hadn't uttered  
That last, loud, hasty word?

Would you take Jesus with you  
Ev'rywhere you'd planned to go,  
Or would you maybe change your plans  
For just a day or so?

Would you be glad to have Him meet  
Your very closest friends,  
Or would you hope they'd stay away  
Until His visit ends?

Would you be glad to have Him stay  
Forever on and on,  
Or would you sigh with great relief  
When He at last was gone?

By Mrs. Lois Blanchard



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Justin Wins

Justin pushed the green lawn mower back and forth across Mrs. Tedwinkle's lawn. He was hot and tired, his head hurt from the noise the lawn mower made. Mrs. Tedwinkle was watching from the window; she was the meanest old lady in the whole block. Justin tried hard to please her but something always went wrong. Last week he left a row of grass along the flowers. The week before he got to close and mowed down her prize daisy.

Justin just knew he'd do something wrong this week too, because he always did. All his friends said, "No one can please Mrs. Tedwinkle." However, Justin thought he could please her because he believed the verse which says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13. He had failed to please her each week, but "I will please her someday," he said to himself, as he pushed the mower back and forth, back and forth across the big lawn. Then he remembered the poem, "The Life That Counts," which he was to recite at the school program next Tuesday night, so he said it as he worked.

The life that counts must toil and fight;  
Must hate the wrong and love the right;  
Must stand for truth, by day, by night—

This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must hopeful be;  
In darkest night make melody;  
Must wait the dawn on bended knee—

This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;  
The cares and needs of others see;  
Must seek the slaves of sin to free—  
This is the life that counts.

—A. W. S.

When Justin finished he turned off the mower and Mrs. Tedwinkle came outside. "Justin," she said, "You'll have to do the back yard over, you left tall grass between the strips you mowed." Justin knew something would be wrong, it always was. He started the mower again and went over the back yard, repeating to himself these lines, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me", and, "The life that counts must hopeful be."

Saturday after Saturday Justin went to mow Mrs. Tedwinkle's lawn, always with the same results. His friends told him he was crazy to work for her, but Justin still believed he could do, "All things through Christ", so he'd keep trying.

Today was Saturday again, so he got out the lawn mower, filled it with gas and oil and pushed it down to Mrs. Tedwinkle's house. She was sitting on the porch. Justin said, "Good morning," and went to work. He finished the front yard and was working on the back one when he ran over a wire hidden in the grass. It ruined his mower.

When Mrs. Tedwinkle heard about the ruined mower, she paid to have it repaired. She said, "I will have no one else do my lawn, I love the way Justin does it."

—Aunt Charlotte

# WORDS OF GOLD



## OVERCOMING FAILURES

When a child is saved, he or she is chosen to be a soldier in God's army: After one is filled with the Holy Spirit he has on the soldier's armor for protection. Nevertheless, the devil will fight and the soldier must also fight. One of the Christian soldier's greatest battles is with his own failures. The following Scripture selections will help you overcome the devil if you fail. (Failures are expected, be prepared for them!)

I John 2:1,2,6,10 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [defender or helper] . . . Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation [payment] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

"He that saith he abideth in him [Jesus] ought himself also so to walk, even as he [Jesus] walked."

"He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion [cause] for stumbling . . ."

I John 3:1-3 "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: . . . we know that, when he [Jesus] shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he [Jesus] is pure."

I John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children and have overcome them [evil spirits]: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Hebrews 10:32 "But call to remembrance the former days, in which after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;" (Here is the above verse paraphrased: Remember how will-

ing you were to suffer for Jesus, when you were first saved.)

I Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on [seek carefully for] eternal life."

I Corinthians 16:13 "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men [do your part like men], be strong."

Ephesians 5:1,11,15,18,19 "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children; And walk in love, . . . And have no fellowship [friendship] with the unfruitful works of darkness [sin], but rather reprove [scold] them. See then that ye walk circumspectly [live carefully] not as fools, but as wise, . . . And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the [Holy] Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

Hebrews 11:6 "He [God] is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

John 6:37 Jesus said, ". . . him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

### Questions:

1. When we get saved do we become soldiers?
2. What do soldiers do?
3. Do soldiers always win?
4. Do they quit fighting because they do not win?
5. If we sin, who is our helper?
6. Do we need to purify ourselves after we are saved?
7. Why can we overcome?
8. Do we need friendship with the works of sin?
9. If we have failed and go to God will He receive us?
10. Does Jesus ever turn humble seekers away?

(Answers are on page 4.)

### Memory Verse:

**Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**  
I John 3:3

# Let's Talk

Let's talk about a boy who overcame many things to reach his goal. The boy was born to a slave owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carver. One night some slave raiders stole his mother. Mr. and Mrs. Carver loved the boy and his mother but they were never able to get his mother back. They took the little boy into their home as their own. He was named George Washington Carver. Little George wanted to learn. He wanted to know about God, plants, animals, and the things of nature which God made. Mrs. Carver taught him all she could with the few books they owned. George was thankful, but not satisfied; he wanted to go to school. The nearest school was four miles away. He walked all the way to and from school. However he soon realized he couldn't do it every day, so he looked for work and a place to stay. At first he sneaked into people's barns and wood sheds to sleep. Later, he found a woman who gave him a place to sleep and a little food for cutting and carrying wood for her fire. How tired he got splitting wood with a heavy ax, but he never gave up. He was determined to study.

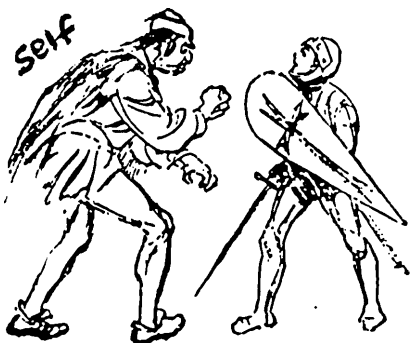
This school had grades one through three only. He was soon finished and had to find another school in a faraway town.

He walked to that town and after many days found a job doing washing and ironing in a home for a place to sleep and food. Every day after school he drew water from a deep well and scrubbed heavy pieces of clothing on a scrub board. This was very hard work! Sometimes when he ironed, he got the clothes dirty and had to wash them again. The lady was very fussy about her clothes. Later, when he moved to the university to study, he set up his own laundry to make his living. In his heart he always thanked the fussy lady for teaching him how to wash and iron properly.

By this time George's goal had changed. He knew it was very hard for black children to get an education. His new

goal was to help other blacks. He worked and toiled on, never letting anything stop him. Finally, he accomplished his goal. He did many things to help not only the blacks, but people all over the southern United States also.

What is our goal? Our goal is to make Heaven when we die. To accomplish our goal we must live for God and help others do the same. We should not get discouraged even though we may fail many times. God is ready to forgive and help us overcome if we will keep on trying just as George did.



"One of the Christian soldier's greatest battles is with his own self."

(Teacher or parent: Explain to the children how they may fail and displease the Lord because of lack of judgment, immaturity, or carelessness, but they are only wounded. They are still His child as long as they believe in their hearts. Give some examples of your own life and how you regained victory. Songs: "A Child of God", #123, "I am His Child", #101 or "I am a Child of the King", #463, in *Evening Light Songs*.)

Unscramble the mixed-up words and find Jesus' message.

"My little HLDERCIN, . . . SIN TON . . . if any . . . NIS, we have an advocate [helper] . . . Jesus Christ." I John 2:1  
 "... he that loveth his BRERTHO abideth in the light." I John 2:10.

"Ye are of OGD, little children and have COMEOVER . . ." I John 4:4

"Fight the good TIGHF of faith, lay hold on eternal FILE." I Tim. 6:12

"Be not drunk with NIWE . . . but be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5:18

SUSEJ said, ". . . him that THCOME to me I will in ON wise cast out." John 6:37



### Little Pilgrim's Progress

*Little Pilgrim's Progress* is a story by Helen L. Taylor about children living in a city that was to be burned.

A stranger comes and tells them about another city to which they may go and be safe. Most of the children are too busy with child-like things to think seriously about escaping to the other city. However, Little Pilgrim wants to go to the city very badly. One day he finds an old book that tells about this same city the stranger told about.

Little pilgrim asks his friends to go with him but none of them will go so he starts out alone. Read this interesting account of all the exciting things that happen to him along the way to the city.

After he gets to the city some of his friends come also. Everyone should read this book. It will give new understanding about being a Christian.

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While her mother was paying the paper boy, my niece's little daughter kept staring at her mother's purse, which had been left open. She seemed ready to help herself to some change when she looked up and saw her mother watching her. Quickly she closed the purse, flashed her mother a big smile and said:

"The devil isn't getting very far with me these days, is he?" —Selected

### Dorothy Makes a Flower Garden

"What a beautiful flower garden you have, Ruth," Dorothy told her neighbor. "I wish I had flowers like yours."

"You can," Ruth said. "Just get seeds and plants, put them out and watch them grow."

"That's easy for you to say," Dorothy replied, sadly. "I've tried and tried, nothing much ever comes up. At least, not as pretty as yours."

"Well, don't look back on your failures, each year try again," Ruth replied, "that's what I had to do. One year, I planted my seeds too deep, then another time it was too late. Each time I made a mistake, I learned a little more."

"I suppose you're right," Dorothy said, as she walked through Ruth's flowers, remarking about different ones. "I guess it's a little like being a Christian."

"What do you mean?" asked Ruth.

"Dorothy sighed, as she told Ruth, "Sometimes you do things in your walk with the Lord that are complete failures, but you have to go on. Always learning to do better."

"Yes," Ruth agreed, "that's right. The Lord helps you over these times and teaches us a better way to go. Then we will be more watchful and prayerful. At least, try not to make the same mistakes again."

"Very good," Dorothy exclaimed, "I think I'll get some seeds and plants right now and try again. Would you help me with my flower garden?"

—Dorothy Wilkins



What girl's name are we to grow in?

(Answer: Grace)

(Answers: 1. yes. 2. fight. 3. no. 4. no. 5. our hearts is greater than any temple. 6. yes. 7. Because Jesus in Jesus Christ. 8. NO. 9. yes. 10. NO.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Forgotten Gate

"Hurry Joey," Marcy said, as she came through the dining room, "Mom is going to tell us a story, if we finish our homework."

"Oh, good," Joey said excitedly, "I love to listen to Mom tell about the old days out West. It sure seems like it was fun back then."

Marcy thought about that, "Well, maybe when we look back, but I think there was plenty of hard times too."

"Yeah, I guess," Joey murmured, as he bent over his homework, hurrying to finish.

The two worked hard for another half hour when Marcy said, "I'm done, how about you?"

"Just give me a little longer, and I'll be done," Joey replied.

Soon they had their work done and books put away. They found Mom in the living room waiting. "We're ready, is it too late?" they asked.

"No, come over here," Mom motioned, "and we'll begin. This is about Uncle Ben, when he was a small boy. It was his job to see that the cows were in the lot with the gate shut each night. He was so proud that Grandpa had trusted him with this job. One evening he was so tired, he forgot all about the cows and gate. Next morning, real early, Grandpa was in his room shaking him awake. 'Get up, the cows are all out. Did you forget to shut the gate?'"

Uncle Ben thought a bit, and sure enough, he had forgotten. Sleepily, he

said, "Yes, I did." He hung his head, he was so sorry. Grandpa, Uncle Ben, and the other boys spent the day rounding up the cows.

When the cows were all in, Uncle Ben told Grandpa he was sorry that he had forgotten, and promised never to forget again.

Uncle Ben never again forgot, and was faithful in all his other duties down through his life. If the temptation came to slight his work just a little, he would always remember the forgotten gate."

—Dorothy Wilkins

The angel said, "Arise up quickly," and his chains fell off.



## WORDS OF GOLD



### OBEDIENCE, THE KEY TO HAPPINESS

The key to happiness is being obedient to God. In the Scripture passage below you will find the first person didn't obey and he was unhappy. The next two did and they were happy. The last portion shows children's duty to obey their parents; in this way they are obeying God.

Matthew 19:16-22 "... one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? ... He said unto him, ... if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful."

Mark 2:3-5 "... they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh [near] unto him because of the press [crowd], they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."

11 "... Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went before them all;"

Acts 12:1-16 "Now ... Herod the king ... proceeded further to take Peter [and] put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions [16] of soldiers to keep him; ... Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came ... saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. ... Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. ... Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; ... When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. ... he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, ... where many were gathered together praying. ... and when they opened the door, and saw him, they were astonished [amazed]."

Ephesians 6:1,2 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;"

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

Proverbs 23:22 "Hearken [listen] unto thy father ... and despise [look down on] not thy mother when she is old."

#### A Temper Is Valuable—Don't lose it.

(Teachers note: Stress to the children how they must make themselves obey God and others in authority. They will never be happy until they assume their responsibility to make themselves obey.)

(Songs: "The Happy People" #96, or "Happy in the Savior" #74, in *Evening Light Songs*.)

#### Memory Verse:

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.  
Proverbs 29:18

# Let's Talk

Let's talk about the blessing Miriam received for obeying.

"Miriam," called her mother, "you must go with me to gather rushes at the river." Miriam was tired of gathering rushes every day. It was hot and the rushes scratched her hands until they were bleeding. However, she knew she must obey. She also loved her baby brother, Moses, and knew he needed a basket-boat. They gathered rushes all day and at night her mother wove them into the basket.

At last the basket was finished! Her mother sealed it with pitch and put it in the river to see if it would float. She tested it several times making sure it was safe for her baby.

Now Miriam's job was to stay beside the river every day and take care of three-month-old Moses. She had to watch carefully to keep wild animals frightened away from the basket. When he was hungry, she hid in the tallest flages and rushes while feeding him. Her eyes went this way and that, watching for the Egyptian soldiers. They were commanded by King Pharaoh to kill Hebrew baby boys like Moses.

Miriam was tired of going to the river every day, but she obeyed. One morning, just as every morning, she sat down on the river bank prepared to spend another boring day. How surprised she was when the Egyptian princess and a group of girls came to the river!

The princess saw the basket in the water and commanded that it be brought to her. As soon as she saw the baby, she said, "This is a lovely baby which my father has commanded to be killed. I will keep it for my own, then he will not have it killed."

Miriam felt afraid of losing her little brother. She was also afraid to speak to the princess, but she knew she must. Her mother had said, "Take good care of the baby."

"Your Highness," she said in her most polite manner, "I can find a nurse for your baby. May I?"

"Why, . . . I will need a nurse. Yes, you may bring me one," answered the princess.

Away Miriam flew and brought back her mother.

The princess said, "Take this child away and nurse it for me and I will give thee thy wages."

How happy Miriam was that she had obeyed. Now they wouldn't have to hide their baby, and as soon as he was old enough to learn he would go away to the palace for schooling. Miriam said to herself, "My brother will be like a prince and it is because I was obedient."

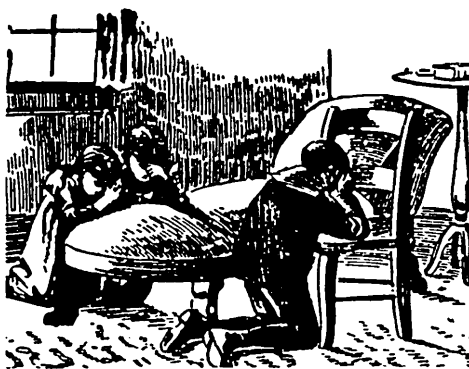
Obedience is the KEY to happiness.



## Questions:

1. What is the key to happiness?
2. Are disobedient children happy?
3. Jesus told the rich young man to do what?
4. How did the young man feel when he went away from Jesus?
5. Did the sick man say, "I can't carry my bed, I am too sick"?
6. Did he obey Jesus command?
7. What did the angel tell Peter to do?
8. What would have happened to Peter if a guard had caught him?
9. What are children to do to their parents?
10. How does a person feel who obeys God's Word?

(Answers: 1. obedience. 2. no. 3. sell what you have and give to the poor. 4. sorrowful or sad. 5. no. 6. yes. 7. Arise up quickly, gird thyself, bind on your sandals, put on your garments and follow me. 8. he would be killed. 9. listen to them, obey and honor them. 10. happy.)



## Touching Incidents

*Touching Incidents* has thirty-nine true stories about children. Not one of these stories is make-believe. It tells about wonderful experiences children had with the Lord. Reading this book you will learn children can be great Christians who hate wrong and love right. You will also learn that it is blessed to die for Jesus.

Kund Iverson a Norwegian boy would not steal. He became a hero and a monument was built in memory of him.

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(Answers: Heart; Alar; People; Power; Inside; Never; Everyday; Sad; Smile or Shine.)

## Things That Count

Not what we have . . . but what we use,  
Not what we see . . . but what we choose—  
These are the things that mar or bless  
The sum of human happiness.

The things nearby . . . not things afar,  
Not what we seem . . . but what we are—  
These are the things that make or break  
That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair . . . but what is true,  
Not what we dream . . . but what we do—  
These are the things that shine like gems,  
Like stars in fortune's diadems.

Not as we take . . . but as we give,  
Not as we pray . . . but as we live—  
These are the things that make for peace,  
Both now and after time shall cease.  
—Selected

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At a dinner party the man sitting beside President George Washington's mother said to her, "How did you raise such a fine son?"

Mrs. Washington's answer was simply this, "I taught him to obey."

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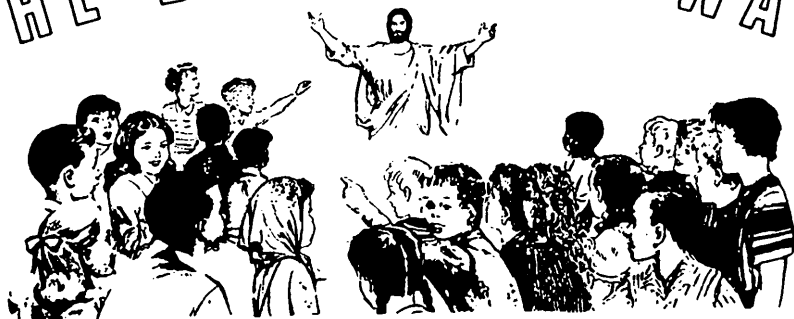
(Answer the questions to spell happiness.)

1. The part of us that feels love.
2. A bench in the front part of the chapel.
3. God's special creation.
4. Something which makes one strong.
5. Where Jesus lives in us.
6. When should a child sin?
7. A good time to pray.
8. How one feels after sinning.
9. Something on one's face after praying.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Close Call



Mike and Rodney had part-time jobs after school and Saturdays. Mike was a box-boy at a local grocery store. Rodney helped his Dad at their gas station. Because they both had jobs, the boys each had their own car. The cars were older ones, but they enjoyed them. When they had time, you'd find them washing, waxing or whatever else they could do to make their cars look or run better.

One day, Mike invited Rodney to ride to the park with him. It was a beautiful day for playing tennis.

"I'm glad we both have the day off from school and work," Mike said, "it's a nice day for a tennis game."

"It sure is," answered Rodney. "Who do you think will win today? I'm going to try my best, but you are a much better player than me, you are so good!"

"Rodney, you're getting better all the time," interjected Mike, "it just takes plenty of practice."

"I know," sighed Rodney. "Mike, watch out! Whew, that was close! You should make a complete stop at stop signs. That was a close call. Didn't you see that truck?"

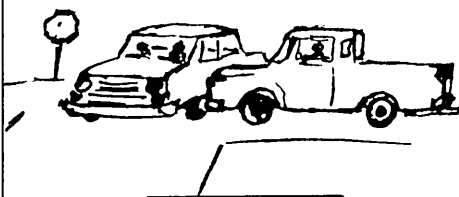
"No, I sure didn't!" exclaimed Mike. "Dad's always telling me to stop and look real carefully, but I never saw the need to stop so long. I guess this will make me remember to be more careful."

