

The Beautiful Way



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Dearest Things

When God makes a lovely thing,
The fairest and completest,
He makes it little, don't you know?
For little things are sweetest.

Little birds and little flowers,
Little diamonds, little pearls;
But the dearest things on earth
Are the little boys and girls.
—Sel.

Polly, The Prayer Pony

A True Story

Nobby was an important man in the market, for he and his little pony and barrow used to go around from stall to stall selling sawdust. The many village shopkeepers who came into the country town to buy their provisions in the market needed sawdust for the floors of their shops, especially in wintry weather. And very few of them went away each week without a sack or two of "Nobby's best" in their carts.

Nobby and his wife lived in a tiny house in the poorest quarter of the town. Yet Nobby and his wife and

the pony, who lived in the stable outside and served them so faithfully, were all happy and content. Mr. and Mrs. Nobby had learned that the great secret of happiness in life is not found in wealth or fame, but in something far better and grander—a simple faith in God and a peace in the heart that the world cannot give nor take away.

Polly the pony had been going lame for several months past, and a visit to the vet that morning had confirmed Nobby's worst fears. Polly would never get better, and the only kind thing to do was to allow her to be quietly put to sleep, and so avoid a painful death.

So Polly the faithful breathed her last—and the next day was market day.

With a heavy heart Nobby sat watching his wife preparing the dinner. He could not help wondering, now he was without a pony, and so without a means of earning a living, how long it would be ere they'd have no dinner to prepare. Neither of them spoke for some time, and when the silence at last was broken, it was Mrs. Nobby who asked the question.

"What are you going to do?"

"That's just what I'd like to know, my girl," replied Nobby. "I don't think there's anything to do but to get the old barrow that I used to have and push it round the market myself. I did it twenty years ago and I suppose I can do it again, though I'm not the man I used to be when it comes to pushing barrows."

"Now I happen to have a friend," said Mrs. Nobby, "who is the greatest living expert on horses. In fact, when he chooses a horse you would almost think that he could see through it—as indeed he may, for all I know. Why not ask him to get us another pony?"

"That's all right, but a good pony will cost \$100.00, and I should like to know where we are going to get that."

Mrs. Nobby stared hard at her husband. "I think that might be arranged, too," she said gently. "My friend will help."

"What is his name?" asked her husband.

"His name," said Mrs. Nobby, still looking at her husband, "is God."

"I guess you're right," he said, "I was that struck all of a heap that I never thought of it before, and if God sends us a pony you can be sure it will be a good 'un."

Together the two of them went into their little front parlor. They knelt side by side, and in a very simple fashion asked God to send them another pony.

It seems that there never had been quite such a delightful dinner eaten in the back kitchen as there was on that day, for their hearts were full of a new hope. But as the afternoon wore on and the expected pony made no appearance, Nobby's heart was filled with doubt. Just before lunch, Mrs. Nobby suggested that they should go into the parlor again. So they had a kind of reminder prayer meeting. "And if you please, God,"

finished Mr. Nobby, "please hurry up with that there pony, because, you see, I must be at the market at 5 o'clock in the morning."

Then they sat in the gathering twilight, in silence, looking at each other—and wondering.

By and by they heard a familiar sound—"clip-clop, clip-clop," coming down the street. It certainly seemed to be just like Polly coming again. Nobby went to the front door. There, coming down the street, was a man on a pony. The man was looking at the numbers of the houses, and as he came opposite Nobby he stopped the pony and walked toward the gate.

"Mr. Nobby?" he asked!

"That's me," said Nobby.

"I have orders to leave this pony," said the man; "please sign at number three."

"No," said Nobby, with a wise look, "I've been caught like that before, I haven't bought any pony, and I certainly haven't got the money to pay for one."

"Who said anything about paying?" said the man. "Sign on number three and the pony stays here."

"I tell you I haven't bought any pony," said Nobby. "It's not my property and I am not a-going to take it."

The man looked at him and said, "If you think I have come down here for the sake of my health, you're mighty mistaken. This is Pretoria Road, and yours is number seventeen, and here this pony stops, whether you like it or not."

Just then Mrs. Nobby brushed past her husband, with a pencil. The book was signed and she looked at her husband, holding the pony's halter in her left hand.

"When God sends you a pony, instead of taking it and being thankful, you stand there talking nonsense."

Just you run round to the back and give the poor thing a feed of oats and a drink of water. And remember," she called after him, "her name's Polly—only this time it's Polly the Prayer-pony."

It was not until many months after, that Nobby learned that a man whom his father had helped many years before, had heard of Nobby's need. God had put it into his heart to send him the best pony that money could buy.

"Naturally," Nobby would finish up thumping the sleek sides of the beautiful beast, as he told the story to crowd after crowd of his friends, "when God sends yer a pony, yer expects it to be a good 'un."

So Polly, standing in the market munching at the nosebag of oats, although she only gives an occasional neigh, is still preaching the splendid sermon that it is a fine thing to believe God. —Sel.

LETTERS

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am a little boy seven years old. I love the Lord. He saved me last Easter at home. I go to Sunday School and meetings. We have to go about 25 miles to meetings. Pray for me. Your saved brother.

Darius Miller

Okla.—Dear Aunt Marie,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I have been reading the little "Beautiful Way" papers, and surely do enjoy reading them. I am saved and sanctified.

—Lola Keeling

Search Question

What did Peter and John do for the man who sat at the Gate Beautiful?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Samuel. 1 Sam. 3:10.

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Dear boys and girls:

Christmas is over now and a new year has begun. As we look back in the past year, we can think of all the good things Jesus has done for us. But can we see many things that we have done for Jesus? Were we very careful to pray to him often? Did we read our Bibles often? The Bible, you know, tells us how to love Jesus and tells us what he wants us to do so we can go to heaven. I am sure all of you want to go to heaven, don't you? Were we kind to our little friends? Did we help someone who was in need? Maybe there was a boy or girl at school that everyone picked on; were you kind to that person? Did we give some of our pennies and nickles to Jesus? You know Jesus needs money to carry on his work. Maybe the next time you start to spend money for ice cream or candy you could say, "No, I will do without the sweets and give it to Jesus to help others to know about him." Oh! Jesus will bless you so much that you won't even miss the sweets.

So now a new year has begun, and let us try harder and pray harder for Jesus to help us to do better this year than we did last year. Will you do that? May God just make you so happy inside and just bless you and keep you from all wrong, is my prayer.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

REPRESENTING JESUS

Lesson 1, January 1, 1950

Acts 1:1-14 (read to 26)

You are playing in the living room and your toys are scattered all over the floor. Mother comes into the room and says for you to pick them all up and put them in your toy box and put it away, as she is going into the other room and do a little sewing and will come back again to clean the room.

Our lesson today is about Jesus leaving this world, and he tells his disciples what he wants them to do. Jesus is the head of the church, and we are to obey him just like we are to obey our mothers. Our mother loves us dearly, but Jesus loves us more than our mothers.

Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Then Jesus was taken down from the cross and put in the grave. But he did not stay there. He arose. Jesus came out of the grave. Then he talked to his helpers, disciples, for forty days. Jesus told them many things that he wanted them to do. He told them he was going to send them a guide. This guide was going to be the Holy Ghost.

The disciples had come to Jesus and had repented of their sins. They had put all their sins away from them. Their hearts were ready for the Holy Ghost to come into them. When the Holy Ghost comes in he makes the heart clean and pure.

We will say that your heart is the room, and all the toys are the sins that you have done. Just like Mother told you to take all your toys out of the room so she could come in and clean it, even so you must have all your sins forgiven and be ready for the Holy Ghost to come in and clean the very root of sin out of your hearts that you were born with.

First, Jesus told the disciples to not leave Jerusalem, but to wait there until

they received the Holy Ghost. Many times Jesus had told them about sending them the Holy Ghost. He told them he would not leave them alone, but would send the Holy Ghost. He would be in them, which is better, Jesus told them, than to just have Jesus with them. He told them that when the Holy Ghost came, He would give them power to witness for him. They would be able to tell others about Jesus even if they knew that they would die if they did it. That is power, isn't it? Could you do that? You can if you receive the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost will help you understand all Jesus wants you to do for him and how to do it.

The Holy Ghost is a gift from God, and is more precious than any gift. By Jesus coming first and dying on the cross, we are able to receive the Holy Ghost. Jesus promised the disciples he would send the Holy Ghost to them.

When Jesus finished speaking to his disciples, he rose up from the earth into the sky. As the disciples stood there looking up at him, they heard a voice, and there stood two men in white clothing. They said, "You can stop looking up into the sky now. Jesus will come again in the same way."

Now we find that the disciples did just what Jesus told them to do. They left the Mount of Olivet and went to Jerusalem to wait and pray for the Holy Ghost to be sent to them. He wanted them to be ready to carry on his work that he had left. There were about one hundred and twenty in the upper room, waiting.

Central Thought—Jesus went to heaven after he arose and sent us the Holy Ghost to be our guide.

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

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All For Jesus

I have two hands to work for Jesus,
One tongue His praise to tell;
Two ears to hear His counsel,
One voice His song to swell.

I have two feet to tread the pathway
Up to the courts above;
Two eyes to read the Bible,
Telling of Jesus' love.

One heart have I to give Him,
One soul for Him to save;
One life for His dear service,
One self that He must have.

—G. C.

The Honest Parrot

The colorful green and red parrot waddled back and forth on his perch. He cocked his head from side to side as he looked at the visitors.

"This is a nice mission house," said Tommy. "I've heard about them in Sunday school."

"There are many of them here in our Western states," said Father. "While we are passing through the

desert on our vacation, I thought it would be nice to visit one."

"It is small, but welcomes all," smiled the missionary. They were in his office. It was cool and quiet here. He sat behind a small desk. Beside the desk stood the parrot's perch.

"That's a fine parrot," said Tommy.

"His name is Amigo," said the missionary. "In Spanish that means 'Friend.'"

"Come," said the missionary to Tommy's father, as he got up, "I will show you around the mission." To Tommy, he said: "You can stay here and play with Amigo, if you like."

"I'd like that very much," smiled Tommy. The two men left the room. The parrot let out a low "aawk" as he eyed Tommy.

"Amigo want something to eat?" asked Tommy.

A box of cookies lay on the desk, there were a few left. Tommy reached for a cookie but stopped. The cookies belonged to the missionary. Maybe he would not like it if Tommy fed them to the parrot. Amigo watched Tommy closely.

Tommy decided not to take any. He would ask the missionary about

them first, then everything would be all right. He left the room to find the men. He looked everywhere, but could not find them. He went back to the office and there they were!

But something seemed very wrong. The missionary frowned at him, and Tommy's father had a stern look on his face.

"I looked for you but—" began Tommy. Then he saw the cookie box. It was empty!

"Tommy, did you take the cookies?" asked Father. "We came in and found the box empty."

"No, I did not," answered Tommy. "I was looking for the missionary to ask his permission to feed a cookie to Amigo. The cookies were there when I left."

The missionary shook his head puzzled—"Then who ate them?"

"Awwwk," came a mournful cry from the perch. They all looked at the parrot. He hung his head.

"Awwk, Amigo ate cookies."

Tommy and his father were surprised to hear the parrot speak. The missionary smiled. "I forgot to tell you that Amigo can speak. He is a clever bird. I should have known he ate the cookies. He is always so hungry."

They all laughed. Father put his arm around Tommy's shoulders, happy because he had not stolen the cookies. "Come on, Son, it is time we were on our way."

"Wait," smiled the missionary, "I have more cookies in the kitchen. Your son shall have some to eat on his journey."

Tommy smiled his thanks and as they left the mission house, he could taste the goodness of the cookies. Eating cookies would always remind him of the honest parrot and the small desert mission house.

Bible Story

Genesis 15-17

After Abram rescued Lot, the Lord talked to Abram, telling him that he would protect him and give him a great reward, because he was faithful.

And as Abram looked up into the starlit sky, God told him, "The children of your family shall some day be as many as the stars—so many that no one can count them."

Abram believed God, as you remember, he was a man of faith. Even if he did not have a son, he still believed God would give him a son just like he promised. If we believe what God says, we, too, shall receive what he has promised us. How many of you believe what God says, and have received Jesus Christ into your heart?

God told Abram that the children of his family would be slaves in a strange land for four hundred years. And after that they would return to the Canaan land and take it as their own. And we know that is just what happened.

The years passed by and when Abram was nearly one hundred years old, God spoke to him again. Abram fell on his face and listened. God said, "I will make a covenant with you." Now a covenant is a promise between two persons, each one agreeing to do something for the other. In this covenant God promised to give Abram a son and Abram promised to serve God faithfully. Then God said, "Your name shall no more be called Abram, but Abraham, which means 'The father of many,' and your wife, Sarai, shall be called 'Sarah,' which means, 'Princess.'" —M. M.

Making melody in your HEART to the Lord. Eph. 5:19.

TOUCH NOT, TASTE NOT, HANDLE NOT

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Who hath woe? who hath sorrow?

Who hath contentions? They that tarry long at the wine; that go to seek mixed wine. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty.

Ind.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I want to testify what the Lord has done for me. This summer when I was barefooted, Daddy asked me to raise a trap door leading to our basement. I slipped, dropping the door, and it came down on two of my toes, cutting my next-to-the-big toe off and cut my other toe very bad. God healed them both, and you can hardly tell they were ever hurt.

Jo Ann Tinsman

Search Question

What happened in Solomon's temple when Jesus died?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Healed him. Acts 3:7.

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Dear boys and girls:

We have some new readers this new year, and we just pray that God will help each of you to learn something more about Jesus. He loves you so much and he wants you to love him. I hope that all of you do not forget to pray to Jesus every night before you go to sleep.

We would like to have some little letters from you. We know that sometimes it seems a long time before your letter is put in the paper, but we prepare these little papers several months ahead. But it will be printed, so let us hear from you. Also, tell Mother or Father or anyone to write a story to put in the little paper. I am sure something happens every day that the mother or father could tell that would help someone else. You wouldn't have to use the right name if you do not want people to know who it is.

We hope that you also have told your mother and father about the paper, "Faith and Victory," which is for them. It is only twenty-five cents for a year. They can send for it at the same place these little papers are printed.

May God bless each of you.

—Aunt Marie

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thess. 5:21.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 2, January 8, 1950

THE SPIRIT PREPARES FOR SERVICE

Acts 2:1-4, 14-17, 37-41.

Last Sunday we studied about Jesus promising to send the Holy Ghost and where to wait for Him. Today we find that they went to Jerusalem and there they all waited for the Holy Ghost. There were about one hundred and twenty people in all, in this room. There were women and men. The disciples obeyed Jesus and were there waiting for the Holy Spirit to come upon them. All together looked for the same thing, the Holy Ghost.

On the day of Pentecost, suddenly everyone heard a sound. It sounded like a mighty rushing wind from heaven. Then there appeared fire in the shape of tongues and it sat upon each head, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost. You know what fire does, don't you? When Mother burns the waste papers and trash and things that are no good, the fire just burns it all up and it is not there any more. So the fire that fell was the Holy Ghost, and He came into each heart and burned up everything in there that wasn't good. It burned up that old sin that is born in hearts. When He comes in, our hearts are clean and we have power to tell others about Jesus and work for him.

Now we find them telling others about Jesus. They even spoke in other languages. The Bible says that there were people in Jerusalem from every nation and they heard all about Jesus and the wonderful works of God in their own language. Wasn't that wonderful?

But we find that some made fun of the people who were filled with the Holy Ghost, just like they do today. Of course, that is the old devil that makes people do that. So Peter stood up

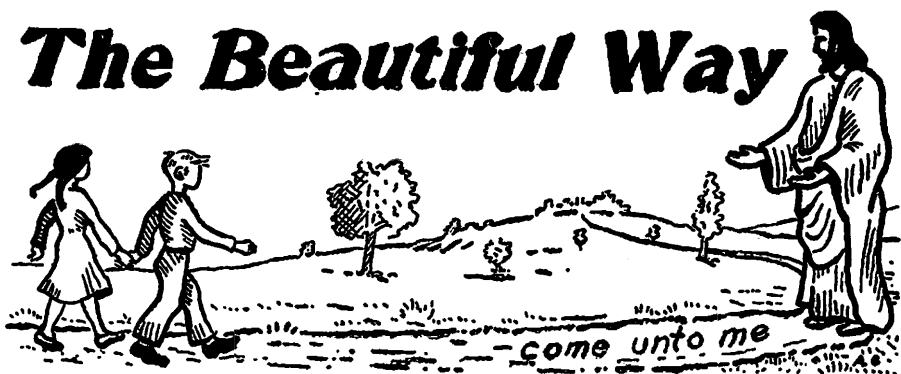
and preached to them. What a changed Peter! You remember when Jesus was to be crucified that Peter even denied knowing Jesus. Then he was sorry and repented. But now we find Peter stood up and told those that were mocking and making fun that this was told years and years before by Joel the prophet that God would pour out his Holy Spirit on the people and that they would praise him and tell others about Jesus, even if it meant their lives. Peter told them that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Then he told them about Jesus, the one whom they crucified and put on the cross. Peter told them about some of the wonderful healings that Jesus did while he was here. And told them that he was the Savior of the world and that now he was alive, up in heaven, sitting on the right hand of God. Now he has sent to us the Holy Ghost which you can see in us. Peter preached a wonderful sermon, and those who heard him saw their sins and what an awful thing they had done to not accept Jesus. So they said, "What shall we do?" Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and they would receive the Holy Ghost. He said this gift was for them and their children and everyone who would believe. We find that about three thousand people gladly repented and were baptized. What a wonderful meeting that was.

When we turn a switch and permit the electric current to enter a light bulb, the light will shine. Even so, when we consecrate and receive the Holy Spirit, He will give us power to shine for God.

Central Thought—We give ourselves to Jesus, first to be saved and then to be useful.

Memory Verse—Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

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Living and Loving

To live and to love is better
When each has its object in view;
To live and to love is blessed,
When those objects are noble and true.

To live, that when mid earth's conflicts
Our life is a help to some heart—
To love all so truly and purely,
Will both blessings and joys impart.

Thus living and loving, together,
When wisely and well it is done,
Will yield in its highest fruition
A heaven on earth begun. —Sel.

Have Faith In God

"I plan to mow the hay today," said Father at the breakfast table. "I trust the Lord will give us sunny weather, as the crop is very good this year and it would be wonderful if we could get it all in the barn without it being rained on."

In the north-western states where the rain fall is heavy and the seasons short, this is very unusual, as it rains frequently all during the summer, and it takes several days for the hay to be

mowed, shocked, and hauled into the barn.

"Daddy, let's pray and ask Jesus to not let it rain on the hay," said little Milton, who at the age of four had great faith in God. He had been taught from his infancy to pray, and he believed God could do anything. Many, many times had God answered prayer in this home.

"Yes, Sonny, God can do anything," agreed Father.

"Come on, let's pray now," said Milton, getting down from his chair.

Father and Mother arose from the table and bowed with their little boy in prayer, sending up an earnest petition, asking God to favor them with good weather and not let it rain for the next few days.

God answered prayer and the weather was nice and warm. The hay was cut and piled in nice shocks, ready to be hauled into the barn. Each day this little family thanked God for the beautiful weather. The day came to put it in the barn.

"If we can have one more good day, I believe we can get it all in the barn," said Father, "but I see a few clouds in the sky this morning." Knowing

how quickly it could begin to rain, he hastened to finish breakfast and get to the field, but not until they had again bowed in prayer, thanking the dear Lord for His many blessings, and asking Him that if it could be His will to not let it rain for another day.

Little Milton was very happy this morning. He loved to be with his father and to ride on the big hay rack. His cousin, 12 years old, was visiting them and they had many good times on the farm. Soon the nice big loads of hay were being hauled in. But the sun was not shining so bright now. The clouds were gathering fast, and it looked very much like rain.

Suddenly Milton burst into the kitchen, "Mother, it's sprinkling, it's sprinkling!" he said excitedly, "Come, let's pray."

Mother was very busy baking bread, but she had noticed the clouds and was silently praying, too. Now she left her work and bowed with her little boy to pray. "Dear Jesus, don't let it rain, Amen," he said. Out the door he ran into the yard before Mother was off her knees. "It's stopped now, Jesus has made it stop sprinkling," he called back.

Again and again through the day he left his play and rushed into the house, "Mother, it's sprinkling again, let's pray some more." Each time God answered and stopped it. By night the hay was all safely in the barn and it had not rained. How thankful they were to God for all His kindness. "Jesus is sure good, isn't He, Mother? He can even stop rain."

"Yes, dear, always remember, God can do anything."

Children, have faith in God. R. S.

La.—Dear Aunt Marie,—We read the Beautiful Way in our Sunday School and enjoy it very much.

I am a little girl nine years old. I go

to Sunday School almost every Sunday, but I haven't been saved very long. Before I got saved, there were often cross words between some of us in the Sunday School class, which wasn't like the Lord. Then one night I had a dream that made me think I should get saved.

I dreamed we were in church having Sunday School and I looked toward the door and saw a bunch of people coming down from the sky. Someone called out and said, "Are you all ready to go?" All of us stayed quiet except Sister Jackson, my mother, and my sister. All three of them said, "I am," about the same time. Just then the three of them went up into the air to heaven and left the rest of us standing there. Just then I realized our condition. I knew we were not saved and I started crying. In a moment the people in the sky came back and took all the rest of us to what seemed to me like a stairway that led about twelve miles under the ground, and entered into three large rooms. The first room was filled with sinful people, dressed in shorts, short sleeves, and short dresses, had their lips painted, and were dancing. In the second room they were tying everybody down and stacking them one on top of the other and smothering them. In the third room a man opened the door to a great lake of fire boiling up, and asked us if we wanted to go in. That frightened me so much I tried to run. And when I awoke I thought my dream over and I knew I wasn't saved. So I became uneasy about my soul. In a few days after my bad dream I had a chance to go to Midway to camp meeting. I was very glad to go, and I got saved. That evening I went back to the altar for sanctification, and the following Sunday I was baptized. The Lord took away my burden and now I am happy.

Before I was saved, every time I heard people telling stories about people getting killed or anything that sounded

sad, I would feel like something was going to get me. But since I am saved the Lord took all my fear away. He helps me to live for him and gives me love for everybody. The trouble we once had in our Sunday School class is now a thing of the past.

I believe I have pleased the Lord ever since I got saved, and I mean to always serve the Lord, by his help.

Pray for me, for I do want to be ready to go to heaven when Jesus comes.

With Love, Glenda Joan Short

An Honest Boy

A nobleman traveling in Scotland was stopped by a little ragged boy who begged for money. The man said he had no change, so the boy offered to get some. The nobleman, in order to get rid of the boy, gave him a piece of money. Of course the boy thought it was to be changed and ran off with the piece of money. When he came back the nobleman was gone! But he was a Christian boy, and Christians must be honest. So instead of keeping the change for himself, he watched for the nobleman to come again, so he could give him the change.

At last the nobleman happened again to pass that way. The boy went up to him, put the change into his hand, counting it out very carefully. The nobleman was so pleased with the boy's honesty that he placed him in a school and promised to give him everything he needed. —Sel.

Search Question

What are the fruits of the Spirit?

Answer to Last Week's Question

The veil that was between the Holy place and the Holy of Holies was rent or torn. Luke 23:45.

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Dear boys and girls:

Isn't Jesus good to us? We surely love him, don't we? He gives us so many nice things. Do you always remember to thank Jesus for your bed to sleep in, for your food that you eat, for your clothes that you wear, and for your mother and father? Did you ever think that there are some boys and girls who do not have all these good things? Do you know that some boys and girls have mothers and fathers who do not love them? They never give them a word of love or ever put their arms around them or kiss them. So you should thank God for parents who love and protect you. Now don't just think they do not love you because they punish you for the wrong things you do. If they did not love you, they would not care if you grew up to be bad and get into trouble. Boys and girls who are taught to obey their parents will obey the Lord. Remember, your parents know best. They love you, and if they are good Christian parents, they do much praying for you, asking God to help them to know how to help you to be good boys and girls. —Aunt Marie.

Learn to say no when playmates

Would lead to wrong;

Fill up the hours, if lonely,

With cheerful song. —Sel.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 3, January 15, 1950

HOW FRIENDS OF JESUS LIVED

Acts 2:42-47; 4:31-35; 5:1-11.

After Jesus arose from the grave and then went back to heaven he sent the Holy Ghost to the disciples and all who believed on him. It was a mighty outpouring of the Spirit. It caused them to want to tell others about Jesus and the wonderful blessing of receiving him in their hearts. Every day more and more people gave their hearts to Jesus and were filled with the Holy Ghost. These people needed to be told more about Jesus. They did not have Bibles like we do, in which we can read about the things that Jesus did while here and what he will do for us. So we find the disciples going from house to house, teaching the people about Jesus. Many were healed of their sicknesses. Great things were done.

The people loved the Lord so much that they sold many things and would bring the money and give to the disciples or help all those who were in need. Some of them were rich people and probably had many houses. But when they let Jesus come into their hearts they were glad to sell all and give the money to the Lord's work. I suppose they kept the house that they lived in because it says that the disciples went from house to house eating and teaching the people.

Ananias and Sapphira had some land. They sold the land. Others around them were selling their land and bringing the money and giving it to the disciples, so the disciples could give it to the needy people. But after they sold it, they said to each other: "Let us keep part of this money, but tell the disciples that we are giving them all of the money that we sold the land for. So Ananias and

Sapphira agreed together to do that. Wasn't that awful for them to let the devil talk to them that way? Ananias told Sapphira that he would go that day and give the money to the disciples. Then came Ananias to the disciples. He gave them part of the money and said, "I sold some land and this is all I got for it."

But Peter looked at Ananias and said, "Ananias, why did you listen to Satan and let him cause you to lie to the Holy Ghost and keep back part of the price of the land? Before it was sold, wasn't it yours? After it was sold, was it not your own? Why did you think that you had to lie about it, that you only were going to give part of the price? You have not lied to us, but to God." And when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And when others heard about this, great fear came upon them. They knew that God was merciful, yet people who stand up and lie to God will be punished. God will withdraw his mercy and the devil takes them. Oh, let us be careful and have fear in our hearts to disobey God.

In about three hours Sapphira came in and the disciples asked her if they sold the land for so much. And she said, "Yes." Then Peter said, "Why have you agreed together to lie to the Holy Spirit? Those who carried your husband out to bury him are at the door, and shall carry you out." Then she fell down dead. Oh! let's be careful what we do!

Central Thought—When there is power in the church, fear of God will come on all.

Memory Verse—And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. Acts 4:32.

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Why I Smile

Before I go to sleep at night
I like to think awhile,
And then if it were not so dark
Sometimes you'd see me smile.

I smile because I'm full of joy,
And Jesus is so dear;
I'm not afraid, nor anything,
When He's so very near.

We have the sweetest times alone
All through the darkest night;
I love Him so I do not care
If it is dark or light.

But when the morning comes again
He's with me just the same,
And then I smile to Him and say,
"Oh, how I love Your Name!"

Pride Stood In the Way

I was born into the home of godly parents; and I can remember, even though I was just a little child, the Christian example of living that my mother and father set forth for us. Daddy, as a young preacher, learned to trust the Lord for every need.

Such was the atmosphere of the home into which I came.

Many were the times that I have gone to church and Sunday school; in fact, almost every time the doors of the meeting house were opened. I was a naughty little girl, but I thought that the goodness of Mother and Daddy was enough to save me.

When my father was conducting a series of revival meetings, the Holy Spirit brought deep conviction to my little heart, but the stubborn self-nature rebelled at the idea of getting down on my knees before that congregation and admitting that I was a sinner. After all, I was the preacher's daughter and everyone just knew that I was saved. It would seem almost impossible for such pride to dwell in the heart of a nine-year-old girl, but it surely did!

Gladly did I accept an invitation to spend a few weeks away from home and the insistent call of the Holy Spirit. The burden was heavy, and every time I looked at my daddy the weight grew heavier. Just as the Lord would lead, an evangelist was in the town, in which I was staying, for special revival services. Since I was

a guest in my friend's home, I had to go with them to the services. One evening he spoke on heaven, who would be there—and who would not. In the course of the message, groups were pictured to us as they came to ask admittance into heaven, but were refused because they knew not the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. I saw myself standing in one of those groups, and it seemed that I even knocked on the portals of glory, but there was no entrance for a sinful child.

