

# The Beautiful Way



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July 2

## Kind At Home

I'd like for folk to say of me,  
No matter where I roam:  
"That girl has lovely manners—but  
She's sweeter far at home.  
"Her temper never does she lose;  
She's patient as can be;  
She ever strives to spread content  
Among the family.  
"She always tidies up her room;  
And with a spritely step,  
She strives in countless little ways  
To be of real help.  
"She welcomes, with a friendly smile  
The neighbors as they come;  
She's quite a nice girl anywhere—  
But sweeter far at home." —Sel.

## A True Story

Cassie and Dolly (11 and 12 years of age) were having their children's meeting one afternoon while their mothers were over to a neighbor's house. Dolly's little sister was with them and helped with the singing. Cassie's two little brothers and Dolly's little brother were outside playing. After the girls sang a few songs it was time for prayer, and they were

giving in their prayer requests. They happened to think of one of Cassie's brothers (Willard) who was outside playing, having a growth over his eye. It had just started from a little thing and had grown until it was so big it was bothering his eye. The people around had told the parents that they would have to take the boy to the doctor and let him cut the growth off.

The little girls decided to ask Willard if he wanted them to pray for the Lord to take the growth off his eye. So they called him in and asked him, and he at first said "no" he did not want them to pray for him. Then they told him how bad it would hurt if the doctor had to cut it off his eye, and it would probably leave a real ugly scar. They told him the Lord could take the growth off his eye and it wouldn't even leave a scar. So he told them he wanted them to pray for the Lord to take it off. They had him to kneel down between them and they put their arms around him and prayed for the Lord to remove this and the Lord heard and answered their prayer, because in just a few days the growth was gone and you can't tell to this day that there ever was a growth on his eye.—V. Marler

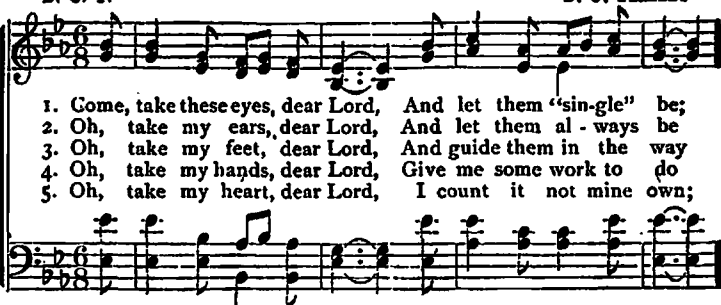
During the summer, you children may have opportunities to meet together and worship God. Here is a song that would be good for you to learn and sing with the other children, or sing it at home. The Lord is pleased when we sing good songs if we mean what we are singing and sing from the heart.

This song is a prayer to the Lord. If you really mean it, He will show you ways by which you can use your eyes, ears, feet and hands and heart for him. Wouldn't you rather use them for the Lord than for the devil? It would be good to sing this every day.—G.R.

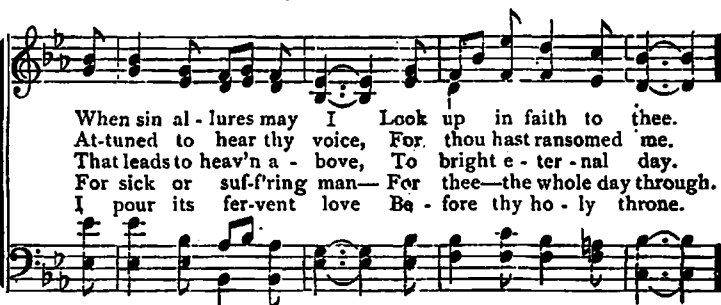
## Oh, Take Me, Lord

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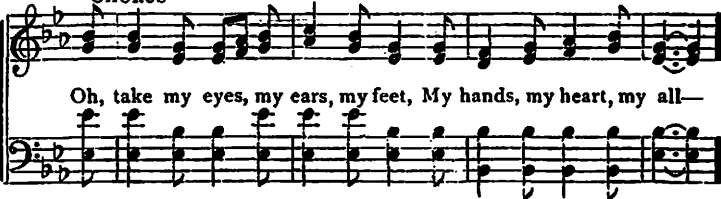


1. Come, take these eyes, dear Lord, And let them "sin-gle" be;
2. Oh, take my ears, dear Lord, And let them al-ways be
3. Oh, take my feet, dear Lord, And guide them in the way
4. Oh, take my hands, dear Lord, Give me some work to do
5. Oh, take my heart, dear Lord, I count it not mine own;

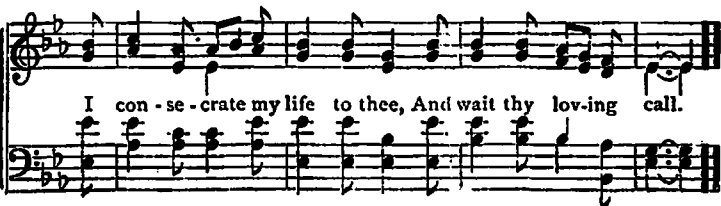


When sin al-lures may I Look up in faith to thee.  
 At-tuned to hear thy voice, For thou hast ransomed me.  
 That leads to heav'n a-bove, To bright e-ter-nal day.  
 For sick or suf-f'ring man— For thee—the whole day through.  
 I pour its fer-vent love Be-fore thy ho-ly throne.

### CHORUS



Oh, take my eyes, my ears, my feet, My hands, my heart, my all—



I con-se-crate my life to thee, And wait thy lov-ing call.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Mark 12:30, 31.

## Search Question:

What was John the Baptist's father's name?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
"Astray" Isa. 53:6.

Okla.—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name. I am still saved and living for the Lord. I am encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. I think the Lord would like for me to tell what he has done for me.

Thurs. when I came home from school I had a headache. I prayed and asked the Lord to heal me. It stopped hurting for awhile and then started again, but not as bad. But whenever I coughed it would hurt worse. But I didn't give up. I just kept pressing on for him. It was hurting the next morning, so I got up and prayed again. Then I started with my work. After I washed dishes I got two buckets of water and my head began to hurt again. That night I prayed before I went to bed and my head was not hurting in the morning, and I just thank the Lord for answering prayer. Continue to pray for my mother that she will turn to God before too late. Pray for me that I will live the life before my mother and my school mates and that I will stand against the wiles of the devil.

Your sister in Christ, Lillie Mae Adams

### DON'T WRITE THERE

"Don't write there," said a man to a young lad who was writing on a window with a sharp nail.

"Why?"

"Because you can't rub it out."

We must be careful what we do and say, for there is no way of "rubbing out" what we have done or said. The best way to do and say the right things is to let Jesus live in your heart and talk and act through you.

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Dear boys and girls:

Have you been learning the books of the New Testament? The books, First and Second Corinthians were letters written by Paul and sent to the church at Corinth. He tells them how they should live to please God. He tells them many things that the Lord told him. How they should love God and everybody.

The next book, called Galatians, is a letter written by Paul to the churches of God at Galatia. He tells them that when we are saved we become the children, by faith, of Abraham, that we are free from keeping the old law and are to keep Jesus' law thru love to him. And we will live so others may know by our fruits we are the Lord's.

I trust that you have not been forgetting to pray often to Jesus. Before you go to sleep you think back over that day and think about what you have done. If you see you have not been as kind to brother or sister as you should have been, you can pray and ask Jesus to help you be kinder and not to fuss. Jesus will help you. There are many things you can pray about. May Jesus bless you, is my prayer. Aunt Marie

In the day of trouble I sought the Lord.  
Psa. 77:2.

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 1, July 2, 1950

## JACOB LEARNS MORE ABOUT GOD

Genesis 35:1-7, 9-12. (Gen. 11-22)

In this quarter we are going to talk about great men and women of the Bible. The first one will be Jacob.

I am sure some of you know something about Jacob. There is a lot in the Bible about him. Jacob had a twin brother named Esau. They were the boys of Isaac and Rebekah. They were taught to love and obey God. But we find as they grew older that they did not always do all the things God told them to do. Jacob deceived his father and caused Esau to hate him so his mother thought he should go back to her family's home to be away from Esau, and to find a girl there to marry that loved God. Esau had married girls that worshiped idols and caused his parents to be very grieved.

As Jacob hurried along the dusty path, he no doubt had time to think about his sins. And as the evening shadows gathered, he found a place to lie down to sleep. He did not have a pillow, so put one stone under his head. No doubt, before he went to sleep, he thought of the blessing that his father Isaac had given him and how he did want to do the right. Then he fell asleep. While he was asleep, he had a dream. He saw a ladder reaching from the earth to heaven, and he saw angels going up and down on this ladder. And God himself was standing at the top and talked to Jacob. He told him that he would give him all the land around him, as he had promised to his father and grandfather, Abraham and Isaac. And that he would go with him wherever he went, and through his children's children the whole world would be blessed

(meaning, sending Jesus). When Jacob awoke he was afraid. Why? Because of his sins. He said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I knew it not." So he took the stones he had used for a pillow, and others, and built an altar. He had no lamb to sacrifice for sin, but he took some oil that he had and poured it on the stone as an offering. Then he called the place "Bethel" which means "House of God." He promised the Lord that if he would give him food and water and keep him, he would serve him as the true God. Then Jacob went on his journey with a glad and happy heart, for he knew that God was traveling with him. It is wonderful to have the Lord with us and have his angels to take care of us. (Psa. 91:11; 34:7).

In today's lesson we find Jacob coming back to the place of Bethel. God had blessed him with a large family, many servants, and great possessions. The Lord had truly gone with Jacob. Now he told his servants and family to put away from them all their strange gods and earrings, that they were going to Bethel to worship the God who had blessed him. His household gave him all and he hid them under an oak tree. They put on clean garments and took baths to be ready to worship the Lord. So Jacob built an altar to the Lord and thanked him for a safe journey and for all his blessings to him. Then God spoke to him again here. He changed his name to Israel and told him that he would make a great nation of his descendants, or children.

**Central Thought**—We should see ourselves, and then seek help from God.

**Memory Verse**—Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest. Gen. 28:15a.

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July 9

## The Greatest Gift

The greatest gift in all the world  
God gave to you and me,  
And for it Jesus shed His blood  
Up there on Calvary.

It is the blessed gift of life  
That you and I possess.  
It brings us joy, it brings us tears,  
It brings us happiness.

Where life is there can be no death.  
There's nothing we need fear,  
So let us just have faith in God,  
And trust the Saviour dear.

—C. R. Freeman

## "Whatsoever Ye Shall Ask"

Tears fell from Wanda's eyes into the sink when she was washing the breakfast dishes.

Since her mother died a year ago, Wanda had been dreadfully lonely. Her only consolation was reading her Bible. Before her mother died she read to Wanda each night before bedtime, and now that Mrs. Hagan was gone, her little daughter had to read for herself.

The twelve-year-old girl had not gone to school much, because she was

needed at home. Her father was a hard-working man, but he spent a larger part of his money for drink.

One evening after supper Wanda asked her father to read hear a chapter from the Bible. "No, I have something more to think of than religion," Mr. Hagan answered. It grieved her to think her father would not go to church services or even take an interest in reading God's Word.

Some time later as Wanda opened her Bible her eyes fell on a passage of Scripture in John 14:13a—"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do." With this in mind, Wanda knelt by her bed and prayed for her father that he might find salvation.

As the months and years slipped by, Wanda grew to be a true follower of Christ. She never forgot to pray for her father; her heart was heavily burdened for him.

At the age of sixteen Wanda was asked to go to a nearby town and assist in gospel work. She was undecided about going for it would mean leaving her father alone for a couple weeks; so she told him of her plans. He did not object to her going, and she was relieved.

Wanda enjoyed working for the Lord, and the Lord was blessing, but darkness lay ahead. She received a telegram from home one evening which read as follows: "Your father seriously ill. Come at once."

She had been so happy an hour before, but now she was troubled.

As she rode home on the bus, she prayed that her father would be spared until she could get there. Oh, why had her father rejected God! If only she knew.

"Ask, and it shall be given you." The words came to her again. "Oh, Lord," she prayed, "You said in your Word, 'Ask, and it shall be given you.' Please show my father the way before it is too late. If I have failed in helping him, please forgive me." The bus stopped in front of the hospital.

The nurse took her to his room, but told her she could not stay long as her father had had a heart attack.

She heard the heavy breathing of her father as she crossed the room to his side and fell on her knees. "Help me quick, Wanda," he moaned. "Pray for me." She prayed and then read to him the fourteenth chapter of John. The light then broke on his face, and with a smile he told Wanda to meet him and Mother in Heaven. He slipped peacefully away to a better world.

The sorrow of losing her father was great, but the joy in knowing she would see him again was boundless.

Today Wanda Hagan is living a truly Christlike life, and letting her light shine for others. Her motto has long since been, "Ask, and it shall be given you."

—Sel.

## Search Question

At the time of creation, what did God call the darkness?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Zacharias. Luke 1:13.

## A Trip With Aunt Vera

One time I visited Aunt Vera that lives out near the Basalone homes in California. She asked me to go with her on her mission that day to these homes where there were so many little children. Oh, there were Jimmie's and Joe's and Mary's and Dickies, and oh, so many precious little children! How Jesus loves the little children. He said, "suffer (let them come) the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We held about four services that day for the little ones in different groups. How they did love the stories from the Bible and the songs! There were from twelve to twenty-five in each group. When lunch time came, one of the nice mothers made us welcome to have lunch in her home. How tired we were when night came, but very happy to have met these dear little children, and hope they will remember what Aunt Vera is teaching them about Jesus, and I know God will bless her work there.

This is Aunt Georgia that Aunt Vera brought to see you.

Yours in much love and God bless you,  
—Aunt Georgia

## "I Have Ten Cents"

Two girls were counting their pennies. One said, "I have five cents."

The other said, "I have ten cents."

"No," said the first, "you have just five cents, the same as I have."

But the second child quickly replied, "Daddy said that when he came home tonight he would give me five cents, and so I have ten cents."

Her faith counted it as being already hers because her father had promised it. So we must have faith in the promises of Jesus.

## Bible Story

### Genesis 22

Abraham was a man of faith and trusted God. But often God tested Abraham to see if he really loved him and would obey him. We have tests in school to see if we are ready for higher grades. They are given to help us. It was a test for Abraham when God called for him to leave his homeland and to journey to a far away land. We know that Abraham obeyed and trusted God. Then at another time Abraham was tested; he let Lot have the best of the land and trusted God to care for him; and did not quarrel with Lot. It was a great test to Abraham that he had no son, but here again he was willing to trust the Lord; and at the time which God had appointed, Isaac was born. Yes, Abraham was a man of faith and trusted God.

You remember about how Adam had a "test tree" in the Garden of Eden. They were commanded not to eat of it; but they failed to obey the command and were punished. Sometimes you are tested also, to see if you can be strong to obey. I am sure you said "no" to the devil when he told you to do wrong. We prove to Jesus that we love him when we obey him.

Isaac had grown up into a fine big boy. God knew that Abraham loved him very much. And as the years passed by this love for him increased. He looked at him as the gift-child. Abraham knew that Isaac and his children and children's children were to be the nation that God would bless. And through these people the Lord Jesus would be sent to the world. Abraham thought of these things when he looked at his dear child. M.M.

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Dear boys and girls:

Our Sunday school lesson today should help us to know a little more about how great God is. You see, when God came close to the earth his presence caused the thunders to roll and lightnings to flash, and fire shot up and the ground shook. We should know that we should keep his words or terrible things will come upon us. Awful things are coming on the earth today because people are displeasing God.

Do you remember when Jesus died on the cross that an earth quake shook the ground and great darkness came upon the earth? God wants us to know how much he is displeased with sin. And as Jesus died for our sins, he became sin so we could be free; yet there was no sin in Jesus. But God hates sin. He gave the Ten Commandments so the Children of Israel could know how to please him.

Let us love God more and fear to cause him to be hurt because of our wrongs.

Did you pray to Jesus last night before you went to sleep? Isn't Jesus good to us? We love to praise him and talk to him and tell him all our troubles. He always makes us feel so good, doesn't he? Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 2, July 9, 1950

## MOSES TEACHES HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

Exodus 19:16-25; 35: 4, 5, 21.

In last Sunday's lesson we studied how God promised to bless Jacob and children and all his descendants and give them the land on which Jacob lay. Many things happened between that time and today's lesson. Jacob was taken with all his family down to Egypt because of the famine, and Joseph fed them. Then as years passed and they grew into a great, great number, the king of Egypt saw that they were becoming great, so he made slaves out of them and caused them to work hard. They called on the Lord and God sent Moses to lead them out of the land of Egypt to take them back to the land he promised to their fathers, Jacob, Isaac, and Abraham.

Today we find this great, great company of people at the Mount Sinai, just three months after they crossed the Red Sea and all of Pharaoh's army was drowned, after their wonderful deliverance from being slaves. We find that God had told Moses that if the people would obey him, he would make a holy nation of them. The people said that they would do all the Lord told them. Now God told Moses to tell them to wash themselves and all their clothes and get ready, for he was coming down on the mountain and talk to them. After three days, God came down on the mountain. The mountain began to quake, thunders rolled and lightnings flashed. Then they heard a voice of the trumpet loud and long. Then Moses called all the people out to the foot of the mountain to meet God. There they saw the smoke as from a fire, and the mountain shook. God is a great God, and as he came near to his

creation, it began to quake. He wanted the people to know how great he was. He wanted them to see his power. The people were afraid and also Moses (Heb. 12:21). Then Moses called out to God and then the trumpet stopped and God answered Moses. By this God wanted the people to know that he had chosen Moses to be their leader, and that they must listen to his words. Then God called Moses to come up to the top of the mountain. He told Moses to go down and warn the people that they must not touch the mountain or they would be killed. He said only he and Aaron could come on the mountain. He was afraid that some of them would think "If Moses and Aaron can go, I can too," just like at a later time Miriam and others thought they could be leaders and were punished (Numbers 12:16).

While Moses was on the mountain, God wrote with his finger the Ten Commandments on two tables of stone. He also gave twenty-three things that he wanted the people to do, and if they did not do them they would be punished. Then He gave twenty-four other things to do that did not have punishments with it. He told Moses how to make the Tabernacle where God could come down and live to be near the people.

The last part of our lesson tells of Moses asking the people for an offering of silver and gold, brass, and material with which to make the tabernacle. He said, "whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it; an offering to the Lord." And we find that a great number had willing hearts, and the tabernacle was made.

**Central Thought**—It is good to follow a leader whom God appoints.

**Memory Verse**—If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people. Exodus 19:5.



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July 16

## Was It You?

O, there was somebody who said a harsh word,

That caused deepest sorrow when it was heard—Was it you?

There was somebody who always was bad,  
Who daily and hourly made somebody sad—Was it you?

O, there was a person day in and day out,  
Who always was sulking and ready to pout—Was it you?

And there was a boy who always would tease

His smaller companions, his fancy to please—Was it you?

But there is somebody else, so they say,  
Who always is cheerful, happy, and gay.  
Is it you?

And there is another so pleasant to meet,  
Who always is bright and smiling and sweet;—Is it you?

And there is a child that is always good,  
And ever is trying to do as he should—

I hope it is YOU. —Selected.

## ETERNITY

"As a tree falls, so shall it lie;  
As a boy lives, so shall he die;  
As a boy dies, so shall he be  
Throughout the long age of eternity."

## An Unselfish Act

Not many years ago there lived a very unselfish little girl whom we shall call Ann. Ann lived with her parents and sister and brother on a farm. Sometimes her father would go to town and bring candy home for the children. Since she was of a poor family, this was quite a treat.

Ann would not eat hers, but kept saving each piece until she had four pieces saved.

One night she heard her mother say, "I wish I had some candy." How good Ann felt then because she had saved hers. So she quickly ran away to get the candy she had put away. Just four pieces—one for mother, father, sister, and brother. There was none left for little Ann, but she did not mind, for she felt so rewarded in giving. How happy her mother felt to know that she was so unselfish.

Children, let us learn to be as unselfish as little Ann was. How many times some of us dislike to give part of our candies, fruit, or toys away—not to speak of giving it all. The Bible says it is more blessed to give than to receive. —O. A. Davenport

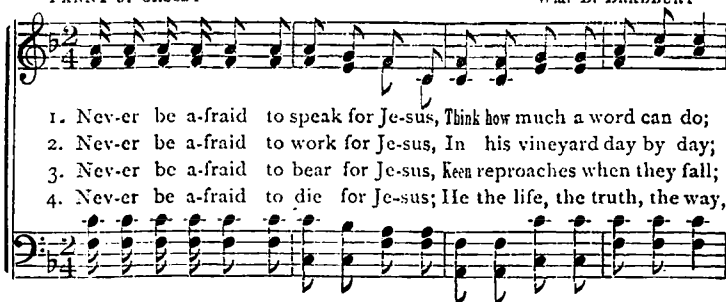
## Never Be Afraid

This is an old song that your grandparents may have sung when they were children. Ask someone to teach it to you then sing it often and obey it. The devil is trying to make children think they can not live for Jesus, but Jesus will help if they will trust him. The time may soon come when the people who do not love Jesus will kill you for loving and serving Him but if you will live for Him now you need not fear that time. Think of Daniel in the lions' den if the devil tries to make you be afraid. Below is a story of a little girl who was not afraid. —G. R.

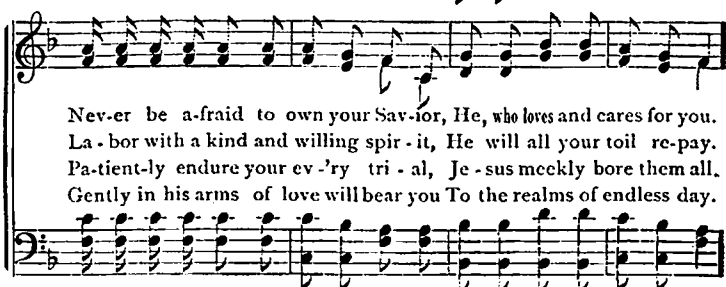
"Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God."—LUKE 12: 8, 9.

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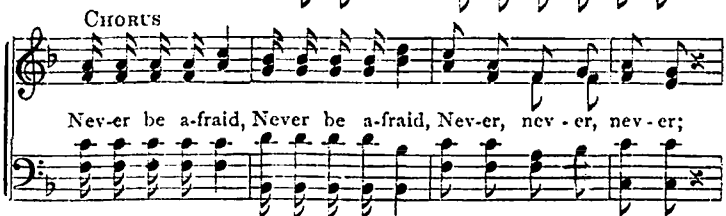


1. Nev-er be a-fraid to speak for Je-sus, Think how much a word can do;
2. Nev-er be a-fraid to work for Je-sus, In his vineyard day by day;
3. Nev-er be a-fraid to bear for Je-sus, Keen reproaches when they fall;
4. Nev-er be a-fraid to die for Je-sus; He the life, the truth, the way,

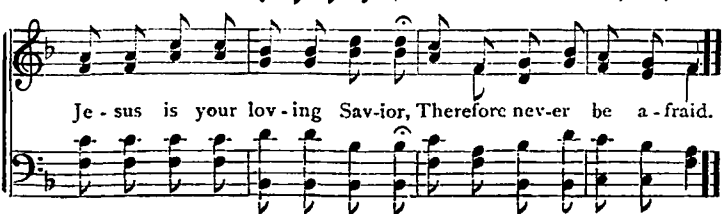


Nev-er be a-fraid to own your Sav-ior, He, who loves and cares for you.  
La-bor with a kind and willing spir-it, He will all your toil re-pay.  
Pa-tient-ly endure your ev'-ry tri-al, Je-sus meekly bore them all.  
Gently in his arms of love will bear you To the realms of endless day.

CHORUS



Nev-er be a-fraid, Never be a-fraid, Nev-er, nev-er, nev-er;



Je-sus is your lov-ing Sav-ior, Therefore nev-er be a-fraid.

"The Lord shall fight for you" Ex. 14:14. The Turks, having tortured and slain the parents of a little Armenian girl before her eyes, turned to the child and said: "Will you renounce your faith in Jesus and live?" She replied, "I will not." "Then to the dogs!" they cried. She was thrown into a kennel of hungry savage dogs and left there. The next morning they came and looked in, to see the little girl on her knees praying, and beside her was the largest and most savage of all the dogs, snapping at every dog that ventured near, thus protecting the child. The men ran away terrified, crying out, "There is a God here; there is a God here!" —Selected

## MY OWN SAVIOUR

Visitors at a school for the deaf were questioning the pupils at their teacher's suggestion. The visitors wrote on the board: What can you tell us about Washington? Lincoln? Napoleon? And one after another of the pupils replied. Then one of the men asked, "What can you tell us of Jesus Christ?" A beautiful reply was given by a young girl: "He is my very own Saviour." Can you say the same of Jesus Christ?

La.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I am a little girl nine years of age. I cannot go to Sunday school, so I am really glad I have sent for the "Beautiful Way." I enjoy its contents and the letters of boys and girls everywhere. I am praying that the Lord will open up the way where I can go to Sunday school and church services.

I have a little sister six years of age. Her eyes are bad and she has to wear glasses. I want the saints everywhere to pray that the Lord will heal her eyes so she won't have to wear glasses.

My mother has headache often. I would like for the saints to pray for her.

My grandmother is not trusting the Lord for her healing. She goes to the doctor and does other things that are not pleasing to the Lord. I would like for the saints to remember her in prayer.

I am enclosing a dollar to help keep the good work going.

I would like for the saints to pray for all my sisters. They are not trusting the Lord for their healing. Pray for me.

Gatha Constable

## Search Question

Finish this sentence: "Christ died for our - - - ."

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Night. Genesis 1:5.

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Dear boys and girls:

Isn't it wonderful to love Jesus and to know that he loves us, and to know when we kneel down to pray that Jesus listens to us, and to know that he will answer our prayers if they are prayed in the right way? I read about a boy that said there was no use to pray because God did not hear. He said he knew a boy who had prayed and prayed for a bicycle and he didn't get it. But the boy's father told him that maybe that boy prayed a selfish prayer. That boy's father had been out of work and he should not want to take food from his brothers and sisters just so he could have a bicycle. So we want to be sure and pray the right way and with a good thing in view.

In our lesson today we learned how Ruth was given such good things because she showed her love to her mother-in-law; how she was loved and married by Boaz who was a rich man, and cared for Ruth and Naomi. Then through her son and grandsons and on down in the family, Jesus was born in Bethlehem. She was richly blessed. And so we want to learn a lesson from Ruth that it is a good thing to stay with God's people and with God. God will surely bless his own.—Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

## RUTH STANDS BY NAOMI

Lesson 3, July 16, 1950

Ruth 1:8, 14-22.

Our lesson opens today with Naomi telling Ruth and Orpha goodbye. They were her daughters-in-law. Naomi had come to the land of Moab from Judea where there was a famine. Her sons had married these two girls, then her husband and two sons had died. Naomi wanted to return to her homeland, but thought Ruth and Orpha would want to stay.

We hear Naomi telling Ruth and Orpha to go no farther with her. They probably had walked a little distance with her, but she asked them to return to their mother's home. And she said, "The Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me." They had been kind and loving girls to their husbands and to Naomi, their mother-in-law. And Naomi wanted the Lord to give them what they had given her, which was great love and kindness. Remember that if you are kind to others you will receive kindness. God always rewards us for the good we do.