"Sometimes it takes something like this to help us to get over our different faults," Rodney said. "Let's hope you

don't get hit before you remember to make a complete stop."

"I'm going to be more alert from now on," Mike told Rodney. "I'll work harder to remember what you and Dad have told me. It's like when the Lord reminds us of some fault or mistake. We have to work to overcome, so it won't become a sin."

—Dorothy Wilkins



## A Mother's Question

When all of earth is over,

Where we've lived to love and share,  
Could heaven be heaven—all heaven, son,  
Should I not find you there?

'Twould seem the hills of glory

Would be not quite so fair  
In their perfected beauty  
Should I not find you there.

When on the streets called gold I walk

With loved ones fond and near,  
What if in all that bloodwashed throng  
I should not find you there?

But o'er the kingly brow of Him

Who died your guilt to bear,  
Once more the pain of death would pass,  
Should He not find you there.

—Selected

# WORDS OF GOLD



## FAULTS AND SIN

What is sin? I John 3:4, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth [breaks] also the law [of God]: for sin is the transgression [breaking] of the law [of God]."

James 4:17 "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Faults are sins we are not blamed for.

John 9:41 "Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind [without knowledge], ye should have no sin."

John 15:22 "If I [Jesus] had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin."

Romans 5:13 "... sin is not imputed [blamed] when there is no law."

Romans 4:15 "... for where no [knowledge of the] law is, there is no transgression."

Christians do not have to SIN. I John 5:18 "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten [born] of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

I John 3:5,6 "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin."

"Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him."

John 8:34,36 "... I [Jesus] say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."

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

John 5:14 "... sin no more, lest [to prevent the chance that] a worse thing come upon you."

Jesus said unto the woman caught in adultery in John 8:3-11, "Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more."

I Corinthians 15:34 "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have

not the knowledge of God; I speak this to your shame."

James 2:17 "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead being alone."

19 "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble."

24 "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."

James 3:10 "Out of the same mouth proceedeth [comes] blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

(Teachers note: Children should be taught that getting saved makes them a child of God, and that prayer is our way of communicating with Him. When they make a mistake or even sin, they must go to God in prayer and ask forgiveness for whatever they have done. He is always ready to forgive.)

### Questions:

1. Is sin breaking the law of God?
2. Are faults sins which God does not blame on us?
3. If we do not know an action is wrong, is it sin to us?
4. Is sin something we know is wrong and do it anyway?
5. What is the difference in faults and sins?
6. Do people who are born again sin?
7. There was no sin in Jesus. If we abide in Him will we sin?
8. If we sin, whose servant are we?
9. What did Jesus say to the adulterous woman?
10. What are we to do after we "awake to righteousness"?

(Answers: 1. yes. 2. yes. 3. no. 4. yes. 5. Faults are wrong actions without knowledge or self control; sin is wrong actions with the knowledge it is wrong. 6. A born-again person does not practice sin. 7. no. 8. sin and the devil. 9. "Go and sin no more". 10. "sin no more".)

### Memory Verse:

"And we know that he was manifested to take away our sins: and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not." I John 3:5,6a.



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about faults. What is the difference in a fault and sin? A fault is something that is not as it should be. It is a mistake or an error. If the answer is wrong to a math problem, we call that an error. Even though you think it is right, it is not right, it is wrong; you made a mistake. Actions which are not right are faults, errors or mistakes, whichever one wishes to call them. Some of these actions are sin. They are wrong but one does not realize they are wrong at the time he does them.

A child is blind to certain laws of God. "Sin is not imputed when there is no [knowledge of the] law." One must have knowledge that an act is wrong or sinful before the mind can caution one to not do it. Romans 4:15 says, "For where no law is there is no transgression [breaking]."

A child may also know something is wrong, but not be able to control himself as well as he would like. One time the Apostle Peter lost control of his actions also. As a result of his losing control he cut off a man's ear. He also became frightened and said three times that he never knew Jesus. Peter prayed and cried for forgiveness for these actions and Jesus forgave him. However, after Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit he never did things like that again.

One may do things that are wrong but one must repent of these actions as soon as he realizes it is wrong. In this way he will keep his soul clean.

Sometimes when one does wrong he must suffer for it, even though he has no knowledge it is sin. A good example is a child playing with a rattlesnake. The child has no knowledge that the snake is poison. However, the child may get bit. If he gets bit he will suffer and maybe even die. Sin will bring the same effect on one. If he commits sin, although he doesn't know it is sin, he will suffer for it.

However, God will not cause his soul to

die unless the person sinning knows he is sinning and will NOT stop! Many times, using one's thoughts, God shows that something is sin, but the person wants to do the sin so he excuses himself saying, "I don't think this is sin." However, in the inter-part of his heart he knows it is sin. Everyone must be honest with himself. When in doubt don't do it! Ask your Pastor or a spiritually-minded parent what to do.

All sin causes suffering but some sin causes more suffering than others.

Let's take the sin of drug abuse for an example of this. Mary is an eleven year old. Her mother is unsaved and takes tranquilizers to keep her calm so she can enjoy life more. Mary's school work is very hard, she is having trouble with her math teacher and her only close friend turns against her. Mary starts sneaking her mother's tranquilizers. Mary's problems increase and the amount of tranquilizers she takes increases. By this time she is using her allowance to buy them and is also still sneaking from her mother's bottle. Mary has more and more problems. She takes more and more tranquilizers until one day she takes too many! She passes out at school! Poor Mary didn't realize that Jesus could help her through her problems. Mary took the tranquilizers which is sin. Although she didn't know it was sin, she still had to suffer because of the "overdose".

Until one knows he is sinning his wrong-doings are faults. Wrong actions are also faults until a child is able to control himself. God is longsuffering with all, but there will come a time when faults will be SIN. "And we know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him [Jesus] is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: 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." I John 3:5-8.

—Aunt Charlotte



## The Lost Ball



Travis and his friends were playing baseball in the vacant lot behind Bob Jones' house. Mark hit a home run as he usually did. The ball went into the tall grass on the left side of the field and couldn't be found. Travis felt angry at Mark, "Why did he always have to ruin their games by showing off?"

Two weeks later as Travis was walking home from school he cut across the vacant lot and found the ball. At first he started towards Bob's house to give him the ball, but suddenly he remembered something. Mark had claimed his new "Hot Wheel" he had taken to school that very day and showed to Bob. Bob lied and said, "I don't know if it belongs to Travis or Mark." Bob always liked to stick up for Mark, because Mark was such a good baseball player. "I'll just keep the ball, it serves him right!" he said to himself. "I need this ball for the family picnic next Saturday, after that I'll take it to him."

Saturday was a perfect cool, crisp day for a picnic. After eating lunch, everyone enjoyed the baseball game until Travis' dad hit the ball into center field. The ball rolled down the sloping hill and into the lake. Travis felt sad. He really meant to return the ball. He took off his shoes and waded the cold water hunting the ball, but it couldn't be found.

The rest of the day was spoiled for Travis, he couldn't keep from thinking about the ball.

Monday at school he thought about the ball too. "Why didn't I take the ball to him when I first found it, I could have taken my old one to the picnic," he thought. Thinking of the ball made him feel mean and guilty. He felt like a sinner again, he didn't like that feeling. That night he prayed about it all. "Dear Jesus," he prayed, "you know I didn't really plan to steal Bob's ball, but now it's gone. What shall I do?"

Jesus made Travis to understand that he should go to Bob and tell him what had happened and apologize for taking his ball to the lake, or save his allowance

money until he could buy another to replace the lost one.

Travis decided he would go to Bob and apologize, hoping Bob wouldn't expect him to replace the lost ball. Bob didn't expect him to replace the ball. He said, "Oh, that's alright. Mom has already bought me a new one." What great friends they are now. Best of all though, Travis feels happy inside. —Aunt Charlotte



### Let's Play Bible Baseball

If you answer the question correctly you score 5 points. If you answer the question correctly and know in which book it is found, you score 10 points. Only ten points possible for each question. Total points possible: 120.

1. Do Christians sin?
2. What is sin?
3. Has everyone sinned sometime in their life?
4. If we confess our sins what will Jesus do?
5. Is it sin if we know to do good but do bad instead?
6. Who said, "My little children I write unto you that ye sin not."?
7. Did Apostle Paul also say for us not to sin?
8. Is the wrath of God against ALL ungodliness and unrighteousness?
9. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in \_\_\_\_\_ for they shall see \_\_\_\_\_."
10. What did Jesus say to the sick man who was let down through the roof?
11. Whom did God give to show His love for us?
12. Who said, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth [our earthly body] as in heaven"?

(Answers: 1. No; I John 3:6-8. 2. trans-  
gression of the law or breaking of 4 for-  
law; I John. 3. yes; Romans 3:23. 4. Je-  
sus; I John. 5. yes; James. 6. John.  
I John. 7. yes; I Cor. 15:34. 8. yes; Rom.  
2:18. 9. heart and God; Matt. 5:8. 10.  
Thy sins be forgiven or Take up thy  
bed and walk; Mark or Luke. 11. Jesus;  
John 3:16. 12. Jesus; Luke 2:2. Matt. 6:10.)

# TEACHER'S NOTES

## JUNIORS

October 6, 1985

Luke chapter 6 verses 27-38 goes with this lesson. Stress to the students that one cannot love as Christ loved without having Christ's love in their hearts. Christ will give them this love if they seek Him for it. Also give many examples of how you overcame difficulties through love. We will be studying one of the ten commandments each Sunday for the next ten Sundays. The last two Sundays of this quarter will be what Jesus spoke of as the two greatest commandments.

Scripture references for this lesson are: John 13:33-35; 14:15, 21, 31; 15:12-19; I John 2:8-11; 3:10, 11; II John 4-6. Memory Verse is John 13:34.

October 13, 1985

This lesson is very important to the children because there are so many spirits in the world that could get control of them causing them to worship other things in place of God. They must learn that God is a jealous God. He wants every bit of our love to be for Him. He will not share anyone's heart with another spirit. Those who wish to have Jesus in their heart must not worship any other thing. They must love Him with all their heart. Scripture references: Ex. 20:1-3; 22:20, Dan. 3:18, Luke 16:13, Acts 5:29, 30, Mark 12:29, 30; Ezekiel 14:3, 7, 8, Rev. 21: 7, 8. The memory verse is Ezekiel 14:7, 8.

October 20, 1985

God was very rigid toward this people about not worshipping things they saw. God is a spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. It is human nature to worship things we can see, not images of stone or wood but the other things. Some of the things which could easily become gods to children are dress customs, which they see every day, the desire for riches, lusts of the eye, and the pride of life. Stress to them that unseen things are just as real as seen things. Scripture references are: Ex. 20:4, 5; Lev. 26:1, Isa. 44:9-17; Ps. 135:15-17, Acts 15:20-29, I Cor. 8:10; 10:20, I John 5:21, Rev. 13:1-15, and 14:9-11.

October 27, 1985

The using of God's name in vain is a common sin in our nation. It is heard on the radios, on television, in daily conversation with neighbors, and in songs. We see it on signs, in books and magazines. Because it is common does not make it less wicked. Some day our nation will suffer for the disrespect it is showing for God. His Word says, "The Lord will not hold him guiltless [without punishment] that taketh his name in vain." Warn children against using slang words which are disrespectful toward God. Using slang habitually may lead to using curse words also.

Scripture references are: Exod. 20:7, Lev. 24:10-16, Matt. 12:32-37, Job 1:8-11, 2:5-10; Ps. 139:20-22, and Prov. 30:8, 9.

November 3, 1985

The Old Testament law about the sabbath should be studied so a thorough explanation can be given of what was required to obey this law. In this way the students will easily see how the plan of salvation is much better. Some Scripture references pertaining to the sabbath law are Deut. 5:12-15, Num. 28th and 29th chapters, I Chron. 23:30, 31; II Chron. 2:4, 8:13, 31:3. Other reference material is, Col. 2:14-17, Heb. 4:1-16, James 1:25, Mark 2:23-28, and John 5:1-18.

Matt. 19:19, Mark 10:19, and Luke 18:20 are places where Jesus quotes the commandments which are to be kept today. He didn't mention the sabbath.

If available and time permits read pages 449-465 in "What the Bible Teaches."

November 10, 1985

This lesson must be stressed because the social leaders are instructing our children to mistrust their parents in place of instructing them to honour, reverence and obey them. Isaac, Joseph, David, Jesus and Esther are examples of obedient children. Matt. 19:19, Mark 10:19, and Luke 18:20 show that Jesus believed children should honour their parents.

Bible reading for this lesson is: Ex. 20:12, Deut. 5:16; 21:18-21, Prov. 23:22; 30:17, Eph. 6:1, 2, Col. 3:20, and Lev. 19:3.

The word "fear" in Lev. 19:3, comes from a Greek word meaning revere, to love and respect deeply. Because of the importance of this lesson, you may want to give each student a star or some kind of small reward each week of this quarter if they have showed special honor to their parents throughout the week.

### November 17, 1985

The majority of the people do not reverence life as they should, but life is very sacred and this should be instilled in children. Everyone should fear destroying life, for God alone can give life and He alone has the authority to destroy it. In this lesson the student should learn that murder is punished by God and that Jesus Christ expects us to love others and suffer rather than defend ourselves. I have also tried to explain a very common question about killing animals. A question not covered in this lesson is, "the Christian and war." You would benefit from reading a tract, "The Christian versus War" by L.D. Pruitt. We should take time to find the right answers for students questions. If the teacher does not take the time someone else will satisfy their minds with an unscriptural answer.

The Scripture references for the lesson are: Ex. 20:13, 21:12-23, Matt. 5:21, 22, 39, 44; 15:19; 26:52, Gen. 9:3-6, I John 3:15, I Peter 4:15, James 2:11, Rev. 21:8, and 22:14, 15.

### November 24, 1985

The sin of adultery is a very common sin, nevertheless God's Word shall stand at the last day and condemn those who are guilty. Children cannot be warned too much about their responsibility of keeping their wedding promise. They must be instructed to be as determined to do right as Noah; who was the only man on earth doing right. It will be easier to keep a lifelong promise, if the habit of keeping promises is developed throughout their childhood and teen years. Promises are sacred, for it is our word, and by our words we shall be justified, or by them we shall be condemned. (Matt. 12:37) A lot of marriages are broken up because of uncontrolled emotions. Children must learn to control their emotions now, or they will not be able to control them later on.

Scripture references: Ex. 20:14, Matt. 19:9, Mark 10:11,12; Luke 16:18, Matt. 5:32, Matt. 5:27, 28; Mark 7:20-23, Gal. 5:19-21, II Pet. 2:14-15, John 8:4-11, Isa. 55:7, 8; I Cor. 7:39, and Rom. 7:2, 3.

### December 1, 1985

In this lesson we have dealt only with stealing as taking another's property. However, stealing can be taking what should be another's, such as praise, glory, love, time, etc. Not to steal is to love others more than one loves himself. It is important that children be taught to think of others and their feelings instead of one's own feelings all the time. If you have children in your class which may be involved in stealing, you might present to them some of the penalties for thieves.

Scripture references are: Ex. 20:15, Lev. 19:11, Deut. 5:19, Eph. 4:28, Mark 10:19, Matt. 19:18, I Cor. 6:10, I Pet. 4:15a, and Zech. 5:3.

### December 8, 1985

There are many people who feel that lying is not a bad sin. We hear many Christians say, "I told a little lie, or a white lie, but God understands." Yes, He understands, but the person who spoke does not understand that the lie is the fruit of a dishonest seed that is growing in their heart, for Christ says that we speak what is in the heart and by our words we shall be condemned or justified. John spoke plainly when he said that the devil is the father of lies. Those who lie, then, must be the children of the devil, not the children of God, for God does not lie. (Heb. 6:18)

Children will be likely to lie because they are surrounded by a society which justifies lying more probably more than any other sin. However, our memory verse states that liars will have their part in the lake of fire (Hell).

Scripture references are: Commandments, Ex. 20:16, Lev. 19:11, Deut. 5:20, Col. 3:9, Prov. 19:22b; Who are liars? John 8:44, Prov. 17:4, Ps. 58:3, Neither God, nor His children lie: Titus 1:2, I Sam. 15:29, Heb. 6:18a, Isa. 63:8, Prov. 14:5; 6:16a, 19a; Punishment for lying: Rev. 21:8, 27; 22:14, 15, Ps. 63:11, Ps. 101:7, Jer. 29:21, Acts 5:3-5; Unusual ways of lying: Prov. 30:5, 6, I John 2:4, 22 and 4:20.

**December 15, 1985**

The sin of covetousness will always cause unhappiness. Some may want to justify it as a good motivator, but this is not true. There are many examples in the Bible showing the troubles covetousness brought to its possessor.

Children need to be instructed to pray for deliverance from a covetous heart. Feeling deeply unhappy if someone has something you would like to have is a good sign that the heart is covetous.

Scripture references: Ex. 20:17, Deut. 5:21, Luke 12:15, Prov. 28:16, Col. 3:5, Eph. 5:3-5, I Cor. 6:9, 10, Heb. 13:5, I Tim. 3:1-3, Ex. 18:21, and Ps. 119:36.

**December 21, 1985**

Jesus said that if a person will obey this commandment, "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind", he will have obeyed all the other commandments. Therefore this lesson is more important than all the others. The children will love others without much trouble when they love the Lord.

Scripture references: Matt. 22:36-38, Mark 12:28-30, I John 4:8, I Cor. 13, and Ezekiel 14:3-7.

**December 28, 1985**

There are many children who have not seen good examples of other's loving neighbors as themselves, therefore they are confused about this being possible. It probably isn't possible for those who are not saved, so getting saved is the first step to obeying this commandment. After one is saved they must develop strength in their character by training their mind to think about others and discipline themselves to do things for other's enjoyment.

The world has a lot to say about loving or criticizing them for their standard or way of life. However, those who have the most to say about these things are many times unable to love their own wife or husband and end up separating.

God's plan is that we love those in our home as well as others outside of the home.

Scripture references: Matt. 22:39, Mark 12:31, Luke 6:31, Matt. 7:12, Luke 10:25-37, Romans 13:8-10 and I John 3:17, 18.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Another Commandment

Chuck put another log on the fire, then dashed into his room, and combed his hair. "A very important preacher will be here any minute and Mom wants me looking and acting my best." He enjoyed having visiting preachers because that meant there would be g-o-o-d food to eat! Mother had her best china dishes on the table and everything was ready!

He heard Dad chopping wood beside the woodshed. Now he heard voices, so their visitor had arrived! Chuck went into the dining room to see. Just then Dad came into the kitchen followed by a shabby man. Mom looked annoyed. Dad spoke calmly, "Mom, this poor man is walking to Denton and he's needing something to eat so as to have strength to continue on. Do you have a bit of food to share with him?"

Chuck could tell by the look on Mom's face that she surely didn't want the "tramp" around at such a time, but being a Christian, she found some cold bacon and bread, put it in a tin plate and set it on the work table in the kitchen, motioning for the man to sit down and eat. The man was cold, Chuck could tell by the way he warmed his hand over the kitchen stove. His coat was thin and patched, however, it was clean. After he had eaten and warmed himself a bit more, he asked how far it was to the next town. He was told it was three miles. Mom added a few words to hurry

him on. He arose, took his old hat and started out the door.

At the door he paused as the sky showed certain signs of a storm. "How far did you say it was to Denton?" he asked again.

"It's three miles," Dad answered. Mom added, "You'll have just enough time to get there before dark."

Chuck watched the poor man start down the road toward Denton. He bowed his head into the wind and pulled his thin coat tightly over his chest. Mom breathed a sigh of relief and Dad sat down before the fire to await their guest.

