

TEACHER'S NOTES

Juniors

July 5, 1987

"An Honest Samaritan Woman"

Scripture Reference: John 4:5-42. A familiar quotation by Whately says that "the maxim 'honesty is the best policy' is one which, perhaps, no one is ever habitually guided by in practice. An honest man is always before it, and a knave is generally behind it." I believe Mr. Whately's statement is true. A person who is not honest at heart cannot habitually perform in an honest way. He can sometimes discipline himself to act honestly, but there will be times when dishonesty will rule. It is therefore very important to teach children to develop honest habits.

No person can receive spiritual blessings from God without honestly confessing to Him. The Samaritan woman was honest. She showed honesty in the way she answered Jesus, and also in the question she asked.

July 12, 1987

Faith Makes the Difference

The important message in the lesson today is that the seeker's faith is what makes him receive or not receive what he is seeking. Jesus could do no mighty works in Nazareth because the people of Nazareth did not believe Jesus was the Son of God. They knew his mother, his father (Matthew 13:55), his brothers and his sisters. They knew his occupation, he was a carpenter just as his stepfather Joseph had been.

Every person receives blessings from God, for God himself said, "I send the rain on the just and the unjust." However for a person to receive a special answer to his personal request, that person must believe that Jesus is the Son of the Almighty God.

Believing that Jesus is working through the ministry which is agreeing in prayer with you is also very important. Children must be taught to not let what they hear keep them from having faith in

Jesus, God the Father, and the ministry of the Church. Adults sometimes carelessly say things about God's anointed minister which can cause others to have doubts about that minister. Children can learn to reject these doubtful feelings and question the speaker instead of the one being spoken about.

Scripture reference: Matthew 13:53-58, Mark 6:1-6, John 4:43-54.

July 19, 1987

Matthew, a Good Disciple

Scripture reference: Matt. 21:28-32, 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17, Luke 5:27-32, 9:57-62.

In this lesson we see the contrast of the actions of one who wholeheartedly loved Jesus and those who did not love Him with their whole heart.

Matthew was willing to drop whatever he was doing and follow Jesus. The others agreed to follow Jesus but wanted to do some other things first.

Teach children the importance of obeying Jesus whenever they have an opportunity and the thought comes into their mind of what they should do. They must realize that some opportunities are only once in a lifetime.

A child or adult with a willing heart will find that Jesus will put into their mind what they should do. It may be hard at first to overcome the devil and obey Jesus, but it will become easier. If a person is ashamed and disobedient, it will be even harder to obey the next time.

Tell the children, sometime when God gives you an opportunity, to be as Matthew and follow Jesus.

July 26, 1987

The Critical Attitude of the Pharisees

Scripture reference: Matthew 12:2-7, Mark 2:27, 28; 3:6, 7; Luke 6:1, 6-12.

Children must be taught to not allow themselves to develop a critical attitude. They will not be a happy person, nor

will their actions be pleasing to God. Jesus was not a critical person. He spoke the truth, but he did not waste his time criticizing others. His time and that of every Christian is too valuable to use in this unprofitable way.

Jesus said of the Pharisees, "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, . . . for ye devour widows houses and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation." Matthew 23:13.

A critical pharisaic attitude is dangerous to spiritual life and must be guarded against. It causes one to demand of others more sacrifice toward God than God Himself requires. It will drain the demander, for Jesus says that every man is accountable to God for himself.



August 2, 1987

Jesus Appoints the Twelve

This gives to us a very important lesson of dependency on others. Jesus, the Son of God, felt His need of help from others. How much more we, weak earthly creatures that we are, need others to aid us in our callings.

A junior age child is changing from a dependent small child into an independent teenager. Sometimes it is hard to be balanced between the two. They must learn to care for themselves and make many of their own decisions and yet realize they have great need of others.

I have tried to bring this thought to them as an "I need you" attitude. I well remember one time when I didn't feel that I needed help carrying a large watermelon. The result was a lot of wasted watermelon and a sidewalk to clean. This happens very often to those who do not realize when help is needed. It can result in a lifetime of misery if a poor choice of a marriage partner is made.

Scripture reference: Mark 3:6-19 and Luke 6:12-18

August 9, 1987

Jesus Heals a Man at Bethesda

Bethesda, "the house of mercy," was a pool in which God chose to manifest His power by healing after an angel troubled the water in the pool. Christ Jesus is the House of Mercy for all sinners. He is the fountain of living water for both soul and body. Teach children when they have troubles, sickness, need wisdom, strength, or power, that Jesus is waiting for their call. The person who was healed at the pool had to put forth great effort to get into the water before anyone else. We, too, must put forth much effort to get to Jesus, but we need not fear anyone else hindering us from getting our needs supplied, for Jesus is well able and ready to supply our needs.

In this lesson we also find a warning, "Sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you."

Scripture reference: John 5:2-17, 19-21, 42,43.



August 16, 1987

Jesus Delivers Legion

In this lesson we see Jesus' compassion and mercy as well as His power. Compassion is one of Jesus' major traits. He showed it daily as He walked among the people. His compassion toward suffering humanity is just the same today.

Every true Christian feels compassion toward other sufferers, but their ability to help sufferers is limited. Jesus is not limited. He has ability to cast out devils, or break any power that binds and causes suffering. There are many who testify of deliverance from binding spirits and powers of the devil. Praise His name!

Children should be taught to feel sorry for those in need. Feelings of compassion in a Christian will cause them to be willing to share the good news of what God is doing to relieve those in bondage. Jesus told the man that was called Legion to go home and tell what great things He had done for him. This is what Jesus is expecting of us today.

Scripture reference: Mark 5:1-20.

August 23, 1987

A Centurion Shows Faith

This is the record of a Roman centurion who wanted Jesus to heal a servant but felt too unworthy to come into Jesus' presence, so he sent some Jewish elders to ask in his place.

The centurion had several attitudes which brought him favor with Christ and aided in getting the help he wanted. They are, first of all, his faith in the power of Christ's Word. He believed that Jesus' words were so powerful that all Jesus need do is say that the servant would be well and the servant would be well. The love and compassion he felt toward his servant, a person of low class, was another of his good attitudes. Yet another was his love for God's people and a willingness to help them by building a synagogue, also his feeling of unworthiness. Which of us feel worthy of God's love?

Children need to be taught to have the attitudes of the centurion, they are Christian attitudes.

Scripture reference: Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10.

August 30, 1987

Jairus Has Faith

The account of Jesus healing Jairus' daughter is found in Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43, and Luke 8:41-56.

The Christian need not be afraid of problems, but only believe in Jesus' power to deliver. This is probably the most important truth to be learned from this lesson, but there are also other truths. One is the difference in attitude of Jairus and the centurion. The centurion felt unworthy to have Jesus in his house. Jairus did not manifest such humility, but Jesus was willing to answer both requests. Another truth is Jesus' choice of those who occupied the room in which the healing was done. Those who laughed at Him showed their doubt. They were not allowed to be in the room when He raised her from the dead. Doubting can hinder us from getting our desired request, and so can lack of unity between those seeking help.

Teach children to forgive and ask forgiveness, that their prayers be not hindered.

September 6, 1987

Jesus Cast out a Devil

Scripture reference: Matthew 9:27-38 and Luke 11:14-26.

Matthew tells us that Jesus saw the multitude, and he was moved with compassion on them. Jesus' attitude of compassion should be taught to children. A child without compassion will suffer much in his or her life. It is a standard rule of God that everyone reaps what they sow. Therefore if a child is uncompassionate toward others, he will receive the same from others. Children need to realize these truths so they will not suffer unmerciful treatment from others.

Compassion includes feeling sorry when others hurt, even if you would not hurt under the same condition. It is giving others the benefit of the doubt, remaining silent when one could say, "I told you so," and being willing to help others even though they are suffering for their failures. I am sure you can think of many other ways in which a person can test how much compassion he has.

Perhaps you can think of some experience you or someone you know reaped for being compassionate or sometime when sorrow was reaped for not being compassionate.

September 13, 1987

Restoring Life to the Dead

Scripture reference: Luke 7:11-18 and John 11:1-45.

In the lesson today we again see the compassionate attitude of Jesus. The tears of the widow, who was weeping at the burial of her only son, aroused His sympathy for her. He gave the boy life again! He did the same for Lazarus.

There is a thought the world is presenting to us that feeling great compassion for others is not good. I truly believe this is a trick of the devil to

keep children and adults from being what God wants them to be. Some believe that one must harden himself toward others' suffering. They believe there is so much suffering that a person who is compassionate will feel such emotional strain from it that he will break. I don't believe this is true. Don't be fooled by such a thought. Jesus will help us carry every burden. He says, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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September 20, 1987

Jesus Answers John's Question

Scripture reference: Matthew 11:2-6, Luke 3:15-20 and 7:11-23.

From this lesson we hope children will learn that their actions are announcing just what kind of a person they are. When John sent his two disciples to ask Jesus if He were the One they were expecting or if they should keep looking for God to send another one, Jesus didn't say, "Yes, I am the One." He said, "Go and tell John, the things you heard me teach and the miracles you see performed."

The words Jesus spoke and the things He did proved that He was the Son of God, just as the words one speaks and the things one does prove if he is truly a Christian or not. This lesson is very important, for many are saying, "I am a Christian because I trusted in Jesus. He makes me righteous in the sight of God no matter what I do." But Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them, . . . A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Matthew 7:15-20.

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September 27, 1987

The Parable of the Sower

This is recorded in three of the four Gospels, Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-19, and Luke 8:4-18. There are two central thoughts. One for us as teachers is that we must sow the gospel seed, although some will fall into unproductive minds. It must enter the mind first and then

into the heart. If the mind is hard and unenlightened by the Holy Spirit the seed will either spring up, and soon wither away, or it will be devoured by evil spirits before springing up. We must toil on, for sowing is our calling, and we are accountable to God for that.

The central thought for children is that they learn to care for their heart ground so the gospel can grow and become productive. Some may produce an hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty. How blessed if each student could be a future worker for the Lord.

It takes a lot of discipline for the farmer to prepare his ground for planting, and to keep it in condition so the plants can grow. It also takes a lot of discipline for children to keep their mind, mouth, and actions under subjection to God so the gospel seed can grow in their hearts. They must reject doubtful thoughts, take time for study and prayer, and endure tribulation and persecution because of the gospel.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Part 1

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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

Pastor White left the Powell's elegant home in Warr Acres and drove over to the west side of town where the Hardins lived. He had frequently visited the Hardins since the accident that came near to leaving Jake paralyzed. He had read the Bible and offered prayer with them many times. Mr. Hardin had learned to love and respect Pastor White and even look forward to his visits, however, he would not go to church because Mrs. Powell had falsely accused his wife of stealing her diamond ring. He criticized Mrs. Hardin and their boys, Jake and Harvey, for attending. They continued anyway, every chance they received.

Pastor White was happy to bring the news that the ring was found. He stepped out of his car and walked quickly up the crumbling sidewalk toward the run-down house. Mrs. Hardin came out on the sagging porch to meet him. "Good evening," she said cheerfully.

"Good evening," answered Pastor White. "Is Mr. Hardin here?"

"He is not here right now. I think he's at the tavern tonight. He's been so depressed lately."

"How I wish he was here. I've brought some real good news for you and him."

"Is it about the ring?"

"Yes, it is, but I would rather tell about it when Mr. Hardin is here. Call me whenever he comes in."

"But Pastor White, he may be drunk when he comes home, and sometimes he stays that way for days. I can't wait that long. Can't you tell me something? Has the ring been found, or the guilty person? Please, tell me a little."

"I will tell you just this much, Mrs. Hardin. The ring has been found and some unbelievably good things are coming your way. That's all I can tell you now. Call me as soon as possible," he said, as he walked back to his car.

Mrs. Hardin watched as he drove away. She looked down the street toward the tavern. She wanted to run and get her husband. She didn't know if he would come, or humiliate her in front of everyone. "The ring is found, the ring is found," went over and over in her mind. If only Jake or Harvey were here, I could tell them. Jake was delivering papers and Harvey was working evenings at *The Daily News* office. Quickly she turned and ran across the bare dirt yard to Mrs. Hyle's house. "If I can just get him before he gets drunk," she said to herself.

"I need to call my husband," she said to Mrs. Hyle.

"Go right ahead," Mrs. Hyle said, stepping aside so Mrs. Hardin could get to the phone. She wanted to ask, "What has happened," but she didn't.

Mrs. Hardin looked up the number and dialed. She waited nervously for the phone to be answered. She had never

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WORDS OF GOLD



An Honest Samaritan Woman

John 4:5 "Then cometh he [Jesus] to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, . . ."

6 "Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour."

7 "There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink."

9 "Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, asketh drink of me, . . . for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans."

10 "Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

13 "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again."

14 "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; . . ."

15 "The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, . . ."

16 "Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither."

17 "The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband."

19 "The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet."

20 "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship."

21 "Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, . . ."

23 ". . . and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: . . ."

25 "The woman saith unto him, I know that . . . Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things."

26 "Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he."

28 "The woman then left her water-pot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,"

29 "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

30 "Then they went out of the city, and came unto him."

39 "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, . . ."

40 "So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days."

41 "And many more believed because of his own word;"

42 "And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world."

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus sitting?
2. Who came to the well?
3. Why was the woman surprised when Jesus offered her a drink?
4. Did the woman want the water that Jesus spoke about?
5. What did the woman say that showed her honesty?
6. What question did the woman ask after she perceived He was a prophet?
7. How did Jesus say people should worship God?
8. How did the woman witness about Christ?
9. Why did the Samaritans believe on Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Prov. 28:13.



Let's Talk

In the Bible story for today it appears that Jesus, even now in the beginning of His ministry, realized that the Pharisees were jealous of Him and of John the Baptist, because many, many people were believing in them. Jesus left Jerusalem and passed through Samaria on His way to Galilee. When He came to Jacob's well in Sychar, Samaria, He sat there to rest while His disciples went into the city for food. While He was there alone, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well. Jesus asked her for a drink, which greatly surprised her because the Jews and the Samaritans had not been on speaking terms for many years.

The woman answered Him with a question, "Why do you, a Jew, ask of me a drink? The Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans."

Jesus then talked with her about the living water which He could give her. She was very interested in it! "Give me some of this water," she said. A lesson about this living water is the usual one taken from this story, but today let us think about the honesty of this Samaritan woman. Having an honest attitude about even hidden things is the only way to get this living water that Jesus has to offer.

When Jesus said, "Go call your husband" she answered, "I do not have a husband." She admitted the truth about her marriage to this stranger. This was pure honesty. She could have told Him whatever she wanted Him to think. But she didn't. She told the truth. Jesus confirmed that she had spoken the truth by saying she had had five husbands and that the man she now had was not her husband.

"I perceive you are a prophet," she said. Since Jesus knew all about her, she felt He could give her a true answer about another question she was puzzling over. "What is the truth about where

one should worship God?" she asked. "Some say worship here in this mountain, others say in Jerusalem?"

Jesus answered, "The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth."

As soon as Jesus' disciples came back with the food, she excused herself and went into the city and said to the men of the city, "Come see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

Many went out to hear Jesus teach. After listening to Him, they too were convinced He was the Christ, the Saviour of the world. Some believed on Jesus because the woman told them about Him. Some believed on Him because they heard Him for themselves. Others believed on Jesus because those who heard Him told them about Him. Soon there was a large group of believers in the country of Samaria, a country whose people were enemies of the Jews.

All this started when one honest woman sought Jesus for answers to some long-standing problems.

Are you honest and seeking Jesus for an answer to your problems?

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. On Jacob's well in the city of Sychar, Samaria. 2. A woman. 3. Because the well was deep and Jesus had nothing with which to draw water. 4. Yes. 5. She said, "I have no husband." which was an honest answer to Jesus' question. 6. She asked where the proper place to worship was. For some say one thing and some another. 7. "In spirit and in truth." 8. She went into her home town and told the people to come see a man that knows all things. 9. Because of what the woman said, and because of what they heard Jesus say.)

called Mr. Hardin at the tavern. "Hello," a gruff voice answered.

"Hello," she answered, "Is Mr. Hardin there? I need to speak to him." She heard the gruff voice say, "Is Mr. Hardin here? He's wanted on the phone."

After a while the gruff voice spoke again. "Nobody answers to that name, guess he's not here."

"Thank you," Mrs. Hardin answered as she heard the receiver slam down.

"Has something bad happened again?" Mrs. Hyle asked.

"No, something good! The ring has been found!"

"And charges against you are dropped?"

"I don't know everything. I just know it's good for me. Pastor White just told me."

Mrs. Hyle grabbed Mrs. Hardin and squeezed her tight. "I'm so happy for you. I knew you didn't steal that ring."

"I just thank God that the truth is out. It is a terrible feeling to be accused of stealing, especially when you know you are innocent. Well, I better be going, I left cornbread baking in the oven."

She hurried back across the yard, into the house and there sat Mr. Hardin on the sofa. "I'm sure glad you are home," she said in surprise, as she hurried into the kitchen to take the cornbread out. "The ring has been found! Pastor White wants to talk to us about it as soon as you are ready for him to come."

"I'm ready right now. I thought I saw his car go by the tavern as I went in. That's why I came back home."

"I'll call him now," she said as she ran back over to Mrs. Hyle's.

Mr. Hardin ate some hot cornbread and beans, and Mrs. Hardin straightened up the living room while they waited.

When Pastor White arrived, Mr. Hardin directed him to an old rocker which was the best chair in the house.

"Mr. Hardin, you have felt terribly bad toward Mrs. Powell for falsely accusing your wife and you have a reason for doing so. I just hope what I have to say will help you forgive her for all she has done and said. The ring was found

where it had caught in a screw hole between the dresser and mirror."

"What, right in her own bedroom! She probably put it there herself. I always thought she was a cheating, deceitful old woman," Mr. Hardin said hatefully.

"But listen to the rest of my story. She realizes what a gross error she committed and has asked God to forgive her. She wishes Mrs. Hardin and you to forgive her also and would like to pay for repairing your home as a gift for all the misery she has caused you."

Mrs. Hardin gasped, "I think that would be wonderful."

"Wonderful! There's nothing wonderful about that! Just trying to make us look poor and silly. I'll fix up my own house when it needs fixing."

Mrs. Hardin put her hand over her mouth as if trying to keep words from escaping. She looked at Pastor White. He looked kindly at her.

"I don't believe that would make you look poor or silly. People know Jake's hospital bills added up. Why don't you accept her gift. It would make her know she is forgiven."

"I will accept no gift from a woman so proud and foolish as to blame my good wife of stealing her diamond ring. We're not beggars!" he said as he jumped out of his chair and stomped his feet. The floor snapped and popped.

"I'm sure Mrs. Powell doesn't think your family are beggars. She is only showing real Christian love."

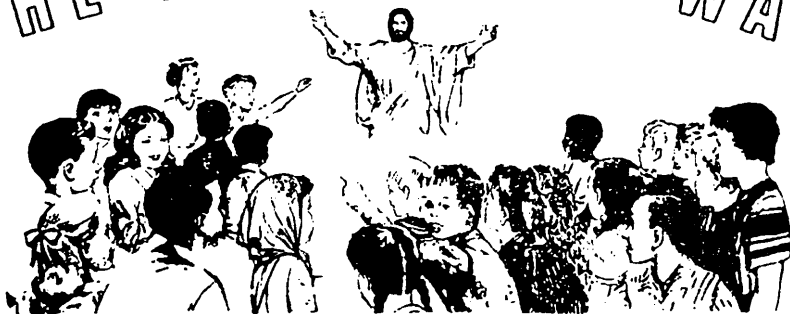
"I don't need any of her Christian love. She's the reason I'm not coming to church now. I'm up to here with her," he said bringing his hand across his neck right below his chin.

"Perhaps there is something else she could do for your good wife to repay the damage she has caused?" Pastor White questioned.

"She has given my wife and my whole family a bad name. But most people didn't believe it anyway. I think the best thing Mrs. Powell can give to us is a GOOD LETTING ALONE."

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What Would Jesus Do?

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When Jake came into the yard he heard his father shouting angrily.

"Probably drunk again," he said to himself. Then instead of going in the front door, he went around the house and sneaked in the back door. The beans and cornbread smelled good. He quietly took a bowl from the kitchen cabinet and filled it with steaming hot beans. He cut a square of cornbread and tiptoed into the bedroom which he and Harvey shared. He sat down on the sagging bed. While he enjoyed the feast, he listened to his dad talking but couldn't piece together why he was so angry. He heard Mrs. Powell's name and the ring, "So he's still mad about them accusing Mother of stealing that ring," Jake said to himself. He ate the last bean from the bowl, then tiptoed back into the kitchen and put the bowl in the sink, then he showered.

As he was getting into bed, he heard his mother say, "I think I'll go to bed now, good-night." I guess she didn't hear me come in, Jake thought. Then he heard the front door open and his dad's heavy footsteps as he walked across the porch and down the walk. He laid down on his pillow. Just then he heard a groan from his mother's room. He raised up! All was silent for a moment, then he heard his mother say, "Oh, my Lord, please help me through this terrible trial."

Quickly he crawled out of bed and went to the door of her room which opened into the living room. He saw through the crack of the door that she was kneeling beside the bed on the small, thin rug which covered a portion of the rough board floor. Her hands were tightly clasped together and tears were streaming down her uplifted face. He opened the door. "Mother," he half whispered, "Can I help you?"

"Oh, Jake!" she cried. "I'm glad you are home! I didn't hear you come in. I have good news!"

"Good news?" Jake interrupted her. "I thought you were crying?"

"Yes, I was. But Jake the ring has been found!"

"It has?"

"Yes."

"Are they still accusing you? Is that why Dad was so angry?"

"No, no, not at all."

At that moment Harvey came through the front door. "Smells good in here," he said. "Am I hungry?"

Jake whirled around to face Harvey. "The ring has been found!" he shouted.

"Really? Where was it found?"

"You'll never guess," Mrs. Hardin said as she came to the door. Jake moved aside and she stepped out and sat down in the living room. "It was found inside of Mrs. Powell's bedroom, in a small hole where a screw should have been to hold the mirror onto the dresser."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Faith Makes the Difference

Mark 6:1 "And he went out from thence, and came into his own country [Nazareth of Galilee]; and his disciples follow him."

2 "And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands?"

3 "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him."

4 "But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."

5 "And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them."

John 4:43 "Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee."

44 "For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country."

45 "Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast."

46 "So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum."

47 "When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that

he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death."

48 "Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe."

49 "The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die."

50 "Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way."

51 "And as he was now going down, his servant met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth."

52 "Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him."

53 "So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house."

54 "This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee."

Questions:

1. Into which two towns of Galilee did Jesus go?
2. What did the people of Nazareth say about Him?
3. Did the Galileans receive Him?
4. Who came to see Jesus at Cana?
5. At what time did the nobleman's son get well?
6. Is this the second miracle which Jesus did in Cana?
7. Do you remember the first one?
8. What mighty works did Jesus do in Nazareth?
9. Why was Jesus not able to do miracles in Nazareth?

MEMORY VERSE

And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. Mark 6:5.



Let's Talk

In today's lesson we read that Jesus visits two towns, Nazareth and Cana. Nazareth was the town where Mary and Joseph had lived before they went to Bethlehem. Jesus was born while they lived in Bethlehem, but they only stayed there about two years. They fled from Bethlehem with Jesus, into the country of Egypt and lived there until Herod, Jesus pursuer, died. After which they moved again to Nazareth.

Because He had lived there the people the people knew His mother Mary, step-father Joseph, brothers James, Joses, Juda, and Simon, also His sisters. They knew that Joseph had been a carpenter and that Jesus had also learned to be one. Every father was required to teach his son a trade or pay to have someone else teach them. Jesus' parents were poor so Jesus learned His father's occupation. Some historians tell us that Jesus worked as a carpenter and supported His mother after Joseph died. Yes, the people of Nazareth knew Him well.

Later Jesus had left the town and went away. News of His great works came back to them. I'm sure they had mixed emotions about their neighbor Jesus, when they heard that at His command the dead were raised, the disease of leprosy was healed, blind eyes were opened, spirits of devils were cast out, and many other healings performed. One time when He came home, His own brother said to Him, "Why don't you do some miracles here?"

Jesus wanted to do miracles in His home town, but He would not transgress God's established law, which states to receive a miracle one must believe in the avenue by which God manifests His power. How sad Jesus must have felt to see His old acquaintances suffering when He had power to stop the suffering. I wonder if He doesn't feel the same way today?

About ten miles away, in the town of Cana, a nobleman from Capernaum came to Jesus seeking healing for his son. Jesus said, "Go thy way, thy son liveth." When the man got home, he found that his boy had been healed the same hour Jesus spoke these words. I wonder how many little boys and girls in Nazareth were still suffering after the nobleman's son was well?

It is the same way today. Two people are sick, one is healed because of pure faith in God and His plan. The other is not. Two people have a problem, one gains victory because of faith in Jesus. The other struggles on beneath the problem.

Let us not be as the people of Nazareth, but let us be like the Galileans, who received Jesus. —Sis. Charlotte

What Can You Find in The City of Capernaum?

Capernaum was a city on the Sea of Galilee which was noted for its fish. If you look closely, you will find many small words in Capernaum, such as cape, pear, man, etc. How many more can you see?

(Answers: Nazareth and Cana. 2. They were astonished at His wisdom, and asked, "Where did He get it?" They also said He was just a carpenter, Mary's son and the brother of James, Joses, Juda, Simon and some unnamed sisters. 3. Yes, but the Jews of Galilee did not. 4. A nobleman from Capernaum. 5. The hour that Jesus said, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." 6. Yes. 7. The time Jesus changed water into (new) wine at a wedding. 8. None, except healing a few sick. 9. Because the people had no faith in Him.)

"Well, what a crazy thing! Do you suppose she was trying to collect insurance money and got afraid she'd get caught?"

"Or maybe Mr. Powell did it. David says he is not a Christian."

"I don't think so. I really think it was an accident, and that Mrs. Powell is really sorry," Mother said confidently. "Because . . ."

"I doubt that she's as sorry as she ought to be," Harvey flashed back at her.

"Let me finish, and maybe you'll think differently. Pastor White came over tonight and told us all about it. He says that Mrs. Powell has offered to pay for the material so we can fix up this house. It will be her gift to show her sorrow for the trouble she's caused me."

"Wow!" Jake exclaimed. "That sure would be a big gift. This house needs a new roof, new floor, new porch; the list could go on and on."

"Never mind what it needs. We may never get it. Your dad says the only thing he'll take from Mrs. Powell is a **GOOD LETTING ALONE.**"

"Why shouldn't we take a gift from Mrs. Powell, after all, she really owes you something for all the trouble she caused you."

"Sh, sh, I hear your father coming now! Don't say anything to him about it. He's already upset."

Jake and Mrs. Hardin went back to their beds. Harvey busied himself in the kitchen getting something to eat. Mr. Hardin peeked into the kitchen. "So you're home," he said.

"Yes, sir," Harvey answered.

Mr. Hardin then went to bed.

When Harvey was ready for bed he said to Jake, "Let's pray that Dad will change his mind."

"Okay, I'll pray again. I've been praying ever since I came back to bed." The boys bowed together. First Harvey prayed, then Jake.

The next morning Mrs. Hardin looked ten years younger. After Mr. Hardin left she said, "Boys, let's make a list of

things that need to be done around here. Then we can arrange them in order of which is most important."

"Did Dad say he would accept the gift?"

"No. He's still mad. But for some reason, . . . I don't know why, . . . I have faith that he will change his mind."

"I, too, believe he will."

"I don't have faith that anything will change my dad," Harvey said.

Just then Mrs. Hyle called across the yard, "Mrs. Hardin, yoo-hoo, Mrs. Hardin telephone."

The boys were working on the list when Mrs. Hardin came back. "It was Pastor White," she said. "He said that several persons of the church were meeting today at noon for special prayer that your father will be co-operative. He also said that several men and young people want to come out and help with the work. He thinks this will be a good chance for your father to get to really know them. Boys, we need to pray again, too."

So they prayed and planned until the boys went to their jobs. Then Mrs. Hardin cooked Mr. Hardin's favorite food, baked chicken with dressing and apple pie.

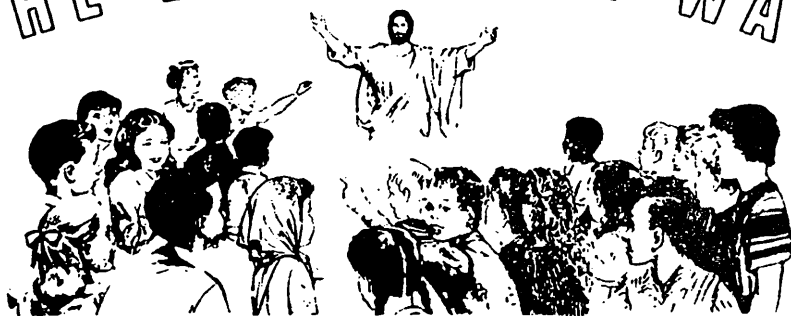
After supper Mr. Hardin said, "Well, Mom, I have more good news for you. I've changed my mind about accepting Mrs. Powell's gift. The guys I work with helped me do it. They said that Mrs. Powell owes you that money and I think they are right. Calling you a thief caused you to lose all your good house cleaning jobs and who knows how many other ones you'll lose, too. So what'll you say, let's call Pastor White out here and get along with some plans."

"I would say, the sooner the better," Mrs. Hardin said. Then they both laughed.

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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week)

It was Saturday morning. David and Nancy awoke early. Today they were going to the Hardins to help repair the Hardin's house. This was the fourth time they had gone. The house had a new roof, new porch, and new flooring. Today some new windows would be put in and other repairs made to get it ready for painting. They were to pick up Kathy, Kim and Edith Polline. The juniors were to help scrape the loose, chipped paint off the outside of the house.

After breakfast Mrs. Powell drove them to the girls' home. Kathy came out and said they couldn't go.

"Why?" Nancy asked.

"Call me when you get home and I'll tell you," she said.

All day long they worked hard. At noon Mrs. Powell, Mrs. White, and Mrs. Smith brought plenty of fried chicken, hot rolls, salads, and ice cream for everyone. At four o'clock in the evening, Mrs. Powell returned to pick them up, and for the first time Mr. Hardin spoke to her.

Home at last David and Nancy were both anxious to know why Mrs. Polline had refused to let the girls go after promising that they could.

"You get on the phone here and I'll go upstairs and call Kathy," David said to Nancy.

"Okay," she answered and stretched out on the floor by the phone.

David dialed the number. "Hello," he said. "May I speak to Kathy?"

"Yes," Kathy answered.

"Hello, Kathy," Nancy and David said at the same time. Then David said, "We called to find out why you girls didn't get to go today. We had lots of fun. Most all the juniors were there. One of Mr. Hardin's friends came too, and he kept everybody laughing."

"I wanted to go but, . . . well, . . . Mom's upset with me, and just about the whole church. She says we're all getting fanatical about doing only the things that Jesus would do. Miss Hopper called last night and wanted me to help her with swimming lessons this summer. You know I helped her last year. I didn't want to do it this summer."

"Why?" Nancy asked. "I think it would be fun."

"Yes, it is fun. I enjoyed it, but I have tried to picture Jesus or his mother Mary in a bathing suit and I don't think they would look quite right. What do you think?"

"Well, I had never thought of it just that way, but maybe you've got something," David answered.

"Well, what did Jesus wear when he went swimming?" Nancy asked. "Think He swam in His robe?"

"Nancy, be quiet," David demanded.

"Well, just answer my question. What did He swim in?"

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WORDS OF GOLD



Matthew, a Good Disciple

Mark 2:13 "And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them."

Luke 5:27 "And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me."

28 "And he left all, rose up, and followed him."

29 "And Levi [Matthew] made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them."