The girls lifted up their voice and wept, then Orpha kissed her and left, but Ruth stayed with Naomi. She did not want to leave this dearly beloved mother-in-law. Then Naomi told her that Orpha had gone back and that she ought to go too, as she probably would find someone there for a husband easier than in Judea among strangers, but Ruth did not think that important. Finally she said to her mother-in-law, "Please do not ask me any more to go back, for where you go I will go; and where you stay, I will stay: your people shall be my people, and your God shall be my God. Where you die, will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." Oh, such love Ruth had for this

dear aged mother who had lost her husband and two sons. What a comfort she must have been. Now we see them going on with all their worldly goods in their arms or on their backs. Not only did Ruth love her mother-in-law, but she had also learned to love her God, the true and only God. Ruth had been taught to worship idols, but when she learned faith and belief from Naomi in the only God who had power to help her and bless her, she wanted to cling to Naomi and her people and Ruth's new found God.

Finally they arrived at the small town of Bethlehem. Can you tell me who was born in Bethlehem whom we love very much? Yes, that is right, Jesus. And as the town was stirred then, so it was on this day when the news went around that Naomi had returned with a beautiful daughter-in-law. Probably many of them remembered when she had left with her husband and two sons, and now she was returning without them. When they learned how her daughter-in-law loved her so much that she was willing to leave her own people and come with her, it made them love Ruth also. But Naomi wanted them to call her Mara, which means "bitter." She felt she had lost so much, but she did not blame God.

Next we see this wonderful daughter-in-law out gathering barley in the harvest that was left behind the reapers to get food for them. There she met Boaz. He was a relative of Naomi's husband and he fell in love with Ruth and married her. God gave them a son, and they called him Obed. Obed was the father of Jesse and Jesse was the father of David. Jesus was born of that line, so Ruth was an ancestor of Jesus. Isn't it wonderful how God blessed Ruth?

**Central Thought:** We should cling to God and his people.

**Memory Verse:** Thy people shall be my people and thy God my God. Ruth 1:16b.

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July 23

## Smiles

A smile is quite a funny thing;  
It wrinkles up your face;  
And when it's gone you cannot find  
Its secret hiding place.

But far more wonderful it is  
To see what smiles can do.  
You smile at one, he smiles at you,  
And so one smile makes two.

He smiles at someone since you smiled  
And then that one smiles back;  
And that one smiles until in truth  
You fail in keeping track.

And since a smile can do great good  
By cheering hearts of care,  
Let's smile and smile, and not forget  
That smiles go everywhere!—Selected.



## In The Woods

The Spring that I was ten years old, my folks lived in Missouri, in that part where the hills are covered with trees, and we lived far back from the road. One day my mother sent my sister and me on an errand to a neighbor's, miles away. She gave us careful directions about the way we were to go: as we were to go thru the fields

and woods, for to go by the road would make it much further.

I had been to the neighbor's once when there were no leaves on the trees, but I was sure I could find the place. Almost at the end of our journey we were to climb a long hill, and from the top of this hill we could see some of the fence surrounding the neighbor's place; by following this fence we would come to her house.

We trudged along merrily; our only fear was that we might meet up with some cattle known to be feeding in the more open places in the woods.

At last we came to the foot of the long hill. We scrambled over a vine covered fence, and following a faintly marked path, climbed to the hilltop.

It had been a long climb and we stopped to rest awhile before looking for the landmark. Then we looked, here, there, and all around; but no fence. All we could see was the leafy boughs. Overhead were trees, and all about us softly swaying branches. Try as we would, we could not find a single trace to tell us which way to go.

My sister was scared and began to cry, and wanted to go home. At length, since I could not find the way to the neighbor's house, I consented.

But which way was home? There proved to be many faint little paths leading down hill; we did not know which one we came up by. We were surely lost. What could we do? No one but mother knew we were in the woods, she had no one to send to look for us, she had babies to care for, and could not look us up. As these facts flashed through my mind, my heart was filled with terror and I too began to cry.

Then mid my tears came a startling thought. God knows where we are. He can help us be found. Clasp my terrified sister in my arms, I dropped on my knees and sobbed, "Oh, God; help us to be found." And we were found! While down on my knees, I saw far down the hill, beneath the leafy boughs, and there was the neighbor's fence! Never will I forget that moment. What if I had not knelt? "He shall call upon me in trouble and I will answer him." *Psa. 9:1.*

—Georgia C. Elliott

## Ned and Jane Questions

"Mother, do you have a little verse for me to say at Sunday School? The teacher wants our mothers to teach us a little verse." Jane asked, as Mother was mending Ned's shirt.

"How about saying, 'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'?"

"Oh, that's too long; too many big words," answered Jane as she sat down at Mother's feet.

"Let me say it at Sunday School—The fear of the Lord is—eh—eh—what?" spoke up Ned quickly.

"No, Ned, you can learn a longer one and also learn this one while I teach it to Jane. Now, Jane, if I say it real slowly and explain it to you, it won't be too hard for my little girl."

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," Mother said slowly,

with Jane repeating each word.

"I didn't know that we were supposed to be afraid of the Lord," Ned said.

"What do you mean, dear?" asked Mother.

"Well, that verse says, 'The fear of the Lord—'" Ned said slowly with a questioning look.

"Oh, no, we are not to be afraid of the Lord. That is not the kind of fear that this verse means. We are serving a God of love. Remember Jane's verse sometime ago, 'God is love.' He does not want us to be afraid to come to him, and he loves us. And he wants us to love him so much that we will be afraid that we will do something that will make him sad or feel bad. Now when I was a little girl I did not want to do anything that would make my father and Mother feel bad. And many times I would think about that. I loved them so much that I was afraid that I would do something that they did not want me to, and they would feel hurt. They told me things that I could do and things that I could not do. So God has written in our Bibles the things to do that please him, and he also tells us that if we do not do those things that we will be punished. Just like our parents punish us when we disobey them. That is the kind of fear that we are to have—fear to hurt or disobey the one we love dearly.

"Oh, I know," said Ned, "Be afraid to hurt Jesus by doing something he would not want us to do."

"I love Jesus too, and I don't want to hurt him," Jane said.

"Yes, I'm glad both of you love Jesus and hope you will remember this verse. Wisdom means to be wise. And it is wise to fear the Lord or to be afraid to hurt or displease him."

—M. Miles

## Search Question

Who was leader of the Children of Israel after Moses died?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
"sins." 1 Cor. 15:3.

## THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE SCORE

When a person gives his life to Jesus, instead of sins he has these things in his life. Add letters either before or after, or both, to make the word:

	No. of letters
1. ....ai.....	5
2. ....op.....	4
3. ....li.....	6
4. ....ve.....	4
5. ....ut.....	5
6. ....ct.....	6
7. ....ie.....	9
8. ....ee.....	8
9. ....ie.....	8
10. ....tl.....	10
11. ....oy.....	3
12. ....ac.....	5
13. ....oo.....	8
14. ....co.....	11
15. ....dn.....	8
16. ....ss.....	9
17. ....we.....	5
18. ....ds.....	10

Total 124

Love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control, hope, belief, obedience, kindness, truth, happiness, victory, power, friendship.

"Despise not thy mother when she is old."—Prov. 23:22.

Dear boys and girls:

I hope that you are learning the books of the New Testament. After Galatians comes Ephesians. This is

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a letter that Paul wrote to the saints which lived at Ephesus. It helps us today as we read it, to know how to live closer to God. He told them that they were saved through Jesus by faith (or belief) in Him. He told them to be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake had forgiven them (Eph. 4:32). That is a wonderful thing to think about, isn't it? We know when we came to Jesus to be forgiven, that in his kindness and tenderness to us, He forgave us. Now Jesus wants us to be just the same way to others as Jesus is to us. You say, "I told him not to hit me and he did it anyway. I'm not going to forgive him; I'm going to hit him back." Do you know that Jesus told you not to tell lies, but you did it anyway, but when you came to Jesus and told him how sorry you were that you did not do what He said and asked him to forgive you, that Jesus just freely forgave you. So Jesus wants us to forgive every one right at the time when they do us wrong, and go on and forget it. Isn't that a wonderful way to live? And Jesus will bless you and make your heart very happy. Others will be happy also. Be sure and read Ephesians 6 and the first verse, or do you know what it says? —Aunt Marie.

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4, July 23, 1950

## SAMUEL GROWING UP

1 Samuel 7:3-6, 15, 16; 12:1-5.

Samuel lived with the High Priest, Eli, at Shiloh. There he was taught about God, and each year his mother, who had given him to the Lord, came to see him and brought a new coat for him. She was very glad to hear that he was learning to help do the things of the Lord around the tabernacle.

Samuel loved God very dearly. He wanted to please him, and he was glad to help Eli, who was growing old, take care of the tabernacle. And because Samuel loved God something wonderful happened to him one night. God spoke to him. It had been a long, long time since God had spoken to any one and Samuel did not know that it was God. So when he heard a voice calling his name, he thought surely it was Eli. He was a good boy and always came when he was called. He jumped out of bed and ran to Eli, and said, "Here am I." Do you always come quickly when Mother calls? I'm sure God will bless you for that. Mothers are very busy and the things that they want you to do are more important than your play. If Samuel had not gone when he was called and just thought, "Oh, I'm too sleepy, I'll ask him in the morning what he wanted," I'm afraid he would have missed a great blessing all the rest of his life. God chooses those to work for him that will answer when he calls and do what he says.

Eli was surprised when Samuel came to him, and he said, "I did not call for you; lie down again." He went back to his bed and lay down. And the second time the boy heard a voice calling, "Samuel," and he went again to Eli and said, "Here am I, for you did call me."

As before, Eli told him that he did

not call him. The third time God called, and Samuel went as before to Eli. Then Eli understood that the Lord wanted to speak to little Samuel, so he told him to go back and lie down and if he heard the voice again, to say, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." Samuel obeyed, and God called him again. Then God talked to Samuel. He told Samuel that because Eli's sons had done so many wicked things and because Eli did not try to keep them from it that Eli was soon to be punished and his sons also. This did come true. Eli and his sons all died.

God is not pleased for boys and girls to do wrong and he is not pleased when your parents let you do wrong. Can't you see that is why your parents have to punish you for your wrong? God tells them to or they will be punished, and you also. They love you and do not want to see you be punished by God.

As Samuel grew older he continued to listen to God's words. He told the people what God had said to him, and the people knew he was a prophet sent from God.

Later the people wanted a king to rule over them. Samuel was displeased because they wanted a king, so he asked them if he had not lived right before them and told them all the words of the Lord? Had he not been fair to every one? And if he had not, he was ready to make it right. The people said that he had been fair. And it was put down on the records that way. Samuel gave them a king, but as long as he lived, he judged the people and was always bold to tell the people of their wrongs and how to come back to God.

**Central Thought:** Samuel had a great life because he gave himself to God early.

**Memory Verse:** And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

1 Sam. 3:19.



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July 30

## Lights for Jesus

We need a light when in the dark,  
And not when in the light;  
So let us shine for Jesus where  
The way is dim, not bright.

So many people live in sin,  
That's why the world is dark;  
And if we give no heavenly light,  
They do not have a spark.

So let us beam upon the world,  
Till Jesus' love they see;  
For if we are no lights for Him,  
Who else could ever be?

## When Manners Mattered

Mildred and Martin had just given their hearts to Jesus.

"I know one thing," said Martin as they walked home afterwards, "I'm going to begin praying for Lawrence and Louise."

"Oh, yes," agreed Mildred.

Not long after that Mildred and Martin's mother invited their twin cousins, Lawrence and Louise, to visit them. They were thrilled when they heard they really were coming.

"You children must be more care-

ful about your manners," their mother told them. "You have been taught what you should do, but I notice you're pretty careless about putting what you know into action. You'll find Lawrence and Louise very carefully trained about their manners." Then looking at Mildred she said, "I'm sure Louise doesn't sit at the table with her elbows on it, and Lawrence keeps his mouth closed while he chews his food."

"Oh, I don't like to be thinking about old manners all the time," said Mildred.

"If you would begin being careful about them, before long you would have formed the right habits and wouldn't have to think about them," replied her mother.

"But Mother, what difference does it make?" asked Martin. "Good manners won't get you to heaven."

"Of course not, but since you are saved you should want to be examples. It isn't very considerate of others to make them see the food you are chewing nor to spread your elbows until you crowd the one next to you."

The four cousins had great times together, and Martin and Mildred

were really thrilled when they got to take them to Sunday school.

"What lovely manners your cousins have," remarked one of the workers to Mildred. "I have never seen children so well behaved. They are so polite and courteous, too." Mildred and Martin began to wish that they had practiced being mannerly all the time, for they were constantly making blunders and forgetting the things they knew they should do. But they covered up their embarrassment by acting as if they thought good manners did not matter.

They kept waiting their chance to talk to Lawrence and Louise about getting saved, but no time seemed quite right. Then one day when Mildred and Martin had to run an errand for their mother, Lawrence and Louise went to spend the day with some friends they had known when they all lived at T—. They did not know Mildred and Martin were home when they returned, so they sat beneath a large window talking. Mildred and Martin could not help but hear them.

"I'm so glad we got saved," said Lawrence.

"So am I," agreed Louise. "We must pray for Mildred and Martin."

"Why they're saved," said Lawrence. "They pray, and don't go to picture shows or anything wrong."

"I know," said Louise, "but wouldn't a Christian be respectful enough not to contradict his mother? And wouldn't he be unselfish enough to offer food at the table to others instead of always helping himself first? Why both of them interrupt others while they are speaking, and make you almost sick the way they chew their food without keeping their mouths closed."

"I know," admitted Lawrence. "But I think it's just that Aunt Vivian has

not taught them about such things, or had them practice them until they became habits. Mildred and Martin haven't been saved very long, either. So while their hearts are right with God, their salvation hasn't had time to change all their habits yet."

"But they make fun of being courteous," protested Louise.

"Well, I don't understand it all myself," said Lawrence, "but I'm sure they love Jesus."

"Maybe so," said Louise slowly. "I suppose we'd find it hard to be mannerly if Mother hadn't taught us as she did when we were tiny. Maybe they talk as they do just to make us think they don't mind being ill-bred. But seems as if Christians of all people ought to be polite and courteous."

Mildred and Martin looked at each other sadly.

"Good manners do matter, after all," said Mildred. "We've caused Mother to be misjudged, when it's just that we didn't do as she taught us."

"Yes," said Martin, "and maybe we could have led them to Jesus ourselves if we had been more like Jesus. They are coming now to tell us their good news. As soon as we can, we've got to clear things up about Mother's training us."

"Yes, and we'll tell them that just as they had good manners without salvation, so we've had salvation without nice manners, but that now we're going to let Jesus help us be polite and courteous," said Mildred.

"Sure, and they will help us," said Martin. "Then all four of us twins will be both saved and well mannered."

—Sel.

## Search Question

Who said, "I am the bread of life?"

Answer to Last Week's Question

Joshua. Joshua 1:1.

## A SAVIOUR

People could not go to heaven, the beautiful place where God, Jesus, and the angels live. They had sin in their hearts, and sin could not let them go in. They needed a Saviour to take the sin away and show them how to find God. So Jesus left that beautiful home in heaven and came here to live and die on the cross and arise the third day to be a Saviour for the people.

The angels were glad when Jesus came to save people from their sins. Some of them came to earth to tell men the glad news. They sang their joyful song in the sky, and the shepherds heard them. The shepherds went to find the baby Jesus.

## God Punishes Sin

One time in a big city there was an awful disease called the black plague. Every one who gets that disease dies, and it is very easy to get it from another person. Only one man in that big city had the plague. The officials of the city wanted to keep others from getting it, so they roped off the block where the sick man was and told everybody to stay out of there or they would have to shoot. Policemen were to guard this block with their guns to keep people from going in. One man would not listen to the police, and they shot him. They had to be very strict to save the lives of others in their city. That man, if allowed to go in, would have brought the germs to others, and they, too, would have died.

So God must punish sin, or it would destroy everything that He has made. The wages of sin is death.

Dear boys and girls:

The next book after Ephesians is Philippians. It is a letter to the

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saints at Philippi. In it, Paul gives some wonderful things to do to help us be more like Jesus. In the second chapter and the fourteenth verse, he tells us something that all our boys and girls should remember. "Do all things without murmurings and disputings." The devil likes for you to fuss about doing what Mother wants you to do. You may do it, but you aren't very cheerful about it. That would be murmurings, wouldn't it? A dispute sounds awful, doesn't it? Brother says, "You did." Sister says, "I didn't." "You did." "I didn't." Did you ever do that? I think it would be a good thing to remember what Paul says about disputings and murmurings before acting that way again. Jesus will bless you when you resist the devil.

In the fourth chapter and eighth verse he tells us things to think about. The things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, and if there be any virtue or any praise, think on these things. What lovely things to think about! Let us remember this and when the devil tries to get you to think how bad someone is and the awful things he does, you just start thinking about the good things that are in that person. Jesus will bless you. —Aunt Marie.

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 5, July 30, 1950

DAVID, A KING WHO HONORED GOD

2 Samuel 7:1-6, 17-22.

In last Sunday's lesson, the people wanted a king, so Samuel gave them a king. His name was Saul. But he sinned and God was not pleased, so he told Samuel to go to the house of Jesse and there he would tell him which one of his sons should be king. Now Jesse was the grandson of Ruth. You remember Ruth in our other lesson. Jesse had all but one of his sons pass before Samuel, but God did not tell him to anoint any of them, and he asked if there were not any more. Jesse said, "Yes, I have one who is my youngest, but he is in the field caring for my sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him at once, because God has chosen him to do a great work." And when this youth arrived Samuel poured oil on his head and anointed him as king of Israel. David loved God, and many times while caring for his sheep he thought of how great God was and how little he was before him. Because of his love for God, God chose him for a leader for his people.

Finally, after King Saul died, David became king and sat on the throne. God had blessed him many times. King Saul had hated him and tried to kill him while he lived, but David's trust was in the Lord. One time God helped David to kill the giant Goliath. (You might tell this story to the little class in more detail and leave out some of the other.) He went in the name of the Lord. And God did not fail him, but gave him victory.

One day as King David sat in his fine house made of cedar, he began to think about how good the Lord had been to him in giving him such a wonderful house. Then he thought of the house of

the Lord. He felt that there should be a better house built for the Lord than the same tent that had been brought from the wilderness.

King David spoke to the prophet Nathan one day and said, "See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." Prophet Nathan seemed to think it was a good thing but the Lord spoke to Nathan and told him that he did not want David to build the house. David had been a man of war so God said that his son could build it. He also told David that he would establish his kingdom forever (1 Chron. 17:23) David felt very unworthy of this great honor. And David gave much praise to the Lord. We feel that David was given a glimpse of the time when Jesus should come from his line of descendants. Because we know that the people sinned and the kingship was taken away from the house of David here in this world, but when Jesus came the angel told Mary (Luke 1:32-33) that he should be great and God would give him the throne of David and he shall reign and of his kingdom there will be no end. And, boys and girls, so it is today. When we come to Jesus and give him our hearts, we are born into the kingdom of God, or into the kingdom of David, and Jesus is our king and we are his children.

One time the Pharisees came to Jesus and asked when the kingdom of God would come. Jesus told them that they would not see it with their natural eyes but with their spiritual eyes, for the "kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:20, 21).

Central Thought: God honored David because David honored God.

Memory Verse: Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee. 2 Samuel 7:22.

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August 6

## My Shepherd

Jesus is the Shepherd  
Who gently guides my feet,  
Showing me the pleasant paths,  
Where all his children meet.

I might be hurt or stumble,  
Without my Shepherd's care,  
So when he calls, I'll follow,  
And answer him in prayer.

## God Stopped A Horse

Anna had attended Sunday School most of her life, but she had not heard anything that made her realize that God was real and would hear and answer prayer until she was about eleven years old. One day a missionary gave a talk in which she told how God had answered prayer for some little girls among whom she worked. This was something new and different to Anna and she went home thinking about it.

A few days after that, the horse which Anna's father had recently bought for her, got out of his pasture field and his tracks showed that he had started in the direction of his old home, which was forty miles away. With rope and bridle in hand, Anna

started after him. She followed his tracks for four miles along the dirt road, then saw him in an unfenced clover field by a river.

He was a gentle horse and at home had been easy to catch, but he was enjoying his freedom in the clover field so when Anna approached him to put the rope around his neck, he whirled and ran to another section of the field, and continued to move each time she approached him. Tears came into Anna's eyes as she stopped after becoming exhausted, and she wondered how she could ever catch him. Suddenly the missionary's words came to her mind. If God answered prayer for those little girls, I wonder if He will help me? she thought. Then she prayed, "Dear, God, please make my horse stand still so I can catch him." Then with new courage she approached the horse and he stood as still as if he had been tied to something.

Anna's heart was full of joy as she put the rope around his neck then put the bridle on him and started home, but she soon learned that the horse was still feeling frisky. She was very tired and wanted to ride him home. She was short and could not get up on him without standing on something,

so she led him to a bank by the roadside and started to climb on. He whirled. She walked a little farther and tried again, but he would not stand still. For awhile it looked hopeless and like she would have to lead him all the way home, but again she thought about God and the answered prayer. Again she prayed very earnestly, "Please, God, make him stand still so I can get on him." She tried again and this time he stood still and she rode him home.

Anna is a grown woman now, but she has not forgotten how God helped her that day. That experience helped to guide her away from a form of worship into a real living experience with God in later years. —G. Ray

## Bible Story

### Genesis 22

Abraham taught Isaac to love God. Perhaps he took him when he offered gifts on the altar to God. And he had told Isaac that God would accept the gifts and hear his prayers if he would try to do right. And Isaac loved his father Abraham and was obedient to him. No doubt God looked down at Abraham and Isaac and saw their love for each other. So he thot, "I must test Abraham this once more to see if he loves me more than the gift-child I have given him." So one day he called Abraham.

Abraham answered, "Behold, here I am."

God said, "Take now your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go into the land of Moriah and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."

We are sure that this was the greatest test of all to Abraham. Would he go? Could he bear to obey the Lord? Did not God give him this child and

promise that through him all nations were to be blessed? I am sure he could not understand the reasons why God asked him to do this, but remember, Abraham was a man of great faith. He believed that if he obeyed God, everything would work out right. God could raise Isaac from the dead; God could do anything. Abraham was not afraid to obey God. Let us take a lesson from faithful Abraham and never be afraid to obey God. We do not have to understand all the reasons why God asks us to do certain things, but obey him like faithful Abraham.

The Bible says that the next morning Abraham arose early to do as God asked. He was not like a little boy and girl of whom I read, who always said, "In a minute," every time their mother called. One time they were in the back yard playing and their mother called them, and they said, "in a minute," and went on about their play. They forgot to come, as Mother did not call again. When they came in for lunch she told them that their uncle had been there and was going to take them for a ride out to grandma's, but they never came. They surely were sorry they did not come when Mother called. I'm sure they did not say, "in a minute," the next time Mother called. —M. M.

If you could keep your mouth closed real tight when you are tempted to talk back, you would feel later as if you had won a great battle. That is a great triumph, and Jesus can make you a victor.

## Search Question

Why couldn't Lazarus help the rich man after death?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Jesus. John 6:48.

## The Cross

Christ the Lord is risen today,  
Bringing joy and gladness;  
May the message of the cross,  
Banish all our sadness.

## Learning to Pray

"It's your turn to pray now, Billy," said Daddy, as the family bowed their heads. There was a long pause. "I don't want to," said Billy. Father lifted his head in surprise. "Why not?" he asked kindly.

"Because," Billy blurted out, "God doesn't answer prayers anyway. Tommy prayed every night for a bicycle and he got only handkerchiefs for his birthday; so that proves it."

"Do you think Tommy needed a bicycle as much as other things are needed in his home? Tommy's father has been out of work, and there has been sickness in the home," said Daddy. "Perhaps it was selfish of Tommy to pray for a bike when his parents need the money for food. God does not answer foolish prayers, for he knows what is really best for us. Instead, he wants us to learn to pray wisely. Jesus prayed often and taught his disciples to pray. But he said, 'Not my will, but Thine be done.' In our prayers we must ask to be good and wise and for the things we need, and not pray selfish prayers."

One day George Washington knelt in the snow and prayed to God to help his freezing, starving men. God wants us to make unselfish prayers for others! Let us pray for those in need.

Dear boys and girls:

I trust you are learning the books of the New Testament. It will be

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Colossians comes after Philipians. Paul wrote this book to the saints at Colosse. He writes something especially to the children. In the third chapter and twentieth verse, he said, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." I am sure you want to please the Lord, don't you? Then if we obey our parents we will please the Lord. Paul did not have any children of his own, but he probably watched some children who did not obey their parents, and it looked very bad to him. He knew that if those children did not learn to obey their parents that they would not obey the laws of the land or even obey the Lord. We can not get to heaven unless we learn to obey the Lord and we must be taught to obey when we are little, then it will be easier to obey the Lord as we grow up.

The next time Mother or Father tells you to do something and the devil tells you not to do it, you just tell the devil that you want to please the Lord and that you are going to obey your parents. Oh, may God help you to say no to the devil, is my prayer. He just doesn't want you to be happy. He wants to get you into trouble all the time.

—Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 6, August 6, 1950

## ELIJAH REBUKES KING AHAB

1 Kings 18:30-39

Elijah was a brave man of God. The people all around him had forgotten God and had started worshipping idols. Their king had married a wicked woman and she had him to build temples to put her god in, and then asked him to go in and worship the idol Baal with her. Not only did she do this, but she also tried to destroy all the true worship of God out of the land.

God was very much displeased, so he sent Elijah to the king to tell him that he and the people would be punished. He told him that there would not be any more rain or dew in the land until he announced it. Then Elijah went away. Now Ahab at first did not believe the words of Elijah, but when days and months passed and no rain came, he started hunting for Elijah. Finally, after three years Elijah came back to meet the king and talk to him. King Ahab said, "Are you the man that is troubling my country?" Elijah said, "No, I am not the man who has been troubling your country: you and your father's house are the guilty ones. You have forsaken the commandments of the Lord God and have worshiped the gods of the heathen, and by doing so, you have brought this trouble upon yourselves."

Elijah told the king to bring all the prophets of Baal to Mount Carmel and all the people too. When they all arrived, they listened quietly to Elijah. He said, "Why are ye following one god then another? If the Lord be the true God, why not follow him, but if Baal be the true god, then do not turn again to follow the Lord." The people did not know what to answer, so Elijah said that they would prove to them that day which was the true God.

The prophets of Baal built an altar, and two bullocks were brought to sacrifice. Elijah let the prophets of Baal choose which bullock they wanted to offer on their altar. Then he said that they should lay their bullock on the altar and the God that sent down fire from heaven and burned it up, let him be the true God.

Finally everything was ready and he told the prophets of Baal to cry to their god to send fire from heaven to burn up their sacrifice that was on their altar. They began to pray to Baal, but no answer came. They cried from morning until noon and no answer came. Elijah stood by watching. He knew that Baal would never send down fire from heaven, and he said, "Perhaps you should cry louder, for Baal may be sleeping. Or he may be gone on a journey or talking with such a loud voice that he cannot hear our prayers." The prophets of Baal cut themselves, thinking he would be moved with pity, but no answer came.

Finally Elijah told the people to watch and come near. He dug a trench around the repaired altar that was at that place, and put the bullock and wood on the altar. Then he told them to pour water over the sacrifice and wood. The water ran down around the altar and filled the deep trench. Then Elijah lifted his hands toward heaven and prayed and God heard his prayer and sent fire down from heaven and burned up the sacrifice and even licked up the water around the altar. The people fell on their faces to God and said, "The Lord, he is God."