Before long another knock was heard at the door. There stood the unwanted man again! This time he politely asked to spend the night. Dad left him at the door and went into the dining room to ask about keeping him. Mom didn't want to, but Dad said, "We must keep him for a storm is coming and he doesn't look very strong. Besides, it isn't Christian-like to turn a man out like this." Yes, they would keep him, but he would not sleep in the guest room, maybe on a pallet on the floor or in the woodshed.

He thanked them and sat quietly by the fire in the kitchen. A long time later Dad decided the guest wasn't coming, so after much discussion as to whether or not to invite the man to eat at the dining table, they all four sat down to eat. Dad thanked God for the food and they began eating. Mom, Dad and the

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## A New Commandment

After Jesus had Communion Service with His disciples, He began talking with them. These are some of the things He told them:

John 13:33 "Little children, yet a little while I am with you . . . so now I say to you."

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

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

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

21 "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

30 "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: . . ."

John 15:12 "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

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

17 "These things I command you, that ye love one another."

18 "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."

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

I John 2:8 "Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth."

9 "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now."

10 "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him."

11 "But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."

I John 3:10 "In this the children of God are manifest [known], and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

11 "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning [of Christ's teaching], that we should love one another."

II John 4 "I rejoiced greatly that I found . . . children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father."

5 " . . . that ye love one another."

6 "And this is love, that we walk after his commandments . . ."

## Questions:

1. What new commandment did Christ give?
2. How will other men know that we are Christ's disciples?
3. How do we show our love for Jesus?
4. What is the greatest way we can show love for our friend?
5. Did the world hate Christ?
6. Will the world also hate His followers?
7. In what state are we if we hate our brother?
8. If we love our brother, in what state are we?
9. Can one be a part of God and not love his brother?
10. How long has this message been given to us?

## Memory Verse:

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

# Let's Talk

Let's talk about commandments. What are commandments? They are orders, rules, laws, or directions. I like to think of God's commandments as His directions given to us, so we can find the way to heaven. Most people think of God's commandments as the ten which He gave to Moses for the purpose of leading the Jewish nation; these are the ones which God wrote on stone. However, there are many, many other commandments of God found in the Holy Bible.

Some children feel it impossible to learn all these commandments. They also feel it is very hard to remember to obey those they already know, and are therefore not very interested in learning more. This is not true, because Jesus makes it easy for us, by making only two commandments for us to obey. He says that if we will only obey these commandments, we will have obeyed all the others. However, knowing the other commandments will help you to live a happier life.

In the next eleven lessons we will study the New Commandment, the Ten Commandments, which God gave to Moses, then about Christmas time we will study the two commandments which Christ said were the greatest of all. Be sure to watch for these two important commandments to us from Christ!

The new commandment which we are studying today is one that you have all heard. Very often you hear someone say, "We should love one another." Your mother scolds whenever you fuss with other children and says, "You should love each other." Your teachers tell you to love others. Many of the books we read are to help us understand others, so we can better love them. We are surrounded on every side with this message of loving others, yet very few people love others as Jesus did.

Most children think love is making someone else feel good. Many times this

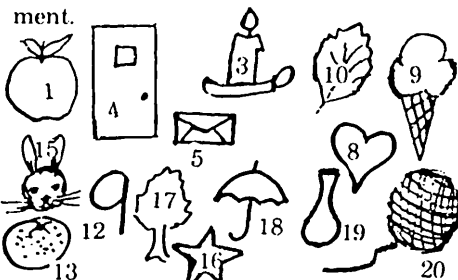
is not true. Let's say your little brother is allergic to milk. He cries for you to make him a milk shake, but you will not because you love him and do not want him to be sick from drinking the milk shake. Your love for him will make him very unhappy at the moment, but it will keep him from getting sick. Love is not always making someone feel happy. It is doing for that person what will be best for him, should it make him happy or unhappy.

Love for others will also make us do for them things which may make us unhappy, but make them happy. This is the kind of love that Jesus had. It made Him very unhappy to die on the cross, yet He was willing to do it because He loved us. He knew it was good for us and would make us very happy. Everyone should ask God to place this kind of love in their heart.

—Aunt Charlotte

(Answers: 1. Love one another, as I have loved you. 2. If we love one another, 3. By obeying His commandments, 4. By giving our life for them, 5. Yes, 6. Yes, 7. In the state of darkness, 8. We are in light, 9. No, 10. From the beginning of Christ's teaching.)

Use the code to find the new commandment.



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(Answer: Love one another as I have loved you.)

man were very quiet but Chuck found plenty to talk about. Dad and Mom loved to show off Chuck when guests were present. Tonight was as usual, Dad asked him to recite a new hymn, which he did, then several verses from a camp meeting song. Mom asked him to recite the commandments, which he also did, with a little hesitation. Dad then asked, "How many commandments are there?"

Chuck hesitated a moment, then turning to the man, asked, "How many are there?"

The man thought for some time, and answered, "Are there not eleven?"

"Eleven!" Mom shouted in surprise.

"Eleven?" Dad asked, looking straight toward the man. "Is it possible, sir, that you do not know how many commandments God gave to men? How many are there Chuck, come on, you know. Any boy of your age in this whole community knows that."

"Ten," Chuck replied.

Both Dad and Mom praised Chuck and scolded the man for not knowing such a simple thing about the Word of God.

The man didn't seem humiliated, instead he questioned, "Are you sure there are not eleven? I thought for certain there were eleven."

This angered Dad so that he got a Bible and turned to Exodus 20. "There," he said, shoving the Bible under the man's nose, "look for yourself."

After reading a while the man admitted there were ten commandments recorded in Exodus. "Yet for some reason I thought there were eleven. Has another been added?"

This statement was too much for either Dad or Mom. Together they spent the next hour explaining the Word of God to this ignorant, unchristian man who had happened into their Christian home. Evening prayer was then offered, after which Chuck was sent to bed. The evening had aroused Dad's duty toward strangers, so he made the man a bed on the couch in the enclosed porch. From there Chuck heard Dad urging the poor man to become a Christian.

Next morning the man had the nerve to ask to use Dad's razor. After shaving, he listened respectfully to family prayers, then saying good-by with a cordial thank you, he walked away.

Mom thought for sure the visiting minister would be at church, so Chuck had to wear his very best clothes.

When they arrived at church, everyone was asking about the new preacher. Dad and Mom were sure he would be there soon.

After Sunday school was finished, and the congregation was singing the hymn "Amazing Grace", the door opened and in walked the old man. Everyone looked to see who was coming, hoping it would be the visiting preacher. Chuck giggled when he saw the look on Mom's face. The man seemed not to notice either Dad or Mom. He walked slowly down the aisle as if looking for a place to sit. By this time a great crowd was in the building. Still moving on, he passed all the benches, the altar, ascended to the pulpit, took off his overcoat and sat down.

In a flash, Dad was at his side. "You mustn't sit here, come, I will show you a seat."

"Thank you," the man answered, "I am fine here."

The song had ended now, and as Dad turned his back on the man to go get an assistant to remove him from the seat, the man arose and began reading in a distinct and impressive manner, a hymn beginning:

"Help us to help each other, Lord,

Each other's cross to bear;

Let each his friendly aid afford,

And feel a brother's care."

After this he read a chapter from the Bible. Then all was silent as he gave the text for the message to follow, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another." John 13:34.

Dad had bent forward to listen, but now he sunk back in his seat. This was the **eleventh commandment!**

Dad felt embarrassed that he did not know the Scripture but he knew he had love for others and he purposed in his heart to have more fervent love.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Two Trips

Having traveled all night, the Williams family was very tired upon arrival at their hotel. They were on vacation in Egypt and planned on seeing as much as possible in this land of many sights. As soon as their luggage was all carried to their room, they were ready for sleep. John and Lisa dropped onto the beds exhausted but were soon reminded that rest came *after* worship. They did not want to displease God so obediently bowed in prayer.

They had been studying religions in Sunday school and now were going to see some of the things they studied about.

The next morning they set out for the pyramids. They climbed up several steps then down again as their parents watched from below. They had learned that these huge structures of stone were used as tombs and temples where the Egyptians worshipped idols. Lisa was glad that she did not live in those days when people sacrificed their children to gods supposedly to calm them.

Running around the base of another decaying building, Lisa was startled when she almost bumped into a tall statue. She let out a cry and ran back to get her parents. Upon returning they could see why she was startled. The statue had a man's body and an animal's head.

"That is the Egyptian god, Set. He is their god of darkness and evil." Mr.

Williams told them. "The Egyptians did not serve the one true God but made many idols and worshipped them. King David, in Psalms 16:8, had the right "set" in mind when he said, 'I have set the Lord always before me.' He knew that God had commanded them not to set up any image of stone to worship so he kept the Lord always on his mind."

This started John thinking . . . "Why would anyone want to serve a god that does not think, or see, or speak? We need God to help us when we are in trouble or in need. What good would a statue be when facing danger?"

He sat down on the steps of a pyramid while the others looked around, and let his mind travel. He could see why God had given the children of Israel the commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." This land was full of dumb gods. If they had been serving these other gods they would still be in bondage. There would have been no escape through the Red Sea, no water from the rock, or manna in the wilderness. "How much better it is to serve the living God," John thought. He jumped up and ran to catch up with the others.

"Where have you been, John?" Mr. Williams asked.

"Oh, I just took a mental trip with the children of Israel," he replied. "I have decided it is a good thing God took the children of Israel out of Egypt since the Egyptians worshipped idols."

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Have No Other Gods

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

2 "I am the Lord thy God,"

3 "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Ex. 22:20 "He that sacrificeth unto [worships] any god, save [except] unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed."

Ex. 34:12 "Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants [people] of the land [country] whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare. . ."

13 "But ye shall destroy their altars [places of worship], break their images [statues], and cut down their groves [group of small trees in which worship to idols are held];"

14 "For thou shalt worship no other god: . . ."

The Three Hebrew children said this to the King:

Dan. 3:18 ". . . be it known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

I Cor. 8:4 ". . . we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one."

5 "For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)"

6 "But to us there is but one God, the Father, . . ."

Matt. 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon [evil wishes for wealth]."

II Cor. 4:4 ". . . the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glori-

ous gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

We make anything our god, which we obey if it doesn't agree with God's wishes. The Apostles obeyed only God.

Acts 5:29 "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew [killed] and hanged on a tree [cross]."

Mark 12:29 ". . . Jesus answered . . . The first [greatest] of all the commandments is, . . . the Lord our God is one Lord:"

30 "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:"

People can love something with all their heart until their is no room for love for God in their heart. This is setting up an idol in their heart.

Eze. 14:3 ". . . these men have set up their idols in their heart, . . ."

7 ". . . every one . . . which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, . . ."

8 ". . . I will set my face against that man, . . . and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

Rev. 21:7 "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable [hateful], and murderers, and whoremongers [ones who manage women to satisfy lust], and sorcerers [ones who practice magic with the help of evil spirits], and idolaters [ones who worship idols], and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: . . ."

## Memory Verse:

"Everyone . . . that separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, . . . I will set my face against that man, . . ." Ezekiel 14:7,8.



## Let's Talk

We have chosen for today the very first one of the ten commandments which God gave to Moses. Remember these commandments are the ones God wrote into stone with His finger. Moses came down from the mountain carrying the stone tables. As he neared the Israelite's camp he saw the people dancing around a golden calf in worship of it. Moses was so disappointed in his people that he dropped the tables causing them to break in pieces.

Although the tables on which the commandments were engraved were broken, God still expected them to be obeyed; for the people already knew what was written on them.

This was many years ago, but these same rules are for us today. Children who are not influenced by the spirit of the devil, feel in their hearts that certain things should not be done. The things which they think should not be done are the same things that God said should not be done. Each of you should get your Bibles and read Romans 2:10, 11, and 14.

God told the people not to have any other God except Him. However, in a very short time they made this golden calf for their god and worshiped it. Throughout the years that the earth has had people living upon it, the people have worshiped other gods. Most of the symbols of Halloween, such as the black cat, witches, and jack-o-lanterns, were connected with worship of evil spirits.

There are many gods which people worship today. The gods are not in the form as the "golden calf" was but anything that requires too much of our love, time, or hinders us from serving the Lord can become an idol. One of our verses today says the people set up idols (or gods) in their heart.

Some girls make being beautiful their god. They make it their god by doing

things to be pretty which are sinful. Some children want others to think they are great. This becomes a god to them. One of the devil's new tricks to get children to worship him is evil games. Some of these games could cause a child to become possessed with evil spirits. One which is especially evil is "The Dungeons and Dragons". Children, don't waste your money or time with ungodly games. If you never begin playing them, you will never be in danger of letting it become your god. Money spent on these games should be put into God's offering or to help someone in need. Time wasted playing them should be spent helping others. Children can do many things for Jesus.

Think real hard and see how many things you can name that people are making their god. Can you name ten? Are any of these things becoming a god to you? Remember there is only one God! We must love no other god except Him.

—Aunt Charlotte

## Questions:

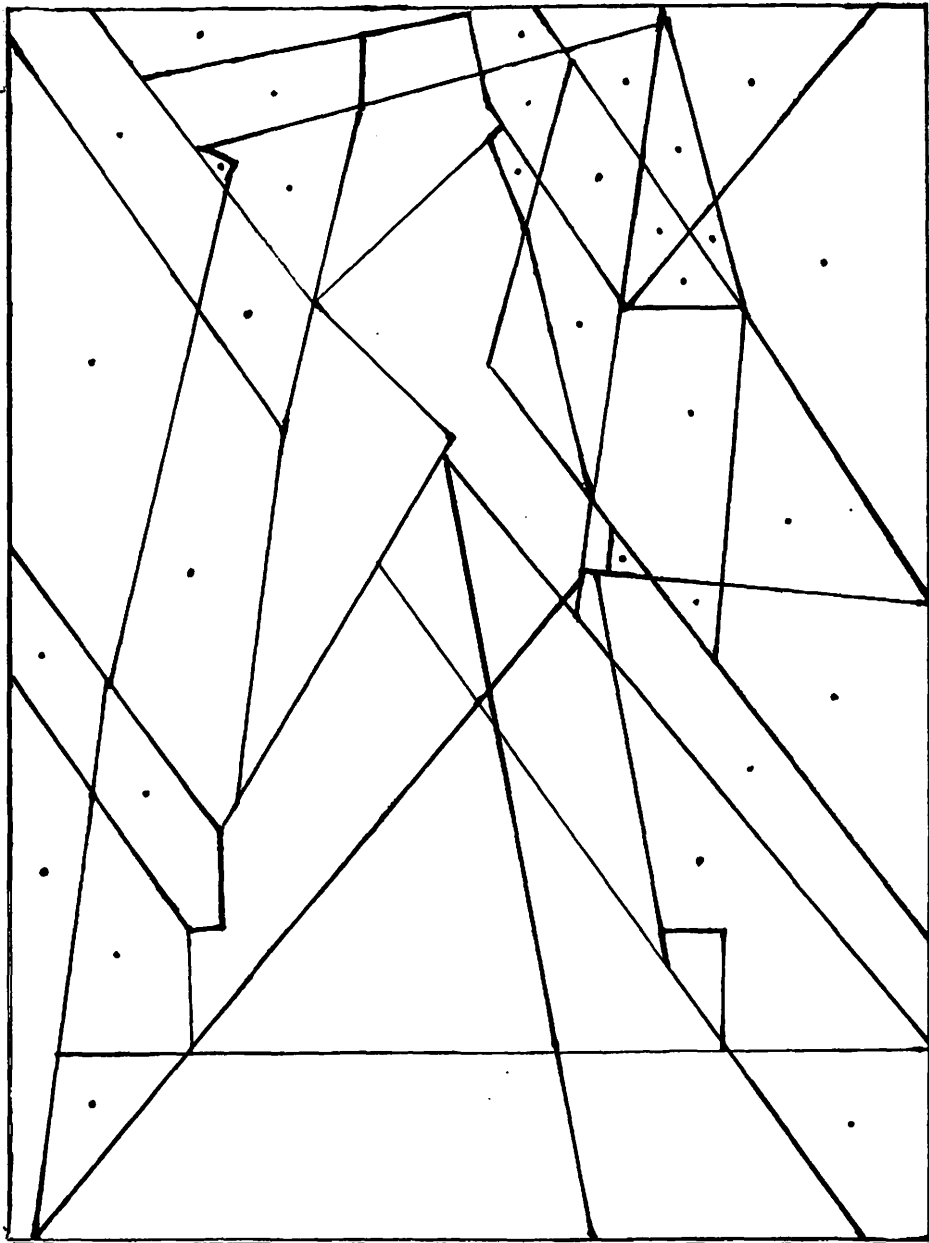
1. What is the commandment in today's lesson?
2. What will happen to the person who worships any other god?
3. Are we to preserve any thing that is used for idol worship?
4. Did the three Hebrew children worship the golden image?
5. What is an idol?
6. How many Gods are there? (Note the capital G on God.)
7. Can a person serve two masters?
8. What blinds people's eyes to the light of the gospel?
9. Can a person have an idol in his heart?
10. Will idol worshipers have their part in the lake of fire?
11. What is the greatest commandment?

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt have no other thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength.") 2. He will be destroyed. 3. No. 4. No. 5. Any thing worshipped in place of God. The Scripture text says it is nothing, or of no value. 6. One. 7. No. 8. The gods of this world, such as pride, riches, popularity, rebellion, etc. 9. Yes. 10. Yes. 11. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength.")

"So, you have had two trips today," stated his mother. "You must be getting tired. It's late, so we'll return to the hotel and go to bed."

"Yes, I'm tired, but not too tired for worship!" John exclaimed. "These two trips made me appreciate the one true God much more than I ever have before."

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Skeptic Convinced

(A true story)

Carletta's long black hair fell around her face as she knelt beside her father's cot. "Don't worry about me, Daddy," she said. "I'll be alright. Someone will know I'm the organ grinder's daughter and will give me something. Just you lay still and rest until I return."

Her father laid his bony hand on her head and asked God to bless and protect his little daughter as she went out to hunt something to eat.

Carletta kissed him on the forehead then descended the broken, creaking stairs that led to the street.

The wind tore at her thin cloak and her feet were soon wet from the puddles made by the rain. She hurried on until she came to a restaurant. Pressing her nose against the window she looked in. "Looks pretty full," she said to herself, "surely someone in there will give an offering for singing."

She started singing, then slowly opened the door hoping the sound might make her welcome. Cautiously she took two short steps inside.

"Get out of here, you little beggar!" the waiter shouted pointing to the door.

Just then a man spoke up, "Let her come in," he said.

"We don't allow beggars in this place, sir," said the waiter, "but . . . but she could go into the lounge."

"Well, let her go someplace. I want to hear her sing."

"Come this way," he said, and led

Carletta past the dining tables and to a far corner of another great room where very few people were sitting.

Poor Carletta burned with embarrassment. Everyone else in the place was nicely dressed, but both her cloak and hood were patched and shoes so ragged her bare feet could be seen, besides they were dripping wet, causing small puddles to form everywhere she walked.

"This little thing is sick, I believe," the man, John, said to his friend Mr. Hawkins. The men seated themselves, then turning to Carletta asked, "What do you sing?"

"I sing Italian, or a little English."

"Then sing for us in English."

Carletta threw back her hood, folded her thin little fingers and began singing. "There is a happy land, far, far away." Her voice sounded beautiful. First one and then another man laid down his paper and looked to see where it came from. It was a pitiful sight, at once they knew she was a little beggar. By the time the song was finished, several had gathered around Carletta.

"Look here, child, where did you learn to sing?"

"At the Sunday school, sir."

"You don't suppose there is a happy land?" he continued, heedless of the many eyes upon him.

"I know there is, I'm going to sing there," she answered so quickly, so decidedly that the men looked at each other.

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Make No Image

Ex. 20:4 "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:"

5 "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: . . ."