30 But the scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?"

31 "And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick."

32 "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Luke 9:57 "And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest."

58 "And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

59 "And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father."

60 "Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God."

61 "And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house."

62 "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow,

and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Matt. 21:28 "... A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard."

29 "He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went."

30 "And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not."

31 "Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you."

32 "For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him."

Questions:

1. What was Matthew doing when Jesus called him?
2. What did he do after Jesus called him?
3. What did the man say who met Jesus by the way?
4. What excuse did another man have for not following Jesus?
5. Can you explain what Jesus meant when He said, "Let the dead bury the dead?"
6. Do you think Jesus would not allow those He had called to say good-bye to their families?
7. How did the first son answer his father when asked to work?
8. How did the second son answer his father?
9. Which of the two sons was obedient?

MEMORY VERSE

And he left all, rose up, and followed him. Luke 5:28.

(Answers: 1. He was sitting at the receipt of customs (collecting taxes). 2. He left all, and followed Jesus. 3. He said, "I will follow you whithersoever you go." 4. He wanted to first bury his father. 5. I think Jesus knew His ministry was very short and if the man was to help he would have to do it now. If the father had already been dead, a burial would not have taken long, but it is possible that the old man would have had to be taken care of for several years before he died and could be buried. 6. No. This man was asking to go to his home and take care of business affairs which probably would have kept him busy for a long time. 7. He said, "I will not." 8. He said, "I will go, sir." 9. The first one, because he changed his mind and went. The second son did not go.)

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Following the arrow, can you read or write the Scripture in the grid as it swirls to the center? (Galatians 6:7)

following Him. If you do as He says, you will be following Jesus just as Matthew did.
The other three men we read about were not obedient as Matthew was. Each of them said they would follow Jesus, but they wanted to do something else first. Jesus knows if we have something else to do before doing what He has asked. Sometimes we must do that first. One example would be if we wanted to visit a sick friend after school. We must first get permission from a parent or whoever is responsible for us. The men in the lesson were not asking to take care of responsibilities. They were just making excuses, because they didn't really love Jesus.
Be willing to do whatever Jesus asks, and you will be a good disciple like Matthew.—Sis. Charlotte

Let each of us try hard to be just as obedient as Matthew. We cannot be an apostle as he was, but we can follow Jesus. Each morning, talk to God in prayer. Ask Him to teach you how to hear His voice when He speaks. Then be very careful to listen. He speaks to Christians usually through thought messages. Each one of us have many thoughts, but there is a difference in the thought messages from God. You will know one when it comes. It will always agree with what the Bible teaches about right and wrong.

The message might be, "You should speak more kindly", or, "You can help the weak woman carry her bags." Other messages could be, "Mother is tired, help her with the work around the house", or, "Tell some special thing Jesus has done", "Sing to a sad person", or, "It is time to quit playing now and read your Bible." There could be a long, long list of things Jesus would say to you about

His helpers.
happy to go with Jesus and be one of him to be a follower. Matthew was day came when Jesus personally invited ing to what God was saying. Then the to Matthew's heart and he was listen- when Jesus was near. God had spoken had listened and watched sometimes the wonderful things He was doing. He thew had been hearing about Jesus and left his work and followed Jesus. Mat- unto Matthew, "Follow me." Matthew

Jesus walked by the office where share their papers with you.
one in the primary class who would papers for you if you do not know some- charge of the Sunday school to get these you should read. Ask the person in stories about Matthew which each of Sister Connie Sorrell has written four Way, April 5, 12, 19, and 23, of 1987, in the primary issues of *The Beautiful*



"I don't know what He swam in," David answered.

"I don't know what He swam in either, but I don't really think He would wear the swimming suits of today," Kathy declared. "Do you think He would David?"

"Nope."

"Then I won't either, and that's why I didn't want to help Miss Hopper teach the swimming class. Mom thinks I'm fanatical to be so modest as to not wear a bathing suit at a swimming pool. I told Mom that I would help Miss Hopper if I could wear other clothing. Mom said she would be embarrassed to have me tell Miss Hopper that."

"Well, I think you've done the right thing," David said.

"I do too," Nancy said, "but what'll you swim in this summer?"

"I haven't decided yet. Anyway that's why we didn't get to go today. Edith and Kim are both angry at me too, for messing up their chance to go and help. I guess you can see the trouble I'm in."

"We'll be praying for you, Kathy," David assured her.

"Thanks so much, and pray that we'll get to go to Junior's meeting, too."

"We sure will. Bye now. I'll talk to you later," David said and hung up the phone.

Nancy was still talking to Kathy when David came down to tell Mrs. Powell about Kathy's problem.

"I know how Mrs. Polline feels. I used to feel the same way," Mrs. Powell told David after he finished telling her about Kathy. "But I do think Kathy is right, even though I had never once thought about it."

"But, Mother," Nancy said as she put down the phone, "what will we wear for swimming? If Jesus wouldn't wear a bathing suit, then we won't either, will we, Mother?" Nancy asked almost interrupting Mrs. Powell.

"I wouldn't worry about it right now," Mrs. Powell said to Nancy, "you are just a little girl. It's all right for little girls to wear regular bathing clothes."

"No, it's not!" Nancy answered firmly. "If Jesus didn't, then I don't either."

Mrs. Powell gave Nancy an affectionate squeeze. "I'm happy you want to do only what Jesus would do. If you don't want to, then I'll make you something else for swimming. I believe Jesus is more pleased with your thought than mine."

David just sat there thinking while Nancy and Mrs. Powell talked about a swimming garment for themselves. Finally he raised his head and said, "Now if you have figured out what you two are going to wear for swimming, tell me, what shall I wear? For neither can I picture Jesus wearing only swimming trunks. It seems to me that Jesus kept his body covered when He was in public."

Mrs. Powell thought for a moment, then said, "Perhaps knee length shorts and a tee shirt would do for you. But, David, it seems to me that Jesus isn't pleased with boys and girls swimming together, no matter what kind of covering they may have, because once the clothes are wet they stick tightly to the body form. This summer you and Nancy can take turns inviting your friends here to swim. Only girls will bathe with Nancy and only boys with you."

"That sounds like a great idea," David said. "Nancy is always bugging me anyway, like she did just now on the telephone about what Jesus wore."

"And the boys won't be there to splash Kathy and Kim when they are trying to sun bathe."

"Our pool will also need to be enclosed with a fence so persons passing can't see those swimming," Mrs. Powell said. "I could sell another piece of jewelry to pay for that. I'm going to sell all of it anyway. I just want to be a good follower of Jesus and spend the money as he would, if He were here."

"Kathy sure didn't know what she was getting started when she refused to help Miss Hopper with the swimming class," David remarked.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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On Sunday morning, Nancy told Edith about their plans to build a fence around the swimming pool, and swim, boys with boys only, and girls with girls only. "And Mother and I are making our own swimming clothes," she added.

"Oh, that's nothing, lots of women are sewing their own. I saw pictures of patterns to make them."

"But you never saw a picture of the kind Mom's making us," Nancy said excitedly, "cause we designed our own."

"Ugh, I wonder what they will look like?"

"It will be different all right, because it will cover us much better."

In the car as they rode home from church, Edith told her mother about what Nancy had said. "Mrs. Powell must be getting ideas like Kathy. I wonder when this thing about doing what Jesus would do is going to stop," Mrs. Polline said.

"I'm planning to do what Jesus would do all my life," Kathy answered from the back seat.

"Yeah, and keep us from getting to go when we want to," Kim muttered.

"But, Kim, you also promised that for a whole year you would do only what Jesus would do. What happened?"

"She finally got her eyes open that it can be taken too seriously," Mrs. Polline answered for Kim.

"But Kim isn't as happy as she used to be."

"None of us are happy like we once were! We once lived normal just like everyone else in our neighborhood, but since that David Powell came up with this idea of doing only what Jesus would do, none of us can be real happy living the way we once did," Mrs. Polline said.

"Then why don't you change and try doing only what Jesus would do? I did and I'm happy," Kathy answered.

"Now, Kathy, don't point your accusing finger at me," Mrs. Polline said as she turned around to face Kathy. "You know no more about what Jesus would do than I or anyone else. I talked to both Mrs. Wilshire and Mrs. Miller about some of your, and Mrs. Powell's strange ideas. They both think that the two of you are just plain crazy about the way you are dressing. Why, Mrs. Powell looked so odd without any jewelry. And they tell me she is selling all of it, and giving the money away! How very strange! One would think that Mr. Powell would put a stop to her giving the money away!"

"I agree with your mother," Mr. Polline added. "I would think he would invest the money in his business or stocks, after all, she's got a lot of money tied up in her jewelry. That one ring alone brought thirteen thousand dollars, and I've heard she used it all on the Hardin's house. Maybe that wasn't a bad idea though, I, well . . . maybe Mrs. Hardin could have sued Mrs. Powell for what she did."

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Critical Attitude of the Pharisees

Luke 6:1 "And it came to pass on the second sabbath after the first, that he went through the corn fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands."

Matt. 12:2 "But when the Pharisees 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 what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;"

4 "How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?"

5 "Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?"

6 "But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple."

7 "But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless."

Mark 2:27 "And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath."

28 "Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath."

Luke 6:6 "And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered."

7 "And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him."

8 "But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth."

9 "Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?"

10 "And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other."

11 "And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus."

12 "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

Mark 3:6 "And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him."

7 "But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea,"

Questions:

1. Where were Jesus and his disciples?
2. What did they do in the corn field?
3. Of what did the Pharisees accuse the disciples?
4. For whom was the Sabbath made?
5. Why were the Pharisees continually watching Jesus and His disciples?
6. What did Jesus do that shows he was not intimidated by the criticism?
7. Should Christians be intimidated by criticism?
8. What did Jesus do that we must all do?
9. Did people keep following Jesus after hearing the Pharisees' criticism?

MEMORY VERSE

But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Matthew 23:13.



The Pharisees were a group of very strict religious Jews. They diligently studied the law of Moses, however, they did not love God. So as they read these laws of God, they did not understand the true reason for the law, nor its meaning. When they taught the laws to the people, the true meaning was not presented. A faulty interpretation was given which brought admiration, honor, popularity, and even money to the teachers themselves, which were the Pharisees.

Jesus came teaching the law in its true meaning. He never spoke words just to bring himself personal satisfaction as the Pharisees did. This made people want to obey Jesus' teaching. It also let the people see the ungodly actions of the Pharisees. Daily, more and more people quit following the Pharisees and began following Jesus and his disciples.

When the Pharisees saw they were losing followers, they began criticizing Jesus and his disciples openly. They criticized about ridiculous things, such as accusing His disciples of working just because they picked a few ears of corn as they walked through a corn field. They also accused Jesus of working because he healed on the Sabbath day. All that Jesus did was speak to the sick persons. Even a child could see that it was not work, nor was it evil.

The Pharisees were hoping to cause the people to dislike Jesus and his disciples, but they were really only showing their own cruel, hateful ways. That is what usually happens to persons who often criticize others. They show more of their own ugly ways than those of the person whom they are criticizing.

Jesus expects his children to have His love in their hearts. This will enable them to understand and love other persons. It will help them not to criticize and hurt others. Even at times

when a person feels a great desire to criticize, he will be able to control himself and not speak hurtful words. This love will also give power to the Christian to not be discouraged and become intimidated by criticism.

Remember, the Pharisees were a group of strict people who carefully studied the laws of God, but they did not have love for God in their hearts. By their actions they kept others from knowing God. Let us all be very careful and not allow ourselves to have a critical, pharisaic attitude.

What do you think? Is God pleased with such an attitude?

—Sis. Charlotte

Forgiveness

My heart was heavy, for its trust had been
Abused, its kindness answered with foul
wrong;

So, turning gloomily from my fellowmen,
One summer Sabbath day I strolled
among

The green mounds of the village burialplace;
Where, pondering how all human love
and hate

Find one sad level; and how, soon or late,
Wronged and wrongdoer, each with meek-
ened face,

And cold hands folded over a still heart,
Pass the green threshold of our common
grave,

Awed for myself, and pitying my race,
depart,

Our common sorrow, like a mighty wave,
Swept all my pride away, and, trembling,
I forgave!

—John Greenleaf Whittier

(Answers: 1. They were walking through a corn field on the Sabbath day. 2. They pulled ears of corn, rubbed it in their hands and did eat. 3. Of breaking the law which said not to work on the Sabbath day. 4. The Sabbath was made to help man. 5. They wanted to criticize Jesus and His disciples so other persons would not believe in Him. 6. He told the man to be healed to stand up and stretch forth his hand. In this way others could see it being healed. 7. No. 8. Pray. 9. Yes. Great multitudes continued to follow Him.)

"David told me that his mother was willing to spend even more on their house, if it is needed," Kathy said in defense of Mrs. Powell. "I think she is doing just what Jesus would do."

"And I suppose the next thing you will be doing is going over there to get her to sew you a swimming suit something like the astronauts wear to the moon," Edith said, just to intimidate Kathy.

"Well, it would at least cover me just about as well as Jesus' robe covered him," Kathy laughed at what she had said, but no one else in the car laughed.

"Sometimes I wonder what these juniors are becoming. They are getting so disrespectful and even rebellious against their parent's ideas. Why, Mrs. Wilshire told me she was having trouble with Sandy, too."

"What's Sandy doing that's causing her trouble?" Kathy asked.

"Well, you know how Sandy is, so friendly and nice to small children. Mrs. Wilshire let her go one Saturday to help on the Hardin's house. I can't believe that she would let Sandy go. She almost pulled Sandy out of the Cheer-up Club last winter because they were visiting in that slum part of town. Anyway, I guess Sandy begged so, that she let her go. While Sandy was there, Sarah took her to visit the Johnston girls, you know, those girls that came a few times to Junior's meeting. They also visited Sarah's friends Lissa, June, and Tammy. I don't know if they have come to church or not. Anyway, all these girls decided to see how many neighborhood children they could get to come to Sunday school. It seems that a lot of children have come the last two or three Sundays. Mr. Smith used Mr. Meed's van to pick them up. Mrs. Wilshire says Sandy spends most of her time making little cards and other things to give to these children. And she talks on the phone to several of them. Now she's helping Mrs. White with the Sunday school class. Mrs. Wilshire is afraid that Sandy will catch some disease from them because the little girls hold Sandy's hands and sometimes even kiss her."

"Sandy told me she wants to be a missionary when she grows up," Kathy said.

"Yes, I know, Mrs. Wilshire told me that," Mrs. Polline said. "Mrs. Wilshire thinks it is fine for Sandy to be a missionary after Sandy goes to school for training. But Sandy tells her mother that she should work for Jesus everyday. She thinks that is doing what Jesus would do. She tells her mother, 'Jesus was busy working for God when he was only twelve, so I'm old enough, too.' Now don't you think that's a pretty sassy answer?" Mrs. Polline asked.

"But Sandy didn't say it just like that," Kathy said to defend Sandy. "She's real nice to her mother."

"That is until her mother objects to what Sandy thinks Jesus would do. Just like you, because you didn't think Jesus would wear a bathing suit."

Kathy was glad they were finally home, so the conversation ended. After finishing dinner and cleaning the kitchen, Kathy went to her room to call Sandy. Sandy answered, "Hello."

"Hello, Sandy, this is Kathy. What's this I hear about you helping Mrs. White with the children?" Kathy asked.

"Oh, Kathy, I am so happy I can do something for Jesus. Twenty-two children came today. Most of them have never been to Sunday school, and they don't know how to pray. I helped Mrs. White keep them quiet. Sometimes I hold a little one on my lap. Today one little boy went to sleep and would have fallen out of his seat if I hadn't caught him!" Both girls laughed. "Pray for my mother, Kathy, she just doesn't understand why I love these poor, ragged, dirty children. She believes in Jesus, but she has never committed herself to do only what Jesus would do. I don't understand why she and Daddy can't see that Christians should be followers of Jesus."

When Kathy prayed, she prayed for both her own mother and Sandy's mother. Then she asked God to help her and Sandy to treat their mothers like He treated His mother.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Sandy Wilshire and Sarah Jinks stood in the shade of the big elm tree that grew on one side of the church parking lot. They were waiting for Mr. Smith to bring the children who they had invited to Sunday school. "There's the van with the children!" Sarah cried excitedly.

They went to the van to help the little children get out. Jamie, a little five year old came with her hair uncombed, so did Kirt and Roger. Stan and Shari had dirty faces. "Let's fix these kids up a bit," Sandy said, as they started into the building. "You wash their faces, and I will comb Jamie's hair. Mr. Smith took the boys, and Sarah and Sandy took the girls, into the rest room.

Sandy and Sarah helped Mrs. White with the small children's class. First they pinned on the name tags which Sandy had made at home. They were made from construction paper. There was a bright yellow sun at the top with the word JESUS written across it. A tail of white hanging straight down had a child's name written on it. Ronda, Ulonda, and Darrell had never come before so Sandy wrote a name on one for each of them. They helped the children learn how to kneel in prayer and keep their eyes closed, also how to hold their hands together so their hands would be real nice during prayer. They helped the children who wanted to read keep the place where the teacher was

reading. When little Kirt got tired Sandy held him on her lap. He laid his head on Sandy's shoulder and went to sleep.

"May I have next Sunday's lesson?" Sandy asked Mrs. White. "I want to make something for each child that will go along with the lesson."

"That will be a good idea," Mrs. White answered as she handed Sandy a copy of the lesson for the following Sunday. "Maybe Sarah could help you."

"I would love to," Sarah said, "but I have no way to get to Sandy's house."

"My mother wouldn't let her come anyway. She likes to choose my friends, instead of letting me," Sandy said, smiling at Sarah. "Sarah is my best friend anyway."

The next Sunday, Sandy brought each child a bright red apple cut from construction paper. On each apple she had pasted a worm. It looked like the worm had just crawled out of the apple. The lesson was about keeping their hearts clean from any evil thing that the devil might put there. Sandy said that if we allow evil to grow in our hearts that it will come out on the outside just like the worm came out. People can tell what is growing in our heart by our actions and by what we put on. Mrs. White thought that was a good illustration. Then she asked the children if one could give her an example of an evil action that would show what is growing in the heart. Jamie held up her hand.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Appoints the Twelve

New Words: *Apostle:* One of the twelve disciples chosen by Christ to go forth and preach the gospel to all the world. 2. One sent forth; a messenger, he that is sent. *Ordain:* 1. To appoint or consecrate officially as a clergyman. 2. To appoint to a charge, duty or office.

Mark 3:6 "And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him."

7 "But Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judaea."

8 "And from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and from beyond Jordan: and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him."

9 "And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him because of the multitude, lest they should throng him."

10 "For he had healed many; inso-much that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues."

11 "And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God."

Luke 6:12 "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

13 "And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles;"

Mark 3:14 "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach,"

15 "And to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils:"

16 "And Simon he surnamed Peter;"

17 "And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder:"

18 "And Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Canaanite,"

19 "And Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him: and they went into an house."

Luke 6:17 "And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;"

18 "And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed."



Questions:

1. Why did the people throng Jesus?
2. What do you think happened to the ones who touched Jesus?
3. How did the unclean spirits react to Jesus?
4. What did Jesus do before choosing His apostles?
5. What were the duties of the apostles?
6. What power was given to them?
7. Can you explain the meaning of ordain?
8. Can you name some reasons for Jesus choosing Judas Iscariot?
9. What are some duties of those whom Jesus calls as His helpers today?

MEMORY VERSE

And he ordained twelve, . . .
that he might send them forth
to preach, Mark 3:14.



Let's Talk

The miraculous healings and authoritative teaching of Jesus had drawn multitudes of people to Him. At times so many gathered around Him that He had to get into a ship to be able to speak with the whole group. After the ship rowed a little way from the shore, He used it for a platform from which to speak. Perhaps this ship was one of either Simon Peter's, or James', or John's, the poor fishermen whom He had called to leave their fishing nets and follow Him. They were just poor fishermen, and Jesus was the Son of God who owned the whole world, but the poor fisherman's boat was just what He needed at that time. Jesus wasn't too proud to ask help from the lowly fishermen. Now, He could have just walked out on the water and stood on it, He did have that kind of power.

Jesus did not have an independent, self-centered attitude. He had a humble "I need your help" attitude. He depended on others to help in the work He did.

He also depended much on God. In the lesson for today, we read about Him spending the night in prayer just before He appointed His apostles. He must have felt His need for divine wisdom and guidance.

The fact that He chose men as His helpers shows His humble "I need you" attitude. Jesus knew from the very first of creation that it was God's plan that men take responsibility helping God. God made everything of nature so that it depended on some other part of nature. Everything depends on something else. Even the soil is created by decaying plants and animals and rocks being worn away by water and air erosion. People also depend on many things of nature that they may live. But have you ever heard a person say, "I don't need anyone's help"?

People who say, "I don't need anyone's help" are not thinking very clear-

ly, for the food they eat is produced and shipped to them by someone else. Many people were involved with producing building materials and constructing the home in which they live. What do you think, does everyone need help from others? Did Jesus say to those who wanted to help Him, "I don't need any help"?

Many times teenagers have a feeling they don't need much help from others, especially from those who are near their own age or a bit younger. Jesus was willing to ask help from men who knew a lot less than He. It is also hard to receive help from those whom one has had to obey as a small child because a teenager is able to make a lot of decisions himself. This is a natural growing process, but Christian teenagers must remember they do still need help from others. Christ felt His need of help from God and others and so should every Christian.

The next time you are angry at someone and wish they would "bug off", don't let yourself be small enough to say, "I don't need your help." Try saying something like, "I would rather try doing it by myself this time."

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Because they heard of the great things Jesus was doing. 2. They were healed. 3. They fell down and worshipped Him, and they said that He was the Son of God. 4. Jesus continued all night in prayer. 5. They were to be with Him and to go forth to preach. 6. Power was given to them to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils. 7. Ordain means to appoint to a charge, duty, or office. 8. Jesus knew God's plan that He would be betrayed by one of His apostles, so He chose Judas as the other apostles. 9. They must preach or teach the truth, rebuke sickness and disease, and dethrone Satan from the heart and lives of people according to the hearers faith.)

"Jamie, what is your example?" Mrs. White asked. Everyone looked at Jamie.

"The nice things Sandy does shows she has good growing in her heart." Everyone laughed.

"That's right," Mrs. White answered. Roger raised his hand. "Okay, Roger," Mrs. White said, pointing to Roger.

"If I kick my dog that means bad is growing in my heart."

"Very good. Anyone else know one?"

Stan, who was the oldest child in the group, said, "I think if a boy wears his hair like bad men do, that is showing he wants to be bad like those men."

"That is right, Stan, I'm glad you said that. Yes, the way we dress and wear our hair tells others just what kind of heart we have. Now let's all say, 'thank you' to Sandy for making these nice things for us."

Everyone said, "Thank you."

Sandy worked all week long, in her spare time, making things for Sunday school. On Friday morning, as she was finishing it up, her mother called to her, "It's time for your appointment at the beauty shop to get your hair cut."

Sandy stuck her head out of her bedroom door and said, "Mother, I don't want my hair cut. I read in I Corinthians 11:14, 15, that it is a shame for a man to have long hair, but long hair is a glory to a woman."

"Well, I'm just thankful you aren't a woman yet. You will do as I say," Mrs. Wilshire demanded. "Doing what Jesus would do means you OBEY ME!"

The beauty salon operator discovered Sandy had lice in her hair. Mrs. Wilshire had never heard of them, so then Miss Kite explained what they were and said that Sandy probably got them from some dirty child with whom she had been playing.

"My child is never allowed to have dirty friends," Mrs. Wilshire stormed. "I dare you accuse her of such a thing."

"I am very sorry. I did not mean to offend you," Miss Kite said. She walked to her desk, wrote something on a paper and handed it to Mrs. Wilshire. "Using this should prove very helpful for Sandy. It can be bought at most any pharmacy."

On the way home, Mrs. Wilshire said to Sandy, "I think you got those lice bugs from some of those scummy children that have been coming to Sunday school."

She dropped Sandy by their house and told her to get in the bathroom and stay there until she returned from the drug store.

When Mrs. Wilshire came back from the drug store, she poured some oily, sticky liquid on Sandy's hair and Sandy had to sit with it on her hair for ten minutes. Then she shampooed Sandy's hair. After that Sandy sat for a long time on a stool in the bathroom while her mother combed her hair with a fine toothed comb. Then Sandy had to vacuum up the dead bugs that had fallen out of her hair.

All the while Mrs. Wilshire was shampooing and combing Sandy's hair, she was telling her how terrible it was for the church to have such filthy children in its classes. Besides that, she told Sandy she could never go again to church, Sunday school or Junior's meeting until Pastor White had made some changes.

Sandy couldn't talk for the lump in her throat and she fought with her eyes to keep the tears inside, but ever so often some came spilling over and ran down her cheeks.

After Mrs. Wilshire had finally cooled off and was reading in her bedroom, Sandy went into the kitchen. She called Mrs. White to tell her that she could not come again to Sunday school, because her mother would not let her. She told Mrs. White all about it. Mrs. White said, "Sandy, we will be praying for you and your mother. You must obey her, even though it is hard. Jesus obeyed His mother. Luke 2:51 tells us Jesus was subject to His parents. Being subject means He obeyed them. We will pray that she will soon let you come again to Sunday school and Junior's meeting. I love you."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

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Wednesday night Jim sat down on the front bench beside David. They liked to sit there because they heard more of the interesting things that were said if they were sitting up close.

David leaned over and whispered to Jim, "I didn't see Sandy here Monday or Tuesday night. I wonder if she will be here tonight? I thought sure she would want to come to this revival."

"Haven't you heard? Her mother won't let her come."

"Why?"

"I'll tell you later, but Sid told me that Jeannie's dad is coming tonight."

"I'm sure glad. Is her mother coming, too?"

"I don't know, but he's back home again. Sid told me while we were working on the school newspaper," Jim said. "I hope he gets saved tonight."

"He should," David said. "Say, let's bow our heads right here and pray that he will." The boys put their heads together and prayed that Mr. Shoor would get saved. Anybody seeing them would probably think they were planning some mischief, but they weren't!

After the preaching was over, Pastor White said, "I think we should all stand and sing, 'I Surrender All.' Anyone who wants to pray may come forward."

While they were singing the second verse, Jim heard a clump, clump of footsteps as someone came walking down the aisle, and before he could

nudge David, Mr. Shoor knelt at the altar. Jeannie was so happy that she came up to pray with her father. Pastor White and Mr. Smith knelt to pray with him, too.

When he got up from the altar and turned toward the people, his face was shining and he had a happy smile. "I just want to thank all of you for your prayers," he said. "Some of you will remember that I came up here at this altar for prayer once before and Jesus forgave me of my sins. At that time I felt so good, but it only lasted for a few months. I kept on being friends with my same old buddies. Soon I was again all dirty inside because I did the same sinful things that I had done before. I was doing more sins, and some of them were even worse than I had ever done before. It seems that while my heart was clean and empty that it was bigger or something, and when the devil got back in my heart, I think he brought a pack of imps with him. The devil was so powerful in me that I did a lot of things that I didn't really want to do."

"Thank the Lord for my girl, Jeannie, and all her friends who are doing what Jesus would do. I believe they are the reason I am saved today. Now, all you juniors, take a word of advice from me. Don't ever go back in sin. You have clean hearts now, but if the devil can get in again, he may bring some of his helpers along to bind you up, like he did me!" Mr. Shoor then gave Jeannie,

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Heals a Man at Bethesda

New Words: *Slay*: To kill. *Impotent*: Helpless. *Infirmity*: Weakness, feebleness. *Bethesda*: "House of mercy."

John 5:2 "Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches."

3 "In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water."

4 "For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had."

5 "And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years."

6 "When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?"

7 "The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me."

8 "Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk."

9 "And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath."

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, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk."

14 "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

15 "The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole."

16 "And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day."

17 "But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."

19 "... Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: ..."

20 "For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel."

21 "For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will."

42 "But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you."

43 "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive."

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus?
2. To whom did He speak?
3. What kept the man from being healed?
4. What did Jesus do for the man?
5. Who is our Bethesda, our "house of mercy"?
6. What did the Jews say to the man who was obeying Jesus?
7. How did the Jews treat Jesus?
8. Who showed mercy, the Jews or Jesus?
9. What did Jesus say as a warning to the healed man?

MEMORY VERSE

... Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.
John 5:14.



Let's Talk

Near the city of Jerusalem was a pool named Bethesda. It had five porches around it. It is likely these porches were built for the more convenient reception of the poor and distressed who came here to be healed. This pool was not just an ordinary pool for bathing. Several times in a year the water would bubble up and move around. When this movement happened, whosoever was first to step down into the water was healed of whatever troubled them. The bubbling of the water was the effect of an angel's visit. The pool was named Bethesda, "house of mercy", because the people said, "God is merciful to us by healing our afflictions."

A man who had been sick for 38 years was lying under one of these porches when Jesus came walking by. Jesus, who is merciful, felt sorry for the poor man and asked, "Wilt thou be made whole?"

The man answered, "Yes, but when the water moves, I have no one to help me get in. Someone else always gets in before me."

Jesus said to the man, "Take up thy bed and walk." Immediately the man was well, took up his bed and walked away.

The pool was like an object lesson for the people to understand God's plan for them through Jesus. Jesus is the real "house of mercy." He is the "fountain of living water." One prophecy of Christ from Zechariah 13:1, reads: "... there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness." The pool bubbled like an underwater fountain once in a while and the sick who stepped in first were healed. Jesus, however, is the "fountain of living water," which is open continually to cleanse sinners from ungodliness and also to give help to those who call for it with a pure attitude.

We should each appreciate the privilege of being able to step at any time into this pool for help. The next time you have a headache, pray to God. Ask Him to heal you. If you do not get healed, then call for the pastor or a dependable prayer warrior of the Church to come to your home and pray for you. The healing pool is not at Bethesda any more, it is in Christ.

I have read that there is a pool which is shown to tourists as the pool of Bethesda, but some historians say the pool was destroyed when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans after they had crucified Christ.

Later, when Jesus saw the healed man, He said to him, "Behold thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

There are two important things to remember about this lesson: 1. Jesus is a source of help on which one can call at any time. 2. Once God has delivered from sin or suffering, be careful to be a true servant of Christ lest something worse comes on you. —Sis. Charlotte

Jesus and the Disciples

Jesus, Simon, Christ, Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James, Thaddaeus, Lebbaeus, Simon, Zelotes, Judas, Iscariot

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(Answers: 1. At the Bethesda pool in Jerusalem. 2. To a man who had an infirmity for 38 years. 3. He could never get into the troubled water before others. 4. Jesus healed the man. 5. Jesus. 6. They said he was disobeying God by carrying his bed on the Sabbath. 7. The Jews persecuted Jesus and wanted to kill Him. 8. Jesus. 9. Sin no more or a worse thing might come on you.)

who stood beside him, a big bear hug, and they went back to their seats.

After service, the boys noticed that Mr. Hardin was also at church. This was the third time he had come. He came before the ring was lost and twice since. David and Jim made a special effort to speak to him. They noticed that Mrs. Powell did too, along with Kathy, Sarah, Jeannie, and Bert. They really wanted Jake's dad to get saved. His uncle, Mr. Marion Hardin was keeping saved in jail, although he too had some battles in his mind over all the problems about the ring. Once every month Pastor White and some other men went to visit him in the prison at Horner. David and Jim went once.

The boys were standing on the sidewalk talking when they noticed Mr. Hardin say to Pastor White, "Would you come over tonight? I'd like to talk to you."

"Maybe Mr. Hardin will get saved, too," Jim said to David.

"I hope so," David answered.

On the way home, David told his mother what Mr. Hardin had said. Before going to bed, David, Nancy, and Mrs. Powell prayed that Mr. Hardin would soon be saved.