**Central Thought:** People who take sides with God will win in the battle of life.

**Memory Verse:** How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. 1 Kings 18:21.



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August 13

## That Glad Day

On a hillside of Judea

Many, many years ago  
Christ was slain by cruel people  
That salvation we might know.

In a garden He was buried

In a tomb both new and fine  
And a fortune spent for spices  
To anoint the King divine.

Very early in the morning

Women came with spices rare,  
But the sepulchre was empty—  
There were just two angels there.

So each day we'll tell the story

Till the whole wide world shall know  
Of Christ's glorious resurrection  
On that glad day long ago. —Sel.

## Bill Learns A Lesson

There was a little boy who was always meddling with things that did not belong to him or wasn't any of his business. You know there is a Scripture in the Bible that tells us not to be a "busybody in other men's matters." (1 Peter 4:15). So if any of you have any trouble by bothering other people's things or going into

places where you have no business, it would be good to remember this Scripture.

One time when Bill was about six or seven years old he and his folks were moving from one state to another. They traveled in a covered wagon drawn by horses.

One day it was raining and very cold so Bill's father decided that he would try to find a farm house where they could stay for the night. Finally they came to a place and the farmer was very glad to let them stay all night and let him bring his horses into the barn. There was plenty of corn, and the farmer told him to help himself. Of course, Bill's father was willing to pay for everything.

While the rest of the family went into the house, Bill's father went to the barn to unhitch the horses and feed them. Bill went along. The farmer also had to go and feed his horses. He had a lot of horses. He kept each one in a separate stall and had a little window in each stall where he would drop the corn down for each horse. Bill watched him. There he went with a basket of corn and would drop corn into each window as he went down the long barn. So meddle-

some Bill wanted to see how many ears of corn he dropped into each window. He went along and stuck his head in each window so he could count the corn. It would make the horses angry. Finally he stuck his head in at one window and the horse became angry and grabbed Bill's head and bit off a piece of his left ear. He jumped down and ran crying to his mother. She took care of it and it healed, but he always had a piece out of his ear until he was an old man and died.

But it taught Bill a lesson. He learned not to meddle again. He remembered how much his ear hurt. So it pays, children, not to meddle into some other people's things, for God sees everything we do. And we always have to pay for it some way or another.

—Bonnie Wells

## Someone Is Watching You

Did you know that someone is watching you all the time? Yes, we know God is; but there is some person watching you and everything you say, everything you do has some kind of effect on someone. If you say something good it causes others to feel good. If you say something to hurt someone, it causes someone to feel hurt and sad. If you say or do something that makes others happy, it makes them happy. Remember, someone is watching you all the time. It may cause them to be better or to be worse.

Sister Bonnie Wells told me about her brother (O. B. Wilson, sr., who has gone to be with Jesus) doing something that caused a man to get saved. She said he lived on a farm that had some trees around a deep ditch or gully. Her brother found that this was a good place to be alone and to talk to Jesus. She said he

went often to this place, early in the morning and during the day.

A man who lived across the road from him did not believe in God. He saw Bro. Wilson go down to this place on his farm very often. He began to wonder what he was doing down there. Finally, he decided he would hide down there and see for himself what he was always going down there for. Eventually Bro. Wilson came, got down on his knees and began to call on the Lord. After awhile the man heard his name mentioned. He heard Bro. Wilson asking God to save his soul and not let him be lost. The man got up slowly, but he was touched. He thought, "Why does he care whether I go to hell or not? And also he talks like he is really talking to someone who hears him." The man was bothered. Finally he decided to see if he could get Bro. Wilson to do something wrong. He would find out what kind of a Christian he was. But as he tried different ways he could not get him to do wrong.

Then one day this man gave his heart to the Lord. He said it took eighteen months of watching Bro. Wilson before he could get saved. Sister Wells said the last she heard of him he was preaching the gospel.

Bro. Wilson did not know that this man was watching him so closely or was trying to get him to do wrong, but he knew if he pleased the Lord he would always do the right whether someone watched him closely or not.

Remember, someone is watching you.

—M. Miles

## Search Question

What happened to the disciples on the day of Pentecost after Jesus ascended?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
A great gulf between them. Lk. 16:25

## Punished for Teasing

Do you know, children, that it is a very wrong thing to make fun of any one if they are not dressed well or if they aren't good looking? Maybe a man is crippled, or bald headed, or very poor and shabbily dressed; but if we make fun of him, we may be making fun of one of God's children.

Once there was a man of God going along doing the things God told him to do, manifesting the power of God among men. Some children came out of the city and surrounded him and began to make fun of him, telling him to "go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head." Because Elijah, his master had gone up to heaven in a whirlwind, the children were telling Elisha to go up too. And God sent two hungry mother (she) bears out of the woods and they tore the children into pieces. There were forty-two children. Mother bears (she bears) are very fierce and they are always hungry and vicious. God always has a way of punishing us when we do wrong and hurt or harm others, especially when we do it purposely. I hope you will always be kind and loving to old and poor people, and God will bless you for it.

If we tease and torment someone, it makes them very unhappy. One time some children kept teasing and tormenting a poor sick woman who lived alone until she killed herself. You see, what the children thought was fun, was cruel and wicked, wasn't it? I have a neighbor that the children are treating just that way and she is very unhappy. —Aunt Georgia

Call upon me, and I will answer thee.  
—Jeremiah 33:3.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found. —Isa. 55:6.

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Dear boys and girls:

The book after Colossians is 1st Thessalonians. That is a big word for some of you. It is a letter that Paul wrote to the church at Thessalonica. There are many short verses in it. Some of you who often try to find a short verse to learn the last minute before Sunday school, should remember that. In the fifth chapter we find a verse with two words, "Rejoice evermore." Of course, if we put that in practice every day, we will surely have to have Jesus in our hearts because anyone that serves the devil cannot do that. And we will need to do what the next verse says also: "Pray without ceasing." I hear you say, "Who can do that?" Well, if you will think about it, it doesn't sound too hard to do. You say, "I go to school every day," yet when we bring it right down to it, you are not in school all day. So it is we can have a prayer on our hearts all the time and whatever we are doing we can let our thoughts once in awhile go up to praise or ask for help from the Lord. We don't have to stay on our knees all day; we can pray anywhere.

The next verse says, "In everything give thanks." Let us do that more. Jesus wants us to praise him.

—Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 7, August 13, 1950

## EZRA EXPLAINS THE SCRIPTURES

Neh. 8:1-4a, 5-6, 8, 10, 18.

Ezra was a man that loved God. He also was a priest from the line of Aaron. We find that he was a good reader. Do you know what he read? It was the law of God, or the Bible that was given to the people before Jesus came. These people had been taken away to a far away land. God permitted this to be done because they disobeyed him. But after they had been gone for seventy years, God caused that king to let them return to their homes.

One day all the people came together and asked Ezra if he would bring out the book of the law of Moses and read it to them. It had been a long time since the law or Bible had been read to them, and they began to want to know what was in it. They felt that there was a better way to live than the way that they were living.

Now we find a large crowd of people gathered at the western wall of the temple at the water gate. Men and women and all the children that were old enough to understand the readings of the law. It is important that children listen today when the Bible is read, as God wants you to know what he expects you to do.

Ezra began to read as soon as it was light enough to see and read on until noon. Of course, he had some men to help him read and to explain what he read. (verse 4). The people were very quiet and listened closely. They did not want to miss one word of what was said or read.

Ezra stood on a pulpit of wood, or a platform that was raised above the people for the purpose of making Ezra high-

er so the people could see him and hear better. He had six helpers on his right and seven on his left.

Now when Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, they all stood up. It was a great moment for them. It had been so long since they had seen or heard the book read that they felt they should show respect to it. Then Ezra blessed the Lord and the people said, "Amen." Amen means, let it be so. They also lifted up their hands meaning that their desire is toward God and that it was so in their hearts. Then they bowed their heads to the ground to show that they were nothing before God and he was great. We find these things done today in the true worship of God's people.

The people had been away from their home land so long that some of them did not understand the Hebrew language. So we find that Ezra and his helpers would explain the law in the language of the country from which they came so everyone could understand.

They had forgotten about the feast of tabernacles and we find them bringing branches from trees and building huts to live in. God wanted them to do this once a year because he did not want them to forget how he cared for them while they were in the wilderness.

Ezra told them to go their way, "for the joy of the Lord is your strength." And that is true today. When we do good, the Lord makes us happy in our hearts, and that makes us have a desire to please the Lord more so greater joy will come into our hearts.

**Central Thought:** Our best teaching is in God's word.

**Memory Verse:** This day is holy unto the Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

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August 20

## Beautiful Things

The beautiful flowers are the ones that please

The sight, as the eye beholds them;

The beautiful birds are the ones whose notes

Cheer our hearts, as they deftly mould them.

The beautiful hands are the ones that do, Deeds that are noble, good, and grand; Who help the feeble o'er ways that are rough,

And strengthen the weak in the way to stand.

The beautiful feet are the ones that hold Their steps from the path of evil deeds, That are quick to go as our Savior bids, And follow joyfully where he leads.

—L. M.

## Caryl Sees Herself

Mother sighed as she got baby ready for bed. If only Caryl would not have such a temper!

The Glenhopes had a happy home, but at times the parents hearts were grieved because of Caryl's temper, and it seemed as if she could not control her tongue at all! Even as Mother was tucking baby into bed, she could

hear Caryl saying, "Billy, you get me so cross! Why don't you leave me alone? Every time I try to get interested in a book, you come along and bother me. Stop it, Billy!"

Billy didn't see why his sister had to make such a fuss when he only wanted to play with her a little.

Caryl was reading a story. At least she was trying to read. The story was about Sarah, and Sarah became angry too; just as she did. She scolded her brothers and sisters day after day, until it seemed that her mother could not stand it any more. This went on for several weeks until her sisters and brothers formed the same bad habit. Their mother thot it was about time to do something.

While she was washing the supper dishes, a plan formulated in her mind. She would have a record made of her children's voices, while they were quarreling! Why had she not thot of that before?

The very next day, all the brothers and sisters were in the living room. This time the subject was elephants. What a strange thing to quarrel and argue about! The man who was to record their voices, had everything

prepared, and was standing in the dining room. Of course, they could not see him, but as if they knew someone were listening, their arguments were louder than usual.

A few days later, Mother put the record on the Victrola, and said to her family, "Now listen!"

As they heard their own voices, each one's face grew red, and Sarah, the oldest, mumbled, "Is that really I? I never thought I sounded like that." She was truly ashamed.

Mother said, "Yes, dear, and you did set a very bad example. You became angry, and everyone else started the same habit. I hope from now on, you will set a good example, and I'm sure the rest will follow it."

Sarah looked up, and with tears running down her cheeks, she said, "Mother, I never want to get cross again."

Mother destroyed the record, for she felt sure that the children had learned their lesson.

Caryl finished the story, and threw the book aside. She tried to forget what she read, because it made her uncomfortable.

For the next few days, it persistently stayed in her memory. Why did she have to read about Sarah anyway? Finally, she went to Mother, and asked, "How can I stop being so cross with Billy?" Then, she told her all about Sarah. Mother understood. She always did. Taking Caryl's hands in hers, she said gently, "Caryl, we won't make a record of your voice, but let's ask Jesus to help control your tongue."

So they prayed, and the little girl's conscience bothered her no more. She learned to take Billy's jokes, as Billy thought she should. No more did Mother sigh, for Caryl had learned to speak kindly.

—Sel.

## Bible Story

### Genesis 22

Moriah was a few days journey from Abraham's home. He saddled his donkey, took two young men servants and Isaac. They took wood and fire with which to burn the offering, and traveled on for two days, sleeping at night under the trees. On the third day Abraham saw the mountain where God wanted him to build the altar and offer his gift. He told his men servants to stay there with the donkeys and wait for him. Then he put the wood on Isaac's shoulders and he took the fire and they started up the mountain side together.

After climbing for awhile up the mountain side, Isaac began to wonder why his father had forgotten to bring the lamb for an offering. He did not know what God had asked his father to give for an offering. Finally he said, "My father," and Abraham said, "Here am I, my son." Then Isaac said, "I see the wood and the fire, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Abraham replied, "My son, God will provide a lamb for a burnt offering." Isaac trusted his father just as Abraham trusted God.

When they reached the place which God had told him about, Abraham took the wood and built an altar. Then he bound Isaac's hands and feet and placed him on the wood. Next he took his knife and was about to kill Isaac when a loud voice called to him out of the sky: "Abraham! Abraham!" Suddenly Abraham stopped and answered, "Here am I." Then the voice said, "Do not harm the lad, for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing that you have not withheld your son from me." Isaac was saved! Oh, how quickly Abraham untied him

and let him get off the altar. He looked about and found a ram in the thicket which he offered instead of Isaac. Then the angel of the Lord called out again from heaven. How pleased was the Lord with Abraham, that he had stood the test! And now the Lord said he would give him a great blessing, because he was willing to give up his only son God would give him many, many sons through Isaac. Faith in God always brings a blessing. —M. Miles

## Search Question

Did the chief priest think of putting Lazarus, whom Jesus raised back to life, to death?

### Answer to Last Week's Question

They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and every man heard them speak in his own language. Acts 2:4-12.

## How To Get Saved

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:6, 7.

"He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Heb. 11:6.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Acts 3:19.

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

Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.—Psalm 90:12.

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We are glad for the letters from you and to know that you like to go to Sunday school, and that Jesus keeps you saved while you are going to school. Jesus can keep you saved anywhere. We do not have to do the wrong things like other boys and girls. Maybe their parents do not teach them what is right and wrong, or maybe they just listen to the devil and do the wrongs that he tells them to do. But Jesus can keep you from evil. In Second Thessalonians, the third chapter and third verse, Paul tells us, "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil." You know Second Thessalonians comes after First Thessalonians. It is a letter written by Paul to the church at Thessalonica. And we find that all the words written by Paul were given to him by the Holy Spirit. They came from God and are God's words. So we can just pray to Jesus to keep us from evil and expect him to do it, for he has promised to help us, and keep us.

The Lord has great things ahead for you if you will follow him and keep his words. He will bless you and help you to be a great joy and comfort to others. So pray often to Jesus.

—Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8, August 20, 1950

## JOHN PREACHES GOD'S MESSAGE

LUKE 3:7-20

Our lesson today is about John the Baptist. He was the son of Elizabeth and Zacharias. John's parents taught him about God and he grew up to have a deep love for God. He began to feel that God had something that he wanted him to do. He would go out into the wilderness to be alone with God and there he learned many things. God talked to him and told him what to preach to the people. God told him to prepare the way for Jesus. We are told that he ate honey and locusts that he found in the desert and wore a coat of camel's hair with a wide leather belt. John told the people the message that God gave him, and some believed it. Many, many people went out into the wilderness to hear what John had to say. He told them to "Repent and be baptized." Some of them came and wanted to be baptized without first repenting or being sorry for their sins, so John boldly called them, "A generation of vipers." They did not want to go to hell, yet they thought if they were baptized they might make it into heaven. John said they must repent first. They must be sorry for their sins and ask God to forgive them and quit their sins. Some even thought they could get into heaven just because they were the children of Abraham. You know Abraham was a righteous man. But John told them that God could raise up children to Abraham from the stones if he wanted to. That would not get them into heaven. They must repent. Just because your parents are saved does not mean you will be saved. You must repent. John told them that the axe was laid at the root of every tree, and every one that did not bring forth

good fruit would be cut down and cast into the fire. So the people said, "What shall we do to bring forth good fruit?" John said, "He that has two coats, let him give to him that has none, and he that has meat, let him do likewise." Do you share your candy with others? Maybe there is a boy or girl that you know who needs a coat, and if you have two coats it would be good to ask Mother if you could give one to them. That is what John meant. Help others who are in need.

Now we see the publicans (tax collectors) coming out to John to be baptized. They asked, "Master, what shall we do?" It seems that these tax collectors would take much more than they were supposed to take, and the people had to pay just what they asked. So many of them would get rich. John told them that they should not ask for any more than what was right.

Now we see the soldiers coming out to John to be baptized, and asked, "What shall we do?" John told them to hurt no man and not to accuse a man of a wrong he did not do just because they were armed, also to be content with their wages.

Finally the people began to wonder if John was the Christ who was to come, and John told them that he baptized with water, but there was ONE mightier than he who was to come, "whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and untie or unloose. When he comes, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Can you tell me whom he meant? Yes, it was Jesus.

John even told the king of his sins, and finally the king had John put in prison.

**Central Thought:** John was a wonderful preacher who came to prepare the way for Jesus.

**Memory Verse:** Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance. Luke 3:8a.



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August 27

## A Prayer

Dear Jesus, guard my tongue today  
That not an unkind word I'll say;  
Let me in everything be true,  
As one should be who follows you.

If I will do my very best  
With everything I do each day,  
I'll never feel I've been unfair,  
In school or work or play.

Every day I want to be  
More and more, dear Lord, like thee,  
Spreading joy and happiness  
Along with deeds of usefulness.

## Putting Learning Into Practice

One summer when Jeanie was a little more than ten years old, her father took her to a camp meeting. Did you ever go to a campmeeting? Most campmeetings are held where there are trees and a stream of water. But there are camp meetings held in, or near cities and towns. But always trees and a stream make the nicest places.

Jeanie liked the meeting she attended very much. It was such fun to

live in a tent; and there were so many other little girls on the grounds, and they were so friendly, she just could not help having a good time. And besides, you could go into the tent where the preaching services were held, and you could sing right along with the other people.

At this camp meeting in the afternoons they had a children's meeting. Sometimes they let the children tell Bible stories, and repeat Bible verses they had learned. Sometimes the leader of the meeting told Bible stories and explained them. Always one preacher talked to the children about praying. He explained to them what praying really meant. It meant talking to God just as you would to a dear friend, telling Him your troubles, telling Him your joys, and asking Him for any help you may need; in other words, making God your best friend. Jeanie enjoyed these children's meetings very much.

But after a while the meeting closed and Jeanie went home.

Some time later one of Jeanie's neighbors was very sick, and for some reason Jeanie was called in to stay with her a little, till a nurse could

come. Jeanie was sorry for the woman and wanted very much to help her in some way. At last she got up courage to ask the woman if she would like to have her pray with her. The woman was much surprised, but said, "Yes, I would like for you to pray with me." So they prayed together, and the woman told Jeanie that she was the only person that had ever offered to pray with her. Then Jeanie was glad that her offer to pray had been a comfort to the sick woman.

Even the little things count in God's sight.

—G. C. Elliott

## Ned and Jane Questions

"Mother, how do I get up to heaven? I want to see Jesus," little Jane said after Mother had finished telling them how good Jesus had been to all.

"Well, dear, we can't just walk into heaven, because we have to have a new body. This body that we have now grows old and wears out. It has pains and can be hurt. Jesus wants to give us a new body that will not grow old, never feel pain, and then we can live in heaven."

"When will we get this new body?" Ned asked.

"We shall receive new bodies after we have died, and then when Jesus comes and time will be over, we shall rise from the dead with new bodies. Give me my Bible, Ned, and I will read in the Bible where it tells us what will take place in the last day. Here in 1 Corinthians the 15th chapter, and starting at the 51st verse: 'Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.' You see, we shall be raised

from the dead and given a new body. We shall be changed as fast and quickly as you can wink your eye."

"That's fast; look, I can wink my eye fast," Ned said, laughing, while Jane tried hard to wink just one eye like Ned.

"Yes, that is fast," Mother said, smiling, but we must be sure that we have given Jesus our hearts and have his Spirit living within before we die so we can be raised to be with him in heaven."

"Will I see Jesus when I am in my new body?" asked Jane.

"Yes, dear, we shall see Jesus when we have our new bodies, and those that are ready to meet him and have let Jesus come into their hearts will go to live with him forever in heaven."

"Will the bad people have a new body?" asked Ned.

"Yes, but they will be cast into the lake of fire and shall burn forever after the judgment," replied Mother.

—M. Miles

## THE SNOW PRAYER

A girl went out to play one day in the fresh, new snow, and when she came in she said, "Mother, I couldn't help praying when I was out at play."

"What did you pray for, dear?"

"I prayed the snow prayer, Mother. You know it: 'Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.'"

What a beautiful prayer! And here is a very sweet promise to go with it: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."

What can wash away our sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

"Heaven is a holy place,  
Filled with glory and with grace,  
Sin can never enter there;  
It will stop you at the door,  
Bar you out forever more.  
Sin can never enter there."

## IS GOD'S CHOICE YOUR CHOICE?

"Fine day," said a man to a farmer.

"Bad for the taters," was the grumbling answer.

The next day it was raining and the man met the farmer again. "Fine day for the potatoes."

"Yes, but it's bad for the corn," whined the farmer.

Many, like this farmer, stay at Grumble Corner.

"It ain't no use to grumble and complain,

"It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice;

When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,

Why, rain's my choice."

We should not grumble at the things God sends our way. But we should rejoice in everything, for all things work for our good if we love God.

A kind woman wanted to do something for God's prophet, so she said to her husband, "Let us build a room for God's prophet in which he can rest every time he comes our way." So the next time Elisha stopped there he found the nice room ready, furnished with a bed, a table, a chair, and a candlestick. And he was happy to rest there when he passed that way.—2 Kings 4:8-11.

## Search Question

What does the Psalmist David say we should do with our breath?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Yes, because of him many believed on Jesus. John 12:10-11.

Dear boys and girls:

We trust that you are learning the books of the New Testament. If you

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have not started, it is not too late to start now. The next book we shall talk about is First Timothy. This book was written by Paul to Timothy. Timothy was a young minister, and Paul gave him wonderful advice, or help. We shall just take a part of the seventeenth verse of the sixth chapter, to talk about: "Trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy."

Did you ever think about all the things that God has given to you? Think of all the different kinds of food. It would be very tiresome if we only had one vegetable to eat every day, wouldn't it? But God has given us carrots, tomatoes, peas, beans, spinach—yes, I say God gave spinach for us to enjoy. It is good for you, and if you keep eating it, you will like it very much after awhile.

One day for lunch my husband and I were eating some left-overs. There was just enough of strawberry shortcake for one person. I gave it to him and said I would eat the rest of the greens, which had spinach and mustard together. I told him, and meant it, that I would rather have that. So think about it next time there is some food you do not think you will like, that God gave us all things to enjoy, and that means food. —Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9, August 27, 1950

## MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Luke 1:46-48; 2:48-51; Mark 3:31-35;

John 19:25-27; Acts 1:14.

Today we want to talk about Mary, the mother of Jesus. We do not know very much about her, yet we know she loved God very much and God chose her to be the mother of Jesus. She was a Jewess and was a descendant of King David.

Mary felt very happy to be the mother of Jesus, yet she felt so humble and unworthy about it. Mary was just a woman like other women and should not be worshiped like some people want to do. From all we know of her, she was kind, quiet, and very thoughtful. She was a good mother and taught her children to obey.

The boy Jesus grew up in his mother's home in Nazareth. Joseph was a carpenter and Jesus learned to be a carpenter. He went with his mother and Joseph to the synagogue regularly. Here they heard the reading of Moses and the prophets.

When Jesus was twelve years old he went with his mother, Joseph, and others to Jerusalem. Every year they went to attend the Feast of the Passover.

Jesus enjoyed this feast as much as did his parents. He listened to the scribes and priests reading and teaching the Bible. He began to realize that God had something for him to do.

After the feast was over, his mother, Joseph, and a large company of relatives started on their way home. Mary did not see her young son, but since they were with such a large crowd she supposed he was with some of the relatives;

but when evening came, they went through the crowd asking where Jesus was. Finally they turned back and for three days they searched for him.

On the third day they found him in the temple with the wise teachers, and asking them questions, which they found hard to answer. Mary was surprised to find him there and to know he was so deeply interested in the teachings of God. She said to him, "Son, why did you stay here when we were starting home? Your father and I have been anxiously seeking for you." Jesus answered, "Why did you seek for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" But Mary did not understand, though she wondered much about the meaning. She knew he was a child sent from God, but probably felt he was too young to start the work he was to do. Also Jesus let her know that God was his Father. But Jesus was an obedient child and went with Mary and Joseph.

One time Jesus' mother and brothers called for him when he was teaching the people. He used the chance to tell them that whoever did the will of God was his brother, sister, and mother.

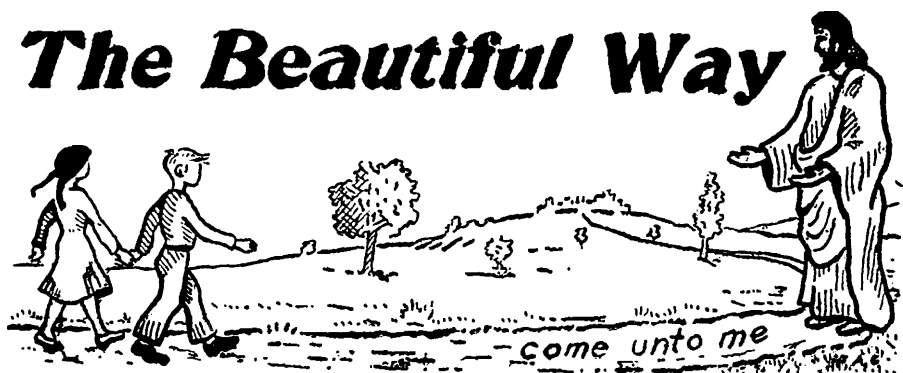
At the cross Mary stood by, and Jesus in the midst of suffering, turned his attention to her and asked John to take his mother to his home, and he did.

On the day of Pentecost, Mary was there with the one hundred and twenty. She too felt her need of the Holy Spirit.

Central Thought: We can be Jesus' brother and sister if we do the will of God.

Memory Verse: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. Luke 46:47.

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## God's Minute

I have only just a minute  
Only sixty seconds in it  
Forced upon me—can't refuse it  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it  
But it's up to me to use it  
I must suffer if I lose it  
Give account if I abuse it  
Just a tiny little minute  
For eternity is in it. —Selected

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## A Little Child Shall Lead Them

A little seven-year-old girl came to the altar in a large auditorium and shook hands with the minister. She was asked to kneel down, but she said, with tears in her eyes, "Will you please come and talk to my father?"

The minister was busy and felt he could not go then, but she kept crying and begging him to come and talk to her father. Finally he could not resist her tears any more, and followed her up the aisle and into the balcony with everyone watching. Finally she brought him to her father, a man of the world with marks of sin on his face.

The minister said, "Pardon me, sir, but I could not resist the pleadings and tears of this precious girl to come and ask you to come to the Lord." The man was angry and would not make any move to come or talk. The little girl threw her arms around his neck and begged him to come, but he would not. The minister told him, "Sir, there will come a time when you would give your life to hear the voice of this little child pleading with you." The minister went back and the little girl followed and fell at the altar and prayed long after others had left. The father walked up and down outside of the auditorium and finally sent his wife to get the little girl.

Time had passed and the minister moved to another place. One day he looked up to see a man coming down the aisle with a little girl in his arms. She had become ill and he had summoned many doctors, but none could help her. She had been given up to die. This gambler of the race track and man of wealth, between sobs, told the minister about it, and said, "I remember the words you said that I would give my life to hear her speak again, and that time has come. He

fell on his knees and sobbed his way to the cross, confessing his sins. He begged God to spare his little girl.

After prayer, the little girl stood up between her father and mother, and putting her arms around their necks, she said, "We are all together now." She meant they were all ready for heaven now and would never be separated.

Children, pray for your mother or father if they are not saved and lead them to Jesus. The Bible says, "A little child shall lead them."