Then we were told of the blood-ransomed throng that entered there. Oh, how my little heart longed and yearned to be in that group just to be able to enter heaven and see the face of Jesus! When the invitation was given at the close of the service, I fairly flew to the altar, knelt in the sawdust under that old tent, and gave my heart to the Lord. How glorious was the relief of burdens lifted, and the sweet joy and peace filling my heart! I wanted to tell everybody how free I felt and just how good, but especially did I want my Mother and Daddy to know what the Lord had done for me. How I rejoice that the Saviour loves and wants even the little children to come unto Him. —L. B.

Ned and Jane Questions

"Mother, dogs and cats don't go to heaven, do they?" asked Ned.

"Why no, dear, what made you ask such a question?"

"Tommy said that they did, and that he would not want to go to heaven if his dog Rover wasn't there."

"If Tommy lives for Jesus and goes to heaven when he dies, he will find something there so wonderful he will not even think of Rover."

Jane looked up at Mother as she

hugged her kitten, and said, "Where will my kitty go when he dies?"

"Your kitty will go back to dirt. God did not give the cats and dogs or any of the animals souls when he made them. But when he made man, he gave him a soul. He breathed into him the breath of life, and he became a living soul. (Gen 2:7). He also made man after his own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26). So when man dies, he has a soul that lives on and on forever. But his body will go back to dirt just like the kitties and doggies go back to dirt," said Mother.

"Why didn't he give the animals souls?" asked Ned.

"The animals were made for man's use. In Genesis 9:3 we read where God told Noah, "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things." God made all things right and the most important thing for us is to be sure that our souls are made clean and pure so we can live in heaven with Jesus and all that is good and holy. —M. Miles.

Bible Story

Genesis 16

When Abram returned to the land of Canaan, he brought with him an Egyptian servant-girl named Hagar. They taught Hagar about the true God and to listen if he should speak to her. They also expected her to work faithfully for them as good servants should.

But one day Hagar did not please her mistress and Sarai punished her. Hagar became very unhappy and decided to run away. Poor Hagar did not know that running away would never help. Things were only worse. But she soon found out as she hastened along the hot sandy desert road. Finally she grew very tired. She

stopped to rest at a fountain by the roadside. In this lonely place, an angel of the Lord found her.

"Hagar, Sarai's maid, where did you come from? and where are you going?" the angel asked.

"I am fleeing from my mistress," Hagar replied, "because I am unhappy."

"Return again and try to please Sarai. After a while God will give you a little son. He shall grow up to be a strong man, and he shall be called Ishmael, and shall be a great nation," the angel said.

Hagar knew that it was a messenger from God that had spoken to her and that God had seen her all the time. She knew she could not run away from God, so she returned to Sarai.

God gave her the promised child and Abraham called him Ishmael. Hagar remembered that was the name that the angel said he should be called.

Abraham loved the child, but he was not the child that God had promised to give him. —M. Miles.

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am saved and living for the Lord. I am encouraged to live for the Lord. The way grows sweeter day by day. I go to Sunday school every Sunday and meeting. Where I live there is another girl saved besides me. Please pray for me. I would like to get letters from any saved girl. My address is Shook, Mo. Your sister, Wanda Atnip

Search Question

Who was the first baby born into the world?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Gal. 5:22.

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Dear boys and girls:

Our Sunday School lesson about the first man to die for Jesus after he arose should make us know that Jesus will always be with us in every trouble that we have. When people die for Jesus, many others see it and are brought to Jesus.

I read a true account of a gospel preacher in Russia during the last war who was brought before the firing squad to be killed. He requested five minutes to pray. They let him pray. The captain wanted to talk to him for awhile, which he did, then turned and left the soldiers in confusion. He was touched because he saw Jesus standing beside that preacher, and he told them what he had seen. They made their way across the border that night and the captain gave his heart to Jesus. So you see if we are willing to suffer a little for Jesus, others will be brought to Jesus, and when we receive Jesus he can work through us.

Jesus will help you at school and anywhere you need him if you will pray to him and obey him. Do not be afraid to stand up for Jesus. Jesus will stand by you.—Aunt Marie.

Sin is like a serpent sting,
Never do wrong, little children.
Flee the torment it will bring,
Never do wrong, little children.

Selected.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4, January 22, 1950

THE STORY OF STEPHEN

Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60.

Stephen was a good man. Stephen had asked Jesus to forgive his sins. Stephen was sorry for his sins. Jesus forgave him. Then Stephen had such love in his heart for Jesus that he wanted to do all that Jesus had commanded him to do. Stephen was baptized with water. Oh, how happy Stephen was to obey the Lord. Yet he felt that there was more for him to do. He wanted the Holy Ghost to come in and dwell in him. He prayed to Jesus. He said, "Here are my hands. I want to use them for you. Here are my feet; I want to give them to you for you to use. Here are my mouth and my eyes. I want to give them to you for you to use. Here is my whole body. I will just give you my whole self for you to work through." Jesus saw that Stephen meant just what he said so he filled him with the Holy Ghost. Now he just walked and talked just as the Holy Ghost wanted him to. Oh, it is so wonderful to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Stephen had a lot of faith. Stephen was just full of the Holy Ghost. He did great things among the people. He prayed for the people and they were healed. Stephen prayed for many things and God answered his prayers. Stephen helped the poor. He helped the widows and orphans. Stephen worked for God. Many people gave their hearts to Jesus because Stephen obeyed Jesus and gave his whole self to him.

There were some people that talked to Stephen about what Jesus came to do, and they did not like what he said. But Jesus helped him to answer them and that made them more angry with him, because he told them things that were

true and they did not want to believe them. So this group of people got other people to be against Stephen. And they had some people tell lies on Stephen and brought him before the council, or court. They all looked at Stephen, trying to find a way to put him out of the way. They did not want him to live. They hated him. But while they looked at him, his face changed. The glory of God came into his face. He looked like an angel. Wasn't that wonderful how God blessed him right there while those men were trying to harm him?

Stephen told the people how they crucified Jesus, and even yet they did not want to believe that he was their Saviour. Stephen was not afraid to speak for Jesus. Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost, which gave him boldness and power.

These men did not like it when he told them these things, so they rushed at him with their teeth and drug him out of the city and stoned him. But Stephen looked up in the heavens and he told them he saw the heavens open and he saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God. Stephen tried to tell them more, but they stopped their ears and would not hear him. They stoned him. Then he knelt down and prayed the prayer every Christian wants to pray when he comes to die: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then with a loud voice, he prayed, "Lay not this sin to their charge." Then Stephen fell asleep. Stephen's wonderful work here on earth was done and he went to be with Jesus to await the Judgment Day, when all shall receive their reward for dying for Jesus' sake.

Central Thought—Stephen lived for Jesus, died for him, and Jesus took him.

Memory Verse—Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2:10.

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Know Ye Not

Who made the sun, the earth, the moon?
Who made the stars to shine?
Who made the dainty pansy,
The tall and lofty pine?

Who made the tiny brooks and streams
That wind their way thru hill and dale?
Who made the seas and oceans blue,
Upon which man's frail vessels sail?

Who made the grass, the birds, the bees?
The cool refreshing summer's breeze?
Who made the ice, the sleet, the snow
When the winter's winds begin to blow?

Who gives the trees protecting bark?
Who puts each small bean in a pod?
Who is this beloved Creator of all?
Our loving and merciful God.

—Geraldine Rohrig (age 14)

How Animals Defend Themselves

Have you ever stopped to consider the various instruments of defense that animals have? There is the porcupine with his two kinds of quills.

One set is long, slender, and curved; and the other is composed of short, straight, thick, and very sharp quills. Dogs and other animals have learned to their sorrow that these quills are not merely ornamental. Whenever the porcupine is chased by any animal and finds he cannot run away, he stops and bristles up all his quills. Then he backs up so that the sharp, stiff quills may stick into his enemy.

The other day I saw a cat carrying in its claws a large rat. It was taking it to a quiet place where it would tear it apart with its long sharp teeth. To watch a cat do this gives you a good idea of the way a lion or tiger attacks another animal. You would hardly imagine that those soft paws with their gentle cushions concealed such powerful weapons. Have you wondered how a cat can jump from such heights and never get hurt? It is those springy cushions that keep her from even being jarred. Not only do they protect her in that way, but they also enable her to softly creep up on her victims, unnoticed. If her feet were hard, she would make so much noise that she would never catch any rats or mice.

When I was quite young, Father bought my brother and me a young goat. It was not long before we learned that its horns were to be avoided. Often we read of a bull using its horns in a rage, and killing people. Animals, such as the goat and bull, can defend themselves against the attacks of many vicious creatures. They gore with their horns, and also toss a quite heavy animal into the air.

Most boys have hunted turtles; and have noticed how they can draw in their heads and limbs out of sight. They are encased in a complete suit of armor of thick bone, and can shut themselves up into it so securely as to make it impossible for any animal to harm them.

There are many curious animals and fish in the world. One is the curious looking sword fish. Its vicious bony sword is so strong that it can run it through the bottom of a wooden ship. What a powerful weapon of defense or attack this sword must be! How fear-inspiring it must look to other creatures of the deep!

We have only considered a few of the methods that animals use to defend themselves or to attack others. Others use hoofs, spurs, beaks, and stings when they engage in battle with other creatures. But what instruments has God given man to use to defend himself? Perhaps a boy will answer: "His fists," and a girl will say, "my nails"; but neither answer is correct. God has given to man a mind that can invent means of defense such as guns, spears, swords, etc., and if they were only used against wild beasts to preserve life, all would be well. But, sad to say, these and far worse inventions are used to attack other humans with, also.

The noblest instrument of defense is the one that God gives us in the

Bible. It is very seldom used, sad to say, but it works every time that man applies it. Here it is: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21). The best way to get rid of an enemy is to make a friend out of him.

So, whenever we see animals using their various means of attack and defense, let us remember that we are made of a much higher order than they. May we never do as they do, but overcome evil with good. That is how Christ treated us, and that is why we accept Him. —G. H. C.

Bible Story

Genesis 18

One real hot day Abraham was sitting in the cool shade of his tent home, under a tree. He looked up and saw three men coming. They did not look like other men, and he knew they were from a far country. He hurried out to meet them, and bowing low on the ground as he always did when greeting a friend or a visitor, he asked them to rest for awhile in the cool shade. They were ready to do as he asked.

Abraham hurried into the tent and told Sarah about the visitors and asked her to make some cakes and bake them while he ran out into his herd to get one of his best calves. He gave the calf to a servant to dress and cook it.

When all was ready, and the men had washed their feet, as was the custom in those days, he took butter, milk, and the cakes that Sarah baked, the calf that had been cooked, and set it before them to eat. While they ate, he stood by them under the tree.

After a while they asked Abraham, "Where is your wife, Sarah?"

He answered, "She is in the tent."

Then one of them said, "I am going to give you a son as I have promised."

Now Abraham and Sarah were old in years and when Sarah heard what the man had said she laughed. She thought that could not be because they were old. But the Lord was not pleased because she laughed.

The Lord said to her, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord? You will surely have a son in your old age."

Then Abraham understood that he was entertaining the Lord and two angels. How happy he was that he had given them his best. Let us always remember to be nice to strangers because the Bible says that we might be entertaining angels just like Abraham did. —M. Miles

The Bible says, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." So if we enjoy doing anything to others to cause them harm or shame, we do not love them. Love is unselfish. It helps; it does not harm. —Sel.

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I read the "Beautiful Way" paper and like it very much.

I am nine years old and I am saved, for which I thank the Lord. I was sick Oct. 5, and my side was hurting me very bad. My little brother and sisters prayed for me and Mother, and the Lord healed me the very same day. Mother has a sore toe. Pray for it. I go to Sunday School about every Sunday. Pray for us. With love, Cynthia Miller

Search Question

Whose daughter died and Jesus brought her back to life?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Cain. Genesis 4:1.

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Dear boys and girls:

Did you ever sing that little song, "Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Red, and yellow, black and white; All are precious in his sight. Jesus loves all the children of the world."

Yes, Jesus loves all people. Every person in the world has a soul. That soul will live somewhere forever and forever. It does not make any difference what color they are here, they have souls to be saved or to be lost. Jesus came to the world to save every one that will believe on him. He has gone back to make a place for us to live with him forever and forever if we are his. Jesus never looks at the color of a person, but at the soul. Then if we are Jesus' children, we are to be like Jesus and love everybody. If you feel that you are better than someone else, you do not have Jesus in you, because Jesus loves everybody, and we must love everybody or Jesus cannot be in us. Pray and ask God to help you to love every one more. —Aunt Marie

Come to the light 'tis shining for thee,
Sweetly the light has dawned upon me.

Once I was blind but now I can see,
The light of the world is Jesus.

Selected by Charles H. Weir

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 5, January 29, 1950

The Story of Jesus for Everyone

Acts 10:17-20, 24, 34-43.

Cornelius was a good man. He gave much money to the poor and prayed to God. One day while he was praying, he saw a vision. An angel called him by name, saying, "God has heard your prayers to him and has seen the many good things you have done for others. Now you send for Simon Peter, who is staying with a man who lives by the sea shore, and he will tell you what you ought to do.

Now Cornelius was a Gentile. Peter was a Jew. Under the old law, or before Jesus came, God had commanded the Jews not to have anything to do with the Gentiles. God wanted to have a people that he could work with and bless so they would love him and then he could send the Saviour of the world to them so he could bless the world. So it took awhile for the disciples to understand that Jesus came to save the Gentiles even if he told them just before he arose that they should preach the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world or to all people.

Now we find Peter at Simon's house, who lived by the seashore. Peter was hungry, but while they fixed something to eat, he went up on the housetop to pray. And while he prayed, he had a vision. There was a great sheet let down from heaven with the four corners tied together. And in this sheet were all kinds of animals, wild animals, and every creeping thing on the earth, birds and fowls of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Arise, Peter, kill and eat." Peter said, "Not so, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." Then the voice spoke the second time and said, "What God has cleansed, that call thou not common." This was done three times.

Peter thought about it. He wondered what it could mean. Then the Spirit spoke to him and told him that three men were at the door wanting him, and for him to go with them, doubting nothing, for "I have sent them." And at the same time the men from Cornelius' house were inquiring if he were there. So Peter asked them to come in, and the next day Peter and some other brethren went with the men to Cornelius' home.

Cornelius was very glad to see Peter. He fell down on his knees before him, but Peter lifted him up and told him that he also was only a man. They went in and there were a great many people there. So Peter told them how that it was unlawful for a Jew to keep company with one of another nation, but that God had showed him not to call any man common or unclean.

Cornelius told Peter that they were all there to hear all the things that God wanted them to know. So Peter opened his mouth and began to speak. He told them how he knew that God loved everybody in the whole world. Everyone who will fear him and do good will be accepted of God. He told them that he knew that they had heard of Jesus Christ who was sent by God to the Jews, and how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and power to heal the sick, do good, and cast out devils. Then he told them that he saw all this done and knew it to be true. "We saw them put him on the cross and we knew him after he arose from the dead. Then he told us to preach to all and tell them that if they repented from their sins, they would be forgiven. And while Peter preached to them, they believed and were filled with the Holy Ghost and were baptized.

Central Thought—God's loving thought and plan includes us all.

Memory Verse—Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost . . . Matt. 28:19-21.

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No. 6

Jesus

Listen, children, listen!

To what I have to say
Of Jesus, how he came to earth,
And how he went away:
He came within a manger,
In Bethlehem, Judaea:
Behold the little stranger,
A darling babe was he.

Listen, children, listen!

How sweet the angels sang
Of peace on earth, good will to men,
Through Christ, the new-born king.
Then let us love and serve him
With hearts from sin set free;
And some bright day we'll hear him say,
"Come home, and dwell with me."

Listen, children, listen!

The angels took him home,
To heaven above, where all is love,
Where sorrow never comes;
And if we love and serve him,
And always him obey,
Some day he'll come and take us home,
To dwell with him alway.

—Ruth Youngblood.

Tell-Tale Sneeze

It was a sunny spring day. Judy Lynn and Johnny Lee, with their dearly-loved Rover, trotted down the lane leading to the thicket by the creek. They had agreed to meet Jimmy Rogers there at three o'clock, to gather pussy willows.

"Now, don't forget, you have to pay for half of this, Johnny," said Judy, as she drew a small can of pepper from the pocket of her blue checkered pinafore. "I bought it—so I wouldn't have to ask Mother for it—but I'm not going to pay for it all alone. Besides, I smuggled these cookies from Mother's jar for us and Rover to eat."

Just then they heard footsteps, and the twins had a guilty yet glad feeling inside. Jimmy would never be a tattle-tale again, after they got thru with him today.

"He'll be here in a few seconds," whispered Johnny. "I'll talk first, and then I'll get him down and hold him while you give it to him."

For a moment Judy's conscience hurt her badly. But she quickly squelched it.

Jimmy stumbled into the thicket, clutching his pussy willow basket. Suddenly, two angry faces rose up before him.

"Jimmy Rogers," cried Johnny, "we are going to punish you for spoiling all our plans by tattling. Last night when we were standing behind that big tree, ready to scare old Mrs. Jones as she was coming home from church, you gave it all away. And that isn't the first time it has happened, either. You big tattle-tale!"

Jimmy was wiping away his tears now, and there were grimy steaks all over his face. "I just s-sneezed, Johnny," he said.

"Yes, you just sneezed; but you're always sneezing at the wrong time and in the wrong place, and it's got to stop! We're going to do something to make you remember, Jimmy. You won't do any more tell-tale sneezing after today."

"How can I help s-sneezing?" insisted Jimmy with a sob. "It's my hay fever; Mother says so."

"Nonsense! The only reason we play with you at all is that your father is dead and your mother is sick; and then you go and get us into trouble with your silly sneezing!" cried Johnny angrily. "Now, then, you're going to sneeze till you're all sneezed out!"

By this time, Jimmy was on the ground, with Johnny sitting on top of him. In an instant Judy was stuffing the contents of the pepper can into Jimmy's quivering nostrils.

Poor Jimmy sneezed so loudly and so fast that Judy turned white with fear. What if he should never be able to stop? What if the sneezing should wear him out and kill him? What if someone should come near enough to hear him?

Throwing the pepper can into the

grass, the twins pulled and dragged Jimmy to the creek. "O Jimmy, stop sneezing!" begged Judy. "Please do stop, dear Jimmy!"

Suddenly, Rover began snorting and sneezing and frantically running around in circles. Forgetting Jimmy, the twins rushed to their dog.

The afternoon ended miserably; and that night, sleep came slowly to Johnny and Judy. Quite late, they were awakened by their father's voice in the hall.

"Something's wrong with Rover," they heard him say. "I'm calling the veterinarian." Then he turned to the phone.

As Father was dialing his number, he turned round, and there stood the twins. Between sobs, they told how cruel they had been to Jimmy. "And now," added Judy, "maybe Jesus will take Rover away from us. You see, Papa, he got some of the pepper too. That's what's the matter with him."

Father could hardly keep from smiling. He wondered if the pepper had actually made Rover sick, or if something else was wrong too. So he asked the veterinarian to call the next morning.

Then Father talked very soberly to the twins, telling them how wrong it was to punish Jimmy for something he couldn't help. He knelt down with them while they asked God to forgive them, and they promised never to do such a thing again. They felt better, then; and soon they were fast asleep.

The next morning, Jimmie's mother heard a timid knock at the door. Opening it, she found the twins standing there. Each of them held a pet duck.

"We're awful sorry, Jimmy," began Johnny humbly. "Aren't we, Judy?"

"Yes," said Judy eagerly, "and if

you'll forgive us, we'll be friends forever—no matter how much you sneeze."

Then they gave Jimmy their pet ducks to show they meant it. —Sel.

Search Question

What kind of food did Jesus feed the 5,000?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Jarius' daughter. Luke 8:41.

HIDDEN FROM VIEW

Do you see the sun every morning? Of course not, for at times clouds fill the sky and keep the rays of the sun from shining through. Sin is like a cloud that keeps God's shining love from bathing our hearts with its warm rays. And if we let the sin clouds remain, Jesus will be forced to leave, for He cannot stay where sin lives.

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I read the "Beautiful Way" paper. I like it very much. I am eleven years of age. I am saved and do thank the Lord very much. I have a saved mother and one saved brother and three saved sisters. I go to church services 25 miles away about every Sunday. Bro. H. P. Huskey is our pastor. I have an unsaved father and five unsaved brothers. Pray for me and my unsaved brothers and father.

Yours in Christ, Aquilla Mae Miller

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Dear boys and girls:

Did you know if you sin it will show on your face? Sin puts a hard look in your eyes. Sin will cause your chin to be set and determined. Sin will put a frown on your forehead. Sin will cause your heart to be hard. And last of all, sin will cause you to cry for the rocks and mountains to hide you in the Judgment Day. You will not want to see the Lord or let him see you. Let us get rid of sin. How do we get rid of it? We come to Jesus with a broken heart. We come to him crying and asking forgiveness for that sin. We are sorry we have sinned. Then Jesus will come in and bless you and make you very happy.

I was told about a boy who was watching his brother get a whipping for something that he did. He was watching his mother cry and pray God to help. Finally the mother looked over at the brother and his face began to turn red and he tried to swallow and could not. She only spoke and he ran screaming to his bedroom. It was more than he could stand. He had done an awful thing. He had lied and caused his brother to be punished for something he had done. God punished him more than his mother could have. His heart was nearly breaking. Oh, boys and girls, be sure that your sin will find you out. You may think you have hid but God is looking. God sees all. And when God punishes, it is harder than what Mother and Father can give. May God help you to say "No" to the devil when he tries to tell you to do wrong. Jesus will help you. Pray often to him. —Aunt Marie

"Sin can never enter there,
Sin can never enter there.
It will stop you at the door;
Bar you out forever more,
Sin can never enter there."

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 6, February 5, 1950

THE FIRST GENTILE CHURCH

Acts 11:19-26; 13:1-3

After Jesus arose from the grave and went up to heaven, where he is now, he sent the Holy Ghost to lead the people who loved him. While Jesus was here on earth, the disciples and people followed him to learn from him what they were to do to be ready to go to heaven. Now the disciples and people were led by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost gave them power and boldness.

You remember about Stephen who was stoned to death because he told the people about Jesus. These same men began to make trouble for others that believed in Jesus. Now we see some of those who loved Jesus and wanted to tell others about Jesus, begin to leave Jerusalem and go to other towns and cities telling people about Jesus, so the early church began to grow. Some went as far as Antioch and told the Gentiles there about Jesus dying on the cross for their sins.

Do you know who Gentiles are? They are people who are not Jews. The Jews were God's chosen people, through whom he worked. He commanded them not to marry or have anything to do with other nations. God had a plan. God planned to bring Jesus to the world through this chosen people, but now his plan was finished. Now God wanted Jews to tell the Gentiles about salvation and Jesus. But it was hard for the Jews to understand that Jesus came to save the Gentile as well as the Jew. So when the Gentiles at Antioch heard about Jesus and how he came to save them, they believed and were saved. A great number turned to the Lord.

Barnabas was a good man and full of the Holy Ghost. Barnabas had a lot of faith in Jesus. He prayed and then ex-

pected the answer. Barnabas at one time had a lot of land, but he sold it and brought the money and gave it to the disciples to give to the needy. (Acts 4:37). God blessed him for this.

News came to Jerusalem that the Gentiles at Antioch were getting saved and were receiving the Holy Ghost, and that a great number of people were being added to the church daily. Now the disciples wanted to know about this. So they decided to send Barnabas, who was full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, to find out about it. Soon Barnabas arrived at Antioch. There he saw the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit. He saw men blessed with salvation, just like he himself had been blessed. And he was glad that the Gentiles were getting saved and blessed as he was. So he told them to hold on to what they had. He encouraged them in the ways of the Lord. Now he thought of Saul. He knew that Saul had been called to preach to the Gentiles. Barnabas went to Tarsus to get Saul to come to Antioch and help him in teaching the people about Jesus. Saul did come and spent a year there with Barnabas at Antioch. The Lord blessed their labors and many were added to the church. Now it was at Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians." Christian means "follower of Christ."

God blessed the church at Antioch. Others came from Jerusalem to help. Now it was accepted that God had sent Jesus to the Gentiles, so they wanted to move out. We find that Barnabas and Saul asked to leave Antioch. The Holy Spirit was leading them to another field, so they left after the church there laid hands on them and prayed for God to bless them as they went.

Central Thought—Christians want to be like Christ and tell others about him.

Memory Verse—And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Acts 11:26

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The Wonders of a Child

When the earth moves round and round,
I wonder what holds up the ground?
Center gravity, my dear,
Just trust in God and never fear;
For he doeth all things well,
And made the earth for us to dwell.

He spoke the word and into space,
Appeared this world so void of grace.
He knew at once within his plan
He must take clay and form a man.
To him he gave a woman too,
To dwell within the earth made new.

They closed their hearts to God's command.

This meant the doom of fallen man.
Then Jesus said, "I will go
And give myself upon the tree,
And thus redeem man's soul for thee."

—Cook

The Mule

Let me tell you a true story about a mule.

A little girl went to a mission school in China where she learned to love Jesus and to pray. When she

returned home, her grandfather, with whom she lived, tried to make her worship idols. He whipped her for praying to God. One day when the grandfather was taking a walk, he saw a great cloud of dust, and he knew the bandits were coming to town. He ran home across the fields. His heart was troubled, for the last time the bandits had come, they had stayed right in his fine house because it was the nicest one in town.

He could think of nothing to do but to ask the little girl, who was a Christian, to pray for him that the bandits might not take his home. She was surprised when he told her to pray, but she knelt down immediately. First of all she thanked the Lord that her grandfather was willing for her to pray for him. Then she asked that the bandits might be kept out of their house.

What do you suppose happened? The leader of the bandits, who rode on a big mule, came right up to their gate and tried to ride in, but the mule refused to go in. The bandits whipped him and scolded, but the mule would not go into the yard. Finally he grew tired of trying and the leader turned the mule and rode away, tak-

ing all of his men. He said, "This place is an evil place, we will not go in there." It was not an evil place, but the Lord was protecting it in answer to prayer. The grandfather believed in the true God and became a Christian. If we are in God's family, we can pray. The little girl could be heard in Heaven, but the old grandfather could not pray, for he was not one of God's children. —Sel.

Anger

A prisoner in jail flew into a rage of anger and set fire to his clothing. He became a human torch. He was sorry he had done it and immediately raced around the cell screaming with pain and calling for help. The other prisoners tore off his burning clothing and the doctor was called to dress his burns. His anger caused great pain and suffering to himself. It is the same way with us—our anger against another person will hurt us more than the one at whom we are angry. The friend that we are angry at, because he has made a mistake, and say hateful things to, will leave and we hurt ourselves because we have lost a friend. Let us ask God to take that anger out of us.

One boy flew into a rage and hit his brother in the back with a hatchet. He suffered as much as his brother. He could not sleep at night because he could not forget how his brother fell and the blood gushed out. Getting mad, as some call it, will bring sorrow to your life and heart. But God has help for you. Just come to Jesus, ask for forgiveness, and he will take it all out of you and help you to have a sweet forgiving nature. Pray till it is all gone. Believe and you shall receive help.

A Scripture Alphabet

By Flossie Atha

Dear children, here is a Scripture alphabet I am giving you through our little paper. I trust that it will be food for your souls. I have hunted up all the references and you should read them from your Bibles, as I cannot give the whole verse in some of them.

A soft answer turneth away wrath—
Prov. 15:1.

Be not overcome of evil—Rom. 12:21
Children obey your parents—Col. 3:20.
Depart from evil—Psa. 37:27.

Even a child is known by his doings—
Prov. 20:11.

Fight the good fight of faith—1 Tim. 6:12.

Have faith in God—Mark 11:22.
In everything give thanks—1 Thess. 5:18
Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever—Heb. 13:8.

Keep thyself pure—1 Tim. 5:22.
Love worketh no ill—Rom. 13:10.