Lev. 26:1 "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am the Lord your God."

Isa. 44:9 "They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable [pleasurable] things shall not profit; . . ."

12 The smith . . . fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: . . ."

13 The carpenter . . . maketh it after the figure of a man, . . ."

14 "He heweth [cuts] him down . . . the trees of the forest: . . ."

16 "He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof . . . he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth . . . and saith, Aha, I am warm, . . ."

17 "And the residue [remainder] thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god."

Ps. 135:15 "The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands."

16 "They have mouths, but they speak not; eyes have they, but they see not:"

17 "They have ears, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouths."

Acts 15:20 ". . . Write unto them,

that they abstain [keep away from] . . . idols, . . ."

Acts 15:29 ". . . abstain from meats offered to idols, . . ."

I Cor. 8:10 ". . . if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened [made bold] to eat those things which are offered to idols;"

I John 5:21 "Little children keep yourself from idols."

In the above Scriptures, the word "Idols" or "images" is meaning a form such as a statue or picture which is worshiped as a god. However, in the book of Revelation, God speaks to us about the "dragon" and the "beast" and his "image" which are false religions.

Rev. 13:1 ". . . I saw a beast [papacy or the churches governed by the Pope] rise up out of the sea,"

3 ". . . and all the world wondered after the beast."

Rev. 14:9 ". . . the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image,"

10 ". . . he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone . . ."

## Questions:

1. What does God say about images?
2. What is an image?
3. If a tree is used to make an image, what is the remaining wood used for?
4. Does wood have a special power because it is shaped into an image?
5. What kind of religion did the majority of the people have when Christ came to earth?
6. After Christ's ascension did the people's religion change?
7. Do people worship images which cannot be seen?
8. Are you worshipping the true God?

## Memory Verse:

" . . . If any man worship the beast and his image, . . . He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone . . . "

Rev. 14:9, 10



# Let's Talk

Let's talk today about idols and images. An image is a form made like another form. You have possibly heard someone say, "He is the image of his father," or "She is the image of her grandmother." They are saying one is very much like the other. When God said, "Make no graven image" He wanted the people not to make any form of anything in the heavens above the earth, like angels, stars, sun, moon; on the earth like animals, people or plants; nor any person whose spirit had already gone to heaven, even if the person had been a great blessing to mankind. He also said nor anything that is in the waters under the earth. So He doesn't want images made of things like fish, sea monsters and the like.

God is not saying it is a sin to make or buy a statue. He is saying it is wrong to worship a statue of any form as if it were a god. It is then an idol or image that God spoke against in His Word.

An evil, pagan spirit causes people to worship idols or images. When a person is willing to worship an idol or image, that evil spirit comes into their heart. The Spirit of God will not stay in a heart which has another spirit in it.

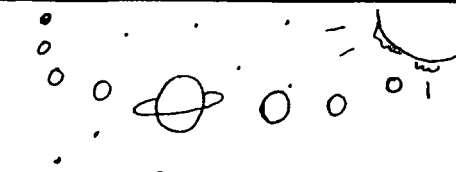
When Christ came to the earth this pagan spirit was so strong in the earth that kings, rulers, and most of the people did not believe in God. Instead they worshiped idols or images of one form or another. It was so strong that it was said to be ruling the world. After Christ's ascension many, many people were saved. God's spirit being in so many people caused spiritual war against this evil spirit. The Spirit of God spread into more and more hearts until the evil spirit was so bound he could not deceive the nations of people any more for a long, long time. You may read about this spirit in Revelations 12:7, 20:1-3. It is called a dragon or the devil.

A few people in the world have worshiped idols throughout the years since

Christ. However, the majority of people have believed in the true God, but this evil, pagan spirit is again loose in the world and many people are doubting that there is a real God. It is that same old pagan spirit, although the people may not fall down before an idol and pray to it, they are worshiping the spirit by not believing the truth of God's Word. They are setting up idols in their heart.

The story in this paper is about a little girl whose life convinced a skeptic that God and heaven are real.

—Aunt Charlotte



(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." 2. A form made like another form. 3. For cooking and heat. 4. Not 5. Pagan, which is worshiping idols or no god. 6. Many became Christians. 7. Yes. 8. Yes.)

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be cold nor have any pain.' And, oh, I shall sing there and be so happy!" With a little sigh she closed her eyes.

"John," asked Mr. Hawkins, "are faith and hope nothing?"

"Don't speak to me, Hawkins. I'd give all I have to have faith as that little child."

"To be like her you need give nothing; only your idol of skepticism and your heart."

There was no answer. Presently the hands moved, the arms were raised, the eyes opened upward . . . "See!" she cried, "there's my mother! and angels! and they are all singing." Her voice faltered, but the glow on her face remained. John Harvey stood as if spell-bound.

"John," said his friend, "shall we pray?"

For a moment there was no answer, then came tears. "Yes, pray, pray!"

Then from the side of the dead child went up agonizing pleadings to the throne of God. The doubter was made a believer, the skeptic a Christian!

"Going to sing there?"

"Yes, sir, my mother said so. She used to sing to me until she was very sick, then she said she wasn't going to sing anymore on this earth, but up in heaven."

"Well, . . . what then?"

"And . . . and then she died, sir," Carletta said, tears slipping down her dark cheeks, flushed scarlet.

All were silent for a while, then he said, "Well, she died, but you may live."

"Oh, no, sir! No, sir! I'd rather go there and be with my mother. Sometimes I have a dreadful pain in my side and cough as she did. There won't be any pain up there, sir. It's a beautiful world!"

"How do you know?"

"My mother told me so, sir."

John just stood there with his head down. The little girl's words penetrated his hard heart. "I can't let what this little beggar says get me all tore up," he thought. To get rid of the thoughts he said, "Little girl, you must have a pair of shoes! Come with me."

"Here is something to help you," said first one and then another of the on-lookers as they dug into their pockets and purses. In no time Carletta held in her hands more money than she had ever had.

John took Carletta's hand in his as he made his way through the crowd. He heard someone say, "That's the old organ grinder's little girl. I suppose he's too sick to be out tonight." Down the street he went to the nearest shoe store, where he bought her a good pair of shoes. Mr. Hawkins followed behind them.

"Now we will go to your home to see about your father."

"Do you want to go to my house?"

"Yes, where do you live?"

"This way," she said, and off she darted so fast the two men could hardly keep up with her. On and on they went into the worst part of town. Suddenly they stopped in front of a run-down apartment house. "This is it," she said as she led them up broken stairs and into a small, dark room.

"Father! Oh, Father!" she cried, "look what I brought you!" and she laid the money on the bed.

"Now you shall have fruit and soup so you can get well."

"Carletta, Carletta, I'm so glad you are safe. I was so afraid for you to go out alone."

"These men came to see you, Father, and they bought me some shoes and the people gave me lots of money."

John and Mr. Hawkins talked a while with the old man, then giving them some more money, they excused themselves and left.

One month later they went to see about the old man and little Carletta. As they neared the building to ascend the stairs, some men came carrying the old man out. He was dead.

Horror struck their hearts. "What will little Carletta do?" Up the creaking stairs they climbed. There was Carletta in bed, the nurse which John had hired to care for the old man stood beside her bed. "It was all very sudden," she said. "Yesterday Carletta took sick and it seemed like the old man couldn't stand to see her suffer."

Carletta lay still, not white but pale.

"Well, my little one, are you better?"

"No, sir, father is gone up there, and I am going."

"Up there?" John turned and looked at his friend.

"Did you ever hear of Jesus?" asked Mr. Hawkins, who was a preacher.

"Oh, yes."

"Do you know who He was?"

"GOOD Jesus," she murmured.

"Hawkins, this breaks me down," John said.

"Don't cry, don't cry," said Carletta, "I can't cry, I'm so glad!"

"What are you glad about?"

"To get away from here," she said, deliberately. "I used to be so cold in the winter, for we didn't always have a fire, but Mother would hug me close to her and sing; sing about heaven. She told me, 'Never mind about the cold. If you love the Saviour some day He will give you a better home, where you will never

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Juan's Last Trip

Juan waved good-bye to his friend Carlos as he boarded the train. He knew his Mother and Dad would be waiting to see him! They were always glad to see him as he was their only son. He was always glad to go home for vacations from school but somehow he feared there might be trouble with them this time because his belief about God had changed.

They were all happy to be together again. However, his Mother and Dad were saddened as they noticed his disrespect for God and prayer. When evening came and they had family prayer, he always excused himself as having something else more important to do, or that he was sick or tired.

When he would go away to avoid family prayer, it made him feel bad, yet he really didn't want to be bothered. He liked to think as his roommate in the university dormitory did, that God didn't exist. He thought if there was no God to obey then he could do whatever he wanted. They cautioned him many times about his attitude toward spiritual things.

Finally the day came when Juan had to return to school. His poor parents decided they must once again try to encourage him to read the Word of God. This made Juan very angry and these words burst forth from his mouth, as lava from a volcano. "I will never feel capable of founding my hopes of the future in the nonsense which is con-

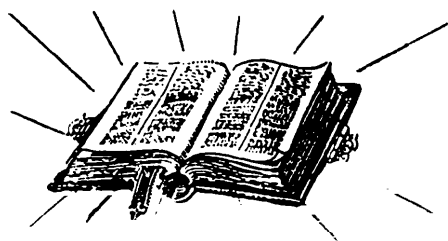
tained in that book called the Bible. I cannot help but laugh at the fact (or so you say) that this book is the product of an infinite mind! I will assure you that a ten-year-old child with a little sharpness could tell a better story than those and could write a book superior to that one!" he said, pointing to a Bible. "Really, what I do believe is that the Bible is only a book of lies, and the worst of the lies is that it is written so that people will believe it. I prefer to go to HELL (if there is such a place) as to have the name of being one who believes in the imposter Jesus Christ, and be putting my faith in His merits to save me."

"My son, my son, be very careful about saying such things! 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' Although he is patient to wicked people, He will not always be patient and His wrath will come shortly. Remember that all sins will be forgiven of men except the sin against the Holy Spirit! Blaspheming the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven! There are many examples in history as well as in the mental hospitals, of people who have been possessed by the devil or destroyed for sinning against God."

"That's fine, just fine, Mother, I tell you it is not important to me what kind of punishment I may receive for cursing that Book, nor any of those who wrote it. Let me receive my punishment! It does not frighten me!"

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Taking God's Name in Vain

Ex. 20:7 "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

Lev. 24:10 "The son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: . . . [he] and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;"

11 "And the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the Lord and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses:"

12 "And they put him in ward, that the mind of the Lord might be shewed them [known]."

13 ". . . the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,"

14 "Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him."

15 ". . . thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin."

16 "And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, . . ."

Matt. 12:32 ". . . whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man [Jesus], 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."

34 "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

35 "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."

36 "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they

shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

37 "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Job 1:8 "... the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God and escheweth [avoids] evil?"

9 "Then Satan answered the Lord . . ."

11 ". . . put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face."

Job 2:5 ". . . put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face."

6 "And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life."

7 "So went Satan forth . . . and smote Job with sore boils, . . ."

9 "Then said his wife unto him, . . . curse God, and die."

10 "But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips."

Ps. 139:20 ". . . they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain."

21 "Do not I hate [dislike] them, O Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?"

22 ". . . I count them mine enemies."

Pr. 30:8 "Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me:"

9 "Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain."

### Memory Verse:

"By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Matt. 12:37.



# Let's Talk

The third commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;" can be explained in different ways. One is, a person takes Jesus' name when he gets saved, because those professing to be saved are called Christians. People who say they are Christians and are not living Christlike, are taking God's name in vain. The word "vain" means, of no value or importance. When this kind of a Christian dies, he will not receive a reward of eternal life, therefore, taking the Christian name has been of no value to him. He has taken God's name in vain.

The other explanation for this verse is that God is displeased with those who curse Him, or use His name without respect. Cursing is speaking disrespectfully about holy things. Most children have heard wicked people cursing. I call them wicked because God considers cursing very wicked. He feels it is so wicked that He commanded the son of the Israelitish woman to be stoned to death because he cursed.

However, Jesus Christ promises to forgive all those who repent of cursing, even if they do so against Him; but He says that those who curse against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven.

Let us all be very careful that the words we say do not sound disrespectful about any Holy thing, such as God, Jesus, His humble people, His Church, His creation, nor the disagreeable things He lets happen to us. If we will keep our hearts clean and sweet toward Jesus we will have no problem with cursing. For whatever is in the heart shows in our words.

Jesus questioned the religious people saying, "How can you evil snakes speak any good thing? Good words come out of good hearts and evil words come out of evil hearts." He also told them that everyone will have to report to God for every useless word, and that they would

be guilty or not guilty before God by what words they had spoken. Can you see how important words are?

Job is a good example of a person who never sinned with his mouth. God let the devil destroy Job's family and everything he had. Even his wife told him to curse God, but Job kept a sweet attitude toward God and never sinned.

It is best to choose friends who do not use God's name in vain. King David, whom God blessed very much, said he strongly disliked those who cursed. He even counted them as his enemies. Let us be like Job and David, and not take God's name in vain nor choose friends that do.

—Aunt Charlotte

## Questions:

1. What is the third commandment?
2. Why was the son of the Israelitish woman killed?
3. Will those who speak against Jesus be forgiven?
4. What kind of words will a good person speak?
5. What kind of words are spoken by evil people?
6. Will we give account of every idle moment?
7. Did Job's wife ask him to curse God?
8. What was Job's answer?
9. Did Satan say Job would curse?
10. Did Job sin by cursing?

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." 2. Because he cursed. 3. Yes. 4. Good words, 5. Bad words. 6. No, for every idle word, 7. Yes. 8. "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women", 9. Yes. 10. No.)



The Israelitish woman's son blasphemed.

"Oh, Holy God my Father!" cried his mother with her eyes toward heaven. "Don't pay attention to what he is saying for he doesn't know what he is doing."

"I know perfectly what I am doing and saying, and I will not take back one word of what I have said because it is how I feel. Now look, Mother, if you do not want me to speak in this way, why do YOU always bring up the discussion? If you don't want to hear me say these things, then never again speak to me about it, for I will never again speak of this book in any other fashion than I have spoken today!"

His mother said no more about the Bible, neither did his dad. They kissed him good-bye. He told them good-bye and he left for the train to go back to school.

"I feel like this is the last time we shall see our son," his father said, as they watched him go away.

His mother wiped tears from her eyes. "Don't cry," his father said, putting his arm around her shoulders. "You did all you could for him."

"Oh, that my son would remember, 'He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.'" (Pr. 29:1.)

"Yes, and 'Honour thy father and mother; . . . that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.'" (Eph. 6:2, 3) Our son has not honoured God nor us, he may not live long upon the earth."

"Don't talk about it! It is too sad!"

While they were at home thinking about Juan's condition, he was sitting on the train thinking about what he had said to his parents. "It's all their fault," he said to himself. "They shouldn't have pressed me about it."

He looked out the window, things were moving by very fast! He remembered there was a curve ahead. He was restless so stood up and started walking to another car. Just as he was going from one car into another the train flew around the curve so fast that several cars came off the track. He was flung from the platform to the ground, breaking his left arm, and fracturing his

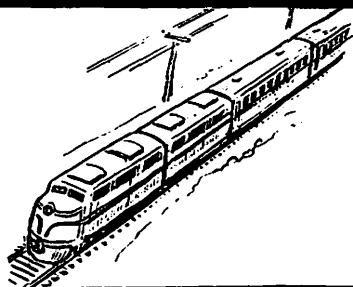
skull. An instant later the train wheel went over both legs.

Juan lay on the ground in agony! When he spoke, these were his words, "Mother! Mother! Give me water to put out this fire that is killing me!" There was really no fire at all. Then clawing, and tearing at his chest, he cried out again, "The fire is burning me and this fire is for ever and ever."

As he was being moved, he called again in a louder voice, "Mother, save me from the devils which have come after me. Mother, my mother, take me in your arms and don't let them get me!"

When his parents came to see him, Juan grabbed his mother and laid his face on her shoulder and showed great love for her. Then in a voice which was like that of another world, he cried, "Father, Mother! Save me! They have come to drag my soul into HELL!" Then falling back in his bed he died.

(This is a true story! I hope it will serve as a warning.)



## Word Scramble

Unscramble these letters to find different ways of taking God's name in vain.

1. srucing
2. phlasbeming
3. wearsing
4. fanproity
5. serpcetdisful lakt about ODG (sacrilege)
6. being a cripyhote
7. gkoinj

(Answers: 1. cursing, 2. blasphemy, 3. talking, 4. profanity, 5. disrespectful talk about GOD, 6. being a hypocrite, 7. joking.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Restful Ann

"Ann," the teacher shouted, "this letter is an A. Now repeat after me, A."

Ann in parrot-like fashion repeated after him, "This letter is A, now repeat after me, A."

"No, Ann, only repeat the letters."

Ann didn't know what to say, she couldn't understand.

"Poor Ann! She can never learn anything," he said pitifully. Then he sent her home.

Her parents also believed it impossible for her to learn so they soon found her live-in jobs taking care of babies and doing housework for rich people. Poor Ann cleaned floors, watched babies and small children, weeded the gardens and whatever else needed to be done. All week long she worked. On Sundays instead of having the day off, she was sent into the field to watch the cows and sheep while the owners went to church. She never had a chance to go to church.

The people for whom she worked had several hired servants and while they were away on Sundays, the servants would get into the liquor and have a drinking party. They wanted Ann to enjoy the party too, but she didn't want to get drunk and act crazy. One day they held her down and poured it into her mouth, making her drink until she was drunk. The others had a great time laughing at her while she sat helpless, begging them to put her to bed, mumbling over and over again, "Fitter I was

saying my prayers than sitting here drunk." For the next four years she often stole drinks from her boss, even when the others were not having a party.

The next job Ann took, the woman was a good Christian and tried to teach Ann about God. She invited her to church and Ann enjoyed it but felt too bad to be with such good people, so she would not go the next time she was invited. However, her boss never gave up, she spoke often with her about the Lord, and before long Ann went with her again. After this service Ann went up to her attic room and knelt for the first time in her life and began crying to God. She suddenly saw all the bad things she had done and the great lake of fire ready to burn her. She cried and prayed until midnight, then God brought rest to her SOUL.

She then went to her small table and picked up the New Testament her boss had given her. She said, "O Lord, you who have taken away this awful burden, and given me REST, would you help me to read one of these little things?" She opened the New Testament and read, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again, but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."

The next morning Ann started out for home to tell her parents of the wonderful rest she felt in her soul. Her mother's only remark was, "Oh, you are like your old grandfather; you are going

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Remember The Sabbath

Ex. 20:8 "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

9 "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:"

10 "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, . . ."

11 "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day:"

Deut. 5:15 ". . . remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day."

Num. 28:9 ". . . on the sabbath day [offer] two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour for a meat offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering . . ."

10 "This is the burnt offering of every sabbath, . . ."

Col. 2:16 "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:"

17 "Which are a shadow of things to come: . . ."

Matt. 12:1 "At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat."

2 "But when the Pharisees [religious leaders] saw it, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day."

3 "But he said unto them, Have ye not read . . ."

5 ". . . in the law [Old Testament] how that on the sabbath days the priests

in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?"

8 "For the Son of man [Jesus] is Lord even of the sabbath day."

10 ". . . And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days?"

11 ". . . he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?"

12 "How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days."

Mark 2:27 ". . . the sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath:"

28 "Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath."

Heb. 4:9 "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

10 "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."

11 "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

John 5:10 "The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed."

11 "He answered them, He that made me whole [well], the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk."

16 ". . . therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day."



## Memory Verse:

"He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his." Heb. 4:10.