—(told to me) M. Miles

## BIBLE STORY 25

### Genesis 23

When Sarah was one hundred and twenty-seven years old she died. Abraham was very, very sad. He wept and mourned greatly because she was not with him any more. Isaac also mourned with his father.

Abraham had always lived in tents and moved from place to place, therefore he did not have any land or place to bury Sarah. Abraham went to the people of Heth and asked them to give him a place to bury Sarah. These people felt very kindly toward Abraham and they told him that he was a mighty prince among them and that he could have the very choice of their burying places. Abraham was very grateful indeed to these people and he bowed himself down before the people.

Abraham asked them if they would let him buy the cave of Machpelah, which is in the end of Ephron's field. Ephron told Abraham that he did not need to buy it, but he would give it to him, but Abraham insisted on buying it. So Ephron said it was worth four hundred shekels of silver. Abraham weighed out the silver and gave it to Ephron and all the people of Heth made it sure that the field would be Abraham's. So Ab-

raham buried Sarah, his beloved wife, in the cave in the field.

It is God's plan that we all should die sometime. So, boys and girls, you may not always have your wonderful mother and father. Let us be sure that we love and obey them while they are with us and then when they are gone, we will not have any regrets.

One father told me that his grown son had never given them one minute of trouble or worry. Wasn't that a wonderful thing to be said about that son? Now is your chance to live so your parents can say that about you when you are grown.

—M. M.

## Rain

Rain is a wonderful thing. When it rains, the little drops of water wash the air as they pass through it. They gather particles of dust and dirt and odors, and leave a clean fresh smell of their own. If you take a walk just after it has rained you can smell the freshness that it leaves behind. So it is when Jesus comes into our lives. He gives a clean freshness that nothing else can bring. After Jesus has come to live in us, people who know us are able to note a sweet difference in our lives. Just as we can note that the air is fresher after a rain.—W. S.

Jesus told the people to repent and be sorry for their sins. Their sins were the bad things they had done. Jesus said that they should ask God to forgive them of their sins and they must not do them any more.

## Search Question

What does Proverbs the eighth verse in the first chapter tell us?

Answer to Last Week's Question

"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." Psalm 150:6.

## Watch the Little Things

Years ago, a family lived in a community whose girls would go visiting the neighbor girls, friends, and relatives. These girls were entering the teen-age. They had been and were being brought up in the ways of the Bible. However, the enemy of souls, yes, young and old, is ever present to devour every soul possible.

During one visit, the one girl was tempted through her eyes. She saw a bright piece of ribbon in this home and concealed it and took it to her home yet concealed. Her mother usually kept a watchful eye on what came under her roof. Time went on, and soon the ribbon was seen and her mother asked about it. She shirked about telling the truth readily, and being bent on having it, she buried it and left a part of it out of the ground. It was found. It was a small thing, but however small and worthless it seemed to be, she was called in question and instructed in the fear of God. She told where she had taken it. She was told to carry it back to the owner and ask forgiveness for such an act. Though it seemed small, yet it seemed large in God's sight. The lady said it didn't amount to anything. But suppose it had not been corrected? One little thing not corrected would have encouraged other things and by this day she might have been a "big rogue." Beware! it is the little foxes that spoil the vine. Keep hands off toys in stores and things in others homes and yards unless permission is granted. "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin."

Today, this girl has a wonderful experience of salvation. How necessary it is for mothers—yes, fathers—to watch for the souls of the children, as well as for their bodies.—E. Phillips

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Dear boys and girls:

The next book of the New Testament is Second Timothy. Paul wrote another letter to Timothy, whom he called his dearly beloved son. He told him that he knew his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice, and that they were women of great faith and had taught him right. He told him to be strong in the Lord and not to be ashamed of Jesus or ashamed to tell others of his great love. He told him to study the word of God so he could understand it and God would help him to be able to tell others the truth about how to get to heaven.

He also told him that in the last days there would be many wicked things done by people. He said people would be unthankful, lovers of themselves, proud, and then he said children would be disobedient to their parents (2 Tim. 3:2). Oh, how sad for children not to obey their parents. They want their own way. They do not know the heart aches and trouble that lies ahead for them for not obeying their parents. The devil is the one who tries to get you to do that. Let us follow the Lord. I'm sure Timothy obeyed his mother and God surely made a great man out of him, and he was able to help many people.

May God bless you. —Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 10, September 3, 1950

## PETER STANDS FIRM

Acts 4:8-20

One day Peter and John went up to the temple to pray and as they came to the gate called "Beautiful" and were about to enter, they heard someone ask for a gift of money. It was a crippled man. This man had been crippled since his birth and spent his childhood as a poor cripple, unable to move about like you can. Now he was a grown man, forty years old, and his friends carried him to this gate every morning so he could beg for his living.

When Peter heard him speak they stopped and looked on him with pity. They knew that Jesus could heal him, and when Jesus went away he told them to go forth and preach the gospel and heal the sick. This man needed healing, so Peter said, "Look on us!" The crippled man looked up, expecting to receive at least one piece of money. But Peter said to him, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give to you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Then Peter took the surprised man by the hand and lifted him up; and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength and the once helpless feet became strong. The man stood up, and leaping and walking about, entered into the temple, praising God.

The people saw him leaping and praising God, and asked, "Isn't this the beggar that lay at the gate Beautiful and asked for money?" Then the happy man, wishing to express his great joy, grabbed Peter and John while the three stood on the porch called Solomon. Others came running and Peter preached to them, telling them that they crucified Jesus, but God raised him up the third

day, "of whom we are witnesses. And through faith in the name of Jesus this man who was always a cripple now walks, and has perfect strength in the presence of you all. So if you will repent of your sins, you can be forgiven." (Acts 3:1-15).

When the rulers of the temple heard of this miracle they put Peter and John in jail. They said, "This teaching must be stopped."

The next day they brought them out before the same wicked men who had tried Jesus, and they asked, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this miracle?"

Peter was bold now. He was full of the Holy Spirit. He did not let the fact bother him that they had crucified Jesus. He knew that these wicked men could not do any more to him than what God allowed. He knew that God allowed them to crucify Jesus, because Jesus came to this world to die for our sins. So Peter boldly told them that this deed was done by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, "whom you crucified, and whom God raised up on the third day." He referred them to the Psalms 118:22 where it says Jesus would be a stone set aside by the builders, which has become the chief stone, and in no other name under heaven given among men can any man be saved.

The council saw the boldness of these men and the great joy on the face of the healed man, so they decided to tell them not to speak in the name of Jesus any more and let them go. But Peter and John stood firmly and would not promise to quit teaching in Jesus' name. They threatened to punish them severely if they should catch them again. Peter and John left them and continued to preach Jesus to the people.

Central Thought: God stands by those who stand true to him.

Memory Verse: Peter and the apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29.



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## Helping's Fun

Oh, helping Mother is such fun!  
The vacuum cleaner I can run,  
And take the dust and dirt away,  
When I help clean on cleaning day.

Then there is dusting for me, too,  
With bright new duster colored blue.  
The specks of dust and dirt just fly  
Where'er I bring my duster nigh.

And I can wash the silverware,  
And china dishes, with great care.  
I dry and put them back, then, too.  
Say, I think helping's fun; don't you?

## SUMS

Billy ran in from school one morning, looking the picture of health and happiness.

"Had a good morning, Son?" asked Mother.

"Yes, very good; thank you," said Billy enthusiastically; "we had no sums to do; wasn't that fine?"

"No sums?" replied Mother; "Isn't that unusual? I thought you had sums every morning."

"We always have had," said Billy; "but we are never going to do any

more sums—never!"

"Come and tell me about it," said Mother; "I think there must be a mistake somewhere."

"No; there isn't," said Billy, "because it was God who did it! And this is how it happened. I told you yesterday that some of my sums were wrong again, and Miss Bruce thought I didn't try, although I did. So when I was saying my prayers last night I suddenly thought to ask God not to let Miss Bruce give us any more sums to do, not any more at all; and this morning she didn't give us any—and that's the end of them."

His mother was so quiet and still that Billy said anxiously, "It is all right; isn't it, Mother? It was God who let us have no sums this morning? And he won't let Miss Bruce ever give us any more; will he?"

"Yes," said Mother slowly, "I do think that because you prayed last night God allowed the routine of your school to be altered this morning, so that you had no arithmetic lesson. But there are two things I want you to think about. First, the other children in your class. Won't some of them be disappointed if they

never have another arithmetic lesson? Don't some of them enjoy it as much as you enjoy the English lessons? Then, about yourself—are you quite sure that you want to grow up knowing nothing at all about figures? When you are a man will you not feel sorry that you cannot buy or sell?—you would not know how to reckon up, how much change you should receive: and oh, ever so many other things!"

"Oh, dear," said Billy, "I hadn't thought about all that!"

Then Mother and Billy had a long quiet talk, which ended by Billy's saying, "I'll try your way and see."

His mother watched a little anxiously for him to come in from school next morning, but the same energetic, enthusiastic boy bounded in. "It worked all right," he said as soon as he was inside: "I told God I thought I had made a mistake in asking Him not to let me do any more sums. Instead of that, would He help me to understand Miss Bruce's explanations, and then help me to get my sums all right. And He did!"

Years later when Billy took his last examination at school, it was with distinction in mathematics. His mother asked him if he remembered his prayers about his sums and God's answer, to which he replied, "Rather! He helps us with everything!" And later still, when Billy got his first job, he chose to earn his living by doing figures!

How good God was to show a little boy that when He does not take away all difficulties from us, it is that we may turn to the mighty God for help in them, and thus find that He answers prayer by giving beyond what we ask or think.

But Billy's request was only that of an ignorant child, someone may

say. We are all but ignorant children before our Father who hears and answers prayer in His own wisdom and love. —Sel.

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## BIBLE STORY 26

Genesis 24

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Isaac now had grown into manhood, and Abraham thought it was time for him to have a wife. In those days the parents usually chose wives for their sons and husbands for their daughters. Abraham was unlike most of the fathers of that day. He did not think so much about getting a girl from a wealthy family or a beautiful girl, but he thought about getting a wife for Isaac that loved God. He knew that the women around him worshiped idols and that they would not teach their children to worship the true God. Because he wanted Isaac's children to serve God, he would not choose a woman of Canaan to be Isaac's wife. Abraham thought much about this important question, and I'm sure he prayed to God to help him choose the right wife.

In this day you boys and girls will be allowed to choose your own wife or husband. We hope that when the time comes you will not choose a wife just because she is pretty, but that you will choose one that loves God and has pretty actions. And we hope that the girls will choose men for husbands that love and fear God. Then your home will be happy, both serving the Lord.

Now Abraham remembered the news that had come to him from his brother Nahor, who lived at Haran, the place in the country of Mesopotamia where his aged father had died. Nahor was now the father of twelve sons. "Perhaps I can send back to my own people at Haran," thought Abraham, "and find a wife for Isaac." So he called his trusted servant Eliezer to discuss the question with him. —M. M.

In the time that Jesus was here on earth, people lived in low houses with flat roofs. People could go up and walk around on their roofs.

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## Search Question

How much did Zacchaeus tell Jesus he would give back to those he took from?

Answer to Last Week's Question

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother." Proverbs 1:8.

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## Jesus Shows Friendliness

"Grandma, I like Freddy," said Sue one afternoon when she had stopped in for cookies and milk after school. "But some of the other children don't, because he acts mean sometimes. I think he just acts mean because they don't like him. He's nice to me."

"And you just keep right on being nice to him," said Grandma, "no matter what the other children say. There is always a reason why people act mean or cross. If we can find out those reasons and be kind to them, we can help them to be better."

"We learned in Sunday school that Jesus was kind to everyone, even the tax collectors who took more money from the people than was fair."

"That's right," said Grandma. "Do you remember what he said when they asked him why he ate with 'sinners'? He said that he had come to help those who needed him most. That is why we can always count on Jesus to help us when we need him." —Sel.

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Dear boys and girls:

School has started again. Through the summer you may not have been with so many other children who wanted to do the wrong. Now in school you are with all different chil-

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dren. I am sure you will be tempted to do wrong. So let us pray much and ask God to help you to be kind and not do wrong of any kind. Maybe some of you have been to the camp meetings this summer and have given the Lord your hearts. Let us lift up Jesus in our lives in school. Children who belong to Jesus do not break the rules of the school. They do what the teacher tells them and study their lessons so they can learn to read and write so they can read the Bible and then maybe write to someone about Jesus.

It is not a very good thing to stay around the school when school is out, or play around on the way home. It is best to come straight home. Sometimes there are children who have mothers that work and just leave them to run around. These boys and girls are the ones that are easy for the devil to get to do wrong. They are not in a hurry to get home because there is no mother there to see. The house is so lonesome, so they just take their time and let the devil get them in trouble. So if you do not go straight home, you may get with one of them and get into trouble. So I believe Jesus is pleased for you to come straight home from school, don't you? —Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11, September 10, 1950

**JOHN MARK, THE HELPER**

**Acts 12:1-18, 25; 15:36-40.**

In John Mark's home all the people who loved Jesus were welcomed. Mary, John Mark's mother, was a widow, but she loved to have prayer meeting.

The Jews were trying to kill those who loved Jesus and the people gathered together to pray for those who were put in prison. They had heard how Peter had been put in prison and knew that James had been put to death, and no doubt gathered at John Mark's home to pray for Peter to be spared to them.

Peter, in prison, was fast asleep, chained to two soldiers. There were other soldiers standing guard. While Peter was sleeping, an angel from God came into the dark cell where he lay, and touched him. The soldiers beside him did not see the angel, neither did they hear him speak to Peter, telling him to rise up. When Peter obeyed, the heavy chains fell off his hands and the angel told him to put on his sandals and tie his girdle about his waist. He hardly knew what he was doing, but he followed the angel out of the cell, past the guards, and on to the great iron gate which opened into the city street. The gate which had been locked swung open easily and Peter followed the angel through one street to another, and the angel disappeared as suddenly as he had come.

Peter stood there for awhile. He had at first thought it was all a dream, but now he was fully awake. He decided he would go to John Mark's house. When he came to the door of the gate and knocked, the gate-keeper, a young girl named Rhoda called, "Who is it?" At the sound of his answering voice she

ran into the room where the people were kneeling in prayer and cried excitedly, "Peter is come! Peter is come!" So happy was she that she forgot to unlock the gate and let him in.

But those who were praying did not believe Rhoda's words, and they said, "It must be an angel." But Peter stood without and continued to knock. Finally someone ran to see and opened the gate and Peter came in. He told them all the wonderful things that had happened to him and then left.

When Barnabas and Saul came to Jerusalem they stayed at the home of John Mark and when they returned to Antioch they asked John Mark to go with them. He was a young man and became very useful as a helper to those who worked for the Lord and finally he wrote the gospel of St. Mark, which is supposed to be the teachings of Peter his close friend.

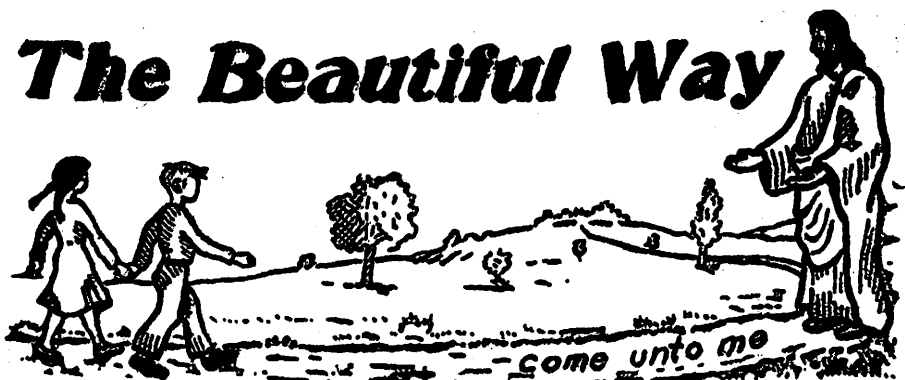
Later Paul wanted to revisit some of the places that they had preached, and Barnabas, who was a relative of John Mark, wanted to take him along; but Paul did not think it was needful for him to go. So Paul took Silas with him and Barnabas took John Mark and they went to different fields to tell the gospel story.

During Paul's life in prison at Rome, we find that he paid full honor to Mark. Maybe Mark had learned many lessons since the time when Paul did not want to take him with him. Paul wrote to Timothy and asked him to bring him to him, that he was "profitable for the ministry." (2 Tim. 1:11).

**Central Thought:** God takes care of those who love him.

**Memory Verse:** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13.

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## When Things Go Wrong

When I have answered crossly  
And acted selfishly,  
I'm always very sorry—  
Just as I ought to be.

For when I am unkind  
In things I do and say,  
And when I do not mind—  
I know that's not the way

To please my Heavenly Father,  
Who sees the things I do.  
He wants me to be loving,  
And kind and helpful too.

He loves me very dearly  
And listens when I pray;  
I know that He will help me  
To serve Him every day.

"Evening, and morning, and at  
noon, will I pray" Psa. 55:17.

"The Lord is my helper" Heb. 13:6.  
—Elizabeth B. Jones

## "Thou Shalt Not Steal"

This is a true story about a little  
girl whom we shall call Jane.

Jane was once a saved little girl,  
but she became careless and failed to

watch and pray, so one day the devil  
tempted her to do wrong.

Jane's mother put some food away  
for the next meal and told her not  
to bother it. Of course, Jane said  
she would not and she intended to  
obey, but while she was washing the  
dishes the old devil whispered to her,  
"Just take a little bite. Your mother  
won't notice it." So soon Jane was  
yielding. How good it tasted! Again  
the devil whispered, "Take some  
more." Soon Jane had eaten so much  
it could now be missed. Then she  
realized what she had done. How  
guilty she felt!

Later her mother came in and  
noticed the food gone. She began to  
question her. Again the devil was  
on hand, "Tell her a cat got it," he  
whispered. Poor Jane yielded again,  
and this time told a story on the in-  
nocent cat. Her mother didn't quite  
believe it, but she did not question  
her any more for awhile.

Bed time came, and how sad poor  
Jane felt. She wanted to tell her  
mother that she had done the act,  
but she was afraid. Soon she went  
to bed, but she could not sleep, no  
matter how hard she tried. She kept

thinking of what would happen to her if she died.

Jane could stand it no longer. She had to get up and confess to her mother, also ask her forgiveness and the Lord's too. How relieved she felt!

Again she was saved, so she went to bed very happy, and this time she could go to sleep easily because she was ready to meet the Lord.

Little children, never let the devil succeed in tempting you to do wrong, but hasten off to your place of prayer and ask for power to overcome.

—O. A. Davenport

### HAVE A BIBLE CLASS FOR CHILDREN

About two years ago the Lord laid a burden on my heart to work with children. I felt that I couldn't do much in talking to children, but the Lord assured me that He would help me. One day the Lord brought it to me that I could ask the neighbor children to come here to my home once a week, and I could talk to them about Jesus. It seemed only a few of them went to Sunday School, and since I drove eight miles to Sunday School and always stayed for church services it would be quite a problem to ask them to go with us.

After much prayer and thought about having a Bible Class, I felt it was the Lord's will. I decided that I would clean our garage up and put some old rugs and worn-out quilts on the floor on which they could sit, and have it out there, and that would save a house-cleaning problem after each meeting. I then sent my seven-year-old boy around to ask the children to come. I believe I had twelve at the first meeting. We sang some little choruses, had prayer, and then I told them the story of Jesus' birth. After that, we started to learn a verse

(which usually takes two or three times on the same verse), then I gave them each a piece of candy and a little card and told them we would have it each Tuesday at 3:15, and for them to tell other children to come.

I have been having it every Tuesday since that time unless something unusual comes up. I have kept most of the names of the children that have come to my class at different times. There have been over sixty-five, ages from 2 to 12 years. Last Tuesday I had twenty-nine children. Sometimes I have more and sometimes less. Out of all the sixty-five who have been here, I could safely say that only about ten of them went to Sunday School anywhere. I have had some come that never heard about Jesus. And they seem very happy to know about him, and could ask questions so fast that I could not answer them. Some have understood enough to give their hearts to Jesus. Many of them who never prayed before are praying at night and are insisting on their mothers kneeling with them in prayer. Many have refused to go with their parents to baseball games, parties, and other places because they did not want to miss Bible Class. Space will not permit me to tell you how much the Lord has blessed in this effort. Yet I feel it would all be in vain unless God works, and by His Holy Spirit impresses the truth on their little hearts. I am praying that it will stay with them, and when they are old enough to understand how to live for Jesus that something that has been said will be the means of their really living for Jesus. After they are grown God could bring some of these truths to their hearts and cause them to come to Jesus.

The reason I have written this is to ask you to pray about it, and ask

the Lord if he would have you open up your home for a Bible class for the children in your neighborhood. You say that you can not even tell a story? I would suggest that you get a Bible Story book and read them one each time out of it. Children love stories. You will be surprised how they will beg for another meeting. Children's little hearts are tender and easy to reach. They are so happy when they learn to love Jesus, and give him their hearts.

You can order a Bible Story book from the office that prints this paper for two dollars and ninety-eight cents.

My heart is burdened that more children be taught today to love Jesus. People are getting so far away from God that they are not teaching their children to love the Lord or even bothering to send them to Sunday School. Let us rescue the children around us. Unless you tell them about Jesus' love, they will not know that he died to save them.

Mrs. Marie Miles

## Search Question

How long did the children of Israel's clothes and shoes wear while they were in the wilderness?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Fourfold, or four times as much as he took. Luke 19:8.

Kans.—Dear ones,—I feel that the Lord would be pleased if I write my testimony. Last year my eyes were tested and were very bad. We felt that it would not be glory to God for me to wear glasses. We prayed that God would heal my eyes. This year my eyes were tested and were perfect. Praise God, I know he did it. I want your prayers that I will be a bright and shining light unto the world. Yours in Christ, La Verna Eck

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Dear boys and girls:

Isn't it wonderful when we ask Jesus to help us and he hears and answers our prayers? We want to be sure and thank the Lord when he answers our prayers. The other day a little boy was late leaving his home to catch the school bus. Later I asked him if he caught it. He said, "Yes, I prayed and asked Jesus to help me get there in time, and he did." Then he added, "I thank Jesus for answering my prayer, too." I am sure that Jesus was pleased that he did not forget to thank him for helping him catch the school bus on time.

The last book we talked about was Second Timothy, wasn't it? Titus comes next. It is a letter written by Paul to Titus. Paul told Titus to teach people how to live. He said to tell the older women to teach the young women to love their children. It is wonderful to have mothers that love us, isn't it? But you know sometimes mothers lets the devil cause them not to love their children and they need some one to teach them about these things. Paul wanted Titus to tell the older women that that was their duty to teach the mothers to love their children.

The next book is Philemon, a letter written to Philemon by Paul.

—Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12, September 17, 1950

## JAMES, THE BROTHER OF JESUS

Acts 15:13-20; Gal. 2:9-12.

Today our lesson is about James, the brother of Jesus. There are several men named James mentioned in the Bible, but Jesus' brother did not become a follower of Jesus until after he arose from the grave. Jesus then appeared to him. (1 Cor. 15:7). We do not know what Jesus said to him, but we know he did remain in Jerusalem and no doubt was with the disciples, Jesus' mother, and others when they received the Holy Spirit. You remember in last Sunday's lesson when Peter came to John Mark's house he told them to go tell James and the brethren about the angel letting him out of jail. So James must have started right in working for the Lord as soon as he believed (Acts 12:17).

Today we find James, Peter, and all the apostles and elders together to talk about something very important. Paul and Barnabas had come on a long, long trip to Jerusalem to ask them a very important question. You know that Paul and Barnabas had been preaching Jesus to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were all the people that were not Jews. The Gentiles heard how Jesus came to this world and lived among the people, healed the sick, raised the dead, and did many, many good things; and told them how to live to get to heaven. Then he died on the cross, arose the third day, and went up to heaven. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit with power into the lives of people and made them happy. As they believed the wonderful gospel story, they were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. But you know there were some of the Jews who came to visit the Gentiles and told them they did not think they could

be saved unless they kept the law of Moses. You know that the law of Moses was written to the Jews, and the Gentiles did not know anything about it. The law did not have any power to save them. But they did know that when they believed on Jesus they had been saved. This caused the Gentiles to wonder about it. So they said they wanted Paul and Barnabas to go to Jerusalem and ask James and the apostles about it.

When Paul and Barnabas told James, Peter, and all the others that were gathered together about this question, Peter got up and told how he had also seen the Gentiles saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. Paul and Barnabas also told how they had seen the Gentiles turn from idols and worship God and believe in Jesus.

Now James, the brother of Jesus stood up. Everyone listened, for they knew he had received wisdom from God to speak to them. He told them that they should not trouble the Gentile brethren about the law of Moses, then he turned to the Bible, God's word, and told them how that it was God's plan from the beginning to give salvation to the Gentiles and that all men that seek after the Lord would be saved. He said that maybe it would be good to write a letter to them about it and tell them to be careful not to do the things they had always done in idol worship. All thought that what James told them was from God and were made happy.

At another place in Galatians, we find where James gave Paul his blessing while working among the Gentiles, only told him to remember the poor. We see in James a tender heart and love for everyone.

**Central Thought:** James was one who spoke boldly as God told him to speak.

**Memory Verse:** But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. James 1:22.



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## Mother Knows

Mother knows just everything;

Of course she does; why, say,  
She answers questions thick and fast,  
Each and every day!

It's "Where is my Geography?"

And "O Mother, where's my hat?"

Then sister says, "Where is my book?"

And brother, "Where's my bat?"

O, Mother knows these answers

And many others, too;

And if she wasn't just like that

I don't know what we'd do!

Mother knows a lot about God;

And she tells us where he lives.

She knows that Jesus saves,

And all the good things he gives.

## A Dog Used To Answer Prayer

One time a dog was used to answer the prayer of some missionaries. They were asking the Lord that they might preach the gospel in a factory near them, where many men worked. But these men would never let them come inside the big gate, nor listen to them. The missionaries prayed and waited, knowing their heavenly Fath-

er would answer for His glory, for they knew that He did not want all those men to die in their sins. He wanted them to know of His Son, the Lord Jesus, who had died for them.

One day when the men were eating their lunch, a dog ran through the big gate with a paper in his mouth. Printed things were scarce there, and they ran after the dog to get the paper; round and round they went, the dog thinking it was a fine game. Finally they caught him and took the bit of printed page and sat and read it. God was sending that bit of paper to interest those men in the gospel. What do you suppose they read? They read a lovely story from the Bible about a man who had spent his father's money and was now feeding pigs—then the page was torn and they could not finish the story. Oh, they talked and talked—how could they get the rest of the story and see how it ended?

One man said, "That book has come from those foreign people (meaning the missionaries), for that is their dog. Let one of us go over and come back with a whole book." So one went over. How happy the mission-

aries were to have their prayer answered! They invited the men over to hear them read not only that story but all the story of salvation of how Jesus came here and died on the cross and arose the third day and went up to heaven and now hears us when we pray to him, and forgives us of our sins; of how we can be saved through faith in Jesus. The men came, and many of them were saved. So our Lord used even a dog to help answer prayer.

## The Wedding Guest

"Ho, little folk," did you say you were invited to a birthday dinner of some of your little friend's or play-mates'? Well, I dare-say you would scrub your face and hands until they would shine with cleanliness, and so you should, then put on your best clothes. I am sure you would have a happy time.

I want to tell you a story of a king who made a dinner, or a wedding feast for his Son. He sent out many invitations. When the guests came they were given a lovely wedding garment to put on. They did not have to pay any money for it. It was given to them. It was a beautiful garment because it represents salvation that is given us freely and without money when we come to Jesus for salvation.