The next morning, David called Jake before eating breakfast. "Did Pastor White come over last night?" he asked.

"Yes, how did you know?" Jake asked.

"I heard them talking last night after church. Did your dad get saved?"

"He prayed, but I don't know if he got saved or not. He asked Pastor White if it was possible to get saved at home? Pastor White said, 'It is possible to get saved anywhere. To be saved a person needs to confess his sins and ask God's forgiveness. God will forgive. Then Jesus says in John 8:11, "Go, and sin no more." Another place Jesus said, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14. For God to accept a confession, it must be spoken from a heart that is willing to stop doing wrong.'

"Then Dad said, 'I'm willing to stop doing wrong, but I didn't want to go to the altar to pray because I was afraid that people would laugh at me.'

"Pastor White said, 'I will be glad to pray with you here, but I believe you will soon be sinning again if you are afraid of people laughing at you. Your old friends will probably laugh at you for not drinking. To avoid being laughed at you will then drink with them. People of the world often laugh at those who do only what Jesus would do.'

"Dad agreed that he knew that was true. He said, 'I have laughed at Mrs. Hardin and the boys many times.'

"Then Pastor White said, 'Laughing didn't keep them from doing what they thought Jesus would do, and neither should others laughing at you cause you to not do what Jesus would do.'

"Dad said, 'Yes, I see what you mean. They are stronger than I am. Pray for me to be strong enough to go forward tomorrow night, and also that I won't be afraid of people laughing at me.' They prayed. Then Dad promised to go forward tonight. I hope he does."

"I hope he does, too," David said. "Say, Jake, what are you doing today? Want to come over and swim?"

"I'd love to David, 'cause we can't go swimming in the canal any more. They built a fence on both sides since I fell in. They say lots of people have fallen in and several drowned. It sure is hot not to get to go swimming."

"Come on over then. Mrs. White is bringing Bert, Mrs. Gray is bringing Tony and Mrs. Smith is bringing Hoel, Jim, and Peter. Maybe I could get Mrs. Smith to pick you up when she gets Jim. The women are coming here to pray for the meeting, and they promised to bring the boys to swim."

"I think I will pray with the women, 'cause I sure want my dad to get saved."

"Surely you wouldn't miss a good chance to swim?" David asked surprised.

"David, you don't know what it is to have a father that drinks. Besides, which do you suppose Jesus would rather do, pray or swim?"

"Oh, Jake, I never thought of that. I'll ask Mrs. Smith to pick you up. See you later."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

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At fifteen minutes until eleven Mrs. Smith picked up Jake, John and Harvey. Hoel and Peter were already in the car. Then they went by to get Jim. When they got to David's, Mrs. White, Bert, Mrs. Gray and Tony were already there. The boys ran for the swimming pool, that is, all except Jake, he lingered behind and stood around in the kitchen.

"Can we get in now?" Hoel asked, as he started out on the diving board.

"I have just a few words to say first," Mrs. Powell said, as she came close to where the boys were. "Remember the usual rules. Don't do anything dangerous. We don't want anyone to get hurt. And don't come in the house while you are wet. There is a restroom right off the garage in the utility room. Now, have a good time while we women pray."

"I have something to say," David said, as Hoel hit the water, splashing David from head to toe. "Ah, Hoel," David cried, "now I'm wet and can't go in the house."

"Why do you need to go in the house?" Hoel asked as he pulled himself up on the side of the pool.

"I wanted all of us to go in the house and have special prayer that Mr. Hardin will get saved. Jake's in there praying now. He said that his father promised to get saved tonight."

"I don't think my prayers would help much," Hoel said and jumped into the water again.

"Mine either," John added and summersaulted off the diving board.

"Well, do whatever you think Jesus would do," David said. Then picking up his towel, he began drying himself off as he walked toward the house. The other boys followed him, while Hoel and John enjoyed the cool water.

Inside, the boys found the women on their knees praying. Jake had squeezed in behind the divan and lay stretched out on the floor. David could hear him praying softly. Mrs. Powell and all the other women were praying earnestly that Mr. Hardin would be saved. David felt the Spirit of God. He knew he had done the right thing. Afterwards the other boys said they, too, felt wonderful, sweet feelings while they were praying.

"Swimming seemed so much better after praying," the boys said, "because we felt so light and happy!"

That evening when Mr. Hardin came home from work, Jake smelled beer. It made him feel sick. He knew his dad had been drinking again. He went into the bedroom and closed and locked the door. Then he fell on his knees and began crying, "Oh, God, didn't you hear our prayers today?" Then he seemed to hear Jesus say, "Have patience, my child. I love your father, too. I love him enough not to force him to serve me if he doesn't want to."

While he was praying he could hear his father taking a shower. He didn't usually do that when he was drinking.

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Delivers Legion

New Words: *Fetters*: Chains or shackles to bind the feet. *Legion*: A great number. The Roman legion was a regiment of 3,000 to 6,000 foot soldiers. *Adjure*: To command on oath or under some penalty, to ask earnestly.

Mark 5:1 "And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes."

2 "And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,"

3 "Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:"

4 "Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him."

5 "And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones."

6 "But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,"

8 "For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."

9 "And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many."

11 "Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding."

12 "And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them."

13 "And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea."

14 "And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done."

15 "And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid."

16 "And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine."

17 "And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts."

18 "And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him."

19 "Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."

20 "And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel."

Questions:

1. What was unusual about the man whom Jesus healed?
2. How did he act?
3. Why was he called "Legion"?
4. Why were the devils afraid of Jesus when they were able to break all chains?
5. In what ways did the man act differently after the spirits were cast out?
6. Did the man want to stay with Jesus?
7. What did Jesus tell him to do?
8. Is Jesus able to deliver from evil habits and spirits today?
9. What does Jesus expect of those whom He has delivered?

MEMORY VERSE

... Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. Mark 5:19.



Let's Talk

In the country of the Gadarenes there lived a man, named Legion, who was filled with evil spirits. Day and night he roamed the mountains and hills around the city, cutting himself with stones and mournfully crying out. He especially liked to stay in the cemetery where he could smell the rotten, decaying flesh of dead bodies. Yuck!

Many times caring people had caught the poor man and dressed him, but each time he ripped the clothes off and like a wild animal, ran again into the mountains. At other times he was chained, but every chain was broken by the power of the devils within him.

Jesus came by ship into this country and when He got out of the ship, immediately the wild man came running toward Him. As he fell at Jesus feet, he cried, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not."

Jesus knew an evil spirit was in the man so He said, "Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."

The devils answered Jesus and begged to be sent into a herd of swine (pigs) that was nearby. Jesus granted their wish and sent them into the swine. As soon as the devils entered into the swine, they too, began acting crazy and ran down a steep place into the sea, and were drowned.

The men who were taking care of the swine, became so frightened. Perhaps they were afraid the owners of the pigs would be very angry with them for letting all the swine drown, or maybe they were afraid because of the strange way the devil-possessed pigs were acting. Whatever the reason, they ran into the city and told what had happened. By the time the people of the city arrived, the man called Legion had put on clothes and was sitting quietly beside Jesus.

How wonderful that Jesus had compassion on the poor man and delivered him from the many evil spirits. Jesus delivered people from the power of evil spirits when He lived here in person, and He is still delivering people.

There are many people helplessly bound by spirits of the devil. We do not see many of these people for most states have special hospitals or homes where these persons are safely kept away from society. These people are cared for in a better way than Legion, but they suffer greatly from torments of the evil spirit within. Some are being delivered from this torment by faith in the power of Jesus Christ. Other persons are being delivered from habits of drugs, alcohol, fornication, adultery, witchcraft, and many other binding sins. Jesus expects each of those delivered to share this good news with their friends and family.

—Sis. Charlotte

Following the arrow, can you read or write the Scripture in the grid as it swirls to the center? (Romans 8:28)

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(Answers: 1. He acted crazy. 2. He roamed the mountains and cemetery naked, cutting himself with stones and crying day and night. His super strength enabled him to break every chain by which he was bound. 3. He had many devils living within him. 4. Although the devils were strong enough to break the chains, they knew Jesus was stronger than they. 5. The man put on clothes and sat quietly. 6. Yes. 7. Jesus told him to go home and tell his family and friends what great things the Lord did for him. 8. Yes. 9. Jesus expects every delivered person to tell what He did for them.)

It seemed strange. Then he heard him say to his mother, "Where are my clothes to wear tonight? I sure want to go to church."

Jake raised his head and listened carefully. Was he dreaming that he heard his father say that he wanted to go to church?

"Here they are," he heard his mother say.

He jumped up off his knees and ran into the kitchen. "Can I help you?" he asked.

"Yes, you may set the table."

He didn't like to set the table, but he was glad to do anything to help get to church since his dad was going.

"Maybe Dad will sit up front with me if we get there early. Then it wouldn't be hard to go to the altar," he said to himself.

At the supper table Mr. Hardin said, "I sure fooled the boys today. They thought they would get me to drink again. At first they offered me a can of beer. I took it and poured it down the drain, and told them that was all it was good for. Then I told them I was not drinking again. 'Come on now,' they said, 'what's your problem? Think you are too good to be our friend, now that the church has fixed up your house?' Those words almost toppled me over, then I got a hold of myself and still refused. That was at noon. All afternoon they bugged me, first one and then another talking to me. After work, when I started out of the building, a group jumped on me and said they would pour it down me. Well, they didn't try very hard. Just splashed it in my face a little. Then one guy came up from behind and said, 'Let's baptize him,' and poured a can over my head."

"I'm so proud of you," Mrs. Hardin said with a smile.

"I'm glad Pastor White told me I'd have to not be afraid of people laughing at me. The boys at the shop sure had a lot of fun at my expense today, but I'm glad I didn't give in. I don't think it will last long, once they see I really have my mind made up not to drink again."

"We better get started or we'll be late to church," Jake said.

Mother put the food back on the stove so Harvey, who was working late, could eat when he came home. Jake stacked the dishes in the sink.

They were early so Jake asked them to sit up front where he always sat.

"I can't do that," Mr. Hardin said, "there are too many rich, critical old ladies in this church."

"Remember, Dad," Jake said, "a man can never get and stay saved if he is afraid of what people will say."

"You're right, my son," he said, "lead the way."

Jake felt sorry for his dad when he realized how nervous he was with a hundred pairs of eyes staring at the back of his head. Jake remembered how he had felt the first time he sat up front.

After the sermon, when Pastor White asked for those who wanted to pray to come forward, Mr. Hardin was the first one at the altar. Jake and Mrs. Hardin went also to pray with him. When Mr. Hardin got saved, he stood up and told what had happened that day while he was on his job. Everyone was happy to hear how God gave him power to resist temptation. "I believe God has delivered me from the desire to drink. He has also delivered me from bitterness toward Mrs. Powell," he said, and walked over to where she was sitting and said, "I forgive you for what you did to my wife. And I wish to thank you for what you did for us in paying for the repairs on our house." Then he walked back up front and thanked everyone for their help on the house.

Everyone in the chapel was happy. That is except a couple or three people. Jake heard these talking after church about how they doubted that Mr. Hardin would stay off the bottle a week. Then he heard them say, "Poor Mrs. Hardin, she's probably got her hopes up for a big letdown."

Jake knew Mrs. Wilshire and Mrs. Miller and maybe Mrs. Polline were in the group, but he wasn't sure because he didn't want to just stare at them.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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It was the first day of school, and everybody met in the gymnasium for an assembly. The principal, Mr. Taylor, walked up to the microphone, "I would like to welcome each student to another school year. Let's give a special hand to all the new students." Everyone clapped. "Now let me introduce the new members of the staff. We have three new ones. Mr. Sheldon, the new counselor, and his secretary Miss Jones, and Ms. Yeek, head librarian. Will you please come forward?" The students all clapped and whistled as the three young teachers came out to greet Mr. Taylor. A wave of excitement swept through the gym. It was evident by the applause that they thought that young teachers meant more fun at school.

"Now, we shall present the officers of the student body. Hoel Smith is president as he was last year. Hoel, please come forward. Sid Jones, newly elected vice-president. Sid, please come forward." Mr. Taylor went down the line of officers asking each one to come up. When he got to the last one he said, "I am convinced no home, school, town, state, or nation who forgets God can long endure.

In our nations' capital, every session of the House of Representatives and the Senate begins with prayer. Each house has its own chaplain. We see that leaders of our great country honor God in prayer, therefore it is important that we

also honor God in our homes and schools. This year we shall begin each assembly and student council meeting with prayer. For this reason I have chosen a school chaplain. I have appointed the student I felt was most qualified. There are several who have very high qualifications and could fill this office, so this was a very hard choice. After much consideration and asking God to guide our choice, the staff and I have chosen David Powell as school chaplain for this year. Will you please come forward, David, and take your place as an officer?" After greeting David, he said, "Now, will you please lead us in prayer, and we shall continue this assembly."

The new students were a little surprised, but the older students were not for Mr. Taylor was a strong Christian. He had brought in several Christian speakers to speak to them last year. Jim, who was one of David's best friends, began clapping. Others caught on and soon all the students were clapping.

"May we salute the flag first?" David asked.

"Yes," Mr. Taylor answered, "Will you lead us."

David motioned for the students to stand. He placed his right hand over his heart and, looking at the flag, began, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jarius Has Faith

Mark 5:21 "And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea."

22 "And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet."

23 "And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live."

24 "And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him."

35 (As they were going) "... there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?"

36 "As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe."

37 "And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James."

38 "And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly."

39 "And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth."

40 "And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying."

41 "And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise."

42 "And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment."

43 "And he . . . commanded that something should be given her to eat."

Luke 8:51 "And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden."

52 "And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth."

53 "And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead."

54 "And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise."

55 "And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat."

Questions:

1. Who came to Jesus from among the throng that followed him?
2. What was his request?
3. What news did Jairus receive as he was taking Jesus to his house?
4. What were Jesus' words to Jairus?
5. Did Jesus allow the unbelieving friends and family to enter into the sickroom?
6. Will Jesus do miracles if the people do not believe in Him?
7. Who did Jesus take into the room?
8. What happened when Jesus said, "Arise"?
9. How did the parents react to this miracle?

MEMORY VERSE

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 seek him. Hebrews 11:6.



Let's Talk

Jairus was one of the rulers of the synagogue in the city, but he had a serious problem with a sick child, so he went to Jesus for help. He asked that Jesus would go to his house and heal his daughter. Last Sunday we read about the centurion who wanted Jesus to heal his servant, but he thought himself unworthy to have Jesus in his home but believed Jesus could just say the word and his servant would be healed. Jairus wanted Jesus to come to his house. Here we have a lesson for us, one man wanted Jesus to come to his house. The other man felt unworthy of such a visit. A person could say, Jairus should have felt unworthy and humble as the centurion, but we see it made no difference to Jesus. He recognized both had faith, and He answered both requests by healing.

Another important lesson to learn is the importance of unity. Unity is oneness in effect, being one and indivisible by nature, total agreement between two or more persons. As Jesus went into the room where the dead girl lay, he did not permit anyone in the room except those who believed He was able to raise the girl from the dead. Those who laughed were asked to stay out. The multitude was not allowed to follow Him for there were those among the throng who did not believe in Jesus' power but followed Him because of curiosity or to criticize. The few who went into the room were in unity. The girl's spirit was reunited with her body and she was living again. She got up and walked, then ate as all living people do.

Her parents, who believed in Jesus, were astonished at the greatness of this miracle. We, too, are sometimes astonished at the greatness of things which Jesus causes to happen.

Possibly the most important lesson to learn is that each one must have faith. No one should be afraid that things

will get worse, but each must believe that Jesus will make them even better. When Jairus heard that his daughter died, Jesus said to him, "Be not afraid, only believe." Jesus knows we are a weak and fearful people, but He has power to put within us that will make us not fearful, but full of faith and belief.

Remember three things we are learning from this lesson: 1. Jesus is willing to hear our request if we have faith in Him. 2. Miracles happen only if there is agreement or unity among those seeking the miracle. 3. Faith is the most important ingredient in getting an answer from Jesus about a request.

—Sis. Charlotte



A Child's Prayer

For mother-love and father-care,
For brothers strong and sisters fair,
For love at home and here each day
For guidance lest we go astray,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For the new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything His goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
For pleasant shade of branches high,
For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

—Selected

(Answers: 1. Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue. 2. He wanted Jesus to heal his twelve-year-old daughter. 3. His daughter had died. 4. "Be not afraid, only believe." 5. No. 6. No. 7. Peter, James, and John, and the father and the mother. 8. "Her spirit came again and she arose straightway." Luke 8:55. 9. They were astonished.)

David faced the students again and said, "Will everyone please bow their heads in a moment of silent prayer." After their heads were bowed a few minutes, David began praying out loud. He said, "Heavenly Father, I thank you for our country, our Constitution, and our leaders. Bless our President and every elected and appointed official who serves with him. I pray that You will give them the wisdom and the courage to uphold our Constitution which established a republic based on Your absolute laws.

"I pray that each of us will realize that Your laws are absolute, and that we cannot decide what is right or wrong without studying Your Holy Word.

"We realize from the words in the pledge to our country's flag, that we are one nation under God. Almighty God, You are the Maker of this nation and You rule in the affairs of men.

"May this school year be the best we have ever had. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

David stepped back in line with the other student officers.

Mr. Taylor finished the assembly.

Late that evening, Jim came to the journalism room to ask Miss Dennis if she thought it was all right to put a quote of David's prayer in the school newspaper. It was her free hour so he thought no one should be in the room, except Miss Dennis. The door was closed but he could hear someone talking inside. Their voices sounded like a heated argument. He heard a man say, "Mr. Taylor is breaking the law, and I'll prove it to him if it means getting him fired. He is not giving every student their right to choose if they wish to pray or not. Do you know what happened on November 17, 1980?"

"No, what happened?" Miss Dennis asked.

"The Supreme Court struck down a Kentucky law that required the posting of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms. The court said that the Ten Commandments were "plainly religious." Now if Kentucky had to remove the Ten Commandments from their public school classrooms, we have

got to remove some of Mr. Taylor's religious ideas from this school!"

He heard Miss Dennis say, "But Mr. Sheldon, the Supreme Court did not say that every school had to remove the Ten Commandments from their school walls. It only said that the state could not force every school to post the Ten Commandments on the walls of their school. The citizens of every community have a right to decide if their school will leave the Ten Commandments posted or not." Miss Dennis explained to him, "If that happened in our state, most everyone in this town would think it okay to leave them posted. Every child should know about the Ten Commandments. I'm not like some of the students who believe in always doing what Jesus would do, but I believe a person should live by the Ten Commandments. It is easier for a group of people to live in a community together if the laws of the community are based on the Ten Commandments."

"You don't understand!" Mr. Sheldon shouted at her. "The church and state must be separated. If it isn't, the church will rule our nation."

"But, Mr. Sheldon, how can we live together in towns if there is no law against burglary? That is stealing which is forbidden by one of the Ten Commandments."

"Well, Miss Dennis, I am surprised that you are so narrow minded."

"Narrow minded? I am not narrow minded! You're the one who is narrow minded! I can see what would happen if the people in this town did not respect God enough to respect personal rights of the people He created. Answer me, Mr. Sheldon, how would you like to live in a country which had no law against killing?"

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Mr. Sheldon came stomping out of the journalism room. Jim stepped out of his way so he wouldn't get bumped. Jim went in and spoke to Miss Dennis, "I'd love to add a quote of David's prayer to the report on the assembly, if you think that would be alright?" Jim said.

"Well, Jim, I suppose it would be alright. Most of the students seem to like what you put in the paper, but I think you'll have to cut out a lot of your religious stuff. We got by with it last year, but I don't think Mr. Sheldon will stand for it."

"He's not the principal. Why should he say what goes in this school?"

"All the staff have a say in what happens at the school. Last year you fanatical students were able to do what you thought Jesus would have you do, but I think things will change this year. Go ahead and put what you want to in the paper this time. It may be your last time to have that freedom," she said rather glumly.

Jim was tempted to say, "I don't understand," but he knew he understood, he had heard Mr. Sheldon say, "We have got to remove some of Mr. Taylor's religious ideas from the school", and "Mr. Taylor is breaking the law, and I'll prove it to him, if it means getting him fired." "Thank you, Miss Dennis," is all Jim said.

As he walked out of the room and down the hall, he wondered if Mr. Sheldon really planned to get Mr. Taylor fired.

On Thursday of the following week, the school newspaper had a report of the assembly, David's prayer, and a big write-up about David. Sandy had written it. It contained many quotes praising David from teachers such as Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Miss Dennis, and several others. Mr. Taylor had written about the improvement he had seen in the students last year. He praised David for his great help. Sid read the article. He laid the paper down and muttered, "So David's a great hero, is he?"

After school he saw Hoel talking to Kathy, and Kim, who was now old enough to be in junior high. "Just look at this about David," he was saying. "We all worked for the improvement of our school last year. I don't think it's fair to just praise one person. Besides, who does little Miss Sandy think she is? I guess she must be liking Mr. David Powell, as she calls him."

"You're just jealous," Kathy teased.

"Me, jealous of David? Nope!" Hoel assured her.

"I didn't like it either," Sid said. "I don't believe David did any more than anyone else to better our school last year. Didn't we all work our fingers to the bone making a newspaper that brought moral reform? I think Jim Meed, the editor of the newspaper, is to be praised more than any other single

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Centurion Shows Faith

New Words: *Centurion:* The one who commanded a group of about one hundred soldiers in the ancient Roman army. *Synagogue:* A building or place of meeting for Jewish religious worship.

Luke 7:2 "And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die."

3 "And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant."

4 "And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this."

5 "For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue."

6 "Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof:"

7 "Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed,"

8 "For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

9 "When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

10 "And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick."

Matthew 8:5 "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,"

6 "And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented."

7 "And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him."

8 "The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed."

9 "For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

10 "When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

13 "And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."

Questions:

1. What was the centurion's problem?
2. Who did he send to get Jesus' help?
3. What did the elders tell Jesus about the centurion?
4. What did the centurion say about his worthiness?
5. Which of the centurion's words show his faith in Jesus' power?
6. How did the centurion explain his faith in Jesus?
7. What did Jesus say about the centurion's faith?
8. What did Jesus do for the centurion's servant?
9. Why should the people of Israel have had more faith than the centurion?

MEMORY VERSE

They that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

Luke 7:10.



Let's Talk

In the Bible lesson today we read two different historical records of Jesus healing a centurion's servant. The first one is written by Jesus' disciple Luke. He tells that the centurion felt unworthy to speak to Jesus so he sent some men who were elders of the Jewish religion to speak for him. These men went to Jesus and asked that Jesus come and heal the centurion's servant. They said, "Please come and heal the servant of this worthy man. He loves our nation. He also built a place in which to worship God." Jesus agreed to go with them to the centurion's home, but when they were still a long way from the house the centurion sent friends unto Jesus saying, "Lord, don't trouble yourself to come to my house for I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter under my roof: neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say the word and my servant will be healed."

To explain his faith in Jesus, the centurion said that he had authority to tell a soldier to go and he would go, or say to another "do this" and he would do it. He said he knew Jesus had the same power to command a sickness to go and it would leave the afflicted person. He was saying, "From where you are, just speak a word commanding the sickness to leave my servant and I know he will be well."

When Jesus heard this He turned to those who followed Him and said, "I have not found such great FAITH, no, not [even among God's chosen people] in Israel."

The second account about the healing was written by Matthew. Matthew does not tell about the elder speaking for the centurion. He does show the centurion's unworthy feeling and his faith that Jesus need only speak the word and his servant would be healed.

How can the stories be different and yet both be true? Let's think about

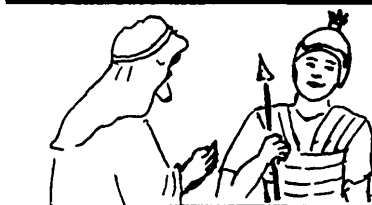
something that might happen in your school. Let's say the sixth grade class wishes to have a bake sale to raise money for a field trip. They want to ask the school principal, but after some discussion decide to have the home room teachers ask permission from the school principal.

Later, one student may tell his mother, "Our class wanted to have a bake sale, the teachers asked permission from the principal, who said we could." Another student may tell his mother, "We asked the principal to have a bake sale and he said we could." Both students told their mothers that the sixth grade class got permission from the principal to have a bake sale, however, each one told it a little different.

The disciples, Luke and Matthew, have told about the centurion's faith and Jesus healing the servant, but Luke told it in more detail than Matthew.

Let each one look into his own heart and try to develop attitudes which the centurion had, that will help in getting our prayers answered. He had a feeling of love and compassion toward a less honourable person, his servant. He loved and helped God's people. He felt very unworthy of approaching Jesus, and he had faith in the power of Jesus' words.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. His servant was very sick with palsy. 2. The elders of the Jews. 3. He is worthy, because he loves our nation and has built us a synagogue. 4. He said, "I am not worthy." 5. "Say in a word and my servant shall be healed." 6. He said that he knew Jesus could command the sickness to go just as he commanded his soldiers to go and they go. 7. He said he had not found such faith in Israel. 8. Jesus healed the servant without going to the centurion's house. 9. They knew about many miracles which God had done for the people of Israel and about other miracles which Jesus had performed.)

person. If it hadn't been for him being so strong about changing the paper, things would be about the same. If the paper hadn't changed, neither had the school. Just as my dad says, 'As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.' So as people think of evil which is presented to them, their actions will be affected by it. We all presented good thoughts through the newspaper, the students began thinking better and then acting better, and that made a better school."

"I think Sid is right," Hoel agreed. "Don't you think he is, Kathy?"

"Yes, I think he is. We all had a part in the paper. I wrote some articles, so did both of you, and we all spent hours and hours hunting through books for character building stories, poems, and quotes of famous people. Why, Kim helped with that, and she wasn't even in our school. The Cheer-up Club activities did a lot for our school too and so did all of us doing what Jesus would do."

"Sure they did," Kim added, "and I had a part in those things, too."

"See what I told you. David didn't do any more for this school than anyone else," Hoel said to reassure them that what he had already said was true.

Kim ended the conversation by saying, "Look, Kathy, Mom is over there waiting for us. We'd better go." The girls left, then Sid and Hoel went home, too.

David rode home with Kathy and Kim. He wondered why the girls were so quiet.

After David finished his home work, he called Sandy to say thank-you for the article she had written. "Say, Sandy, thanks for what you wrote about me. It is encouraging to know that there are those who appreciate me. Hoel and Sid have been giving me the push-offs lately."

"They are just jealous of you, David."

"Why should they be. Each one has a lot going for him. Hoel is the school president and Sid the vice-president."

"I don't know why, but I do know why Hoel is mad at you. He just talked to me, and he is very angry that the teachers praised *you* for what we all did for the school last year. He says that everyone in the 'What Would Jesus

do?' group, the Cheer-up Club, and the journalism class did as much as you did, and they didn't get any praise. He says Sid thinks that Jim Meed did even more than you."

After David talked to Sandy, he went into his room and knelt beside his bed. "My dear Jesus," he said, "I have read about the people being jealous of you, but now I know how bad you felt. I know you know how bad I feel, too. Jesus, help me to act just like you would act. You know just what I should say, please let me know. Jesus, I don't think I did any more than the other students. We all did our best. Please help Hoel and Sid to have a better attitude. Bless in Junior's meeting and please make Mrs. Wilshire willing to let Sandy come again"

David felt so nervous that evening at Junior's meeting that his voice trembled. He noticed that Sid sat away in the corner beside Hoel and they whispered together a lot. Every once in a while he noticed they looked at him and laughed. He suddenly remembered that Pastor White had said, "Others laughing shouldn't keep a person from doing what Jesus would do."

After the meeting he went into the den of the Smith's home and explained everything to Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith said Hoel had been talking to them at home about it, but what they said only seemed to make things worse.

"What's happened to you?" Nancy said to David when he came in from Junior's meeting. "You look like you've lost all your friends."

"Well, not all of them but quite a few."

"How come?"

"You wouldn't understand if I told you," He said. "Just forget it."

"I understand more than you think," Nancy said. "Edith told me Kathy said that everyone in the 'What Would Jesus Do?' group is mad at you for thinking you're better than them."

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What Would Jesus Do?

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David didn't answer Nancy, he went on up the stairs toward his room. Every step he took Nancy's words ran through his mind. "Kathy says that everyone in the 'What Would Jesus Do?' group is mad at you for thinking you're better than them."

David sat down and laid his head on the desk in his room. Just sitting there was some comfort to him. He thought about the times when God had put right thoughts into his mind. One of those thoughts was to form the "What Would Jesus Do?" group. It had helped to bring about much good change in several of their homes, their church, their school and most of all in their own personal lives. What fun times they had had together coaching each other to be strong and do only what Jesus would do. They had prayed together that God would heal Jake from being paralyzed after he had fallen into the canal. They had prayed for Marion Hardin to be saved while he was in jail. Together they sought God to solve the mystery of the lost diamond ring. More recently they had seen his mother, Mrs. Powell, Jeannie's dad, and Jake's dad, Mr. Hardin saved. The club had stood strong together and saw God work these and other miracles. Now things seemed to be falling apart, all because some teachers praised him a little, and Sandy wrote it down, then Jim Meed published it in the school newspaper. Even Sandy

sounded like she was sorry that she had written it after it made Hoel so mad. "I wonder if Jim is sorry that he published the article?" he asked himself. "I think I will call and find out."

David looked at the clock. It was fifteen minutes until ten. "It's kind of late," he thought, "but I think Jim is still up. He dialed Jim's number. "Hello, Mrs. Meed, may I speak to Jim?"

"Yes, you may," came the answer.

"Hello, Jim," David said, "how late did you have to work?"

"We finished about 8:00 o'clock. Just late enough to miss Junior's meeting. I sure wanted to be there David, especially to encourage you. I guess you've found out by now that Hoel and Sid have said a lot of things about you and have gotten Kathy, Kim, and Edith talking about you, too. It's all because of the article I printed that praised you for the good changes in our school. I'm sorry, David, that you have to go through this. I hope it will soon blow over."

"I hope so, too. It's kind of hard when most of my friends start treating me like I'm poison!"

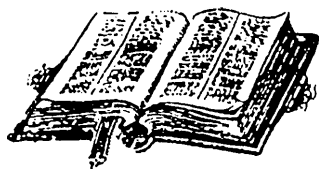
"They have forgotten to consider how Jesus would act in something like this. I'm counting on you though, to act like Jesus," Jim said.

"I'll do my best."

"That's all Jesus expects you to do. Say, David, have you heard that Miss Dennis is dating Mr. Sheldon. I could hardly believe it, because only a few

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Casts Out a Devil

Matthew 9:32 "As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil."

33 "And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel."

Luke 11:15 "But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub the chief of the devils."

17 "But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth."

18 "If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub."

20 "But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you."

21 "When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:"

22 "But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, . . ."

23 "He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth."

24 "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out."

25 "And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished."

26 "Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

Matthew 9:35 "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

36 "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

37 "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;"

39 "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."



Questions:

1. What miracle was performed in this lesson?
2. What did the multitude say about the miracle?
3. What did some others say about it?
4. What is proof that Jesus did not cast out the devil through the power of the devil?
5. Where does an unclean spirit go when he leaves a man?
6. Why should a person once devil possessed be very careful to keep filled with the Spirit of God?
7. What feeling did Jesus have toward the multitude?
8. Explain what Jesus meant when he said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."
9. For what are we to pray?

MEMORY VERSE

But when he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, . . . Matthew 9:36.



Let's Talk

Jesus was always busy doing good to others. Jairus came to get Jesus to go and heal his daughter who was sick at home. As they were going to Jairus' house, a woman who had been sick for twelve years came to Jesus, and not wanting to disturb Him, she said to herself, "If I can only touch the hem of His clothing I will be well." She worked her way through the crowd and touched His clothing. At her touch Jesus felt virtue go out of His body. Her faith had drawn healing from Him into her body and she was made well. Jesus stopped to speak with her.