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about the word "sabbath". What does it mean? The dictionary gives the meaning as a day of the week used for rest and worship: "Sunday is the Christian Sabbath; Saturday is the Jewish Sabbath." The Old Testament was first written in the Hebrew language and many years later translated into the English language which we are reading today. The Hebrew word for "sabbath" is "shabbath" meaning intermission, or a pause between periods of activity.

God spoke to Moses to command them to remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. He wanted them to remember the great work He did to bring such a large multitude of people out of slavery into freedom. There were 600,000 men who could have been soldiers besides all the women, children, old people and mixed multitude. However, they didn't fight for their freedom, they followed God's instructions and He delivered them.

God expected the people to remember this great deliverance and His great work of creation by resting from their usual activities and doing certain rituals such as, burning incense, killing animals for sacrifices, sprinkling blood and many other things. Even Jesus kept the "sabbath" unless he wanted to heal or help someone, at such times He broke it.

This ritual system of worship was blessed by God until Jesus died on the cross. Jesus was a sacrifice for our sins, and the sins of everyone who had lived in the world or will live in the world. He took the place of all sacrifice. Jesus said the sabbath was made for the man and not the man for the sabbath. In other words it was made to help man, not in any way to hinder him. The religious people of Jesus' day said He could not heal on the sabbath and that would hinder.

Keeping the "sabbath" is resting from

work. God has another kind of rest for His people. It is a rest for the SOUL. Through belief in Jesus' blood which was shed upon the cross, one can be delivered from sin, just as the Israelites were delivered from slavery. The devil makes those who serve him slaves. He causes them to do many things they do not want to do, such as, get angry and hit others and sometimes kill others. He causes some to drive their cars fast and careless, and therefore hurt others and bang up the cars. He causes others to get hooked on drugs, and suffer because of them. Others become alcoholics. Christians are delivered from the slavery of sin. Even Apostle Paul, in the seventh chapter of Romans, said he was a slave to sin. Then in the eighth chapter he says, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death." This is the freedom that all born-again people have and God wants us to remember this. He wants us to keep the "sabbath" for our soul by not sinning.

If you like to keep a special day unto the Lord by not working and only spending the day in worship to Him, that would be fine. God has special blessings for those who dedicate special time for prayer, reading, and study of His Word. This will also help us keep the real sabbath of a sinless life before God.

—Aunt Charlotte

## Questions:

1. On what day were the people to rest?
2. What had happened on this day many years before?
3. What other important thing were they to remember on the sabbath day?
4. What offering was to be made on the sabbath?
5. Are these rituals a shadow of the rest in salvation?
6. Did Jesus keep the sabbath?
7. Did He instruct others to break the sabbath?
8. Who is Lord of the sabbath?
9. Do the people of God have a rest?
10. Can this rest be obtained with unbelief in the heart?

crazy." That very day when she got back to the place where she was staying, there was a letter from her sister who was also away from home working. In the letter she said, "I know you have good news for me! I know by the answer I got while praying for you." Ann thanked her boss for reading the letter. The REST in her SOUL was still there although her mother had said she was going crazy.

Ann rested in God and He worked everything out for her. Sometimes He worked things out in unusual ways, like the time she cleaned out the ashes from the fireplace and set the box outside on the brick patio, which kept the house from burning down as the ashes burned the box in the night. However, because of this her boss thought she was very careless and fired her. This proved to be a bigger blessing as she was hired by Dr. and Mrs. Reid who had a more beautiful home in the city where her sister was working.

These people were good Christians and loved her so much that she was asked to move with them from Ireland to Canada many years later. In Canada, Mrs. Reid died. Then Ann acted as the mother of the children. However, Dr. Reid was sometimes very cranky and expected a lot from her. Many times she lost the REST from her SOUL by getting angry at him or the children. Like the time she disobeyed him and got her hair pulled for it. Quick as a flash she picked up a stick of wood nearby and threw it with all her might at his head! He ducked and it missed.

Another time she was so tried she decided to commit suicide. They had a very wild cow, to milk it one person had to hold the cow while another milked. Ann decided she would milk the cow all by herself in hopes it would kill her. Secretly she went alone to milk it. The cow, as if subdued by the power of God, stood perfectly still while Ann milked. This proved to Ann that God loved and cared for her so she repented of her misdeeds and found the SOUL REST again. However, it was soon to do again as her temper got her into trouble over and over.

One day she heard a man read Ps. 34:16. "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth." She wondered what "evil" was. She asked God in prayer. He said, "Anger, wrath, and malice." (Gal. 5:20) All the night long she prayed for deliverance from this inward evil. Finally she asked, "God, how will I know when I am delivered?" The reply came back, "It will enable you to rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks. You will live above the troubles of this world and the things that upset you."

She sought God until the children awoke. She came down to attend them. A preacher had spent the night with them and heard her praying through the night. "What were you praying about all night?" he asked.

"I want to be free from the slavery of my temper," she said.

"How did you get saved?"

"By just believing what God said."

"Well," he said, "complete victory comes the same way."

After finishing her work she went again to prayer. She pleaded the promise, "Ask and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." She cried, "Lord, I have been knocking all night; open to me! Open to me!" Suddenly God filled her with boundless joy! For two years she felt like she was living in heaven. Seven and a half years later she felt the same; always happy in the Lord! He was such a close friend to her that she talked out loud to Him throughout the day.

She understood the rest that Paul talked about in the fourth chapter of Hebrews. She had entered into it!

(Answers: 1. The seventh day, 2. God rested after creation, 3. The Israelites delivered from slavery, 4. Two lambs, flour, oil, and drink, 5. yes, 6. Not at ways, 7. At least one man was told to carry his bed which, in doing, was breaking the law of the sabbath, 8. Jesus, 9. Yes, 10. No.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Reward

"I see you," called John, as Holly darted behind a tree. "So you're it!" he said, pointing to Debbie.

"Ok," she answered, as she hid her face against the barn and began counting, while the others ran again to hide.

Just then Mother called, "Come, children, and help with supper."

"I don't want to," Debbie said.

"Neither do I," grumbled John. "We always have to stop when the game is going good!"

Holly, who wanted to obey, said nothing. She just ran toward the house, never stopping until she was standing beside Mother, who was washing vegetables. "May I help you?" she asked.

"Yes, you may scrub these potatoes, while I get the hamburger ready."

Holly had already finished three potatoes by the time John and Debbie came in. The first thing John said was, "What are these books on the table?"

"They are Bibles," answered Mother. "The Bible is God's Word. When you read it you are reading messages from God. Each of you may have one."

"A Bible my very own!" exclaimed Holly, dropping the potato she was washing. She quickly picked up the brown Bible and hugged it to her heart. She felt warmth and love as if she had hugged a new friend.

At bedtime she tucked the Bible under her pillow. "I'll read you tomorrow," she said.

The next day Holly tried hard to read,

but the words were long and unfamiliar to a seven-year-old child. "Mother, will you help me?" she asked.

"I'm very busy today, maybe tomorrow I will have time to help you." However, time passed without Holly receiving help with her Bible.

One day Holly sat under the apple tree looking at the little Bible. "I've had you five weeks already and I tried every day to read you, but I can't! Maybe it's not so important anyway, no one else in the family reads you, not even Mother, but I still feel like you have a message for me."

Two years later Holly sat under the same apple tree wondering about the things of God. She was sickly now and not able to play.

"Come here," called Mother.

Holly went promptly.

"This is Bro. Wilson, he's been reading the Bible to me and I see God has power to heal. Sit here in this chair and let him pray for you."

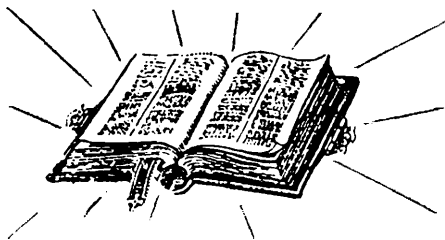
Obediently Holly sat down in the chair, she wanted to be well, but most of all she wanted to know what the Bible said. "I wish I'd been here while he was reading," she said to herself.

Bro. Wilson spoke to her about healing. "God expects those He heals to be good Christians. To be a good Christian you must obey your parents, for the Bible says, 'Children obey your parents in all things.' You will, won't you?"

"Yes, I Will!"

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Honour Thy Father and Mother

Ex. 20:12 "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

Lev. 19:3 "Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, . . ."  
(Fear comes from a Greek word meaning; revere, to love and respect deeply.)

Eph. 6:1 "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

2 "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;"

3 "That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

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

Matt. 15:4 "... God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death."

5 "But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;"

6 "And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."

Prov. 23:22 "Hearken [listen] unto thy father that begat thee, and despise [look down on or scorn] not thy mother when she is old."

Prov. 30:17 "The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it."

Deut. 21:18 "If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and that, when they have

chastened [disciplined] him, will not hearken unto them:"

19 "Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;"

20 "And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton [greedy eater], and a drunkard."

21 "And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear."

Deut. 27:16 "Cursed be he that setteth light by [makes fun of] his father or his mother . . ."

Deut. 5:16 "Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

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

9 "... let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Prov. 3:1 "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments:"

2 "For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee."



### Memory Verse:

"Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old."  
Prov. 23:22.



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about the importance of obeying. Why should a child obey? Many people have said children should obey because a parent has lived a longer time and they know of the danger and problems of life and therefore can help the child escape these. This is very true in many cases, but how about the children who are living for Jesus and their parents are not? The saved child who lives in a home with unsaved parents must pray and ask God for help to know how to obey their unsaved parents so as not to commit sin.

The fifth commandment says, "Honour thy father and thy mother." We must consider the law of the country when the ten commandments were given. The breaking of these commandments was punished severely, sometimes by death. If a child was stubborn, rebellious, greedy and an alcoholic, the parents were to take the child before the leaders of the city and they were to put him to death. Parents did not like to do this, so they worked very hard to train their children in the right way. Also, since all the stubborn, rebellious, greedy (selfish) and alcoholic people were killed, that would leave only good parents alive for children to obey and honour. Many parents of today were stubborn, rebellious, and selfish children and still have these evil attitudes. Others are alcoholics or drug addicts. Children have a real problem obeying and honouring such parents. How do you feel about it? Does this excuse the child from being obedient? Must he still honour those whom society does not honour? Many such questions are presented before our minds.

What does God's Word teach? It teaches us to love our enemies, to love God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our mind, and love our neighbor as ourself. God teaches us to love. Does this not include loving our evil father or mother? The answer is, yes,

we are to love them. This will cause us to honour and obey them.

Must we obey, when commanded to sin? NO! The Bible says, "Obey your parents in the Lord." Another place, where it's instructing saved families, it says to obey your parents in everything for he knew a saved parent would not command a child to sin.

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Christian children can have these attitudes in their life and it will help them to live peaceably with unsaved parents.

Learning to make one's self be obedient is very important also because it helps one control his emotions. A person's emotions will get him into more trouble in adult life than anything else. Accept your emotions as a part of you which has to be controlled, and thank God for every opportunity you have to strengthen your control of them. When you are forced to do things you hate, like washing dishes, mowing lawns, etc, your emotions can cause you to pout, fuss, cry, or rebel. Just talk to yourself and get those emotions under control and OBEY! This is the reason God commanded, "Children obey your parents."

—Aunt Charlotte

## Questions:

1. What is the first commandment with promise?
2. Are children to fear their parents?
3. What does fear mean in this verse?
4. Why are children to obey their parents?
5. Did the religious leaders of Jesus' time teach the people to honour their parents?
6. Do most children honor their father and mother?
7. Under the law, what was to happen to stubborn and rebellious children?
8. Should we scorn or look down on our parents when they are old?
9. If we reverence our parents, will our children reverence us?

(Answers: 1. "Honour thy father and thy mother", 2. Yes, 3. It means to love and respect deeply. 4. So their life will be lengthened and things will go well with them. 5. No, 6. No, 7. They were to be brought before the leaders and stoned. 8. No, 9. Yes.)

She tried to listen while he was praying, but her mind was thinking only about the message from the Bible she had just discovered.

Wednesday morning Holly was slow getting ready. "Are you not feeling well?" her mother asked.

"I'm feeling fine, Mother, I think I'm completely healed, and look, the ugly wart is gone from my hand!"

"Wonderful," she said, looking at Holly's hand, "but come quick, it's almost time for school and I haven't combed your hair. I think I'd better not braid it today. I'll just twist it up in a bun."

"A bun! That will make me look like an old lady!"

"Your cousin Ann wears her hair like that, she's not an old lady."

"But Mother, she's twenty-five."

Hot tears dripped down Holly's face and splashed on her fourth grade reader, as Mother twisted her hair on top of her head. "I can't go to school looking like this, everyone will make fun of me."

"There is not enough time for braids, now run along or you will be late. Goodbye."

"Goodbye."

One evening years later, Holly was going on the city bus to prayer meeting at a friend's home. She saw the bus coming and started running to catch it. Because she was looking at the ground she ran right into a new fence. The next thing she knew she was laying on the ground with blood streaming down her face.

The next morning her nose was swollen twice its size. Horrible scratches were racing all over her face and both eyes were black. The pain was terrible!

By Sunday the pain wasn't bad but the bruises on her cheeks and forehead were a dark blue and greenish yellow.

"Are you ready to go?" called Mother from her bedroom.

"Mother, I'm not going with my face like this!"

"Please come, I want you to go with me today. Surely you won't let pride keep you from the worship of the Lord!"

"I . . . I just can't! I look horrid! What will the people think?"

"If you go it will prove to them that you are a humble child of God."

Holly remembered how awful it had been the time she went to school with her hair in a bun. This is just too much, she thought. God doesn't expect me to obey such ridiculous commands. Then suddenly, like a flash, her first message from the little brown Bible came to her, "Children obey your parents in all things," "All right, Mother, I'll go with you."

She quickly dressed. Finding a hat she crammed it down on her head and tied it on with a large black veil. "There I'm hidden," she said to herself.

At worship service that day she was invited to spend a few days at a missionary home.

"May I go, Mother?"

"Yes, you may go because you are an obedient girl, I know you will be good."

The brethren loved her so much they asked, "Would you like to stay here? You would be able to learn more about the Bible and help other boys and girls know about Jesus."

Holly wanted to stay and since she was now seventeen, her parents said it was all right.

How happy Holly was that she had always obeyed!

## WORD SEARCH

Mark straight lines to find the words making two messages from the lesson.

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Messages: 1. Honour thy father and thy mother. 2. Cursed be he that makes fun of his father or mother.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Brave Dan

Ray slid into the car seat opposite Dad. "Why are we going to see Dan?"

"He's leaving next week for the north, just wanted to tell him good-bye."

"Is he going to the army to be a soldier?"

"No, son, Dan's not going to the army. He's—he's going to a camp where the boys are kept who object to fighting."

"What will he do there? And why doesn't he become a soldier, like Tom and Neal? I wish I was old enough to be a soldier!"

"Yes, you'll make a good soldier! But Dan, well, he took up with that religion that your mother had. They don't believe in fighting nor in helping anyone that does."

"But Mamma had a good religion, didn't she? Everybody said she went to heaven." Tears trickled down his cheeks, then he added, "Sometimes I wish I could go to heaven."

Dad pulled Ray over close to him and hugged him tight. "Don't talk like that! What would I do without you? Yes, your mom had a good religion. She had more than a religion, she was a living saint! If ever an angel lived on earth it was her! However, she wasn't a boy. Boys have to be tough and fight for their country."

Ray said no more, he just thought about a lot of things all the rest of the way to Dan's little rented house.

Dan and his wife, Mae, were tacking plastic over the window to keep the cold

wind out. Their new baby, Daryl, was asleep inside.

After all the greetings were exchanged and Dad played a bit with little Daryl, he said, "I hear you are leaving next week."

"That's right. I sure hate to leave my wife and new baby, but I'm no better than a lot of other guys who've had to leave theirs."

"Yes, but they are joining the army and getting pay for their work and their wives will get a check each month to pay their rent and buy groceries and clothing for themselves and their children. What are your wife and son going to eat and what's going to happen when the rent is not paid or the gas is cut off. You know winter is just around the corner. How would you feel if someone writes you that your little baby is sick because your wife couldn't buy proper food for him?"

"Dad, don't talk like that! God will surely supply for them, while I'm doing His will."

"Who said you are doing God's will?"

"Uncle Clyde and Aunt Sue both think I'm doing the right thing. Besides, Dad, if the whole world thought I was doing the wrong thing, I still could not go to war and kill. How can I take life from people who may not be saved? Can I be the cause of them dying and not having another chance to get right with God? No! Not me, Dad! I'd rather suffer whatever God lets me suffer than

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Do Not Kill

Ex. 20:13 "Thou shalt not kill."

Ex. 21:12 "He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death."

Matt. 5:21 "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment."

22 "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

39 "But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

44 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you;"

Matt. 15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:"

Matt. 26:52 "Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

Gen. 9:6 "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."

I John 3:15 "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

I Pet. 4:15 "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters."

James 2:11 "For he that said, Do

not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor [breaker] of the law."

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

Rev. 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

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

## Questions:

1. What is the sixth commandment?
2. What did Christ say about being angry with our brother?
3. What did Christ say would happen to those who killed with the sword?
4. What are we if we hate our brother?
5. Should we suffer as a murderer?
6. If we kill what are we?
7. Will murderers have a part in the lake of fire?
8. What will God do for us if we keep His commandments?
9. Will murderers get into the gates of the city (heaven)?

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not kill." 2. Those who hate their brothers without a cause shall be killed with the sword. 3. They will be killed with the sword. 4. We are murderers. 5. No. 6. Transgressors or breakers of the law. 7. Yes. 8. Bless us, 9. No.)

## Memory Verse:

"Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Matt. 5:39.



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill." Many years ago God gave laws for His people so they could live together peaceably. "Thou shalt not kill" was one of these laws. It makes us to understand that God does not want one person killing another because of anger, nor carelessness. The rulers of the cities, however, were allowed to kill those who disobeyed the laws, and a family member of the slain was allowed to kill the slayer and escape to a certain city called the "City of Refuge" where he was protected. They were also allowed to fight and kill enemies of their country.

These laws were made for people who don't have Christ's love in their heart, so they are very different from those Christ gave for Christians. Christ said, "Ye heard that it was said by them of old time [long ago], Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Later in the same sermon, He said, "Ye heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:" (If you punch out my eye, then I can punch out your eye or if you knock out my tooth, then I can knock out yours). However, Jesus said, "Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite [hit] thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also . . . Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you."

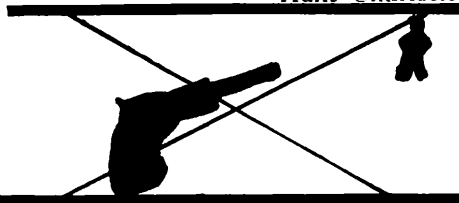
A born-again Christian has a new heart and spirit making him different from unsaved people. He has so much of God's love in his heart, that he can love his enemies and not hit back whenever he is hit. He also has the mind of Christ, making him think thoughts that Christ thinks, which, of course, are thoughts of peace and love.

Is killing of animals wrong since God

commands, "Thou shalt not kill"? The commandment is teaching people not to kill one another. People were given rule over all animals of the earth. In the beginning God said to Adam, "Have dominion [rule or control] over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Gen. 1:28. God gave us animals for food, for in Gen. 9:3, He says, "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb [fruits and vegetables]." We are therefore allowed to kill animals for food. However, God does not want us to kill animals if we do not plan to use their meat for food. He does not approve of people being wasteful, for He was not wasteful. After He fed five thousand people with "five barley loaves, and two small fishes" He said unto his disciples, "Gather up the fragments [small pieces] that remain, that nothing be lost [wasted]." Nevertheless, if an animal is harmful or destructive it may be killed, for people are God's special creation and we are to rule over the animals.

Always remember; "Whoso sheddeth [causes to flow] man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man." Gen. 9:6. "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." Matt. 26:52.