There was a man who came to this wedding feast who was bad at heart and did not want to please or obey the King, so he just went in without the wedding garment.

When the King came in to greet his guests, he saw this man in his own shabby clothes, which represents our sins. He was wilful and disobedient. He could have easily put on the beautiful garment of salvation and then the King would have been so pleased to see him. But, do you know what

the King said? He told them to bind this man and cast him out. The man was speechless.

Suppose you should go to school some day with your face all dirty and with egg or jam on your face? Don't you think the teacher would say, "Johnny, you go right out of the room and to the wash room and clean your face and hands, for we don't want you in here all dirty"? Neither does Jesus want us to be all dirty with sin when we could be clean and have on the beautiful garment of salvation.

From one who loves the little children and wants to see them clean and happy and grow up to be good men and women. —Aunt Georgia

## Bible Story

Genesis 24

Abraham was now getting very old and he was afraid he might die before he had a wife for Isaac, so he made his servant Eliezer promise him that he would not take a woman who worshiped idols for his son's wife, but that he would go back to his country and take a wife from his kindred. Abraham had taught Eliezer to believe and trust in God, and he was one of his most trusted servants. And all that Abraham had was taken care of by Eliezer.

Eliezer was glad that he could be trusted to do this important work for his master. Yet Eliezer knew that such a long journey would take many days and there would be many dangers along the way. And then maybe the girl would not be willing to come with him to be the wife of a man whom she had never met. But because Eliezer trusted in God, he was willing to go.

Eliezer started on his long journey. He took with him ten camels, several attendant servants, and many valuable presents. After many, many days of

travel he finally came to the northern part of Mesopotamia, and there at last his tired camels knelt down by a well outside of the city Haran.

Now Eliezer felt he must have God's help to find a good wife for Isaac. So he prayed to the Lord. Not only did he want to please Abraham, but he wanted to please God.

—M. M.

## Search Question

Who took Elijah's mantle after he went to heaven?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Their clothes and shoes lasted forty years. Deuteronomy 29:5.

"How do you explain it?" asked one who had heard an old saint tell of a wonderful answer to prayer.

"I don't," she answered simply. "I just took the Lord at His word and He took me at mine."

Have you learned to take Christ at His word?

## A Beautiful Flower

A man once visited a coal mine. As he neared the edge of the mine he saw some lovely flowers all covered with dust of the coal. "What a pity," he said, "that those flowers are covered with the dust from the mine." Without a word, one of the miners stooped and picked one of the lily-white flowers. With a quick shake of his hand, the dust slipped off and let the beautiful petals glistening white.

"You see," said the miner, "this flower has the power to live in the midst of dirt without getting dirty." And that is exactly what Jesus wants every Christian to do—live in this world of dirty sin without getting dirty. You can, by His help.

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Dear boys and girls:

Our lesson today was about Paul. You will notice that many of the books of the Bible which you have been learning the names of were written by Paul. You can see how God did use Paul when he gave him his life and heart and was willing to follow the Lord. He was not afraid when he was arrested or beaten by many men. He knew that God had called him to work for him and that is what he intended to do as long as he had life in his body. Oh, boys and girls, won't you give yourselves over into Jesus' hands and let him use you? Sometimes when boys and girls are young they will serve the Lord and then when they get older they turn away from him. Oh, how sad! Won't you today say in your heart, "By the help of Jesus, I will live for him as I grow up, and let him use me"? May God bless you and help you to stay with your promise to the Lord. Do not turn away from him for any cause. Nothing in life is more precious or more beautiful than a child of God busy doing the things the Lord tells them to do. Many are blessed, and you will be greatly blessed.

The next book is Hebrews. It was written by Paul. It is longer than the last few that we talked about.

—Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 13, September 24, 1950

## HOW PAUL SPREAD THE STORY OF JESUS

Acts 26:9-20

Our lesson today is about Paul. Paul was a good man and he loved God and loved everyone. He gave his life telling the gospel story. He went to the Gentiles and told them about Jesus. Many believed. He helped these people to get together in many cities and worship the Lord. In our Bible he wrote letters to these churches that he helped get started and told them how to love the Lord more and how to live. Today we love to read these letters and it has helped many people to live for Jesus. Paul was filled with the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit helped him to know what to say and write.

Our lesson tells us about Paul when he was called Saul. He is telling the King Agrippa about the time when he was converted (saved). He had been arrested for telling people about Jesus. Now he is standing before the king and others and has been given a chance to tell why the Jews in Jerusalem wanted to get rid of him, thinking he should be put to death.

Paul speaks thus: "O King Agrippa, I am glad that I may speak for myself before you. I know that you understand the customs of the Jews and you will know what I am saying. From my youth the Jews know my life, for I was brought up in their city. And if they would, they could tell that I lived among them the strictest of the Pharisees, keeping the law of Moses as carefully as any of them did. But now I am accused by them because I believe the promise which God made to our fathers about Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead. One

time I, too, thought I ought to try to get rid of those who believed in Jesus of Nazareth. And I did this, shutting in prison many of the saints who lived in Jerusalem. I received permission from the high priest to make trouble for some Christians there when I saw a vision from God. It was at midday, O King, when suddenly I saw on the road a light from heaven, more dazzling than the noonday sun, and the brightness of it frightened me and the ones that were with me. We fell to the ground, then a voice spoke to me in the Hebrew tongue saying, 'Saul! Saul! why are you persecuting me?' I cried, 'Who are you, Lord?' and the voice replied, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' That voice commanded me to stand on my feet while I received from Jesus what he wanted me to do. He told me to go tell the story of Jesus, not only to the Jews, but to the Gentiles.

"And because I have obeyed that heavenly command I received in that heavenly vision, O King, I am now being troubled by the Jews who will not believe in Jesus. Again and again they have sought to kill me, but God has thus far helped me."

Those that heard Paul that day were touched. Paul asked King Agrippa if he believed the prophets and King Agrippa answered him, "Almost you persuade me to be a Christian." And Paul replied, "I would to God that not only you but all who hear me today were such as I am except for this chain."

Boys and girls, I do trust that you will give your hearts to Jesus as Paul did and be able to tell everyone about Jesus' love.

Central Thought: Jesus needed Paul and sought him. He needs us all.

Memory Verse: I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 1 Cor. 2:2.

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## How Old Ought I to Be?

"Dear mother," said a little maid,  
"Please whisper it to me—  
Before I am a Christian,  
How old ought I to be?"

"How old ought you to be, my child,  
Before you can love me?"  
"I always loved you, mummie mine,  
Since I was tiny wee.

I love you now and always will,"  
The little daughter said,  
And on her mother's shoulder hid  
Her golden curly head.

"How old, my girlie, must you be  
Before you trust my care?"  
"Oh, mother dear, I do, I do—  
I trust you everywhere."

"How old ought you to be, my child,  
To do the things I say?"  
The little girl looked up and said,  
"I can do that today."

"Then you can be a Christian, too,  
Don't wait till you are grown,  
Tell Jesus now you come to Him  
To be His very own."

And so the little maid knelt down  
And said, "Lord, if I may,  
I'd like to be a Christian now"—  
He answered, "Yes, today."

—Sel.

## My Bird

I had a pet once! It was the cut-  
est little thing, so warm and cuddly.  
When I got him, he was just an egg.

Pigeons grow fast, and soon I could  
play with him. He didn't like the  
bath I gave him every day, but he  
got used to it. He was always  
scratching, but I took care of that.  
While he was drying in the sun I  
picked most of the fleas out. After  
he was all fixed up I wrapped him in  
a doll blanket and pulled him around  
the neighborhood in my wagon. All  
the children wanted to hold him.

I was thinking . . . It's kind of like  
the Lord and me. I must have looked  
terribly big to my pigeon, but he  
wasn't scared. He knew I loved him  
and wanted to help him. The Lord  
is very big too. Just think . . . He  
is God! I'm just like that pigeon! I  
know God loves me so I don't have to  
be afraid either.

My bird and I really got to know each other well. Whenever he saw me he swooped down and landed right on top of my shoulder. He always wanted to be near me because we were pals.

When you know the Lord, I think you feel the same way. You can't help but want to be with Him. I fly to Him when I pray. Someone told me that my prayers have wings. I talk to God and my prayers fly right up to heaven and God hears them. Isn't that wonderful! The Lord is my Friend . . . I think He wants to be pals with us.

My bird was always hungry. He knew where I kept his feed, and came in a hurry when I called him. I filled my hands with chopped up corn and it was gone in no time. It was fun to see him eat and get fat.

I'm sure God feels happy when we get hungry and come to Him. He gives us spiritual food. I know that God's Word is food. It feeds our souls. I feel so clean and good after I have been to church and studied God's Word. If we take in a lot of His Word we will be healthy Christians.

We had company one day, and my bird brought home some of his friends. Now instead of one we had four. They were homely and so dirty I felt sorry for them. They needed someone to love them, so I let them stay.

We Christians are favored people. Jesus is our Friend and He takes care of us. There are many, many people who don't even know Him. We should be like my bird, bringing our friends to Jesus. He would love them too.

One day a cat got my bird and he came home to die. I cried, I couldn't help it. He was all torn and bleeding.

I was glad he came home, though.

Someday I am going home to heaven. I'm glad I know that Jesus went away to fix up heaven for me. Best of all, I know He will be there to meet me.

—F. N.

## BIBLE STORY

Genesis 24

As Eliezer stood by the well outside of the city of Haran, he prayed, "O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, help me this day and show kindness to my master Abraham. Behold, I stand here by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water; let it come to pass, that the young woman of whom I shall ask a drink may offer to draw water for my camels also. By this sign I shall know that she is the one whom you have chosen, for Abraham's sake, to be the wife of Isaac."

While Eliezer was praying, a beautiful young woman came out to the well with an earthen pitcher on her shoulder. Eliezer waited until she had filled the pitcher with water, then he kindly asked for a drink. Although he was a stranger, she spoke kindly to him and said she would draw water for his camels also. She ran over and emptied her pitcher in the trough and ran again to draw water, and drew water for all his camels. Eliezer stood wondering at her. He gave her some beautiful presents when she had finished and asked whose daughter she was and whether there would be room at her father's house for him to lodge.

She answered him that she was Rebekah, the granddaughter of Nahor, Abraham's brother. Eliezer knew that his prayer was answered and he bowed his head and thanked God. How good God was to answer his prayer. God will answer our prayers today. And when he does, we should also be very careful to thank him and worship him.

Isn't it wonderful that God, who is so great, will take notice of one who loves him and will give them what they ask?

Dear aunt Marie,—I am a little girl ten years old. I have been listening to the Children's Corner that Grandma reads in the "Faith and Victory" paper. I miss the Children's Corner now.

I go to the church of God in Eureka, Montana. Mother, brother, and sister go with me. I am staying with Grandma and step-Grandpa five miles out of Fortine. Pray for me that I might have victory.

Love, Harriet C. Evins

## Search Question

What are the names of the first twins mentioned in the Bible?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Elisha. 2 Kings 2:13.

## The Greatest Gift

You know that when you receive a gift from anyone for your birthday, or at any time, you must take the gift before it is yours. Suppose someone brought you a box of candy and you would go to the door and say, "No, I do not want your candy." Would the candy be yours? No, you must take the gift before it is yours. So today you must receive the Lord Jesus if you want Him to be your Gift. He stands at your heart's door and knocks. Will you receive Him, and let Him come in? He is the greatest gift to this world and to you that you have ever been given. He loves you, oh, so much. He loved us enough to take our sins and die for them, so that we could have clean, pure hearts and come live with Him in heaven forever. No one loves you as Jesus does. He wants to be your Gift from Heaven! Will you receive Him?

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Here it is October. Time moves on and does not wait for anyone. I hope today, as you read this, that you have let Jesus come into your heart and that you love him above everything else in this world.

I was reading how the birds go to the south for the winter, and how they prepare for their journey during the summer. They shed their feathers two by two until they have a new outfit to travel in, and then they are busy eating and putting on extra fat to give them strength for their long journey to the south. And they never lose their way. God has caused them to know the way to go. Are we as smart as the birds? We know that we are all traveling to the time when we shall die. Have we put on the new garment which is salvation? and are we feeding on the Word of God so we will not miss the way to heaven? The Word tells us the way and how to pray and get strength to live for Jesus.

I hope you are learning, or have learned the books of the New Testament. The next book we have is James. It is supposedly written by James, the brother of Jesus. —M. M.

# Sunday School Lesson

## LIVING FOR JESUS

Lesson 1, October 1, 1950

Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Thess. 5:15-23;

James 1:22, 26-27.

Our lessons beginning with this quarter are about our daily living for Jesus. I feel it is well for the older classes to read the lessons from the Bible and then you can read these comments and discuss it.

The first part of our lesson is taken from the sermon that Jesus preached on the Mount. We see Jesus sitting there with his disciples close by him, and then the multitude of people around. A disciple is a learner or follower of Jesus. Do you know how many Jesus chose to follow him and be close to him? That's right, twelve.

If we had been there, we would have heard Jesus telling them how they should live so God would be pleased with them. He told them, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored: It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men." (Revised Version). Just think how much Mother uses salt. Nearly everything she cooks she puts salt in it. Did you ever watch her? Watch her this coming week and see how often it is used. Salt is very important. It stops decay, it purifies, preserves, and helps to feed our bodies with minerals that we need. But it would be of no good if it lost its taste, would it? Mother would throw it away. So Jesus tells them that they cannot be workers or helpers for him unless they have Jesus in their hearts. He wanted them to see that having Jesus in their hearts is the taste in the salt. That they would be doing good things and would be kind and nice to others around them. Others would see it and it would help them to be good, too,

and want to love Jesus.

He also told them, "You are the light of the world." "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

If a man would take a candle or light and put a big box over it, I'm afraid you could not see much of the light, could you? But if he would put it on a candlestick it would shine out and help others get around and know where they are going. When a person has Jesus in his heart and is always doing good things, letting brother or sister play with his toys without fussing, or when playing a game he is always fair, or taking some flowers to a sick friend, or being good to the boy or girl who doesn't have a mother or father, and many other things that Jesus would be pleased for him to do, that would be letting his light shine for Jesus. If you are the one, someone will want to know why you are so good and you can tell that one that Jesus has come into your heart and he helps you to be good. When they see you doing what Paul later tells the Thessalonians to do, they will by the light you are letting shine want to become one of Jesus' boys or girls.

Paul told them to rejoice and be happy and then after that he told them to pray without ceasing. I am sure he wants us to always be ready to pray to the Lord just any time and any where. It doesn't have to be aloud, but just send up a prayer for help when the devil tries to get you to do something that Jesus would not like. Then you will be happy and will be doing what the next verse says. You read them.

**Memory Verse**—Let your conversation (or conduct) be as it becometh the gospel of Christ. Phil. 1:27a.

**Central Thought**—We may honor Jesus and help others by our lives.



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## Little. But Wise

Who showed the little ant the way  
Her narrow hole to bore,  
And spend the pleasant summer day  
In laying up her store?

The sparrow builds her clever nest  
Of wool and hay and moss;  
Who told her how to weave it best  
And lay the twigs across?

Who taught the busy bee to fly  
Among the sweetest flowers,  
And lay his store of honey by  
To eat in winter hours?

'Twas God who showed them all their way;  
He gave them wondrous skill,  
And teaches children, if they pray,  
To do His holy will. —Sel.

## Little Laura and Her Goose Eggs

Little Laura was about ten years old. Her mother (a true saint of God) had been dead about a year, leaving little Laura and Catherine, George, and their father alone. So

Laura, being the oldest of the three, was the housekeeper. All three had been born on a river farm, but when their dear mother began to have symptoms of T. B. their father bought a small upland farm where their mother had died with the T. B. They now lived on this farm near a school house where the writer of this article often stopped and gave them a lesson from the Word of God.

On this occasion, the old Brother O. B. Wilson was with me coming home from a revival meeting, and stopped at the school house to give the people a service. Little Laura was there, as usual, and seemed to enjoy the message very much. When the preaching was over she came to us and said that her papa told her to bring us home with her. We accepted the invitation. When we arrived there, she showed us where to put the horse we were driving, then took us into the house. Her father was in bed. After we talked a few minutes with him she showed us our bed.

The next morning the father had to go away very early. He cooked a little for himself and told us that

Laura would prepare our breakfast, which she soon did. After breakfast was over she came to me and said, "I am sorry I haven't got any money to give you and Brother Wilson." We told her that was all right, that she had given us a nice breakfast. "Yes," she said, but she wanted to give us something to take with us. Then she said, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll give each of you a goose egg." She said that she had two, and they were hers. Her papa had told her she could have all the eggs that the old goose laid to buy her a new dress. They were worth five cents each at the store. We told her we did not want to take her eggs that she was saving to buy a new dress. She looked us straight in the face and said, "I want you to take them; it's all I have to give you." When we saw the tears running down her face we took them with a prayer for her that the good Lord would bless her and give her a new dress. We traveled about fifteen miles to where I lived and Bro. Wilson stopped with me for dinner. My wife fried the eggs and we ate them. While we were eating them Brother Wilson said, "God bless that dear child. She gave all she had." If other people would do half so well, God's ministers would have plenty.

Did she get the dress? She told her papa what she had done and he told her to take a turkey gobbler to the store and get her dress. She is living today. —J. W. Youngblood

## Ned and Jane Questions

"Mother, you know sometimes I think that maybe it is not true," Ned said with a frown on his face.

"What's not true?" Mother asked.

"Oh, the things we have been talk-

ing about, you know,— the things in the Bible."

"Do you know who put that thot in your mind?" asked Mother. "It is the devil. That is just what he told Eve when she was in the Garden of Eden. The devil told her she would not die if she took of the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He wanted her to think that what God said was not true. But what happened to Eve?"

"God made her leave the garden," answered Ned.

"Mother, did she cry?" Jane asked with a sad look.

"I'm sure that she did cry, because she disobeyed God, and God punished her. And when God punishes us it makes us cry. But, Ned, I want you not to listen to the devil when he brings a thought into your mind that the Bible is not true. The devil is a liar and the Bible says he is the father of all liars. We would not expect him to tell us that what God says is true. He is lying to people every day. He tells them that there is no hell nor heaven. Therefore those who believe him will be lost forever, and that is, oh, so sad!"

"I believe the Bible too, Mother. I won't listen to the devil any more. He just told me that once and I didn't really believe him because I thought about when Jesus healed me and I know that is in the Bible and that is true," Ned said.

"I'm sure my children believe the Bible and that Jesus is our Saviour and will take us to heaven when we die if we will always love him and do the things he tells us to do. But remember after this that the devil will try to keep you out of heaven if he can. So we don't want to listen to him," Mother said. —M. M.

## The Boy and The Devil

A school boy was brought to trust the Savior through that wonderful verse, John 5:24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

When the boy arrived home, and was sitting on a sofa in a room by himself, Satan began to tempt him to think it was all a mistake, and that Jesus had not really saved him at all. At length the temptation became so fierce that the boy said it seemed as though the devil was actually under the sofa talking to him.

For awhile the young Christian did not know how to answer Satan; but then he thought of an idea. Opening his Bible, he placed his finger at John 5:24, reached it down under the sofa, and said, "There you are, Satan, read it for yourself!"

The boy said that it seemed as if at that moment the devil disappeared.

—Sel.

## Search Question

What were the dreams that Joseph interpreted for the king?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Esau and Jacob. Genesis 25:27.

## A SONG

I will make you fishers of men,  
Fishers of men, fishers of men.

I will make you fishers of men,

If you follow me.

If you follow me, if you follow me;

I will make you fishers of men,

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Dear Boys and Girls:

The next book we want to talk about is 1 Peter. This book was written by the apostle Peter. He tells us something that is in line with our Sunday school lesson. He tells us that we should be happy to suffer as a Christian. This is in the fourth chapter and sixteenth verse. He tells us not to be ashamed, but to glorify God because we are worthy to suffer with Jesus. Sometimes others will try to get you to do wrong. You say, "No, I'm not going to do it." Then they may call you a coward or sissy or scarey cat or many other names. But you just remember that you are suffering all these slanders for Jesus' sake. They did much worse things than that to Jesus, didn't they? So we should not let those little things bother us because we are God's children and Jesus has gone to make ready a beautiful mansion in heaven for us if we will live to please him here.

Peter also wrote 2 Peter. The very last verse in this letter or book tells us to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." That means for us to pray to Jesus and to read his Word so we can know about him every day.

## Sunday School Lesson

### THE MEANING OF CHRIST'S CALL

Lesson 2, October 8, 1950

Matt. 16:24, 25; Mark 1:16-20;

Phil. 1:19-26.

Our lesson begins today with Jesus telling his disciples that they must not love themselves if they want to follow him. We must not do the things that Jesus tells us not to do. Even if you want the biggest piece of candy, oh, so much, you must not give in to your selfishness. You must tell yourself that Jesus does not want us to please ourselves, but to please Him, and that you want to follow Jesus and please him. Jesus will surely make you feel happy when you please Him and not please yourself. Who would not want to follow the lovely Jesus and receive a home in heaven with him? If you have not given your heart to Jesus, we urge you today to do so. Jesus will come into your heart and help you not to want to be selfish or unkind. He will bless you.

Now we see Jesus walking along the shore of Galilee. As he looked out into the water he saw Simon and Andrew his brother fishing. They had just thrown out their net into the sea. Jesus stopped and called to them, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." Oh, these men were so glad to see Jesus again. They had seen him heal the sick and do many great things. They also had talked to him and they believed him to be the Saviour of the world, the one whom God had sent to this world to save the world from sin. Their hearts were happy to know that Jesus wanted them to follow him. Just think, the loving Jesus had called them and wanted them to do something for him. The Bible tells us that they left their nets right then and followed him. They did not

wait another day, but left them. They wanted to be fishers of men. Jesus looked at this world as a large sea of water. He saw the people as fish and the gospel (or the news that God sent Jesus to save people from their sins) as the net, and Jesus needed men and women, boys and girls to cast out the gospel net into the sea of this world so they could catch other men, women, boys, and girls for Jesus to save them. Will you follow Jesus so he can make you a fisher of men?

After Simon and Andrew left their fishing and followed Jesus, they walked a little farther down the seashore. They saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee, in the ship with their father and servants mending their nets. Jesus stopped and called, "John, I want you and your brother James to follow me." And these men also were happy to be called of Jesus, so they too left their nets and fishing with their father and servants and followed Jesus. And we do not read that the father complained that his sons left him with all the business of fishing and followed Jesus. All Christian parents are happy when their children step out to follow Jesus and want to please him and help others know about Jesus.

There comes a time in every child's life when they feel the call of Jesus. They know that they have disobeyed him and they feel sorry for their sins. When this call comes to you, Jesus wants you to answer his call to "Come unto me." He wants to save you. Will you answer that call when it comes? If he is calling you to do some work for him, please come and he will bless you. Jesus wants our hearts and lives.

**Central Thought**—The time is due in all our lives when we should leave all and follow Jesus.

**Memory Verse**—For me to live is Christ and to die is gain. Phil. 1:21.

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## Don't You Believe the Story

We've been reading in the Bible  
How at dawning of the day,  
There did come a dreadful earthquake  
And the stone was rolled away.

Roman soldiers tried to guard Him  
As He lay within that grave;  
But 'twas God the Father raised Him  
Back to Him His life He gave!

If you love this wondrous story,  
If you now believe it true,  
God will give you grace and glory—  
Life eternal is for you!                      —Sel.

## Pennies In The Book

One afternoon Marlene was out-  
of-doors singing one of her favorite  
Sunday school songs:

"On Sunday I am happy,  
On Monday full of joy,  
On Tuesday I have peace within  
That Satan can't destroy;  
On Wednesday and on Thursday  
I'm walking in the light;  
Oh, Friday is a heav'n below,  
And Saturday's always bright."

"Marlene!" called Mother.

"Yes, Mother!" answered Marlene.  
She ran to see what Mother wanted.

"Will you please go to the store  
and get me two cans of corn?" said  
Mother. "I forgot to get them this  
morning." And she handed Marlene  
a quarter. The little girl skipped  
away on her errand, happy to be able  
to help Mother.

That day there was a sale on  
canned goods and corn was only 23  
cents. She had two cents to take  
home to Mother.

While Marlene was skipping home  
a little voice whispered to her, "Why  
don't you buy some candy with those  
two pennies? Mother will never know  
it; you can eat the candy before you  
get home." But another voice whis-  
pered, "Oh, don't do it! Wait and  
ask Mother."

Marlene was so hungry for some  
candy! She stopped at a candy store  
and bought two chocolates. But no  
sooner had she bought them than she  
felt something heavy inside of her;  
for she knew she had done wrong.

"I'll tell Mother as soon as I get  
home," thought Marlene. She ran

into the house, and was just going to tell Mother when a little voice whispered to her again, "Why not wait until tonight, after you've said your prayers? It will be easier then."

"I will," said Marlene, and ran out to play.

But when bedtime came there was a big lump in her throat. How could she tell Mother now?

I know Mother doesn't care because I spent the two pennies," she said to herself. "I won't tell her now. Maybe she'll ask me about it tomorrow." And so she fell asleep.

Sunday was a beautiful day. In her hurry to get to Sunday school on time, Marlene forgot all about the two pennies.

In class the teacher asked them to repeat the Memory Verse aloud—"Thou God seest me."

"You know," explained the teacher, "Jesus can look down and see everything we do, and our deeds are all put down on record in God's book, all the good things and and the bad things we do."

Like a flash, Marlene remembered the two pennies. She had that heavy feeling inside again.

"I must tell Mother," she thought. "I've just got to tell her—and I will tell her, too."

It was a very thoughtful girl that walked home from Sunday school. And when she reached the house, Marlene marched right into the kitchen where Mother was getting dinner ready, and told her all about the two pennies.

When Mother tucked her in bed that night, Marlene said, "Mother, I just couldn't stand to think that an angel wrote that down about the two pennies under my name. I'll never again spend any pennies until I ask you if I may." —Sel.

## Ned and Jane Questions

"You must hurry and get ready for Sunday School, it will soon be time to leave," Mother told Ned.

"Oh, Mother, do I have to go today? I want to finish this windmill that I am making with my tinker toys, and look at this wagon—I want to make it, too," Ned said as he picked up the sheet with the picture of a wagon made with tinker toys.

"There will be time to make that later, but on Sunday morning we always go to Sunday School to learn more about Jesus," she said firmly.

"I already know about Jesus and have heard nearly all the stories that they tell," Ned said as he put one more stick on his windmill.

"I'm afraid that my boy does not mean what he has said, because there is so much that you do not know about Jesus, and I'm sure that there are stories in the Bible yet that you would still enjoy hearing. But since you feel that you want to stay at home, I'll tell you what we'll do. We will pray and ask Jesus if he will bless you while you sit there and play when you should be in Sunday School. You know in the Bible He says, 'Whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God,' (1 Cor. 10:31)."

Ned sat there and thought awhile as Mother waited on her knees for him to come and pray, then he said, "I don't believe I need to ask Jesus if he wants me to go to Sunday school. I believe he wants me to go, anyway. I can play with my tinker toys when I come home."

"Yes, dear, I'm sure that Jesus wants you to go, and it was just the devil that tried to make you feel that you did not want to go. You see, the devil knows that you would learn more about Jesus and how to be a

better boy, and he doesn't want you to go. So after this, you just tell the devil you won't do what he wants you to do, but you are going to do what Jesus wants you to do. He tell us not to forget to come to the meeting house to worship him." (Heb. 10:25)

And later, when in Sunday School, the teacher asked the children if they liked the story they had just heard about Jesus. Ned spoke up and said that he surely did, and then he thot how glad he was that he came and did not stay at home. —M. Miles.