By this time Jairus' daughter had died, but Jesus went into his house and brought her back to life. When He left Jairus' house, two blind men followed Him, begging to be healed. Jesus took time to go with them into a house and heal them.

As He left that house, they brought to Him a dumb man who was possessed with a devil. Jesus had compassion on the poor man and cast the devil out. After that, the dumb man could speak.

After casting out the devil, He was accused of doing it through the power of the devil himself. Jesus answered His accusers, and then gave the believers a short lesson on being careful to not let the devil enter again into a cleansed heart.

He went from village to village and into the big cities teaching, preaching, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. His compassion was so great that He did all that was possible to make them comfortable. Every day He was busy in this way and so should we His followers, be busy helping those around us. We must not be as those who accused Jesus, for they spent their time following Jesus just to see if He made a mistake. Some people come to church for similar reasons, to see if they can find fault with some of

the innocent persons who pray, testify, teach, or preach. How much better the church would be if these accusers were filled with compassion as Jesus.

This lesson ends with a plea from Jesus for His disciples, which includes you and I, to pray for the Lord to send workers into the field to help those who are needing help today. God will send only those who are qualified. One of the first qualifications after being washed clean by the blood of Jesus is to have a compassionate attitude just as Jesus had.

Do you have a compassionate attitude?

—Sis. Charlotte

New Testament Books

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Romans, Acts, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians, Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, Peter, Jude, Revelation

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(Answers: 1. Jesus cast a devil out of a dumb man and the dumb spoke. 2. They marvelled, saying, "It was never so seen in Israel." 3. They said Jesus cast out the devil "through Beelzebub the chief of the devils." 4. Satan will not be divided nor fight against himself. 5. He walks around looking for a place to rest. 6. If he doesn't the evil spirit may enter again with other evil spirits. 7. Jesus felt compassion toward them. 8. There are plenty of persons to be helped but only a few qualified to help them. 9. We are to pray that God will send workers into his harvest.)

days ago I went to her room and heard them arguing. They sounded like enemies, not friends."

"How do you know they are dating?"

"Sarah's friend Lissa works at Fanny's. She says they eat dinner there every night. That may explain why Miss Dennis is acting toward me just like she did the first of last year. She told me the other day when I put your prayer in the paper, that it would probably be the last time I could. Yesterday I was showing her some material I had for the paper and she picked out everything that was religious and said, 'I've had enough of this kind of junk. It is time you get something different. This cramming religion down the students through this paper has got to STOP! And that is final, Jim Meed! You have carried this doing only what Jesus would do a bit far. I plan to STOP it before it gets started this year.'"

"I said, you okayed the last one we printed and it was full of 'religious junk' as you call it.

"She answered, 'I know I did, and I was a fool for doing so.' David, I didn't know what else to say, so I walked away."

"You will have to be strong, Jim, like you were last year."

"Yes, I plan to be. However, it seems like several of our group are not trying very hard to do what Jesus would do. They wouldn't be talking about you if they were."

"Maybe they aren't, but we should keep right on trying."

"You are right. Well, Mom's wanting to use the phone, so I will say good-bye."

"Good-bye, Jim, see you tomorrow."

When the next paper came out, it was different all right. It didn't have much about God or His Son Jesus, but there were no filthy jokes, nor news about the bad things that had happened to the students.

While they were eating lunch, Jim asked David what he thought about it.

"I think it should get Miss Dennis calmed down a bit. Maybe next time

you can put a little more about God in it."

"I doubt that I can," Jim answered. "I think Miss Dennis is going to be tough this year. It looks to me like she's got Mr. Sheldon and his secretary, Miss Jones, to back her and she doesn't plan to back down. But I don't plan to either! I guess we shall see what happens!"

"I don't think she feels very good most of the days," David said. "She coughs and acts like it is hard for her to breath, maybe that makes her irritable. Jeannie said she heard that Miss Dennis had lung cancer."

"Really?" Jim asked.

"That's what Jeannie said."

Just then the boys saw Mr. Taylor coming toward their table. "Here comes Mr. Taylor, let's ask him," Jim said. He motioned for Mr. Taylor to come, and he did.

"What can I do for you?" he asked Jim.

"I just heard that Miss Dennis has lung cancer, is that right?"

"I don't know for sure if she has cancer, but she said that her doctor said her lungs are very charred from smoking, and that unless the medical field comes up with a miracle, she may soon be headed for a painful death. Sounds pretty bad. You boys have a good day," he said and walked off.

"Thank you," Jim said to Mr. Taylor. Then turning to David he said, "I really feel sorry for Miss Dennis. Maybe all of us could do something real special for her."

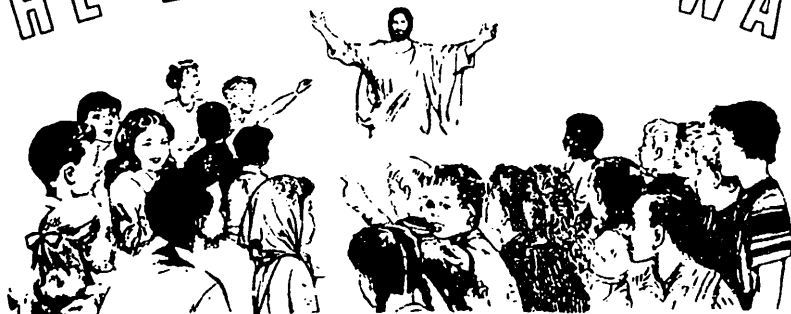
"I sure wish we could, but you will have to talk the others into helping. I don't suppose they would do anything I suggest. They would probably think I would get all the thank you's for it."

"I'll see what I can do about it," Jim told David as they went to their math class.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Jim Meed sat in the counselor's office. Four weeks had passed since his conversation with David about Miss Dennis. Mr. Taylor, the principal, was recovering from surgery and an infection that had set in. In his absence, it seemed that some of the teachers were taking advantage of the opportunity to make things difficult for the students who wanted to do only what Jesus would do.

Mr. Sheldon, the counselor, was busy with another student. How Jim wished that Mr. Taylor were there, but he had been out for three weeks. Almost every day something had come up. Monday Kathy was sent to the office because she wanted out of swimming class. Mr. Sheldon, Miss Jones and Miss Hopper, the P.E. teacher, all thought she was crazy for not wanting to wear a bathing suit. "You have a beautiful body," they told her. Yesterday David had been in a class when a film *West Side Story* was shown. It was so filthy that he first shut his eyes so as not to see it. But the language was so ungodly that he just got up and walked out. He told Jim and Sid about it and Jim refused to go see it. That's why he was in the counselor's office.

He was looking down at the floor, concentrating on what he would say when the door opened and Sid walked out. The boys exchanged greetings, and Sid disappeared out the door. Jim walked

into the room, and sat down in the chair facing Mr. Sheldon.

"I'm surprised to see you in my office," Mr. Sheldon said with a sarcastic smile. "I would think all you 'What Would Jesus Do?' students would at least be obedient. But it seems as if you have the idea that you are too good for some things."

"Mr. Sheldon, it's not that I think I'm better than other students. I don't think any student should see *West Side Story*. Students should be shown a better way to live."

"Of course, everything in it isn't so pleasant," Mr. Sheldon said, "but things like that happen every day in some cities. Students need to know how other people live. Not every city is as nice and pleasant as ours. Besides all parts of ours isn't so pleasant either. Look what happened to Jake Hardin. You Christians would like to shut your eyes to the real things that are happening in the world. You like to pretend there is a heaven and would like to make earth like it, but I guess you are finding out it's not possible."

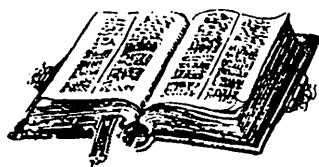
"Why do we need to know how to kill and rape?"

"We're not teaching you to kill and rape by showing a film," Mr. Sheldon stormed. "Don't start pointing your accusing finger at me."

Jim just sat there a while waiting for Mr. Sheldon to cool off. Then he said, "I only ask to be excused from seeing the film."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Restoring Life to the Dead

New Words: *Bier*: A movable stand or framework on which a coffin or dead body is placed before burial.

Luke 7:11 "And it came to pass the day after, that he [Jesus] went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people."

12 "Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her."

13 "And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not."

14 "And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise."

15 "And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother."

16 "And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people."

John 11:1 "Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, . . ."

17 "Then when Jesus came, he found that he [Lazarus] had lain in the grave four days already."

21 "Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."

22 "But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Questions:

1. What did Jesus meet at the city gate of Nain?
2. What were Jesus' comforting words to the mother?
3. What did Jesus say when he touched the bier?
4. Then what did the man do?
5. How did the people react?
6. How many days had Lazarus been dead when Jesus arrived?
7. What words show Martha's faith in Jesus?
8. What words show Mary's faith in Jesus?
9. What did Jesus say to dead Lazarus?
10. What did Lazarus do?
11. What did this cause the Jews to do?

MEMORY VERSE

And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he [Jesus] delivered him to his mother. Luke 7:15.



Let's Talk

Jesus showed great love and compassion by restoring life to two young men. One of these men was the only son of a woman whose husband was already dead. Losing her son in death would not only bring loneliness but also her only means of food, shelter, and clothing would be lost. Her sorrow was double. The Bible tells us nothing about the woman having faith or even asking Jesus to help her. Jesus, however, felt sorry for her and brought life again to her son. The miracle was performed because of Jesus' love and sympathy for the widow. Don't be surprised if Jesus does unusual things because of His love.

The second miracle in our lesson was performed on one of Jesus' best friends. Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, lived in Bethany, a town about two miles from Jerusalem. When Lazarus became seriously ill, his sisters sent for Jesus. Jesus waited several days before going to see them, and when He finally arrived in their town, He found that Lazarus had already been dead four days. Many of their friends from Jerusalem were there to comfort Mary and Martha. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet Him. "Jesus," she said, "if you had been here my brother would not have died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give it thee." Jesus talked with her for a while, then she went and told Mary that Jesus was come. As soon as Mary heard it she too, ran to see Jesus. Her first words to Jesus were like Martha's, "If you had been here my brother had not died."

Jesus restored life to Lazarus, His friend, who was a brother of Mary and Martha. They both had great faith, but Jesus also restored life to the widow's son of whom we have no record of faith.

It is very important that each of us have faith in God, for God's Word in

Hebrews 11:6, reads, "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 seek him." We believe the widow had some faith in Jesus, although nothing is recorded about it. There are, however, many records of times when Jesus did miracles when people felt they had very little faith. Some said, "Lord, help my unbelief." At other times He answered the prayers of children and adults who knew very little about faith.

The next time you wish Jesus to supply your needs, just remember, Jesus feels compassion toward those in need. He does not answer only because of our great faith, but He answers because we obey and trust Him. Jesus seems to like to send us surprises! —Sis. Charlotte



Overheard in the Garden

Said the Robin to the Sparrow,
"I should really like to know
Why these anxious human beings
Rush around and worry so."
Said the Sparrow to the Robin,
"Friend, I think that it must be,
That they have no heavenly Father
Such as cares for you and me."

—Selected

Why Did Jesus Cry?

The shortest verse in the Bible is
John 11:35 "....."
Why? Find the answer in John 11:14.
Because
was.....

(Answers: 1. Men carrying an only son to his burial. 2. "Weep not." 3. "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." 4. The man sat up and began to speak. 5. They had visited them by sending a prophet. 6. Four. 7. "I know." 8. "If thou hadst been here my brother had not died." 9. "Come forth." 10. Lazarus came out of the grave. 11. Many of them believed on Jesus.)

"Yes, but David told Miss Dennis that the film was fit only to be thrown into the trash. And Sid just left here asking permission not to see it, also. But I sent him right back! I'd send you back too, but I know you wouldn't go! I guess I'll send you to study hall." Then he called over the intercom. "Ms. Yeek, I'm sending Jim Meed to you for the remainder of this period. Give him plenty of work to do. He thinks he's too good to see *West Side Story*."

"Okay, send him on down," Jim heard Ms. Yeek's voice over the intercom.

"Thank you, Mr. Sheldon." Jim forced the words through the lump that was in his throat. He went to study hall.

Ms. Yeek greeted him with, "So you don't like the movies we've chosen." All eyes in the room looked up to see who she was talking to. "There is a cart full of books to be replaced on the shelves. Now follow the numbers carefully and don't make a mess or you'll do them again."

After school Jim met Sid. Sid planned to go home with Jim, so he could attend Junior's meeting. "Say, why didn't you come back to the film?" Sid asked.

"I went to study hall and helped Ms. Yeek put books back on the shelves."

"How come Mr. Sheldon excused you from seeing the film and didn't excuse me?"

"I don't know. He just said he'd send me back but he knew I wouldn't go, so he sent me to study hall," Jim replied.

"I didn't really believe he would let me off, but I thought I would try. I guess he knew that," Sid mused.

"Other people seem to know if we really love God and believe, He is with us to make us strong not to do wrong."

"I guess they must. I know Jesus wouldn't have watched a film like that," Sid said. Neither boy said another word until they had walked a block, then Sid added, "But Jim I've seen movies late at night on the TV that are just as horrible. It seems like if I start watching one, I just can't stop until I see the end. Jim, are you that way?"

"I don't know. Dad got rid of our TV a long time ago, after he heard a lot of

filthy talking on it. He tried at first to just control what we watched, but we were forever fussing about seeing something that he thought was unfit. One day he said, 'I'll just end this fussing. We'll not have a TV, then there will be no fussing.'"

"Did it help?" Sid asked.

"Why, yes."

"Don't you fuss about not having anything to do?"

"Nope. We always have plenty of other things to do."

"But Jim, I don't have a dad like yours. My dad likes to see those late movies. How can I overcome this strong temptation?"

"Sid, the only thing I know to do is to ask Pastor White to pray with you to receive the Holy Spirit in your heart. With the Holy Spirit in the heart, a person has new thoughts, new likes, and dislikes, and more power to overcome temptations. Shall we call him? I'm sure he will come over to our house."

When the boys got home, they ate a snack and then called Pastor White. He came over and talked with them.

Sid said, "I don't think Jesus had hate in his heart, but I feel hate in my heart toward Mr. Sheldon for not excusing me from a filthy film that was shown at school today. He let Jim be excused, but I knew he wouldn't let me and he didn't. Another thing, I've been seeing 'bad movies at home, too. And I've been talking bad about David. Now I feel like I'm not even a Christian."

"You must not feel that you aren't a Christian. You are still God's child, but he is reproving you for having seen these films and not treating David right. When a boy feels sorry for some wrong he's done, God is ready to forgive."

We will pray that God will forgive you for watching the movies, and talking bad about David and ask Him to give you love for Mr. Sheldon. Then if you are ready to give yourself, and your will into Jesus' control, you can receive the Holy Spirit into your heart."

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Sid could hardly wait until time for Junior's meeting. "I'm going to apologize to David for talking about him," he told Jim.

"Good," Jim said, "that will make David feel a lot better."

Sid didn't take his usual seat by Hoel at the meeting. Instead he sat beside Jim and David. Hoel gave him several sarcastic glances during the time they were singing. When they knelt to pray, Hoel went out for a drink. As he went by Sid he kicked him and asked, "What happened to you, traitor?"

Sid just went on praying. He didn't want any trouble, neither did he want to lose courage to do what he thought Jesus would do.

Mrs. Smith gave a good lesson about the importance of having the Holy Spirit in the heart. As soon as he had finished, Sid jumped to his feet. "Thank God for this good lesson," he said. "Just this afternoon I received the Holy Spirit in my heart." Hoel snickered. Kathy and Kim giggled. Sid kept right on talking.

"Pastor White explained to me all about it this afternoon at Jim's house. Now I have more understanding. Each of you would want the Holy Spirit if you only knew the good, clean feeling it gives. If I had had this sweet Holy Spirit in my heart I would never have talked bad about David, nor watched some of the movies I have been watching, like the *West Side Story* that I saw

today at school. Jim was supposed to watch it but he didn't, even though it made Mr. Sheldon angry." Then he turned to David and said, "I'm sorry that I talked about you."

After he sat down, Mrs. Smith stood up and told how the Holy Spirit had helped her to know what Jesus would do. "Like talking about others," she said, "when the Holy Spirit is in the heart and a person comes to you with tales about someone, the Holy Spirit will help you not to agree with the evil tale nor to repeat it to anyone else. It will help you to stay out of a lot of trouble that you would otherwise get into. I wonder if there are others here who need the Holy Spirit in their heart so they will be able to do what Jesus would do? After I sit down, if there is anyone who has something to say or would like prayer, please feel free to speak."

After a brief moment Kathy stood up, "I, too, want to apologize to David for talking about him. I don't think Jesus would have done like some of us have been doing lately. I guess we all got kind of proud of ourselves after last years' success doing what Jesus would do. But, things are changing at school since Mr. Sheldon came so we need to stick together and help one another and not be fighting among ourselves."

Jeannie was next to speak. She said, "I want everyone to pray for me that I will know what God wants me to do in

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Answers John's Question

New Words: *Plague:* A very dangerous disease that spreads rapidly and often causes many deaths.

Luke 3:15 "And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not;"

16 "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:"

17 "Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable."

18 "And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people."

19 "But Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done,"

20 "Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison."

Luke 7:11 "... he [Jesus] went into a city called Nain; . . ."

12 "... behold, there was a dead man carried out, . . ."

14 "And he came and touched the bier: . . . And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise."

15 "And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he [Jesus] delivered him to his mother."

16 "And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people."

17 "And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about."

18 "And the disciples of John [the baptist] shewed him of all these things."

19 "And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another?"

20 "When the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come, or look we for another?"

21 "And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight."

22 "Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."

23 "And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me."



Questions:

1. What was the question the people asked of John?
2. How did John answer?
3. What did Herod do to John?
4. What was being said about Jesus?
5. How did John hear about Jesus' miracles?
6. How many disciples did John send to Jesus?
7. What happened the same hour John's disciples talked with Jesus?
8. What was Jesus' answer?
9. What two important points should we learn from this lesson?

MEMORY VERSE

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
Proverbs 20:11.



Let's Talk

John the Baptist's preaching was so convincing that people began to wonder if he was the Saviour which God had promised. Some of the Jewish religious leaders came and asked him, "Who art thou?"

John answered, "I am only a voice for God, but there is one among you who is the promised One."

John preached the truth every day. Because he spoke the truth about Herod's adulterous marriage, he was put in prison. While he suffered day after day locked up in Herod's prison, he thought about Jesus. He could not see the people as they accepted Jesus, nor could he know of the many miracles which Jesus was doing. One day after Jesus restored life to a widow's son, John's disciples went to the prison and told John about it. They said, "The people are praising God and saying Jesus is a great prophet."

John had believed since baptizing Jesus that He was a prophet and more than a prophet. He was the Saviour of the world! This news was encouraging! John probably said something like this, "Just as I thought, Jesus is the Saviour we've been looking for! Go and ask Him, 'Are you he that should come? or look we for another?' I want to hear what He says about Himself."

John's disciples went to Jesus and asked, "Art thou he that should come, or look we for another?"

Jesus didn't say whether He was or was not the one. He answered, "... tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached."

People know that only the Son of God could do the miracles that Jesus was doing, therefore His works were proof that He was the Son of God, the Savior they were looking for. Jesus also said to tell John, "Blessed is he, whosoever

shall not be offended in me." Jesus knew John could have felt badly toward Jesus because Jesus had not answered his question, neither had Jesus used His power to get John out of prison.

There are two important points to learn from this lesson. 1. The things a person does and says proves to others if he is a Christian. A Christian has pure, humble, Christ-like actions, not deceitful ones. 2. One must never be offended at suffering which Jesus allows. All things that God's children suffer are for a good reason, although the reason is sometimes hidden.

A Christian need not do miracles as Jesus did to prove he or she is a Christian. He only needs to do as Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount, which is recorded in the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of Matthew.

—Sis. Charlotte

The Zigzag Boy and Girl

I know a little zigzag boy,

Who goes this way and that;

He never knows just where he puts
His coat, or shoes, or hat.

I know a little zigzag girl,

Who flutters here and there;

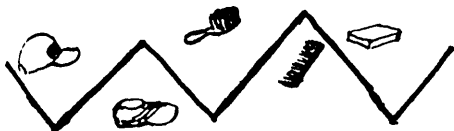
She never knows just where to find
Her brush to fix her hair.

If you are not a zigzag child,

You'll have no cause to say

That you forgot, for you will know.
Where things are put away.

—Selected



(Answers: 1. Whether he was the Christ. 2. He said, "One mightier than I cometh." 3. Herod put John in prison. 4. That He was a great prophet. 5. His disciples told him. 6. Two. 7. Jesus cured many things ye have seen and heard." 9. The things a person does and says proves if he is a Christian. One should never be offended at sufferings, for Jesus allows the suffering.)

life. After hearing Mr. Smith's lesson tonight, I believe the Holy Spirit is what I need to help me decide what God's will is. Sometimes I have thought of being a nurse so I could comfort the sick. If that is God's will for my life, I need to choose classes in math and science when I start high school. I have also thought about being a song leader or perhaps use my talent of art in some way to glorify God. So you see, I am confused. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, will you pray with me after the meeting is over?"

Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith answered, "We will be glad to."

Kim, who was sitting on the divan said, "I am sorry I talked about David, too. Pray for me that I will be better."

Hoel, who usually sat in the far away corner of the room, stood up. "Well, as you all know, I too, have a confession to make. I have been feeling very mean and hateful toward David, and talking about him, too. At times, after I said bad things about him, I felt real ashamed of myself. I thought I must not be doing what Jesus would do, but I didn't have strength in myself not to do it again. I think I must need the Holy Spirit in my heart, too. I want to pray after the meeting."

Then Sarah said, "I know how Hoel feels. Before I received the Holy Spirit in my heart, I just could not always do what Jesus would do. There seemed to be something in me that was strong and caused me to do things I really believed Jesus would not do. Let us all pray for Hoel. It is not a very pleasant feeling when you want to do right, but just can't seem to do it."

When Sarah finished, Mr. Smith said, "Maybe David would like to say something?"

David stood up, "Yes, I would like to say I forgive everyone who talked about me. I am very happy that God is helping us to see ourselves. Everyone else knows if we are following Jesus or not, but somehow the devil can sometimes keep us from seeing that we are not. Or maybe we see it, like Hoel and Sarah said, but are not able to control our-

selves to do what we know we should do. The Holy Spirit will lead us into the things Jesus wants us to do, and give us strength to do it. I thank all of you for apologizing."

"Now we shall dismiss and those who wish to pray may remain a while longer," Mr. Smith said. After dismissal only John and Tony, and his friends Alex and Josa left the room. All the others stayed to pray for themselves or for their friends.

"This is the best meeting we have ever had," Hoel said after prayer. "I feel so go-o-o-d inside."

"It is kind of like the one we had after Jake's accident when Harvey and John got saved," Jim said.

Mrs. Smith brought each one a large bag of salted popcorn. While they were eating popcorn, Kathy asked Jim, "How much do you lack having enough money to buy Miss Dennis the plant we picked out?"

"I'm glad you asked," he said. "Sandy gave me \$5.00 at school today and that completed the total amount of \$19.59, which we needed for the plant. She also brought a card for all of us to sign." He pulled a card out of his Bible and gave it to Kathy saying, "Have everyone sign this. Mrs. Powell will pick up the plant and meet us after school whenever we want to give it to Miss Dennis."

"Let's do it tomorrow," Sarah suggested.

"Can we all meet tomorrow after school?" Jim asked.

"We can't," Kathy said. "Mom is taking Jeannie, Kim and I to our music lesson right after school."

"Then shall we do it Monday?"

Everyone agreed that Monday, right after school would be a good time.

"I'll tell Jake," David said.

"I'll call Sandy," Kathy said, "and I'm going to also tell her about the good meeting we had."

"I'm going to tell Peter about this meeting, too," Bert added.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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Monday evening after school, Mrs. Powell brought the hibiscus plant and met the "What Would Jesus Do?" group at the east door which was near the journalism room. Together they walked into the building. When they got near the journalism room, they could hear Miss Dennis coughing. Sid knocked on the door. "Come in," she called. When no one opened the door, Miss Dennis came to see who was knocking. She opened the door. There stood Jim with the plant and all the group standing around him. "We love you," they all shouted together.

"All of us put our money together to buy you this," Jim said as he handed her the plant.

"It is beautiful!" she exclaimed as she took the plant.

Just then Mr. Sheldon came down the hall. "I came to walk with you to the staff meeting, but what's all this about?" he asked.

"The students brought me this plant to show that they love me."

"Oh, now I know how to show that I love you, too," he said with a wink of his eye. "But are you ready to go? Staff meeting is starting any minute. We don't want to be late."

"Let me first excuse myself from these fine students," she said. Then she placed the plant on the floor beside her desk and then said, "You students make me

ashamed of myself for not helping you with your moral reform project. This gift shows that you truly love me anyway. I am sorry. I hate to leave such good company, but I must be in the meeting."

"That's all right," Jim assured her. "Some of our parents are waiting on us, also, so we must go."

"I hope what those kids did won't cause you to break your promise to support me in setting Mr. Taylor straight today."

"I'll do my best," she said and they smiled at each other. "But really Mr. Sheldon, I wonder sometimes if these kids don't have the best ideas about life."

"Nonsense," he said heatedly.

Mr. Taylor opened the meeting by bowing his head in prayer. A few words of thanks were followed by asking God to guide their decisions.

As soon as some old business was finished, Mr. Sheldon stood to his feet. "I think we should consider enforcing the separation of Church and State this afternoon. We opened this meeting with prayer which is a religious act. We are a state school and therefore should not mix religion into it. I object to opening any class or any assembly with prayer."

Promptly Mr. Smith spoke up, "Mr. Sheldon, the House of Representatives and the Senate open their sessions with prayer. Why shouldn't we? It seems to me every person would appreciate life

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:1 "The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side."

2 "And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore."

3 "And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;"

4 "And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up;"

5 "Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:"

6 "And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away."

7 "And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:"

8 "But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."

9 "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

10 "And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?"

11 "He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."

15- "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; . . ."

16 "But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear."

17 "For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to

hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

18 "Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower."

19 "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side."

20 "But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it;"

21 "Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended."

22 "He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful."

23 "But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it: which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus when He gave this lesson?
2. Where were the listeners?
3. What four places did the seed fall?
4. What happened to the seed on the way side and what does it represent?
5. What does the seed falling on stony places represent?
6. What do the thorns represent and why did the plants die?
7. What does the good ground represent?
8. What happened to the seed that fell on good ground?
9. Explain how the hearer is responsible for the seed?

MEMORY VERSE

Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; . . .
Luke 8:18.



Let's Talk

Many years ago, when Jesus lived upon the earth, men planted seed in a much different way than it is done today. Today, after the ground is broken up and prepared for planting, a tool is used to drop the seed into small furrows. In a small garden, the gardener carefully drops the seed into hand dug rows and covers them with a little soil. Years ago gardens were planted in the same way. Large fields were also planted by hand. To plant a large field by hand, the sower (man who plants) started walking at one end of the field and walked along one side across the field to the other end. As he stepped along he sprinkled one handful of seed at a time. He threw the seed in a circular motion all around him to spread the seed in a large area so as to cover as much ground as possible. As he threw the seed, some would go out of the field and into the road that bordered the field. On another side of the field were wild berries or other thorns into which some seed would fall. Throughout the field there were places where stones had been piled to later be removed from the field. Some seed would naturally fall upon these rocks. Therefore as the sower spread the seed throughout the field some fell on the road side, some fell among the thorns and some fell in stony places.

Jesus told this story that the people might understand that not every one who hears the gospel is going to benefit from it. Some will let evil thoughts make them doubt and thus be faithless. Others would let their jobs, education, ambition, and so forth, take up all their time until the gospel will be crowded out of their life. Others who heard the gospel would love it and receive it right away, but whenever troubles and persecution came to them because of the gospel they would drop it just as quickly as they picked it up.

The heart of the hearer is the ground where the seed is being sown. Let us each be careful that we keep our heart ground in good condition so the seed can grow. The ground can be kept in good condition by keeping humble, loving, sincere attitudes every day. Thorns must be kept out by being careful to not spend all our time and energy in usual things of life and have no time left for studying the Bible and praying. We can keep the fowls (birds) from eating the seed by not accepting doubtful thoughts that come to our mind. If the thought doesn't agree with the Bible, cast it out of your mind.

The gospel seed is sown when the Word of God is preached or taught. Let's be good farmers and keep the seed alive and growing in our hearts.

—Sis. Charlotte

TRY IT EVERY MORNING



The fishermen of Brittany always offer this prayer in the early morning before they begin their hard and unsafe day of fishing: "Keep me, O my God! my boat is so small and Thy ocean is so great." The world is so terribly large and we are so small, but don't you believe God will keep us safe from harm if we ask Him to each morning?

—Selected

(Answers: 1. Sitting in a ship near the sea shore. 2. The people stood on the shore. 3. The seed fell on the way side, on stony ground, among thorns, and on good ground. 4. The fowls (birds) ate the seed. The fowls represent evil spirits who take away the spiritual thoughts before the hearer can understand them. 5. It represents people who receive the gospel with joy but get discouraged when trouble or persecution comes. 6. The thorns represent cares of life. The seed died because it was choked by too much time being given for these cares. 7. The good ground represents a heart that is ready to receive the gospel and live according to what is right. 8. It grew and produced fruit. 9. The hearer is responsible to discipline himself to treat the gospel with care so it can grow.)

and liberty enough to show respect to the Giver by a few words of thanks."

"I resent the remark that I am not an appreciative person," Mr. Sheldon snapped back.

Mr. Taylor ignored all that was said. He announced, "The main topic under discussion today is using the gym for a rock concert. Some of the students are wanting to have a group called The Beastie Boys for the concert. They say it is very popular with junior high students. I have called some knowledgeable persons to decide whether permission should be granted. Jennifer Norwood, director of the Virginia-based Parents Music Resource Center says, 'Their lyrics talk about trusting crack (which is cocaine), freebasing, sniffing glue. They are playing concerts across the country, and because they're so new, parents have no idea what they're singing about.' She says some parents are dropping their 12-year-olds at these concerts and the Beastie Boys spit beer on them and sing about "trusting crack" while the parents think the children are having a bit of innocent fun. She advises against allowing this group or any other rock group to have a concert in the school. Several parents have heard of the possibility of having another rock concert and have voiced their opinion against it, too. Every pastor in town thinks the school facilities should be used for upgrading not downgrading the youth of our town."

Mr. Sheldon jumped to his feet as if to interrupt Mr. Taylor. "What proof is there that rock concerts downgrade the youth?" he asked. "I hear people saying, 'Rock lyrics promote drugs, alcohol, vulgarity, violence, suicide and Satanism. Where is the proof to show that this is true? Why should something be branded "evil" without proof that it is?' He sat down and nudged Miss Dennis as if to encourage her to get up. She remained in her seat.

Miss Jones stood up. "I think Mr. Sheldon is right, things which the students enjoy should be allowed until there is definite proof that it is not best for them."

"But why should we need any more proof that rock concerts are not good. We see a trail of disaster in every city where rock concerts are often held. It is not only the lyrics that promote drugs, alcohol, violence, sex, suicide and devil worship, it is the culture that is being developed by them."

Miss Jones red hair seemed to shoot flames. "This idea that lyrics affect children is a fantasy," she stormed. "You Christians are forever censoring what the rest of the world does. I am sick of a few Christians always having their way. When did the rule, 'the majority rules', change to 'the Christian rules'?" she asked and plopped back into her seat.