My little children, let us not love in word, but in deed and in truth—1 John 3:18.

Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity—1 Cor. 13:13.

Oh that men would praise the Lord!—
Psa. 107:8.

Pray without ceasing—1 Thess. 5:17.
Quit you like men, be strong—2 Cor. 16:13.

Rejoice evermore—1 Thess. 5:16.
Suffer little children to come unto me—
Luke 18:16.

Trust in the Lord—Psa. 37:3.
Unto you is born . . . a Saviour—Luke 2:11.

Visit the fatherless and widows—James 1:27.

(E)Xamine yourselves—2 Cor. 13:5.
Yield yourselves unto the Lord—2 Chron. 30:8.

Zealous of good works—Titus 2:14.

Bible Story

Genesis 18

When the three men arose from the wonderful meal that Abraham and Sarah had set before them and started to go, Abraham walked a little distance with them.

"Shall I hide from Abraham this thing which I do? the Lord asked the other two men. "I know that he will teach his children to keep my ways and to do right."

Then the Lord told Abraham that He was going down to see if Sodom was as wicked as it seemed; and if it was, He was going to destroy it. God told Abraham what he was about to do because Abraham was His friend. God told him of the great sin of Sodom. God had been watching this city for a long time, for you will remember when Lot went there, we are told that God saw that the men of Sodom were wicked (Gen. 13:13).

Who was in Sodom? Yes, Lot, the nephew of Abraham. He had gone back to live again in Sodom after Abraham and his servants had rescued him and his family from the enemy's camp. How sad the heart of Abraham was as the Lord told him that he would destroy that wicked city! Abraham loved Lot and he stood there before the Lord and asked Him if he would destroy the righteous also with the wicked. This is just what we would expect of Abraham, the friend of God and the man of faith.

The two angels hurried on toward Sodom as Abraham detained the Lord awhile longer because he wanted to talk to him.

—M. Miles.

"And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ."

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Dear boys and girls:

You can be a missionary right in your own neighborhood. You could get some of these little papers and give them to your friends living around you. That would be working for Jesus. It will help them to learn about Jesus, and if their parents do not know much about Jesus, they may read it and learn something about him. Maybe you have some cousins or friends living in another town. You could send their name and fifteen cents and they would receive the paper for three months. Or you could send sixty cents and they would receive it a year. They would have a paper for each Sunday.

I know a little boy whose mother has children's meeting at her home every week. This boy goes around and reminds those to come who forget about the meeting. Thus he is working for Jesus. There are many things that you could do for Jesus. I pray that God will give you a missionary spirit. Ask someone next Sunday to come with you to Sunday School. When you grow older, you can do more for Jesus. —Aunt Marie

Search Question

What was the name of the boy whose father did not kill him on the mountain?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Bread and fish. John 6:9.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 7, February 12, 1950

TELLING ABOUT JESUS IN NEW LANDS

Acts 14:8-28.

Before Jesus arose up into heaven, he told the disciples to preach the gospel to all parts of the earth. Now we find that they are at last sending out missionaries. The older class could look at a map and see where Paul and Barnabas went on their first missionary trip. We remember that the Holy Spirit had told them to go. And so today we need more people to be told by the Holy Spirit to go and tell others about Jesus who came to the world to save all who will believe on him. Will you be a missionary for Jesus?

Paul and Barnabas came to Lystra. They were telling the people about Jesus. They told them how Jesus healed the sick, the blind, the cripple. Paul looked and he saw a man sitting there who was crippled. This man had been born crippled. He had never walked. Paul could tell by looking at him that he was believing on Jesus and had faith to be healed. So Paul called to him and said, "Stand upright on your feet." And the man stood up and walked and leaped. Jesus had healed him. Jesus put new strength in his legs and he walked.

Now the people that were listening to Paul preach had never heard of Jesus and his power. They thought that some gods had come down out of the sky in the likeness of men. They worshiped false gods, who really were no gods at all but just their imaginations. They thought Paul and Barnabas were two of their gods whom they called Jupiter and Mercurius. And then here came the priest of Jupiter with oxen and garlands to put on them, and they started to offer up a sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas as though they were gods. Paul and Barnabas did not want them to

think that. They came to get them to worship Jesus and love him and turn away from their idols. So they ran out among the people, tearing their clothes to show them that they were greatly displeased. They said, "We are men just like you. We came to preach Jesus to you, and we want you to turn away from worshiping idols and to worship the true God who made the heavens and earth." It took a lot of talking to get them to stop and not do sacrifice to them.

Now some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium. These Jews hated Paul and Barnabas. They wanted to get rid of them. They did not like it because many people were believing on Jesus. So they followed them to Lystra and stirred up these people against Paul and Barnabas. Now these same people that were at first going to do sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas turned against them. They believed the lies that were told on them, and probably felt ashamed that they were taken in with Paul and Barnabas. The devil will work in every heart that will let him. So now we see these people stoning Paul. They cast him out of their city, thinking he was dead. But there were some disciples standing around him praying outside of the gate of Lystra. God spared Paul and he stood up and came into the city. Then the next day he went with Barnabas to Derbe. But later he came again to Lystra. He was not afraid. He was willing to suffer so that the gospel could be preached to all people. And we find that many believed on Jesus because the missionaries suffered for Jesus' sake.

Central Thought—Paul and Barnabas obeyed the Lord in going far to tell the good news. They were willing to suffer.

Memory Verse—And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. Acts 14:27.

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The Book of God

I like to read the Book of God—
The Bible is its name;
It tells us that to save our souls
Our loving Saviour came.
It comforts me when I am sad,
It shows me how to live;
It teaches me to lovingly
My help to others give.

It is God's own sweet voice of love,
Though written down with ink;
And when I read it, to my heart
It seems like food and drink.

Inches on the Yardstick

Ten-year-old Bobby came into the living room, backed himself up against the wall and proceeded to level the yardstick on the top of his head. Then he turned to measure the height that he stood.

"One inch over four feet, Grandma," he happily announced.

"Growing up, aren't you?" agreed Grandma, who was busily knitting in her chair near the window.

"How big are you?" she asked.

Surprised, Bobby said, "Why, I just told you, I'm one inch over four feet tall and I weigh fifty-six pounds. That is one pound above average."

"Yes, dear," said Grandma, "an elephant is large, too. Did you ever hear of an elephant that put his trunk in at the window of a tailor shop and the tailor pricked him with a needle?"

"No, Grandma, what happened?"

"Well, it was a story told me when I was a girl. The elephant went his way until he came to a mud puddle, then he took a drink. He drew his trunk full of muddy water and went back to the tailor shop and sprayed it all over the man who had pricked him with a needle."

"Ha, ha, ha," laughed Bobby, "some smart elephant, wasn't he? Ha, ha, ha."

"Yes, just as smart as some folks are," thoughtfully spoke Grandma. "Yes, he was large but not very big."

"Why not big, Grandma? Aren't large and big the same thing?"

"Maybe, sometimes, but I was thinking how the Good Book tells us a little person can be big, so much bigger than some of the largest human kind."

"What do you mean, Grandma?"

asked Bobby.

"Sonny," gently, Grandma explained, "in the Bible there is a yardstick to measure your life by, and some large folks are pretty small when they stand up alongside of it. They, like the elephant, seek revenge, not satisfied till they get even with anyone who angers them. But I read in my Bible, 'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.' Small, why, my dear child, there are folks that never grow up. And there are children who love Jesus and learn to walk in His way and who measure their lives by His yardstick, who are oftentimes many times bigger than some physically large folks who refuse to listen to the teachings of the Good Book."

"Say, Grandma, will you help me learn some of the inches of the Bible yardstick so I can really grow up BIG?"

Smiling, Grandma said, "Amen, I'll be glad to dear." —Sel.

Bible Story

Genesis 18

Abraham loved Lot very much and he did not want to see Sodom destroyed, so he asked the Lord, "Will you destroy the city if you can find fifty righteous people in it?" The Lord promised not to destroy the city if he could find fifty righteous people. But Abraham feared that there might be less than fifty, and he was troubled for Lot's safety. So he spoke again.

"I know that I am but a common man, made of dust," said he, "yet I speak to the Lord. If there should be only forty-five righteous persons living in Sodom, will you spare the city?" And the Lord promised he would spare Sodom for the sake of only forty-five righteous persons.

Abraham was still troubled. He was afraid that there may not be forty-five so he asked the Lord if he would spare the city if there were only forty righteous people, and the Lord said that he would spare the city if he found only forty righteous people.

Abraham became greatly troubled. What if there were not even forty! So he said to the Lord, "Oh, please do not be angry with me if I ask of you again. What if you cannot find forty, will you spare the city for only thirty righteous persons?" The Lord promised to spare it for only thirty.

Oh, what great faith Abraham had. He kept asking until the Lord said that He would not destroy the city if he could find ten righteous people in it. Abraham did not ask any more after that. I think he thought that if there were not even ten good people the city needed to be destroyed. And as Abraham was a true friend of God, he would not ask the Lord to do something that was not for the best. God moves our hearts to pray, and He did not give Abraham faith to ask any more.

The Lord passed on, and Abraham returned to his tent home. —M. M.

Biblical Questions

For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? Luke 9:25.

How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? Heb. 2:3.

How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Rom. 6:2.

Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? Acts 19:2.

What shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Matt. 16:26.

Where art thou? Gen. 3:9.

What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 1 Pet. 4:17.

God Sees

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." Prov. 20:11. Read this verse again. Do you understand it? Do you know it is out of God's Word and it is true? Do you know that you are known by God, whether you are doing pure and right things? God can see all things. He can see through the roof and through the door. He can see in the closet, even if the door is shut. As one boy put it, God can see through iron. Of course, the devil would like to tell you that no one will see you if you do wrong. But don't forget that God's Word is true and that it is known whether your work is right and whether it is pure.

God helps others to be able to see and know if your doings are right and pure. I have heard boys and girls say, "I wonder how Mother knows when we do wrong?" God helps mothers to know these things if they ask him to help them.

Let us be sure that our doings are pure and right. Will you? Jesus will help you if you will ask him. Mr. Miles

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

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Dear boys and girls:

We would like to hear from you. Ask mother to help you to write a letter to the little paper. We are glad for those who have written. Maybe some of you could write a little poem. That would be very nice.

We have quite a few grandmas and grandpas who read the little paper. They tell us that they enjoy the little stories. One grandmother said she read it over and over. All of us are interested in the things that our children do—mother and fathers, aunts and uncles. All of us want you to be good boys and girls and love Jesus. We want you to grow up with good purposes in your hearts. We want you to be teachers, preachers, missionaries, elders, workers, and supporters of the work of God. There is so much to do for the Lord, and the Lord needs you. So you can start now to work for Jesus. Why, just giving a little tract or paper to a friend or someone else is working for Jesus. Pray for some unsaved person. There are many people who need Jesus. We want to lead them to him. So be sure and pray for all the lost people. We want all to make it into heaven; don't we? And we know that each person has to stand before God in the judgment by himself and he cannot blame anyone else if he is not saved, because God is calling each one to be saved, and if we do not get saved, we are to blame. He says, "Now is the day of salvation."

What girl saw a king's daughter find
Answer to Last Week's Question
Isaac, Genesis 22:2

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8. February 19, 1950

A CHRISTIAN ANSWER

Acts 15:1-6, 22-29; Gal. 2:16

Paul and Barnabas were brave men. Do you know who made them brave? Yes, that is right, Jesus did. He sent the Holy Ghost and Comforter to them and they were brave. Even if they knew they might be stoned or killed, they were determined to tell people about Jesus. In today's lesson we find Paul and Barnabas at Antioch. They were real busy there, just like the pastors over God's people are now. Have you ever prayed for your pastor? Do you know that pastors are called in the night many times to get up and go out in the cold to pray for someone? or that they are awake many times while you are asleep, praying for people that have great troubles? Then maybe they get ready to eat and someone comes to them and wants prayer right then and they just forget about eating, and pray. Oh, yes, we need to pray for them, that God will give them strength and help to do all these great things. So be sure and pray for your pastor next time you pray. Those are just some of the same things that Paul and Barnabas were doing at Antioch.

There were some men from Judea who came to Antioch and tried to cause trouble in this church where Paul and Barnabas were teaching the people. They tried to tell the Gentiles that they had to keep certain things of the law of Moses. There were some things in the law of Moses that were done away with when Jesus died on the cross. Under the law of Moses they could hate people and not be punished, but since Jesus came, if you hate someone you are as bad as a murderer. Then they had little things that were sins to them, such as, to touch a dead animal or to eat pork (pigs), or eat with a Gentile. But

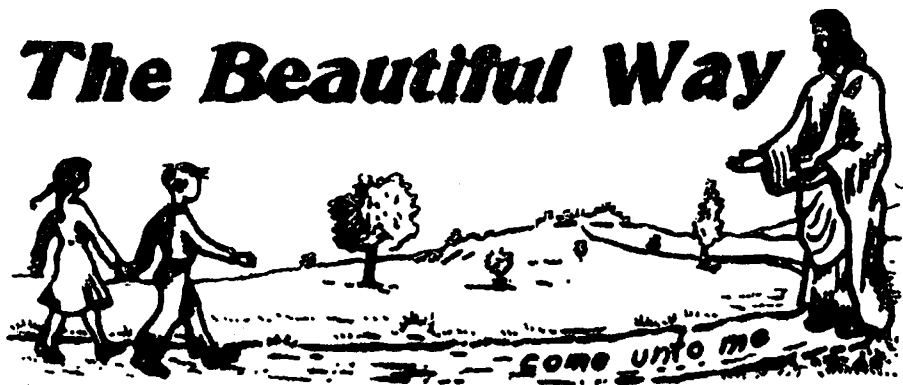
when Jesus came he brought something better than the law of Moses. Now these men were causing trouble, so some of the Christians in the church said, "Let us send Paul and Barnabas up to Jerusalem where the disciples are, and find out about this."

When they arrived in Jerusalem, the Christians were very glad to see them, and rejoiced too, that Jesus was being preached in the far away lands. Paul and Barnabas had many things to tell the disciples and Christians at Jerusalem: of how God saved the Gentiles, or in other words, when these people who used to worship idols of stone, wood, and even the moon, sun, and planets, heard about Jesus and how he would come into their hearts and bless them and make them so happy they quit their idol worship and turned to Jesus. Then Paul and Barnabas told them how certain men came to Antioch and said that the Gentiles were supposed to keep certain points of the law, and they had come to find out about it. So the apostles and elders came together to decide what would be pleasing to the Lord for them to do. They decided to write a letter to the churches and send it with Silas and Judas. Now in this letter they told the churches that they did not send these men that were troubling them about keeping certain points of the law. "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things. That you abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication." When the letter was read in Antioch, all rejoiced.

Central Thought—We are saved by faith in Jesus and not by the law of Moses.

Memory Verse—Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Gal. 5:1.

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No. 9

Miriam

In the distance stood she, watching,
While the fragile little ark
Floated on the placid waters
Of the silent river dark;
For the ark was one of the rushes,
Large enough for brother, wee;
Which her Mother made to save him
From the wicked king's decree.

Then she saw great Pharaoh's daughter,
In her vanity and pride;

With her maids and the attendants,
Walking by the river side,
Stop to bathe within the waters—
What's she saying? Listen! Hark!
Ah, she sends a maid to bring her,
From the rushes tall, the ark.

Then she waits, while Pharaoh's daughter,
Filled with wonder, lifts the lid,

Sees the little baby Moses,
Lying where he had been hid;
Then a joy thrills in her bosom—
He is saved from king's cruel curse,
And she runs and brings their mother
For the baby Moses' nurse.

—L. McLain.

She Heard Jesus Calling

We had a little treasure who was our joy and pride. We loved her, oh, perhaps too well, for she left us to be with Jesus. She was our only little girl, and we wanted to keep her, but Jesus wanted her too.

One evening after we had finished eating and she had gone to bed, we heard her crying. Her father and I rushed in to find out what was wrong. She told us that she had to go to heaven. We tried to tell her that she didn't, but she still was weeping and sobbing and kept telling us that she had to go to be with Jesus. Our hearts were made very sad, and still we could not convince her. She seemed to know too well that the Lord was calling for her.

Her father, who was not saved, became very frightened. He called a doctor. After he had given her a thorough examination, he said that he could not find anything wrong with her. He questioned her to see if he could find anything, but she kept telling him that Jesus wanted to take her to heaven, and she told him to tell us that she had to go.

She had given her heart to Jesus and she was ready to go. She begged her father and brothers to get ready to go too.

Soon she became very sick, and just two weeks and two days after she first told us that she had to go, she passed away to be with Jesus, the one who was calling for her.

We are happy to know she is there with Jesus waiting our coming.

—Sister P. Schmidke

Wrong Thoughts Bring Trouble

Did you ever hear a boy or a girl say, "There is no use living, I can't do what I want to do"? Or maybe they made the remark that they might as well be dead because they can't ever please anyone and nobody likes them. I have, and it made me feel very sad, because I knew that it was the devil that made them say those words and caused them to feel that way. And I know that if they continue to say it, that sometime the devil may get them to really think that they may as well take their life as they have heard of others doing. So if you ever have a thought like that, just put it out of your mind and don't even say it. Do you know that God gives life and he is the only one that permits life to be taken? If we take our own life, we are murderers. You surely will go down to hell if you ever do such a thing. No murderers get to heaven unless they repent.

A mother told me and others about her son who was about twelve years old. He had T. B. and was not able to go to school. He did not feel well at all. The father was out of work part of the time and there were hard times for the family. The mother claimed that the father fussed at the

boy a lot and accused him of just putting on and thought he could at least carry in the wood or do something around the place. The boy became so hurt and would often tell his mother he wished he were out of the way, that he was only a burden and there was no use living. I am sure it was the devil that talked to the boy and made him feel that way. If he had given his heart to Jesus he could have prayed and Jesus would have helped him. He would have had help to resist those feelings of despair that would come over him. Instead, he would give in to them and they overcame him. The devil took possession, and one day his mother heard a shot ring out from his bedroom, and rushed in to see him draw his last breath. What a sad thing for that boy! He was lost. It was sad for the family. The mother sobbed as she told us these things. The father would not talk about it. His health became bad and he suffered also. So not only did the boy send his own soul to hell, but also caused much grief to follow his dear mother and father the rest of their days.

I read of another boy that climbed up on a bridge and was going to jump off, which meant certain death, because he had received bad grades at school. He had blamed the teacher and everyone but himself for his grades. Instead of getting down to business and working and bettering his grades, he let the devil make him think he would take his life and would not have to study. The policemen and others talked him into coming down, and they saved his life.

So boys and girls, can't you see how the devil is always working to get you into trouble? Let us not listen to him. When he brings the wrong kind of thoughts to you, just call to Jesus to help you and He will

NEVER fail to answer. Jesus loves you and wants to help you, but you must ask to get help. You must also give him your heart and live for him. When you repent of all the wrongs you have done, then Jesus will come into your heart and you will be his. Will you do it today? Then Jesus will care for you and you will have power over the devil.

—M. Miles

A Little Girl Helped

I read about a little girl who lived in England many years ago and had memorized the Ten Commandments and some parts of the New Testament. She did not realize that she could help so many people because she had memorized parts of God's Word. But one day the rulers of the so-called church of that day made a law saying that no one would be allowed to read the Bible or to own one. And if they were caught, they would be put into prison, or some would be put to death. But the word got around that there was a little girl who knew by memory the Ten Commandments and parts of the New Testament. Many people came to hear her recite these parts of the Bible and she was often asked to recite them at meetings. Wasn't that wonderful, that she had learned the Word of God? We never know but that time may come again when we would not be allowed to have Bibles. Wouldn't it be wonderful if you had learned the Word of God and could recite it and help others?

—M. Miles

Search Question

What busy men tried to keep the children away from Jesus?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Miriam, Exodus 2:4

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Dear boys and girls:

It is time for you to think about reordering the little paper. They will want to know how many to print. We hope that the little paper will be given to all the children in Sunday School whether they follow the Sunday School lessons or not. The truth in the paper will be good for all. May be some of the older people who have time to read would enjoy getting one.

We have part of a Bible verse, which reads: "Shun the very appearance of evil." That is good to remember. When evil appears, just leave it. If you are with a group of children, and they say, "Let us throw a rock at that window and then run," you had better walk on ahead fast and get away from that group. They are thinking about doing evil. If you are with them when it happens, you will be blamed too. If you are with a boy or girl that wants to do wrong, you had better not be with them. Just shun all evil. God will bless you and help you if you ask him.

—Aunt Marie

THE PIG

Some people are like a pig. It goes about looking for slime pits, and when it finds one, it slides in with a grunt of glee and will squeal vehement objections if you try to pull it out, and no sooner is it out than it will return to the slime pit again.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9, February 26, 1950

A CHURCH IN A WICKED CITY

Acts 18:1-11; 2 Cor. 6:14-18.

Here we have a kernel of corn. What is this kernel good for? Yes, it is good for food. We can make good things to eat out of corn: corn bread, cakes, and other good things to eat. But if we eat this kernel, it will be of no further use. If it is planted, it may produce an ear, two ears, or even three ears. So it is with our life. If we give our life to Jesus we receive life in heaven, but if we don't give our life to Jesus, we shall die and be of no use here in bringing others to Jesus or go to heaven. (Read John 12:24-26).

We find that Paul was not afraid to give his life to Jesus. And since he did, he helped others come to Jesus and receive life everlasting in heaven. He was stoned, put in prison, pushed around, and beaten, but he still preached Jesus. Now our today's lesson tells us of Paul going to a very wicked city. The name of the city is Corinth. He found a certain Jew named Aquilla. His wife was named Priscilla. These people had come from Italy because Cladius Caesar had told all the Jews to leave Rome. They were tent makers, and since that was what Paul did, he stayed with them and they made tents and sold them. But on the sabbath they went to the synagogue. That was the place where the Jews gathered together to read and study the law of Moses. It seems that these people had not accepted Jesus as the Saviour of the world. They still tried to keep the law of Moses and offer sacrifices for their sins. We find that Paul told them many things, and when Silas and Timotheus came, he became more bold, and came out and told them that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ that was to come, and that people had to be-

lieve on him to be saved. They said that we did not have to offer sacrifices any more, that Jesus had died on the cross for our sins. But they refused to believe him and opposed Paul. So Paul told them that he had done his duty. He had told them, and if they did not believe him, they would be lost and would have to stand before God and give account for their rejecting Jesus. He told them that he would go to the Gentiles and tell them about Jesus. So he went to a man's house by the name of Justus, and there he taught the people who came about Jesus. Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue believed on Jesus, and all his house and many others did, and were baptized. So you see, by Paul standing true to Jesus, he won many others to Jesus. He just left those that were wrong and started another place of worship where he could preach Jesus. We are not to go to a place of worship today where all the Bible is not taught. We are going to be judged by the whole Bible when we stand before God, and we must live by it here. So we come out from among those that do not teach all of the Bible, or who do not practice all of the Bible.

Paul may have been thinking of leaving, but the Lord spake to him in a vision and told him not to be afraid to speak, for God would be with him and that no man would be allowed to hurt him. So Paul stayed there in that city one year and six months. He helped many people to believe on Jesus, and there was a great church in that city.

If we will be faithful to obey God, he will help us out when others are against us, and we can win others to Him.

Central Thought—Because Paul worked and taught Jesus to the people, many were saved.

Memory Verse—Ye are not your own; ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. 1 Cor. 6:19-20.

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Dutiful Children

How much our parents cared for us,
In all our young and tender years!
And we will not ungrateful be,
When age to them appears.
When old and helpless they become,
And we behold their strength decay,
Shall we neglect the loving ones
Who watched us all the way?
We know we never can repay
The loving debt to them we owe;
But we will love them more and more,
The older they may grow.

—Sel.

A Child's Prayer

I want to tell you a beautiful story which was told to me a few years ago by a minister who said it was strictly true. As nearly as I can, I shall give it to you in his own words. Said he:

"I was invited to a certain western town to deliver a series of prohibition lectures, and upon my arrival I was taken to a parsonage which was to be my home during my stay. The minister's family consisted of himself, wife, and one child, a busy little maiden of four summers.

"She was a merry, fun-loving child, as one could wish to see, but withal possessed of a piety and love for God, which was well worthy of emulation, and I learned many precious lessons from this dear little one, during the few days of my stay in her home. Her simplicity of faith was beautiful. She really believed that she had only to ask and receive, and would go to God with all her childish requests with the confidence and freedom with which she approached her mother.

"One night, near the close of my stay with them, the fire bells rang out an alarm, and we sprang from our beds to find one whole end of the town in flames. A terrible wind was blowing, and the fire was rapidly traveling in the direction of the parsonage, devouring everything in its way as it came. The air was full of flying cinders, and new flames could be seen springing up in different places and in an incredibly short space of time, a large part of the town lay in ashes.

"Across the street from the church property was a vacant block, and we began to carry articles from the parsonage out to the center of it, hoping thus to save some of the household

treasures. Thinking the little one would be safer there than elsewhere, I caught her up in one arm, and with the other laden with clothing, I hurried across the lot, and placed her upon the ground beside the pile of loose articles, telling her to remain there till her mother came to her.

"Instantly she dropped upon her knees and clasped her hands, and with her sweet face upturned, and gleaming white in the flame's lurid glare, she cried out in her broken baby way:

"Oh, Dod, save our house! Oh, Dod, save our house! Oh, Dod, save our house!"

"Over and over she repeated the same words, and as she did so, something which some might deem strange and almost past believing occurred. Quick as a flash the wind whipped around to a point of the compass just opposite to that from which it had been blowing, and increasing to a perfect gale, forced the flames before it over the burnt district, and not only our house was saved, but all the other end of the town, in answer to that effectual, fervent prayer, which 'availed much,' even though offered by a little child."

My son, give me thine HEART. Prov.

Bible Story

Genesis 19

Evening had come, and it was time to close the gates of the great city of Sodom. The wise men who sat at the gate as judges of the people would soon go home.

Lot had not only moved into the city, but he had also become one of its rulers, or judges. He was about to go home when he saw two strangers approaching. He greeted them, just as Abraham had done, by bowing low to the ground. He asked them to

go to his home and spend the night. They said that they would just stay out on the street. But Lot knew that the men of Sodom were very wicked, and would try to harm them, so he begged them to come into his home. Finally they went with Lot.

Lot brought water for them to wash their feet after they removed their sandals, and then prepared a great feast for them. The angels were reminded of the great kindness that Abraham had shown them.

Soon the news was all over Sodom that Lot had some strangers at his house. The people began to gather in groups and talk about it, and finally they moved toward Lot's house. And at last there was a large crowd gathered at Lot's door. Some one called for Lot and asked him to bring the strangers out. They planned to hurt them. But Lot went to the door and went out and closed the door behind him. He tried to tell the people to go away and not be so wicked. He said these men were his guests. They refused to listen to Lot, but told him that they would hurt him worse than they had planned to harm the strangers. And as they came toward Lot and tried to break down the door, the angels quickly drew Lot inside and caused the people to be blind. How good the Lord was to have the angels there to help Lot out of his trouble.

—M. Miles

Do you and your mother and father, brothers or sisters ever get together just to talk about the Lord and to sing hymns and choruses which praise Him? If not, I'm sure you will want to suggest to your family, even today, that you begin to worship the Lord in your home. It will cause the Lord to bless you and your home.

The Lantern Fly

The lantern fly, as it is called, is a little insect which lives in South America. It sometimes measures more than two inches in length, and the light it carries is so brilliant that you can actually read by it at night!

But a remarkable feature of the lantern fly is that it has the power to conceal its light, or to shine it forth, at will. Although the light is there all the time, it may be shown to others, or it may remain hidden.

Sometimes the little creature may unfold itself, and its light will stream out into the darkness, but at other times, it shuts itself up, and then all is dark.

One day a lady who was on a visit to South America for the first time, was given several lantern flies as a present. They were brought to her during the day time, and she put them into a little box which she placed upon a table in her bedroom.

During the night she was awakened by noise coming from the box—it was the little lantern flies who wanted to get out of their prison! She jumped out of bed and opened the box, and it seemed to her that the box was on fire, so brightly were the little insects shining!