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## Search Question

How old was Moses when he first spoke to Pharaoh to let God's people go?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Gen. 41:14-40. They meant there would be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine.

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## Birds

Did you know that the Bible tells of different birds? Would you like to know where to find some? I am going to give you some scriptures to look up to find names of birds. Take a piece of paper and write the name of each bird you find. 1 Kings 17:6; Isaiah 40:31; Genesis 8:7, 8; Matt. 10:29; Luke 13:34; Matt. 3:16; Ps. 84:3; Isaiah 34:14; Luke 2:24; Job 39:13; Ps. 102:6; Ps. 104:17. You will find a whole flock of birds in Leviticus 11:13-19.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Are you working for Jesus? Are you sending the little paper to others or giving it to the children in your neighborhood? Maybe you can ask your teacher to order extra ones so you can give to others. Some are

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already doing that. God will bless you for this.

I hope you have been learning the books of the New Testament. We have been trying to discuss two each week. If you have learned them as we have added them, you will know them as they come in the New Testament. It will help you to find Scriptures that you want to find.

First John comes after 2 Peter. Can you say the names of the books up to First John? I surely hope you can. I would be glad to hear from you, telling me that you have learned them. We like to print your letters. But you may think it is a long time before you see them. We prepare these papers to be printed three months at one time, as that is the way you receive them, so maybe we received your letter just after these are printed and then maybe there isn't space to put it in till toward the last of the next quarter, so that makes your letter wait nearly five months. If you do not understand this, ask mother to explain it to you.

We would like for you to write and ask your mother, father, or anyone to write a little story for the paper, as we need them. —Aunt Marie.

# Sunday School Lesson

## HOW PHILIP USED THE BOOK

Lesson 3, October 15, 1950

Psa. 19:7-11; Acts 8:26-35.

The verses of our lesson taken from Psalms should not be overlooked. It would be well to read them to the group or have the older ones read them and discuss them. Six names are used to describe the Bible and each describes what the Word does for us. He says the Bible is perfect, sure, right, pure, clean, holy, and righteous altogether. More to be desired than gold and honey. And by the Word of God we are warned, and in keeping it we are rewarded.

Philip was a deacon and full of the Holy Ghost. He was always ready to go when God called for him. One day an angel spoke to him and told him to leave the place where he was and go down the road south about fifty miles from Jerusalem. He was quick to obey.

Now we see him going through Jerusalem, but he did not stop. He went on a road that led to the desert. Very few people went that way, but Philip was obeying the Lord.

There was another traveler on that road, riding in a chariot. This man was an officer of the Queen of Ethiopia. He was an important man in his country. He had the charge of all the Queen's treasures. He had heard of the true God and had come all the way from Ethiopia to worship God and was returning to his homeland. This man had a deep desire in his heart to worship God in the right way. God saw this desire and he knew that the rulers in Jerusalem did not help him to know about Jesus, for they had rejected him.

So he sent Philip along to help him understand about Jesus.

When Philip saw the chariot, God caused him to know through his Spirit why he was sent. So Philip ran to the chariot. As they journeyed along, Philip heard the man reading out of God's Book. He was reading out of the book of Isaiah about Jesus and of how he was to be treated by his enemies when he came to this earth to die on the cross for our sins. After awhile Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The Ethiopian replied, "How can I understand when I have no one to teach me?" He then invited Philip to ride with him in the chariot and tell him the meaning of these strange words.

The Ethiopian asked Philip, "About whom is the prophet writing, is it of himself or of some other man?" Philip then began at that very scripture and preached Jesus to him. How happy the Ethiopian was to hear the blessed story of Jesus, how he came here, lived and died and arose again and is now sitting at the right hand of God, ready to forgive our sins and answer our prayers. He knew now that his trip to Jerusalem was not in vain. His heart was made glad and happy as he accepted Jesus.

Finally they came to some water and the Ethiopian asked Philip to baptize him, and he did.

Central Thought—The Bible tells us of Jesus and heaven.

Memory Verse—Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psa. 119:11.



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## My Present Prayer

My mother taught me first to say,  
"Now I lay me down to sleep;"  
Together we would kneel and pray,—  
Then from my room she'd softly creep;  
But now I've grown so big and tall  
I add this to my evening prayer,  
"Dear God, bless Mother most of all,  
And keep her in thy care."

And then quite often I repeat,  
"Dear God, in heaven above,  
O, make me ever really glad  
And thankful for my mother's love;  
And then, dear Lord, may Mother dear  
Be always glad to say,  
"I'm thankful for my little girl  
Who helps me so each day."

## Setting the Clock Wrong

"Mother," said little Ellen, "I know something the boys did at school yesterday, that was awful naughty."

"Do you, dear? I am sorry," said Mother.

"Yes, Mother, they set the clock wrong. Made it go fast, you know while Mr. Sanders was out of the

room, so when he came back he let school out much too soon."

"Oh! that was an ugly thing to do," said Mother; and then added, "I think I saw a little girl set her own clock wrong the other day."

"On purpose, Mother?"

"Yes, I'm sure she knew better."

"Who was it, Mother?" Ellen looked up suspiciously into her mother's smiling face; she had been caught this way, or taught this way before.

"It is the little girl you and I know best."

"What sort of clock was it?" asked Ellen presently, for she was thinking that if Mother meant her, she did not have any clock.

"I suppose you would call it a watch," said Mother, "for she carries it about with her all the time; it does not say, 'Tick-tock'; it says, 'Do this; don't do that'; it says, 'Yes, yes,' or 'No, no,' and we call it a conscience clock."

"When did you see that little girl set her clock wrong, Mother?"

"She took her mother's white fan out of the drawer, when she knew She was not allowed to touch it. I suppose she said to conscience, 'Don't

bother me, I will not hurt it, and I will put it back right away'; in that way she set her conscience clock wrong, and the clock must have quit trying to make her do right, for the fan was found down on the floor, with two dolls, some little cups and saucers, and a Noah's ark."

This Bible verse came true in Ellen's life: "Be sure your sin will find you out." (Num. 32:23). —Sel.

## Jesus Alone Saves You

When Charles was old enough to learn to read; there were no schools to which he could go so his Mother was his teacher. She used the precious Bible to teach him to read. She would choose the chapters that she wanted him to read and to learn by memory. He grew to love the precious Bible and many times would refuse to go out to play with the other boys because he enjoyed reading the precious Bible. When Charles became eight or nine the Bible became especially precious to him.

But in the year of eighteen hundred and nineteen his Mother died and the precious Bible disappeared from his home. It probably was taken away by a priest of the Catholic Church. You know they do not believe in letting you try to read the Bible and understand it. They say that only the Pope can understand it. So naturally those people do not care to read a book that they are not supposed to understand.

Charles was taken to the Catholic Church and as he thought this was the right way he finally became a priest. But one day he was asked to preach a sermon to the people about Mary, the mother of Jesus. He thought that was a great privilege. He told the people that a human could not

go to the King of kings and ask for forgiveness of sins, so we must find someone near to him to ask him. And who else should it be but Mary, his mother? He told them a lie, but at the time he did not know it was a lie. He said that Jesus never refused to grant his mother's request, when she asked anything of his while here on earth, and she would not be refused of him now. The people were moved with tears of joy to think that Jesus would hear Mary his Mother in their behalf.

That night Charles was very happy because he had preached a great sermon, and taking his Bible, he fell on his knees and opened it to read. His eyes fell on Matt. 12:46. There he began to read where Mary and some of her other sons came to a place to see Jesus where he was teaching the people, and she could not get close to him because of the great crowd, and she did what other Mothers would do—raised her voice for him to come to her. Some one told him that his Mother and brothers called for him. And He, before that great crowd, said, "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?" And he stretched his hand toward his disciples and said, "Behold! my mother and my brethren, for whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

When Charles read that a voice seemed to say from heaven: You preached a lie this morning when you told the people that Mary always received the favors which she had asked from Jesus. Then he read over in Mark 3:31-35 about the same incident; also in Luke 8:19-21. Instead of giving her what she asked, he publicly rebuked his mother. Then the voice seemed to tell Charles that

as long as Jesus was a boy he obeyed his Mother, but when he came before the world as the Son of God and the Savior of the world, then Mary had to disappear. It is to Jesus alone that the eyes of the world must be turned to receive light and life.

Through this Charles was led out of the Roman Catholic Church and many, many came out with him and received the knowlege of sins forgiven and precious joy of knowing that Jesus alone can forgive us our sins and save us.

Charles felt that through the teachings of his dear mother before she died and his learning to love the Word of God he was led out of that great dark group. (This is a reduced part of an experience written by a converted priest). —M. M.

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## Search Question

How old was Joash when he began to reign in Jerusalem?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Fourscore years old (80 yrs.) Ex. 7:7.

Adam and Eve were happy in their garden home. Here they looked upon the beautiful things which God had made. They listened to the sweet songs of the birds in the tree tops. They watched the small creatures frisk about. And they watched the large animals eat the grass and herbs which God had provided for them. But one day sin came into their hearts because they listened to the devil, and they were put out of the garden. Sin always makes beautiful things ugly. They never were happy again as they were in the garden. Sin will cause your heart to be ugly and your life will be unhappy. But you can have happiness again if you will let Jesus come into your heart.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We were so glad to hear of different children giving their hearts to Jesus this summer at the different campmeetings. May God richly bless you and keep you saved. Did you know that the Bible says that the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner that repents? Surely they are rejoicing for your standing true to Jesus and pleasing him. It would be good if you could write about the children's meetings you were in this summer. Others would like to hear about them. I hope that you don't mind that your letters have to wait a long time before they are printed. That is about the only way we can do it.

The next books of the New Testament that we want to discuss are II John and III John. These are short books. In III John, verse eleven, he says, "Follow not that which is evil, but that which is good." We know where evil comes from, don't we? It is from the devil. So we do not want to follow that. But good comes from God and that is what we want to follow. First, before we do anything, just stop and think, is it good or evil? Then follow the good. May God bless you. —Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

## THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT

Lesson 4, October 22, 1950

Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:9-13; Phil. 1:3-11.

Our lesson is about the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples. It is good that we know how to pray also. Jesus wants us to pray. In prayer we tell the Lord how much we love him and then we ask him to help us to please him and to be good. We also thank him for all the good things he gives us and for answering our prayers. We kneel down on our knees because we want to honor the Lord. And then we talk to him just like we would talk to our mothers and fathers. And Jesus is right there listening to us even if we can not see him. He makes us know in our hearts that he is there. And if we really pray from the heart he will hear us:

First he told the disciples to say, "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name." We know that God is our spiritual Father. We have a father here on earth, but when we let Jesus come into our hearts, then we become children of God, and that makes him our Father, who is in heaven. Then he says, "Hallowed be thy name." Hallowed means that his name is very great and special, or wonderful. God is wonderful, isn't he? And in our prayer we want to tell him how wonderful he is to us and how good and kind. Then he tells us to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." We know that the kingdom is within us when we let Jesus come into our hearts. So then we can do just what God wants us to do in this earth just like the angels in heaven do what God wants them to do. Then he wants us to ask him to give us our daily bread or food, and to forgive us just like we forgive others.

We should always thank God for our food, too. And when some other child hits us or does wrong to us, we should forgive him for it. We did wrong things that Jesus did not want us to do, and when we asked him to forgive us he did, didn't he? So we want to forgive others or Jesus will not forgive us. He wants us to ask him to keep us from evil or from doing anything that Jesus does not want us to do.

Jesus wants all children to pray to him. Just because we are little is no reason we need to think that we should not pray. One boy prayed for a long time for his daddy to get saved. One day he said, "Mother, why doesn't Jesus answer my prayer? I have prayed so long for daddy?" Mother told him that we must just keep on praying, that God would answer, and that we must never quit praying. And one day Jesus did save his daddy. The little boy then said, "Mother, we sure did pray a long time for daddy, but Jesus did answer." And he was very happy.

Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given you." So when we ask for anything Jesus gives it to us. Then Jesus asked a question: If a son would ask his father for bread would he give him a stone? (Use a piece of bread and stone as examples). Your father would give you bread, wouldn't he? And if you ask for fish, would he give you a snake? Why, no, he would never give you anything like that. Just so, if we ask good things of Jesus and our Father in heaven, he will give us good things and is able to do it more than our fathers here on earth. Don't forget to pray. Pray often.

Memory Verse—Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Luke 11:9.

Central Thought—God hears us when we call and loves for us to call.

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## The Little Things

I like to do the little things  
That help the folks along,  
And when I can do nothing more,  
I sing a little song.

I know that I can help the most  
By doing what I'm told;  
It may be only leading one  
Who's weak, or blind, or old.

## The Twins Start to Heaven

"Look, Betty, Suzanne's gone to the altar!"

Betty's cheeks turned red. Whatever was Suzanne thinking of? Why, going to the altar was to admit you were a sinner and needed to be saved. What had Suzanne ever done that was very wrong?

"I guess she just doesn't understand," Betty murmured. "Suzanne's no sinner. Why she's never done anything really bad."

"Oh, well, don't worry about it," said Carolyn.

"Yes, but I don't like it. I don't see what Suzanne sees in these old

meetings, anyway. She's been coming over here every Friday afternoon for a month. From what she's been saying, I thought they'd be fun, but they make me feel awful—like I was a criminal or something, and I'm not. I'm never coming back."

"There! She's coming now," said Carolyn, after a few minutes.

Suzanne's face was wreathed in smiles, but Betty did not smile at her at all.

"Oh, girls, I'm saved!" Suzanne told them.

"Saved! Whatever did you want to go up to that altar for?" asked Betty crossly. "I'm ashamed."

"I don't know why."

"Well, you've always been good. You don't want people thinking you're a sinner. What have you ever done that's so bad?"

"Well, we can't measure what we do by what other people call good or bad—it's how it looks to God that counts, and I've done lots of things that didn't please God. For that matter, you don't have to do anything to be a sinner. We're all just born that way."

"Well, I'm no sinner, so there!"

Betty told her.

"But you are, Betty," said Suzanne.  
"The Bible says so."

"I don't believe it. Where?"

Suzanne turned to her little Testament. "Here it is, in Romans 3:23—  
'For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.'"

Betty took the Testament out of Suzanne's hands and read it for herself.

"It says somewhere that there is none righteous, no not one. That's what God says, and we have to believe what HE says," her twin told her.

"Anyway, I've got a lot of company," said Betty.

"Yes, but the wrath of God is on all sinners. Just because it is on them is no reason why you want it on you. I sure didn't. I don't think you do, either."

By this time Carolyn had left them and the twins walked on home, hand in hand. Reaching there, Betty hurried off to go to the store. She didn't want to hear Suzanne tell her mother about getting saved.

All the way to the store Betty's feet seemed to say the same word over and over again with every step that she took—"sin-ner, sin-ner, sin-ner."

Friday came again. She didn't want to go to the meeting, but she just couldn't stay away, either. How miserable she was.

The time came for the altar call. Betty saw others going forward and she wanted to go. But every time she would just about start, the pride in her heart would whisper, "You don't want to let everybody know you are a sinner. They'll think you're worse than you really are."

But Suzanne was praying hard. And finally as Betty was wrestling with her pride, something down deep in her heart said, "Well, the Bible

says you are a sinner, and so everybody that believes the Bible knows you're one, just like everybody else." Betty put down the songbook she had been holding, and almost ran to the altar.

"I am a sinner, I am a sinner," she confessed over and over. Who said it she never knew, but someone said the Scripture, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" and just then Betty received Christ into her heart. She arose from her knees no longer a sinner—she was now a saint, saved by grace. And that's how it came about that both the twins got on the road that leads to heaven.—L.

## BIBLE STORY

Genesis 24

Rebekah told Eliezer that there was room at her Father's house for him and his camels and then she ran home to tell what had happened at the well, and to show the beautiful presents that Eliezer had given her.

When Rebekah's brother Laban saw the beautiful presents that were given to her and heard her tell about the man at the well, he went out and asked him to come in that he had prepared the room and a place for his camels. He was glad to have news from Abraham.

Laban showed much kindness to Eliezer and gave food to his camels and then water for the men to wash their feet, and set meat before them. But Eliezer could not eat until he told why he came.

Laban told him to speak. Eliezer said, "I am Abraham's servant. God has blessed my master Abraham greatly; and he has given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses. God also gave to him and Sarah a son when she was old and unto this son Abraham has given all his riches. And my master called me to him and made

me promise that I would not take a wife for his son from the women living around them because they worship idols, but to go to his father's house and take a wife from his kindred. And now I have come." Then he told how God had answered his prayer concerning Rebekah. How she had offered drink to him and to his thirsty camels.

Rebekah's father and brother Laban were willing to let her go back with Eliezer because they believed that God had sent him. And Rebekah was willing to go. Then Eliezer gave more presents of silver and gold and beautiful clothing to Rebekah, and to her mother and brother. Eliezer bowed himself down to the earth in praise and worship to God for helping him find a wife for Isaac.

—M. Miles

## Search Question

Who was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Seven years old. 2 Chron. 24:1.

## "WHAT KIND OF SORRY?"

Two boys were playing, when the larger one did something very unkind to the other. Right away, the smaller one went over and sat down on the other side of the lawn.

After a while the larger boy, tired of playing alone, called out:

"Say, George, come back; I'm sorry."

But George asked, "What kind of sorry? The kind so you won't do it again?"

When we are sorry for our sins we must be sorry enough not to do them again.

—Sel.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever think about how you felt when you finished reading some-

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thing? If you read a good story, you feel good, but if it is a scarey story you feel afraid or not very good. It is very important that we read good things. There are many comic books in the world today and they are very cheap; but you know I don't think Jesus is pleased if we read them. They are just foolish, and have many things in them that do not help us to be better boys and girls. Some boys and girls who have not heard very much about Jesus have come to where they were taught about him, and they want to just think of him as being "superman" like they read in the comic books. So can't you see that they are not right? Jesus is real and has power to help us and do great things for us. But the devil would like for us to not believe that he can. Even people who do not claim to be Christians, but who want the boys and girls to grow up and live right, think that these books are not good for you to read. Many crimes have been done by boys and girls just because they read about them in comic books. Won't you think about it and pray and ask Jesus if he wants you to read any more, and if he makes you feel you should not, will you quit?

—Aunt Marie.

# Sunday School Lesson

## THE WORD OF GOD

Lesson 5, October 29, 1950

Matthew 13:11-32

Jesus wanted to teach the people about how we should let the Word of God come into our hearts. He told the people about a man who took a bag of seed and went out into his field to sow the seed. Of course, on his land there were different kinds of soil, and along the edge some of the seed, as the man reached his hand into his bag and threw it out, fell on some ground that had stones in it. Some seed fell on the path, or outside of the plowed ground, and some fell among thorns. But some fell on good ground and grew.

The seed that fell by the way-side, or in the path, was eaten by birds. Jesus says that the seed is the Word of God. We know that God's Word to everyone is to repent and be saved. And a man hears the Word of God. He knows that he should repent. But before he does the devil comes and takes the Word of God out of his heart and mind. The devil makes him so busy that he forgets all the Word of God that he has heard—just like the birds came and ate of the seed before it began to grow. Let us be careful that we do not let the devil cause us to forget the Word of God. He is just like a bird—comes quietly and takes it away from us.

Jesus said that some of this seed which is the Word of God fell among stones. This seed lay there awhile and started to grow but could not grow very much because when it went through the dirt its roots hit the rocks; then the sun came up and it just died because there wasn't enough dirt. Jesus said this is like a man that hears the Word of God about how he should repent and be saved and be ready for heaven. He is glad to hear that there is a way to live so he

would not have to sin and go to hell, and he received the Word of God and is happy about it. But soon someone makes fun of him for living for God, or does something to him, and because he did not have enough of the love of God in his heart to not care if they made fun of him, he said, "Oh, well, I don't like to be made fun of so I'll just go on in my sins." Isn't that sad?

Then Jesus said some of this seed that the man threw from his bag fell among the thorns. But the thorns were already growing and they grew so fast and took all the water, and soon the little plant was choked out. Jesus said that this is like a man that hears the Word of God and repents, but pretty soon he starts to pray and then says, "Oh, I don't have time to pray now; I'll do it after awhile." When after awhile comes, he forgets. Then he starts to take his Bible to read and decides he doesn't have time—"I'd better get this other thing done first." Then it is time to go to bed and he has not read the Word of God or prayed, and he becomes so interested in making money and doing other things that he forgets all about the Lord. The cares of this life choke out the Word of God.

But some of the seed fell on good ground. It fell into good hearts. These men loved the Word of God and repented and were saved. They read their Bibles and prayed. They put Jesus first and loved him more than anything or anyone else. Jesus said that the seed that fell on the good ground brought forth many, many bushels of grain. So it is if we open our hearts and let Jesus come in. We can help many others come to Jesus and be saved.

**Central Thought**—Open your heart and let the Word of God come in.

**Memory Verse**—Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Matt. 13:9.



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## At Jesus' Side

If to Jesus children came  
In the long ago,  
I can surely do the same,  
For He loves me so.

I can bow before Him, too,  
Even though a child,  
For I want to be like Him—  
Gentle, meek, and mild.

'Tis so sweet to know that He  
Loves the children wee,  
And for them His life He gave  
On the cruel tree.

I shall never go away  
From His blessed side;  
And beneath His loving arm  
I will ever hide. —Sel.

## God Gave A Little Girl Some Shoes

One time a good many years ago,  
when we were very poor, my little  
girl, Thelma, had worn her shoes al-  
most completely out. She showed  
them to me and they were beyond re-  
pair. It was bad, wet weather, and

her bare foot was on the ground. It  
hurt my heart very much to see this,  
and she looked earnestly into my face  
and said, "Mama, what shall we do?"

I said, "Darling, Jesus knows you  
need shoes, and he knows we have no  
money to buy them, so let us kneel  
and pray to him and he will answer  
our prayers." And so we did. She  
went off happily to school.

About 10 a. m. there was a gentle  
knock on my door. I went to it, and  
there stood my new neighbor with a  
package in her hand. I invited her  
in and she introduced herself as Mrs.  
Hermanson. We visited some little  
time until we were better acquainted,  
then she opened her package, at the  
same time saying, "I worked for a  
rich lady and she gave me these shoes.  
My little boy won't wear them because  
they are girl's shoes, and I didn't  
know what to do with them. When  
you moved here, I saw you had a lit-  
tle girl, and if they will fit her, you  
are welcome to them."

You can't imagine how I felt in my  
heart, so happy, indeed, I was! I  
thanked and thanked her and told her  
how we had prayed for shoes that  
very day.

At lunch time Thelma and Carl came running in, so happy, rosy, and hungry. The first thing they saw was the shoes setting there on the dresser. "Oh, Mama, where did you get them?" Then I told them how Jesus had answered our prayers and sent this kind lady right to our door with them. Thelma sat right down on the floor and tried them on, and children, do you think Jesus sent the wrong number? No, he did not; they just fit her exactly. She ate her lunch and ran back to school very happy.

Children, just tell Jesus about your needs and he will provide for you. We should live clean lives for him don't you think? He deserves to have our love and service. Don't you love such a friend as our dear Lord? I do hope you learn to trust him for all things.

—Aunt Georgia

## Bible Story

After Eliezer and his men had enjoyed the feast with Rebekah's family, he arose up early in the morning and said, "Send me away now to my master." Laban and his mother did not want to let Rebekah leave them so soon. "Can you not stay at least ten more days?" they asked. But Eliezer told them to not hinder him, as the Lord has prospered him in his journey, and he felt he wanted to return at once to Abraham. So they called Rebekah and asked her if she would go, and she said, "I will go." Rebekah, too, believed that God was in her going. She was not afraid. So her family bade her good-bye and sent her away with Eliezer. She took with her her nurse and other attending servants.

It was a long journey to Canaan, but Eliezer was going with a happy heart. He knew also that his master Abraham

would be happy also to know that Isaac would have a wife that loved God and who would teach their children about God.

Finally they drew near to the place where Abraham and Isaac lived. The evening shadows were stealing over the trees, and Isaac was out in the fields alone, thinking about God. Finally he looked up and saw the camels coming. He hurried to meet them, and Rebekah, seeing him, asked who he was. "This is my master, Isaac," Eliezer replied, and Rebekah alighted from her camel and covered her face with a veil. Eliezer told him how God had answered his prayer and sent Rebekah to him. Isaac took her to his mother's tent, and she became his wife. He loved her very much.

—M. Miles

## The Call of God

Prayer has been the means of turning many a person to God. A good many missionaries received their calls as the result of prayer. James Chalmers' experience was a little different. He prayed that God would send him as a missionary to the heathen, and God answered.

James Chalmers was the missionary who worked among the South Sea Island cannibals for many years. He was known by the natives as Tamate. He finally gave his life while trying to help some of the savage cannibals.

As a boy, James lived near an old castle, called Inverary. He probably was a typical Scotch boy, who went to school and attended Sunday school. Something happened one day at Sunday school which changed his entire life. Mr. Meikle told the young folks he was going to read an interesting letter from a missionary in Fiji. After reading it, he looked at the class and said, "I wonder if there is a boy

here this afternoon who will yet become a missionary and by and by bring the gospel to the cannibals?"

Something touched the heart of young Chalmers. He said to himself, "Yes, God helping me, I will."

Chalmers spoke to no one, but went straight home. The impression grew stronger. When he reached the bridge over the Aray above the mill, he knelt and prayed that God would accept him and make a missionary to the heathen.

He then arose, feeling that his prayer was answered. His life was henceforth dedicated toward his future career. He often preached at a village eight miles away. In this way he prepared for his work.

During his many years' work in the South Pacific islands, Chalmers had very many adventures. Many times his life was in danger. But he always had a Friend, on whose strong arm he could rely. Then there was his wife, who shared his life.

Not long before Chalmers died he wrote concerning the future life, "I shall have good work to do, great brave work for Christ." —Sel.

## Search Question

What should we seek first in life?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Jesus. Matt. 4:1.

One morning the Children of Israel woke up and looked out on the ground. There lay something white like frost. "What is it?" the people asked each other, when they saw the strange food that God had sent down from heaven. In their language "what is it" are the words "man hu," so the people said to each other, "Man hu? Man hu?" Afterwards the food was called manna.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Are you sometimes ashamed of letting anyone know that you love Jesus? Are you sometimes tempted to be unfair and afraid to stand up for fairness, truth, and brotherly love? Do you want to quit, run away, lie, lose your temper, or be just plain selfish? Oh, the devil is working hard to get everyone of us to do wrong. He is tempting us just like he tempted Jesus, but when we give him a final answer of NO! he runs. He sees that we, by Jesus' help, will do the right. He leaves us, and then Jesus surely blesses our hearts and we are then stronger to say "no" the next time. And if we are weak, Jesus says he will make us strong. Just ask him to help us. He will answer our prayers.

The last two books in the New Testament are Jude and Revelation. I do hope that you know them by memory. Let me hear from you if you have learned them. Jude is a little book, but Revelation is about visions that God gave to John in the isle of Patmos. God showed him things that had happened and that were to come to pass. —Aunt Marie

I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." Psa. 23:4.

# Sunday School Lesson

## WHEN JESUS SAID, NO

Lesson 6, November 5, 1950

Matthew 4:1-11.