Miss Hopper was next to stand. "I agree with Miss Jones that the Christians have too much power, at least in this school. Everyone who is here knows that our swimming team was the best in the state last year and we had some pretty young girls on the team. This year it should be better because they are older, but we have lost our best swimmer, Kathy Polline. She has been excused from P.E. on the basis that the clothing worn conflicts with her religion. Now answer me this, why should one person's religion cause us to lose the championship? Is this fair to the school? I think she should be forced to participate, but, of course, we all know if she did, she would probably poke along and make us lose anyway." Everyone laughed. "I believe the majority should rule," she said and sat down.

"It is time that the meeting be finished, and we have not come to a decision. I agree the majority should rule, so let us vote. All those who favor having the Beastie Boys in concert, please stand." Five persons stood. Then Mr. Taylor said, "All who oppose, please stand." Nine of the remaining persons stood. "The majority rules," Mr. Taylor said, "so there will be no rock concert."

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TEACHER'S NOTES

Juniors

Oct. 4, 1987

The Parable of the Tares

Scripture reference: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

Many times, people have questions about hypocrites in the congregation. This parable shows us God's great concern for the righteous. He is so concerned with their protection that He does not allow even the hypocrite to be "cast out" lest a righteous person be also rooted up. God judges the mixture of good and evil in the world quite differently than men. He knows the good which He intends to produce, and He knows how far His patience should extend towards the wicked for their conversion, or towards the righteous for their sanctification. We cannot always see into God's plan, and therefore must commit unsolved problems of the Church into His hands.

Children also see the erroneous conduct of hypocrites. This lesson should help them to understand better.

It is also hoped that this lesson will encourage children to receive the Holy Spirit into their hearts, so that they will not become tares in God's kingdom, nor terrors to those around them.

Oct. 11, 1987

Jesus Sends the 12 Apostles

Scripture reference: Matthew 10:1, 5-15; Mark 6:12, 13.

Jesus chose twelve men to be His helpers. What a great privilege it is to have a special job for God! After Jesus chose these men, He then qualified them with power to do this great work. Many people would love to have this kind of power so that they could heal the sick and cast out devils, but very few are willing to discipline themselves as the Apostles did. Who would go on a trip today and not take a bed roll, or money for food, or a ticket to get back home if the going got too rough?

I am sure that if the Apostles had doubted Jesus' care for them, they would also have doubted His healing power when they laid hands on the sick. Faith

for healing, and faith in God's care for us go together.

There is also a warning in the lesson. Those who rejected the Apostles' message lost a wonderful opportunity, and they did not have any promise of another. God calls every man, but after His call is rejected, there is no promise of another. Caution the children not to reject God when He knocks at their heart's door.

Oct. 18, 1987

Herod Kills John the Baptist

Scripture reference: Matthew 14:1-14; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9.

Many of Herod's family became kings, but their reigns were filled with sorrow and misery. This is the usual thing that happens when people leave God out of their lives.

In pursuit of happiness, Herodias left Salome's father, Philip, and went to live with his brother Antipas Herod. She didn't find happiness with him either. No person can be happy with as much bottled-up anger as Herodias had against John the Baptist. Can you not picture the arguments between Herod and Herodias when she so badly wanted to have John killed and he refused?

Help the children see that sin brings unhappiness in anyone's life. Also help them see the courage and stability of Jesus' and John's disciples who didn't let what happened to John cause them to go away from the Gospel. They buried John and went to tell Jesus the sad news. Many of these same men became disciples of Jesus. Regardless of what happens, we should not let anything move us away from the Gospel. Jesus was tempted along these points, as well as all others. He knows how to help us in these times.

We see that Jesus was sad to hear about John's death, but He still felt compassion toward the people and did what He could to help them.

There is great contrast between the attitudes of the two King Herods and King Jesus. Encourage the children to build good attitudes.

Oct. 25, 1987
Jesus Feeds 5,000

Scripture reference: Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-15.

In this lesson we again see Jesus' great compassion for the people. We also see the people's great love for Him, although we are challenged when we think that their love was not totally for Jesus. Their love seemed to be more centered on the *things* which Jesus supplied for their comfort. All humanity seems to love those who have compassion and power to provide desired benefits.

We as Christians should not think and act as "all humanity" does. Our desires should be for eternal things more than for earthly things.

Another point to gain from this lesson is the example of Jesus' humility. He left the crowd who wanted to praise Him, and went away alone into a mountain to pray. Feeding the multitude was an act of compassion, not an act to gain praise or admiration from others. Sometimes children sing special songs or give testimonies just to receive praise. They should be instructed that seeking praise from people cuts them off from getting praise from God.

Nov. 1, 1987

Peter Walks on the Water

Scripture reference: Matthew 14:22-33; John 6:16-21; Mark 6:45-52.

This lesson contains another miracle of Jesus. This time, Jesus defies the laws of gravity which God made in order to keep things from flying off into space. He also saw the disciples about three and one-half miles out across the sea on a stormy night. We do not know how dark the night was, but Jesus could see clearly, for He saw them "toiling in rowing."

Besides the encouragement of faith we gain from reading about this miracle, we also receive a message of comfort. Jesus can still any storm. He can walk right through the storm to help us. Although our actions are sometimes quick and foolish as Peter's were, Jesus does not laugh at our foolishness. Instead, He takes us by the hand and helps us to get back on course.

Teach the children to trust God when they have problems. Tell them your own experiences when God calmed you during a storm.

Nov. 8, 1987

Jesus is the Bread of Life

Scripture reference: John 6:24-27, 32-37, 41-51.

This is another lesson about the beautiful life of Christ. In this lesson Jesus conflicts with the Jewish leaders when He said that He came down from heaven as the bread that God gave to the world. The Jewish leaders would not accept Him as being any more than a prophet, and some considered Him only another man, while others claimed He was possessed with the spirit of the devil.

These men said, "Give us this bread that we shall never hunger again," but they were thinking only of an earthly bread, such as the manna which God sent in answer to Moses' prayer. Their eyes were blinded to the reality of Jesus being their only source of spiritual life.

The lesson is ended with a warning of what happens to those who rejected this bread from heaven.

Nov. 15, 1987

What Can Really Ruin a Man

Scripture reference: Matthew 15:1-20; Mark 7:14-23; James 4:1-7; Revelation 12:11.

The scribes and Pharisees were daily watching the conduct of Jesus and His disciples to see if they could find some fault in them. They especially wanted to find something to discredit Jesus' authority. They came to Jesus with a question concerning His disciples who did not keep the many traditions of washing the hands, cups, bowls, etc. Jesus plainly told the Pharisees that some of their traditions were not according to God's commandments.

Jesus was concerned with *soul* purity. He knew that men must have pure souls or their actions cannot be pure. The real problem is that evil words and actions come from evil hearts.

Children can be taught to consider their actions and judge for themselves if their actions are pure or impure. Continual impure actions are evidence e-

nough that a change of heart is needed. If you have a student who is continually acting contrary to God's standards, encourage that student to seek God for a change of heart.

I believe that the "Let's Talk" part of the lesson explains very well what Jesus was saying. May God bless each one to have spiritual understanding.

Nov. 22, 1987
She Wouldn't Give Up

Scripture reference: Matthew 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30.

The Greek woman in our lesson is a great example of faith and determination. She was humble and prayed only a simple prayer: "Have mercy on me." How proper is this prayer for a penitent heart! There are many excellent qualities in this prayer. It was: 1. short, 2. humble, 3. full of faith, 4. fervent, 5. modest, 6. respectful, 7. rational, 8. reliant only upon the mercy of God, 9. persevering. She called Jesus the Son of David, which showed that she believed Him to be the promised Messiah.

Encourage students to be determined to have Christ's blessings. I have included a short story about Samuel Morris as another example of someone who showed determination to know more about God. Have the children pray for a greater interest in the things of God. Christ said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6. Oh, that every saved person, young and old, could hunger more after the things of God. More hunger will cause more determination.

Nov. 29, 1987
Jesus Heals the Sick

Scripture reference: Mark 7:31-37, 8:27-36; Matthew 12:15, 21:14; Luke 4:40, 9:11; Mark 6:4, 5, 13, 16:17, 18; James 5:14, 15.

In this lesson, we see Jesus healing a deaf man who was also tongue-tied, and a blind man. He took both of these men away from the crowds to perform the healing. We do not know the reason, but perhaps it was because of unbelief, as Jesus' healing power was hindered through unbelief at other times. One of those times was when He went into His

hometown. The people did not believe in Him, so "he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them." When He went into the room to heal Jarius' daughter, He sent almost everyone out. Only those who believed: the father and mother, and three of his disciples, were present during that healing.

Do we wonder that we see so few healings? Our society is charged with a spirit of unbelief, and this spirit has crept into the congregation of believers. Some still believe with all their hearts that Jesus heals today. Many believe that He *can* heal, and that He does occasionally. Others believe that He heals through drugs and medicines. What kind of belief do you have? Read what James says to do when one is sick. (James 5:14, 15). Teach the children that this is our commandment from God, and that He expects us to obey this Scripture.

Dec. 6, 1987
A Surprised Multitude

Scripture reference: Matthew 15:29-39; Mark 8:1-9.

In this lesson we have another account of Jesus' love and compassion towards humanity. In the lesson just before this one, Jesus walked away from the sea of Galilee so that He could hide away for a while. Instead of being able to hide away, though, the multitudes followed Him even there, and He healed their sick. In this lesson we see Him coming back to the sea of Galilee and to the great multitudes that constantly thronged Him there. For three days He healed those who were brought unto Him.

We don't hear or see anything in Jesus' conduct to show that He was feeling sorry for Himself, although we know He must have been very weary. He said that the people had not eaten for three days. It makes me think that He probably hadn't eaten either, for the people were continually bringing their sick, lame, maimed, and blind to Him. They knew that one touch from Jesus would bring relief.

At the end of three long days He had the people sit down, and the Apostles

then served them the food which Jesus so miraculously supplied.

Encourage the children to believe in the miracle-working power of Jesus.

Dec. 13, 1987

Be Careful About Hypocrisy

Scripture reference: Matthew 16:1-12; Mark 8:10-21; Luke 12:1-3.

Jesus gave the Apostles a lesson on the leaven of hypocrisy. He said that the leaven of the Pharisees was hypocrisy. What is leaven? Most of us know that yeast, baking powder, and baking soda are leavens. These ingredients are added to a flour mixture to make dough expand. It is a little comical, but people who have the leaven of hypocrisy seem to swell with religious pride, just as the bread swells because of leaven.

But what is the leaven about which Jesus is speaking? Leaven is an influence that spreads strongly and silently, and changes conditions or opinions. We must warn the young that there is an influence of hypocrisy that is spreading strongly and silently among God's people. It is changing conditions and opinions. There are those who are allowing themselves to do things they would not have once allowed. This will have an effect on the younger generation! Soon some of them may sear their tender consciences by following these examples. Untold damage is done by the leaven of hypocrisy.

Dec. 20, 1987

Some Errors of the Pharisees

Scripture reference: Matthew 15:1-9; Luke 11:37-52.

In last week's lesson, Jesus warned the Apostles to be very careful of the hypocritical spirit of the Pharisees. As leaven silently expands in the bread dough, so can hypocrisy spread silently through a congregation. Every form of hypocrisy should be nipped in the bud. Once hypocrisy enters a heart, it makes the person feel that he is more spiritual than he really is. He also feels that he knows more than he really does about what the Bible teaches.

In the lesson today, we have pointed out ten errors of the Pharisees. These ten are only a few of their errors. Know-

ing these errors will hopefully help the children realize the importance of the warning: "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy." May the Spirit of God give understanding to help the students see when these same attitudes begin forming in their lives, and also show them how to rid themselves of these attitudes by pleading for the cleansing of Jesus' blood.

Dec. 27, 1987

Jesus Reveals Himself

Scripture reference: Matthew 16:13-20; Mark 8:21-33; Acts 4:8-12; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 10:4; 1 Peter 2:4-7.

Most of the people who followed after Jesus thought Him to be a man of God. The Pharisaic doctrine of the transmigration of souls was generally believed. It was upon these grounds that many believed that the soul of John the Baptist, or of Elijah, Elias, Jeremiah, or some other prophet, had come to new life in the body of Jesus.

Peter, however, had a revelation from God that showed him who Jesus was. He gave an emphatic, concise confession of faith: "Thou art the Christ [Messiah], the Son [His place in the Trinity] of the living God [the source of all life, present, spiritual, and eternal]." Although Peter had a revelation of whom Jesus was, he was strongly rebuked by Jesus in Mark 8:33, where Jesus called him Satan.

Notice, however, Matt. 16:19, where Jesus told Peter, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom." This is a direct promise of the infilling of the Holy Spirit, which Peter received. He later preached with boldness and stability the Word of God. Peter had the keys to the kingdom: the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

Encourage the students to seek God for the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

It was Friday evening. Mr. Sheldon walked with Miss Dennis from the journalism room to her car. He was still angry because the Beastie Boys had not been allowed to use the school gym for a rock concert. In his usual convincing manner, he said, "Miss Dennis, I think you will have use the school newspaper to make open war upon the Christian stronghold in this school. Using it, we can stir up the other students against this 'What Would Jesus Do?' group and break them down fast."

Miss Dennis began a hard coughing spell. After regaining her breathing, she said, "I'll do my best, but the editor and the assistant editor are both in that group."

"Then you may have to make up some excuse to get them expelled from the class," he said.

"I hadn't thought of that!"

"Well, see if you can't think up something over the weekend. I'll be over Saturday night." He left her beside her car.

On Monday in the journalism class, Miss Dennis got the students busy on various projects, and then said, "Jim, I want to show you something in the photo room." Jim followed her through the door which she shut behind him.

"I'm missing \$14.80 from the paper fund, and you are the only one besides myself who knew where it was hidden.

Jim, I'm surprised that you would do such a thing. Now, I won't have an editor who is a thief! I've already told Mr. Taylor that he would have to find another class for you."

"But, Miss Dennis, I didn't take the money!"

"Jim," she said, looking down at her clasped hands, "I didn't believe you would take it either, but the evidence is proof enough. Mr. Taylor searched your locker and found the money there. It was still in the envelope where I had put it. Here it is, Jim." She opened her hands and in them lay a ten dollar bill, four ones, three quarters, and a nickel. Under it all was an envelope upon which was written, "Paper Fund."

"Someone else put the money in my locker," Jim protested.

"Prove yourself innocent if you can, Jim, but I will never trust you again. As I said, I won't have an editor who is a thief. Sorry it has to be this way." She opened the door, flipped the light off, and left Jim standing there in the darkness.

"Oh, Lord," Jim cried in anguish, "why has this happened to me? And please show me what you would do in this mess."

As soon as Jim got his mind together, he walked to his desk and gathered up his things.

"What are you doing?" Sid asked.

"I'll see you later," Jim said. "I won't be in this class any more."

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WORDS OF GOLD



The Parable of the Tares

New Words

Blade: A leaf, especially of grass or grain.

Iniquity: Wickedness, sin.

Offend: Cause to sin.

Tares: A harmful weed.

Matt. 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the household-er came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Central Thought: Everyone is likely to become a tare if they don't ask God for the cleansing of the Holy Spirit.

**"Falsehood is cowardice;
truth is courage."**

—Lowell

Questions:

1. What happened in the field while the sower slept?
2. Who sowed the tares?
3. What did the servants want to do about the tares?
4. Why should the tares not be pulled up?
5. What will happen to the tares at harvest time?
6. The field represents what?
7. What is the harvest time?
8. What do the tares represent?
9. What will happen to the righteous at the end of the world?

MEMORY VERSE

... His angels ... shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which doeth iniquity.

Matthew 13:41



Jesus taught many lessons by using one thing to represent something else. Last Sunday's lesson was a parable in which Jesus used a field to represent the human heart. It also had a sower which represented those who preach the Word of God.

In the lesson today, the field represents the world. There are two sowers instead of one. Neither of the sowers are preachers. One is the Son of God and the other is the devil. The Son of God sowed good seed, and then the devil came behind Him and sowed bad seed, called tares. We see this happening every day. When good is done, someone comes right behind that good to destroy it. For every project of good, Satan has an evil project of equal size. For every ray of hope, the devil has a cloud of discouragement. "Satan has a shoot of iniquity for every shoot of grace; and when God revives His work, Satan revives his also. No marvel, therefore, if we find scandals arising suddenly to discredit a work of grace where God has begun to pour out His Spirit." (From *Adam Clarke's Commentary One Volume Edition*, p. 797). It is the work of Satan to introduce hypocrites and wicked people in the congregations in order to bring shame on the work of God.

The tares of which Jesus spoke grew right beside the good plants. These tares caused trouble. The people who cared for the field wanted to get rid of the tares by pulling them up, but the owner said, "No, you must not pull them up because there is danger of a good plant being destroyed by uprooting it also." Nothing could be done. Isn't that frustrating?

Now let's think about the reason that makes some people like tares and some like the good seed. The tares were not seeds of the Son of God because they were planted by the devil. Then, so as

not to be a tare, one must be born of the Spirit of God. He must be a seed of God. 1 John 3:9 reads like this: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." If God is in us, then we are not one of the tares. When a person leaves God, he commits sin and becomes a tare in the congregation.

Jesus called those who were planted by the devil tares. A tare is a harmful cornfield weed. A terror is a person who causes a lot of trouble. Have you ever heard someone say, "He sure is a terror"? They meant that someone caused a lot of trouble.

Let us each one get filled with the Holy Spirit so that we will not be a tare in the congregation, nor a terror in our home, school, or neighborhood.

—Sis. Charlotte

Word Sandwiches

(Unscramble the letters for each blank.)

"The Kingdom of _____ is
vanhee

_____ unto a man which
ekdline

_____ good seed in his field."
wedso

His _____ came and sowed tares."
yemen

"Let both grow _____."
toherget

"Gather ye _____ first the
greethot

tares, and bind them in _____
delbuns
to burn."

Answers: 1. Someone planted tares in it. 2. The devil. 3. Pull them out. 4. In pulling the tares up, some good plants might be destroyed. 5. The tares will be cast into a fire. 6. The world. 7. The end of the world. 8. Those who are not living right. 9. The righteous will shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.)

"Jim, what's happened?"

"I'll tell you after school. Good-bye."

Jim went straight to Mr. Taylor's office, but Mr. Taylor wasn't in. Miss Jones came in from Mr. Sheldon's office and said, "Mr. Sheldon would like to see you in his office."

Jim lumbered into Mr. Sheldon's office.

"Can I help you with your problem?"

Jim had a sneaky notion that Mr. Sheldon knew all about the problem and could, but would not, help him. "I just want to see Mr. Taylor," Jim answered.

"He will not be back today."

"Then what will I do? He's supposed to have another class ready for me."

"Maybe you can sit in the library for the rest of the hour."

"Okay," Jim answered, and went to the library.

After school, Sid and Jim walked home together. Jim told Sid all that had happened.

"Vance probably did that. He's always trying to get you into trouble," Sid said. "Wait a few days and he'll be bragging about it."

"I don't think so," Jim said. "I think Miss Dennis and Mr. Sheldon just don't like my editorials and they know I'll keep writing them as long as I am the editor."

"You're probably right. They think it is all right to lie and cheat, as long as you can get away with it. I heard him laughing at one of your editorials the other day. He said, 'So Jim thinks it's not all right to lie and cheat a little. Everyone lies or cheats once in a while! It's just a good way to live—everyone taking care of himself. Why, even most preachers don't always tell the truth!' he said."

"Pastor White always tells the truth," Jim answered. "Besides, if people kept on lying, before long we couldn't trust anyone! Then even the most honest people would be thought of as dishonest. How could we have a decent government? People have got to be honest and truthful, or our country will end up in total confusion and disorder! Well, any-

way, I guess I have written my last editorial."

"I'm sorry, Jim," Sid said as he left Jim and turned toward his house. "See you tomorrow."

Jim usually went to work on one of his dad's construction projects, but tonight he just didn't want to go. "I must go," he said to himself. "I promised Dad I'd be there."

He warmed up some leftover lasagna in the microwave and gulped it down with a tall glass of orange juice. Then he went to work.

The hard work and the association with the other men helped him to get his mind off of what had happened at school.

That night, while Jim was doing his math homework, David called. "Sid told me what happened today. Jim, it's terrible! Do you think she'll tell that lie all over school?"

"I don't know," Jim answered. "People told lies on Jesus, too."

"If I hear anyone telling it, I will tell them that I know it isn't true."

"Thank you, David."

"I called to tell you about something Mom read to me that would be interesting to put in the next paper. A girl in New York City found a purse containing \$1,000.00. She was honest, so she turned in the purse. God really blessed her in a lot of ways for being honest. But her school teacher didn't praise her! She just said, 'I am not your counsellor to decide what is right or wrong.' You must decide for yourself, and she didn't even praise the girl!"

"She must have been a counsellor like Mr. Sheldon," Jim stated. "He acts like doing bad is better than doing good! I don't understand a person like that. Maybe Sid would like to use the story. He will be editor now."

"If Miss Dennis got rid of you, she will get rid of Sid, too."

"Maybe she will. Anyway, pray for me, David, that I will do what Jesus would do if He were having this problem."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

It was Friday, and the "What Would Jesus Do?" group had gathered at the Smith's home for their weekly meeting. Kathy had a new idea to present to the group. "There is a clean-up project in our nation," she told them. "This project is not to rid the streets of trash, but to rid our country of pornography."

"Pornography? What's that?" Kim asked. She was the youngest in the group.

"Pornography is filthy, impure, and immodest pictures or writings," Kathy said.

"But, Kathy, maybe what you think is filthy and immodest would not seem immodest to others," Kim said.

Jeannie came to Kathy's rescue by saying, "The kind of pictures Kathy is talking about would seem immodest to any of us, and also to the majority of the people in our nation."

"Then why are these pictures around?" Sid asked.

"Most people do not realize that they can stop the sale of them," Jeannie answered.

"But what can we do to stop it?" David asked. "Are we to go and tell the store managers that we don't think they should sell such things? Are we supposed to march in front of their stores?"

"I think that would be a good idea!" Kim exclaimed. "We could tell everyone

who came to the store not to buy anything in the store. Then they would have no more business and the store would have to close."

"But there are a lot of businesses in town that make money by causing others to sin," Jake said. "We couldn't stand in front of all those businesses. Besides, it wouldn't be safe in some places."

"Everyone would make fun of us, too," Hoel stated. "Who wants to stand in front of a store and be made fun of?"

"I'm willing to be made fun of, if I can help our city to be a safer, cleaner place in which to live," Kathy said, "but to really help the problem we need to have laws and policemen who will enforce those laws."

"But we can't make laws," Sid protested.

"No, we can't make laws," Kathy said, "but Jeannie's Dad says that each town or city decides if books, magazines, and videos with these filthy pictures should or should not be sold in their area. So, you see, our job is to let the mayor, chief of police, and councilmen know that we don't want this kind of filth in our town. We can let them know by writing letters to them. Our biggest job, however, is to get our parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents, and friends to write letters also. If Mayor Cedric Chester knows that many people in the city are opposed to this kind of

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Sends the 12 Apostles

New Words

Scrip: Lunch bag.

Sodom and Gomorrha: Two cities upon which God rained fire because of their gross sins.

Tolerable: Bearable.

Matt. 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom

and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.

Mark 6:12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Central Thought: God sends messages to everyone, either through other people, a written message, or His Spirit. Each one should be very careful to accept these messages.



Questions:

1. What special thing did Jesus give to His disciples?
2. Where did Jesus command them to go?
3. What were they to preach?
4. What verse shows that they were not to charge for healing?
5. Were they to take a suitcase full of clothing?
6. Were they to take enough money to pay for the expenses of the trip?
7. What were they to do if people did not receive them?
8. The people who didn't receive the apostles were compared to whom?
9. What did the Apostles preach and do on their trip?

MEMORY VERSE

They went out, and preached that men should repent.

Mark 6:12



The twelve men Jesus had chosen to be His special helpers were called Apostles. To these He gave power to cast out devils and to heal all sicknesses and diseases. After He had given them this power, He commanded them to go and preach, heal, and cast out devils. He told them to preach first unto the Jews. The Apostles were to go into a city and find a place to stay and they were to stay in that place as long as they were in the city. If the people of the home believed, God's blessing would rest on that home. If the people did not believe, the blessing of God would leave when the Apostles left.

If many of the people in the city did not accept what the Apostles preached, the Apostles were to shake off the dust of the city from their feet. This was to let the people know that God would not bless them until they repented of their sins.

The Apostles' job was a big one! They were not to take two coats, nor money, but they were to trust God to supply everything they needed. What if they became hungry and no one gave them food to eat? If no one invited them to spend the night, they'd have to sleep out of doors and be cold without that extra coat. The Apostles had to believe that Jesus would take care of all their needs, just as they had to believe that He would heal the sick people, or cause the devils to leave the possessed people.

There is another serious thought in this lesson. The Apostles were to shake off the dust of the cities which did not receive them as messengers of God. Jesus told them to do this because it was a Jewish custom to shake off even the dust of people from heathen countries. This action was to let the people of that country know that the Jews would not be dirtied by ungodly beliefs. Jesus wanted the Jewish people who

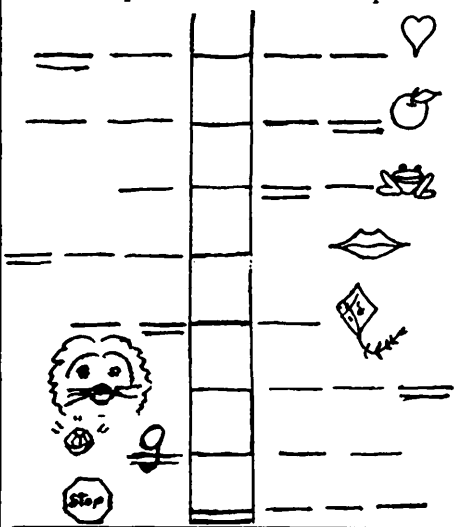
rejected His messengers to know that they were no better than any other ungodly nation, and that God would not save them unless they repented.

Let each of us take heed to this warning and not reject Jesus when He speaks to us. Whenever you realize that you have done wrong, that is God speaking to your mind. You should correct the wrong and ask God's forgiveness. He may not speak to you again about that wrong! None of us want Jesus to shake us loose from Him and just let us go our own way and be lost. We would rather be connected to Him and obey Him even though it is sometimes hard to do.

—Sis. Charlotte

Action Puzzle

Write the names of each picture on the lines. The letters in the boxes make a word. The letters with two lines under them is another word. It is what Jesus' helpers did on their trip.



(Answers: 1. He gave them power to cast out unclean spirits and to heal sickness and disease. 2. They were to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 3. "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." 4. Matt. 10:8. 5. No. 6. No. (Verse 9). 7. They were to shake off the dust of the city. 8. The wicked and evil people of Sodom and Gomorrah. 9. The Apostles preached that men should repent, they cast out many devils, and healed many people who were sick.)

literature, he will try to clean the city of it."

"Yes, he will have to stop it so that the people won't quit voting for him, even if he doesn't think it's wrong," Hoel said. "I've learned that anyone who wants to keep his office has to please the people."

"But some people say that selling or buying those kind of things is one of their rights by law. A lot of people in our neighborhood like it," John Hardin said.

"That's what Dad says when Mom tells him he shouldn't be bringing such filthy things home. He says, 'It's my constitutional right to do so.' Mom just sighs and says no more," Sid added. "Sometimes he watches cable T.V. and videos that Mom says are gory. I've seen some pretty bad ones myself, but since the Holy Spirit came into my life, I don't like them. I do have a question, though." Turning to Mr. Smith, he asked, "Don't people have a right to be just as wicked as they want to be?"

"I will do my best to answer your question, Sid. I suppose we could say that a person can be as wicked as he wishes, as long as he doesn't cause someone else to be his victim. A victim is a person who suffers bad treatment, hardship, loss, or death as a result of another person's actions. Now these pornography books, magazines, and video pictures are taken of real people being tortured. They usually show women and children being tortured. If people were caught doing some of these things that are in the pictures, they would be arrested, but most people are not caught. Only the pictures remain as evidence that the crime was committed. Yet, whoever did these things is not known. The faces or heads are covered, or are not in the picture at all. We do not want books, magazines, and videos of crime sold in our city, because in every city crime increases in regular pace with the amount of literature that is sold."

"Thank you, Mr. Smith," Kathy said. "We all want to do what Jesus would

do, and we know that Jesus wouldn't want things happening in this town that would cause crime. How many of you think you could get several people to write a letter to Mayor Chester, asking him to remove pornography from our town?"

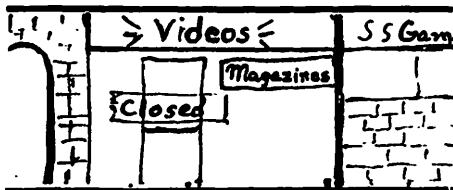
David stood up. "I would like to cooperate in this town clean-up, but I feel that I need more information to give out to others. I think some will need to be persuaded before they will be willing to write. Is there someone who could come to our next meeting and explain this a little better?" David sat down.

"Yes, David, my Dad will be glad to come and talk to us about this," Jeannie said. "He is very upset about all the mind and spiritual pollution that people receive from pictures of violence and raw wickedness. He says, 'America has been working hard to clean up its water and air, but has left the mind pollution around for even the very smallest of children to see.'"

Jim Mead, who was the tallest of all the Juniors, arose from his chair. He unfolded his long legs and stood his full six feet. Everyone had to look up to see his face. "I think Kathy has a splendid idea, and it looks like Jeannie's Dad can guide us through this project, so let's give it a name and go for it! I suggest we call it, 'City Clean-Up' project, and I nominate Jeannie and Kathy as chairmen. We need some others to investigate the businesses in town that deal in this stuff, for I suppose when we write letters, we should include the names of those businesses."

Mr. Smith agreed, and so did all the Juniors. Before dismissing, Mr. Smith advised them to wait until Jeannie's Dad talked with them before starting any investigation.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

Jeannie's Dad, Mr. Shoor, came to speak to the Juniors. The students were all anxious to hear what he would say about their part in helping clean up the city. First they sang, "He Shed His Blood for All," which is page 464 in *Evening Light Songs*, and then David led in prayer. He asked God to bless the meeting and help each one do his part in helping protect others from exposure to gross sins.

Mr. Shoor began his speech by praising the Juniors for being interested in a clean city. "I am also thankful to each of you for praying for me when I was away from God and my family. It is so nice to be back with my family and to also be a part in the big family of God. You who have never turned away the Spirit of God don't know how terrible it is to be without Him. I know that some of you accepted the Lord Jesus the first time He knocked at your heart's door. That is wonderful! Always do your very best to keep your heart clean of all known sin so that the Holy Spirit will stay with you. As I have said, 'It is terrible to have the devil for a leader instead of the Holy Spirit.'

"Now to get down to business. What are some questions you have?"

"How shall we go about investigating which businesses are dealing in pornography?" John Hardin asked. "That's what I would like to do!"

"There is no need to go around investigating," Mr. Shoor said. "I have a list of several places right here. I think that the most important things you Juniors can do is to pray every day that this evil will be stopped. Write letters and get your families and friends to write letters. This will let our mayor and law enforcement workers know that the people want a clean city."

"Mr. Shoor, I have a question," Sid said. "What can we do about the filthy T.V. and video shows and pornographic rock songs that are on the radio, tapes, and records?"

"We will write letters about that, too. They will go all the way to the nation's capitol. I have the name and address of the man to whom we are to write. There is one city nearby that has already taken one evil program off T.V., and they have cleaned up book stores and other businesses, too. With God's help, we can do the same for our town."

Bert spoke up. "I think it's great! From the Christian school where I go, I am sure that I can get the teachers, students, and their families to write letters."