—Aunt Charlotte



## Scripture Scramble

Can you read these verses? Unscrambling some of the words will help you.

Matt. 26:52 "LLA THEY THAT KEAT THE DORWS SHALL ISHREP WITH THE SDROW."

Gen. 9:6 "WHOSO SHEDDETH SAMN DOOLB, BY NAM SHALL HIS BLOOD BE DESH."

Matt. 5:44 "LOVE YOUR ENIEMSE, SSELB THEM THAT SUREC YOU."

Rev. 21:8 "DERERMURS . . . SHALL HAVE THEIR TARP IN THE KALE OF RIFE."

Ex. 20:13 "THOU TLASH TON LLJK."

be guilty of sending anyone to hell. I know how you feel about it, but I can't live with myself if I go back on my decision."

"What's wrong with just cooking for the soldiers or helping care for the wounded? Maybe you could keep some of the soldiers alive until they get saved." Ray said, looking up into Dan's face. Dan's eyes looked straight into Ray's. Ray thought they looked just like the sky on a beautiful sunny day. Yes, the beautiful blue sky and the sky always reminded him of heaven and his mother.

Dan knew what Ray was thinking. "Ray," he said, "Mom would be happy to know I am willing to do what is right, although others think I'm foolish. Of course, there is no sin in helping the sick. However, if I went to war, just to help the sick or do the cooking, I would still be a part of something which is ungodly. Ray, I hate war! I don't even want to wear the uniform! I don't want anyone to think I'm killing, whether it is to protect or not. Don't you remember the story of about Mary and Abram, how their parents were killed in the war and they suffered a lot of terrible things because of it. Thousands of children are left homeless and without a mom and a dad, or without parents at all. Ray, I tell you, I hate war!"

All the time Dan was talking, Dad paced nervously back and forth across the floor. He knew Dan was right but he just didn't have the strength to be so different from the majority of the people in the world. He was embarrassed because his friends knew that his son would not go to war and fight for their country. It made him angry to be embarrassed all the time. "What would happen to the country if everyone was like you?" he blurted out.

"I can't solve all those problems, but I know God would take care of any country if all the people in that country would live to what the Bible teaches. Dad, you've been around the church enough to know about many different times God has protected His children. The Bible records many times when the

enemy soldiers would get frightened and kill each other. At other times they heard great noises and fled, leaving the people of God in peace. Don't let the devil confuse your mind! God is a God of PEACE, not a God of war! 'He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love.' "

"That's enough! You win! I don't need your preaching. Come on Ray, let's go."

Ray kissed Dan good-bye. He was proud of his older brother. He knew Dan was strong. He was strong because he would not let anyone persuade him to kill, or be a helper to those who kill.

Three weeks passed before Ray received a letter from Dan. It said:

"Dear Ray, We arrived here the twenty-fourth day of November. Eight inches of snow covered everything. It was bitter cold riding in the back of an army truck.

"The camp is not so bad. We have large rooms for sleeping. There are twenty-two in the room where I sleep. Some of the guys snore and others like to stay up late and make noise, but things could be worse.

"We have plenty to eat, for which I am thankful.

"I heard from Mae today; she and Daryl are doing fine.

"I was sick last night. I guess I ate too much fried foods. It tasted so good, but you know how my stomach is about that.

"Be a good boy, Ray, and live for Jesus so you can meet Mother in heaven someday. Bye, Dan"

Eight weeks later Dan was released and sent home because of his health. He was very happy to be home to stay with his wife and little boy again.

He is not a worthy soldier  
who will falter in a fight,  
When the conflict stands for justice  
and the principles are right,  
Just because the throngs are saying  
things have changed so much today,  
Doesn't make a wrong grow better,  
nor a right to fade, decay.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Greatest Love

Melodie glanced at Ray's picture as she left the room. She could not understand the change that he had made in her life in just one year! Sometimes she wondered how anyone could love a person like she loved Ray, and also love God with their whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, as Jesus commanded in His Word. However, Melodie knew she loved God. That's why she helped each year with the Thanksgiving dinner for the needy at the Mission Hall. She did a lot of praying and even fasting that God would bless the people who came with conviction so they could get saved. Ray was an answer to her prayers, for he had gotten saved at the meeting following the dinner.

Kathy, her best friend, was there to pick her up. "I'm ready to go," she said. "Mom, Dad, and Scott will come in time to serve. How's everything going?"

"Great! Dinner is almost ready. Dad's carving the turkeys, Mom's working on the gravy, the women from the church have brought seventeen pies already, and Ray's mashing the potatoes! Say, what's this I hear about you and him?" Kathy asked, as she backed out of the driveway and headed toward the hall.

"I guess it's one of those rare occasions of love at first sight!"

"What? I thought you had just started going together?"

"We have, but I loved him the first time I saw him. He feels the same way

about me. He thinks we're really meant for each other."

"Why are you just now getting together then?"

"Well, I had a feeling it wasn't God's will, so I avoided him. Besides I'm only seventeen, pretty young to be going with a guy who's twenty-five."

"Yes, I guess so. Maybe too, you felt like he should prove his love for God first."

"I think that is the reason for my uneasy feelings."

"He's been saved a year now, and seems very sincere, surely he's proven to you and the whole church that he really means to live for God."

Kathy parked the car, Melodie got two grocery bags full of "salad fixens" from the trunk, Kathy picked up the other.

"Good morning," Ray said, as he took the bags from Melodie.

"Good morning," the girls answered.

After all the "good mornings" were said, Kathy began arranging the food to be served. Ray and Melodie washed and sliced the vegetables.

"I wanted to send your Mother a card for Thanksgiving, Ray, but I just didn't get around to it. Maybe if I could get her address now, I would get a Christmas card to her on time."

"Melodie, she'll love to hear from you, she's a good Christian woman."

Two weeks later on December tenth, Melodie mailed a card and letter to Ray's mother. She told her a little about

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Do Not Commit Adultery

Ex. 20:14 "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

### What is Adultery?

Matt. 5:32 "But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

Mark 10:12 "And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

Luke 16:18 "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."

### Adultery Comes From the Heart

Matt. 5:27 "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:"

28 "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."

Mark 7:20 "And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man."

21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,"

### Will Adulterers Go to Heaven?

Gal. 5:19 "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,"

21 "... they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

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

## Will Jesus Forgive Adultery?

John 8:4 "They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act."

5 "Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?"

6 "This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not."

10 "When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?"

11 "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Isa. 55:7 "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

### Are All Second Marriages Adultery?

I Cor. 7:39 "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord."

Rom. 7:2 "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband."

3 "So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man."

### Memory Verse:

"Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery."

Luke 16:18.



In the beginning, God created male (man) and female (woman) and he gave them a special love for each other. (Gen. 2:24) He put something deep inside a man's emotions that makes him like women very much. Women also have something in their emotions that make them like men. At first it is like a little tiny flame, but when one develops a friendship with a "certain person" this little flame becomes a great fire burning inside. God planned for us to be this way so we would marry, set up a home and have children.

This flame of love is to be controlled. It is very much like the pilot light on a stove. The little pilot flame burns continually but it does not start the big flame on the stove until we want it to. It has the power to start a larger fire which could burn down the house but it is controlled and therefore is not dangerous. The little flame of love in your emotions is powerful enough to cause many broken hearts, to ruin marriages, to gender many children before or after marriage, and cause much damage also, but you are to control this flame so that it will not cause such things. You are to keep this flame small until God has said, "Ok, this friend will be a good husband (or wife) for you." After God has given you the "Go" sign then you may let the tiny flame grow into a large one.

Some ways of helping to keep this flame in control are by choosing only unmarried Christian girlfriends and boyfriends. Not holding hands, touching, or kissing while dating will also help.

If you keep this little flame under control you will never commit adultery or fornication. Both adultery and fornication are sins of intimacy. The Bible teaches that when we commit these sins, we are sinning against our own body. (I Cor. 6:18) Committing adultery is unfaithfulness to one's spouse. When one commits adultery, he sins against

his own body and also against his wife, or husband. Of course, both sins are against God. Some people like to believe that a divorce makes them **free to marry** the second time. However, we read in the Bible that whosoever puts away (divorces) his wife and marries again, is committing adultery, and whosoever marries anyone who is divorced commits adultery.

Jesus Christ says that a person commits adultery with another in his heart if he lets the flame of love grow until he wishes to have an intimate relationship with a person other than his God-given husband or wife. —Aunt Charlotte

## I Would Be True

I would be true,  
for there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure,  
for there are those who care;  
I would be strong,  
for there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave,  
for there is much to dare.  
I would be friend  
of all—the foe, the friendless;  
I would be giving,  
and forget the gift;  
I would be humble,  
for I know my weakness;  
I would look up,  
and laugh, and love, and lift.

## Questions:

1. What does God say about adultery?
2. Is marrying someone divorced committing adultery?
3. Is it adultery to divorce and then marry someone else?
4. Is living with the opposite sex to whom you are not married adultery?
5. What is adultery?
6. What does the Bible in Gal. 5 say about adultery?
7. Where does adultery come from?
8. What did Jesus say to the adulteress woman?
9. When is it proper for a husband or wife to marry?

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not commit adultery"; 2. Yes; 3. Yes; 4. No; 5. Breaking the wedding promise; 6. It will have no part in the kingdom of God; 7. The heart; 8. "Go and sin no more"; 9. Only after a first husband or wife is dead.)

her Christian experience and about her feelings for Ray.

In only five days Melodie received a letter in return. She ripped open the envelope. It said:

"Dear Melodie,

"I was so happy to get your letter I could hardly wait to answer. You're just what Ray's needed all these years. He's always wanted to be a Christian and lived a good Christian life until he met Julie. He thought she was a Christian because she said she was. However, things soon proved that she wasn't and she got him all mixed up. He tried to go her way to make a peaceful home for little Dustin, but nothing helped. Finally, she left with her boyfriend and later sued for divorce. Poor little Dustin only lived six months after she left. There are no children involved so you and Ray can live . . . ."

Melodie wanted to scream. "So this is why I had these feelings that this isn't God's will!" She felt weak and dizzy, so she slumped into the chair nearest her, and sat there as if in a daze.

The next thing she knew her mother touched her arm. "Are you ready to eat?" she asked. Everyone was around the table except her and she hadn't heard a thing.

"I'm not feeling well," she answered. "I'm going to my room."

"Are you sick?"

"I'll be all right," she paused, then added, "just a headache." She closed the door and turned the lock quietly, then flinging herself across the bed, she cried. She beat her pillow and asked, "Why? Why? Why, God, has this happened to me? Why? Why? You know I love Ray and he loves me. If only I had never accepted the first date, things wouldn't be so hard now. You were warning me through those uneasy feelings. Why didn't I listen more carefully? Why? Why?"

Melodie knew the answers to these questions would come through prayer, so she slid off the bed onto her knees, where she stayed for a long time. "Please God, you promised to comfort your chil-

dren, I am your child and I need your comfort more than I've ever needed it before. Things would be better if I could just die! How can I face Ray? I can't! I can't!"

"Melodie," Scott called, tapping on the door, "Ray is here to take you to prayer meeting."

She gasped, "Tell him I'm not going tonight."

Next day Melodie skipped school. She had to get some answers. She avoided her mother's questions by saying she had a headache, which she had. All day long she hunted answers to the questions which raced through her mind. Why did she feel so much love for Ray if it was wrong to love him? Was it really wrong? Why shouldn't she make him happy after all he'd suffered? What does the Bible teach about marrying someone who is divorced?

Her day of studying was interrupted only by her mother's command to eat a sandwich and drink a glass of juice.

By dinner time the Lord had given her comfort and strength to stand for the right. The Bible command was also clear to her, for it says in several places, "Whosoever shall marry her [or him] that is divorced committeth adultery." (Matt. 5:32, Mark 10:10, 11, Luke 16:18) She knew she could not marry Ray. How to tell him was now her big problem. Friday after school she went to the Pastor's house and talked with him and his wife about it. They both encouraged her to not continue a relationship with Ray that would encourage their love to grow, but to talk to him on the very next date and show him what the Bible teaches about the subject. Then they laid hands on her and asked God to give her special grace and wisdom. They also asked God to prepare Ray's heart for this sad news, and help him to accept God's Word.

Sunday afternoon they had a long discussion and Melodie explained God's Word to Ray on the subject of adultery. It took him a while to understand but he loved God and accepted the Word. They did not want to displease God so they went separate ways.

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## The China Doll

Sherry stuck her round, red face through the door and looked this way and that for her mother, Mrs. Erring. Then, as light as a deer and quiet as a mouse, she made her way upstairs to her room. As she was entering her bedroom some-one at the end of the hall opened a door. With great speed she closed her bedroom door causing her long black braid to hang over the doorknob outside. She stood breathless against the door hoping the passerby wouldn't notice the unusual adornment on the golden doorknob.

She heard their footsteps fade away at the bottom of the stairs. It sounded like Jim, her older brother. Sherry breathed a sigh of relief, released her braid, and emptied the sack of candy on the dresser. "That's quite a haul for one day," she said to herself as she munched on a Snicker bar while carefully hiding the other bars in different parts of the room so her sister, Barbie, wouldn't find them.

Just then her mother called, "Sherry, come help me with dinner."

"I'll be right down."

As Sherry entered the kitchen, her mother noticed the smell of chocolate right away. "Where did you get money to buy candy again?" she wanted to know.

"I didn't buy any candy. Len gave me a Snicker bar on the way home from school."

"All right, you may arrange the table, the tacos are almost ready."

Sherry set the plates and silverware in their proper places, she folded the napkins, put ice and lemonade in each glass. After supper she filled the dishwasher and wiped the table and work area clean, then she went back to her room to study for tomorrow's Oklahoma History test. However, it was hard to keep her mind on the history lesson. Her mind kept reminding her, she had done wrong.

Next day at school Sherry noticed Kim, Sarah, and Chris huddled in a circle. "Hi, Kim," she said. "What's going on?"

"Look, Sarah has a new china doll from France. Her dad brought it back for her."

"It's so cute! I thought I had outgrown dolls but I'd love to have one like that!"

"So would I," Sherry added after just one glance. "It's gorgeous!"

Sarah showed the doll off in every class and during every break. All the girls wanted to see the doll, even some of the boys took a peek at it.

Every time Sherry saw the doll she wanted it more. That night all she could think about was the little doll. "How foolish," she said to herself, "to want something I can't have!" and she tried to forget all about the doll, but forget, she couldn't! Every day the desire for the doll grew stronger.

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Do Not Steal

### Commands Not to Steal

Ex. 20:15 "Thou shalt not steal."

Lev. 19:11 "Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another."

Deut. 5:19 "Neither shalt thou steal."

Eph. 4:28 "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

Mark 10:19 "Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud [cheat] not, Honour thy father and mother."

Matt. 19:18 "He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness."

### Punishment For Stealing

I Cor. 6:10 "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

I Pet. 4:15 "But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, . . ."

Zech. 5:3 "Then said he unto me, This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it."

### Kinds of Stealing

Ex. 22:1 "If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep."

4 "If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, . . . he shall restore double."

5 "If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, . . . of the best of

his own vineyard, shall he make restitution."

6 "If fire break out, . . . he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution."

7 "If a man shall deliver . . . money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen . . . if the thief be found, let him pay double."

8 "If the thief be not found, then the master [man] . . . shall be brought unto the judges, to see whether he have put his hand to [taken] his neighbor's goods."

14 "If a man borrow *ought* of his neighbor, and it be hurt, or die, . . . he shall surely make it good."

15 "But if the owner . . . be with it, he shall not make it good; . . . it came for his hire."

25 "If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor by thee, thou shalt not . . . lay upon him usury [extra payment for the use of the money loaned]."

Deut. 24:7 "If a man be found stealing any of his brethren . . . or selleth him; then that thief shall die; . . ."

James 5:1 "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you."

2 "Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten."

3 "Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days."

4 "Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud [dishonesty], crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth."

Titus 2:9 "Exhort servants [workers] to be obedient unto their own masters, .

10 "Not purloining [stealing in small amounts], but shewing good fidelity [honesty]; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things."

### Memory Verse:

"Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another." Lev. 19:11



# Let's Talk

What is stealing? Stealing is to take something that is not one's own. We most often think of stealing as taking money, a toy or any object that we know belongs to someone else. However, keeping things which you find without seeking for the owner is also stealing. Stealing can be done through carelessness, such as not returning borrowed things, or using something at work or school and not returning it. Books are something many of us borrow and it is very easy to forget about returning them to the owner. God wants us to be very careful to return anything borrowed. If something borrowed is broken or stolen from us, we are responsible to make it right with the owner. (Ex. 22:7)

Not to pay for something you have destroyed is also a form of stealing. Say you were playing with matches behind the neighbor's storage shed and it caught fire, or you were burning trash and the wind carried a burning paper upon the roof of the neighbor's house and it caught on fire. It is your duty toward God to make this right with the neighbor. Driving cars carelessly will many times cause one to destroy something of another's. The person doing the damage is responsible before God for repairs on damaged items, healing expenses, and loss of time from work.

Shoplifting is a form of stealing which we often hear about. Teenagers, children and adults are all being caught shoplifting. Many times these people are put in jail for this crime. Sometimes if the items taken are not of great value, the person only pays for the items and a fine to the police department for their trouble in correcting the crime.

There are many other forms of stealing which adults may get involved in. Not paying bills which one has made, selling articles for a much higher price than they are worth, not paying workers enough money for the work they do, and cheating on business deals in any

way are all a form of stealing and God will punish those who do such things.

Our world would be much happier if everyone would buy things they wanted and not steal from others. No one likes for others to steal their things, so we must not steal things from others.

Do you know that God feels some stealing needs worse punishment than other stealing? He does, according to the laws in Deuteronomy. The thief who steals people and resells them is to be put to death. If a cow or oxen is stolen and killed the thief is to repay five for the one stolen. If he steals a sheep he is to repay four for the one. If the animals were not killed then the thief repays only two for one.

Most every stolen article was to be repayed double its price. However, if something was destroyed accidentally then only its value was repayed.

Laws like these which God gave to Moses to help the people of God live together peacefully would certainly help our country today. —Aunt Charlotte

## Questions:

1. What is stealing?
2. What does God say about stealing?
3. What is God's command to the person who has stolen?
4. Will thieves inherit the kingdom of God?
5. What should a person do who destroys property of another?
6. What is our responsibility toward borrowed things?
7. If we loan money to the poor brethren are we to charge interest?
8. What was God's command about kidnappers or slave traders?
9. What is to happen to the rich who cheat their workers?

(Answers: 1. Taking something as your own which belongs to another, 2. "Thou shalt not steal", 3. Steal no more, (Eph. 4:28), 4. No, 5. They should pay for what they destroy, 6. We are to return them or replace them if they are stolen or ruined while in our care, 7. No, 8. They were to be killed, 9. They will suffer. (James 5:1-6))

Sarah's interest in the doll was decreasing every day but Sherry's was growing stronger. Sherry watched carefully every time Sarah left the doll. Several times it was left on Sarah's desk when she went to another class. Then Sherry noticed Sarah was leaving it in her locker. Sherry watched to see if Sarah ever left the locker unlocked, but she didn't.

One evening Sherry had to stay after regular school time to talk to Mrs. Mory about her Home Ec. project. Leaving late, she went to get her sweater from her locker and noticed Sarah's locker was open a crack. The halls were empty! Most of the kids had left on the buses but a few were hanging around outside. Sherry opened the locker door, there was the doll! She picked it up just to look; then wrapped it in her sweater.

At home she hid it in the dresser drawer where she had hid one of the candy bars.

"Are you sick?" her mother asked when Sherry didn't eat much dinner.