Surely you and I are just like the lantern fly! God has made us to shine brightly for Him—are we doing it? Like the lantern fly, we have the power to let our light shine, or to hide it.

Can you think of some ways in which you can let your light shine for Jesus? —Sel.

We're in a world of wrong, dear children,
Many snares are by the way;
Then we must shun the path of evil,
And be careful where we go! —Sel.

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Dear boys and girls:

You know we tell our mothers and fathers that we love them, but do we prove it to them? There was a little girl who could be very loveable at times. She would climb up on her mother's lap and put her arms around her neck and say, "I love you very, very much, Mommy dear." But almost the next minute she would be disobedient and unwilling to do things, such as picking up her toys or helping set the table or taking a letter to the mail box. Don't you think she needed a lesson about proving her love for her mother? So it is with many people today. They say they love Jesus but their lives do not prove it. They are ashamed to tell others about him. They are not kind to others. They do not pray very often to him or read his precious word. Do you think Jesus believes them when they say they love him? He says, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Are you showing your love for Jesus today? Let us pray and ask Jesus to help us to prove our love to him.—Aunt Marie

Search Question

When God called, who answered, "Speak; for thy servant heareth?"

Answer to Last Week's Question

Disciples. Mark 10:13, 14.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 10, March 5, 1950

HOW A SONG HELPED

Acts 16:19; 16:23-30.

Paul traveled to many cities and preached the gospel, which is, "Jesus saves." Many believed and were saved. At Ephesus he stayed about two years, and many believed on Jesus. Some burned their books that were evil and taught witchcraft. They cleaned up their lives when they let Jesus come into them.

But Paul suffered in other places. He was put in prison and beaten. He went through all this for Jesus. He loved the souls of men and wanted them to be saved.

At the city of Philippi, the people rose up against Paul and Silas and threw them into prison. First they beat them with many stripes. Then they were put into the inner prison. The jailor chained and bound Paul and Silas in some cruel stocks. Can't you imagine how very, very uncomfortable and painful these would be. Their backs were still full of wounds from the whippings they had received, and now their poor legs were clamped into these awful stocks.

Probably the other prisoners in this jail had done real crimes, but Paul and Silas received all this brutal treatment because of their GOOD deeds.

Paul and Silas were true followers of Jesus. They did not murmur nor complain. They were glad that they could suffer for Jesus. They talked and thought of the blessings that Jesus had given them in their hearts; how before they let him come in, they were lost, but now they were ready to die and go to heaven. So they began to praise the Lord for salvation. They even sang songs. They were so full of the Holy Ghost that the praises just rolled out.

Then suddenly the whole prison shook violently. Yes, there was an earth

quake! Immediately all the doors were opened and the prisoners were freed from their chains and stocks. And when the jailor awakened from his sleep and saw all the doors opened and the prisoners freed from their chains, he was greatly frightened. What has happened? Surely his prisoners had all escaped! Now he would have to die! But Paul was watching him, and he cried and said, "Do thyself no harm, we are all here."

Then the jailor got a light and hastened to the cell where Paul and Silas were. He knew that a great and mighty deed had happened, and it was of God. Falling at their feet, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul and Silas told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and he and his household would be saved. Then they explained the words of God to him and he and his household did believe on Jesus and were saved. Then he took them into his house and washed their wounds and showed them much kindness.

Did some people believe Paul's preaching and burned bad books? What did Paul and Silas do in prison? What happened after they sang praises to God? What did the jailor start to do when he realized his prisoners were loose? Who stopped him? Did he realize God cause the earthquake? What did Paul tell him to do to be saved? What did he do for Paul and Silas after he was saved?

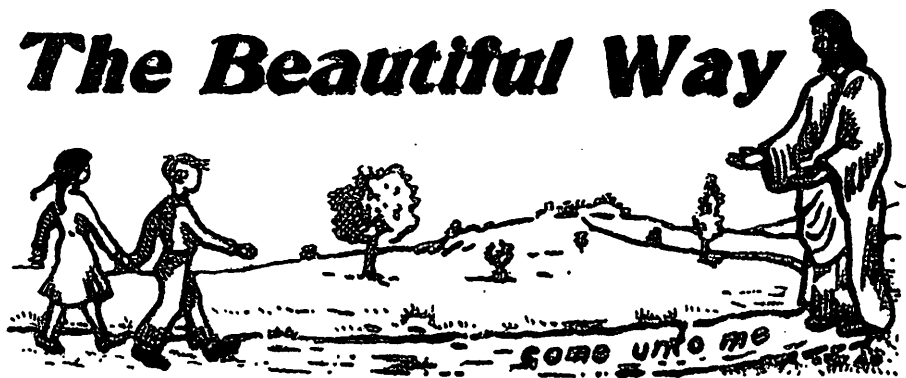
Central Thought—We can have a song of joy in our hearts as we follow Jesus through trouble.

Memory Verse—Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Eph. 6:10.

I will cling to my Saviour and never depart—

I will joyfully journey each day,
With a song on my lips and a song in my heart,
That my sins have been taken away.

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No. 11

As the Twig Is Bent

Dad tried his best, when I was young,
To fix it in my mind,
That "as the tiny twig is bent,
So is the tree inclined";
And when he'd lay me 'cross his knee
On punishment intent,
I used to cry, "Say, Dad, look out,
Or I'll grow up all bent!"

And when he'd say, "Come on, young
man,
And weed this onion bed!"
Just when I'd planned a fishing trip
With Jimmy Jones instead,
I used to scowl until my face
Was black as it could be,
And mutter, "When I do grow up
I'll be humpbacked—you'll see!"

But years have come and years have
gone,
With many a care and trouble,
With many a load that for a time
Has bent me nearly double;
But always I've sprung back again
Before it was too late—
For, though he made me bend a bit,
'Twas Dad who made me straight!

—W. D. Vincent

A Boy's Prayer Answered

Mother had kissed the last child and watched them a little while as they skipped off down the street to school. Only Alfred was at home. Now she must get busy at her washing, as mothers must keep busy in order to keep clean clothes for their families. As she sorted the clothes, she noticed that her little five-year-old son had all his shirts in the wash. He didn't have many and would need more so she wouldn't have to wash again. When it was time to put that tub of clothes in the machine, she called Alfred.

Alfred had been taught about how Jesus cares for every one and even cares for the little birds, that He has all of our hairs on our heads counted, and that if we need anything Jesus said for us to ask Him for it. And Alfred knew Jesus would give it to us. So like the good boy he was, he left his cars and play and ran quickly to see what Mother wanted.

"I guess you had better take that shirt off and let me wash it, as it is dirty."

"Well, what shall I wear," questioned Alfred.

"You'll have to stay in the house with your undershirt on until this one dries. It won't take long. You surely need more shirts," answered Mother.

"As Alfred was taking his shirt off he began to think how much he needed more shirts. Then he thought about Jesus. Why sure, Jesus could give him another shirt if he needed it. Didn't He say, 'Ask and it shall be given you'? I'll just ask him for a shirt. Then he thought maybe he should ask Mother if she thought Jesus would give him a shirt.

"Mother, do you think that Jesus will give me another shirt if I ask Him?"

"Yes," Mother answered as she picked another armful of clothes.

So Alfred ran into the other room and prayed. He told Jesus how he needed another shirt and that he did not even have one to wear now. And he asked Him for another shirt. Then he ran back to Mother and told her that Jesus was going to give him another shirt.

Not very long after that someone knocked on the door and the neighbor lady was there. And Alfred heard her say that her boy had out-grown a shirt and wondered if she could use it. Alfred ran and his mother put it on him and it was just a fit. Then Alfred said, "See, Mother, I told you that Jesus was going to give me a shirt, because I asked him to."

(This is a true story.) —M. Miles

Ned and Jane Questions

"Mother, who wrote the Bible?" Ned asked.

"There were different writers. Of course the Old Bible, or the first part of it was written on pieces of skin

called parchment, and some on papyrus. Papyrus was long strips cut from the tall papyrus reed that grew by the River Nile. It was all written by hand and it took a long time. The first four books of the old Bible were written by Moses, and other writers wrote different books."

"I would surely get tired if I had to write the Bible by hand," said Ned with a whistle.

Yes, I'm sure they worked hard to write it. But the Hebrews had learned to know and worship the true God, and they wrote about God on parchment or papyrus scrolls to save them for their children's children. And as years passed by, they grew to feel that some of the scrolls were great and they set them apart as sacred writings, because the writers told of how God had led them in such a special way. When Jesus came, he loved these old writings and often quoted them. They were His Bible of His day.

"Did Jesus write the New Testament?" asked Ned.

"No, he didn't write it, but some of his disciples and men that were with him wrote the first books, but Paul wrote most of it. It is wonderful how we can have today the priceless words of Jesus. It is the most wonderful book in the world. It tells us how to live while here and get ready to die and go to heaven. God spoke to the men of old and they wrote it for us (Luke 1:70). It is truly the Word of God. Jesus said, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away' (Matt. 24:35). So the Word of God written in the Bible shall stand in the Judgment Day.

—M. Miles.

Jesus alone can satisfy the longing of the soul. Matt. 1:21. He can take away sin. John 1:29.

Security for a Loan

"Mister, do you lend money here?" The speaker, an earnest looking boy, addressed a lawyer in a fine office.

The lawyer turned away from his desk, and looked keenly at the clear-eyed, poorly-dressed lad. "Sometimes we do—on good security," he answered, gravely.

The boy explained that he had a chance to "buy out a boy that's sellin' papers." He had half enough money, but needed to borrow the other two dollars.

"I see. And what security can you offer?" the attorney inquired.

The boy did not reply. Instead, he drew from his pocket a paper carefully wrapped in a bit of tinfoil. It was a cheaply-printed pledge against the use of intoxicating liquors and tobacco. The boy's name was signed at the bottom. He handed it to the lawyer.

As respectfully as if it had been the deed to a farm, the gentleman examined it, then handed over the two dollars.

A friend who had watched the transaction with silent amusement laughed when the young borrower departed.

"You think I know nothing about that boy?" smiled the lawyer. "Listen. I know that he came manfully in what he supposed to be a business like way, and tried to negotiate a loan instead of begging the money. I know, too, that he has been under good influences, or he would not have signed that pledge. I know also that he does not hold it lightly, or he would not have cared for it so carefully. Yes, my friend, I am certain that one who keeps himself from such evils as liquor, beer, wine, and tobacco has character to offer as security." —Sel.

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Dear boys and girls:

We do hope that each one who reads this will not forget to pray often. Be sure to pray every night before you go to sleep. Ask mother and Daddy to kneel with you, by your bed. Jesus will answer your prayers and help you to be good boys and girls.

One nine-year-old boy told me yesterday that he read his Bible every night to his little five-year-old niece. Jesus blesses this little boy for that. Won't you quit some of your play and read the Bible and pray? You who are old enough to read will be blessed by Jesus if you will read it to some other smaller child. I pray for you every day. I pray for Jesus to bless all the dear, darling boys and girls who want to live for Jesus, and to help others to come to him. And that means you. May God bless you and keep you brave and help you to stand up for Jesus. —Aunt Marie

"Pray without ceasing."

Search Question

What was the name of the giant that a shepherd boy killed?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Samuel. 1 Samuel 3:10.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11, March 12, 1950

LEADERS WE SHOULD FOLLOW AND SEEK TO BE LIKE

Acts 6:1-6; 20:17, 18, 28; 1 Cor. 12:27, 28

We have been studying about how Paul and others went from town to town preaching to the people. There were many people in each town who believed on Jesus and were saved. These people met together as we do today and listened to the Word of God taught.

One day there came word from the Grecians that their widows and children were not being cared for. They wanted the apostles to do something about it. As we studied before, people in the early church got saved and sold their lands and gave the money to the apostles to be given to the needy ones. Of course, we know the apostles were very busy teaching the people, and maybe there had been some neglect.

The apostles called the saints together and told them that they had more than they could do. Their work was to preach the gospel and they could not leave that to care for the poor widows and children. They told the others to choose seven good men, honest men, that were of good report. And of course the most important thing was that they be filled with the Holy Ghost. Remember, there were many people there to choose from. Wouldn't you like to have been one of the men that was chosen? They were to be men that all the people could feel were really men of God, and good and honest and had no evil reports going around about them. They wanted them to take care of the widows and children, so the apostles could give themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word. They knew that it would take much prayer to get messages from God so they could give them out to the

people—just like your pastor does today. He spends much time in prayer, asking God to give him a message to preach to you.

The people were pleased to do this. They wanted to help too. So they chose seven men: Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicholas, a Gentile who had become a Jew and then had become a Christian. Now these good men were brought before the apostles, who prayed and laid hands on them, thus showing that they were being sent out by God.

These men were good leaders. They did their work well. We have already studied about Stephen. You remember how he was stoned to death because he stood up for Jesus. Stephen's truthness might have caused Paul to turn to Jesus. At the time of Stephen's death, Paul held some of the clothes of those that stoned him. He was not saved then, and he was helping to kill the people who lived for Jesus. But we know that God caused Paul to see himself, a sinner, and he cried out for forgiveness, and Jesus forgave him and then sent him to preach to the Gentiles. Paul had to suffer many things for Jesus' sake. But he was blessed of God. He tells us to follow him as he followed the Lord.

Philip was an evangelist. While he lived in Caesarea Paul stopped to see him. We are sure all these men were good men that we should seek to follow and be like. We should want to be brave like Paul and Stephen. Stand up for that which is right. No coward can be God's child.

Central Thought—The church has a place in its service for all of us if we live in God's will.

Memory Verse—Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.

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The Future

I cannot see the future,
I would not if I could,
For all that comes I truly know,
God permits for my good.
I cannot see the future,
I ask not that I may;
Nor let it mar the pleasure
God gives to me today.
I cannot see the future,
I know not what it holds,
But Jesus, kind and tender,
With loving arms enfolds.
So I can trust Him fully,
I know He always stands
With grace for me while holding
My future in His hands.

Little Jim

Little Jim, a boy from the slums, lay in the hospital, a victim of famine fever, a disease caused by hunger and bad air.

One day Bobby, who lived in the same slum, was picked up in the street with both legs crushed by a truck. He was carried to the hospital and temporarily placed side by side with Jim. Creeping with difficulty over

toward the broken-legged boy, Jim said,

"Bobby, did you ever hear of Jesus?"

"No, I never heard of Him."

"Bobby, I went to the mission school once, and they told me—that—that Jesus would take you to Heaven when you die, and you wouldn't never be hungry no more, if you'll ask Him."

"Oh, I don't know no such great big Gentleman as He is; and if I did He wouldn't speak to a poor boy like me."

"In the mission school they told me He would. Don't you want never to be hungry any more?"

"Oh, just don't I!"

"Then you ask Him."

"How could I ask the Gentleman if I don't know where He lives and if I did know, my leg is broke and I couldn't go."

"Bobby, they told me in the mission school that Jesus passed by, and we sunged about Jesus passing by, and teacher told us it means He'll come round. How do you know He isn't coming round this hospital tonight? And if He should, and you are watching for Him, you could see Him, and then you could ask Him."

"I couldn't watch for Him; my legs

ache so awful and I couldn't keep my eyes open."

"But I say, Bobby, you can hold up your hand, and if He should come round and see your hand up, He'd know you was after something."

Bobby held his hand up, but it dropped. He held it up again and it dropped. He held it up the third time, and as it dropped he burst out crying and said,

"I'll give up. I can't hold my hand up no longer."

"Bobby, I don't want my pillow. You let me prop your elbow up with it," and the child Jim took his own pillow, and, placing it under the elbow of his sick companion, propped up his arm.

In the morning little Bobby lay dead with his hand held up for Jesus.

Little Jim had heard the gospel message only once, but with faith, trust, and confidence, he used the little light he had to guide his dying companion to Jesus, who is ever passing by. We who know Jesus—whether we are children or older persons—ought to be busy telling our friends and neighbors who do not know Him about the wonderful Saviour and Friend we have found in Jesus. How can we keep the Good News to ourselves when there are so many people who need to hear it? —Sel.

Bible Story

Genesis 19

After the angels drew Lot back into the door and caused the people to be blind, they asked Lot if he had any others in the city beside those in his house. Lot told them of his sons-in-law and families. The angels told him to tell them all to leave this city, that the Lord was going to destroy

it. The Lord had seen the wickedness of the city.

Now Lot knew that these strangers were angels, and that they had come to destroy Sodom because it was such a wicked place, so he went out to his sons-in-law and told them to leave because the Lord was going to destroy the city. But they would not believe his words. They only laughed and mocked him.

The night passed by, and when morning came the angels told Lot to hurry and take his wife and two daughters which were with him and leave the city before it was destroyed. It was hard for Lot to leave his fine home and his riches. Then he thought of leaving his married daughters and other friends. But, oh, he was in great danger! Finally the angels took him by the hand, and his wife and two daughters, and brought them forth and set them outside the city, saying, "Escape for your life, look not behind you, neither stay in all of the plain, escape to the mountain, lest you be burned up." But Lot begged to be allowed to go to a little city. He had lived so long in the city that he was afraid to live in tents as he once did. The angel granted his request, and as the sun came up, they came into the city, Zoar.

A little girl about four years of age was asked, "Why do you pray to God?" Her reply was, "Because I know he hears me and I love to pray to him."

Then the question, "But how do you know he hears you?"

Putting her little hand over her heart, she replied, "I know he does, because there is something here that tells me so."

The Stolen Pins

Many years ago Fidelia Fiske went to Persia to tell the boys and girls there about Jesus. She opened a boarding-school for them. Here they lived most of the time, so she had a chance to teach them from the Bible, God's Word.

One day she put a number of black pins, which she had brought from America, into a pin-cushion in her room. Before evening they were all gone.

Each child denied having taken the pins. Sister Fiske then asked them all to kneel down, while she prayed that God would show who stole them.

When prayer was finished she noticed one girl holding her hat very tightly. She asked the girl to hand the hat to her. The girl did, but said, "Please do not look in it," for there the pins were hid.

When Sister Fiske found the pins, she showed to the little Persian girls that God sees and knows our sins, and they will be found out.

After that when a new girl came to the school, and took something that did not belong to her, she was told about it. The other girls would say to her, "Hurry and put it back, or God will tell our teacher you have stolen it."

The first girl in the school who became a Christian was the girl who had stolen the black pins. She was truly converted to Christ. She grew up a true and honest helper to the missionary in the school.

The Lord Jesus can do great things for boys and girls who trust Him. No matter how bad they have been, He will turn none away from Him. Is He your Savior? —Sel.

"Be sure your sins will find you out."

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Dear boys and girls:

One time a policeman went into a little meeting house where the people of God were worshipping. One little boy who loved Jesus got up to tell about what Jesus meant to him, and how he helped him to be good. He did not know that the policeman was there. Then later the policeman said if all our boys were like this boy we would not need so many policemen. A Christian boy or girl does not give anyone trouble. You do not care to be out after dark trying to cause trouble. Some think it is just a lot of fun to ring someone's door-bell and then run. But that is just the beginning of worse things. If you do that, after awhile the devil will try to get you to do something worse. Nothing is funny that causes others trouble. It would be better if you would be in the house after dark doing good things, things that your mother and father and God approve.

Did you reorder your little paper? Did you have it sent to a friend or a relative? Let us be workers for Jesus.

—Aunt Marie

Search Question

Where is butter mentioned in the Bible?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Goliath. 1 Samuel 17:23, 47-51.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12, March 19, 1950

PAUL TELLS WHY HE IS A CHRISTIAN

Acts 26

It would be well for the older class to read the chapter out of the Bible.

When Paul went down to Jerusalem, certain men were there who had heard of how he had gone to the Gentiles, and they said he taught the Gentiles against the law and against Moses, so they decided to kill Paul. They wanted to get rid of him like they wanted to get rid of Jesus. And they would have killed him, but the rulers came with soldiers and took Paul to prison.

In today's lesson we find that Paul had been brought before King Agrippa to see if the rulers could find something wrong in him. Paul got up in the court room before King Agrippa and told him that he was glad that he could tell him about his trouble of how he was falsely accused by the Jews.

Paul said, "My manner of life from my youth up is known of all the Jews at Jerusalem. I lived a strict Pharisee. [That was the name of his church, or sect, at that time, using the language of today.] But now I am judged because I believe in Jesus of Nazareth. I know that Jesus was promised to be sent. This was promised to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he did come and God raised him from the dead after he was killed by the Jews. But at one time I did not believe that he was sent. I thought I should do many things against the ones that did believe. At Jerusalem, many of the saints I shut up in prison and when they were put to death I gave my voice against them. I went to other cities and persecuted them. But one day I went to Damascus with letters to bring back certain saints. But at noon, O king, I saw

a light from heaven. When we had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?' And I said, 'Who art thou, Lord?' And he said, 'I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. Rise up now, for I want to make you a minister and a witness of things which I will tell you; delivering you from the people and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send you. To deliver them from the power of Satan to God; that they may receive forgiveness of sins.' And now, O King Agrippa, I obeyed the Lord. I preached at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coast of Judaea and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and do works meet for repentance. And just for this the Jews caught me in the temple and tried to kill me. Having received help from God, I continue to preach to both great and small that the prophets and Moses said that Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first to rise from the dead and show light to the Jews and Gentiles. Now, O King, I know you know about this because it was not done in a corner. I know that you do believe the prophets."

Then King Agrippa said unto Paul, "Almost, thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

And Paul said, "I would to God that not only you, but all that hear me today were altogether such as I am except for these bonds."

Oh, can't you see how Paul stood true to his calling? That calling was to preach the gospel. And he almost persuaded the king to become a Christian. By standing true to Jesus we will win others.

Central Thought—We are the gainers when we hold on to Jesus.

Memory Verse—I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. 2 Tim. 1:12.

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Christian Parents

I thank the Lord for parents,
Who brought me up to know
That Jesus died upon the Cross,
Because He loved me so.

I thank the Lord for parents,
Who taught me how to live,
That I might by my life, each day,
More joy to others give.

I thank the Lord for parents,
Who taught me how to pray;
That I might call upon the Lord,
And walk "The narrow way."

I also thank Him for their love,
And things which they have done,
That I might live for Jesus Christ,
And be a better son.

And last of all, but still the best,
I thank Him for His peace;
That He has put within my heart.
I know it shall not cease.

Picture Show

"I'm tired playing jacks and ball,"
Ruth said as she gave the ball and
jacks to Milce.

"Yes, I am too," Marie said, as she

stretched her legs that had begun to
hurt from sitting on them.

It was the noon hour at school and
the girls had been playing jacks since
school was out. They had all agreed
not to eat any lunch as they wanted
to save their money.

"I'll sure be glad when tomorrow
afternoon comes," spoke up Ruth.

"Oh, I will too," said Milce, "I have
been just dying to see that picture
show that is on."

"Why don't you go with us, Marie?"
asked Ruth.

Marie hesitated for a moment be-
fore she answered. She loved Jesus
and had given him her heart and she
did not want to do anything to dis-
please Jesus. She knew that Jesus
would not be pleased for her to go to
shows, but yet how could she tell her
girl friends that? Suddenly, a thot
came to her, and she replied, "Oh,
Mother won't let me go."

The girls both knew that was true.
They talked about the show for a-
while and then Milce said, "Marie,
why don't you just ask your Mother
if you could come over and spend the
afternoon with me to play dolls, and
then we can go and get back and she
will never know that you went. You

haven't been over to play dolls with me for a long time."

Many thoughts went quickly thru Marie's mind. She was afraid they would laugh at her if she told them that she did not want to go to the show because she wanted to please Jesus. Then the Scripture came to her mind, "If you are ashamed of me here, then I will be ashamed of you in the Judgment Day." Oh, she did not want Jesus to be ashamed of her. Then she thought of something that she had heard that a preacher had answered when he was asked if it were wrong to go to shows. It gave her courage. So finally she said, "Oh, I couldn't tell Mother a lie like that. And besides, I don't want to go to that show. I don't feel that Jesus would want me to go."

"I don't see any wrong in shows. Lots of good people go to shows. Church people too," spoke up Ruth.

"I don't either, there are a lot of good things in shows," agreed Milice.

"It's just like a preacher said when he was asked if it were wrong to go to shows. He said they were like a garbage can. There is good in it and bad, but who wants to take out the good? because some of the bad will come with it. You just can't go and see the good; you have to see all the wrong things too," boldly Marie told them. She no longer was afraid to speak. Jesus was helping her.

The bell rang for school to take up, and the girls jumped up. Ruth grabbed Milice's hand and they went running off together and left Marie. But Marie was happy in her heart because Jesus had given her boldness to speak for Him.

—M. Miles

On, with your face toward heav'n,
Your armor bright;
There at the end awaits you
A crown of light.

—Sel.

Our Homes

After you have said your prayers and are in your comfortable bed, do you ever think of the many little children that do not have comfortable homes as you? Some do not have a bed, but have to sleep on the floor, and maybe not enough cover to keep them warm through the night.

Over in the countries where many bombs were dropped and many people's homes destroyed, they take some of the boards and make a lean-to up against another wall. And that is their home.

When Jesus was a babe, He was laid in a manger. Then one time after he had become a man, He said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man [meaning himself] hath not where to lay his head." We see by this that Jesus did not have pleasant surroundings as some of us have.

A lady said that she visited a home where the father had been taken to Jesus. She said they were talking of the goodness of the Lord, and the mother said that they had never gone hungry. One time she had only dry bread to give her two children for supper. They played like the bread was oranges and ate the soft part. Then, the crust was the orange peel and they ate that also.

They skipped over the floor, laughing and talking, and were contented although they had only dry bread. They seemed to realize that they were to have no more and did not murmur nor ask for it.

In your home your mother and father tell you about Jesus and that he answers our prayers. You love Jesus and please him so he will take you to heaven. Yet some children

have not been told about Jesus. They have never heard their mother or father pray. The only time they hear Jesus' name used is in a curse word.

Don't you think you can each be more thankful for the homes that the Lord has given you? —M. Miles

Keeping A Secret

One afternoon our little girl, six years old, came home from school and said, "Mamma, I will tell you a secret," and whispered in my ear that the next day would be the birthday of a little boy in her room, and the teacher had sent him home early and told the children to each bring some fruit or candy the next morning and they would surprise him by giving him a "fruit shower," but they must be sure not to tell any one except their mothers.

The next day at noon when we asked how the surprise came out, she said, "Oh, Mamma, we never got to surprise him. He came into the room, smiling as if he knew, and the teacher asked him if anyone had told him the secret, and he said one of the little girls told him about it." How bad she must have felt to be pointed out as the only one of the sixty children who could not keep a secret. The teacher said that the next time they were going to tell a secret she would have to go home and not get to hear it.

I hope that you will never be like that little girl, can't keep a secret. Of course you should never listen to one that is not fit for your Mother or Father to hear. But I'm sure that there are some of you whom the Lord wants to work for him when you are men and women, and he wants those whom he can trust.—V. E.

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Dear boys and girls:

We hope that you have learned much about the early church and the work of Paul in the Sunday School lessons. Paul was a great man. He loved the souls of men so much that he faced death so he could preach Jesus to them. Paul knew that only through Jesus would they be able to get to heaven. Many thousands of souls were brought to Jesus thru his teachings. And today as we read in the Bible about him and study his teachings, we are brought to Jesus. His work lives on and on. He did something for the world that no other man did besides Jesus. He gave us many teachings that are written in the New Testament. Yet he says, "We are all workers together." Will you be a worker with Paul and be brave to tell others about Jesus?

This is the last paper you will receive this quarter. We hope you have reordered. Let us hear from you. —Aunt Marie

Search Question

What animal does the Bible say, "cannot change its spots?"

Answer to Last Week's Question

Psalm 55:21.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 13, March 26, 1950

PAUL'S PREACHING FROM ROME

Romans 1:1, 7-12; Acts 28:14, 15, 30, 31

Paul wrote a letter to the Christians at Rome and told them that he wanted to come to them. They had heard of him but he told them a little about himself. He called himself a servant of Jesus Christ. Though we belong to Christ, yet the service we give him is of love and free choice. Paul freely went from place to place to preach because he loved the people and Christ. He told them he was called of God to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God. He wrote his letters to all the saints at Rome. He thanked God for their faith in Jesus Christ and that he always prayed for them. He also was praying that he would have a safe journey to see them at Rome, and we know that he needed it, as he was coming as a prisoner. He also said he wanted to tell them some great truths so God could help them become established in the faith.