"Wow! That should be a lot of letters!" Kim exclaimed.

"Everyone who wants to can write, but I'm not going to. It's too much work! Besides, I don't know what to say," John said, heaving a great sigh.

"I can't write a letter, either," Tony said, "but maybe Mom will."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Herod Kills John the Baptist

Matt. 14:1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,

2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.

4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

9 And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.

10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.

12 And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

13 When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Central Thought: When sin enters into a person, he becomes cruel and unloving. We need to stay saved so we will not be as Herod was.

Find ten words from your lesson.

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Questions:

1. Whom did Herod hear about?
2. Herod thought Jesus was whom?
3. Why did Herod want to kill John?
4. What day did John die?
5. What happened that caused John to be killed?
6. After John's death what did his disciples do?
7. What did Jesus do when He heard of John's death?
8. Did Jesus stay in the desert and feel sorry about losing His cousin and companion?
9. What was Jesus' attitude toward the people who followed Him when He wanted to be alone?

MEMORY VERSE

... When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. James 1:15.

Let's Talk

When the three wise men came from the east to find Jesus, they went to visit King Herod in Jerusalem. King Herod was very disturbed to find that there was another king in his kingdom. He wanted to get rid of anyone who might take his throne, so he had all the baby boys killed who were in the region where Jesus was. As most of you know, Jesus had escaped into Egypt. This king was so jealous and fearful of his throne that he also had one of his own sons killed!

After his death, the emperor of Rome (who was ruler over the king) had his territory divided into three parts and he put each of his three remaining sons as ruler over the parts. Archelaus Herod became ruler in Jerusalem where Herod the Great's palace was, but he was so cruel that the emperor soon had him banished. Antipas Herod was ruler over Galilee, and Philip Herod was ruler over another part.

Philip married Herodias, who was one of King Herod's granddaughters. They had a daughter named Salome. Later Herodias left Philip, her husband. Taking Salome, she went to live with Salome's uncle, Antipas Herod, who was in Galilee. John the Baptist was preaching in Galilee and he baptized many people in the Jordan River. John preached some things which Herod did not like. John said that it was not right for Herod to have his brother Philip's wife. Herod would have killed John, but he feared God and the people.

Herodias wanted John killed, too, so she waited for her chance and finally got Herod to have John killed.

After John was dead, Herod heard about the wonderful miracles of Jesus and he believed that John had come back to life! He was so perplexed about it that he wanted to see Jesus. Whether or not Jesus went to visit with Herod is not recorded in the Bible.

In this lesson we see the cruelty of sinful people. Can you imagine the sorrow of all the mothers when their little sons were ripped from their arms and killed with the sword? Think of a father killing his own son! How terrible it was for Herodias to force her daughter to ask for John's head when she could have had anything else she wanted! How cruel sin is!

Every person should seek God for grace to live above sin, for one sin leads to another, and sometimes it snowballs fast.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. John the Baptist risen from the dead. 3. Because John had said it was wrong for him to have his brother's wife. 4. On Herod's birthday. 5. Herodias' daughter danced at Herod's party and Herod was so happy that he promised to give the girl whatever she wanted. She asked for John's head. 6. John's disciples took his body and buried it, and then they went to tell Jesus. 7. Jesus went into a desert place. 8. No. 9. He felt compassion toward them and healed those who were sick.)

"Me, neither," Alex, Tony's friend, said. "And my mother can't write in English that well, and neither can my father."

"It won't be very hard," Mr. Shoor said. "I have brought each of you a sample letter. From the city manager's office I got the names and addresses of the mayor, all city councilmen, and the chief of police. We should send a letter to each of them. Hoel, will you please give a letter to each one? Jim, please give each one this list of names and addresses." Jim and Hoel passed out the papers.

"Each of you should copy this letter in your best handwriting and if you can change the wording just a little, it will be better. Have your parents write their own message, and if they know of a business who is selling filthy books, magazines, or tapes, the names should be included in the letter. If you do not know one, choose from the list a name of the business nearest to your home to include in your letter.

"I don't see the 'Hard Time Club' on this list. That's the tavern where Dad went before he got saved. I want it closed up," Jake said. Can I list it in my letter?"

"Yes, you may," Mr. Shoor answered. "Ask that it be investigated for unlawful practices."

Sid held up his hand. "I don't see any address for Washington, DC."

Mr. Shoor looked at his copy of the addresses. "I didn't include that address, but here it is." He wrote on the board:

"Chairman Dennis Patrick, FCC
1919 M. Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20554"

(Mr. Patrick would appreciate a letter of encouragement from you. Have someone help you write today.)

"Remember to commend Mr. Patrick for the bold initiative that he is taking to enforce the law. Promise him your prayers and support, and urge him to follow through with vigorous regulatory action. The FCC could safeguard our country's families and children from

the destructive presence and influences of obscenity and indecency within our nation's electronic mass media."

"This is a lot of names! Do we need to write a different letter to each one?" David asked.

"If I write one," Tony said, "I'm going to have it copied on a copy machine. Then I'll sign my name and send the same letter to each one."

"It is all right to send the same letter to each of the men in our town. As you notice, the greeting of the letter is, 'Dear Sir.' However, you will need to write a different letter to Mr. Dennis Patrick in Washington," Mr. Shoor said.

"I'm going to write to him first," Sid said. "I think his position as chairman of the FCC has great potential for regulating filthy songs and programs that are aired in our country."

"If everyone would do as my Dad did, and get rid of their T.V., we wouldn't need to clean up the air waves," Jim Mead said.

"But not everyone is saved, so they don't see any reason not to have a T.V.," Sid answered. "My Dad won't give his up."

"My Mom won't, either," Kim added.

"Kim, you don't know," Kathy corrected. "I just heard her tell Dad that she'd been listening to a radio program called, 'Tame it or Trash it.' She said she was going to try taming ours, and if that didn't work, she was going to trash it."

Mr. Smith stood up. "We've had an interesting meeting tonight, but it's getting late. I hope each of you will get a lot of people to write, and I want to say that Sid is correct; our air waves do need to be cleaned up. There are many children who stay home alone and they watch whatever comes over the air. I just read that much of the child abuse is caused by older brothers and sisters watching how children are treated on T.V. and video shows. They then treat their smaller brothers and sisters the same way. Let's all pray for abused children."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

Kathy finished filling the dishwasher with the dirty dishes from supper. Then she wiped the table and cabinets clean. She opened the freezer door to check the "slush." It was just right! Ten bright, red apples were in a round plastic tub, waiting to be bobbed. The hot dogs and marshmallows which were to be roasted were also ready. Through the glass patio door, she could see her father, Mr. Poline, making a fire in the outdoor grill. She looked at the clock and saw that it read 6:45. "I'd better get my clothes changed before anyone comes," she said to herself.

Kathy quickly put on her long, full dress, her white apron, and a shawl around her shoulders. Mrs. Powell had combed her hair high on her head. She looked at herself in the mirror. "I think I do look a little like Suzanna Wesley," she said. "I hope I can be strong like her, and teach my children to be strong and true to God."

The door chimes rang. Kathy ran to let Sandy in. "I'm so glad your mother let you come!" she said. "Is she going to let you come to church and Juniors' meeting now?" she asked, as they went to the kitchen to put away the cookies that Sandy's mother had sent.

"I don't think so," Sandy answered. "She said that I couldn't be with a better crowd on Hallowe'en, and that's why she let me come."

"Is she helping you write letters too?"

"Yes, and she has some friends from another church interested. Kathy, could we go to your room and have special prayer for my mother?"

"Sure, just follow me."

As Kathy led the way to her room, Sandy continued talking. "Mom is taking me to another church, but I don't like it. The preacher looks and acts so proud. Instead of preaching about Jesus saving from sin, he talks a lot about people finding happiness by doing the thing that is right for them. He talks a lot about world peace, too. How can there be world peace if everyone does what he wants to do, instead of living for God and doing for others?"

When they came downstairs after prayer, most of the Juniors were there. Each was dressed like a person of history who had been a blessing to the world. It was Bert White's idea. He said that Hallowe'en was an old, godless custom that worshiped evil spirits. Witches, black cats, ghosts, etc., were a part of their worship. "We are Christians," he said. "Let us have a costume gathering, but let's dress up like good people."

Just then the door chimes sounded. Kim opened the door. There stood long-legged Jim Mead in a black suit and a tall, black hat. "I know who you are!" Edith exclaimed. "You are Abraham Lincoln!"

You're right; I'm Honest Abe. I guess he did the world a little good, although

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Feeds 5,000

New Words

Fragments: Broken pieces, or leftover parts.

Outwent: Went faster than.

Thither: Toward that place.

Mark 6:30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent him, and came together unto him.

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them: and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

Matt. 14:21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

John 6:14 Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

15 When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

Central Thought: Be careful to love Jesus Himself, instead of just loving the things He does for us.

Questions:

1. What did the Apostles tell Jesus?
2. Why did Jesus and the Apostles go away in a ship?
3. How did the people get to Jesus?
4. What did the Apostles want Jesus to do?
5. How much food did they have?
6. How many people were present?
7. How much food was left?
8. Were the Apostles always obedient to Jesus?
9. Who did the people want for their king?

MEMORY VERSE

We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19.



Let's Talk

When the Apostles came back from teaching the people and healing the sick, they were very happy. It was their first time to experience miracles without Jesus being with them. (Of course, Jesus' Spirit was with them, but He was not there in person.) They excitedly told Jesus how that many sick, weak people were changed into strong, well people. They told about the evil spirits which, at their command, had gone away and were able to torment the people no more! Then they told Jesus about the lessons they had taught.

Great crowds were already following Jesus, and now there were even more. There were so many coming for help that Jesus and the Apostles had no time to eat or rest. Because of this they got into a ship and went to the other side of the sea to a desert place.

The people wanted to follow Jesus, so they started out walking. As they went, many others joined them from the cities around the lake. Soon a large multitude was again gathered around Jesus.

When the day was about over, the Apostles wanted Jesus to send the people into the towns and villages to get themselves something to eat, but Jesus felt compassion towards the people and would not allow this. Instead of sending them away, He took the five barley loaves and two fish which they had, and blessed them. With that small amount of food, he fed the five thousand men, plus all the women and children. After the people had eaten their fill, the Apostles had twelve baskets of food left over.

Needless to say, everyone there loved Jesus. The men talked amongst themselves and decided they wanted Jesus to be their king. "God has promised us a king who would deliver us. This must be the Promised One of God," one man said. They all agreed, but when they looked around for Jesus, He was gone!

Jesus had gone away into the mountains to be alone.

Jesus did not want to be their earthly king even though He loved them dearly. He wanted to help them, not only in this life, but on into eternity. Being their king would help them only in this life.

The men loved Jesus because He had great power. He had power to take disease and pain from their bodies, and He had power to supply food in a desert for a great multitude. They felt sure that if Jesus were their king, they would always have what they needed.

Sometimes we act like this multitude. We want Jesus in our lives because we want the things He gives. If the multitude could have had food and healing without Jesus, they would have been just as happy. They really loved the *things*, not Jesus Himself. Have you ever been guilty of loving the *things* Jesus does, instead of loving Him? Can you remember some time when you felt really sad because God let trouble come your way? Did you feel tempted to say, "Why should I serve Jesus?" Beware of those feelings! They are telling you that you are a little bit like the multitude who loved Jesus only for the blessings He brought.

Let us be sure to love Jesus with our whole hearts just because He loves us. He will bring many blessings, but there may also be those times in our lives when God sees that we need to suffer. Suffering seems to bring more compassion in our hearts, which is what we need to be better people for Jesus.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. All that they had done and taught. 2. They wanted to eat and get some rest. 3. They walked around the lake. 4. Send the people away. 5. Five loaves of bread and two fish. 6. 5,000 men, besides women and children. 7. 12 baskets full. 8. Yes. 9. Jesus.)

of course, he wasn't a reformer who taught truths from the Bible."

"The grill is ready! Who would like to roast a wiener?" Mrs. Powell called from the kitchen.

"I'm ready," Jim answered, as he took off his tall hat, and handed it to Kim.

After everyone had eaten hot dogs, baked beans, chips, dipped veggies, fruit salad, cookies, and drank plenty of slushy punch, they bobbed apples. Then they gathered in the family room to see if they could guess what person each one had chosen to represent.

Jim Mead volunteered first, as everyone already knew who he was. He said, "As a boy, I was known for my long legs, great strength, honesty, and a love for books. I learned to read at home from a Bible. I never went to a full year of school, but I became a good lawyer and the president of the United States. Who am I?"

Bert White was next, as he had suggested the game. "I preached without a license from the government and for this I was put in jail. While I was in jail, my little blind girl, who loved me, would sometimes stay in jail with me. I wrote a book for my family which was later published and has been read more than any religious book other than the Bible."

Everyone thought for a long time.

Finally Jeannie said, "I think you wrote a book about a man who had a lot of trouble on his way to heaven. The man's name was Christian, but I don't know your name."

Tony's hand went up. "Thanks to Jeannie, I know who you are. You are Paul; no, not Paul — but John Bunyan."

"Yes, I am John Bunyan."

"Now one of the girls," Mr. Powell said.

Kathy stood. She picked up a cardboard slate and chalk and pretended to be teaching a student. She then spanked the student. Then she rocked a small child. "I had very many children whom I taught at home while they were young. God used two of my boys to teach peo-

ple about being filled with the Holy Spirit and living a sinless life."

Peter, Tony, and Bert knew who she was, for there was a book about her in their Christian school library. "Suzanna Wesley!" they said at the same time.

Sandy was next. "I am a Bible character. I loved to sew and I made many garments for the poor widows' children. When I died, the widows sent for Peter. He prayed, and I came alive again! Who am I?"

Bert and Peter knew, but Tony had forgotten. "We just had that story in chapel hour but I can't remember," he said. David and Nancy also held up their hands.

Mr. Powell said, "Let's give Nancy a chance since she's the youngest."

Nancy said, "Sandy is Doris."

"Not Doris, but Dorcas," David corrected her.

"Yes, I am Dorcas. Read about me in Acts 9:36-42."

Next, Kim and Edith did a little skit. As they walked slowly across the room, Edith was trying to persuade Kim to go home. Kim said, "No," and then sang, "Wherever thou goest, I will go. Wherever thou lodgest I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, my love. Wherever thou goest, I will go."

Kathy and Jeannie knew who they were, for they had just learned the song which Kim was singing. Sid also knew who they were. "Kim is Ruth and Edith is Naomi."

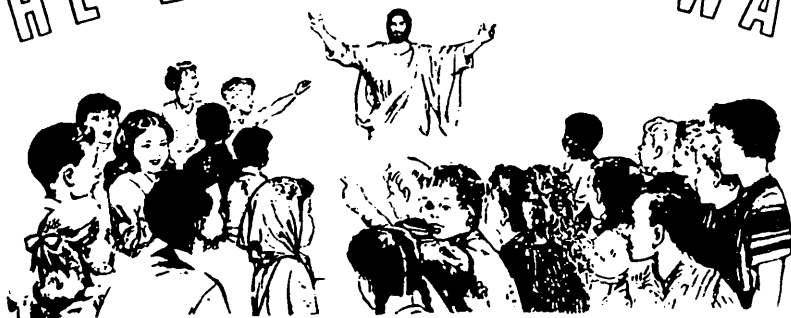
You're right!" they said, and bowed together.

After all the characters were guessed, they bowed in prayer. Sandy prayed that she could come back to church and be able to help the poor children like Dorcas did. Jeannie prayed that she would also be a good worker for Jesus, and for Sara who was at home, sick. David prayed that God would help each of the Juniors to give themselves completely into Jesus' hands to be used in whatever way He wanted to use them.

Jake took a large plate of food home for Harvey who had to work and could not be there.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

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Mr. Taylor opened the school assembly by saluting the flag and asking Mr. Smith to lead in prayer. David and Jim noticed how steamed up this made Mr. Sheldon because he didn't like prayer. Hoel, the school president, introduced the speakers who were David Powell and Jim Mead.

Both boys stepped up to the microphones. David started speaking. "Jim and I wish to thank Mr. Taylor for inviting us to share with you today about the 'City Clean-Up' project now under way in our city. Our clean-up project is different than the one in Royston, Georgia. Some of you have probably read about it in the September issue of the *Reader's Digest*. A group of fifth and sixth-grade students noticed that their city looked pretty run-down. There were several empty stores, a lot filled with junk cars, and a general run-down appearance throughout the downtown area. They began writing letters to the city manager, the mayor, building owners, and other people who could change things in their town. They called themselves the "Ripples" because they said, 'We are causing ripples.' These sixth graders influenced a lot of other students to also help with the clean-up of their city. They received as a reward for their work a renewed city, lots of self-satisfaction, praise from people, and a trip to Washington, DC, where

they received a Public Service Award from the Department of the Interior.

"Now I shall ask Jim to tell you about our own 'City Clean-Up' project."

Jim said, "Thank you, David. I will be happy to tell the students about our 'City Clean-Up' project. This idea of a city clean-up was born after seeing the film, *'A Winnable War'* and listening to Mr. Hopper tell about the great many improvements in Oklahoma City within eighteen months after he started a clean-up project there."

Here David questioned Jim. "But, Jim, our city looks pretty clean to me. Why do we need such a project?"

"Yes, David, the Historical Society of our city has done a beautiful job of renewing several old buildings and they have made our city a beautiful place. Our project will be to clean up crime in this beautiful city. Everyone here knows that our city is not completely safe. Last year, Jake Hardin was robbed and almost killed. Miss Leech, the chemistry teacher at the high school, was murdered the year before last. Men who study criminals find that a great many of the committed crimes are a result of something the criminal saw, either on T.V., video tapes, or in some pornography book or magazine. Our project is to rid our town of all this."

"What can we students do in this fight against crime?" David asked.

"There are several things students can do," Jim answered. "Every day

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WORDS OF GOLD



Peter Walks On The Water

New Words

Boisterous: Violent, rough.

Matt. 14:22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

John 6:16 And when even was now come, his disciples went down unto the sea.

17 And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them.

Mark 6:48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them; and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

Matt. 14:24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

28 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Central Thought: We should always rest on Jesus' mercy and trust His power to calm the storms of life and help us through our problems.



Peter and Jesus walking on water.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples to do?
2. Where did Jesus go?
3. Where were the disciples when darkness settled?
4. Was the weather stormy?
5. How did Jesus get across the lake?
6. Why were the disciples afraid?
7. What very unusual thing did Peter do?
8. Why did Peter begin to sink?
9. What would Jesus say about *your* faith?

MEMORY VERSE

... Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. **Matt. 14:27b.**

Let's Talk

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to have a pair of anti-gravity shoes? They would be special shoes in which you could bounce ten feet high up in the sky! Or you might hop over houses and cars, cutting across town to visit a friend. Maybe you would want to try walking on water with them. After all, you *could* walk on water if there were no gravity to pull you down.

We read in the Bible how Jesus and Peter both walked on the water without any special shoes, skis, or life jackets.

The day before this happened Jesus and the Apostles had been very busy. Five thousand men, besides women and children, had gathered around Jesus. When evening came Jesus didn't want to send them away hungry, so He fed them all from five loaves of bread and two fish. It was a lot of work just to serve that many people.

After they were through, Jesus told the Apostles to go across the lake to Capernaum. He sent the multitude away and then He went to a mountain to pray. Soon it was dark and a storm arose on the lake. The ship tossed from side to side and the Apostles had to work hard to keep it afloat. Jesus could see them through the dark, stormy night even though they were about three and one-half miles out!

Some time after three o'clock Jesus decided to go to the Apostles. He stepped on the water as if it were solid earth and quickly covered the distance between them. The Apostles saw a form coming across the water and were afraid. They watched as the form came nearer and nearer, and they cried out in fear.

"Be not afraid; it is I," a voice answered.

Quickly Peter said, "Jesus if it is you, let me come to you."

Jesus said, "Come."

Peter then walked on the water, too, and went to meet Jesus. After a while, though, he looked at the violent waves and began to sink. Jesus took him by the hand and together they went to the ship.

What a beautiful lesson of Jesus' power and mercy! His power was demonstrated by walking on water. His mercy was shown as He helped Peter stay on top of the water after Peter's faith failed. How great to know that Jesus will help us in our problems even though sometimes we get ourselves into the problems, as Peter did.

Let us each ask God to increase our faith.
—Sis. Charlotte



Can you find the picture?

(Answers: 1. He told them to get into a ship and go to the other side. 2. He went to a mountain to pray. 3. In a ship in the sea. 4. Yes. 5. He walked on the water. 6. They saw Jesus coming across the water. 7. He walked on the water. 8. He saw the water and thought He was a spirit. 9. Answers will vary.)

they can pray for God to help our leaders make laws against airing filthy T.V. and radio programs, and the sale of filthy tapes, books, and magazines."

At this statement, some of the students began laughing, as if they thought it was impossible.

"Don't give up too soon," Jim encouraged them. "It can be done if we will all work. We must influence our parents not to buy any products produced by firms that sponsor filthy shows on T.V., nor anything from our local stores who sell filthy material of any kind. Our main job, however, will be to write letters. Let's get our parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and friends to also write."

"Can you explain to us how to write a letter to men in office?" David asked.

"Always start the letter with a proper address, such as, 'The Honorable So-and-So,' or use his title, such as Mayor, Governor, Senator, Representative, Chief of Police, or Councilman. Say in a few words what you want to say. The people you write to are busy, and do not have time to read long letters. Never say hateful things. Just say something like, 'I would like for our town to be a safer place. According to investigation, many criminals do what they have seen others do in pictures. For this reason, we want only good programs on our T.V.'s and videos, and good pictures in our city.' "

"Jim," David said. "I don't think you mentioned writing to the editor of the newspaper."

"I'm glad you mentioned that," Jim said. "Yes, please do write to Mr. Gray. If your letter gets published, it will be read by many people and will help others see the need of cleaning the city of 'crime causes' which will make a better place for us all."

"Thank you, Jim," David said, "for sharing with us the 'City Clean-Up' project."

"As each student leaves, you may pick up a packet of ideas, including a list of the names and addresses of people to whom we should write. Sandy and Jeannie will be taking care of the

material at the front door, and Kathy and Kim will be at the rear door. Please do all you can to get adults interested in making our city a safer one."

Many students picked up the packets as they left, but others thought the idea was crazy.

After everyone had left the gym, Sid, David, Jim, and Hoel put the tables and chairs back in the home-ec room. The girls gathered up the left-over material and stored it there, also. Then they separated and each went to his next class.

David's next class was wood shop. He walked down the hall to Sid's locker to get some sand paper that Sid was to have brought for him. While waiting, he could hear Mr. Sheldon talking to Mr. Taylor. He was saying, "You broke the law again by praying. Do you really want me to turn you in? I've a mind to do so today. Besides, those Christian students are just having too much freedom. There is a 'wall of separation' between God and government projects such as public school."

Mr. Taylor put his hand on his chin as if thinking. "Yes," he said, "Thomas Jefferson, in his inaugural address in 1805, said that it was so that the government could not erect one church and force all people to join that church. It had nothing to do with Christian students having a right to speak and encourage others to make a better city."

"But they are always pushing their ideas over on others."

"The sixth-grade students in Royston, Georgia pushed their ideas on others and in the end everyone was happier. And as for me asking Mr. Smith to offer prayer, Mr. Sheldon, you can do what you like, but I shall show thanks and respect to God as long as I live. You may respect ungodly laws, but I will respect God." Having said this, Mr. Taylor turned and walked away, leaving Mr. Sheldon staring after him, and mumbling something about Jim Mead.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

"Time for breakfast!" Mrs. Powell called. David arose from his knees. He had been praying, and before him lay his Bible, opened at the Psalms. Already that morning he had memorized Ps. 1:3 which says, "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

While they were eating, Dad showed David a "Letter to the Editor" in the morning paper. "It is written by Jim Mead. Isn't that one of your friends?" he asked.

"Sure thing," David said as he gulped down the last bit of pancake in his plate. "Let me see it." David looked at the letter. "You don't mind if I tear it out?" he asked.

"Nope."

At school, David showed the clipping to Jim. "Such a deal," Jim, exclaimed, smiling. "I can't get my editorials printed in this dinky school newspaper, but I get my letters printed in *The Daily News* to which thousands subscribe."

"Yep, whatever you do prospers," said David. "I wonder what Miss Dennis and Mr. Sheldon will have to say about this?"

Just then Hoel and Sid walked up. "Look at this," Jim said, and showed the clipping to them.

"Say, Sid," Hoel said, "put that in the school newspaper. Maybe these school kids won't think we're so crazy after all, seeing that the editor of *The Daily News* likes our ideas, too. I'm so tired of kids making fun of us."

"Hoo! Miss Dennis wouldn't think of printing this. She'd lose her boy friend, Mr. Sheldon, if she did."

"But it must have some merit," protested David.

"Makes no difference to Miss Dennis."

Just then Jeannie and Kathy came by. "Did you hear the news?" Kathy asked.

"What news?" the boys asked.

"The city manager asked Mr. Shoor to speak at the city council meeting about the 'City Clean-Up' project. It's next Tuesday night. Let's all of us go, okay?"

"Sure," David said. "Have a look at Jim's letter in the paper."

The two girls looked at the clipping. "Great work, Jim!" Jeannie said. "And, say, what's this I heard about you quitting journalism class?"

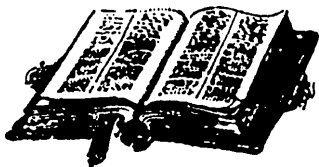
"That's a long story," Jim answered just as the bell rang.

On Tuesday night all of the "What Would Jesus Do?" group, except Sarah who was sick, and John and Tony who had both lost interest, went to the city council meeting.

Mr. Shoor showed the great amount of tax money which was spent on pornographic related crimes. He showed

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus is the Bread of Life

John 6:24 When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

25 And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither?

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said I am the bread which came down from heaven.

42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?

45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.

47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Central Thought: It is very serious to reject Jesus who is the only nourishment for the soul.

Questions:

1. What did the people do when they could not find Jesus?
2. Jesus said that they were seeking Him for what reason?
3. For what should a Christian labor?
4. The true bread comes from where?
5. Who is the bread of life that comes from heaven?
6. What did the Jews say about Jesus?
7. What must one do to accept the true bread of life?
8. For whom is this bread of life provided?
9. Is it a serious thing to reject the living bread of life?

MEMORY VERSE

I am the living bread . . . and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John 6:51

Let's Talk

Can your pet live without food? Can any animal live without food? Can a plant live without nourishment? The answer is "No" to all three questions.

Can your body live without food? How about the other part of you: your **soul**—can it live without **soul** food? The answer to these two questions is also "No." Every person has a body which needs nourishment from different kinds of foods and drinks. Every person has a **soul** which needs nourishment from God in whose image the **soul** is created.

God provided nourishment for the **soul** through Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life, which cometh down from heaven." He called Himself bread because nourishment for the **soul** is received through Him. It is received from Him through prayer and reading His Word, the Holy Bible. Doing these things gives strength to the **soul**, just as eating food gives strength to the body.

When Jesus said, "I am the bread which cometh down from heaven," the Jewish people who had known Him from childhood said, "He is not bread from heaven! He is the son of Joseph and He has lived right here in our own city." They thought He was just a man who pretended to be God's Son.

All that Jesus taught and did was rejected by the Jews. Even when Pilate wanted to release Jesus before His crucifixion, they wanted to destroy Him. Pilate would not take the responsibility for killing Jesus, so the Jews cried out, "His blood be upon us, and on our children." (Matt. 27:25). By saying this, they were accepting for themselves and their children whatever punishment would come for rejecting this bread of life.

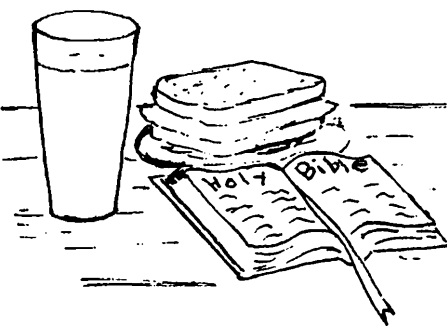
The punishment has been very severe. A few years after Jesus' crucifixion, God allowed the Roman army to capture Jerusalem, the city where Jesus

had been crucified. Thousands of Jews were caught outside the city walls and killed. Thousands more starved to death inside. They became so hungry after all the food was gone that they ate straw. They made broth from dried animal skins, or leather. They ate the leaves, bark, and soft wood from the trees. Finally they chewed the wooden parts of their houses. Their hunger was so strong that one family roasted their baby!

Perhaps the worst suffering the Jews endured in recent years took place when Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party slaughtered six million of the ten million who lived in Europe. (Corrie Ten Boom tells about this suffering in her books).

The Jews suffered not only during these times, but through the years since Jesus' death, they have suffered in almost every nation in which they lived, for they had no nation of their own until 1948. Wasn't that a long time? Yes, it was over one thousand, nine hundred years before they were able to have a nation of their own again.

Remember that Jesus is the "bread of life". He is God's way to feed your soul. Rejection of this special gift will always cause spiritual death, and it can cause many other problems, just as it has done to the Jews. —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. They took a ship and went to the other side of the sea. 2. Because they had eaten the bread and fish He gave them the day before. 3. "For that meat which endureth unto everlasting life." 4. From heaven. 5. It is Jesus. 6. They said He was the son of Joseph and did not come from heaven. 7. They must believe. 8. Everyone in the world. 9. Yes.

how unsafe it was making the nation, and told about the great work that the Juniors were doing in this project. After the meeting, a man from the Lion's Club asked the Juniors to speak at their next meeting. Another of the Pro-Family Organization asked if Mr. Shoor and his group would do a program for them.

At the Juniors' meeting on Friday night, they discussed plans and worked on speeches for the Lion's Club and Pro-Family meetings. Jeannie, Kathy, and Kim promised to sing a song that Sandy had written to be sung to the tune of, 'If You're Happy and You Know it, Say Amen.' It went like this:

"If you want a clean city, get to work!
If you want a clean city, get to work!
If you want a clean city, then what you do will show it—

If you want a clean city, get to work!"

There were three more verses.

Day after day, the Juniors did more and more to help clean their city. It seemed that every spare moment was taken up with it. When they called on the telephone, they talked about their next activities. When they bowed in prayer, all their prayers were centered around asking God's help in the project. Weeks were spent in this way.

One day, while David was praying, he remembered Steve. Steve was the homeless boy whom John Hardin's Dad had accidentally killed. Steve had come one time to the Juniors' meeting, and because of Steve they had promised each other not to do anything without first asking themselves the question, "What would Jesus do?" They then were supposed to act like they thought Jesus would act. And Steve had said that he thought Mrs. Hardin would do only what Jesus would do.

"For some reason, I don't feel strong like I did back then when we first started this thing," David said to himself. Suddenly he felt that Mrs. Hardin could help him. He dialed her number on the telephone.

When the telephone rang, Mrs. Hardin answered.

"Hello," David said. "I'm glad you answered. I want to ask a question."

"Go right ahead; I'll answer as best I can."

"Why are you always strong and happy?"

"Well, I don't always feel so strong and happy, but I do have victory every day. I suppose if there is any special clue to always being strong, it is that I read my Bible and diligently pray every day. Contacting God through Bible-reading and prayer is like eating good food. *Its gives strength.*"

"I do pray every day, Mrs. Hardin, but I haven't been reading the Bible every day. I am so busy with the 'City Clean-Up' project!

"I've been wondering about this project. It is fine to help clean up filth in a city, but it should not take up all of your time," Mrs. Hardin said. "Jake tells me that lately the Juniors' meetings aren't much encouragement. Of course, because he has a paper route, he can't help much with the project. Sandy has been sick, too, and not one of the Juniors have been over to visit and pray with her. John and Tony lost interest in the meetings, too. They have been spending their evenings running around town. No telling what they may be mixed up in! David, do you feel weak and kind of dissatisfied?"