All night long Sherry dreamed about the little doll. It was speaking to her and calling her a thief. Sarah, Kim and Chris were calling her a thief, too. They were telling the other students that she was a thief. However, the next day at school no one called her a thief nor did Sarah notice the doll was gone. Several days passed before Sarah realized the doll was missing, even then no one suspected Sherry. Not Sherry, she was a Christian!

Every day Sherry felt more miserable about the doll. She wished she had never touched it. She wanted to bring it back to Sarah, but then everyone would know she was a thief! She couldn't do that!

Wednesday evening, when she opened the door to her room, there stood Barbie digging in the very drawer where the doll was hidden. "Barbie!" she screamed, "Stay out of my things!"

"What's in that box?"

"You don't need to know!"

Sherry knew she had to do something with the doll. If Barbie ever saw the doll, then her family would know she was a thief. The whole school would

know too because her Dad would make her take it back to Sarah.

After Barbie left the room she took the box with the doll, stuck it up her dress sleeve, went to the garage, got her Dad's hammer then in the alley behind the house she struck the doll several times until it was broken to tiny pieces. These she threw in the trash can. "Maybe now I can forget all about this crazy doll."

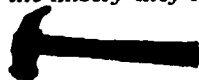
Sherry thought she could forget all about the doll, but breaking it only made her feel cruel. "Now Sarah would never enjoy her doll again," she thought. "Some day I might have gotten courage to take it back again, but now it could never be returned."

Sherry ran upstairs, fell across her bed and cried. "If Sarah, Kim or Chris knew about this they would never be my friends again." When Sherry spoke these words she knew why she felt so bad about stealing the doll. It was her friends she was afraid of losing! She hadn't felt so bad about stealing the bag of candy bars.

Sunday morning the wind blew strong so Sherry put on her sweater. "Ugh!" It reminded her of the doll! "Forget it," she said to herself. However, every time she saw her sweater she saw the doll in her mind. By the time Sunday school was over she was so tired from fighting her thoughts that she crammed the sweater under her and sat lopsided on top of it during the service.

Bro. Prew, the pastor, preached on "Inheriting the Kingdom of God." Sherry wanted to inherit the Kingdom of God but I Cor. 6:10 says, "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, . . . shall inherit the Kingdom of God."

Sherry had to make the decision to lose the kingdom of God and keep on stealing or repay the things she had stolen and have the kingdom of God. The decision wasn't hard to make. The little enjoyment she had received from the stolen articles wasn't much compared to all the misery they had caused her.



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Man That Lied Not

Balaam was a man with a covetous heart, but he feared God. Balaam loved riches more than he loved God. His occupation was divination. For money, he would use signs and omens and foresee the future or foretell the unknown.

One day Balak, the king of Moab, was in great trouble. He feared the Israelites would destroy his people.

He said to his servant, "Take these gifts to Balaam, who lives beside the river in Pethor. Tell him, 'There are a lot of people from Egypt camped nearby. They are so many they cover all the earth around here! I cannot drive them away, unless you curse them, for I know that everyone which you curse cannot prosper, and whosoever you bless will prosper.'"

Balaam said to the servant, "Stay right here and I will ask God what to do." God let him know not to go, so he told the men. "I cannot go."

When King Balak received this news he said, "I will send more important people to him and offer him great honour in my kingdom."

This he did, however, when they spoke with Balaam, he answered, "Even if your master gave me his house full of gold and silver, I cannot go, without God's permission, but if you will spend the night I will pray to God again, perhaps he will say something more to me."

This time, God told Balaam he could

go. However, He warned, "You must speak only the words I tell you."

Balaam was happy to go. This trip should bring him much money, comfort and honour. However, he hadn't gone far until his donkey ran out of the path into a vineyard. This made Balaam angry and he whipped the donkey. A little farther down the path the vineyards were fenced by stone walls. This time the donkey swerved out of the path and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. He whipped her again. Just a few feet farther the donkey lay down and refused to go one step farther. Balaam beat her with his staff. It was then that God opened the donkey's mouth and it said, "What have I done, that you should beat me these three times."

Balaam was so angry and anxious to get on his journey that he didn't realize the donkey was talking. He hastily answered. "You are mocking me. I wish I had a sword and I would kill you!"

"Have I not carried you wherever you wanted to go?" the donkey asked.

Then Balaam realized he was talking to God through the donkey for he saw the angel in the path with a drawn sword! To go forward would have been certain death! The Angel spoke, "Your ways are so against my ways!"

"I-I-I will go back, if I am displeasing you," he said, but in his heart he was desperate to go on.

"You may go on but be sure and speak only my Words to the people."

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Do Not Bear False Witness Commandments:

Ex. 20:16 "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Lev. 19:11 "Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another."

Deut. 5:20 "Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour."

Col. 3:9 "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"

Prov. 19:22 "... a poor man is better than a liar."

Prov. 6:16 "These six things doeth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:"

17 "A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,"

18 "An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,"

19 "A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

### God, Nor His Children lie!

I Sam. 15:29 "And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent."

Isa. 63:8 "For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour."

Prov. 14:5 "A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies."

### Punishment For Lying:

Rev. 21:27 "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Rev. 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

15 "For without are dogs [unbeliev-

ers], and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."

Rev. 21:8 "... all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Ps. 63:11 "But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped."

Ps. 101:7 "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight."

Acts 5:3 "But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"

4 "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

5 "And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things."

### Unusual ways of lying:

Prov. 30:5 "Every word of God is pure: ..."

6 "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."

I John 2:4 "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

22 "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-christ, that denieth the Father and the Son."

I John 4:20 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

### Memory Verse:

"All liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Rev. 21:8.



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about some different ways one might bear false witness. Lying is the most common way. Many people feel that lying is not a sin whenever it is needful to attain good things. However, Jesus plainly said, "All liars shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire." From this statement we can be assured that God hates any form of lying. "White lies", as some people call what they believe to be innocent lies, or "black lies", that people believe not to be innocent, are both lies in the sight of God.

There are many reasons for lying. Some lie to cover up a mistake or disobedience, others lie in the form of boasting, yet others may lie for revenge. Whatever the reason, lying is not justified by God.

Other forms of bearing false witness are pretending something to be what it is not, pretending something to be true when it is not, or pretending something not to be true when it is. This action is spoken of in Revelations as "whosoever loveth or maketh a lie." Some people seem to love lies, but if they don't get deliverance from it they will be left outside of heaven. (Rev. 22:14, 15)

Saying you are a Christian and not keeping Christ's commandments is another form of lying. This is being a hypocrite, and Christ says not to be like the hypocrite.

Adding just a little to something we are telling is another form of witnessing falsely. When we tell something, practice saying it exactly as you know it, not adding to it to make it sound bigger, funnier, more horrid, more sad, or whatever. Don't tell the story and make it sound less either. Just tell it as it is.

Actions without words can also be bearing false witness. Be careful with your actions that others do not believe something to be what it is not.

Remember the little song about the

chicken who thought the sky was falling because an acorn fell and hit her on the head? She ran to tell another animal and the other animal ran to tell another until the animals in the forest were believing the sky was falling.

Be careful what you say even if you believe it to be true, because a very small thing can cause a lot of trouble.

—Aunt Charlotte

## Questions:

1. What is God's commandment about lying?
2. Who is better than a liar?
3. Who causes us to lie?
4. What is one thing wicked children do?
5. Does God lie?
6. Name one of seven things which God hates?
7. Where will liars go after their death?
8. Will there be any liars in heaven?
9. What happened to Ananias for lying to the Holy Spirit?
10. What are we if we say we love God and do not love our brother?

(Answers: 1. You shall not lie. 2. A poor man, 3. The devil, 4. Lie, 5. No, 6. A false witness that speaketh lies, 7. To the lake that burneth with fire, 8. No, 9. He dropped dead, 10. We are liars.)

## Bible Crosses You Can Make

To make a Bible Cross, print the first word DOWN the page, placing one letter under another. Then count down three letters from the top and print the second word ACROSS so that the third letter of both words is the same. This makes the cross. Each cross should tell a little story about Christmas.

DOWN — Who were tending their flocks on the hills?

ACROSS — They hurried to the manger and — down to worship the new king.

DOWN — Jesus was the S----- of the world.

ACROSS — From what famous king was he descended? (Luke 2:11)

DOWN — What Roman Emperor ruled Palestine at that time? (Luke 2:1)

ACROSS — Who sang of "peace and goodwill on earth"?

(Answers: Shepherds, Kneel, Saviour, David, Augustus, Angel.)

He went on and presented himself to the king. "I have come to thee," he said, "but will speak only the words God puts in my mouth." The next day, King Balak took him to a very high mountain where he could see the multitudes of people below. Balaam wanted to impress God and the king so he had seven altars built and seven cows and seven sheep offered upon them. He went again to seek God in hopes of finding words that would please the king so he could get the gifts. However, the Spirit of God moved upon him to bless Israel, and he dare not speak anything else, so he blessed them.

King Balak shouted, "What have you done, I called you to curse these people and you have blessed them."

Balaam was embarrassed but said, "How can I curse a people which God has blessed?"

Then King Balak took him upon another mountain and said, "Curse them from here."

Balaam, still wanting the gifts, said, "Ok, build seven more altars and offer seven more cows and seven more sheep. I will yet again seek God." After the offerings were completed, God put words again in Balaam's mouth. This time he said, "God is not a man that he should lie, neither . . . that he should repent: He said and shall he not do it? He hath spoken, shall he not make it good? . . . He hath blessed and I cannot reverse it."

Then Balak answered, "Then don't curse them, but don't bless them either!"

"I can only speak the Words of God."

"Let me take you to another place, maybe God will let you curse them from there."

Balaam knew God would not change but he still wanted the gifts, so he went along. Seven more altars were built and fourteen animals offered. Balaam sought God again hoping surely this time he could say something which would please the king. However, God had only blessings for Israel.

Balak was so angry, he beat his hands together and shouted, "I called you to curse this people and you have blessed

them these three times. I planned to promote you unto great honour, but obeying the Lord has kept you from getting it."

"I told you I would only speak the Words of God even if you gave me your house full of silver and gold. That is what I have done, but listen to me and I will tell you what will happen to Israel years from now."

Then he spoke a prophecy of Jesus Christ by saying, "I shall see him, but not now: [When? At the Judgment Day] I shall behold him, but not nigh [not very soon]. There shall come a STAR out of Jacob [the people of Israel, or the Jews] and a SCEPTRE [a way of communicating with God] shall rise out of Israel."

This prophecy was spoken 1452 years before Christ by a man who had a wicked, covetous heart, but had enough fear of God that he would not witness falsely. If no amount of money could cause a covetous-hearted man to lie, how much more should we who have Christ in our hearts not speak lies.

(Story taken from Numbers chapters 22, 23 and 24; II Peter 2:15, Joshua 24:9, 10 and Deut. 23:4, 5.)

### Be a Truthful Giant

Give yourself 10 inches for each time you answer yes to a question. How tall are you?

1. Do I always tell the truth even when it is embarrassing?
2. Do I tell the truth even though telling the truth may get me into trouble?
3. Do I tell the truth even though it may get someone I love in trouble?
4. Do I always tell the truth when I want to get someone else in trouble?
5. Am I willing to accept the blame for my mistakes?
6. Do I tell the truth when I want to make a story interesting?
7. Do I always tell the truth when asked, "Have you done your best?"
8. Do I never say, "I don't know", when I really do?
9. Do I do sloppy jobs and pretend they are well done?
10. Are the stories I tell about someone I dislike always truth?

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Cabbage Patch Doll

Shelia noticed Mother sighing as she carried the heavy bag of groceries up the stairs. She too hated carrying everything up stairs but then she was glad they lived above instead of below the other two filthy, roach infested apartments. She hated living here. It meant always staying inside behind locked doors whenever Mother was away and most of the time when she was home.

Shelia loved the out-of-doors, she loved to run in the wind and feel it blow through her short, kinky black hair, or lay on the grass and watch imaginary cloud-figures float through the sky. Here in the apartment complex everything was hard cement and stone, except, of course, for the multitudes of eyes which watched her every move outside the apartment. Jacqueline was already locked inside, so she opened the door. The two girls mechanically helped put away the groceries and prepare the table for dinner. It was ready in the slow cooker. Mother had put it on before she left for work.

At the supper table Mother said, "Girls, I haven't much money since your father's heart attack and the insurance money hasn't come through yet, so I thought for Christmas we will do something different. I will let you choose your own Christmas present."

"Great!" Shelia shouted. "I know what I want."

"Wait, wait, you will have to choose something fifty dollars or less."

"I want a black cabbage patch doll! It costs less than fifty dollars."

"But, Mother, how can we spend that much money for toys when Shelia needs shoes and I, I need so many things for school?"

"God will help us, Jacqueline, I just wanted Christmas to be a little like we had before, but, of course, it can't be without your Daddy." She covered her face and sobbed. "Really, nothing will ever be the same."

All Shelia wanted to do the next three weeks was go shopping. She saw so many things she wanted besides the cabbage patch doll that her mind was soon in a whirl. Finally one day she chose a piano. It cost \$37.50, that would leave her a little for some small toy.

"Put this on lay-a-way, and if I change my mind I haven't lost much," she said to Jacqueline while they were shopping.

"But you already have the doll on lay-a-way. That cost \$3.50 in charges, this will cost \$3.75. Every day you change your mind. Just yesterday you wanted a dinnette set, the day before you wanted that big teddy bear, last week it was the "cabbage patch". I still think you should think about buying some good winter shoes."

"Mom will buy my shoes."

"With what can she buy your shoes? She's only working three days a week and that doesn't bring in much money."

The next day after school the girls went shopping again. This time Shelia

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Thou Shalt Not Covet

Covet means to desire eagerly something that belongs to another.

Ex. 20:17 "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's."

Deut. 5:21 "Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's."

Luke 12:15 "And he [Jesus] said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

Prov. 28:16 "... he that hateth covetousness shall prolong [lengthen] his days [life]."

Col. 3:5 "Mortify [conquer] therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry."

Eph. 5:3 "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints."

4 "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks."

5 "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

I Cor. 6:9 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulter-

ers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,"

10 "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

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."

I Tim. 3:1 "This a true saying. If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."

2 "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;"

3 "Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre [money]; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;"

Ex. 18:21 "... provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands. . . ."

Ps. 119:36 (David's prayer) "Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness."

### Questions:

1. Give a definition for "covet".
2. What are some things we are not to covet?
3. What were Jesus' reasons for not coveting?
4. The blessing for hating coveting is what?
5. Do we have to conquer the tendency to covet?
6. What was God's command to the saints?
7. Will covetous people inherit the kingdom of God?
8. Did God say you need not covet because He will always be with you?
9. What kind of people does God want to be leaders?

### Memory Verse:

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

Heb. 13:5



# Let's Talk

Throughout the Bible we read many, many accounts of the people of God coveting after things they shouldn't and getting themselves into trouble. From the poorest servant to the kings, many were guilty of this sin. Today it is probably the sin which gets people into more trouble than any other. People all over the world are wishing for things that belong to others, like beauty, brains, friends, cars, homes, bikes, money, parents, abilities, and so forth. Just about anything one might name, someone is coveting for it. Sometimes one person will even covet for something which the owner wishes he didn't have.

Coveting is a habit with some people. It is a part of human nature and can become a habit with each of us, unless we are careful about how we think and speak. Our memory verse says, "Let your conversation be without covetousness." One should teach himself to avoid saying, "I wish." "I wish I had" is easy to say, but the more one says it, the more often he wishes for things which others have. He is thinking covetously which causes a covetous conversation, and will cause a covetous heart. A coveting habit is the fruit of a covetous heart.

This covetous habit will get one into much trouble. First it will cause unhappiness, just as Jesus said in Luke 12:15. Then dissatisfaction with parents because they can't afford things one is coveting. Dissatisfaction causes rebellion to grow, rebellion shows as disrespect and disobedience. These two things cause a lot of trouble in the home and usually one soon feels unloved by his parents. Feeling unloved by one's friends follows because one thinks his friends do not love him since he does not "have things." When the real truth is known, friends love for what one is and not for what one has. Can you see how coveting can cause many problems?

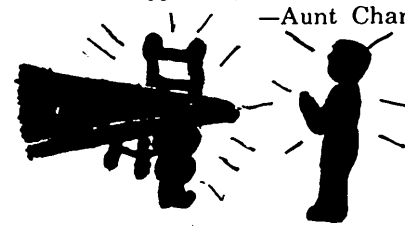
Coveting can also cause stealing in many forms, such as shoplifting, pilfering (taking things a little at a time), embezzling (taking things, especially money intrusted in one's care), or defrauding (cheating of money or other things rightfully theirs). It even leads to kidnapping and adultery (stealing another's wife or husband). There is no end to the number of sins which come from a covetous heart.

Many times after one gets what he has coveted it doesn't bring the happiness that he thought it would.

Have you heard the fairy tale about the king who coveted gold? One day a fairy came to him and said, "Make a wish and it will come true." The king thought he loved gold so much he wished that everything he touched would turn to gold. That day the king was out taking a walk. When he reached the palace, he turned the doorknob and it turned to real gold! How happy he was! Inside he touched a table and it too turned to gold. He touched a chair, it also turned to solid gold. "Wife, wife," he called, "come and see what is happening." His dog, hearing his voice, came and jumped upon his master and turned to stiff, hard gold. Next his little boy rushed into his arms and became a lifeless statue of gold. The king then realized the thing he coveted would not bring happiness.

Most people find that problems instead of happiness comes from coveting. Real happiness is found in being content with what we already have and trusting God for the rest, because He says, "God shall supply all your need." Phil. 4:19.

—Aunt Charlotte



(Answers: 1. To desire eagerly something that belongs to another, 2. Anything that is thy neighbour's, such as, his wife, house, land, donkey (car), 3. Because it doesn't bring happiness, 4. A longer life, 5. Yes, 6. Never be guilty of covetousness, 7. No, 8. Yes, 9. Those who are not covetous.)

found a cassette tape player and ear-phones. She put it on lay-a-way also.

Mother warned Shelia about using up her money putting things on lay-a-way.

On December 19th, Jacqueline made her decision. She bought her supplies for Home Ec. class; a sewing basket, scissors, thread, needles, tape measure, pins, seam ripper, pattern and material for a skirt and blouse, together it cost \$28.94. After that she talked Shelia into going to the shoe store where she found herself some cute shoes on sale for \$10.98. "These will be good with my dress," she thought. She bought the shoes. At another shop she chose a blouse for mother.

Shelia was wanting to put more things on lay-a-way. It was very ridiculous to Jacqueline. However, she understood, Shelia was only ten. "You have \$9.75 tied up in lay-a-way already," she warned.

"But I want this skate board!"

"If you want it then we'll buy it now, but no more lay-a-way."

Shelia didn't buy it or put it on lay-a-way. She went home feeling sorry for herself because she couldn't have a lot of things she wanted. She ate only a few bites of supper and went to bed and cried.

When Christmas finally arrived she chose the doll, not because she loved playing with dolls, but because all her friends had black cabbage patch dolls.

A few weeks later she was bored with the doll. She sat by the window overlooking the parking lot below, watching the children glide back and forth on their skate boards. The wind blew Marie's long black hair over her eyes. Shelia laughed as Marie collided with Tanya. How she wished she had a skate board too.

"Why didn't you let me get the skate board?" she questioned Jacqueline angrily.

"I told you to buy it but not to put it on lay-a-way!"

"But I wasn't sure I wanted it! It's all your fault I'm stuck with this ugly doll!"

"It's not either my fault! It's yours because you are always wishing for what other kids have. If you would learn to be happy with the things you have and who you are, you would soon find

out what things you really like. Now don't blame me for your mistake. I nearly walked my legs off following you through every toy department of every store in the city of Miami. To say nothing of all the time wasted and my baby-sitting money spent on bus fare."