There were two hundred seventy-six people on the ship. Paul was a prisoner, but he was allowed much liberty. When they came to one place, Paul told them that they should not go on, but winter there as there would be a storm and much damage would be done. They did not listen to him, and they did have a lot of trouble. A storm arose and tossed the ship about. They finally threw over most of the ship's cargo and many days the storm raged, and all aboard began to fear for their lives. But after fourteen days of a great storm, the angel of God appeared unto Paul and told him to be of good cheer that he would go to Rome and all that were with him. Paul told all on the ship what the Lord told him, and he told them to eat because

they would need it as they would be shipwrecked, but all lives would be saved. Then he took bread, and giving thanks to God, he broke it and ate and others became of good cheer and ate. Finally they saw land and started toward it, but when they came close, they got in a current and were shipwrecked. All began to swim to shore. Others floated on boards and broken pieces of the ship. All safely reached the shore.

The people on the island received them and helped them. Paul healed many on the island and preached Jesus to them. Then when a ship came there, they sailed to Rome.

The centurion took the prisoners to the captain of the guard, but Paul was allowed to dwell in his own hired house with a soldier that kept him. He sent for the chief of the Jews and told them why he came as a prisoner. They received him because they had only heard good of him, but of the sect of the Sadducees they had heard evil reports. Paul was able to preach Jesus to all who came to him. He wasn't able to leave his house but he had time to write and teach others about Jesus, and the kingdom of God. There were no Jews there able to hinder his work. So the gospel was planted in the largest city of the then-known world. There, people coming in from all over the world would have a chance to hear of the gospel and could come to Paul and find help. It says he dwelt there two years in his own hired house and received all who came to him.

Central Thought—Paul's love for the people made it easy to suffer hardships that he might help them.

Memory Verse—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.—Rom. 1:16.

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Oh, beautiful way,
So narrow and straight,
That reaches to heaven,
And its pearly gate.

Our Jesus came down
To open this way
That's builded from earth
To heaven's fair day.

"Some other way,"
There never can be—
There's only one Jesus
For you and for me.

Then give Him your heart
As well as your hand,
And He'll safely guide
To the heavenly land.
—Sel.

Giving His Life for Christ

How would you like to have me tell you about an early Christian martyr? In the olden days when people became converted to Jesus they were greatly persecuted by the heathen. In the days of the Emperor Trajan there lived an aged Christian named Ignatius. The emperor ordered all the peo-

ple of his kingdom to a great pagan ceremonial and declared that no one should disobey. As Ignatius stood beside the altar which had been set up in a public place, he refused to cast incense upon the sacred fire. The emperor noticed this and became enraged. He ordered Ignatius to be cast into prison, and to be tortured if he did not change his mind. Ignatius bowed his head in submission until his long, white beard almost touched his knees; then he went away to suffer agonies for Christ's sake. But no matter what the tormentors did, Ignatius stood firm and would not deny that he was a Christian.

When the emperor heard this he became angry again, and as he walked upon the marble floor of his palace, he declared that Ignatius should be taken to Rome and there thrown to the wild beasts. On hearing this, the holy man said, "I thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast greatly honored me." When he reached Rome, the Christians there knew that he was doomed to die and their joy was mixed with sorrow. Some thought that his death might be averted, but Ignatius replied, "No, my friends, let me finish my pilgrimage and show my

Lord how much I love Him. Do not hinder me from receiving the crown."

Ignatius was placed in a damp, dark dungeon, and it was not long until he was led forth through the streets about midday into the tumult of the colosseum. He had prayed during the night before and having gone to sleep, had slept until now when he was carried into the arena amid a multitude of people with several wild beasts prowling around. Rousing himself he rose to an upright position and prayed with a strong voice. Just as the last word was uttered the lions sprang upon him and killed him.

There are many, many stories of what Christians used to suffer. I wonder if we love Jesus enough today to own Him and never deny Him among wicked people? It takes courage and help from the Lord. —Sel.

Bible Story

Genesis 19

Lot's wife did not obey the Lord, but she looked back at the city, Sodom. She probably thought of her children in that city who would be destroyed. And God punished her and caused her to turn to a pillar of salt. What an awful thing to happen! Let us take warning and not think of going back into the things of the world when we once have left all and given our hearts to Jesus. Maybe some of our loved ones are not living for the Lord, but we do not want to be lost just because they will be lost. Remember Lot's wife and don't look back.

The Lord sent fire and brimstone down upon Sodom and Gomorrah and burned up everything.

Abraham got up real early and looked toward Sodom and he saw the

fire and brimstone and the smoke going up from that place. I am sure he wept because of the destruction of the wicked people, wept because they did not want to live right.

You remember that our Lord Jesus Christ wept over Jerusalem because they did not want to let him be their Savior (Luke 13:34).

I am sure that Abraham knew that God would save Lot; and, as we know, He had already brought him out of Sodom in answer to Abraham's prayer. God could not find ten righteous people in Sodom so He had to destroy it, but He saved Lot for Abraham's sake.

You will remember Lot made a wrong choice when he pitched his tent toward Sodom. And because of this evil choice, he lost all of his property, his wife, and all but two of his daughters. What a warning this is to us not to go with those who do evil, but to choose to go with God's people and to walk in God's way.

Boys and girls, there is a destruction that is coming upon the world because of sin (Acts 17:31). Our Lord Jesus Christ died to save us from our sins and he will be our judge in that day. So let us give him our hearts so we will be ready to meet him and enter into heaven.—M. Miles

GREAT LOVE

One time a young man committed a crime, and his older brother loved him and wanted to save his life; so when the officers came to get John, the older brother, who had put on John's clothes, let the officers take him away to prison instead of his brother. As he went out the door, he turned and said, "I'm going to die in your place." This is what the Lord Jesus did for us. How we ought to love Him!

Search Question:

What kind of animal does the Bible say may come in "sheep's clothing"?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Leopard. Jeremiah 13:23.

CORRESPONDENCE

W. Va.—Dear Aunt Marie,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I thank the dear Lord for saving me. I was eleven years old Sat., Nov. 19th. I was born into God's family on May 8, 1949. I was baptized at the So. Charleston campmeeting.

I have one sister named Charlotte and she was saved at the So. Charleston campmeeting and baptized at the national campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. I have a baby brother 8 years old. He is not saved yet, but he wants to get saved.

My mother and father are both living for God. I am so thankful I can be raised to live the Bible life. My parents were not privileged to be raised the Bible way. I want to do all I can for the Lord. I hope by His grace to live for him the rest of my life. I want to be a saint preacher if the Lord calls me. We trust the Lord for healing. He has healed us many times. We drive fifty miles to go to Sunday school one way. We stay for night services. Sometimes we miss the mid-week service. I love the Lord very much. Aunt Marie, I take the "Beautiful Way" paper to public school and try to get to read from it to the others, but the teacher won't allow me to read very much. She prefers others to read giant stories to the class. We are praying God will Christianize the public schools. We are praying also for a school for Christian boys and girls. Then we can truly worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

Please remember me when you pray.

In Christian love, Jimmie Reynolds

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Dear boys and girls:

I have Bible class at my house every Tuesday for boys and girls who live near my home. They are dear boys and girls. Some know about Jesus, and some do not know about him. And I am sure that there are some that are living around you that do not know very much about Jesus. It would be working for Jesus if you would ask your friends to come to your house sometime when Mother isn't very busy and she could read to them about Jesus out of the Bible or out of a Bible Story book. You can order a wonderful Bible Story book from the same place that you order these papers. It is Egermeier's Bible Story Book. It has 608 pages in it. It costs two dollars and ninety-five cents. My Father read this book to me and my brothers and sisters when I was little and sometimes we would beg him not to stop. And the next day we could hardly wait till he would read it again. I'm sure that your friends would just love to hear your Mother or Father read to them from this book. Then you could order some extra little papers and give to each one. Maybe they can get their mothers to read them to them. Will you be workers for Jesus and tell someone about Jesus and his great love for them? —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

JOY FOLLOWS TROUBLE

Lesson 1, April 2, 1950

1 Peter 4:12-19; Rev. 7:9-17.

The older class can read the lesson out of the Bible.

Peter and John, who wrote our lesson today, were men that loved Jesus. They were Jesus' disciples when he was here on earth. They followed him every where he went and listened to every word that he spoke. Then they wrote some of the words of Jesus and told about the things that he did. But now Jesus had gone back to heaven and he had sent his Holy Spirit into Peter's and John's hearts and they had preached and told others about Jesus and what he would do for them. In today's lesson Peter was telling the people that loved Jesus that they would have to suffer some things for Jesus. You remember how Stephen was stoned to death for Jesus' sake? Well, Peter knew that others would be put to death for loving Jesus, because the devil doesn't want anyone to love Jesus. He thinks that if he can get them scared because their lives will be taken or will have to be talked about or made fun of for loving Jesus that they will turn away from Jesus. But Peter gets us ready for these things and tells us not to think it is strange because of fiery trials; but to rejoice, not because of aches, pains, or that friends turn away from us, but rejoice because we have a home in heaven and we shall be so happy there, and won't have sorrow or trouble.

Now John writes a vision that he saw many years after Peter told the Christians that they would suffer many things and to be ready for it. And during these years, many, many people who loved

Jesus were killed because they loved him. An emperor named Nero, who was a very wicked man, had his wife killed, his mother, and brothers, and many, many Christians. Paul was beheaded and Peter was crucified. Nero even killed himself at the age of thirty-two.

Later John was put on an island where he saw a vision.

John saw lots and lots of people which no man could number, of all nations before the great white throne where God sat. These people were dressed in white robes and had palms in their hands. And they were saying, "Praise be unto our God who gave us salvation through Jesus his Son." There were angels and elders standing around and they were praising God and honoring him. One elder said, "Who are these people standing around the throne dressed in white robes and where did they come from?" Then John said, "You know." And he said, "These are the ones that have suffered much and are washed and made white by taking Jesus as their Savior. They stand before the throne day and night and serve God. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of them shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Isn't that wonderful? John saw a vision of heaven and how wonderful it will be. All troubles and sorrows that we will have here will be followed by joy and blessings in heaven.

Central Thought: We should cling to Jesus, even if they try to buy us away from him with pleasure.

Memory Verse: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. 2 Tim. 2:12a.

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April 9

The Easter Story

As I read the Easter story
I like to think and play
That I lived years and years ago,
On that first Easter Day.

I go with Mary to the tomb—
The place where Jesus lay.
How sad I am, and Mary too:
He's dead, and gone away.

We stop! for, lo, the tomb is bare.
A guarding angel said:
"Fear not, weep not, He is not here;
He's risen from the dead."

How glad I am, and Mary too!
We smile and dry our tears,
For Jesus is not dead. He lives!
Perhaps He still is near.

"Hail!" and there among the flowers,
And on His face a tender smile,
Is Jesus, friend of every one—
He saw us all the while.

And I am, oh, so happy now—
On that first Easter Day—
And Mary smiles a happy smile
As we kneel down to pray.

—Esther Martin

The Village of the Children's Church

Tucked away in the mountains in the province of Shantung, in Northern China, there lies a pretty little village. Each family who lives there is kept very busy all day long doing many things, especially feeding the pigs and chickens. These are very important, for each family must have eggs and little pigs to carry to the town when market day comes.

When the time comes to plant the millet (wheat) and pequats, the boys and girls and men and women all work in the fields. When the grain waves like a cloth of gold in the bright sunshine, everyone turns out again to help cut and bring it in to the threshing floor in the courtyard of these village homes. Visitors or strangers seldom come to this little village, but one day the children heard the squeaking of a wooden ox cart a long way down the road. Across the sunny courtyard they called to each other in great excitement, and pulling little brothers and sisters along or carrying them on their backs, they all ran to the house nearest the

road at the edge of the village. The squeak of the lumbering old cart grew louder and louder as it came around a bend and into sight.

Fat Whoo, "Fifth Brother," who usually talked the most and feared nothing, turned to the rest of them. His face suddenly looked very strange and no one dared to say a word. Then, as though his words would choke him, he whispered, "It's a foreign devil." That is the name the Chinese people sometimes give to foreign missionaries.

How frightened they were! But it was too late to run and hide. Some of the girls did think to sit down and hold their baby brothers and sisters with their tiny plump faces against their shoulders. They had never before seen one of these foreign devils, but they had heard that their eyes held some sort of magic which could make babies eyes all dark and blind should they let them look squarely into them. No wonder they were frightened!

As the cart squeaked along close to them they stood amazed. Why, this was a strange sight sure enough! This person must be a woman for her skirts were long, but the feet which hung over the edge of the cart were not tiny "golden lilies" all bound tight to be dainty and ladylike—why, they were as large as some of the children's big brothers' feet! Her face was white, too. Did not that look strange? Instead of glossy black hair, her hair was brown, and how could anyone possibly see out of blue eyes? But the queerest thing of all was her nose; it was so high and right between her eyes. Some of the bolder children turned their faces away and felt between their own eyes to see whether their noses stuck up high, too, but they did not; theirs

were flat, of course. No wonder the men of the village had brought back such fantastic tales of these foreign devils! They knew now that all those tales must have been true.

Suddenly, the cart squeaked to a stop, and the lady climbed down. Some of the children who were on the edge of the group scampered off, but those closer to her dared not move. The devils had probably given her special powers of witchcraft, and they had better stand politely and quietly for something terrible might happen to them.

Then she began to speak. Her voice was gentle and soft. They looked at her and then at each other. Could it be that they were able to understand this foreign devil's language? No, she must have learned theirs, they decided.

This white missionary lady taught the Good Tidings in their village for many days, and as they sat in the sunny courtyard and listened, she explained from her sacred Book how Shang Ti, the God of Heaven, had loved them so much He was willing to leave all the glories of that wonderful place and come down to live as man on earth. She told them, too, how He gave His life on the Cross for all the people upon the earth because He wanted to save them from their sins. Then she told them He not only did that, but that he also arose from the dead and is here with us now. She also said that some day He would come back just as He went away and take us to be with Him forever. Buddha was dead and was not with them and was not coming back after them. Confucius was dead, too, but this God was living—the Good Tidings must be true, thought the children.

(Concluded Next Week)

The Cross and The Crown

We do not bear the cross in this world or suffer for Jesus' sake because we think we have to before we can get to heaven. The suffering alone won't get you to heaven. The people who believe that do many things to their bodies. The Hindu will sit or lay on a bed with sharp spikes in it. He thinks this will make God love him more than others. But we suffer for righteousness sake. We seek God and we are willing for anything to come that might come against us while we are seeking God's righteousness. We bear the cross or anything that comes against us so we wear a crown in heaven. —M. M.

LETTERS

La.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I want to tell you how I enjoy reading the little "Beautiful Way" paper.

I am 8 years old and in the third grade at school. I live for Jesus and obey my teacher. I don't like school as well as I do Sunday school. I have a little Testament that I read sometimes.

Randall Flynn.

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am a boy six years old and love to go to Sunday school every Sunday. I love my teacher and like the poem, "All For Jesus." I want to be a worker for Jesus by passing these papers on to other boys and girls. I have the whooping cough now. Please pray for me.

Benny Lee Sorrell

Search Question

What did God make first after he created the earth?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Wolves. Matthew 7:15.

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Dear boys and girls:

Let us not think too much this Easter about colored eggs and candy. Those things are pretty and good to eat, but the real meaning of Easter sometimes is forgotten because other things are put before us more than the real thing. Easter is a day that should cause us to be very happy in thinking about Jesus and that he arose. It will cause us to be happy just any day that we think about it. Jesus arose and ascended into heaven and gave us salvation. We can have peace, happiness, joy, and love for everybody in our hearts because Jesus arose. Then when we think of him being put into the grave—but he did not stay there—it brings us happiness because as we know we all must die and be put in the grave, but we shall not stay there either. We shall arise the last day just like Jesus arose. Won't that be wonderful? But we must be sure that we have given our hearts to Jesus and that his spirit is living within before we die, or we shall not rise from the grave to a greater and better life. Are you ready to die now? You know, so many die every day—little and big. Let us keep ready to meet Jesus and then if we die suddenly, we shall be ready to rise and meet Jesus and live in Heaven. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

HE IS RISEN

Lesson 2, April 9, 1950 (Easter)

Mark 16:1-9; 1 Cor. 15:1-8; 20-12, 57-58.

We find on this Easter morning after Jesus had been put on the cross and there died, then he was taken down and put in the grave, that Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus went very early on the third day to the grave where Jesus had been laid. As they hurried along they said to each other, "Who will roll away the stone?" This was a big stone and they could not roll it away, but they looked and it had been rolled away and an angel was sitting on it. They were afraid and drew back. But the angel told them not to be afraid, and that if they were looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified, "He is not here. He is risen. Just look for yourself and see the place where he lay." They looked and did not see him. Then the angel told them to go and tell Peter and the disciples that Jesus will see them in Galilee. Then the women hurried away to give the message to Peter.

Do you know what a witness is? It is one who has seen something with his own eyes and can tell you it is true. The Bible tells us that Jesus arose. But we have several witnesses that tell us that it is true. Not just one saw him after he arose from the dead and came out of the grave, but many saw him. Paul tells us in First Corinthians about it. Paul says that he was buried and he arose the third day. The grave was not a resting place for him. He came forth alive. He is alive today, sitting on the right hand of God. We pray to the Father in Jesus' name, and Jesus asks the Father to answer our prayers.

Paul says he was first seen by Sephas, which refers to Simon Peter (Luke 24: 34). Now we have a witness that Jesus arose, because he was seen by Peter. Then the apostles saw him (Paul spoke of them as "the twelve" because they had come to be known by that number, but in reality they were only eleven in number at that time.) After that Paul said he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once. Paul said that at the time he was writing most of them were still alive, but some had died, or fallen asleep. That makes a lot of witnesses, doesn't it? Then Paul said that later he was seen of James, then by all the apostles. Since he already mentioned the eleven, the term apostles here may mean the seventy (Luke 10).

Then Paul said, "Last of all he was seen of me." You remember how Paul (He was called Saul then) saw the Lord on the road to Damascus (Acts 9)? Of course, this seeing of the Lord was different from the others. But we have many witnesses of Jesus being alive, and since he arose from the grave, we, too, after we have died, will arise in that last day. Those that have done good will arise to life everlasting, and those that have done evil to damnations of eternal punishment (John 5:28, 29).

Central Thought: Jesus arose to be our Saviour.

Memory Verse: He is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. Mark 16:6a.



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April 16

I Saw A Little Flower

I saw a little flower today
Pushing through the sod,
Mother says that back of it
Is the hand of God,
Guarding it so gently there,
Helping it to reach the air,
Helping it to make its way
Through the sod this sunny day.

I think God is very good,
Taking time for one small flower,
Helping it to reach the light,
Sending down a silver shower,
Making it leap from the ground
And without the slightest sound
Lets it bloom before my eyes—
God is very good and wise.

If He tends one flower so,
He will care for me, I know.

—Grace Noll Growell

Saved from a Snake Bite

When I was almost six years old, my grandfather took some other children and me out into the field to plant peas and pumpkin seeds. My uncle was plowing and Grandpa was planting corn. This was in the summer, and it was very hot in the middle

of the afternoon. Grandpa would let us go over under the big oak tree, and while we rested he would read the Bible to us and pray. I loved to hear Grandpa pray and talk about Jesus. He did this often and I got a desire in my heart to be a Christian like Grandpa taught us, and as I grew up I prayed much when I was alone. I thought about it much and planned how I was going to be a Christian. I wanted to please Jesus and go to heaven and live with Jesus.

When I was about eleven or twelve I went into the woods of Missouri to pick huckleberries. The bushes were small and thick. As I looked for berries, and picked them, I was thinking about Jesus and praying. Oh, I wanted to go to heaven. I wanted to be a Christian. I was planning to be one as soon as I knew how.

All at once I felt something moving out from under my bare feet. I knew what it was, and I couldn't move. It was a snake and I was on it with two bare feet. It crawled out from me a little distance and began to coil and rattle. I could not move, I was so frightened. Then it seemed some voice spoke to me and said, "Move and run." And I did run. I

believe it was God that told me to run and it saved my life, for I could not move nor run until the voice spoke.

This snake was a Diamond Woods Rattler. It was four feet long or more and their bite always kills a person. I have felt ever since that if I had been thinking and planning something sinful, I believe the snake would have bit me before my fright could have left me.

Today I love the Lord and am living for him. When we love and obey him, he will take care of us and protect us. Praise his name. Children, love and obey the Lord and he will take care of you and come to your rescue in every needed time.

—Bonnie Wells.

THE VILLAGE OF THE CHILDREN'S CHURCH

(Continued from last week)

When the missionary lady went away from the little village, one seventy-year-old man and fifteen children had believed on the Lord Jesus. They studied their Bibles at school and knelt and prayed the prayer the missionary had taught them. Then their parents became angry and they were no longer allowed to read and pray at school, so they had to find some other place. One day the father of Fifth Brother found him reading his Bible and praying, so he dragged him out into the courtyard and beat him until perspiration stood out all over the boy's face.

"Now do you still believe?" Fifth Brother's father shouted.

"Yes, I can't help but believe," Fifth Brother said. His father beat him so much he was very weak. He asked Fifth Brother again and again whether he would stop believing, but always the answer came back that he must believe. Finally, from the

crowd that had gathered, somebody felt so sorry for him that he called, "He says that he won't believe."

"Oh, no, I didn't say that! I still believe," poor weak Fifth Brother answered from where he lay on the ground.

Many who stood by in that crowd believed that day because Fifth Brother would not go back on his new-found Lord.

It was many years ago that these things happened in that little village in far-off China. There are many Christians there now, and it is known as the "Village of the Children's Church."

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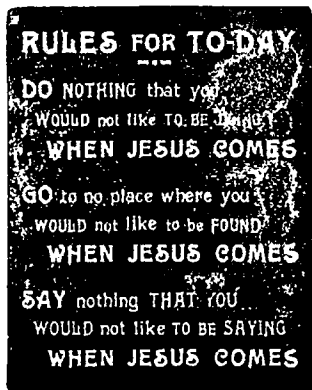
Sowing and Reaping

In the spring when Father makes a garden he puts little seeds into the ground; that is sowing.

When the seeds grow in carrots and onions and lettuce and Father pulls them to eat, that is called reaping.

In the meantime it has grown and the carrot or onion is much bigger than the seed.

Whatever we say or do, is like that seed that is planted. When it grows, it comes back to us much bigger.—Sel.



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Dear boys and girls:

Did you forget to pray last night before you went to sleep? or when you awoke this morning? You can pray to God any time. He tells us to pray without ceasing, or not quitting. We can walk down the street or road to school and pray. You can pray at recess at school, or just anywhere. Let us pray often and ask God to help us to be good boys and girls. I have had some boys and girls tell me that they did not know what to say. You won't have to say a lot of words. Just talk to Jesus just like you would talk to your mother and ask for something. One little fellow that came to my class was doing as I told him and was kneeling by his bed before he went to sleep to pray, and his mother, who was not a praying woman, asked him what he was doing. He told her he was praying. The mother was glad her boy was praying even if she didn't. Another boy who prays every night before he goes to sleep makes his mother, who does not pray, kneel by him while he prays. These boys are leading their parents to Jesus. They may not know it, but because they love Jesus it may cause their parents to love him or think about him more. So don't quit praying because mother or father quits. It is just wonderful what Jesus will

do for you when you are brave and love him anyway whether mother, father, or playmates love him or not. And you who have praying mothers and praying fathers, thank God for them. Listen to their advice or help that they give you. They are praying God every day to help them lead you in the right way. —Aunt Marie

Texas—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am ten years old. My birthday is Dec. 20. I would like to get a letter from some boy or girl. I love the Lord very much. I had some sores on me last winter and could not go to school, but praise the Lord, he healed me. I only have one or two on my arm. Pray for me that I may live always for the Lord and stay true to him. A friend always,

Vivian Jane Moore, Clarksville R, 2.

Texas—Dear ones in Christ,—I am eight years old. My name is Barbara Jo. I have sores. I trust in the blessed Lord. Pray for me. The Lord always heals us so the Lord has done great things for us. I am glad the Lord helps us. We surely do like the paper. I like the verse, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercies he saved us." Titus 3:5.

Barbara Jo Moore.

P. S. (Mother) I thank the dear Lord that he has healed her sores since she wrote this. She may have one, but she did have them all over her hands. He is a wonderful God. She is back in school and she was having to stay at home when she wrote her letter a few weeks ago.

Search Question

Who was the first man to live in a tent?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Light. Genesis 1:3.

Sunday School Lesson

AMOS, THE SHEPHERD PREACHER

Lesson 3, April 16, 1950

Amos 7:7-15; 8:1-3.

Amos was a good man and loved God. Amos lived in the country and was a shepherd. While he was out there alone taking care of his sheep, God would talk to him. Amos also was a dresser of sycomore trees. God showed Amos many things. Amos had many times gone to great cities and there he saw the awful sins the people did. It made Amos feel sad. Amos knew that unless they turned away from sin they would not go to heaven. Then Amos would visit the cities in his own land. His people were taught the law of Moses and were taught to bring sacrifices for their sins, but they had turned away from doing these things that God commanded them to do and Amos knew that they would be punished.

One day God told Amos to go and tell the people of their sins and tell them what God had showed him would happen to them unless they repented. Amos told them about a vision he had. Amos saw the Lord standing upon a wall with a plumbline in his hand. (A plumbline is a line or cord having at one end a weight. It is used to see if the wall is straight, or if it is leaning to one side or the other. If it leans too much it will have to be torn down because it might fall on someone.) And the Lord said to Amos, "What do you see?" Amos said, "A plumbline." Then the Lord said, "I'm going to put a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel to see where they stand before me, and this will be their last chance." In other words, God had shown Amos that he had seen the wicked things these people were doing and that they were not keeping his commandments.

They were going to be put to the test of God's righteousness. And if they did not come up to that test they would be punished. God was hurt and grieved because the people whom he had chosen were not loving and serving him.

And today God is hurt and grieved because people who claim to be his children are not doing good and hating evil. Some boys and girls say they belong to Jesus and have let Jesus come into their hearts, yet they are not kind to others, they are not kind to the older people, do not help the weak and the crippled. They do not obey their mothers and fathers. Do you want God to put you to the test of the plumbline? The Bible is a plumbline; let us test ourselves. Let us read the Bible and then ask ourselves: Are we living like God wants us to?

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to Jeroboam, king of Israel, telling him that Amos was causing trouble in the land, that he was telling the people things to do that they could not do. At Bethel they had set up a calf to worship and the priest did not want it torn down, so he told Amos to go away into the land of Israel and preach, but not to bother them because the king wanted that kind of worship. But Amos told Amaziah that it was not his choice that he preached, but that God had sent him. He referred him to God.

God also showed Amos a basket of summer fruit and told him that the end of Israel had come. "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20.

Central thought: Love of God and love for the people led Amos to preach plainly.

Memory Verse: Seek ye the Lord, and ye shall live. Amos 5:6a.

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April 23

Bees Worth Hiving

B patient, B prayerful, B humble B mild,
 B wise as a Solomon, B meek as a child;
 B studious, B thotful, B loving, B kind,
 B sure you make matter a servant to
 mind.
 B cautious, B prudent, B friendly and
 true,
 B temperate in argument, pleasure, and
 view.
 B cheerful, B grateful, B hopeful, B firm,
 B peaceful, benevolent, willing to learn;
 B courageous, B gentle, B liberal, B just,
 B aspiring, B humble, because thou art
 dust.
 B penitent, circumspect, sound in the
 faith,
 B active, devoted, B faithful to death;
 B honest, B holy, "above board," and
 pure,
 B God-fearing, B Christlike—your re-
 ward will Be sure! —Sel.