One time Jesus went up into the wild lonely hills above the western side of the Dead Sea to pray. He felt that he needed to pray, as he had a great work to do. He had come here to this world to teach people about God and tell them the way to get to heaven. He went up there to ask God to help him. For forty days he was there praying and thinking. He even forgot about food or anything else. The devil knew that Jesus was there, so he went to try to tempt him to do wrong. Of course, that is the devil's business. He is doing that today, isn't he? Trying to get us to do wrong, but we shall see what Jesus did about it.

The devil knew that Jesus would be hungry. He was like us. So the devil said, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." Do you think that Jesus could have done that? Why, yes, he could have, but if he had made them into bread that would be doing what the devil wanted him to do; so he told the devil what the Word of God said. But Jesus knew what the Scriptures taught and he answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The food or bread we eat is not as important as reading the Word of God and living for Jesus. That should make you understand how we should love the Word of God. It should be desired more than feeding our bodies when we are hungry. These bodies are going to die, but the soul will live in heaven or hell forever.

Then the devil took him up to the highest place in the temple and told

him to jump down if he was the Son of God, then the devil quoted some Scripture. He said that the angels would catch him and not let him get hurt. Maybe the devil told him that if he did this showy miracle that people would believe him to be the Son of God and would flock to him, and in that way he could announce he was the Son of God. But Jesus would not listen to the devil. He said, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." Jesus used more Scripture that he had learned to make the devil leave.

But the devil tried something else. He took him up into an high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and said that if he would fall down and worship him he would give him all the kingdoms and the glory of them. He probably said that after Jesus and his armies conquered the world, then he could teach the people to love God. But do you think they would listen to him then after he had obeyed the devil? No, they would not. He must teach them the way of God's love. He must teach them to love their enemies. So he said, "Get behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Then the devil left him and angels came and ministered unto him. They probably gave him food to eat and comforted him. He was blessed because he refused to obey the devil, and in like manner we should say "No!" to the devil. Sometimes he will tempt us with things and try to make us think it is so wonderful, but if we will say no, we'll see he was only lying about it being wonderful, and God will bless us and make us happy.

Central Thought—Temptation makes us strong when we are true to Jesus.

Memory Verse—Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive a crown of life. James 1:12.

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## Oh, Thank You, Dear Lord

If Jesus were here before me today,

And I could look into His face,

Now these are the words I think I would say,

"Oh, thank you for taking my place!

"Oh, thank you for bearing my sins on that day,

And dying alone in my stead;

Oh, thank you, dear Lord, for leading the way,

And rising again from the dead!

"Oh, thank you, dear Lord, for thy Bible, the Light,

So clear that I, too, have a part,

Oh, thank you, dear Lord, for washing me white,

And living today in my heart. —Sel.

## God Answers Prayer

We read in the Bible of many people who prayed to God and God answered their prayers. Many boys, girls, men, and women have prayed since then and God has answered their prayers. Did you ever pray and God answered your prayer? I am sure many of you have.

I want to tell you about a little girl who prayed and God answered her prayers. She gave her heart to Jesus when she was seven years old. She became acquainted with a little girl who was blind. She felt very sorry for the blind girl, for she could not see her mama. She began to pray and ask God to heal the little girl's eyes so she could see her mama. Sometimes God answers the first time we pray. Sometimes we must pray again and again. This little girl prayed again and again. She would play awhile and then go pray for the blind girl.

One day God answered her prayers and the little blind girl said, "I see my mama." Wasn't God good to heal the blind girl?

I know of a little boy who started praying at an early age. We shall call him Ted. When Ted was about three years old he wanted something and his mother told him to pray and ask God about it. Ted did pray and later his mother asked him about it. He had not received what he had asked for. He told his mother that God said, no. Somehow God helped Ted to understand that he was not

going to answer his prayer. Probably God knew it was not best that he have what he wanted.

Sometimes God may tell us no, when we ask for something, but if he does it is for our good. We would not want something that was not good for us, would we? One time some people wanted a king. They did not need a king and God told them through a prophet that it was not best for them. Yet they wanted a king so God told the prophet to let them have a king. But some of their kings were wicked kings and led the people into idol worship and other ungodly things and God had to punish them.

So let us remember, boys and girls, that if God should answer, no, we should be satisfied, for he knows best. God loves to give us what we ask for and does, but sometimes he knows it is best for us not to have what we want.

Let us live for God and always pray and not faint. —Fern Stubblefield

## BIBLE STORY

Genesis 25

Abraham now was an old man. He had been faithful to the Lord. When God had asked him to leave his home and go out into a country that was new to him, he was faithful to go. And God richly blessed him both in his soul and with worldly possessions. He was a rich man. But he did not let his riches cause him to forget God.

Abraham had been faithful to obey the Lord when he had told him to offer Isaac, his only son, as an offering to the Lord. Even though he knew that the Lord had promised him many, many people in his family to come. But when God saw that Abraham loved him even more than his own son and was even willing to kill him because God told him

to, He did not permit him to do it. Abraham knew God was able to give him another son or work in some other way to keep his promise to him. And now we are sons and daughters of Abraham when we believe that Jesus died for our sins. Therefore the descendants of Abraham are as numerous as the sands on the seashore. Many have died and gone on to heaven.

So we can see that it pays to serve God. He will richly bless us if we will do as he tells us to. In the Bible we find the way to heaven and how to live.

And now Abraham died. He was one-hundred and seventy-five years old. Ishmael heard of his death and came to help Isaac bury him. They placed his body in the cave where Sarah had been buried.

## Ned and Jane Questions

"Mother, what does this mean?" "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." asked Ned as he was trying to read some in his new Testament he had received from his grandmother.

"The letter there means the word of God." (2 Cor. 3:6). We know that the Bible teaches us many things to do. These things are the word of God. He teaches us not to sin, but we could not live above sin unless we had the Spirit of God to help us to live without sin. So the Spirit gives us power to help us to live for him," answered Mother.

"I thought the Bible said that the word was the seed you plant," said Ned.

"Yes, it is referred to as the seed. But we know that if we plant a seed and the sun does not shine on it and warm the ground, it will not grow. Up in Alaska where the sun does not shine but a few months out of the year, things will not grow. Or here

when the snow is on the ground and the sun is not warm enough, things will not grow. So it is if the word of God is just in our minds, it will be of no profit or good to us or to anyone else. We must have the Spirit of God which would be like the sunshine to cause the seed (or word) to stir and move in our hearts and then it will grow and we can help others and be blessed ourselves. So when we read the word of God or Bible, we ask God to help us to understand the word that we read so we will know what he wants us to do."

"There are too many things in the Bible that I don't understand, Ned said.

"Well, dear, you are very young, and if you read a little every day and think about it and ask God to help you to understand it you will find that you will be understanding more of the Bible. Even grown people study the Bible every day and they learn something new each day. So don't be discouraged because you only know a little," Mother told him.

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If we are not able to do anything else for the Lord Jesus but to pray for others, we are doing a very great work.

### **Search Question**

Does the Bible say man can serve two masters?

**Answer to Last Week's Question**

The kingdom of God and his righteousness. Matt. 6:33.

Listen! children, girls and boys!

Pouting never pays!

You may think it brings you joys

By its easy ways,

But it robs you like a thief,

And at last it brings you grief.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that our boys and girls will learn from our Sunday school lesson today that Jesus is not pleased for us to feel we are better than any other person. It is sad that you will hear grown-up people say things about people of a different color or race. Just because these grown people do not have Jesus in their hearts and receive a love for every one in their hearts is the reason we have so much trouble, wars, and sorrows in this world. If everyone loved each other just like Jesus wanted them to there would not be wars and sorrows. But since there are so many that are not loving Jesus, we will hear people say and do a lot of things that they should not. But we want you to grow up with care in your hearts for everyone. Even if you hear things said against others, you want to remember and know what Jesus says, that he is no respecter of persons. That means he cares just as much for one as he does for the other. Will you remember that? God will bless you for putting it into practice.

Tell your mother to write a little story for the paper. We need more help so we can have stories for the little paper. May God bless you.

—Aunt Marie.

# Sunday School Lesson

## HOW PETER FOUND NEW FRIENDS

Lesson 7, November 12, 1950

Acts 11:11-18; Phil. 2:1-5

Did you know that God loves every person who lives on the earth? Jesus died on the cross for every person on the earth. And if God loves everyone and if we let Jesus come into our hearts, then Jesus will cause us to love everybody. It does not make any difference to God what color we are, or of what race we are, or if we are poor, or if we are rich, God sent his son down to this world to die on the cross for everybody. If there is something in us that makes us want to be nicer to one person and not to everyone we should ask God to take that out of our hearts. He is not pleased for us to feel that way.

Our lesson today is about Peter and Cornelius. They were of different nationalities. Peter was a Jew and Cornelius was a Gentile. God saw that Peter did not seem to understand that he should help the Gentiles to know about Jesus. So God let him have a vision about how God loved everybody. (Tell the vision to the children). Peter thought about this vision. 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. The next day Peter and six brethren went with the men to Cornelius' house.

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 Peter and he will tell you what you ought to do. When Peter came, Cornelius was very glad to see him and fell on his knees before him. But Peter had learned a lesson. He knew that God had no respect of persons, that God loved everyone and that he wanted him to do the same, so he told Cornelius to stand up that he was only a man.

Cornelius had asked a large number of people to come to hear Peter preach to them and they were ready to listen to him tell them how they should be saved. Peter began to preach to them. He told them that he had learned that God was no respecter of persons, and that everyone who would repent of their sins would be saved. It did not make any difference what race, color, or nation they were. He told them about how Jesus had been sent of God to this world and had died on the cross and was put into the grave, but arose the third day, and before he went up through the clouds into heaven he told them to tell the whole world that they had seen all the things that had happened and knew them to be true. And that Jesus now is the judge of the living and the dead. And while he yet spoke to them the Holy Spirit fell on them and they glorified God. Then they wanted to be baptized. That was a wonderful day in Cornelius' home. Even so today the Lord will bless us if we will ask him to take out of our hearts and minds any feeling against anyone because they are different than we are.

**Central Thought**—We should pray and overcome wrong feelings against others.

**Memory Verse**—Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Phil. 2:5.



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## Little Shut-In

Little shut-in, Jesus cares  
That you're lying there,  
And He loves you, oh, so much—  
Hears your every prayer.

Right this very moment He  
Feels your pain with you;  
For He pities you, and knows  
All you're going through.

Yes, He knows the lonely hours,  
Little one, you spend;  
And, remember, He is there  
As your dearest Friend.

Little shut-in, nevermore  
Fret, and cry, and pine;  
For the Saviour's loving arms  
Always round you twine! —Sel.

## Phyllis Goes Shopping

Phyllis went over to her grandmother's house every day in summer to run errands. Grandmother had a lame knee and it was hard for her to go to the store. She always gave Phyllis five pennies for going to the store. Phyllis was saving every penny in a little tin bank.

The Sunday School that Phyllis attended was supporting Nicholas, a little boy who was a war orphan in a war-torn country in Europe. The little boy had been made homeless and an orphan by the terrible bombs of war. The money sent by the Sunday School went to provide food, clothing, and shelter for Nicholas. He wrote letters to the Sunday School and each class took turns answering and sending some gift to him.

"What do you want me to bring from the store today, Grandmother?" asked Phyllis.

"I want a loaf of bread, two cans of tomato soup, a dozen eggs and a jar of jelly," replied Grandmother. "That is quite a big order. You had better write down the things so you won't forget."

"Don't worry, Grandmother," promised Phyllis. "I won't forget anything."

"All right, dear, said the kind old lady. "Take the shopping bag so it will be easier for you to carry all the things, and be very careful when you cross the street."

So Phyllis tucked the shopping bag under her arm and put the coin purse

in her sweater pocket. She skipped down the sidewalk, stopping to pet Mary's yellow cat who sat on the gate post washing her face. Mary rushed out of the house. "Hello, Phyllis!" she called. "Come in and see my new dress Mother has just finished. I am going to wear it to Sunday School on Sunday."

Phyllis went into Mary's house. "Oh, what a lovely dress!" exclaimed Phyllis over the pretty pink dress. "Pink is my favorite color."

After they had talked about Mary's new dress, Phyllis asked, "How are Yellowy's kittens?"

"Oh, they are fine," replied Mary. "They have their eyes open now. Come on out to the wood shed and see them."

They were such cute little fat balls of fur Phyllis could have stayed and played with them all afternoon, but she remembered that she had to do Grandmother's shopping, so she said good-by to Mary and hurried on her way.

"What will you have today, young lady?" asked Mr. Smith, the grocer.

"A loaf of bread, two cans of tomato soup, a dozen eggs." Phyllis told him. There was something else that Grandmother had told her to get, but no matter how hard she tried Phyllis could not remember what it was.

"I guess Grandmother was right, I should have written them down," worried Phyllis. "If I hadn't stopped at Mary's I would not have forgotten."

Phyllis disliked the idea of admitting to her Grandmother that she forgot one of the things she had asked her to bring from the store.

"Grandmother will be angry at me for forgetting. I could tell her that the grocery man did not have it," decided Phyllis. "She wouldn't know then that I forgot."

As Phyllis came near to Grandmother's house she began to think of the five pennies that Grandmother would give her for going to the store. Then she thought of the little orphan boy in Europe that she was saving her pennies to help. One thought led to another and soon she was thinking about her Sunday School teacher and how she was always teaching her class about the lessons that Jesus taught, honesty, truthfulness, kindness, faithfulness, and love.

Phyllis remembered what she had planned to tell Grandmother about the article that she forgot. "That would not be truthful to tell Grandmother that. It would not please Jesus and it would displease Miss Kelly and Grandmother if I did that. I will tell her the truth that I forgot one of the things that she asked me to get at the store."

When Phyllis told what had happened, Grandmother was not angry at all. "That is all right, dear. You had enough to carry anyway. You can get it when you go to the store tomorrow. Here are your five pennies. You are a very good little girl."

"Thank you Grandmother," said Phyllis as she took the pennies and put them in her pocket. Silently she scolded herself. "Phyllis Jones, you should be ashamed of yourself for ever thinking of lying."

Phyllis kissed Grandmother good-by and ran home to put the pennies in her bank. She said on the way, "It doesn't hurt to tell the truth, but it does to tell a lie. I'm so glad I told the truth!"

## Search Question

What two great lights did God create?

Answer to Last Week's Question

No. Matt. 6:24.

## WHO GOES THERE?

A sentinel, set to watch an embankment of soldiers in Indian country, was killed during the night. Another sentinel, put there to watch, was found dead the next morning.

The commanding officer called his most trusted man. "I want you to take that place tonight. Do not let anything escape. If anything moves shoot it."

For several hours that night, nothing happened. At last he heard a twig break. He cried out, "Who goes there?"

No answer! All was quiet. Was he mistaken? No, something did move! He was about to fire when he saw a hog in the bushes. He put down his gun. No need to be frightened by a hog. Then he remembered his officers words, to shoot anything that moved.

He fired. The hog fell. He ran to it, but found a hog skin with a dead Indian inside! Every night the Indian had put on the skin, and had crept so near the sentry that he could kill him before he knew there was any danger.

Like the Indian, Satan creeps near us and tries to make us believe we can safely trust him. How does he sneak upon us? Tom forgot the answer to a test in school. Satan slyly suggested, "Look on Joe's paper." He didn't really mean to cheat, but seeing Joe's answer, he wrote it down. Jim, a Christian, also forgot, but prayed for Christ to help him. However, the answer did not come to his mind. He knew it was because he had not been faithful in studying. He was ashamed and asked God's forgiveness, and determined to be more earnest in preparing his lessons. Which boy received the highest mark in God's sight? —W. C.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

It is getting time for you to send in your order for another quarter. Maybe you will need extra ones this time. Since the days are shorter and it is bad weather, probably other children will want to read the little papers. It will be working for Jesus to give them some.

I have a verse that I would like for you to learn: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." It is found in Col. 3:17. If you will learn this verse and do it, I'm sure that the Lord will make you happy in your soul and you will be able to help others find the Lord. Just stop and think before you do something or before you speak, and ask, "Would Jesus do this or say this?" And if you follow the leadings of Jesus, you will surely make it into heaven and your heart will be filled with thanks to God. Oh, the Lord is so good to us, isn't he? We surely love him and we just don't want to say or do anything that Jesus would not want to do or say, would we? May God bless you. —Aunt Marie

For there shall be no reward to the evil man. Prov. 24:20.

# Sunday School Lesson

## CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

Lesson 8, November 19, 1950

Isaiah 1:11-17; John 4:19-24; Col. 3:16.

Did you know that the Bible tells us to come together at the house of God or church house to worship him? Yes, he is pleased when all his children meet together and sing, pray, and talk about his goodness. And then when others tell us what the Lord has done for them, it makes us glad, and we want to ask God to help us maybe in the same way or in some other way that we need. Paul says for us to teach one another about God and help others to know about him when we meet together, and to sing, making melody in our hearts to the Lord. We don't sing just to be heard, but we sing in worship to the Lord.

Our lesson tells us today about the worship the people had before Jesus came. These people were looking forward to Jesus' coming, so they would bring a lamb to be killed and put it on the altar to be offered for a sacrifice for their sins. Then they would pray to God as it was being offered, and sing psalms. Also someone would read out of the old Bible. That was the only book that they had then. But the first part of our lesson tells us about some of the people who came to worship the Lord and they did not mean it from the heart. They did not really repent from the heart, and God was very much displeased with them. He told them to quit doing the evil things they were doing and help the poor and orphans and widows.

One day after Jesus had come to this world and was teaching the people the right way to live, a woman asked him a very important question—a question that the whole world needed to know then and needs to know today. She

said, "Where are we to worship the Lord? Our fathers worshipped in this mountain and some go down to Jerusalem to worship in the temple." Then Jesus said to her, "You do not know what you worship. For the time has come and now is that you shall neither worship in the mountain nor at Jerusalem, but he that worships the Father must worship him in spirit and in truth. For God is a Spirit and he wants us to worship him in spirit." Jesus meant that now since he had come they would not need to offer a lamb as a sacrifice. He was the sacrifice that was going to die for their sins. They could open their hearts and let Jesus and the Holy Spirit come in and then they could worship him every day in the spirit from the heart.

Let us try to make it simpler. When you come to Sunday school and church services, you must remember that this is God's house and when we meet together God meets with us. God wants us to think about that all the time. He sees everything that you do or say and he writes down all the things that you do. If your spiritual eyes were opened right now and you could see Jesus standing there, would you laugh and talk during services like you have done? I don't believe you would. We want to show reverence and respect to God by being quiet and thinking about Him. When we sing listen to the words and mean them. When we kneel to pray, you pray also and ask the Lord to help you just like the one that is praying is asking for help. Just let the Lord know by your worship that you truly love him and want him to bless you and take you to heaven.

**Central Thought**—God loves for his children to come to him in worship.

**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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November 26

## We Thank Thee

We thank Thee, Lord for all the good  
That we have had this year;  
For raiment, shelter, and for food,  
For all the friends so dear.

We praise Thee for Thy only Son,  
Who died to set us free,  
We praise Thee for the vict'ries won,  
And for the light we see.

We praise Thee for the peace and rest  
That fills our very heart;  
For blessing us with all the best  
That Heaven can impart.

We thank Thee for Thy precious Word,  
That feeds our hungry soul;  
We thank and praise Thee, blessed Lord,  
Who keeps us well and whole.

—Unknown.

## Thanksgiving Day

"Oh, I'm so glad that we have Thanksgiving Day!" said Mary coming home from school the day before Thanksgiving. "We'll have turkey for dinner, and pumpkdn pie!"

"And cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes!" shouted Joe.

"So that's the reason you are glad

for Thanksgiving Day?" said Mother.

"Well, it's a good reason, isn't it?" said Daddy, who happened into the house just in time to hear what Mary and Joe were saying. "It's a good reason for boys and girls with healthy appetites."

"No doubt!" said Mother, "But I'm sure we have more reasons and better reasons for joy on Thanksgiving Day."

"You mean we have the real reason, Mother—the reason that Thanksgiving Day came to be?"

"Yes, Mary," said Mother.

And that evening around the fire-side Mother read to Mary and Joe about the first Thanksgiving Day in our land. And Daddy read about another Thanksgiving Day in the still-longer-ago, when God's friend Noah and his wife and sons and sons' wives thanked God by a great altar, and received God's promise that while earth remains there shall be seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night. It was a beautiful promise for all the people of the earth.

The four knelt and thanked God for all His goodness.

—Sel.

## First Bibles for Indians

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The early settlers who came to America brought the Bible with them to the new land. In long winter evenings they read it in their homes by the light of candles and log fires. Stories from the Bible made in rhymes were read by their children from the New England Primer. They sang Psalms in their meeting houses. And when they were lonely, sick, or afraid, they knew God was with them.

Friendly Indians shared with the New England settlers some of their secrets about making a living in the wilderness. Some things that the Indians had never seen before were given to them in return by the white men. But John Eliot, a Puritan minister-teacher at the church in Roxbury, Massachusetts, wanted to give the Indians something more important. So he made friends with a young Indian and learned from him how to talk the Indian dialect. If white men were to live among the Indians their lives should be guided by the teachings of the Bible, he believed.

At first John Eliot translated the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer into the language of the Pequot tribe. And the Indians learned these commandments and prayed the prayer as Eliot taught it to them. On Sundays, the Indians listened to Eliot preach to them in their own tongue. Many of the Pequots became Christians and followed the teachings.

It was John Eliot who got the white settlers in the Massachusetts court to set apart some land for the Christian Indians. They formed a Christian Indian village where Eliot preached throughout his life. Other Christian Indian villages were started by white men whom Eliot trained.

All the time Eliot worked faithfully upon his translation of the Bible for the Indians—at first the New Testament, then later the Old Testament. It was called the Mohegan Bible and it was the first Bible to be translated in America in a new language.

Most of these Indians remained loyal to their faith and true to their white friends through a period of Indian wars. John Eliot's sons helped him to translate several books about the Bible and government.

This Bible is no longer used by present-day American Indians. But many later translators found that it helped them make new translations for Indians of today. People still speak of John Eliot as the Apostle to the Indians. —Selected

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## Others Are Watching You

A little boy gave his heart to Jesus and never missed one service at the church house. Although his father, mother, sisters, or brothers did not care anything about attending.

One day the mother visited the pastor. The pastor was afraid as he admitted her that she had come to oppose the boy's attending services.

But he need not have feared. The woman's eyes were full of tears as she spoke of Hugh. "There never was such a boy," she said. "I wish you could see him as we see him at home. Since he became a Christian he is different, and in spite of us all, he has made everything about our home life different. He is a revelation to me; he is so peaceful, so obliging, and so helpful. His room is next to mine, and I noticed that he moved around a long time before he went to bed. So one night I looked through the keyhole to see what the little fellow was doing.

"He was reading the Bible. After a time he stopped reading and knelt down beside the bed. Somehow I knew he was praying for me, and God was hearing him. It touched and softened my heart. I stumbled back to my room and fell on my knees and gave my life to God for my boy's sake. I had to tell Hugh at once. I went in, sat down at the foot of his bed in the dark and told him that I had accepted the Saviour, and that it was the way he had been living that had moved me to do so."

Do you have a loved one that you want to love Jesus? Then keep praying and living for Jesus and they will be saved.

### Search Question

What did Cain say to the Lord after he was punished for killing Abel?

Answer to Last Week's Question

The sun and the moon. Gen 1:16.

### Lives Reflected

"How do you know that Christ is risen?" someone asked an old fisherman, whose faith in Jesus seemed very simple and sure.

"Do you see those cottages near the cliff?" he replied.

"Well, sometimes, when I am far out at sea I know that the sun is risen by the reflection in those windows. How do I know that Christ is risen? Because I see His light reflected from the faces of some of my fellows every day, and because I feel the light of His glory in my own life."

A reflector of Jesus! You and I may be that. His glory may shine through us.

Let every thing that hath breath, praise the Lord.—Psa. 150:6.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

If you had a nice dinner on Thanksgiving and all the relatives together, I'm sure you were thankful for the blessings that the Lord gave to you through the last year. Surely we here in the United States have very much to be thankful for. We have plenty of food. I don't mean that you get everything you want to eat. What you want is not always the best for you. I know some boys and girls who want candy all the time, but it is not good for children. It will make your teeth decay, and too much makes your stomach sick. It is better to eat sweets after a meal. And when you do eat a piece of candy, be sure to drink some water and wash your teeth off. Take care of these bodies that God has given to us, won't you?

The Pilgrims that came over here really did thank God for the good crops that he had given to them. They nearly starved, but God had mercy on them. I am afraid that we are not as thankful as we should be. In the coming year let us be more thankful for what the Lord gives to us. May God bless you.—Aunt Marie

I am thy God: I will strengthen thee.—Isaiah 41:10.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.—Psa. 111:7.

# Sunday School Lesson

## CHRISTIAN GIVING

Lesson 9, November 26, 1950

2 Cor. 9:6-10; Phil. 4:10-18.

I'm sure that the Lord blesses each one of you who brings money to give at Sunday school. Do you know why I know that? It is because the Bible tells me so. The Bible says, "God loveth a cheerful giver." And when God loves us he blesses us. We feel good in our souls. We not only are blessed when we give money, but if we do something for someone. That is giving. Jesus has taught that the one who gives even so much as a cup of cold water to a disciple would be blessed or rewarded (Tell about Matt. 25:33-46). Giving is an offering to God of money, time, or service to one of his children.

In today's lesson we want to talk about the church at Philippi. One time Paul had a vision and he saw a man standing on the shores of Macedonia crying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" When Paul awoke from his sleep he told his companions about it and they believed as he did that God wanted them to cross over to Macedonia and preach the gospel there. So they bought passage and set sail.

The first city that they came to was Philippi. There they met with some people who met together by the riverside to pray on the Sabbath. They began to tell them more about the true God. Paul told them about Jesus who had come here on earth to teach them the way to heaven, then die and rise again the third day, and now he is sitting on the right hand of God, ready to help souls in every needed way. And while he talked one woman named Lydia believed his words about Jesus and was saved, knowing that her sins were forgiven as she confessed them. She was

then baptized and all her household let Jesus come into their hearts. She then invited Paul and others to come to her house to stay. Others were saved.

Later as Paul and Silas preached in this city some people did not like the gospel so they stirred up a mob against him and they beat him and drug Paul and Silas away to prison, but God sent an earthquake and set them free. The jailer then got saved.

God raised up a group of people there that loved him. They never forgot Paul who had brought them the gospel, and now after Paul was held in chains in Rome he wrote them a letter. This letter is in our New Testament. It is called Philippians. In this letter he, Paul, told them how thankful he was to the Lord because they had not forgotten him. They still were giving of their money and other things to help him. They had done this from the time that he was with them. And at one time no other groups of people were giving money to him to help him out but the church at Philippi. He was very happy because they were doing this, and happy because he knew that they were being blessed in doing it. For awhile they did not know where he was, but as soon as they learned that he was at Rome they sent a man with an abundance of things for his needs. He was very happy. He called it an "odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God." Paul was not putting the money as the most important thing. He thought the most important thing was that they were obeying the Lord by giving as God had told them to. Paul told them that he was happy when he had plenty and when he did not have much. He had learned that lesson.

**Central Thought**—We are more like God when we give freely from the heart.

**Memory Verse**—God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7.



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December 3

## An Aged Friend

Her face was worn and wrinkled,  
Her eyes were very dim,  
But in her heart God's praises  
Made melody to Him!

Her hands were old and shaking,  
Her feet were very slow,  
But her deeds and errands  
With love were set aglow!