Shelia said no more, she knew Jacqueline was right, she didn't really get what she wanted because she was always wanting what her friends had, but that wasn't why she wanted a skate board. She always loved outdoor play. From this day forward she would stop worrying about what she didn't have and enjoy what she had.



## Christmas Alphabet

Fill in the blanks with the missing words.

A is for ..... from heaven come near,  
B is for ..... town in Judea.  
C is for ..... the day of His birth,  
D is for ..... His line on the earth.  
E is for ..... with its bright, shining star.  
F is for ..... incense brought from afar.  
G is for ..... and for gifts that we bring,  
H is for ..... that wicked old king.  
I is for ..... keeper saying "No room"—  
turning the travelers into night's gloom.  
J is for ..... the husband so kind,  
K is for ..... that the Wise Men must find.  
L is for ..... and the Gospel we read,  
M is for ..... soft cradle indeed.  
N for the ..... that was holy and clear.  
O for the ..... and the stable beasts near.  
P for the ..... and goodwill that we sing,  
Q for the Question, "Where is the new .....?"  
R for ..... our Saviour and Guide,  
S for the ..... upon the hillside.  
T for glad ..... the tale of His birth,  
U for the Union of Christians on .....  
V is for ..... the Mother so mild,  
W for the ..... Men who worship her Child.  
So every letter its message can bring  
To tell us once more of our dear Christmas King.



Earth, Virgin, Wise Men.  
King, Redeemer, Shepherds, Tidings,  
King, Luke, Manger, Night, Oxen, Peace,  
Frankincense, Gold, Herod, Inn, Joseph,  
Bethlehem, Christmas, David, East,  
(Answers to Christmas Alphabet: Angels

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## An Unusual Christmas

Ken dashed through the door and let his school things fall on the entryway floor. The sixth grade math book peeked from under a blue ski jacket. "Mother, Mother," he called, as he climbed the stairs two at a time in search of her. The force of the air made his sandy, curly hair stand up as if he was scared.

"I'm right here. What's wrong?"

"Nothing, it's just that Aaron is waiting to play catch, may I?"

"Yes, you may. Be back for dinner."

"And, Mom, Aaron said they are saving their money and not buying a Christmas tree. Instead they are buying toys and food for a poor family. Isn't that a neat idea?" Ken said as he got into his play clothes.

"It surely is."

"Can we do that? We could help Todd's family. His dad was laid off four months ago, and hasn't found steady work yet."

"We'll talk to your Dad about helping Todd's folks. However, I think we have already decided to not have a tree."

"Why?"

"Ask your Dad when he comes home. I've got to get dinner ready now."

"Ok, Mom, Aaron is waiting!" Then out the door he dashed as swiftly as he had entered.

Dad was home sitting in his recliner in the family room when Ken returned.

"Say, Dad, Mom said we aren't getting a Christmas tree."

Tanya, nine, and fifteen-year-old Chris, his two sisters were helping Mom with

dinner. At the same time they each asked, "What did you say?"

Ken turned toward his sisters and said, "Mom said we're not having a tree this year."

Tanya looked at Mom for an explanation. Chris came around and stood in front of Dad. "Is that true?" she asked. "What kind of Christmas will we have without a tree?"

"It will be different all right, but then our whole lives are different since Mom and I have gotten saved. Anyway, we were reading the Bible and found a place where it says, 'Learn not the way of the heathen, . . . for the customs of the [heathen] people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, . . . They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.' (Jer. 10:3) Wouldn't we be doing as the heathens if we had a Christmas tree?"

"We sure would," answered Ken.

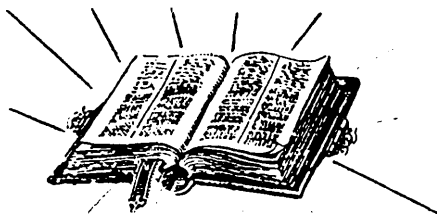
"What do you know about it? You don't even know what a heathen is," Chris retorted at Ken.

"I do too, it's a person who doesn't believe in God. And Dad, Aaron's family isn't having one either, they're going to help a poor family have a better Christmas instead of just thinking of themselves."

"Yea, look who's preaching! If you want to help, then help a little around here by picking up your school things from off the floor," Chris said.

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## The Greatest Commandment

Matt. 22:36 "Master, which is the greatest commandment in the law?"

37 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

Mark 12:29 "... The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord;"

30 "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

I John 3:18 "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

I John 4:8 "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."

I Cor. 13:1 "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity [love of God], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

2 "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

3 "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

4 "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up."

5 "Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;"

6 "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;"

7 "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

8 "Charity never faileth: but whether

there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."

Ezek. 14:3 "... these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: ..."

6 "... Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations."

7 "For every one ... which separateth himself from me and setteth up his idols in his heart, ... I the Lord will answer him by myself:"

8 "And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

## Questions:

1. What question was asked Jesus?
2. How did Jesus answer?
3. What must we do if we love God?
4. Is there any value in having great faith if we do not love God?
5. What profit is there in having our bodies burned if we do not love God?
6. Are idols always made of wood or stone?
7. Can all idols be seen?
8. What will God do to the people who set up an idol in their heart?
9. How much should we love God?

(Answers: 1. Which is the great commandment? 2. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind", 3. We must love, 4. There is no everlasting value, 5. None, 6. No, they are made of many materials, 7. No, 8. He will cut them off from His people, 9. With our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength.)

## Memory Verse:

"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Matt. 22:37.



# Let's Talk

Let's talk about loving the Lord with all our heart. Some people love the Lord like the little boy who wanted to go swimming. He said, "You are the very sweetest Mother in the whole world. I love you with all my heart. Rex and John are going swimming, may I go with them?"

"No, Bob, you may not go because the lawn needs mowing today and you must do it as soon as I bring some gasoline."

"But can't I mow the lawn tomorrow. I want to go swimming today."

"The weather forecast calls for rain tomorrow."

"Oh, Mom, you never think I need any fun, always work, work, work! I hate living in this house with you!" Then out the door he stalked to tell the boys how mean his mom was for not letting him go.

That's just the way some people are about God. They sing, "Oh, how I love Jesus! Oh, how I love Jesus!", but as soon as God lets them suffer or doesn't answer a prayer as soon as they think it should be answered, they begin grumbling and complaining about it.

Our love for Him must be so strong that we will love Him in times when things are going our way and in times when they are not.

Children may show love for God by saving some of their spending money and putting it in the offering at church. They can help keep the church and the churchyard clean by picking up things. Helping little brother or sister get ready for service is another way of showing love for God.

We show more love by what we do than by what we say. Read the following letter and see how much love John had for Ann.

John wrote a letter to his sweetheart. It said:

"Dearest Anna,

"You are the sweetest girl in all the world. I love you with all my heart.

There is nothing I would not do for you. I would give a castle filled with gold for your love. I'll give up my family and all other friends. Oh, for just one touch of you snow white hands! and one look into your smiling face! I would swim the widest river, I would climb the tallest mountain, I would walk through the deepest snow.

Remember our date for Friday night? I'll be there, if it doesn't rain.

Love, John"

Do you think he loved her with all his heart?

Is this how you love the Lord?

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## Love is the Key

Chorus:

Love, Love, Love is the Key,  
Love, Love, Love is the Key,  
The Key for you; the Key for me,  
Love, Love, Love is the Key.

Love can bring us all together,  
In perfect harmony.  
Bring us through the stormy weather,  
Cause Love, Love, Love is the Key.  
(repeat chorus)

Love can make us all so happy  
And make us feel so free.  
Loving all our friends and neighbors,  
The way that Jesus loves me.  
(repeat chorus)

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## Jesus' Life

1. Was Mary, the mother of Jesus, a Gentile, Jew or German?
2. Who was Mary's husband?
3. What king in the old Bible times was their relative?
4. What heavenly being told Mary that she would be the mother of the Saviour of the world?
5. What was this baby to be called?
6. Did the angel also tell Joseph that Mary was to be the Mother of Jesus?
7. Why was Mary and Joseph getting ready to go to Bethlehem?
8. Was Bethlehem crowded when they arrived?
9. Where did they finally have to sleep?

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(Answers: 1. A Jew, 2. Joseph, 3. David, 4. Gabriel, the angel, 5. Jesus, 6. Yes, 7. To be counted and taxed, 8. Yes, 9. In the stables.)

"Dinner is ready," Mother called. It stopped the discussion.

After offering thanks and getting his plate filled, Dad said, "Now let's go on with our discussion about Christmas. Mom and I are both convicted that we shouldn't have a tree. That's why we haven't gotten one yet."

"Christmas is Jesus' birthday, isn't it Dad?" Tanya asked.

"Yes, some people say it is the time Jesus was born. Others say it is not. It was 330 years after his birth that the first definite mention was made of the December 25th festival being in commemoration of Jesus' birth. Before this time, the old Persian celebration for the Sun god was held on that day. The Catholic Church leaders were so eager for the rich people to come into the church that they were willing to use this festival as a way of doing this.

"The pagan symbolism was taken over and Jesus became the hero instead of the Sun god, but the evil customs were still used.

"Another Roman feast for Saturn, the god of sowing and husbandry, was also added to the celebration to include those who loved it.

"Then the Kalend peoples needed to be included, so their New Year customs of decorating with greenery and candles, gift exchanging, long and bountiful feasting and various fire rites became a part of the churches Christmas celebration also. Our pilgrim fathers felt so strongly against any part of the Catholic form of worship that celebrating Christmas was against the law for 61 years. For 130 years there was strong feelings against it."

"I just read about that in a book named *Celebrations* by Robert J. Myers," said Chris, who was perking up her ears to listen. "In 1836 Alabama was the first to adopt laws making Christmas a legal holiday. That's 216 years after the pilgrims arrived."

"That is right. However, the question now is, what shall we do this Christmas? Mother says we have \$900.00 in

our Christmas Club savings account, which we want to use in ways pleasing to God."

Tanya gasped. "That's a lot of money!" she said. "Did we spend that much last year?"

"Yes, we spent more than that. Grandmother's and Grandpapa's plane tickets cost \$637.00, but we were all glad they could come. Ken's bike cost \$127.00."

"I couldn't have my paper route now, if I hadn't gotten the bike."

"Those gifts were \$764.00. We gave you children each twenty dollars to buy gifts. Then Mom . . . ."

"How about the tree? Ken thinks we'd have a lot of money to help the poor if we didn't have a tree," Chris said, with a smirk at Ken.

"Mom, do you remember how much you spent for the tree last year?"

"It seems like I spent \$19.00 for it, but I spent another \$18.00 for new non-electric decorations to help on the national energy crisis."

"See," Ken said, "that could buy a lot of food for a hungry family."

"As if we lived in India, Africa, or Pakistan, and people were starving all around us," Chris retorted.

"What's wrong with sending a little to them?"

"Well, I guess we could," Chris said.

"We could easily send to India and Africa because we know brethren there, who would be glad to have a little extra to give to the poor in their congregations."

"That's a splendid idea!" Dad said. "Mom, why haven't you mentioned that before?"

"And, Dad," added Chris, "let's send them more than just the Christmas tree money. Let's send enough to buy Bibles for those who don't have one. I love God and like living by His Word. It makes me feel like life is really worthwhile."

"Let's all decide how much money we shall send to buy Bibles for those without."

—Aunt Charlotte

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Patching Up the House

Gerald had just completed his list of new-year resolutions.

Just why he had made the list he was not quite sure, but the most important reason, no doubt, was that the boy next door had just done the same. It was the thing to do.

Gerald looked down his list and began to wonder how long he would keep some of his promises.

For instance, the list began: "I resolve that I will always get up early in the morning."

"That," he said to himself, "will probably last about a week at the most."

Then there was, "I resolve that I will not tease my baby sister."

"That one," he told himself, "will hardly last the afternoon."

Next came, "I resolve to help mother wash the dishes once a day without grumbling."

"A good resolution," he thought, "but not likely to be kept after school starts."

Next, "I resolve never to read any book or paper that mother doesn't approve."

Gerald wasn't too sure about this one, and he wondered what he should do with the comics he had hidden.

Next, "I resolve that I will never again say a bad word."

"This one I will keep."

Just then mother came in, and, seeing Gerald so interested, asked if she might read what was written on the piece of paper he held in his hand.

Mother smiled and said, "I'm pleased that you are 'turning over a new leaf' and planning to be such a good boy, but I wonder how long they will last?"

"Oh, not long, I suppose," said Gerald, laughing. "But it was fun to make up the list. All the boys around here are doing it."

"I suppose it is a good idea to make these resolutions," said mother, "but I never had much faith in them."

"Why not?" asked Gerald.

"Oh, well," began mother, "just because they are so seldom kept. To my mind it is like patching up an old house."

"Patching up a house, mother!" Gerald said, then laughed. "What makes you say that?"

"Well, I will tell you a story to explain exactly what I mean."

"Go on, tell it," urged Gerald, who loved stories above everything else.

"Long, long ago," began mother, "there was a family living in one of the Eastern States. Deciding, as many other people had, to go west, they packed everything into their covered wagon and started off. After traveling a few hundred miles they stopped, built a house, and settled down. But the oldest boy was not satisfied. He wanted to go farther west still; so, bidding the family good-by, he moved on. Week after week he trudged westward, coming finally to a tract of land that really appealed to him. It was very fertile, and had plenty of water. Here he built a small sack

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## The Second Greatest Commandment

Matt. 22:39 "And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Mark 12:31 "And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

Luke 6:31 "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

Matt. 7:12 "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets."

Luke 10:25 "And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?"

27 "And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself."

28 "And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live."

29 "But he, willing to justify himself said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor?"

30 "And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead."

31 "And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side."

32 "And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side."

33 "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him."

34 "And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him."

35 "And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

36 "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?"

37 "And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise."

Rom. 13:8 "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law"

9 "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

10 "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

I John 3:17 "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

18 "My little children, let's not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

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

### Memory Verse:

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Romans 13:10.



# Let's Talk

How can anyone love his neighbor as himself? It doesn't come natural, it must be learned, like so many other things we do each day. We learned to walk by trying a little at a time until we had mastered walking. We also learned to sing a little at a time, by opening our mouth and forcing sound out. At first the sounds weren't so pleasant but little by little we learned to control the sound until now we can sing pretty good.

"Loving others" must also be learned. We sometimes have to talk to ourselves and tell ourselves to do action that will develop our ability to love. At first we learn to share. Sometimes it is easy to share, sometimes it is not. Sometimes it was easy for the baby to walk, sometimes it was not, but the more the baby walks, the better he can walk. The more we share the easier it is to share, the more we share, the more we love, for sharing helps develop love.

Another way to develop love is training our mind to think about others and their problems, instead of only our problems. In your mind, put yourself in the other person's place and try to feel how you would feel with his same problems.

It is easy to relate to other's problems if they are obvious, such as the man in our Bible lesson who was robbed and beaten half to death. However, mental suffering of others is not so obvious but with a little effort on our part we can understand it and help the sufferer out. Try doing these things over and over again, just as the baby tries learning to walk over and over again, and you will learn how to love others as yourself.

Loving others is also developed by choices we make every day. Say there is paper on the school ground. You may choose to pick it up or let it lay. If you pick it up you are developing your strength to help others. For loving others is also making or keeping things nice for others to enjoy. Can you think of many other choices you make like this?

Mary is working with finger paints without an apron and getting them on

her new dress. You offer your smock to her, it will help you develop a strength to love others more.

Every day keep your eyes open to the needs of others and then tell yourself to do some action that will help them. By doing this you will soon be able to love your neighbor as yourself.

—Aunt Charlotte

## Questions:

1. What is the second greatest commandment?
2. How are we to treat others?
3. Did Jesus tell the lawyer to obey the two greatest commandments?
4. What story did Jesus tell to explain who is our neighbor?
5. What happened to the man as he traveled?
6. What did the priest and the Levite do?
7. In what way did the Samaritan show he was a neighbor?
8. In what way can we obey all the commandments?
9. If we have things of this world and will not share, do we have love in us?
10. By what are we to show our love?

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self", 2. As we would like to be treated, 3. Yes, 4. The Good Samaritan, 5. He was robbed and beaten up, 6. They went by on the other side of the road, 7. By helping the wounded man, 8. By loving God with all our heart, and soul, etc. and our neighbor as ourselves, 9. No, 10. By actions.)

## What Do You See in Jerusalem?

In the long word JERUSALEM there are a great many small words such as: *use, me, sale, jam*. How many more can you see? You may change the letters around but use each letter only once, except E which is found twice in Jerusalem. Make a list. You should be able to get at least 25, counting the four above. Some people have made over 50.

## What Am I?

Shining brightly above the  
Tallest snow-laden mountain  
A mist it's like, against the darkness  
Radiantly and glorious it shone.

If you have trouble, look at the beginning letters of each sentence.

(Answer: The Christmas STAR.)

for himself and started farming on his own.

"Years passed by. Other people came to the same district. Soon a village sprang up. Then it grew to be a small town, and then a city.

"Still this boy, now grown to be an old man, dwelt in his humble little shack in the middle of three acres of land. He liked it. Other people could have mansions if they wanted them, but, 'Give me my little shack,' said he. However, the people around didn't like having that little old shack in the midst of their beautiful homes. They said it spoiled the whole district, and should be torn down. Some of them tried to buy the place, but the old man steadfastly refused to sell.

"At last one day two well-dressed men came to the little shack. The old man invited them in and asked them what they wanted.

" 'We have come to buy your shack,' they said.

" 'Nothing doing,' said the old man. 'I've lived here many years, and I'm going to live here till I die.'

" 'But we are willing to pay you a very big price,' they said. 'See, here is a check for \$100,000. If you will just sign this receipt, the cash is yours.'

"The old man had never seen so much money before in all his life. This was more than all he had ever earned put together. Perhaps, he thought, such a chance to make a lot of money would never come his way again.

"He signed, and the men went away, promising to return in a day or two with the final documents.

"Hardly had they left, however, before his conscience pricked him. He told himself that he should not have taken so much money for the place. It was a swindle. Why, it wasn't worth a thousand dollars, let alone a hundred thousand. Look at that door half off its hinges, and that window that wouldn't close, and the chimney that had chips and cracks.

" 'Well,' he thought to himself, 'if I am going to take so much money for it, at least I ought to patch it up a bit.' So

he took off his coat and went at the job. Some things he could mend, and some he couldn't, but at least he tried hard to make a good show.

"By and by the two men returned, and the final documents were signed. As they were leaving, the old man spoke up. 'I hope,' he said, 'you have noticed what I have done to the place since you were here the last time.'

" 'Done to it?' they asked. 'What have you done to it? Oh, you shouldn't have bothered. We are going to tear it all down and build a mansion here.'

"And so it is with us and our resolutions," concluded mother. "That old man was loving his neighbor as himself."

"But I don't quite see what it has to do with resolutions?"

"I know," said mother, "but it is this way: We keep trying and trying to patch up all that is wrong about us by saying, 'I resolve this,' and 'I resolve that,' but it doesn't do any good. You see, Gerald, Jesus has bought the whole property—every bit of us—and He wants to build a beautiful mansion in place of our little shack. All we have to do is to ask Him to come into our hearts. Then He will get to work and change everything Himself. He will even change our desires, so that we will not want to do wrong things or say wrong words or even hide silly comics in a drawer, so that mother won't see them."

At this revelation of the completeness of mother's knowledge of his doings, Gerald blushed all over his face and down his back.

"Er—er—er," he began, "er—er—excuse me, mother, just a minute. There's something I want to do."

For a moment mother wondered what it could be that Gerald had so suddenly thought about; but as she listened she could hear a drawer being pulled out and something being stuffed into a wastepaper basket.

"Perhaps Gerald will soon get saved and let Jesus build a mansion of him," mother thought.