What God Did for a Poor Boy

I want to tell you about a poor boy and what God did for him. This boy was twelve years old when his father died and left him to care for his mother. She was an invalid and crip-

pled. They were very poor. They lived in an old log cabin and had nothing to live on. This boy was very good to his mother. He waited on her and did all the housework. Then he would work for neighbors and do anything he could to get some meal for bread and some bacon. Sometimes he would get some vegetables. He worked hard. He would pull weeds, cut wood and hoe. He did anything he could get to do in order to keep them alive.

The next year he worked two days for a man to get this man to plow one day for him so he could raise a garden, also some corn and potatoes. Corn was a stand-by. Everyone there was poor and they would take the corn to the mill and have it ground into cornmeal and make corn bread.

Then he worked out a little calf. It was very poor and lousy. He boiled tobacco and washed the calf and killed the lice. It grew fine and then he traded it for a colt. The colt was lousy, and he had to wash it with tobacco juice to kill the lice. The colt grew fast and he had a horse to plow his ground.

This boy was not a Christian, but honored God and trusted him for help.

When he planted anything, he would get on his knees and ask God to bless it and make it grow, and when he harvested his crop he thanked God for blessing his work.

He was very sad one day when his mother died and he was left alone. But God had been good to him and had prospered his labors. He was a young man now, and soon got married. God continued to bless his work. He had a good home and raised nine children. He grew to be a wealthy man. He had plenty.

Finally, he gave his heart to God and was very happy. He never grew tired telling others about Jesus and urging them to get saved. He was a happy man, but he only lived three years after he got saved. Then Jesus took him to heaven to be at rest with Jesus and get his reward.

Now, boys and girls, if you will love the Lord and trust him and be good in every way as this poor boy did, God will save you and bless you in soul and body and in every needed way.

—Bonnie Wells.

Bible Story

Genesis 21

Sarah and Abraham were very happy one day when God gave to them the child that he had promised to them. They named him "Isaac," which means "Laughter." You remember how Abraham and Sarah laughed when God told them that he would give them a son in their old age. Abraham was a hundred years old. But he knew God could do anything. Nothing is impossible with God.

I am sure Abraham and Sarah watched their little baby very closely and were happy to see him grow, and when he began to try to walk and say a few words his father gave a feast for him. They loved their little boy

dearly and wanted others to see him, but before the day passed something happened.

You remember that Ishmael, the son of Hagar, Sarah's maid, also lived with Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac. Ishmael probably was very jealous of Isaac because he received so much attention. Jealousy is a feeling that will make you not like the one who is liked by someone else. You feel that you should have all the love, or more of the love of others. It is a terrible thing. When you wish others did not have nice things, you should start praying and asking God to help you to be glad that others are loved and have nice things. It will bring much trouble to you if you let that feeling stay. So probably Ishmael wished the feast had been given in his honor instead of Isaac's, so he said some very unkind things to Isaac.

When Sarah, Isaac's mother, heard how unkindly her son was treated by Ishmael, she became very upset and called Abraham. She told him all about it and told him that he must send Ishmael away. She could not have her boy growing up with such an unkind boy. Abraham was very sad. He prayed to God about it and God made him to know that he should send Ishmael and his mother away.

—Marie Miles

Teeter-Totter

"Your father sure is nice," David said to Harry as they teeter-tottered up and down.

"I'm glad he made me a teeter-totter, too. He said that I must take turns though, so I'll let Bob teeter-totter now." Harry felt good inside because he was not being selfish.

A few days passed by and Harry forgot about not being selfish. He

had forgotten to pray to the Lord and ask him to help him not to be. And it seemed to him now, that he just never got to teeter-totter. One day he left his new skates when he saw the teeter-totter start.

"Let me ride, Billy! Let me ride," he shouted.

"I just got on," Billy answered, "Let me have my turn."

Harry whined, "It belongs to me, and I can teeter when I want to."

Billy climbed off in disgust, "O. K. baby," he said, "Go ahead and teeter till morning if you want to!"

On the other end David climbed off too.

"You stay on, David," Harry ordered. "I can't teeter all by myself!"

"If it's not Billy's turn, I guess it's not my turn," David said. "We got on at the same time."

And as both boys walked off and disappeared around the house, Harry sat down by his teeter and cried all the louder. Suddenly he stopped. There was a little voice talking inside. It was telling him that he should not be selfish. And, oh, he wished he hadn't been selfish. He had been trying so hard not to be, but he forgot to pray and ask Jesus to help him, and now he couldn't teeter because there was no one to teeter with him. Mother always did say that selfishness never did make you happy. I'm going to pray right now for Jesus to forgive me and when my cousins come tomorrow, I'll just let them teeter-totter all day. Jesus did help him and he was happier. —M. Miles

Search Question

What were the first clothes mentioned in the Bible made of?

Answer to last week's question
Jabal. Genesis 4:8.

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Dear boys and girls:

How many of you can say the names of the books of the New Testament? You know we should learn them so we can find the verses that we learn easily. I wish it were possible for me to give a prize for all that would learn them, but since I can't, maybe your Sunday school teacher will help you to learn them. It would be a good thing to have two books every Sunday to learn. Then add them to the ones that you have already learned. And in a few months you will have learned them. Maybe in the smaller classes you could add just one each Sunday. Will you write and tell me about how you learned them, or are learning them? Maybe you already know them. Let us know about it.

Did you reorder this time to have the little papers sent to your cousins or friends? Let us work for Jesus. He will bless you. —Aunt Marie

WE THANK THEE, FATHER

Father, we thank thee for the night,
And for the pleasant morning light,
For rest and food, and loving care,
And all that makes the day so fair.
Help us to do the things we should,
To be to others kind and good;
In all our work and all our play,
To love thee better every day.

Sunday School Lesson

AMOS STANDS FOR RIGHT DOING

Lesson 4, April 23, 1950

Amos 4:1-2; 6:1-6; 8:4-7.

In last Sunday's lesson we learned that Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees and that God had showed him the sins of the people, and he told Amos to go and tell the people about their many sins and to repent or they would be punished. Amos thought about the fat cows in the green pastures of Bashan. The people reminded him of these fat cattle ready for the slaughter. These people acted more like beasts than human beings or people of God. They crushed the needy. They had great riches, but they would not give to the poor; and the people who do not care if their poor die of hunger, are in the greatest danger of dying themselves. They will be cast into outer darkness, while like Lazarus, the poor will go to heaven. (The story of Lazarus and the rich man would be good to tell. Luke 16:19-31).

Yet Amos told these people that some terrible things would happen to them in this life. And what he told them came to pass. Amos said, "The days will come when you will be taken away with hooks." And in history we find that the Assyrians did come and take them away with hooks in their noses.

Amos still tells how God knows all about the wicked things that the people are doing. He tells them that they are supposed to be God's chosen people, yet look at your neighbors and see if you are any better. Your neighbors worshiped idols and they were destroyed, and now you have turned to idol worship, and do you think you will not be destroyed also?

Amos said, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." He knows that they will be punished because they lie on beds of

ivory. They eat the very best lambs and calves out of their flocks—God's very best creation they eat to satisfy themselves. They lay weakly in bed and at the table, never thinking to thank God or to worship him. Just because they are supposed to live in a nation that is supposed to be God's chosen nation at that time, they put far away the punishment that did come to them. So it is today, people put far away the judgment that will come. Amos also tells them that they chant or listen to music and with full stomachs and being well rested they drift off to dreamland—carelessly living.

So people do today. Amos also tells them that they have so much wine that they drink it from bowls. How terrible are their sins! We know how terrible drink is today. How boys and girls go hungry and cold because of a drinking father. Homes are broken up. People who do drink are not able to hold a job. Their minds are dull. Let us never touch drink of any kind and we shall never be a drunkard. (Discuss this more.)

God does not want his children to take up the worldly things of the world. He wants our hearts to be right and love him and help the needy. We should not want a lot of money, only as we can use it for God. We should take warning to ourselves today as the judgment will come and we will not be saved. As the people were punished who did not heed Amos' teachings, so will we be punished if we do not heed our teachers.

Central Thought: It is not possible to love evil and do right.

Memory Verse: Hate the evil and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate. Amos 5:15a.

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April 30

The Dying Child

"Why do we weep?

I am falling asleep,

And Jesus my Shepherd

Is watching His sheep;

"His arm is beneath me,

His eye is above;

His Spirit within me

Says, 'Rest in My love.' "

—Selected.

Jimmy the Newsboy

Just one of the hundreds of newsboys in the great city of New York was Jimmy. No one knew where he had come from. The lusty wail of a tiny infant left on the streets of New York had touched the heart of one of the East side dwellers, and she had taken the tiny baby to her little garret room and had nursed him to a none too sturdy childhood.

She had been gone now several years and Jimmy had valiantly fought the battle of life alone—ragged, often hungry, but still cheerful. One day something wonderful happened to Jimmy. A sweet-faced lady, who had for some time been one of

the most regular customers, invited him to come to a mission Sunday school in his neighborhood. No one had ever asked Jimmy to go anywhere before, and certainly no such lady as this had ever spoken kindly to him. Jimmy was thrilled, and long before the time on Sunday he was at the mission.

As politely as if he had been one of the rich boys whom he had seen going to school in uptown New York, the lady asked Jimmy to come in, and found a place for him among the other boys of the class. By and by it came time for the boys to recite the verses which they had learned, and to read the lesson from the books which the sweet-faced lady had given them. When it came Jimmy's turn to read, he hung his head, and when the sweet-faced lady encouragingly urged him to read his verse, Jimmy had to confess that he had never been to school once in his life and that he could not read what the book said. Gently patting him on the back, the sweet-faced lady told him not to mind, and promised that if he would remain after the others had gone she would teach him some verses.

Jimmy was glad to stay, just to be near the sweet-faced lady. But more than that he wanted to be able to say some of those verses as the older boys did. The sweet-faced lady showed him how to begin with the forefinger of his right hand, and repeat the first part of the Shepherd's Psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd," giving each finger a word. Then she told him about the Good Shepherd who had come to die for him in order that he might have eternal life. Jimmy said the words over and over again until he knew them and went away with a new light shining in his face, promising to be there on time the next Sunday.

Next Sunday came, but no Jimmy appeared. After waiting a little while the sweet-faced lady inquired of some of the other boys if they had seen Jimmy. It was then she learned that on the previous day while crossing the street, Jimmy had been injured by an automobile and that he was now in the hospital, not expected to live.

Immediately after Sunday school was over the sweet-faced lady went to the hospital. As Jimmy saw her coming down the long hospital ward he slipped one hand out from under the white sheet, and with fingers extended, and a smile on his face, he repeated as she approached his bed the words that she had taught him about the Shepherd.

"Do you know, lady," he said, "I like the fourth finger best of all."

"Why?" she asked.

"Because," said Jimmy, "it says, **MY SHEPHERD**. I never had anything in my life for my very own. I never even had a father or mother, but you told me that the Shepherd was mine, and I am glad." Then as the exertion and the talking exhaust-

ed what little strength he had summoned, Jimmy lay very quiet.

The next day when the sweet-faced lady came to see Jimmy, she found that the brave little spirit had slipped away early that morning. All night long, so the nurse told her, though so weak and feverish, Jimmy had repeated again and again, "The Lord is my Shepherd." When they removed the little body from the hospital cot, they found the fourth finger of Jimmy's left hand firmly clasped by the right. In simple faith he had claimed the Lord Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, as his own.—Sel.

Get Ready for Heaven

A slave was once asked if his master went to heaven when he died. He said, "No, I don't think so."

Why don't you think so?

"Because when my master was going to go somewhere for a trip, he always talked a lot about it and would always buy new clothes and pack a suit case. But I never heard him say anything about going to that place heaven and he didn't get ready."

Are you going to heaven? Have you told others that you are ready to go to heaven? Are you letting your light shine?

When we give our hearts to Jesus he will come in and cause us to be kind and loving. He will help us not to pout and sulk when we do not get to be first. He will cause us to be careful what we say about others. And in that way we can show others that we are ready for heaven and they will know it.

Often may the tempter lure you

To paths more fair;

But they are paths of sorrow

And sad despair.

—Sel.

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Dear boys and girls:

Are you learning the books of the
New Testament? Last Sunday we
had Matthew and now Mark comes
next. You know two, don't you?
What comes next?

You know Jesus one time used a
cup and a platter to show us about
our hearts and then our actions.
(Matt.23:25). Here is the cup and
platter. They are real dirty inside
and out. I give them to you and ask
you to wash them. You wash the
outside and shine it up nicely and give
it back to me. You say you have
washed them. Do you know what I
would think? I would think that you
thought I was blind and could not see
the inside that was dirty. That is
just the way some people do. They
go to church or Sunday school and
when they are asked if they love Je-
sus, they say, oh, yes; but just watch
them. After while you will see them
being unkind to their brother or sis-
ter. They will fuss when mother asks
them to do something. Then they
will pick up a toy if they think no
one is watching them. But, oh yes,
they will say their prayers. What
do you think? I guess they think
God is blind or that we are blind and
can not see the inside. They need to
get down and really repent and ask
God to make them clean inside and

out. God will do that for you. But
you must ask him and mean it. Oh,
he will make you so happy inside.
Won't you pray now? —Aunt Marie

Dear Aunt Marie,—I am a little girl
eleven years old. I love the Lord very
much. Daddy has ulcerated stomach and
Mother has sugar diabetes. Pray for us
that they will be healed. I have been
saved for about five months. I got saved
at Gerty, Okla. I suspect you know Bro.
Stephenson was the one that baptized
me. I thank him very much for that
good deed he did for me. Now I am the
Lord's. I have a little sister. Her name
is Barbra Ann. We read a chapter in
the Bible every night and morning.

Joyce Cook

I Felt It

A little boy could not go to Sunday
school and church services with his
mother because he was sick. His
father stayed at home with him.
This little boy loved Jesus and when
he got sick he wanted his mother or
someone who loved Jesus to pray for
him. He believed that Jesus would
heal him. So while his mother was
gone to services, suddenly he began
to feel better. He thought to him-
self, "They are praying for me at
church services. He was very happy
because Jesus had touched him. And
as soon as his mother came in the
door he said, "You asked them to
pray for me, didn't you? because
I felt it when they prayed.

Search Question

Name the two trees in the Garden of
Eden that Adam and Eve should not eat
the fruit of.

Answer to Last Week's Question

Fig leaves. Genesis 3:7.

Sunday School Lesson

HOW TO WORSHIP GOD

Lesson 5, April 30, 1950

Amos 5:14-15; 21-24; John 4:3-16, 26.

God told Amos to tell the people that he was greatly displeased with their worship. They brought burnt offerings to God but it was not from the heart. God would not accept them. Amos told them that God only thought that their singing was just noise. There are two kinds of worship to God: the real and from the heart and the other just a form and outward show.

I have two English walnuts. I have taken the meat out of one and glued it back together. I will give one to each of you and put a note on each that, "this is an expression of my love to you." What do you think the person will say when they crack the walnut that does not have any meat in it? Will he think I love him very much? No, he would not. So it is with God. Those that come to church services and do not worship God from the heart but feel that they show their love by just coming, those that say they love God yet just live for self, do not really love him. The way that we show God that we have the real worship in our hearts is to serve him from the heart.

Jesus told the woman at the well of Jacob how to worship God (For the smaller class the story can be told from the first of the chapter). Jesus had told her about the living water and then he told her to go and call her husband and come back. She said that she did not have a husband, but Jesus told her that she said the truth for "you have had five husbands but the one you have

now is not your own." Then the woman began to get her spiritual eyes open and she said, "I believe that you are a prophet. Then she decided she would ask him a question that had bothered her. She wanted to know where we should worship God, in a mountain which was near by, or at Jerusalem. Then Jesus told her how to worship God. He said, "The hour cometh and now is"—that meant it was coming close to the time when Jesus would be put on the cross to die for our sins and then would ascend to heaven and send his Spirit to the world to help us to worship him in spirit and truth—"that the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Have you given your life to Jesus, your heart, and your all? He wants you to thank him for all he does for you, but be sure you do not just say words; be sure it comes from the heart. Have a heart full of praise to God continually.

One man was a high church member and gave great religious speeches, but his life before his neighbors was dishonest. He sometimes took the name of God in vain. After one of his speeches a man said to him, "What you do speaks so much louder than what you say, that I was unable to hear you."

Central thought: To worship God, we must have clean hands and worship in spirit and in truth.

Memory Verse: God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24.

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May 7

Beautiful Things

Beautiful faces are those that are lit
With sacred beams of the Father's light,
Which tell to the world, though they're
rough and scarred,

That they have escaped sin's darkened
night.

The beautiful lips are the ones whose
praise

Ascends to the God of heaven,
And honor him for his tender care,
And the blessings he has given.

Beautiful days are the ones well filled
With gentle thoughts and loving deeds,
That give to the weary a cheering word,
And proffers aid to the one in need.

The beautiful life is the one that is hid
Away with Christ in the Father—God;
Where all is submission and never strife,
Where peace is the path that is ever
trod.

—Selected

A Heavenly Vision

This is a true vision that took place
back in the summer of 1932. A little
boy twelve years old had an angelic
vision in day light. He had been often
taught about God and Jesus and the

lovely angels, and about heaven. He
was taught to pray for Jesus to heal
him when he was sick. One day af-
ter he returned from school (he had
one mile to walk through the woods,
one mile to and from the bus line) he
came to me and said, "I had a pain
in my stomach on my way to school
this morning and I said, 'Dear Jesus,
heal me,' and it went away."

I encouraged him all the more to
trust Jesus. No doubt his little mind
was much on heavenly things, how
beautiful angels were, and heaven a
lovely place. So one day he brought
another little secret to me. He spoke
very softly so no one would hear, as
he trusted all his little problems with
me. This is what he saw in broad
day light. He said he saw from a
short distance from where he stood
two beautiful angels all dressed in
bright shining long robes. They were
barefoot, had nice long wings and
were holding a wand in their hands.
They were flying upward, and he ad-
ded, "Their robes were very bright.
I looked away from them for a mo-
ment to rest my eyes, but when I
looked again, they were gone."

I explained to him that God gave
him that vision to encourage him to

grow up to be a good boy, and to always pray and ask Jesus to help him. That is just what he had been doing up to the time of the vision.

Dear children, do you think much about Jesus and heaven and angels, and kneel to pray daily as this little boy did? He said the angels' feet looked like wax. How beautiful they must have been. This little boy is grown now and I am sure this vision encourages him to live for Jesus so he can go to heaven where all the beautiful angels are. If you are not saved, go on your knees and ask Jesus to save you. Also pray for mother, father, brother, and sister and ask God to have mercy upon all the unsaved people. When you are sick, ask Jesus to heal you. —Amelia Smith

Ned and Jane Questions

"We have been talking about the Holy Spirit in our Sunday School class, and I don't just understand what it is," Ned said, as he was talking to his mother.

"Well, dear, when we come to Jesus and ask him to forgive us of our sins, repenting and really being sorry for them, he will take them away and forgive us and we are new creatures or new people because there are no sins held against us by the Lord. Our hearts are free and our minds are free from thinking about the sins that we have done because we have made them right and all is right with God. But we should not stop there. Jesus wants to come right INTO our hearts and live there, and he comes into our hearts by his Holy Spirit. Before this he is just with us. Like he told his disciples when he was with them, that it was better for him to go away because he could not live in their hearts and be in them as long as he

was with them. But when he went away he would send the Holy Spirit or the Comforter (as both are the same) and that they would receive power in their lives." (John 14:11-31)

"Well, then you mean that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of Jesus living in our hearts?" asked Ned.

"The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God and Jesus. The three work together, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and when we take Jesus as our Savior, then God looks down on us and sees that we have accepted Jesus as being our Savior, then he forgives us of our sins. Then we come to the Lord and ask for the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts and to take full control of our lives. In other words, we give ourselves to him and we tarry till he fills us with the Holy Spirit."

"But how do we give ourselves to the Lord?" asked Ned.

"We can take an example of Isaac (Gen. 22:1-18). When his father Abraham took him to the mountain as a sacrifice, we have no record that he resisted his father when he was up there alone, and he bound him and laid him on the altar to offer him as a sacrifice. He probably could have over-powered his father, but he was an obedient child and was willing for his father to do with him just as he pleased, even if it meant giving his life. So it is, we give ourselves to God and are willing to do just as he wants us to do even if it means giving our lives for Jesus' sake. We say, "Lord, here are my hands, my feet, my mouth, my heart, my all; take me and use me as you want to; and the Holy Spirit comes into our hearts and leads us where God wants us to go."

—M. M.

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Dear boys and girls:

Do you tell other boys and girls
about how Jesus can come into their
hearts and make them happy? Did
you know that there are some who do
not know this? You say that they
will not believe you? Well, maybe
some will not act like they believe
you, but Jesus will help them to think
about it. And if they watch you and
see how kind and good you are, then
they will say, "Maybe it is true," and
then Jesus will begin to talk to them.
One boy whom I know had a pain in
his leg. His boy friend, who did not
know him very well, asked why he
did not go to a doctor. The boy told
him that Jesus could heal him. This
boy went home and told his mother
about it, and said, "I call that real
religion." You see, he could tell that
his friend had faith in Jesus. And
Jesus did heal the boy's leg.

Charles Spurgeon tells about a ship
lodged on the northern coast of South
America. It flashed signals of dis-
tress and when another ship answered
their call they told them they were
dying for water. To their eager ears
came back the reply, "Dip it up, then,
you are in the mouth of the Amazon
River." They did not know that fresh
water was around them. They thot
it was the salty ocean water. So you
see people will not know that Jesus

can save them unless you tell them.
Won't you tell someone today?

—Aunt Marie

Ark.—Dear Aunt Marie,—Greetings in
Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and
love the Lord. I read the "Beautiful
Way." I have been saved about four
months. I go to church services at
Senath, Mo. Our preacher is H. P. Hus-
key. There are three girls my age that
are saved here. I would like to get
letters from any saved girls. I give my
papers to a friend at school. I have a
sister seven years old, and I read them
to her. My address is Leachville, Ark.
R. 1. Your sister in Christ, Shirley Elder

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I love the
"Beautiful Way" paper. I am nine years
old. I am saved and trusting the Lord
for all things. The Lord is so good. All
in our family are saved. We have Sun-
day School every Sunday in our homes.
There are ten children in my Sunday
School class. Pray for us so we can get
a chapel in Senath. Pray for me.

Esther Huskey



Search Question

Why didn't Abraham offer his son
Isaac as a sacrifice like God told him to?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Tree of knowledge of good and evil; Tree
of Life. Genesis 2:9; 17

Sunday School Lesson

JARIUS' DAUGHTER RAISED TO LIFE

Lesson 6 May 7, 1950

Luke 8:41-56.

When Jesus was here on earth he loved everybody. Jesus helped every one that came to him. But so many people came to him that he did not have time to eat or rest. He would have to slip away to pray or rest. One day Jarius came to him. Jarius was a ruler in the synagogue. Jarius was very sad. His little girl was very sick and was almost at the point of death. Jarius just fell down at Jesus feet and begged him to come and heal his little girl. She was his only girl. He loved her very much. Jesus listened to Jarius and he felt sorry too that the little girl was so sick, as Jesus loves all children. So he told Jarius that he would go with him to his house. But as he started, the people just thronged him. He could hardly move for so many people around him. There was a woman in the crowd that had a disease. She had spent all her money on doctors but they could not help her. She thought, "Oh, if I could only get to Jesus through this crowd, he would heal me." Then she thought, "If I could just touch him, I shall be well." Jesus, who knows everything, knew she had touched him and he said, "Who touched me?" Then Peter said, "Master, the people are pressing against you, and then you ask who touched you." But Jesus said, "Somebody touched me because I felt healing virtue go out of my body." The woman knew she was not hid, so she came trembling and fell down at Jesus' feet and told him all of

her troubles and how she was healed when she touched him. Jesus said, "Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith has made you well; go in peace."

Jarius was wanting them to hurry on, as he was afraid that his daughter might die before they reached his house. And surely enough, a man came from his house and told him that his daughter had died and that he would not need to trouble the Master any more. Jesus heard it and he saw the sorrow that filled the heart of this father. He felt sad and told Jarius to fear not but just believe and his daughter would be made well. The father thought these were strange words because he knew that his daughter had died; yet he had faith in Jesus that he could do anything. So they moved on to his home. When they arrived, many people were there crying and mourning. Jesus said, "Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth." Some of them laughed at these words because they knew that she was dead. So Jesus put everyone out but Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Then Jesus went over to her bed and took her by the hand and said, "Little girl, rise up." And right then her spirit returned in her body and she rose up. Then he told her parents to give her something to eat. Wasn't that wonderful? Jesus can do anything. He is the same today. We need not fear to ask him for anything. When we get sick we can pray and Jesus will heal us.

Central Thought: Jesus has power to give life and do all things.

Memory Verse: Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. Luke 8:52b.

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May 14

When Jesus Called

Jesus said He wanted me
His dear child to always be.
I said, "Yes," to Him, and then
He asked my little brother Ben.
Bennie, too, said "Yes" to Him,
Then He asked my brother Tim.
Timmy said, "Of course, I'll be
All Your own," and then, you see
He asked little brother Joe.
What d'you think—he answered, "No!"
Can it really be? thought I,
And it made me nearly cry,
That he could so rudely treat
One so dear, so kind, so sweet!
But I'm glad I let Him in,
For he took away my sin,
And He helps me daily show
That He washed me white as snow. —Sel.

Learning to Obey God

"Mother," said Ruth as she came home from school one Friday evening, "we finished some of our books today and need some new ones for Monday. Here is a list of what I need, will you get them for me?"

"Put it on the desk, Ruth, and we'll see about it tomorrow," said Mother.

"And, Mother," Ruth continued

quickly, "they are remodeling the lunch room at school and I'll need to take my lunch Monday. Miss Clark said if it is a nice day we may all go over to the park and eat our lunches—and, oh, I do hope it is nice! Will you fix me a big lunch, Mother? cause I'm sure I'll be hungry. Everything always tastes better when we can all get together and eat it out-of-doors."

"My little girl is quite excited this evening. We'll plan your lunch later. Put your things away now, and—what is that?" Mother pointed to a package in Ruth's arms.

"I brought home the books that we finished today," answered Ruth.

"Yes, I see the books, but there is a package, too; what is in it?"

"Oh, th-this package? Why it's—it's some j-jeans," stammered Ruth.

"Some what?" asked Mother in surprise.

"Some jeans. Mother, all the girls in our room but just me and one little crippled girl wear jeans, and the girls laugh at me because I don't wear 'em. Elsie had some that are too small for her, and she says I can wear them if I want to—and if you'll let me."

"But, Ruth, I'm surprised that you have brought them here. Surely you

don't want to wear them and grieve the Lord, do you?" asked Mother, sadly.

"The girls have been asking me why I don't wear them. I told them that the Bible taught against it, and since then some of their folks have been looking in the Bible to see and they say that it doesn't teach against girls wearing jeans, but that it is just a fogey idea. Dorothy's father is a preacher, and he says that the Bible doesn't say a thing about jeans. Mable's mother said that the customs now are not like they were in Bible times and none of us dress like they did, so the Lord doesn't care how we dress. Helen's folks think it is silly for me not to wear them 'cause even if the Bible did in a round-about way bring in something like that, it would be non-essential and wouldn't make any difference because nobody lives to all the Bible anyway. I told Helen that that was not right, and that we cannot get to heaven if we do not obey the Bible. But the thing that puzzles me is that they say the Bible doesn't teach it. And Lucy's mother gave her a Scripture to give to me, and the Scripture says that man looks on the outward appearance but God looks on the heart. She said that means if we love the Lord and keep our hearts right we can go to heaven no matter what we wear. And, Mother, I sometimes think she must be right because Lucy is a real good girl. She doesn't lie and steal like so many of the others, and she doesn't use bad language. I'd rather play with her than the other girls. But she wears jeans sometimes. I thot maybe it would be all right for me to wear them just one time when we go to the park, and then I can play better on the teeters and things, and won't have to be careful not to get

my dress dirty or torn. And that would be easier on you too, Mother, wouldn't it? It looks like God would want us to be easy on our mothers when they have so much to do, and besides, it would save money in case I'd get my dress torn if I wear it, and you always say the Lord wants us to save our money and give to him."