"Yes, I do, Mrs. Hardin."

"Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger.' If you feel weak and hungry, it could be because you are spending too much time doing other things for fun and praise, instead of feeding your soul from God's Word."

"Thank you, Mrs. Hardin, for telling me. I knew something was wrong, but I didn't know just what it was.

"Is Jake there, and could I speak to him?"

"No, he is collecting on his route tonight."

"Doesn't that make you worry, after what happened to him?"

"Mr. Hardin is with him, so I'm sure he's okay."

"Thanks again, and good-bye."

"Good-bye."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

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"Have you heard about the mini-classes that Ms. Yeek has been giving in the Resource Room?" Jim asked Jake. "They sound interesting to me. John told me about one he is taking called, 'Values Clarification.' He says that it has helped him find answers to a lot of questions he had."

"I'm surprised that John would have time for those classes. I thought they were only for the smarter students who didn't need their study hall time for studying. His Mom says that his grades are very low," Jake answered.

"I don't know about that, but he probably told Ms. Yeek that his work was all done."

"Sounds just like him. He can tell a lie as easy as a crow can caw! I wonder sometimes how he can claim to be a Christian."

"He hasn't been to the Juniors' meeting, either, for six weeks now."

"He didn't even come to Kathy's house for the wiener roast. He said that he could have more fun at other places on Hallowe'en night. Aunt Sue told Mom that he didn't come in until 12:30 that night. He said that he had been with Tony and Alex, so she guessed that whatever they were doing was okay."

"Well, I think I will go to Ms. Yeek's class today and see what it's like. I have a study hall period now that I'm

out of journalism class," said Jim. "See you later."

At 1:30, Jim went to the class in the Resource Room. Ms. Yeek was handing each student a paper. Across the top was typewritten these words: "Ways I Would Prevent Overpopulation."

"Why are we trying to solve a problem that is impossible for us to solve?" Jim asked Ms. Yeek.

Ms. Yeek answered, "Someday this will be your problem to solve. There is a food shortage in the world today. There could be another million babies born tonight! How can there be enough food to feed another million people today, plus another million tomorrow? Don't you see, Jim? It is a real problem!"

After school, Jake asked Jim how he liked the class.

"It made me confused," said Jim. "She said that no deity will save us and we must save ourselves. Why, Jake, we can't save ourselves! Only Jesus can do that! Acts 4:12, says so!"

"She didn't know how hard my Dad tried to save himself from being an alcoholic. He never could, but Jesus did," Jake explained.

"Ms. Yeek's all mixed up. She also said that everything is always changing. The trees lose their leaves. The leaves come again. The trees get larger. Governments change, people change, and there are new inventions and new discoveries. 'There are no eternal truths,' she said. What was thought to be true a

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WORDS OF GOLD



What Can Really Ruin A Man

New Words

Defile: To destroy the purity or cleanliness of.

Matt. 15:1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying,

2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

Mark 7:14 And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:

15 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.

16 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

17 And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.

18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him;

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,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Matt. 15:20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

James 4:1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they

not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

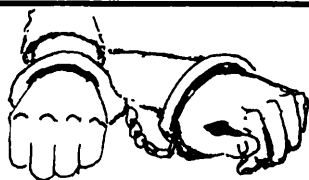
5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Rev. 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Central Thought: The little harm that comes to our bodies from unwashed hands is not much when compared to the harm that will come to a defiled soul which dies in that condition.



Questions:

1. Who asked Jesus a question?
2. What question was asked of Jesus?
3. Whom did Jesus call before answering the question?
4. In this lesson what does "defiled" mean?
5. What defiles the soul?
6. Name a few actions that defile a person.
7. How can a person become clean before God?
8. Name some ways to keep clean before God.
9. Will you examine your heart to see what is in it?

MEMORY VERSE

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Let's Talk

"I'm ruined! Completely ruined!" John muttered to himself as he hovered in the darkness outside "The Diamond Jeweler" on Main Street. The lights were on in the back of the store and John was sure that Mr. Slim, the owner, was investigating his record-keeping. John had seen Mr. Slim's Rolls Royce parked in the alley.

John was Mr. Slim's head record-keeper. Within the last three years John had embezzled over ten thousand dollars. Now Mr. Slim was checking up on him!

John thought he was ruined because he was caught, but wasn't it pretty rotten for him to steal? What do you think?

Have you ever taken a big bite from an apple, and then noticed that the remainder of the apple was rotten inside? From the outside the apple looked good, but had you left it for a few days, the rottenness would have shown on the apple's peeling in the form of soft dark spots.

In the lesson today, Jesus is teaching that whatever is in the heart will eventually show up on the outside. If a person's heart has evil thoughts, these thoughts will show up in the form of evil words or actions. John's evil heart caused him to steal. Stealing made a terrible dark spot in his life and the lives of his family, for in the end John served time in prison.

Watch out for dark spots in your life. Have you said something hateful about a friend or someone in your family? That's a dark spot. Something in your heart caused you to say it. Stop and think. Consider: what was in your heart that caused you to say the bad things? Ask yourself questions like these: Am I jealous of how they look, or what they have, or something else? Have I not forgiven them for something they did? Am I trying to get even? Whatever the

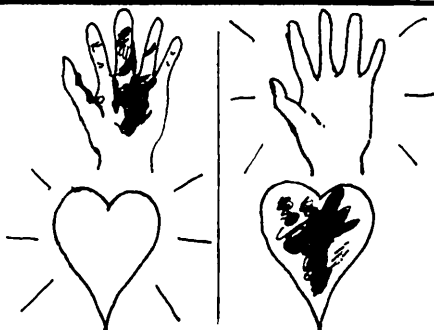
reason, it is a dark spot that tattles on your heart's condition.

Have you been uncooperative with your parents because they wouldn't let you do something you wanted to do? A dark spot is showing! A little seed of rebellion has dropped into your heart and is sprouting. If it is left to grow, it will soon fill the heart, and a heart filled with rebellion will cause its owner to do many evil things.

Sin is what makes a soul defiled or impure before God. When a soul is impure before God, the person is really ruined until he seeks forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Jesus told the Pharisees that the little harm that comes to our bodies from unwashed hands is really nothing when compared with the harm that comes to the soul through an evil heart. "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." Matt. 15:11.

One more word of caution: there are some things like alcoholic beverages and drugs that affect the mind and cause evil actions. Thus the evil action is in direct connection with what went into the mouth. —Sis. Charlotte



Which is best, clean hands or clean heart?

(Answers: 1. The scribes and Pharisees. 2. Why do your disciples disobey the traditions of the elders? 3. All the people. 4. To destroy the purity or cleanliness of something. 5. The evil words or actions that a person does. 6. Adultery, fornication, murder, stealing, coveting, deceiving, cursing, pride, foolishness, envy, etc. 7. Ask forgiveness through Jesus Christ. 8. Humble ourselves, submit to God, resist the devil, testify, etc. 9. We hope everyone will answer, "Yes.")

few years ago, we know isn't true today. One example is that people thought that if a doctor drained blood from a person, they would be healed of certain ailments. Now it seems foolish. 'All truth is relative,' she said, 'and that means that it changes with the conditions around it.'

"But 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.' He is the 'truth, the way, and the life.' 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall never pass away.'

"Ms. Yeek was trying to prove that there were no absolute truths by comparing it to the things in the world," Jim said. "Sure, the world will change and pass away, but God's Word will still be the truth. Just because God's creation changes doesn't prove that His laws change! The law of gravity hasn't changed.

"His divine laws are still true, also," Jake said. "But I don't understand why some teachers do not want the students to trust in God."

"I guess it's because they don't believe in or trust God themselves. Martin Luther, the great man who led the people in a reform to bring them out of bondage said, 'I am much afraid that schools will prove to be great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth.' "

"This school would surely be a 'great gate to hell,' then, if it weren't for Mr. Taylor," Jake said. "But the Christian students don't cause them any trouble, so why should they care what we believe?"

"Well, no, we don't cause any trouble until they try forcing their beliefs on us," David said, as he walked up to them. "Mr. Sheldon is surely trying to do that! He is making us read from a new Social Studies book, called, *The Promise of America*. I'm not reading from it!

"Mom came up yesterday to look at the book, but Mr. Sheldon told her, 'We don't show some books to the parents.' I know why, too! It's just full of filthy words, all sorts of profanity, blasphemy,

and gutter language. Mr. Sheldon does not know it, but Mr. Taylor took the whole series over to our house last night. I guess Mr. Sheldon does not know that my Dad is the president of the school board this year."

Just then a policeman walked up. "Do you boys know if Jake Hardin is still here?" he asked.

Everyone looked at Jake. "I'm Jake," he said.

"Well, I just took John to the juvenile hall. He asked if you would tell his mother. He said that they had no phone and you didn't, either. That's all. I guess you got John's message?"

"Yes. Thank you very much," Jake said.

All the boys just stood dumbfounded. Jake finally broke the silence by saying, "I better get off for home now."

"We'll be praying for John," the boys assured him.

When David got home, he told his mother about the things that had happened at school that day. "I'm so tired of it all," he said. "We've been working so hard to clean up the city, and the school is full of evil. Some of the teachers at school are trying to destroy our faith in God."

"Your school is still very good compared to other schools," Mrs. Powell told David, "because Mr. Taylor is a Christian. In the public high school in Lake Worth, Florida, the principal forbade a student Bible Club to meet at the school, even though the students met voluntarily and after school hours. Besides that, he ordered the Bible Club's page removed from the school's just-printed yearbook." (A true account.)

"Yes, Mr. Taylor has given us equal freedom as all the other clubs have, but Mom, John's in trouble now! He was already stealing sometimes, but after Ms. Yeek said that there weren't any eternal truths, he didn't see anything wrong with shoplifting.

"Mom, why does the school board allow such teachers and such classes?"

"I don't know, dear. All we can do is pray, I guess."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

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"Ask if you can spend tomorrow night with me," Jake said to John, as they were leaving school on Thursday afternoon.

"Okay!" John answered. They could have walked home together, but Jake usually went straight home, and John liked to walk around town and have a "little fun" before going home.

John came to school on Friday morning, prepared to spend the night with Jake. When they left school he said, "Let's walk up town before going home."

"But I have to throw all the papers on my route, and I want to finish early tonight so we can go to the Juniors' meeting."

"I'll help you with the papers. We'll have enough time. I want to show you something."

"All right," Jake answered, and went with him. He was praying for John and trying to be his friend so as to interest him again in doing what Jesus wanted him to do.

The first place they went to was a game room. "I want to play just one game," John said. "Sometimes a guy can win a lot of money on this one."

"Have you ever won?" Jake asked.

"No, but Alex did. He showed me the money, or what he had left of it the next day."

"I don't like spending my money for such a little bit of fun. It costs a quar-

ter for about a minute of fun. An hour of fun at that rate would cost \$15.00! I'd rather use \$15.00 for something else."

"Like what? Buying a Christmas gift for a couple of poor, little girls?"

"Yes, or buying your own mother a decent Christmas gift. John, you know she needs a lot of things. If you would save up your quarters, you could buy a present and help out a little with the food, too."

"Jake, you don't know it, but I take something home almost every night. Usually it's food, but sometimes I take more expensive things."

"How do you do that?" Jake asked.

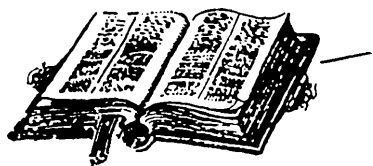
All the time they were talking, John was playing his game. Suddenly he walked away from the machine and said, "Follow me and I'll show you."

Jake followed John out the door and down the sidewalk. They passed a large Safeway store. John walked in and went straight to the cashier and asked for change to play a game. The cashier handed him four quarters in exchange for a dollar bill.

John then went to the game machine and hung around as if he had lost his money in the machine and was trying to make the machine to start. Nearby were cans of tuna. John took one and slipped it into his loose shirt. Then he pretended to play with the machine just a little longer. Out the door he went, calling angrily to the cashier as he

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WORDS OF GOLD



She Wouldn't Give Up

Matt. 15:21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us.

24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27 And she said Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Mark 7:24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid.

25 For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet:

26 The woman was a Greek, a Syro-phenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet

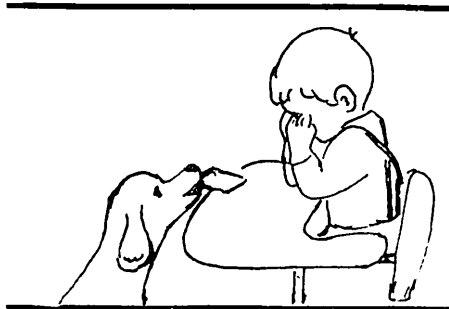
to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Central Thought: Be so determined to get Jesus' blessings that you let nothing discourage you from getting them.



Questions:

1. For what did the woman ask Jesus?
2. What was Jesus' first answer to her?
3. What was Jesus' second answer to her?
4. Did the woman go away discouraged?
5. What did she say that showed she was humble?
6. What did Jesus say about her faith?
7. At what time was her daughter made well?
8. What did the woman find when she arrived home?
9. Should we be as determined to get Jesus' blessings as this woman was?

MEMORY VERSE

And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.
Luke 7:23.



Almost everyone likes to hear about people who overcome great obstacles to get what they want. There are those who have endured hunger, freezing temperatures, great fatigue, or who have left loved ones, etc., to obtain their goals. Some who were very poor have become rich. Others have overcome voice defects and have become great speakers or singers. All of these people have one thing in common: a determination that nothing could discourage them enough to cause them to stop.

The woman in this Bible lesson was also determined. She came and asked Jesus again and again for help for her daughter. Jesus ignored her so long that the disciples complained and said, "Send her away!"

When Jesus finally spoke to her, He implied that to help her would be like taking food away from the children and feeding it to the dogs.

"I know," she said, "but the dogs under the table get an occasional crumb that falls while the children are eating." Jesus healed her daughter.

Samuel Morris was a boy who would not be discouraged in his search for knowledge about the Holy Spirit. He was the son of a tribal chief in the African jungle. One day another chief made war with Samuel's father. Samuel was captured and taken to the enemy village. He was tortured every day while the enemy tried to collect ransom from his father. After many weeks of torture and paying ransom, his father had no more ransom to pay. Samuel thought that he would surely die, but one day while he was being beaten, he seemed to hear a voice from heaven telling him to escape! At the same time he felt great strength come into his weakened body. He struggled against the rope that had him tied. It broke and he fled like a deer into the jungle.

For many, many days he wandered through the dark jungle, following a soft light. He chewed leaves and jungle fruit to stay alive. The first person he met was a missionary who took him in as his own child. Later the missionary explained to Samuel that God had helped him escape. Samuel wanted to know more about this God. The missionary taught him how to be saved and some of how God expected him to act.

Samuel soon found that he could not always act as he thought he should. Later, another missionary explained to Samuel that he needed the Holy Spirit in his life. Samuel then began seeking knowledge about the Holy Spirit.

Samuel could not read very much but he could walk and work, so he went where ever he was directed, to find someone who knew a little more about the Holy Spirit. Finally he did learn enough about it to experience the infilling in his own life.

He was told later that someone in New York could teach him more of the things of God, so he hired out as a worker on a ship and came to America. Samuel's determination brought him all the way from Africa to New York!

How much determination do you have?

—Sis. Charlotte



"Let us stand by our duty fearlessly and effectively. I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the light that I have."

"And having thus chosen our course, let us renew our trust in God and go forward without fear and with manly hearts."

—Abraham Lincoln



(Answers: 1. She asked Jesus to cast the devil out of her daughter. 2. "I am not sent out into the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 3. "Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs." 4. No, she kept waiting for help. 5. "Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs." 6. "Great is thy faith." 7. "The same hour that she spoke with Jesus. 8. A well daughter! 9. Yes.)

passed her, "That game machine has gone haywire!"

"See how easy that was?" he said to Jake, as they went home. "Almost every day I take Mom something, although I will eat it sometimes as I am on the way home."

"Doesn't your Mom ask where you're getting the money to pay for the things you bring home?"

"Nope! She thinks I use the money I make mowing lawns."

"What did she say about you being in juvenile hall for shoplifting?"

"She believed me when I told her that they were falsely accusing me."

Jake felt hot inside. He wanted to tell Aunt Sue what John was doing. He wanted to shout to John, "Do you want to spend time in jail like your Dad?" But all he found strength to say was, "John, I don't think Jesus would do that."

"So what?" John answered. "I'm just going to church and the Juniors' meeting now because Mom promised the juvenile officer that she would monitor more closely my activities. Ms. Yeek says that there are no 'eternal truths' anyway, Jake. She also said that there were a lot of religions who had good leaders just like Jesus. Why not do what I want to do?"

"But, Jake, shoplifting like you're doing may seem like fun now, but what about when you get put in jail for stealing?"

"I won't get caught," John assured Jake.

"But you already got caught once."

"I won't again; I'm smarter now!"

"John," Jake said just before they got to Jake's house, "do you really believe that what Ms. Yeek says is true?"

"Not really. But after listening to her, I can't really believe that the Bible is true, either. I can't believe anything is true. It's a terrible feeling. I'm so confused!"

When the boys came into the house, Mrs. Hardin served them a bowl of potato soup and hot corn bread. "You're late tonight," she said to Jake.

"I went up town with John. He promised to help me with my papers, so I should be through in time to go."

"Sure thing," John assured her.

The boys passed Alex's house on the route. He came out to talk to John. "Been ripping off any more?" he asked.

"Just this can of tuna to show Jake how it's done. Want it? I was ashamed to give it to Jake's Mom, and I'm tired of carrying it."

"No, thanks, I don't like tuna," Alex said.

"Take it," John urged. "It rubs my stomach and makes it hurt, and the very feel of it makes me feel mean and awful inside."

"Don't shove your problems off on me! I've got enough of my own!"

Jake heard the boys' conversation, and was thankful that he felt so-o-o-o good inside. He had been doing only what Jesus would do.

After the papers were all delivered and they were on the way home, Jake asked, "Still got your can of tuna?"

"Nope."

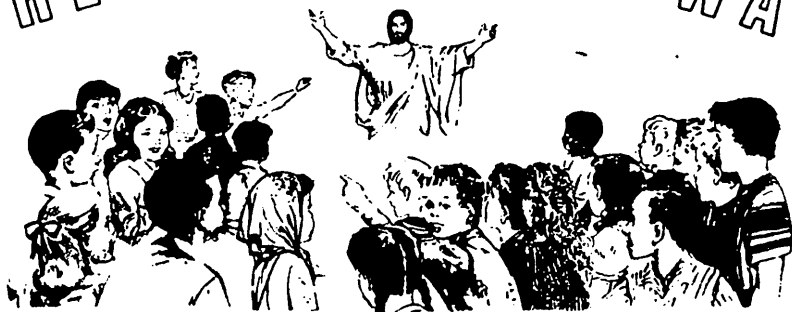
"John, it makes me feel really good inside to do what Jesus would do. Didn't you feel good when you were trying to please Jesus?"

"I guess I did feel better than I do now. Jake, it was awful to be handcuffed and taken out of the store while all the people stared. I'm just glad that no one was there who knew me! It is nice, though, to go by the store and get something to eat after school. I've been doing it for almost a year now. If I didn't get so hungry—It's a long time before Mom gets home from work and has supper ready. She works until 9:00 at night. Your Mom always has something for you to eat."

"Every day except Thursday. That's the day she cleans Mrs. Powell's house. I always find something in the refrigerator that day. Why don't we walk home together every day and you could eat a snack with me? Mom wouldn't mind."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

After Mr. Shoor was saved, Mrs. Shoor had also become a humble Christian. She quit complaining about Jeannie wanting to sing hymns and work for Jesus. She was happy to take Jeannie by to see Sarah who was sick, on their way home from a singing lesson. Kathy and Kim were with them.

When the girls entered the house, they saw Sarah lying on an old, sagging sofa.

"You'd better stay lying down," the girls cautioned her.

"Why should I?" she questioned. "I am well!"

"I thought you were taken to the doctor from school yesterday," Jeannie said.

"I was. Mr. Taylor said that I would need a doctor's excuse for being out so long, but the doctor said he couldn't find anything wrong with me. I told him how I had been feeling, and he said that it sounded like I had had an attack of appendicitis."

"Did you get an excuse?"

"Yes. After doing some more testing, he said he was sure that it had been appendicitis."

"Anyway, sit down," Sarah insisted. "Mom will be home in a few minutes. She has a job babysitting two little girls whose mother died last year. Mom comes home as soon as she gets their

supper and the kitchen cleaned up. I lost my job after I missed so many work days."

"That's too bad," Mrs. Shoor said, trying to comfort Sarah.

"I don't really care," Sarah answered. "I just feel sorry for Mom having to work, but she really seems to enjoy her job."

"Having any results from the 'City Clean-Up' project?"

"Yes, wonderful results!" Jeannie exclaimed. "Through investigations it was revealed that Mayor Chester had owned two liquor stores, an adult book store, and the 'Hard Time Club' over near where the Hardins live. He has not admitted anything publicly, but Dad says he's closed them all down."

"Sounds like Mom's coming now."

Sarah's mother, Mrs. Jinks, had never met Mrs. Shoor, so Sarah introduced them.

"Why are you home so early?" Sarah asked.

"Mr. Hines is going to take the girls shopping and buy them a hamburger, so I didn't make supper. He hates to take them shopping because he can't afford the clothes the girls like. I wish I had money for material so I could sew for the girls."

"Say!" Kim said. "Why couldn't we all make things for the girls for Christmas? We've really been looking for a Christmas project."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Heals The Sick

New Words

Impediment: Hindrance, obstruction.

Impediment of speech: Probably tongue-tied ("for the string of his tongue was loosed").

Tongue-tie: Impeded or confined motion of the tongue caused by an abnormal shortness of the frenum of the tongue.

Mark 6:13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

Mark 7:31 And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;

34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

Mark 8:22 And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

Luke 4:40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

Luke 9:11 And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe. . . .

18 . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Central Thought: Jesus healed all who came unto Him, except those in His own country because they did not believe in Him.

Questions:

1. What was wrong with the man who was brought to Jesus?
2. Where did Jesus take the man?
3. What happened to the man's tongue and ears?
4. Who was brought to Jesus in Bethsaida?
5. Where did Jesus take the blind man?
6. What did Jesus do that we consider rude in healing both men?
7. What should we do to get healed?
8. What signs follow those who believe?
9. Did Jesus heal all who came unto Him?

MEMORY VERSE

. . . Great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all.
Matt. 12:15b.



Let's Talk

In today's lesson, Jesus healed two men. One man was deaf and tongue-tied and the other was blind. For several months now, we have been studying about happenings in Jesus' life. Many of these show miracles which He has done. The two we will study today have one thing in common, and that is that Jesus put spit on the blind eyes and on the afflicted tongue. Sounds gross? I agree.

Why did Jesus use this method? I do not know. Why do you think He did? Perhaps it was a lesson in humility to those who were seeking help. Maybe it was a test to see if they wanted healing enough to endure such treatment. It might have been to discourage other proud seekers. It could have been as an example of the anointing of oil which Jesus expects people to use when they pray for His blessing of healing upon the sick. (James 5:14, 15; Mark 6:13).

We should each be willing to trust that Jesus is always doing the right thing. Never question His Word or His dealings with you. You are a special creation of His and He is extremely interested in you and all that happens in your life. If you are handicapped, He knows about it and wants to either heal you as He did the man who was deaf and tongue-tied, and the one who was blind, or He wants to help you overcome the handicap enough for you to have a happy life.

Many times our minds do not comprehend God's plan for us because we are not willing to trust that He always does what is right. Humans sometimes think they know what is best for them, but Jesus realizes that our ways are not always best.

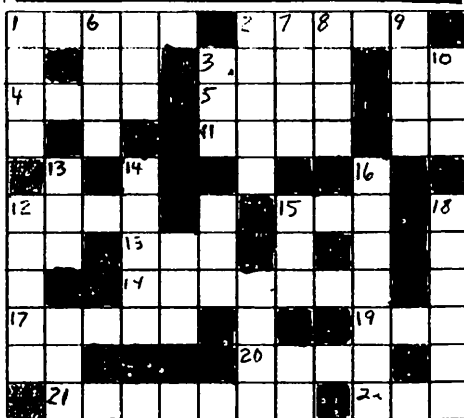
It is in God's plan to heal, but it is not always His plan to heal *now*. We also know that it isn't His plan to heal everyone. There is only one way to get to heaven, and that is by a separation

from this fleshly body. There are records of a few people's souls having separated from their bodies without dying, but dying is usually the way of separating the soul and body so that the soul can go to heaven. Accidents, being killed, and sicknesses are the usual routes to heaven, so that means that all people cannot be healed.

The lesson for us to learn is to be happy with whatever God lets happen to us. If we see Jesus heal, be happy. If we see people suffer and die with cancer, be happy. If He heals slowly, be happy.

Remember that there is no healing unless the seeker and those praying truly believe that Jesus is the Son of God with healing power.

—Sis. Charlotte



Across

22. To pass away

1. One with leprosy
2. Cannot see
3. Without air
4. Seek and ye shall —
5. Capital of Italy
11. Words that rhyme
12. Hurting feeling
13. Drink from herbs
14. Very sincere
15. Cost to go in
17. Begin
19. Allow
20. A certain sound
21. To make known

Down

1. Jesus gives ———
6. Breathe hard
2. Washes sin away
7. Cannot walk
8. thing
9. Cannot talk
10. To behold
12. Shaking Disease
13. Long way off
14. Come into
15. Enemy
16. Became close to
18. Healing power

(Answers: 1. He was deaf and had a speech handicap. 2. Aside from the multitude. 3. His tongue was loosed, and his ears were opened. 4. A blind man. 5. Out of the town. 6. He used His spit. 7. Call for the elders of the church. 8. "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." 9. Yes.)

"That sounds like a good idea!" Mrs. Shoor said. "You girls suggest it at the next meeting."

"But we suggested the last project!" the girls chorused.

"Sarah, maybe you should. You know the girls, and can explain everything better," Mrs. Shoor said.

"You think the group would do what I suggest?" Sarah asked. "I have just missed the last six meetings! They may think I'm not a part of the 'What Would Jesus Do?' group anymore."

"Oh, Sarah, everyone likes you," Kim exclaimed. "They all know you've been sick."

At the next Juniors' meeting, Sarah told about Vicky and Martha, the two little girls whom her mother was baby-sitting. "Martha is nine and Vicky is seven," she told them. Vicky says that people don't like her. Maybe if we could sew some clothes, or make or buy some toys for them for Christmas, it would help Vicky know that others do like her."

"I think it is a great idea!" Kim said. "I can help with the sewing a little."

"I think it's a good idea, too!" Kathy added. "I talked to Sandy about it and she says that she will help with it at her home."

"I'm for doing this, and so is Mom," Jeannie said. "She sent this \$10.00 to start a fund to pay for some material."

She laid the \$10.00 on the coffee table and asked if anyone else had some to add. Jim, who always helped his dad, laid \$5.00 on top of it. David said he would bring some to the next meeting. Hoel reached behind the sofa and pulled out his cap. He put the \$15.00 in the cap and passed it around.

After it had gone around the room, Jeannie counted the money.

"\$21.59," she said.

"Who will buy the material and patterns?" Kathy asked.

"Mother said that she would take Mrs. Jinks to the store to pick out what they liked, if that would be all right with you all," Jeannie said.

David stood to his feet. "I think Sarah has a great idea. I also believe that

Jesus felt sorry for those who were sad and helped them, so please don't get me wrong. I just want to give a little word of caution. Let's not get so involved in projects that Jesus is left out of our lives."

"How can we leave Jesus out of our lives if we are doing things for Him?" Hoel asked.

"In doing a project for Jesus, we cannot let it take up so much time that we have none left for reading the Bible and praying every day. We can love our project so much that it crowds out our time of communicating with Jesus. We can love it more than Jesus. You all know that the greatest commandment of all is, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy mind, and with all thy soul.' Let us give our spare time, not our prayer time to help Vicky and Martha."

"I believe David has a good point," Jake said. "We must love Jesus more than doing good deeds. We must keep Jesus first in our hearts. John, Tony, and Alex are not doing only what Jesus would do because they began loving other things. John's in trouble now. He didn't do bad things at first, though. The first wrong thing he did was to stop loving Jesus."

Jim stood up and unfolded his long legs. He said, "I'm glad that Jake said something about John, Tony, and Alex, for I wanted to ask everyone to promise to pray every day for them. Jesus told a story about a man who had 100 sheep. One sheep was lost, and he left the other 99 and went to look for the lost one. We have three lost boys straying from our group. Let all of us be really friendly with the boys, and go visit them when we can."

"Looks like we have two projects on hand," Mr. Smith said. "One for boys and one for the girls. I suggest that you girls, along with Mrs. Smith get your plans all laid out. I was just thinking that you might get the 'Cheer-Up' club interested in it also. I will make plans with the boys to do something to interest our lost sheep."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

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Mrs. Wilshire called to Sandy, "Are you ready to go to the art show?"

"As soon as I comb my hair. It won't take long," Sandy called from her bathroom.

"It's so easy to handle short hair," Mrs. Wilshire said a moment later when Sandy appeared. "I suppose that by now you are happy that I had your hair cut this summer."

Sandy said nothing.

"Are you glad?" her mother asked.

"Not really. I still wish it was long."

"Oh, Sandy, I'd take you out of that church, but you would still want to be just like them," Mrs. Wilshire sighed.

"It's not that I just want to be like certain people. It's that I want to do what pleases Jesus, and His Word says something about long hair being a glory to women."

"I guess I should find you some other friends, but some of them, like Kathy and Kim, are just wonderful."

"Mrs. Poline and the girls are to meet us at the art show today. Then we'll have lunch together."

"Oh, that's great! Thank you, Mom. You are so nice."

Mrs. Poline and the girls were waiting when they arrived. "I want to see your painting. Where is it?" Edith asked Sandy.

"It's over in that section," Sandy said, pointing toward the far side of the

big building. Immediately they started off to find it.

"I think it's the best one in the whole school," Kim said. "I'm sure it will get first place."

"This show is just for artists who want to sell their work," Sandy explained to Kim. "I hope mine will sell."

"Look! There is a paper hanging on your painting," Kathy said, pointing ahead to what she thought was Sandy's picture.

The girls hurried to see what the paper was. It was a note saying, "Come to the office before 12:00."

"Can we go now?" Sandy begged.

"Yes," Mrs. Wilshire answered.

The girls hurried to the office. At the office they found that a man had left \$25.00 to buy Sandy's picture. Sandy took the money and the office clerk promised to give the painting to the man.

While the others were looking at the many different pictures, Sandy was hardly seeing them. Her mind was on the \$25.00 and what she would do with it. It was her very first time to earn money.

"And I earned it using the talent God gave to me," she thought to herself. "Seems like I should give it to Him. How can I possibly do that? I wouldn't dare ask Mother to let me give it to Pastor White, and I don't think God has any part in the church where we're

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WORDS OF GOLD



A Surprised Multitude

New Words

Compassion: A feeling for another's hardship that leads to help.

Lame: Not able to walk properly.

Maimed: Having a useless or missing arm or leg.

Wonder: Amazement.

Matt. 15:29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.

30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:

31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat. . . .

Mark 8:3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.

4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.

7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them.

8 So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets.

Matt. 15:38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

Central Thought: We need to trust God's mighty power to supply all our needs, for nothing is impossible with Him.

Find the words from the Word of God.

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Questions:

1. To where did Jesus come?
2. Whom did the multitude bring to Jesus?
3. When did the multitude wonder?
4. How did Jesus feel toward the multitude?
5. How long had they been with Jesus?
6. Did some come a long way to see Jesus?
7. How much food did Jesus have for everyone?
8. How many people ate?
9. How much food was left over?