"Ruth, the Bible teaches women to dress like holy women of old—and that means girls too—and even if our customs of dress are not just like theirs, we can still obey the Bible and dress in plain, modest apparel like the holy women of Bible times. We know they did not wear men's clothing because in Deuteronomy they were told it was an abomination to the Lord. A holy person could not do anything that is an abomination to the Lord. God looks on our hearts, it is true; and a heart that will not obey His Word is not right in his sight. When He tells us to do a thing He wants us to obey and is not pleased if we disobey, regardless of how much money we save or how easy we make it on busy mothers. The trouble with people is they are letting Satan tell them that God does not mean what he says, just like he did mother Eve. But we'll drop the subject now, and I think the Lord will help me to give you an object lesson on this that will help you to better understand," said Mother.

(To be concluded next week)

Children obey your parents,
For this is right;
Oft will their counsel shield you
From sin's dark blight. —Sel.

Search Question

What was Moses' brother's name?

Answer to Last Week's Question
The angel of the Lord stopped him
Genesis 22:11-12.

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Because you have to wash the dishes, clean up your room, or rake the yard, do you only think of it as being work that you don't like to do? Do you ever think, "I am helping Mother and Father by doing this work, and I am glad I can do something for Mother and Father because they are so good to me." Father works even if he doesn't feel well, so he can pay the bills and have a house for us to live in, and food to eat. Mother works to cook the food and keep the house clean and the clothes clean, even if she doesn't feel well sometimes. You should be glad that there is something you can do to make their work easier. I don't believe your work will be so hard to you if you will think right; do you think so?

Today is Mother's Day. We should remember mothers every day and do something for them, but when there is a day when others are doing something special for their mothers, I'm sure Mother will be very happy if you would do something special for her; even if it is picking a flower and giving it to her and telling her it is for her on Mother's Day. Tell her how much you love her, or give her a big hug and kiss. Then tell yourself that you are going to help Mother more so she will not be so tired when eve-

ning comes. Mother took care of you when you were tiny and helpless. Now you are big enough to help her in return for her kindness to you when you were a baby. Will you do that?
—Aunt Marie

Two Troubled Hearts

Beverly and George sat on the front porch steps looking very sad. They didn't feel like playing, nor even talking. Their hearts were very heavy. In the front bedroom was a very sick lady—and that lady was their mother. No wonder they looked sad. Would Mother get well?

A green car drove up in front of the house and stopped. A tall man got out and came toward them.

"It's the new minister," said Beverly. But she couldn't smile even for him. Instead two big tears came into her eyes and she tried to get them wiped away before the minister came up to the steps.

"Well, well, good morning," he said and then stopped. He couldn't help seeing the sad faces and big tears.

He went on into the house, and a little later he came out and sat down on the steps with Beverly and George. Then in his nice deep voice he quoted the words of Jesus, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me." He talked to them for a long time. And when he left, they felt comforted. Over and over in their minds went the words, "Let not your heart be troubled. Let not your heart be troubled."

"I'm sure everything will be all right," said Beverly. "It was Jesus who said, 'Let not your heart be troubled.' So I'm going to trust Him and everything will be all right!"

—Sel.

Sunday School Lesson

HOSEA TELLS ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

Lesson 7, May 14, 1950

Hosea 11:1-4; 14:4-9.

Hosea was a good man. Hosea loved God and the love he had for God caused him to love everybody. He loved the bad people and could find something good in them. He tried to help them to be good. He showed love to them and they would be won by the love he showed. Do you know that if you show love to someone that they will be nice to you? Do you go up to your little brother and sister and jerk the toy out of their hand and say, "I want to play with that"? Let me tell you how to do it, if you want to play with that toy. You get another toy that they like very much and you tell them how nice that toy is and that they can have lots of fun playing with it. Then ask them if they would like to trade with you, and they probably will. See, you were nice to them and gave them something else to play with and all was well. Isn't that a better way? Love shown to anyone will help them to be better.

Hosea loved the people of Israel that had sinned against God. Hosea told the people how much God loved them. He referred to them as God's son. He reminded them how he had called them out of Egypt and bondage. In Egypt they had to work hard for a king. But God caused this King Pharaoh to let them go. He took them to a new country. He gave them homes and lands. He fought their battles for them. He blessed them. He loved them, but they did not return his love. God wanted them to worship him only, but you know what they did? They worshipped an ugly old image called Baal. They had backslidden. They did not keep his commandments. But Hosea

told them that God still loved them. He said that they would be punished but that the punishment would not be as great as it should be. God said that he would heal their backslidings.

We can understand the great love of God for us. John 3:16 is a verse that all of you know. It tells of the great love of God to man. He loved the world so much that he sent his only son here that anyone who would believe on him would be saved. The world means the people in the world. That means you and me. And we can say, "If I will believe on Jesus I will be saved."

Jesus loved everyone. Jesus loved the little children. One time some mothers brought their little children to Jesus so he could put his hands on them and bless them, but the disciples told the mothers to go away and not bother Jesus. Maybe the children were making noise of joy because they were so glad that they were going to be close to Jesus. And the noise bothered the disciples, but Jesus heard them telling the mothers to take the children away so he called to them to bring the children to him. He loved children. He probably took the little ones on his knee and put his hands on the heads of the larger ones and talked to them. Then he told the big people that they should become as a little child. We know that little children are saved and ready for heaven and that they really believe in Jesus (Matt. 19:13-15).

As Hosea told the people in his day of the great love that God had for them, we know of God's great love because he sent Jesus to save us from our sins. Hosea lived before Jesus came but Hosea knew how much God loved people.

Central Thought: The love of God gives us all a chance.

Memory Verse: I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely. Hosea 14:4a.

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May 21

What Would Jesus Do?

All true Christian girls and boys
Who want a share in heaven's joys,
Heed this counsel of a friend,
"Twill guide you right unto life's end:

If in doubt of what to do
When a problem faces you,
Don't be hasty—wait and pray;
Before deciding, always say:

"What would Jesus do?"

—Geneva Ray.

Learning to Obey God

(Continued from last week)

Ruth was very happy Monday morning as she kissed her mother good-bye and started to school with her package of new books and her lunch. The sun was shining brightly and her hopes were high for a pleasant noon hour in the park. She had not objected to the neat print dress which Mother gave her to wear, for she was content to drop the subject of the jeans until she saw Mother's object lesson. Mother could think of many things. "I wonder what it can be now," she thought as she hurried on.

When Ruth was out of sight, Mother sank to her knees and again laid

the burden of her heart before the Lord, whom she trusted to work out all of her problems. How long she prayed, she did not know, but she arose with the assurance that God was working with her and would help to save her little girl from the current of worldliness which she had battled so bravely until this time when it seemed to be gaining a little in its deadly pull toward the broad way.

The day passed and when school hours were over, Ruth slumped toward home to meet Mother with swollen eyes and tear-stained face. She was a picture of despair. "I don't want to go to school again," she sobbed as she put her lunch sack on the table.

"Why, Ruth, you didn't eat your lunch; wasn't it good?" asked Mother.

"I don't know. I didn't look at it. I didn't even go to the park with the others. When that man at the book store filled my list he put a box of chalk with the work book instead of crayons. We had to start on the new work book, and there was something to color on the very first page. I couldn't use the chalk and I only had three old pieces of crayons left from my last box. I had to use them and they made my picture so ugly, and

then Miss Clark had us to put them along the blackboard so all could see them. They all laughed and laughed at mine. How could I go to the park? They'd just tease me all the time—and I don't want to go back to school."

"Have you forgotten the Scripture that says 'all things work together for good to them that love God'? Maybe there is a lesson in it for you."

"I don't see how it could work for good, and I don't see what lesson could be in it," mourned Ruth.

"Go wash your face, and feed your pets," said Mother, "then maybe you will be in a happier mood to talk about the object lesson which I said I would show you."

"Oh, yes, the object lesson; I almost forgot." And Ruth's voice lost some of its note of despair.

A little later mother and daughter sat side by side in the big arm chair. The only object that Mother had was the big family Bible, but Ruth thought she must have something hid in it for the object lesson. Mother opened the Bible and asked Ruth to read the words marked with red. Ruth read: "Obedience is better than sacrifice."

"But where is the object lesson, Mother?" asked Ruth, impatiently.

"You have already seen the object lesson, Ruth, but you failed to recognize it," she answered.

"What do you mean, Mother? I haven't seen anything?"

"Listen, and I will tell you about it. You accused the clerk of making a mistake and giving you chalk instead of crayons. I told him to do that. Colored chalk does not cost as much as crayons, and with the ten cents that I saved I bought your favorite candy bar for your lunch."

"But, Mother," interrupted Ruth, "I don't even like candy if you have to buy it like that. Looks like you'd know

I needed crayons more than candy."

"I knew it, Ruth. But you must not interrupt me until I finish. You see, that is the way people are treating the Lord. You had a list of things that you needed and did not want anything substituted; even so God has a list of things in His Word and he wants no substitutes. The box of crayons was the smallest thing on your list, yet you see how it brought grief to you when even the smallest item was changed. Even so, it grieves God when we disregard his smallest command and call it a 'non-essential.' God likes for us to sacrifice and give money to his cause, but when we disobey part of his word to save money to give to him, he is not any more pleased with the gift than you were pleased with the candy."

"Oh," said Ruth, "I do see now what you mean—oh, I don't want to ever grieve the Lord like that! Why, I almost listened to the devil like Eve did in the Garden. May I go now and take the jeans back to Elsie? 'cause I never, never want to wear them."

"Yes, you may go. Hurry back and we'll have an early supper, for I'm sure you must be hungry." And as Ruth disappeared, Mother bowed her head, "I thank thee, dear Father, I thank thee!" —(Apologue) G. R.

A BOY'S PRAYER

"Give me clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts. Help me to stand for the hard-right against the easy-wrong. Save me from habits that harm. Teach me to work as hard and play as fair in Thy sight alone as if all the world saw. Forgive me when I am unkind, and help me to forgive those who are unkind to me. Keep me ready to help others at some cost to myself. Send me chances to do a little good every day, and so grow more like Christ."

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Dear boys and girls:

It is time to reorder for the next
quarter unless you have ordered by
the year. Did you order extra ones
to give your neighbors?

We would like to hear from you
and to know if you are learning the
books of the New Testament. We
know that the first four books of the
New Testament tell of the life of Je-
sus here on earth, and his death. They
are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
Some give more of the things that he
said and did than the others. Have
you read them through? You will
like to read them. We hope that your
Sunday school teacher is helping you
learn them. Just add one each Sun-
day, or maybe two. You will soon
know them all.

Did you tell Mother and Father
about the paper that is for them? It
is called the "Faith and Victory."
Maybe your aunts and uncles would
like to receive it. It costs only twenty-
five cents a year to have it sent to
them. Order it from the same place
from which you order these papers.

We hope you will ask Mother or
any one to write a story to put in the
little paper; maybe a poem or some-
thing that will be good for children.
This is your little paper and we want
you to feel that way about it. May
God bless you each one and help you

to please him and to say "no" to the
devil when he tries to get you to do
wrong.
—Aunt Marie

Search Question

What was the name of the land that
God said he would give to the Children
of Israel?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Aaron. Exodus 28:2

The Run-Away

When I was a little girl about eight
years old I would get very lonely be-
cause I did not have any brothers or
sisters to play with. When it seemed
I could stand it no longer and Mama
would not permit me to go, I would
run away to play with other children.
This caused my parents much worry
and made their hearts sad, for which
I am very sorry now.

I especially remember one time that
I ran away. It was late in the eve-
ning, and my parents were very wor-
ried about me, as it was getting dark.
Finally they found me several blocks
from home. Papa brought me home,
not saying a word, but my punish-
ment was coming. As we entered
the house he got a burlap sack, put
me in it and tied it about my neck
and set me in a chair, leaving me
there while he went to milk the cow.
The tears were running down my
cheeks, but my hands were tied in-
side so I could not wipe them away.

Mama told me in later years that
it was surely a pitiful sight; but the
lesson was learned, for I never ran
away again.

We read in the Bible about a man
who tried to run away from God and
was swallowed by a large fish. So
we see it does not pay to run away,
for we shall surely be punished.

—Mrs. Flossie Atha

Sunday School Lesson

JESUS FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND

Lesson 8, May 21, 1950

John 6:1-15

When Jesus was here on earth, people pressed around him continually asking him to heal them or their loved ones or wanting him to talk to them. One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Come with me to a quiet place, for we must rest a while."

They sailed away from the crowd in a ship to the other side of the sea, and went into a place near a mountain. But they did not find much time to rest even in this lonely spot, for soon they saw a great throng of people coming toward them. Probably the disciples were disappointed because the people found them, but Jesus had pity on them. He sat down to teach them and healed their sick ones.

In this great throng of people were five thousand men who had come from different parts of Galilee. Some of them had brought their wives and children along, and other women had come, too. Many of them had brought nothing to eat. But one boy did not forget his lunch basket. In his lunch he had five little barley loaves or biscuits and two small fishes.

Evening came, but still the people stayed, seeming to forget that night would come and they could not find shelter or food in this place. The disciples grew impatient and wanted to send them away. "We do not have food for these people." But Jesus turned to Philip and asked, "Where shall we find bread, that all these people may eat?" Philip looked at the multitude and shook his head, "If we should buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, there would not be enough for each one to have a small piece."

There was a little lad standing close and he probably heard them talking. He was glad that he could give his lunch to Jesus, so he told Andrew that he had five barley loaves and two small fishes that Jesus could have to eat. So Andrew told Jesus about it and asked him, "What is that among so many?" Jesus told him to bring it to him. Then he told the disciples to make the people to sit down on the grass in groups of fifty and hundreds. While they waited, he took the five loaves of barley and the two small fishes and he blessed them. (Now we want to remember this. We do not want to eat without first thanking God for the food we eat. God causes the sun to shine and the rain to fall so we can have food, so we should return to him thanks for it.) Then Jesus broke the fish and bread and filled a basket for each of the twelve disciples and sent them to feed the hungry people. Then the disciples returned and again he filled their empty baskets and they fed five thousand men and their families. When all had eaten and were full, Jesus told the disciples to gather up the left-overs and they had twelve baskets full of scraps. Jesus did not want anything to be lost or wasted. We should remember that and not waste, because Jesus is very much displeased if we waste food or anything.

If the little boy had been selfish and said, "I'm going to eat my lunch myself and had not offered to give it to Jesus, the people would not have shared his lunch. But he gave to Jesus and Jesus blessed it and made it feed five thousand men and families, and the little boy had all he wanted to eat. Wasn't that wonderful?"

Central Thought: Sharing will bring blessings to us and others.

Memory Verse: Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. John 6:12b.

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May 28

Very Near

In the happy daytime,
In the quiet nighttime,
We know that God
Is always very near.

At work or play
At home and everywhere
We know that God
Is always very near.

We thank you, God,
For all your loving care.
We thank you, God,
For always being near.
—Sadie H. Davis

To Our Boys and Girls

God is very interested in all of us, and he has made laws and plans that are sure to make us happy if we learn what they are and try our best to abide by them:

I want to tell you something about divine healing.

It is wonderful to have a healer who never makes a mistake and never has to say that he does not understand what the trouble is.

I want to tell you about a family who sent for Jesus when one of them

was sick. Do you know what family that was? It was Lazarus that was sick. Mary and Martha were his sisters. No doubt Lazarus was the one who went out and worked all day long so they could have a home and something to eat. The girls stayed at home and cooked and cared for the home. Somehow Jesus became acquainted with this family, and he learned to love them very much. He came sometime to spend a day or two.

Would you like to have the opportunity to make Jesus happy by doing something for him? Well, if you will stop and think, I am sure that you have a chance every day to do something to make Jesus very, very happy. Every time you are kind to baby, brother or sister, or every time you say, "Yes, Mother, I'll go at once and do what you want me to do," or every time you go to meeting with a real desire to learn the word of God and to become a better Christian I am sure that you make Jesus very, very happy.

Martha and Mary and Lazarus wanted to make Jesus happy, and they tried very hard. But one day when Jesus was away preaching, Lazarus became very sick, and the girls

soon saw that he was going to die and they would be left alone if something wasn't done. What do you suppose they did? Do you think they called the doctor who carried some pills in a little bag? No, they did not. They decided to call for Jesus, for they knew that he was the great physician, and if he would come, they would have nothing to worry about, for Jesus knew exactly the thing to do to make Lazarus well, and Jesus loved them so much that they knew he would do it.

When Jesus heard that the one whom he loved was sick, he did not drop every thing and go, but he went on about his business. Now it looked as if Jesus did not care, but he did. He was planning to do something that would show the greatness of the power of God—so he waited. Lazarus became worse and worse, and finally became so sick that he could not live any longer, and he died. They took his body and laid it away in the grave. Oh, how sad the girls were. Their hearts were broken. How could they ever be happy again?

After Lazarus had been dead for four days, Jesus decided to go and visit the home where he loved to be so much. As he neared the home of Martha and Mary, Martha ran out to meet him and said, "Master, if thou had only been here, our brother would not have died." She had faith in Jesus, didn't she? (Isn't it wonderful that we do not have to go and get Jesus, but he is with us all of the time by the Spirit that dwells in our hearts after we get saved? We can call day or night if our hearts are right with him, and he hears us.) Martha also said that she knew that whatever he asked of his Father that God would give it to him. This was wonderful faith, too. Of course, the

girls were very sad and began to weep. This touched the great and kind heart of Jesus, and he wept too, and asked them to take him where Lazarus had been laid. When he arrived at the grave he told the men to roll away the stone, and with a loud voice he called for Lazarus to come forth. Oh, would you like to have been there? I would. When Jesus commanded Lazarus to come forth, he arose from the grave and was well again. How happy the girls must have been. Do you not think they were happier than if Jesus had come and healed him when he was sick?

Jesus has not changed in all of these years. He is just as much interested in you as he was in Martha and Mary, and if you want to make Jesus happy each time you are sick, trust him to make you well, and he will do it.

I have trusted the Lord for many years and he has healed me of many sicknesses. I praise him for it all.

—Sister Eliza J. Fields

The Flash Light

"How I wish I had a flash light, Mother," said Dan.

"What use would it be, Son?" questioned Mother.

"Why Mother, it would make a path of light so I could tell where to step," said Dan in surprise. "It might save me from getting hurt."

"I would rather give you a Bible," replied Mother. "Don't you know that verse in the 119th Psalm, verse 105—'Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path'? There are many more verses like it, and they will help light up your path so you can tell where it is safe to step, and lead you to the Light that never fails. They will be your flash light."

—Sel.

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Dear boys and girls:

Jesus loves you very much and wants you to love him. He died so we can be free from sin. We are to let him bear our burden of sin. A preacher was hurrying away to catch a train. He had just three minutes. The station was close. A man came running up to him and told him that he wanted to speak to him about his soul. "Well," replied the preacher, "my train is just here, and it is the last one; but look up Isaiah 53:6. Go in at the first 'all,' and go out at the last 'all.'" He went home and got his Bible and turned to Isaiah 53:6. It read like this, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way: and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity [sin] of us all." "Go in at the first 'all,'" he repeated. "All we like sheep have gone astray. I am to go in with that 'all.' Yes, I see. It just means that I am one of those who have gone astray. 'And go out with the last 'all.' 'The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity (sin) of us 'all.' I see. Yes, I am to go out free with those whose sin has been laid on Christ." That one verse brought by the Holy Spirit, light and peace to that man's conscience and heart, and he rejoiced in Christ as his Saviour.

Do you believe that Jesus will save you now? Pray and ask him to forgive you and make you free from sin.
—Aunt Marie.

Helping

Pam was thinking hard one day. She was frowning too. Her mother asked her what was the matter. Pam explained that the minister at the church had told them that they should all be witnesses for Jesus, and should try to bring other people to Jesus. "The trouble is," Pam explained. "I never seem to be able to talk good about the Lord. If I was just a preacher, or could be able to talk better I wouldn't mind. But I always get tongue-tied and make a mess of things."

Mother thought a while. "I know what you can do," she announced. "Why don't you tell your friends about the revival meeting and the church and get them to come and then you can be doing something to help them know about Jesus. You see, if you can't preach to them yourself, you can get them to come so they can hear preaching, and then when they give their hearts to Jesus, you will be helping."

Pam was glad for that idea and she found that it worked fine. Later, the Lord helped her to be able to testify too. It was just all in getting started.
—Sel.



Search Question

What was the last thing God had to do before Pharaoh would let the Children of Israel leave Egypt?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Canaan. Exodus 6:4.

Sunday School Lesson

MICAH WRITES ABOUT GOD'S PLAN

Lesson 9, May 28, 1950

Micah 4:1-5; 5:2-4; 7:18-20

We have been studying lately about several of the prophets that wrote in the Bible. We studied about Amos, Hosea, and now Micah. These prophets told the people of Israel of their sins and how God would punish them for sinning, but they told them a way to escape. They begged them to return to the Lord and ask forgiveness. And God revealed to them about Jesus who was to come and be a sacrifice for their sins. The prophets tried to tell the people about God's plan, but it seems they would not listen.

Micah was a God-fearing man. He lived in the country in western Judea. His life was much like Amos. Micah saw the rich making the poor man work hard and taking away from him every thing he could. Micah knew that God was not pleased with this and that the people would be punished by God. Micah had great sympathy with the poor people. He may have had to work for the rich himself.

God told Micah to preach to the people and tell them of their wrongs, and he was bold to do so. We find that Jeremiah a century later, referred to Micah as a bold preacher and that the people took it and did not try to kill him (Jer. 26:18).

The first five verses tells us of the kingdom of God that Jesus set up. It is a spiritual kingdom. It is the house of the Lord and is in the top of the mountain. It is above all evil, and the people who are redeemed by the blood of Jesus will come into it. In this mountain people are taught the ways of God and they walk in the paths of God. They are taught all the laws of God. They have

their hearts changed and do not want to fight any more. They are a rebuke to all people. Every person of any nation can be saved by the blood of Jesus and therefore are born into the kingdom of God. There will be peace when we are under the true vine, God's church. And we will walk in the name of the Lord our God forever.

In Micah 5:2 we find that Micah tells us of the Babe that was to be born in Bethlehem. Do you know who that was? Yes, it was Jesus. Do you remember the wise men that came to Herod the king in Jerusalem, and they asked him where the King of the Jews was? They had seen his star in the east and had come to worship him. Herod was troubled, so he called the priests and scribes and demanded them to tell him where Christ was to be born. The priests and scribes took down the rolls and searched them to know where Christ was to be born. The priests and scribes took down the rolls and searched them and they came to Micah 5:2 and there they found that he was to be born in Bethlehem. They told the king and he told the wise men to go to Bethlehem and search diligently for the child and then come and let him know so he could go and worship him. Did he really want to worship him? No, he did not; he wanted to kill him because he was afraid. But God took care of baby Jesus. He gave them a dream to return another way, and then told Joseph to take the child to another country.

We find that God showed these things to Micah and he told the people about it. It came true.

Central Thought: Jesus was born in Bethlehem to bring us into the kingdom of God.

Memory Verse: Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done IN earth, as it is in heaven. Matt. 6:10.

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June 4

I Have A Loving Savior

I have a loving Savior,
He's with me every day;
And if I want to talk to Him
I just kneel down and pray.

I am not very old, you see,
But this one thing I know—
He died for me on Calvary
Because He loved me so.

I figure it's my duty
To serve Him every day;
So this I always try to do,
At home, at school, at play.
—Sel.

Jimmie

Jimmie's mother opened the door. "How do you do," Miss June said pleasantly. "I'm the Sunday School teacher from the Children's Mission. I'd like to take your little boy to Sunday School next Sunday."

"Come in!" said the mother.

It was not a pretty room, for this family was poor and lived in one of the poorest sections of a large city. Six-year-old Jimmie did not look up. He continued coloring the pictures in his paint book.

"My, how nicely you color!" exclaimed Miss June.

The boy's eyes lit up as he heard this praise, but darkened again when his mother said, "That's all he does—paint and draw. He's the stubbornest, meanest boy."

"Oh, I'm sure he's not so very bad," answered Miss June. Then speaking directly to the little artist, "Would you like to come to Sunday School with me, and see the pictures we have there, and hear some really true stories from the Bible?" she asked.

"No! No, I wouldn't," he answered.

"See—what did I tell you?" cried his mother. "Didn't I say he was stubborn and mean?"

Miss June saw right away that there was not anything she could say that would help, but she could pray for them, and the Lord could reach their hearts. Giving Jimmie a little paper from Sunday School, she bid them both good-by.

The next Saturday, Miss June visited this home again. She was met at the door by Jimmie's mother, just as she had been before. The mother said gruffly, "I told Jimmie that his father would beat him if he didn't go to Sunday School tomorrow."

"Oh, I'm sorry you did that!" exclaimed Miss June.

But I'm not going," Jimmie put in. "I'm tough and I'm my own boss."

Miss June looked at the little boy kindly. "I brought my feltograph notebook with pretty pictures in it—"

He seemed pleased. They looked at the pictures and Miss June told a Bible story. As she finished, she explained that the Lord Jesus loves every one—Jimmie in particular. "Why, He loves you so much," she said, "that He made a beautiful place called heaven where you may go some day."

"Is there no dirt there?" Jimmie interrupted. As he said this, both he and Miss June looked out on the filth of their surroundings.

"No, Jim, no dirt, not anything that's bad; only lovely things are there. Best of all, Jesus is there."

She continued by telling Jimmie that Jesus had loved him enough to die so that he could go there. "But," she said, "no one can go there unless he has let Jesus come into his heart. Jesus said, 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.' He also said, 'Though your sins be as scarlet (no matter how bad they are), they shall be as white as snow,' for 'the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin'."

Jimmie looked away. His mother, who had heard the story, too, said nothing. Then Miss June said, "Jimmie, won't you let the Lord Jesus come into your heart?"

"No," he said again, "I'm tough and I'm my own boss."

As Miss June rose to leave, she asked Jimmie whether he would draw some pictures for her to take to a little sick boy she knew. He readily

took the colored papers she offered him, and promised to draw them.

On Sunday morning, Jimmie had the pictures ready, but he refused to go to Sunday School. Several weeks passed, and each Sunday he let Miss June go away without him. However Miss June prayed for him—day after day and night after night in her room.

One Saturday night, as Miss June was praying, tears rolled down her cheeks. "Please, dear Heavenly Father," she prayed, "Thou didst send Jesus to die for Jimmie. Make him want to love Thee."

The next morning Jimmie met her. "I'm going to Sunday School!" he announced.

In Miss June's heart was a silent prayer of praise to God for hearing her prayers. At Sunday School Jimmie heard again that Jesus wanted to come into his heart, and this time he opened the door of his heart and Jesus came in to be his Savior. How happy he was! He did not ever want to be "tough" again or to be his "own boss."

The following Sunday, as Jimmie and Miss June walked to Sunday School, Jimmie slipped his hand into hers, and looking up into her face, he said, "I'm glad I'm going to Sunday School. I like Sunday School. And I like you."

It made Miss June very happy to hear this, for she knew that Jimmie's sins had been washed away and that he was a "new creature," as the Bible says—a new boy—since Jesus lived in his heart. If the Lord Jesus had done all this for Jimmie, He could do the same for his mother, too. Miss June began to pray more earnestly for Jimmie's mother, and for other fathers and mothers and boys and girls who need to have Christ in their hearts and homes.

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Dear boys and girls:

It makes our hearts very sad when we see some of our boys and girls who have been taught about Jesus and how to live for him not doing it. Even some are not very sure to be real truthful sometimes as they should. Some will say when asked about something, "Oh, I don't know." Then when they are questioned further they seem to wake up and finally we find out that they do know about it. It seems the devil likes for you to be careless sometimes. Let us be more careful and not be so careless in making that remark, "I don't know." You may have your mind on play and not paying very much attention, but don't you know that you are really telling a lie. Of course, the devil may have you in that habit of saying, "I don't know," and you didn't really think you were lying. Let us not please the devil in any way. When we are asked about something, let us stop and think just how it happened and then tell it truthfully. It always pays. Haven't you found that telling the truth is always better? I have.