MEMORY VERSE

For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37.



Let's Talk

This is the second record we have of Jesus supplying food to satisfy several thousand people. On one occasion, He had only five loaves and two small fish, and with this He fed 5,000 men besides all the women and children. In the lesson for today we read that He had seven loaves and a few fish. With only this as a beginning, He fed 4,000 men besides the women and children.

There are recorded and unrecorded accounts of Jesus doing miracles from that time until now. Whole nationalities of people could not exist today, had it not been for God miraculously supplying for them. Sometimes He has supplied during times of drought by sending rain, so that food-producing plants could grow. At other times, God has caused people who had food to give it to the needy, or those who had money to give it so that food could be purchased.

There are many different ways in which God caused the needy to have food from an available food source. Just a few years ago, in the country of India, God caused food to appear in an empty pot! That's right! He performed a miracle just like He did in Bible times! Here's what happened:

Sis. E. Faith Stewart, a Church of God missionary in Cuttack, India, was in charge of "The Shelter". The Shelter was a home for one hundred and forty homeless girls, besides many workers.

It was the annual custom of the Shelter to give a dinner at Christmas for other poor people in the area. One year, as hundreds of hungry people were being served the dinner, the supply of food began to run out. At last there was only enough food left for the girls who had worked hard making and serving it.

Then another group of people came.

The girls turned anxiously to Sister Stewart and said, "Mamma, shall we give our food and eat only rice for dinner?"

"No," she answered. "Perhaps we can make them a meal of something else that we have. Go and look."

"But, Mamma, we have already used all the food and have scraped the kettle. The pots are empty." However, in obedience to her request, they returned to look into the empty pots.

Suddenly one of the girls cried out, "There is food in the pot!" The pot had been scraped to the bottom, but when the girls looked again, there was enough food for all the people!

Again in the twentieth century God has multiplied food for the hungry, just as He multiplied the seven loaves and few fish to fill over 4,000 hungry people in the wilderness. —Sis. Charlotte



The kingdom of God which is with us consists in our willing whatever God wills, always, and in everything, and without reservation; and thus His kingdom comes. —Fenelop

(Answers: 1. Near the sea of Galilee. 2. The lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others. 3. "When they saw the lame to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see." 4. He had compassion on them. 5. Three days. 6. Yes. 7. Seven loaves of bread and a few fish. 8. 4,000 men, besides the women and children. 9. Seven baskets full.)

going, so God wouldn't get it if I gave it there."

"Look, Sandy!" Kathy was saying. "There is Sid's charcoal drawing."

"I really like it," Sandy answered. She saw a few more pictures, but soon Sandy's mind was again on what to do with her money.

On the way home Mrs. Wilshire scolded Sandy for being so unfriendly during the day.

"I'm sorry, Mother," Sandy said. "I was thinking about what I should do with this \$25.00."

"Why should that even be a problem? Christmas is coming soon and you can buy some special presents. Mrs. Poline was telling me about the two little girls whose mother died, and for whom your friends are helping to make a really nice Christmas. It would be all right to help them. Sandy, I don't mind you being thoughtful of others. It's just—well, you were endangering your health by helping with that Sunday School class."

"Oh, Mother, could I really help with the Juniors' Christmas project? I'd be so happy if I could!"

"You could help by giving some of your money."

"Yes, but I also would like to sew something for those little girls."

"You have plenty of time to make things at home. I may, however, let you go sometimes to the meetings if they work at Mrs. Poline's house. I know she wouldn't invite any of those dirty children."

"But, Mother, I go to school with all kinds of children six hours every day! Why should a few hours a week in church hurt?"

"I think you are right, Sandy. Sometimes I think your Dad and I should enroll you in a private school."

"When Sandy got home, she went to her room and bowed on her knees beside her bed.

"Jesus," she said, "I want to give this money to you, but you're not here, so I think Pastor White is nearer to you

than anyone I know. Please work something out so that I can give it to him."

Three days later, Mrs. Wilshire said to Sandy, "I'm going to go Christmas shopping. Want to come along?"

The first store that they went to was "Dillard's". Mrs. Wilshire pointed out several small things Sandy could get for Kathy, Kim, or Jeannie. "Or maybe something for your teacher," she said, picking up a lovely flower vase.

Then they went to "Hobby Lobby," a store that had all kinds of craft material. Sandy found two pieces of material to make stuffed animals with for the motherless girls. One piece was for a large cat and two kittens. The other piece was for a cuddly dog. She bought both pieces and the polyester filling for them. She paid for it all with money from her allowance.

Next, they went to "Hallmark" to pick out some cards. Sandy saw one which said, "Christmas Blessings to my Pastor." She picked up the card and read the verse inside. Then the idea struck her.

"Mother said I could spend my money for Christmas! I will give it as a Christmas present! That would not be disobeying Mother, and I would be giving it to the Lord also," she said to herself. Sandy bought the card.

That evening, she signed her name on the card and put the money inside it. She wrote a note which said, "Enclosed is \$25.00, the money I earned from selling my first picture. I feel this money is God's. It's the least I could do, for He gave me my talent. Please use this money in God's work as you think best. All my money is God's money, but this is the first money I've made from my art. I feel it should be especially used as God's. It makes me feel so happy to do something for God. I can only do a little."

She placed the note in the card and sealed the envelope. Then she put the card in her desk drawer.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

"I won't be able to be home for the Juniors' meeting tonight," Hoel told his mother, Mrs. Smith, as they were eating breakfast.

"What must you do that is more important than the Juniors' meeting?" she asked.

"The 'Cheer-Up' club is meeting to repair toys for the children at the Child Abuse Center. Miss Hopper and Ms. Yeek both said it was very important for me to be there since I am the school president."

"Maybe I shouldn't have given up being sponsor of the 'Cheer-Up' club, but I have so much to do. Last year we had such good times together," Mrs. Smith said, and then she sighed a little.

"Well, this is our only project this year, so I better go."

"I wonder how many other Juniors will choose to go there instead of coming here for our usual meeting?" asked Mrs. Smith.

"I don't know," Hoel answered. He hoped that they would all come to the Juniors' meeting. He didn't feel very comfortable around them any more. He was tired of being grouped with them and being the topic of other students' jokes. He thought that going to this meeting would prove to the other students that he was not a narrow-minded "What Would Jesus Do?" freak.

Hoel was happy when he saw that none of the Juniors were at the meeting, except Sandy, who was not allowed to attend the Juniors' meetings.

Sandy, who was always wanting to help the poor, had brought a lot of toys already. Tonight she came in carrying another box full.

"Where'd you get all those toys?" Hoel asked, as he helped her set the box down.

"Mom takes me to rummage sales to buy them. I have to spray each one with disinfectant, though, before I can put them in the car. Once, she let me take them home first, but I had to spray them before taking them in the house."

"I thought she didn't like you helping poor children."

"Sometimes she gets upset with me, but I just do something nice for her and then she's through with her mad spell. She's even helping me to make some stuffed animals for Martha and Vicky. She's never done that before! Say, Hoel, why aren't you working on that project instead of this one?"

"I just wanted to come here tonight," Hoel answered.

"That's strange," Sandy said. "You chose to come here and I would choose to go there. I love being with them!"

Just then Miss Hopper said, "Hoel, will you and Sandy please get the newspapers out of my car trunk? We need them to cover the tables before we start painting. Here's the keys."

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WORDS OF GOLD



Be Careful About Hypocrisy

New Words

Fragment: A part or portion of something that has been left.

Hypocrisy: The act of putting on a false appearance of goodness.

Leaven: Any substance, such as yeast, that will cause dough to rise; an influence that while spreading silently and strongly, changes conditions or opinions.

Mark 8:10 And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the part of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread.

17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?

18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

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.

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

Luke 12:1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the house tops.

Central Thought: The influence of hypocrisy is deadly to the soul and should be guarded against at all times.

Questions:

1. What is the leaven of the Pharisees?
2. What is hypocrisy?
3. What is leaven and how can it affect you?
4. Why did the disciples think Jesus was talking about bread?
5. What did Jesus ask the disciples that showed He was not concerned about bread?
6. How many baskets were left over after the 5,000 were filled?
7. How many baskets were left after the 4,000 people had eaten?
8. Do you think Jesus was disappointed with the disciples because they did not understand?
9. Think of your own actions. Is Jesus disappointed because of *your* actions?

MEMORY VERSE

For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be made know. Luke 12:2.



Let's Talk

Jesus said to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

Have you ever seen a sign which read, "Beware, bad dog!" "Beware" means to watch out or be careful. Be on your guard! Keep at a safe distance! Almost everyone who reads this sign is glad for the warning. They are willing to obey the sign because if they don't, they could be bitten!

Jesus knows that it is very easy to be bitten by hypocrisy also, so He is hanging up a sign that says, "Beware of hypocrisy!" Beware of pretending to be something you are not. It is very easy to pretend that you're saved and all right before God whenever you see others older than you pretending that they are saved, when they are not living like Jesus taught. At first you may think that maybe that person doesn't know that what he is doing is wrong.

When older people in the congregation continue to disobey the messages of the pastor, the devil can begin to put thoughts in your mind that you need not obey the messages either. **Beware!** The silent, strong influence of hypocrisy is changing your opinions.

When you were first saved, you believed you should do whatever your pastor taught to be right. Now you are beginning to think that isn't necessary. Why do you think it isn't necessary? Is it because some older people are disagreeing with what was preached, and are not following it? Those people have never told you in words that you need not obey your pastor's message, but their influence, which is the leaven of hypocrisy, has a strong, silent power and it is changing your opinion about your pastor's authority. Be careful, juniors, and don't let this power suck you down to an unsaved condition.

Take this recipe home with you and make the bread. It should help you to

understand "leaven" and that's what our lesson is all about.

Whole Wheat Bread

1. In large mixing bowl, mix 1 cup of white flour, 1 cup of whole wheat flour, and 1 package of active dry yeast.
2. In a small pan, heat 1½ cups milk, ½ cup margarine, ½ cup sugar, and 1 teaspoon salt. Heat only until the margarine melts.
3. Pour warm mixture over flour and yeast. Add 1 egg. Beat with mixer at low speed for 30 seconds, then for 3 minutes at high speed.
4. Gradually stir in 1¼ more cups of flour. Beat until smooth.
5. Grease waxed paper with shortening. Place on bowl for a cover. Let dough sit in a warm place until it is twice its size (about an hour).
6. After dough has doubled in size, stir with a wooden spoon. Spray 20 muffin pans with "Pam", or grease pans with shortening. Using a spoon and rubber spatula, drop dough into muffin pans, filling each one about one-half full. Cover with the greased wax paper and let rise about 30 minutes or until again doubled in size.
7. Turn on oven to 400° about 10 minutes before dough is ready. Bake until golden brown; about 15 minutes.

The yeast, which is the "leaven", caused the dough to grow in size, just as the leaven of hypocrisy will grow if you pretend you are something that you are not.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Hypocrisy. 2. Putting on a false appearance of goodness or religion. 3. Leaven is an influence that spreads silently and strongly to change conditions and opinions. Because it is so silent and strong, the influence may overpower me unless I am always on guard against it. 4. Because leaven is an ingredient used in making bread. 5. "When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up?" 6. Twelve. 7. Seven. 8. Yes. 9. Yes, no, or sometimes, are all correct.)

Hoel took the keys, and as they were walking out, Sandy said again, "I would always choose to go to the Juniors' meeting. I can't understand why you would not."

"This is helping someone, too. What's the difference?"

"A lot of difference, Hoel. These toys will be given out by a Santa Claus. We will never get to see the children, nor tell them about Jesus who loves them and who will be their friend. We are helping these children to be a little happier by giving them the toys, but we aren't helping their souls, and their souls will last forever. Hoel, it is much better to be able to help people's souls."

"Can't help their souls unless we love 'em," Hoel said. "You act like you don't love these students very much."

"I didn't mean that!" Sandy said as she continued stacking the newspapers that were scattered over the trunk floor. "It's just that I'm trying to do what Jesus would do, and they aren't. That makes a difference between us."

"Makes no difference to me. I like being with them."

"Are you still trying to do only what Jesus would do?" Sandy asked.

"Of course," Hoel answered. "Seen me do anything wrong?"

"No, but John told me that you had been running around up town and spending a lot of time in Jay's Game Room. I don't think Jesus would waste His time like that."

"I'm just as good as any of the 'What Would Jesus Do?' group, even though I do spend some time at the game room," Hoel protested, as he lifted a big bunch of papers.

"Do you really think so?" Sandy asked, as she started off with her bundle.

The silence was thick as Hoel and Sandy walked back into the school. Hoel felt like Sandy was a big giant challenging him to prove that he was.

"I will prove that I am just as good as any of them," he thought to himself.

He thought all weekend about Sandy's words. The more he thought, the more he meant to prove it.

Monday, at school, he tried really hard to impress everyone with his politeness and cheerful smile.

Fourth hour was English. There was a test sheet lying on each desk.

"I forgot to study!" Hoel groaned. He sat down to read the test and groaned again.

Vance, who sat right in front of Hoel, always made an "A". Hoel knew that he could easily copy Vance's paper. Vance was short, so Hoel could sit on his legs and see right over Vance's shoulder. Silently Hoel twisted and strained to see Vance's test paper. One by one he copied the answers he didn't know.

"Hi, Hoel," Sandy said, as they left the English room. "I saw you peeking at Vance's test. Hope he got them all right."

"Yep," was all Hoel said.

In the science class there was an egg in vinegar. Mr. Chew, the teacher, said, "Hoel, please throw out that rubber egg while I get some things in the office for another experiment."

Hoel was feeling pretty badly about Sandy seeing him copy from Vance's paper, so he thought he would have some fun.

"Shall we see if this egg is really rubber?" he asked to get everyone's attention.

Most of the students looked up just in time to see Hoel throw the egg. It splattered on the newly carpeted floor.

When the teacher returned, he was so angry that he chased Hoel all over the room, trying to hit him. Hoel jumped over desks, with Mr. Chew jumping right behind him.

Finally Mr. Chew cooled off enough to give Hoel a good "chewing out" and then told him to get the floor cleaned up.

After he had the mess cleaned up and had sat down again at his desk, Hoel said to himself, "It isn't very easy to pretend to be something I'm really not."

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

The dry, powdery snow blew in the strong wind which, at times, seemed to be rising in strength to gale force. Jake watched the snow through the glass entry doors of the junior high school. Occasionally he looked back at John, who lay on the three seats that he and David had pushed together to form a bed, since the two beds in the nurse's room were already full.

John's face was pale, and cold, clammy beads of sweat oozed from his forehead.

David was in the office, calling his mother to come and take John home. Jake noticed that David hung up the phone, and then he dialed again. After a bit, David hung it up again and dialed again. Finally, he came in from the office.

"I can't find anyone at home," he said. "I called Mom. No answer. Then I called Mrs. Poline, Pastor White, and Mrs. Shoor, and couldn't get any of them, either."

"Everyone must be doing their last bit of Christmas shopping," Jake said.

"Who else shall I call?" David asked.

"I could call Dad at work, but the heater isn't working in our old car," Jake said.

"John can't ride in a cold car. He's too sick for that," David said. "Suppose Sandy's Mom would come?" David asked.

"I wish Mr. Taylor were here. He'd take John home in his car. I wonder where he is today?"

"He's home, sick. Almost half the school is absent because of sickness."

"Yeah," Jake agreed.

"Well, I'm going to ask Mrs. Wilshire to come get him."

Jake went back into the office with David to call. David dialed the number, and Mrs. Wilshire answered.

"Hello," David said. "I'm sorry to bother you, Mrs. Wilshire, but we have a real problem and I couldn't get in touch with Mom."

Jake could hear Mrs. Wilshire as she said, "Don't feel sorry, David. I'll be glad to help you any time."

"Well, it's just that John Hardin is very, very sick and needs to be taken home."

"Oh!" Jake heard her say. "You don't think he would dirty up my car? You know, David, I wouldn't want to do that, nor pick up any germs that might get one of us sick so near to Christmas."

"I hope he wouldn't dirty your car, but he did throw up his breakfast."

"Then I couldn't have him in my car. Sorry, David. I'd love to help you out. Maybe Pastor White can help you."

"I've already called him," David said, but Mrs. Wilshire didn't hear him. She had already hung up.

David hung up the telephone and the two boys just looked at each other. Jake

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WORDS OF GOLD



Some Errors of the Pharisees

Luke 11:29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter, but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

42 But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

44 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

46 And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute:

52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

Matt. 15:4 For 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.

7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Central Thought: Don't be like the Pharisees who made many errors and loved the praise of man more than the praise of God.

Questions:

1. What were the Pharisees making clean?
2. Was Jesus referring to a cup and platter, or to people?
3. What two important things did the Pharisees pass over?
4. Which verse shows that the Pharisees were proud?
5. Were the Pharisees hypocrites?
6. What evil did the lawyers do?
7. What did the Pharisees do to the prophets and Apostles?
8. How did the lawyers hinder others from entering?
9. What important commandment did they teach men to disobey?
10. In what way do the Pharisees honour God?
11. How was the Pharisees' hearts toward God?

MEMORY VERSE

But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

Matthew 15:9

Let's Talk

Contained in the Bible verses printed under "Words of Gold", we find ten errors of the Pharisees.

1. The Pharisees did not have enough spirituality to recognize God's Spirit in Jesus, so they wanted Jesus to give a sign that they might believe in Him. I wonder why feeding five thousand with five loaves and two fish, or feeding four thousand with seven loaves and a few fish, or the many healings, were not enough signs? Some think that more people would believe if there were more signs in the congregations now, but it seems that the blind will be blind. They will not see until they are ready to surrender their wills to God.

2. The Pharisees cleaned up their bodies but they didn't clean up their hearts. By making the body look godly, they covered up the evil heart. We can also look right on the outside and not be right in our hearts.

3. The Pharisees loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. Have you ever been guilty of doing nice little things to cover up ugly attitudes? Sometimes Christmas gifts are a cover-up to hide a bad attitude. Let's ask God to clean up the attitude.

4. The Pharisees were so full of evil that Jesus likened them to graves full of corrupting, rotting bodies. At the same time, the corruption is so hidden that men cannot see it any better than they can an unmarked grave, which they might walk over and fall down into.

5. The Pharisees didn't have charity. They were unthoughtful, nor had they any pity, compassion, mercy, or sympathy. They expected others to give offerings. They expected others to live more righteous lives than they themselves were willing to live.

6. The Pharisees persecuted the people whom God had sent to preach to them. When we talk badly about those who

preach to us, we are doing just like the Pharisees did.

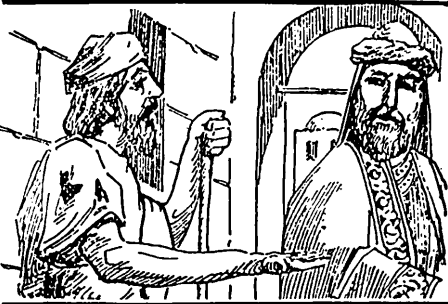
7. The Pharisees took away the key of knowledge. They knew what the Scriptures meant, but to make things easier for themselves they taught another interpretation. By doing this they kept others from entering in. We, as young people, can sometimes hide what we know is the truth just to save ourselves from persecution. Be careful not to be as the Pharisees were!

8. The Pharisees taught the people that if they wanted to give an offering to the temple, they could do so by neglecting to give to their parents. In this way, they were teaching the people that it was not necessary to "honour thy father and mother," which was one of God's commandments.

9. The Pharisees praised God outwardly: with prayers, songs, and testimonies, but in their hearts they did not love God.

10. The Pharisees worshipped God in vain. Their worship services were a beautiful show, but God didn't accept them as true worship because there was no love for Him in it. It was done only to gain honor from men.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. The outside of themselves, or cups and platters, instead of the inside. 2. People. 3. Judgment and the love of God. 4. Verse 43: "Ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues." 5. Yes. 6. They burdened people with grievous burdens, while they would not touch the burdens with even a finger. 7. Some they killed, and others they persecuted. 8. By taking away the key of knowledge. 9. "Honour thy father and mother." 10. With their mouths, saying and singing praise to God. 11. Their hearts were far from God.)

wanted to ask, "What kind of Christian is she?" but didn't.

"There's only one other thing to do," David said.

"What's that?" Jake asked.

"Talk to Mr. or Mrs. Smith."

"Mrs. Smith has no class next period, so she said that she'd be glad to take John."

John was out of school for four days. On the fifth day, when he came back, Sandy had a card for him. David, Jake, and Kathy were there when John opened the card. A letter fell out. It was from Mrs. Wilshire. It said:

"Dear John: I wish to apologize for not coming to take you home when you were sick on Monday. Through this experience, I have been able to see that I am a very unloving, selfish person. Really I don't think I have been acting very Christ-like, for Christ left His lovely mansion to come to earth and die for you and me. I have been saying I was a Christian, but I was not willing to come out in a storm, nor take a chance of dirtying my car to help a sick boy. I really think I have been acting like the Pharisees, instead of like Christ.

"Please forgive me, John,

—Mrs. Wilshire"

"Hasn't my Mom changed!" Sandy exclaimed.

They all agreed that Mrs. Wilshire had changed.

"My mother is acting different, too," Kathy said. "Think they are changing because they think Santa Claus won't bring them anything for Christmas if they don't?" Kathy asked, and then she laughed.

"Kathy!" David scolded. "You know that isn't true."

"Well, that's what they told me when I was a little girl," she said in self-defense.

"Anyway, I heard Mother say to Dad, 'These Juniors, who are doing only what Jesus would do, have been showing me just how very little I really do act like Jesus. Sometimes I really wonder if I am a Christian. Aren't Christians supposed to be followers of Christ?'"

"Then Dad said, 'I don't think I've been a very good follower of Christ either. Because it's Christmas time, a lot of people in the world are wanting to help others and show kindness and good will, but our girls and their friends are doing good all the year through.'"

" 'Yes,' Mom said, 'they have been pretty faithful to do only what Jesus would do ever since they formed that little club or pack or whatever they call it.'"

"Then Dad said, 'I think they just promised each other to do to the best of their knowledge whatever they thought Jesus would do. Remember, it was soon after the boy, Steven, came through town looking for a job and a place to stay. Well, Jake Hardin took him in and then old Mr. Hardin ran the boy off. Jake's Uncle Marion, while coming home drunk, accidentally killed him. Just look how both the Mr. Hardins have changed! It's hard to believe that they were drunks for so many years.'"

"Pardon me, Jake and John," Kathy said. "I was just telling what my Dad was saying to my Mother."

"That's all right," Jake assured her. "I know how my Dad and Uncle Marion were. Both of them are different men now, aren't they John?" he asked.

"Yes, they are," John agreed, "and our family is having a better Christmas than we ever dreamed possible!"

"What is it?" Kim asked. She had just joined the crowd.

"Dad is getting out of jail! His sentence has been shortened because of his good behavior."

Kim grabbed Kathy and squeezed her, saying at the same time, "It's because he was doing what Jesus would do!"

Just then Jeannie, Sarah, Jim, and Sid joined the group. The good news was shared with them, too.

(To be continued next week.)

This old world might be better,
If each hand would break a fetter,
If each one would do his part
To bind up one stricken heart.

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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What Would Jesus Do?

(Continued from last week.)

It was the Sunday morning before Christmas and Pastor White had a special announcement to make. "Most of you already know that we will be having a special revival meeting. Revival must begin in the hearts of Christians. All of us could come to church each time, but we will be so much happier if those who are not doing what Jesus would do, will start doing it."

"Now Pastor White is teaching the adults to do what Jesus would do," David said to Jake, who was sitting next to him. Jim was on the other side of Jake. He heard it, and smiled his approval.

Pastor White continued, "We will begin this meeting on Friday night. It will last ten days, Lord willing. New Year's day will be on Friday and on that day I would like for us all to eat together."

"This Thursday night is New Year's Eve. We plan to begin service at 8:00 at night. We want to praise God in song and prayer, and then leave room for anyone who wants to rededicate their life to God. As the Lord leads, there may be time for testimonies, etc., and when it is near 12:00 p.m., we can all bow down and pray. Let's pray the New Year in this year!"

"What a great idea!" exclaimed Sid, who was sitting on the other side of David.

"On New Year's Day," Pastor White was saying, "let's all eat together. Mrs. Powell and my wife will answer any questions you may have about the dinner."

The Juniors did their part in praying for revival to begin in dead souls. There was John, Tony, Alex, and Hoel, and each one needed a new love of Christ in their hearts. John had been much better since he was spending more time with Jake. They were also praying for Sandy's and Kathy's parents. David still hoped that some day his father would change like his mother had.

Finally, New Year's Eve came. Bert had persuaded Tony and Alex to come with him. John and his whole family had been coming ever since his Dad was released from jail. Everyone was anxious to see if Sandy and her folks would come. They had come on Sunday and acted very friendly.

"There's Sandy and her folks!" Kathy whispered to Jeannie.

"I hope they stay for New Year's," Jeannie answered in a whisper.

Pastor White started the sermon by reading an historical account of a revival in the country of Wales. "In a five-month period there were 100,000 people saved. People changed so much that judges had no more cases to try. There were no robberies, murders, burglaries, embezzlements—no nothing! The district consuls held emergency

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WORDS OF GOLD



Jesus Reveals Himself

Matt. 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. . . .

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name un-

der heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

1 Pet. 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Eph. 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Central Thought: Jesus Christ, the Messiah and Saviour of the world, is the Rock upon whom the Church is built.



Questions:

1. What was the second question that Jesus asked the Apostles?
2. Who answered Jesus' question?
3. Whom did Peter say Jesus was?
4. How did Peter know that Jesus was the Christ?
5. Upon what did Jesus say He would build His Church?
6. Whom did Peter say was the Rock?
7. Whom did *Paul* say was the Rock? (1 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 2:20).
8. Peter said that each saved person is what?
9. What are the keys to the kingdom of heaven?

MEMORY VERSE

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Ephesians 2:20

Let's Talk

At this time of the year we hear a lot about Jesus. Most people are filled with excitement because of the season. Some sincerely wish to glorify God through chosen activities during this time of year. Others, like the Pharisees which we have been studying, are doing these things only for the great feeling they receive. Others cooperate with good will because they are a part of the world, and are conforming to social standards.

At what better time could we answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" Jesus reveals to the Apostles whom He really is. He is the Messiah whom God sent to the Jews. The Jews were expecting the Messiah to be their country's liberator and leader, but the prophets promised that the Messiah would be their Saviour and Deliverer. He was to set the captives free and loosen the bonds of those who were bound. Because the Jews were not spiritually minded, they believed that the deliverance would be for their country. They thought that their country would again form a government in which God would be recognized as the supreme civil ruler. They thought that divine laws would be the laws of the state. We'd all love to live in a country like that, wouldn't we?

Jesus didn't come to just save a country. He came to save sinners at that time and throughout further ages.

He asked the Apostles, "Who am I?" He didn't ask them because He didn't know who He was, but because He wanted their own confession. Their confession of belief was important to their salvation, just as mine and yours is to our salvation. Jesus said, "Upon this rock [a confession as sturdy as a rock] I will build my church." He was talking to Peter when He said this and because of the way the verse is written, some believe that the Church was built on Peter. However, Jesus, Himself, is the Rock, as you will see when you read the

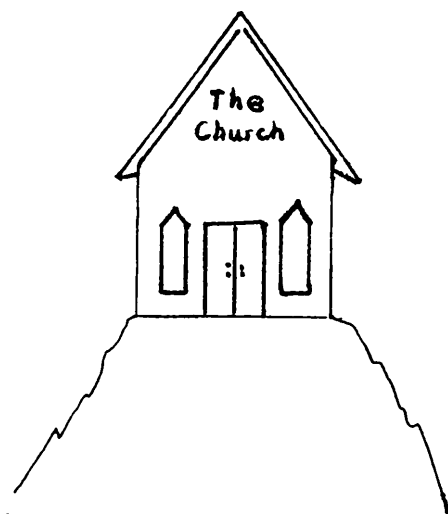
verses in the Word of God. Even Peter Himself confessed in Acts 4:8, and 1 Pet. 2:4—10, that Jesus Christ is the Rock.

Matt. 16:19, reads, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven. . . ." Again Jesus was talking to Peter. Had He been talking to another of the Apostles, He probably would have used the same words.

What are these keys? The keys are the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. Anyone with these keys in their heart can enter heaven.

We learned in last week's lesson that the lawyers had taken away the key of knowledge and that they hindered those who were entering in (Luke 11:52). Those who have a knowledge of the Word of God and are filled with the Holy Spirit have a key to open it up so that others can understand the kingdom of heaven. Each Holy Spirit-filled person has a little key to the kingdom of heaven.

What a great Messiah was born so long ago! He who laid in a manger in Bethlehem is a Saviour to all who believe in Him as the Rock upon which the Church is built. —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. "Whom say ye that I am?" 2. Peter. 3. "Christ, the Son of the living God." 4. It was revealed by God in heaven. 5. The rock. 6. Jesus Christ. 7. Jesus Christ. 8. "Lively stones." 9. The Holy Word of God and the Holy Spirit.)

meetings to discuss what to do with the police now that they were unemployed."

After finishing his sermon, Pastor White said, "All who want to pray, come forward."

John was the first one to go, and Tony followed. Alex just snickered. Mrs. Wilshire was next, with Mr. and Mrs. Poline following her. Both John's mother and father came, and last of all came Mr. Wilshire!

Jake, David, and Jim went down, too, to pray with John and Tony. Sandy, Jeannie, Kathy, Kim, and even Edith and Nancy were at the altar, praying. What a wonderful feeling each had as they arose from their knees!

When all were through praying, they sang, "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!"

Pastor White broke into the singing, "Let's see the hands of all those who have victory tonight!" People sitting in all parts of the building raised their hands. All the Juniors, who had promised each other to do only what Jesus would do, raised their hands, except Hoel and Alex. Harvey, who made a late promise, held his hand up high, also.

"Praise God!" he shouted.

"Now for some testimonies," Pastor White said.

Mrs. Powell was the first to stand. "I praise God for leading me, through my son David, to really know Jesus. I had thought for years I was a Christian, but now I know I am, for I am following Him every day."

Harvey was next to speak. He said, "I thank God for a mother who did what Jesus would do for many years, when Dad and I were wallowing around in sin. The devil had me by the nose and was leading me around, but praise God, Jesus broke me loose."

Mrs. Wilshire stood up, crying. "I hope you can understand me," she said, sobbing. "I used to make fun of how Mrs. Powell dresses, but when I came to church tonight I wished for clothes like

hers to wear, but this is all I had. I think she looks like an angel!"

Mr. Hardin asked, "Please sing, 'It Satisfies My Soul,' page 77 in *Evening Light Song*". He told how that being saved had satisfied him all the time he had been in prison. He also asked to be baptized on New Year's day.

"How many others would like to be baptized tomorrow?" Pastor White asked.

Thirteen hands were raised. "That will be the most I have ever baptized in one day!" he exclaimed.

"Look at the clock. We must pray now so that we can pray another year in."

The next day, the Junior girls helped decorate a rented hall for the dinner. The women brought food of almost every kind. What a feast they had together!

Mrs. Wilshire, who had been so afraid of getting Aids or some other kind of sickness, walked right over to Mrs. Hardin and hugged her tight. Then she shook hands with Mr. Hardin and all the other people from the "slum" side of town. When it was time to eat, she sat right beside Sarah's mother.

Sarah and Sandy sat across the table with Martha and Vicky. "I'm so happy that you can at last be my best friend," Sandy said to Sarah.

"Yes, and she shall spend the night with you whenever you two wish," Mrs. Wilshire said.

Both girls giggled.

—Sis. Charlotte Huskey
The End