I know that you have a lot of trouble sometimes. But have you learned the secret of happiness when trouble comes? Praying to God and then trusting him to take care of it. God is great and big and powerful. He

can take care of everything. So if you ask him to take care of it, you will not need to be bothered any more, will you? So then your trouble is gone and you can sing. May God bless you and keep you from evil.

—Aunt Marie



Fanny Crosby (who lived to be 92 years old) was asked if she loved children, and here is her answer:

Love the children? What a question!
Cold indeed the heart must be
That can turn without emotion
From their laughter gushing free.
Yes, with all my heart I love them;
Bless the children everyone!
I can be a child among them,
And enjoy their freaks and fun.

Love the children? I can never,
Never pass them in the street,
But my every pulse awaking
Thrills with love to all I meet.
I have heard the children singing
When my heart was lone and sad,
I have heard them in the distance,
And their music makes me glad.

Search Question

To whom were the Israelites slaves?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Kill all the firstborn, Exodus 11:5.

Sunday School Lesson

HABAKKUK TEACHES TRUST IN GOD

Lesson 10, June 4, 1950

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12, 13; 2:1-4; 3:17-19.

We have been studying about the minor prophets of the Bible. Today we have another prophet called Ha-bak-kuk. Habakkuk loved God. He wanted to keep all the commandments that God had given to the people. Do you know some of the commandments that God gave to Moses? That is one, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." But Habakkuk knew that the people were not doing this. They were wicked and making the poor people suffer. Another commandment that God told Moses to tell the people to keep was that they should not have any other gods before him. Habakkuk tells us in the third chapter and 19th verse that they say "to wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it." Those were idols that they would talk to. Doesn't that sound strange to us? But Habakkuk saw the people worshipping these stones and wood. All the other commandments that you know that Moses gave to the people were not kept. The people had gone away from God. This made Habakkuk feel bad and he prayed for his people. He starts our lesson out by saying, "The burden that Habakkuk did see." God knew all this and Habakkuk knew God could see the sins that the people were doing, just like he sees you all the time. He knows if you do wrong. But Habakkuk knew that sin is always punished and he knew that the people of Israel would be punished. He asked God how long would these wicked people be allowed to do

these wicked things, or sins. God answered him by telling him that a powerful army called the Chaldeans would come into the land on fast horses and spoil the land and would take many of the people from their homes and take them away to a foreign land. Habakkuk knew that God was allowing this to come to help the people to repent and turn away from their sins. Habakkuk said that he knew that God's eyes were too pure to behold evil. He knew that God hates sin and he then could not see the Chaldeans who were more wicked than Israel go unpunished. We know that God will punish all who sin; if not in this world, they will be punished in hell.

God told Habakkuk to write all these things on tablets so every one could read it; that these things were sure to come, and now Habakkuk was to help the ones who loved God to trust in him when they looked around and saw the great army coming on horses and making war against them. He said, "the just shall live by faith." If they would have faith in God, he would take care of them. Today we know that we have heaven to go to if we live faithful to Jesus' teachings.

The last chapter is a prayer of Habakkuk. He knew that these things were coming and he knew that God ruled every thing. So Habakkuk said that he would rejoice in the Lord. So we should trust in God in the storm because we know God has power over the wind. Trust, when we have to go out in the dark. Trust, when others make fun of us for living for Jesus. Trust God in everything.

Central Thought: God wants us to look to him and trust him, whatever happens. He will care for us.

Memory Verse: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Hab. 3:18.

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June 11

My Shepherd

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He leads me day by day;
Thru pastures green, by waters pure,
He guides me all life's way.

Within His fold I safely hide
While storms are passing by;
I fear not, though there's danger near,
My Shepherd's always nigh. —Sel.

The Young Cripple

He was about fourteen years old and lived in a garret. One arm and hand were quite paralyzed, and the other almost useless. Besides this, his poor wasted body was covered with abscesses, which caused him a great deal of pain at times.

He was not able to get into the green fields, for they were far away in the country. And the house in which he had but a little room at the top, was in the court of a back street. But the sun would now and then peep through the great clump of chimney pots, and shine in and cheer him. And now and then a little stray current of fresh air would overcome all difficulties and fan his cheek.

Every now and then a little robin would come and perch on the window sill, and cheer the poor boy with its pretty little notes. He would save a few crumbs from his scanty meal, to share with his little friend outside.

But his happiness of heart, and his cheerful-looking face, did not depend upon these, thankful as he was for them. But he had been reading the Bible, and God had been speaking peace to his young heart from His own Word.

Once we were talking of the rich man and Lazarus, in Luke's Gospel, when he said, "O sir, I would rather be the Lazarus (and my body seems much like his), than the one inside in the purple and fine linen and the feasting, because I have Jesus."

"Are you satisfied with Him?"

"Indeed I am," said he, with such an expression that I shall not easily forget. Then he added, "I have a poor body; but I have Jesus, and that is more than enough."

He knew from the Word of God, that presently he would have a beautiful body, and all the weakness would be gone, when he was with Jesus and like Him.

—Selected



This is a picture of two little girls who love the Lord and attend Sunday School. The little chubby girl is two years old. Her name is Patsy Marie Murphey, and the other is Kathleen Murphey, who is four years old. Kathleen helps her mother care for her little sister. Both of them have doll babies and other toys and they have great times romping and playing together. They pray to Jesus, whom they are taught to love, and they bow their heads when prayer is being offered before eating their meals.

One day Kathleen's Sunday School teacher was teaching this Scripture verse to a little boy: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Kathleen spoke up and said, "I learned that a long time ago." Her parents taught her that verse just after she learned to talk, and she has

never forgotten it even though she has learned many more since then. It is good for children to learn Bible verses. This training will be useful in later years. The Lord is grieved when precious children are left to grow up without a knowledge of His love and saving grace. Jesus called the little children to him and blessed them, and said, "of such is the kingdom of heaven." He still loves them and wants them to come to Him. —Fred Pruitt

God's Protection

God often protects us in ways we cannot understand until afterwards. "When Claverhouse was seeking to kill the Scottish Covenanters, they were driven to the hills of Scotland to worship. There was an old minister, John Brown, whom Claverhouse had for two years sought to kill. One Sunday morning in one of the highland glens, John Brown was preaching to his flock. Claverhouse and his troops surrounded them. The faithful minister rushed into one of the thirteen caves in the glen. Within two hours the soldiers arrived and began to search the caves. 'We have him at last!' said Claverhouse as they went from cave to cave. They came to the last cave, not having found Brown. The minister had been crouching within for two hours. As the soldiers came to the mouth of the cave, they declared, 'It's no use to search this one.' 'Why not?' asked Claverhouse. 'Don't you see that spider's web over the mouth of the cave?' they answered. 'He could not get in there without breaking that.' So they gave up the search. God had sent the spider to do its work after John Brown, His servant, had entered the cave."

God will take care of his people.

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Dear boys and girls:

We hope that you have reordered for the little papers. We pray that God will make them a blessing to you. Even if just a few boys and girls give their hearts to the Lord through reading the little papers, our efforts will be more than repaid. One soul is more precious in God's sight than the whole world. If just a few boys and girls live saved and grow up to be workers for the Lord, they will be able to help others get saved, and the work of God will grow. God needs more workers. The judgment is coming and people are not saved. Some do not know much about God and they need someone to tell them. Will you ask God to help you to tell them now, and as you grow older, you will be able to tell more people about Jesus who loves them and wants to take them to heaven if they will repent of their sins and live for him.

Have you been learning the books of the New Testament? Acts is a wonderful book. You studied about it in the last quarter. It tells about the Holy Ghost being sent to the world and how the disciples and workers of the Lord went to far away places and told people about Jesus. It tells us more about the works of Paul than any other.

Paul wrote the book of Romans. It is a letter to the saints at Rome. He tells them about Jesus turning to the Gentiles because the Jews rejected him, and it tells that the law of Moses is done away with and we live under a greater law which Jesus caused to be written in our hearts.—Aunt Marie.

WHAT'S MY NAME?

A captive in Babylon, day after day,
I worshiped God in the Hebrew way;
And I was as brave as brave could be
When hungry lions were snarling at me. - - - - - (answer later)

JERUSALEM

Jerusalem was the city where the temple was built. When people who did not live in Jerusalem prayed, they always turned their faces toward Jerusalem. The name Jerusalem is mentioned often in the Bible.

In the long word Jerusalem, there are a great many small words, such as: use, me, sale, jam. How many more can you see? You may change any of the letters around, but use each letter only once in each word, except "e" which is found twice in Jerusalem.

Make a list of all the words you see. You should get at least 25, counting the four above. Some people have found over fifty.

But when Jesus came, God did not dwell in the temple any longer. John the Revelator tells us about the new Jerusalem, a holy city. It is the church of God, and we are born into God's church by coming to Jesus and asking forgiveness Revelation 21:1-4.

Search Question

Who was the Lamb of God who was sacrificed and shed his blood for us?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Egyptians. Exodus 1:13.

Sunday School Lesson

ZEPHANIAH'S MESSAGE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Lesson 11, June 11, 1950

Zeph. 1:12-18; 3:16-20 (Ref. 2 Chron. 34)

Today we have one more prophet added to our list. This prophet's name is Zephaniah. He wrote a book in our old Bible and it has been saved for us to read. It is not a long book. It has three chapters in it. But Zephaniah loved God as the other prophets. He, like the others, saw the many sins of the people. He, too, knew that God would punish the people if they did not repent.

Zephaniah was a relative of King Josiah. He lived and preached when King Josiah was very young. Josiah was made king when he was just eight years old. Of course he could not rule, so others ruled for him. But the people were leaving God and were becoming satisfied with their riches and their selfish lives. They were saying, as some people say today, that the Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil. They were beginning to believe there was no God. Zephaniah heard the people talking this way and he said that the Lord would find these people and punish them. He also told them that the great wealth, money, and lands that they had would be taken away from them. Their fine houses and good vineyards would be used by someone else. He tried to tell them they should trust in the Lord and not in their riches. Zephaniah told them that the great day of the Lord was near. That the mighty men would cry bitterly when this great trouble came. So it is today. People continue to sin and do not seem to think of God or that the Judgment is coming. They trust in their riches, not thinking that the day will come in the Judgment

when it will all be burned up. When the trumpet shall sound and time will be no more people will cry for the rocks and mountains to hide them from the face of the Lord, but it will be too late then to pray. Now is the time to pray.

Zephaniah tells them that neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them in that day. It seems that Zephaniah could even see into the day that we live. People today are trusting in their riches, but riches will not help them. Zephaniah was not afraid to tell them that a day of judgment was coming.

Zephaniah then told of God's forgiveness to those who seek his face. He will care for those who belong to him. Zion and Jerusalem represent the kingdom of God that Jesus set up, and this is for us today as then. Zephaniah said, "Fear not, God is mighty, he will save you." So those that belong to God will be saved in the great Judgment Day as those were in that day.

We find that the people did seek forgiveness. When King Josiah was sixteen he sought the Lord, and then when he was twenty he commanded all the idols of Baal to be broken down and made dust out of them. Later he repaired the house of God and resumed the worship of God. And when the workers in the house of God found a book of the law of Moses, King Josiah called all the people together and had it read, and the people repented. They heeded the call that Zephaniah had preached a few years before and served the Lord. God did forgive them because he saw that they were sorry.

Central Thought: God will forgive all that repent of their sins.

Memory Verse: Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger. Zeph. 2:3.

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June 18

A Little Word

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

And bear sweet sunshine in the face.

—Unknown

Virginia's Victory

Two tears rolled out of Virginia's eyes, down her round cheeks, and splashed on the book in her lap. Her disappointment was almost more than she could bear. She had worked so hard to get Ellen to the Children's Neighborhood Bible Class. Virginia was only ten years old, but she loved Jesus with all of her heart and she wanted her friend to know Him too.

Everything seemed wrong at Ellen's house. Her father had been sick a long time and they did not have much money. But Virginia felt sure that Jesus could help them if only they belonged to Him.

Finally Ellen had yielded to her coaxing and had gone to the class. Ellen liked it, too. Her thin face looked so eager as the teacher talked about Jesus. And then—the class was over and Sister Morton had not asked for anyone to come to Jesus!

Nearly always she did, but today she just closed with a word of prayer. At the thought Virginia burst into tears, and kneeling by her bed, she sobbed out all of the trouble to her Savior.

As she prayed, it seemed as if Jesus was saying to her, "Why don't you ask Ellen to come to Me?"

"Oh, I couldn't," said Virginia, "I'm too young. I wouldn't know what to say."

"But you know what I have done for you," He whispered to her heart.

"I'll try, Lord Jesus," she whispered back.

The next day at school Virginia thought that never since she and Ellen had become friends had it seemed

so hard to get a chance to be alone. But when they were at last walking home together, her voice stuck somewhere in her throat.

"Did you like the Bible class, Ellen?" she tried.

"Oh, yes," said Ellen, "I want to go next week too!"

"There," thought Virginia, "now I won't have to say anything. Surely Sister Morton will give an invitation next time."

The girls paused at a corner, looking both ways. A car was coming, but it did not seem very close.

"Come on, we can make it," Virginia urged, then—"Oh, wait! and she stepped quickly back to the curb. The car was nearer than she thought. Ellen ran on. Brakes screeched and the car stopped, but Ellen lay on the street very, very still. There was blood on her head.

Everything happened quickly after that. People crowded around. An ambulance came and took Ellen away.

Poor Virginia went home feeling as though the world had come to an end. What could she do? What could she do? "Oh, God," she prayed over and over, "please don't let Ellen die without knowing you!"

The afternoon dragged by and then the phone rang. "Virginia, could you come over for a little while?" It was Ellen's mother.

In just a little time Virginia was at Ellen's house. Ellen was sitting in a big chair with a bandage on her head. She looked pale, but was not badly hurt.

"Thank you, Jesus," whispered Virginia, "for letting her live!"

"Ellen," she said quickly, "you know what the teacher said about Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. Well, if we ask Him to, He will wash our sins away and come into our

hearts and make us ever so happy. I know, because I did, and He has been with me ever since!"

Ellen's eyes grew wide as she asked, "Virginia, do you mean that Jesus can be other places than the Bible class? Would He stay right here with me?"

"Of course He would!" Virginia smiled confidently.

"Then," said Ellen, "I want Him!"

There were two very shining faces at the Bible class on Friday. And when Sister Morton gave an invitation to accept the Lord, two hands went up, Ellen's and—Virginia's. But Virginia's was not for herself. She was pointing to her friend and saying, "Sister Morton, she did—she did!"

Then the whole story had to be told. And Virginia was very happy when Sister Morton said with glad tears in her eyes, "It makes me happy to know that Virginia is telling others about Jesus. You are a real missionary!"

—B. Olson

The Emperor's Flags

Alexander the Great, in attacking a city, hoisted a **white** flag as a sign that if the city would surrender at once they would be kindly treated. After a time he put up a **red** flag which meant that the people would be saved but the city would suffer destruction. Last of all a **black** flag was raised. This flag said that it was a war to utter destruction and death.

God's **white** flag is flying. It is a flag of grace which means that all who will surrender their lives to Him now, will immediately receive pardon for their sins.

But over many lives God's **red** flag is flying. Soon the **black** flag of heaven will be hoisted up over the world, and upon all those who have not surrendered their lives to Him. —Sel.

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Dear boys and girls:

You will have to reorder now in order to get your papers for the next quarter. On the calendar it says that today is Father's Day. Since others are honoring their fathers today, we do not want to let our father think we do not honor him. I know that you do love him and he knows it, but if we could do or say something special today, it would be nice. Father does not expect it, but I'm sure he will be very happy if you could get him a little something or even tell him that you wanted to but did not have any money. He would know that you thought of him.

Our fathers work hard to make money so you can have a nice bed, a house to live in, and food to eat, and clothing to wear. God was good to give you such a wonderful father. God gives your father strength to do all these nice things for his boys and girls. You who have fathers who love the Lord should be especially happy because they are leading you to God. Those whose fathers are not serving the Lord will be led to the Lord by you if you will pray for them and ask them to come to Jesus. Many times this has happened. I know all of you love your fathers, for they are wonderful to you.

I can say that I had a wonderful father and mother who led me to the Lord when I was a child, and that is one reason I am loving and serving the Lord today. —Aunt Marie

What's My Name? The name of the captive who was brave when hungry lions were snarling at him was Daniel. (Daniel 6th chapter).

A True Story

Once a mother and two sons were chopping cotton. The older son had a very bad habit of sucking his thumb. The mother had tried every human remedy she knew to break him, but nothing did any good. This time when his mother looked back and saw her boy standing and sucking his thumb, it touched her heart very much to think he was bound by this awful habit. The Lord impressed her to try once more to help him get freed from this habit. So mother said, "Son, if you will stop sucking your thumb, I will get you a Bible or a watch for your birthday."

The son seemed to consider awhile, then said, "Mother, I know you aren't able to buy me a good watch; if you will get me a Bible, I will quit." He kept his promise and was never seen sucking his thumb any more. I am sure it was because Jesus helped him, because he had chosen the best gift. This happened about seventeen years ago.

—Effie Miller

Search Question

What did God tell Moses to build for Him in the wilderness?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Jesus. John 1:29.

Sunday School Lesson

MALACHI ASKS FOR OUR BEST FOR GOD

Lesson 12, June 18, 1950

Malachi 2:19; 3:7-10; 4:5, 6.

We have been studying about several of the minor prophets. Can you name them? Today we will talk about what the prophet wrote in Malachi. We do not know his name, but we know that the word Malachi means, "the messenger of the Lord." The writings of Malachi make up the last book that we have in our Old Testament. He was the last prophet to speak to the people for over 400 years. The next prophet was John the Baptist, who came just before Christ.

We find in the day that this prophet lived that the people had returned from the country where they had been taken to by the big armies and held captive, and had rebuilt the temple of God. You know that the temple was the place where God dwelt and the priests were to offer the lamb for the sins of the people on the altar. The people who had returned did not worship idols any more, but did go to the temple to worship. But they were not very careful to do all that God had told them to do. The worship at the temple just became a form. Just like we have people today, who go to services on Sunday but do bad things through the week. This messenger told them that the Lord was not pleased with the bad things that they did.

First, they did not obey him when they brought in sick or lame lambs for an offering to the Lord on the altar. God had commanded them to bring a nice healthy lamb, the best that they had, to give to the Lord. Of course, we know that the lamb that they brought stood for a sacrifice for their sins just like Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. God gave his only son and he was perfect. He commanded that these

people do the same. So this messenger from the Lord told the people to "return unto me, and I will return unto you." So it is today. We come to Jesus first, and ask him to come into our hearts, and then he will come. There is something for us to do. We must want him and come to him. Have you asked Jesus to come into your heart?

The second thing that the prophet told them about was their robbing him. Did you know that you could rob God? You can. Did you know that God needs money? It takes money to carry on the work of the Lord. Our ministers have to live and eat. They need cars and gasoline so they can work for the Lord and carry the gospel to others. Our pastors need money to live on while they visit the sick, comfort the sad ones, pray for the sick, and help souls to get saved. We need meeting houses built, campgrounds made, money to print the gospel in tracts and papers. The missionaries need money. You name some more. We should give, and the messenger said that the Lord would "open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (For small classes tell about the widow's mites. Mark 12:41-44).

The messenger said that God would send Elijah the prophet before the coming of the Lord, which meant Jesus. Moses and Elijah were great among the people. Moses gave the law and Elijah stood for the spirit of righteousness of the law, and since Elijah was taken up by a whirlwind into heaven, they looked for him again. But we know that when John the Baptist came, he was called Elijah (Luke 1:17).

Central Thought: We should feel that all we have belongs to God.

Memory Verse: Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers? Mal. 2:10.

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June 25

Keep Close to the Savior

Let us ever keep close to the Savior
As we journey through life every day,
Though there are so many allurements
To turn us from Jesus away.

There are so many traps set by Satan,
To trip us and make us fall;
To keep us from giving our Savior
Our time, and our talents, and all.

But the traps that are set for the trav'ler,
We pass by in safety, if we
Keep ever as close to the Savior,
As he ever would have us to be.

—L. M.

Thou Shalt Not Steal

Little Susie had been taught about Jesus and that it was sin to take anything that did not belong to one. She did not do as she was taught. When she went to school and her pencil was little she would want a nice new, long one. She would ask her parents for a new one, but as there were several children in the family and her parents did not have very much money, they could not get her another one so long as she had one. So the devil was right there to tell her to take a pencil

from someone else and hide it for awhile and then no one would know that she had taken it. At first her heart ached because she did this, and she wished she had not, but as time went on she began to forget it, and she did it again. Her heart did not hurt quite as much as it did before. The devil just tried to make her feel all right. Finally the devil told her to take other things, and at last she began to see many things that she wanted. The devil made her want these things so much that he just seemed to push her over to take them when she was in a room by herself. She could not even see money without the devil helping her to find a way so she could slip it and no one could see her. She wished she could quit taking things, but there was a power in her that made her do it. The more she did it, the stronger was the power.

One time a cousin of hers got into trouble. He was young. He had stolen some money. The police followed him and took him to jail. This made Susie feel bad. Her father knew she had taken a few things, so he called her and talked to her about it, and told her that jail would be where this would lead. She cried and cried

while her father was talking to her, but she was not willing to pray and ask God to forgive her and do better. But her father and mother prayed very much for her.

When she grew older, she became ashamed to take things. I am sure that the Lord answered the prayers of her parents and caused her to desire to do better. So she would not stay in a room alone. She would walk out as soon as the last person went out. The Lord helped her, and she was able to quit taking things.

One day she gave her heart to Jesus and asked forgiveness and made these things right. Jesus helped her to do it. He gave great sweetness to her heart. The heavy burden was rolled away. But before the Lord came in she had spent many hours crying and wishing she had never started taking things that did not belong to her. She is ashamed of it today and told this to me so it might help someone else whom the devil has made take things. Never take anything that does not belong to you. It never looks as good as it did before you took it.

—M. Miles

Not Forsaken

A Christian was making a trip into Abyssinia in order to carry on some missionary work there. Everything seemed against him and he was sure God had forsaken him. He had to spend a night in a cave. He spent a long time in prayer and told God how forsaken he was. When he opened his eyes, which now had become accustomed to the dark, he saw a big ferocious hyena and her cubs. The animal had made no move to touch him. God had at that very time he was praying and telling Him he was forsaken, protected him from being torn to pieces.

Bible Story

With a very sad heart Abraham called Hagar to him. He told her that God had told him to send her away and her son, Ishmael. He put a bottle of water on her shoulder. The bottles that they used then were made of skins. Then he gave her food and sent them away. I'm sure he prayed for God to take care of them. He had taught Hagar and Ishmael to pray also, and he was sure God would help them.

They started toward the land of Egypt where Hagar lived when she was a little girl, but they missed the road and wandered in the wilderness of Beerseba. Finally their food was all gone and the water. The hot sun beamed down upon them and hot dry sand became hard to walk in. They became so tired and thirsty that they could not go any farther. Hagar found some shrubs where she laid her suffering son. She could not bear to see him suffer, so she went a little farther away. "I cannot bear to see my son suffer and die," she said, as she lifted up her voice and wept.

Since Ishmael was a little fellow he had been taught to pray to God. Abraham had taught him about God. So when Ishmael became tired and thirsty and knew there was no one to help them, he thought about God. So he prayed, and God heard his prayer.

As Hagar sat there weeping, she heard a voice calling to her out of heaven: "What is the matter, Hagar? Fear not; for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. Go, lift him up and I will make a great nation of him."

Hagar knew God's voice and she ran to where Ishmael was. Then God opened her eyes and caused her to see

a spring of water bubbling up out of the ground. She went quickly and filled her skin bottle and gave Ishmael a drink. Isn't that wonderful how God answered their prayers? He will care for us today just the same.

Hagar and Ishmael lived in the wilderness and Ishmael grew to be a strong wild man. His children grew to be wild, strong men like their father.

—M. Miles

Going To Sunday School

Dear children, I am going to tell you about a little girl by the name of Flossie. She had always gone to Sunday School and enjoyed it, but one Sunday she did not feel very well and did not want to go, so her mother said she could stay at home.

In the afternoon Flossie wanted to take her dolly for a ride in its buggy, but Mother said, "No; you were not able to go to Sunday School, so you are not able to take a walk."

This made me very unhappy (for I was the little girl.) Never again did I want to stay at home from Sunday School.

I am now past sixty years old and still love to go to Sunday School. We should be very thankful for the privilege of Sunday School where we can learn about Jesus and learn how to be good and live for the Lord. So we should always try to go to Sunday School if we are able. May the Lord bless you children and help you to be good and live for Jesus. —F. Atha

Search Question

Finish this sentence: "All we like sheep have gone"

Answer to Last Week's Question

A tabernacle. Exodus 25:9

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Dear boys and girls:

Did you know that God can see you anywhere? Jonah thought he could run away from God, didn't he? But God knew where he was all the time, even if he went down in the ship and went to sleep. We want to remember God sees us all the time and whatever we do. He sees if it is good, and he sees if it is bad. He is pleased and happy when we do the good. And when we give our hearts to Jesus, even the angels in heaven rejoice. Isn't that wonderful? So it means more than just doing good. We must ask Jesus to come into our hearts and live to please him so he will stay there. Listen to his call and be ready to go and do as he wants you to. Do not get into trouble like Jonah did, by disobeying God. Jesus promised to go with us if we will go for Jesus. He told his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel" and he would be with them. (Matt. 28:20).

We pray that the Lord has made this quarter a blessing to you. When you pray, you pray that God will make the little paper a blessing and that many other boys and girls will be saved. We enjoy your letters and trust you will write again. Tell others to write a story for the little paper.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

JONAH LEARNS TO BE A MISSIONARY

Lesson 13, June 25, 1950

Jonah 3:1-6; 4:1-11.

What do you know about Jonah? I asked a boy that, and he said, "Jonah was swallowed by a whale because he did not obey God." But there are other things I would like for you to remember about Jonah. Because he preached the message from God, it caused people to repent of their sins. He was a missionary for the Lord.

We find that Nineveh was a wicked city where the people worshiped idols. They became so wicked that God decided he would destroy them; but God is merciful. He knew that these people did not know about him like the Israelites did, so he decided he would send a prophet to warn them of their wrong-doings.

Jonah was told by God to go to Nineveh and preach to them, but Jonah did not want to go to that wicked city so far from home; so he decided to run away. We find him on a ship going exactly in the opposite direction from Nineveh. Probably he thought he could get so far away that God would not find him, so he could not talk to him about Nineveh. He felt safer on the ship, so he fell asleep. But a storm arose and the sailors were frightened, and they began to call on their gods. Finally the captain found Jonah asleep. He woke him and asked him to pray. Jonah did not feel like praying; yet as he looked at the waves he felt he would never see dry land again.

The sailors cast lots to see if one of them had caused the storm and the lot fell on Jonah. They gathered around him and asked where he was from and what his business was. Jonah told them that he was from the land of Israel and that he worshipped the God who had

made the sea and dry land. At once they were afraid. They did not know about such a great God. They asked him what they should do so the storm would cease. Jonah told them to throw him overboard. They did not like to do this, but after trying to get the ship to land again, they knew they must do this or all would be lost.

God prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah and it carried him around for three days. Jonah prayed and became very willing to go and preach to Nineveh while in the fish's belly. So God caused the fish to throw him out on dry land.

Jonah entered Nineveh and preached up one street and down the other. He told them that within forty days Nineveh would be destroyed. The people were frightened and alarmed. They ran to their king and told him about this message. The king was frightened and laid aside his rich garments and sat in sackcloth and commanded all to do as he had done and to pray to God.

After Jonah finished, he went outside of the city and waited for the fire to fall. But forty days passed by and no fire fell. The people repented and God spared them, but Jonah was afraid that they would call him a false prophet and he was much displeased.

God taught Jonah a lesson by letting a gourd-vine grow up one night to make a shelter for him, and then he caused a worm to kill the gourd. Jonah became very unhappy. God told Jonah that he knew he was sorry to see the plant die, though he (Jonah) did not make it grow, and "should I not have MORE pity on the people of Nineveh than you have on a plant?"

Central Thought: God wants our help to give light to people who are in darkness.

Memory Verse: Salvation is of the Lord. Jonah 2:9b.