Oh, truly, you would love her,  
And want her long to stay,  
Oh, truly, you would miss her,  
When she had gone away!

—Sel.

## Pride

When I was a little girl my mother was making me a new dress. I had pride in my heart and wanted the dress smaller around the waist. When my mother measured me I held my breath, which made my dress tighter around the waist. It was very uncomfortable, especially after it was washed and shrank. I suffered very much.

At another time I had on a new dress with a circular skirt, which little girls like to make stand out by whirling around. That was what I was doing when a dog came along and tore a hole in it. Therefore I had to suffer the wearing of a torn and patched dress until it wore out.

Recently a friend of mine was getting ready to go to a program, so after putting on her best dress and jewelry, fixing her hair, painting her face, etc., she was ready to go. When a friend stopped, she told her she had never seen her look so beautiful. But after leaving the house, she had not gone even a block away, when she was struck by an automobile and was in the hospital several months, not expected to live. Finally she recovered, but did not expect to walk. The Lord had mercy, and she is now getting around again. When I heard of the accident, the first thing that came to my mind was the Scripture: "Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall."

Now, dear little girls and boys, if you find pride in your hearts, go to Jesus and let him help you get it out lest it be your downfall. —F. Atha

## BIBLE STORY

Genesis 25.

After mourning for their father Abraham's death, Isaac and Rebekah became more and more used to not hearing that beloved voice. And God blessed Isaac very much.

Finally their lives became very happy indeed. The Lord gave them two little boys. One of them was named Esau. He was the older. His hair was red and it grew all over his body. Although he looked queer, yet he was dearly loved by his father, Isaac. The younger boy was named Jacob. He was not at all like his brother, and it may have been because of his thoughtful actions that he was loved the better by his mother, Rebekah.

As the boys grew older they learned how to care for their father's flock of sheep and cattle. And we find that Esau also was a good hunter. He loved to take his bow and arrow and go out to kill deer. He also learned to dress it and cook it. And it delighted his father very much when he would bring him some of the venison that he had prepared and it made him love Esau much.

The people in those days would always give the oldest son twice as much of the property when the father died, than they gave the other children. This is called the "Birthright." And since Esau was the older, he was to get the birthright. But Esau did not care very much about the birthright. He even despised it. But Jacob thought much about it and wanted it.

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### Search Question

What mountain did the ark rest upon?

Answer to Last Week's Question

My punishment is greater than I can bear. Gen. 4:13.

## Stand Up For Jesus

There was a man that lived in England many years ago who loved God so much that he would not quit telling others about the Lord even if they put him in prison. His name was John Bunyan.

The king had him arrested and put in the county jail in Bedford. His only sentence was because he would not go to the church that the king wanted him to and spoke against it. That church was not God's church, and he was not afraid to help others to see it and come to Jesus and really be saved.

He was in prison twelve years but was allowed to go home to see his family once in a while. One time a nearby priest heard that he was home so he wanted to bring charges against the jailor, but John Bunyan, feeling uneasy at home, had returned to the jail sooner than he had intended. So when the messenger arrived from the priest and asked the jailor if all were there and if John Bunyan were there, John was there to answer in person. After that the jailor told him he could go out when he pleased, for he seemed to know just when he should be back.

John Bunyan would be called before the judge at different times and asked if he would quit preaching if he was released, but he would always give the same answer that he would preach again if he had the chance.

John Bunyan had four children. One little girl was blind. His heart went out to her. In those days people were not as good to blind children as they are here, and he knew she would suffer hunger, cold, nakedness, and must beg. It nearly broke his heart. But he would not give up Jesus out of his heart even to be with

his family. He knew that God would take care of them some way. His wife tried to get him released. But when they asked her if he would quit preaching she said, "He dares not quit preaching so long as he can speak."

But while John Bunyan was in prison he wrote a book that many rate next to the Bible. It is called the "Pilgrim's Progress." It has been written in seventy languages, and many, many thousands of editions have been printed in English. It has helped the learned and the unlearned to understand the way to salvation. So God used John Bunyan even if he was in prison, and although he has been dead for two hundred and sixty-two years, his book is still read. His standing true to God is still helping others. It pays to stand true to God.

—M. Miles

## NOW!

A boy was sitting near a sundial, thinking about giving his heart to Jesus, the Savior. Satan whispered, "Put it off a little while. There's plenty of time!"

The other voice urged, "No, don't delay. Decide for Christ at once!"

As the boy thought, the minutes and the hours passed by. Then he looked at the sundial. The shadows were growing long. It was time for the sunset. The hour was late. On the sundial he read these words, which had been put there as a motto: "Now, or when?"

"When?" thought the boy. "When shall I give my heart to Jesus, now, or when?"

Suddenly he jumped up and said aloud, "NOW!" I will give my heart to Jesus now!" Then he ran home. That moment changed his whole life.

—Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Do you know that the Lord will make you very happy when you give to others? One little girl wanted another big doll for Christmas. Her mother thought that she had enough dolls. Finally she told the little girl that she thought that they would do differently, that she could buy a beautiful doll to give to another girl that did not have one on Christmas. The more the little girl thought about it, the happier she became. At last the shopping day came and she picked out a nice doll and then she wrapped it carefully. Then were days of waiting and looking forward to the time when she could put it into the arms of the little girl who was shabbily dressed. Finally it came, and oh, the joy that flooded the little girl's heart as she watched the look on the face of the little girl who never dreamed that she would ever own a doll so beautiful. It was the happiest Christmas she had ever had because she had made someone else happy. "Give and it shall be given to you." Surely Jesus will give you a great blessing as you obey his word and give. May God bless you.

—Aunt Marie

Central Thought—God has a place for each of us.

# Sunday School Lesson

## GIVING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Lesson 10, December 3, 1950

Rom. 12:1-8; 2 Cor. 8:3-5; Phil. 2:25-30.

Last Sunday we talked about giving our money to the Lord. Today we want to talk about giving ourselves to the Lord. This summer we printed in the little paper a song. You probably learned to sing it. Its title was, "O, Take me, Lord." First it says for the Lord to take my eyes and let them just look up to the Lord for help when sin comes to me. Just use our eyes for the Lord. He gave you your eyes, why not use them for him? We only want to read those things that are right and that will help us. If our eyes belong to Jesus, do you think he would want us to use them to read comic books or use them to look at movies that are wicked? Let us think about it for awhile. Then the song says, "Take my ears, dear Lord." May our ears always listen to the good things. Let us not listen to bad stories or dirty jokes that others may want to tell us. Our ears belong to Jesus. When we go to church services or Sunday school, may our ears hear the good things about Jesus.

Then the song says, "Take my feet, oh Lord." We want to give the Lord our feet. The Lord only wants us to go to the places that are pleasing to him. If our feet belong to Jesus, they will always take us to Sunday school if we are able to go. Maybe our feet will take us to help someone that is sick or take some flowers to some people who cannot get out. Let us give Jesus our feet.

"Take my hands, oh Lord." Our two hands can do much for the Lord. You name something you can do for Jesus with your hands.

"Take my heart, oh Lord." Let our hearts be the royal throne for Jesus to

sit upon. When we give our hearts to Jesus then we have given him our whole love. We love him above everyone else. Even more than our own darling mother and father. He is first in our lives. And then he will talk to us through our hearts and make us know how to use our hands, ears, feet, eyes, and whole body to please him. Won't you give Jesus your whole self now? Tell Jesus that you want to work for him and as you grow older you can be a missionary or a minister or a worker or teacher, or a giver of money to the gospel, or one that shows mercy to the sick or needy. Many things you can do for Jesus.

The Philippians not only sent money to Paul, but they also sent Epaphroditus as a messenger to Paul to help him in Rome. You know Paul was in chains and a prisoner. He could not go out of his house. So he needed someone to look after him. This man went to do this for Paul and to help him in the work that he was doing for the Lord. Probably he brought food to him or took messages to others from Paul, and it seems he worked hard, day and night insomuch that he became ill. He almost died. But Paul prayed for him and the Lord raised him up. Paul was very glad, because if he had died he would have been sorry to know that he had done so much for him that it caused his death. But it seems he wanted to go back home now. He was homesick. So Paul sent him back and sent a letter with him, telling the saints at Philippi to show great love to him for doing so much for Paul, and to see that he was rewarded. This man was unselfish. He went beyond his strength, doing for Paul, which was really working for God.

Memory Verse—I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice. . . Romans 12:1.

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Part Eleven

December 10

## Little Helpers

Little helpers, girls and boys,  
How they add to Mother's joys.  
Little girls who set the table,  
Wipe the dishes when they're able;  
Little boys who always plan  
To help Mother when they can,  
Bring the coal or bring the wood;  
Oh, if little people could  
Know the joy in Mother's heart  
When they play the helper's part!

## Old Mrs. Garrett

"There goes old Mrs. Garrett—isn't she just too funny for words?"

Janice Turner giggled as she looked out from the window and watched the little old lady hobbling along the sidewalk, her skirts almost reaching the ground, her hands covered with queer, hand-made mittens.

"I don't know," replied Greta, fitting a dress on golden-haired Rosalind, her doll. "I think she's nice. She always smiles and says, 'Hello, little girl.'"

"Oh, you would," grumbled Janice, "you always stick up for the queerest people!"

The little girls sewed for a while in silence. Greta's mother sat at the table, writing letters. Finally she finished her task, and spoke.

"Did you ever go to Mrs. Garrett's house, Janice?" she asked.

"Oh, my, no—I guess maybe my mother wouldn't let me, or something!"

"I'm sure your mother wouldn't care—I know her well enough for that—and I'm sure too that it would be interesting. Greta goes, sometimes." Greta nodded. "How would you like," continued Greta's mother, "to take some of my cherry preserves over to her—after she comes back from her errand?"

"Goody—goody," said Greta, while Janice managed to say, "Well," rather slowly.

They had almost finished their doll clothes and were trying them on the dolls for the final fitting when Mrs. Garrett hobbled past again, going toward the tiny house where she lived at the end of the block. This time she saw the little girls in the window, and smiled and waved a gay greeting.

"Wait and give her time to get her

things off and her fire fixed before you run in on her," said Greta's mother. So they put away their sewing kits while the cherry preserves were brought from the basement and wrapped in gay paper, with a tiny note of greeting. By the time they had their coats and leggings on the package was ready.

"Now, be nice and polite, and don't stay long," said Greta's mother, with a twinkle in her eye. And Greta twinkled back as she closed the door. It was, indeed getting dusk when the two little girls stamped the snow off their feet on the front steps and burst into the hall.

"Why didn't you tell me?" cried Janice, as Greta jumped up and down and laughed.

"Tell you what?" asked Greta's mother, soberly.

"What Mrs. Garrett had—she's got dolls—a hundred and fifty dolls! And they come from everywhere—China and Japan and—the West Indies, and everything! She showed them to us!"

"Did she tell you how she got started collecting them?" asked mother.

"Why, yes. She said when she was a little girl she was just a bit older than Queen—Queen—the little Queen of somewhere—"

"Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands," said Greta.

"That's it," said Janice, "and she got to reading all about the little queen, and about all her dolls, and she began getting dolls from every place she could think of to send for them—she's got a hundred and fifty."

"And this time she let us hold the one from Paris," said Greta.

"And she said if we'd come over next Saturday, and bring some goods, she'd show us how to make Swiss costumes for Rosalind and Genevieve," said Janice, her eyes spark-

ling with excitement.

"But she's so queer—she dresses so funny," reminded Greta's mother.

Janice blushed as red as a rose. "Oh, Mrs. Brown, please forgive me for making fun of her—she only looks funny. She's really so nice. I—I guess I'd better be careful about making fun of people—why, Mrs. Garrett even has a personal letter from President Cleveland, and a fan that was sent her by an ambassador from Austria years ago."

Mrs. Brown smiled kindly at Janice. "There is a better reason than that for not making fun of people," she said. Then she asked,

"Do you like to have people make fun of you?"

"Why, no," Janice said slowly, and thoughtfully, "it makes me feel awful to be made fun of."

"I'm sure it does," smiled Mrs. Brown. "And God's Word says that we should do to others the things we would like them to do to us. If we don't want to be made fun of, we should not make fun of others."

"Oh," said Janice, "I didn't know that. But I'm glad I know it now."

—Selected

## BIBLE STORY

Genesis 25

Jacob wanted the birthright. He would receive a double portion of his father's wealth and also his blessings. But Esau did not care much for it.

One day when Esau came home from the field he saw that Jacob had just prepared a dish of good food. And Esau was, oh, so hungry! and thought that he was too tired to even prepare something to eat for himself. He even thought that he might die because he was so hungry. So he asked Jacob to give him at once some of the food to eat.

Jacob replied that he would give it to him if Esau would sell him his birthright. Esau grew hungrier than ever when he smelled the good food in Jacob's dish, and he cared for his appetite more than he did for his birthright. "What can this birthright profit me, anyhow?" he questioned, "seeing that I am certain to die anyway?" So he sold his birthright for something to eat. It was very wrong for Esau to do this. And after it was too late to buy back the lost birthright, Esau became very sorry for what he had done. He even cried about it, but it was too late. (Heb. 12:16-17). These two boys are just like boys and girls today. Some choose to come into God's family and have the birthright, and some choose to just go their own way, not caring for God. At that time only the oldest could have the birthright, but now anyone who desires may come into God's family and have all the rights of a son of God. That is good news, isn't it? There are only two kinds of people in the world today—those who choose God and those who choose to live for themselves. —M. M.

## Search Question

How did Noah know that the waters had gone away?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Aarat. Gen. 8:4.

## What Money Cannot Do

Money is used the whole world over to purchase everything but happiness. It is also a universal passport everywhere but to heaven. Money cannot buy true happiness, for true happiness comes only when our sins are washed away in Jesus' blood. And salvation is the only passport to heaven.

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### Dear Boys and Girls:

It is time for you to send in your order for the next quarter. We trust that the paper has been a blessing to you. I hope that you will read it, and I'm sure that it will do you good. Remember that these little papers cost more to print than is charged for them, but the Lord is causing some of his children to give to help in the printing of them. They are very anxious that all our boys and girls learn to love Jesus while they are real young so that they will be ready to take the place of the older ones that will be gone when you are bigger. They are burdened that God's work be carried on. They want you to tell others about Jesus and that he came to save souls. People in this country are forgetting God and it may come a time when very few will love God with their whole heart, and maybe you will be the one to tell them about Jesus. Let us tell Jesus now that we give him ourselves to work for him, and as you grow older you will find more to do for him. May God bless all of you precious children. I surely want you to love Jesus more and more. Pray often to him. Take everything to him in prayer. He will help you.

—Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

## BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO OTHERS

Lesson 11, December 10, 1950

Acts 8:11-25

Philip was one of the seven men whom the multitude had chosen to help care for the poor widows. He was full of the Holy Spirit and always went where the Lord sent him. The Lord sent him down to Samaria to preach Christ to them and all the people listened to him as he told them about Jesus and how he had come here to live among men, then died on the cross for our salvation, arose the third day, and now is sitting on the right hand of God ready to hear us and help us. Many were saved and rejoiced because of the gospel that Philip preached. Many were healed of the sickness. Many were freed from evil spirits and the lame were healed. There was great joy in the city.

But there was a certain man named Simon who lived in the city. He would perform cunning tricks before them, which they could not understand. And they thought he had received his power from God to do these things. But Simon was a very wicked man, and he had received power from Satan instead of God. But now since Philip had come he could do greater things than Simon, so they did not pay any attention to Simon.

Simon, too, came to hear Philip preach and to see the miracles he performed. He watched this preacher from Jerusalem heal the sick and cast out evil spirits. He saw him cause even the lame to walk, and he knew the power Philip had was greater than his own, so he joined the company of believers and was baptized with them. But all the while he had never repented of his

sins and wickedness.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Philip's preaching had caused many people to accept Jesus as the Savior, they sent Peter and John to visit them. And these two men came to tell them more about the power of God. When Peter and John prayed and laid hands on them, God gave the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan believers.

When Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "Thy money perish with thee, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. You have no part in this work, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent of this your wickedness, and pray God to forgive your wicked thots or you will be lost, for now you are bound fast with sin as with a chain."

Simon was frightened when he heard Peter's words. Even yet he did not understand, for he did not know how God could make his heart right. So he asked Peter to pray for him.

Then Peter and John returned to Jerusalem, passing through other villages along the way, preaching the gospel to all who would listen. And all the while more believers were being added to God's church.

There is power in the gospel when it is preached. It will change a man. The man that was a drunkard will become an upright man and live a clean life. As Paul wrote, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new."

Central Thought—The blessings we receive should be shared with others.

Memory Verse—And there was great joy in the city. Acts 8:8.



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December 17

## The Gift Jesus Wants

I've never had a gift to give  
On any Christmas Day;  
I've scarcely had enough to live—  
I'm 'most ashamed to say.

But Jesus looks within my heart,  
He sees my empty hands;  
He says my "want to" is enough—  
He knows and understands.

I told Him that I had no gift  
Within my hand to give;  
So I'll just give myself to Him,  
To use me while I live.

He says He wants ME even more  
Than any gift of earth;  
For heart, and hands, and feet to Him  
Are of much greater worth.

So I myself will be a gift,  
On this glad Christmas Day;  
For since it is myself He wants,  
I'll give "me" right away.

## The Beggar Boy

Because his parents were so poor,  
Shen Wei was sent to the city to make  
his own way. Young and full of con-  
fidence this Chinese boy expected to

find work right away. He asked in  
shop after shop, but nobody wanted  
to hire a strange boy with no exper-  
ience.

In wandering about the streets, he  
often noticed groups of beggar chil-  
dren lifting their hands to passers-by,  
and crying out, "Have mercy! Have  
pity!" At first he had shuddered at  
the sight of them, because they were  
so dirty and ragged; but now he was  
almost as dirty and ragged himself.

"They do seem to be taking in some  
money," he thought. "It would be  
better to beg than to starve." So as  
soon as he had a chance, he spoke  
to one of them.

"How can a person join you?"

The boy looked him over carefully.  
"Meet me here at sunset," he said,  
"and I will take you to our boss."

The boy returned to the corner at  
sunset, took Shen Wei's hand, and to-  
gether they hurried to join the rest  
of the group. After walking for many  
blocks, they came to a very old build-  
ing. A man was inside, waiting for  
them with some other children.

"It's about time you were com-  
ing," he said. "Now hand over the  
money."

"We have to hand it all to him," the boy who had met Shen Wei explained. "Then he buys us the food."

The man went among the children, praising this one, scolding that one, until he had collected all their money. "Now we will eat rice," he said.

When the man saw Shen Wei, he stopped short and growled at him, "What are you doing here?"

"He wants to join us," explained his companion.

"He shouldn't eat before he's done anything, but give him some rice. Tomorrow we'll see what he can do."

The next day was the most miserable day that Shen Wei had ever spent. He felt that it was a disgrace to be a beggar; and so it was a very feeble cry of "Have mercy," that he raised. When he returned to the old building that night, he had only two cash.

The head man scolded him soundly. "You miserable child," he said. "You don't take in enough to pay for feeding you."

Shen Wei hung his head then in shame at having failed. And he feared that if he were put out of the group he would have to starve. "I will do better tomorrow," he promised.

The next day he did well enough to make the head man decide to keep him. And by the end of the week he did not mind begging at all.

As time went on, Shen Wei made no effort to leave the beggars. One day he noticed a white lady walking along the street. "Oh, lady," he said, in his saddest voice, "I am so hungry. Will you not have mercy on me, and give me some money?"

The lady glanced over at the group of beggar children standing near by, and then looked searchingly at Shen Wei. "Would you not rather be doing some honest work to earn that money instead of just taking it?" she asked.

"Honorable lady, I am not well enough to work," he replied, for he had now grown to like begging so well that he hated the thought of doing anything else.

The lady opened her pocketbook, took out five cash, and handed him the money. "If you would like to work for an honest living," she said "I promise that you will have enough to eat. Think it over and if you want to make a change, meet me at the Sunflower Shop tomorrow morning."

Shen Wei thanked her and joined the group again. For the rest of the day he did not keep his mind on begging very well. The lady's question kept running through his mind, "Would you not rather be doing honest work?"

Before he left home his father had also said, "Remember to be industrious and honest, as you always have been." Strange he had forgotten that.

The next morning he met the lady at the shop. "I was in hopes you would come," she said.

The lady bought some new clothes for him and sent him to clean up. "We want a boy to do janitor work at the mission school," she said. "I think you could do it nicely."

"Thank you," said Shen Wei. "I will try."

After he had been working for two months, the lady asked him, "Would you not like to attend school in the mission?"

"If you do not think I am too stupid," replied Shen Wei.

He attended school in his spare time and proved that he was not stupid at all.

"Would you like to become a Christian, Shen Wei?" asked the lady one day.

"If you are a Christian," he replied. Shen Wei gave his heart to Jesus. Then he helped the other beggar boys

to find work and told them about the wonderful Saviour. —Sel.

### TONY'S PEAR

He was a junior boy, dirty and ragged, who had stopped for a little while in one of the city's free playgrounds to watch a game of ball between boys of his own and a rival neighborhood. He attracted the attention of a group of visitors, and one of them gave him a ripe golden pear. The boy's eyes sparkled: but the eyes were the only thanks as he looked back to see whence the gift had come, too shy to speak.

He patted the pear; he looked at it; and at last, as if to assure himself that it was as nice as it appeared, he lifted it to his lips and bit a tiny piece near the stem. Then, with a long sigh of satisfaction he tucked the prize safely inside his dirty little blouse.

"Why don't you eat it, Tony?" asked a watchful man.

"Eat it? All meself? Ain't I savin' it for me mother?"

What a lovely way for Tony to honor his mother. You couldn't imagine him speaking crossly to her. Could you? —Sel.

### Search Question

What is the root of all evil?

Answer to Last Week's Question

The dove brought an olive leaf to him.  
Gen. 8:11.

Will Jesus notice me,  
Or listen if I pray?  
He missed one little lamb  
When it was gone astray;  
I think I'll trust Him then,  
Each moment of the day.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure that you are anxiously looking forward to Christmas—just another week. I can just see the happy smile on your face as you think about it. But I hope that a smile will always be on your face when you think of Jesus. It would be a terrible thing for us to only think of Christmas as a time when we receive nice gifts and not think of the precious babe that God sent down to this world to save us from our sins. And if we will open our hearts, Jesus will come in, then all through the year when we think of Jesus a big smile will come on our faces and we will feel a much greater joy in our hearts than you do right now when you think of all the nice things you may receive. Yet boys and girls, I hope that you will be thankful for just what you receive. Mother and Daddy can't get you everything that you want. Remember, they have bills to pay and it takes a lot of money. And the most important thing they are doing for you is to see that you have plenty to eat and a good bed to sleep in every day. So don't make Mother and Daddy feel sad because you did not get everything you wanted. Be thankful for what you get and know that they did the best that they could. Will you? —Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

## HAND IN HAND WITH JESUS

Lesson 12, December 17, 1950

2 Cor. 11:18-30; 12:8-10

Our lesson today is about the many things that Paul went through for Jesus. Jesus called Paul to preach the gospel to people who worshiped idols and did not believe in the true God and he had to suffer many things while he taught them about Jesus and the way to be saved. But Paul did not complain about his sufferings. He always thought about how Jesus suffered for him and died on the cross for his sins, and he did not feel that he was better than Jesus, so he was willing to suffer a little also. Sometimes you boys and girls have to suffer for Jesus also. I know about some boys that were made fun of every Sunday morning when they started out to Sunday school, by other boys in the neighborhood. It may have made them feel bad, but don't you think it would be better to be made fun of a little than to miss heaven? I do. Heaven is a wonderful place and if we always love Jesus and live for him, he will take us there some day. But the boys who make fun of Jesus and Sunday school need our prayers so they will not miss heaven. We should feel sorry for them because they will miss heaven unless they change.

Paul says he was beaten with 39 stripes by some Jews one time. They did not like for him to preach about Jesus. And at other times he was beaten. He was shipwrecked three times and the Lord took care of him. And for a night and day he was probably floating on a board from the ship until he was picked up. God did not forget him and cared for him. Paul went on many trips to carry the gospel, walking many, many miles. He went through

places where there were robbers who would come out upon travelers and take everything they had and beat them. Sometimes when he was in cities where he preached to the heathen people, they would mob him and nearly kill him. He said many times he was so weary that he felt he could go no farther, but Jesus always gave him strength. He had many afflictions. Often he was hungry and thirsty, and sometimes he was cold and naked. Yet Paul chose to go through all these things that others could hear the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ. Instead of sitting at home and working at a job and coming home and sitting in the rocking chair at night, enjoying his family, he gave all this up because he loved Jesus so much that he wanted to tell others about him so they could be saved from a devil's hell.

Then Paul, after telling about all his troubles, called them light afflictions, and said he took pleasure in those things for Christ's sake. He did not tell about them because he wanted anyone to think that he was a hero, nor did he want to boast about all that he had gone through, but he wanted to encourage others that they may receive a blessing from suffering for Jesus.

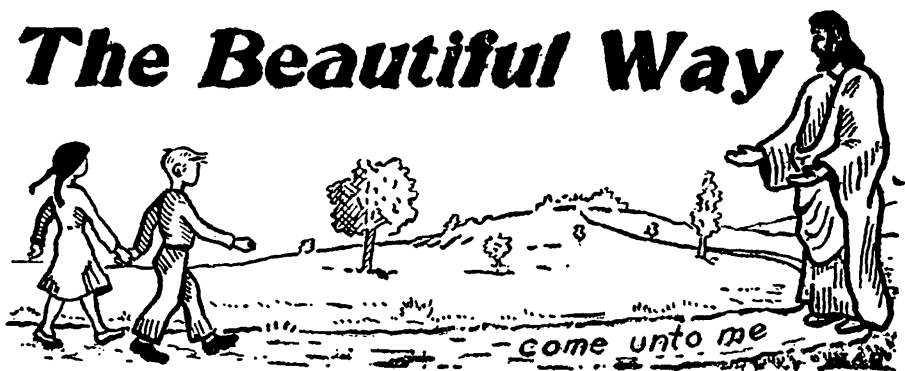
In the last part of our lesson Paul tells us of a thorn in the flesh that he had—something he was having to suffer. Three times he asked God to remove it, but the Lord did not think it best to remove it. He told Paul that He would give him grace to bear it. He said, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

(For the smaller class tell the story of Paul and Silas in prison. Acts 16.)

**Central Thought**—Jesus can give sweetness when the cup is bitter, and light when the day is dark.

**Memory Verse**—My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations. James 1:2.

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Part Thirteen

December 24

## Away In A Manger

(A Song)

Away in a manger; no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet  
head,

The stars in the heavens looked down  
where He lay.

The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the Baby awakes.  
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from  
the sky,

And stay by my cradle till morning is  
nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to  
stay,

Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender  
care,

And fit us for heaven to live with Thee  
there.

--Carl Miller

## Lost In 'The Woods

I want to tell you a true story of  
three little girls who were lost and  
found November 22, 1924. Their ages  
were nine, seven, and five years, and  
their names Dollie, Veora, and Mazy.

They were sent to a mill with some  
butter before noon. As they returned  
home, they intended to take a short  
cut across the woods, and in some  
way were lost.

When they found they were lost  
they began to call but no one could  
hear them, so they wandered around  
until Mazy gave out. Then Dollie said  
to Veora, "I will tell you how we can  
get out. We will ask the good Lord  
to take us home or send some one to  
hunt us." So while Mazy rested,  
Dollie, and Veora prayed. Then they  
got up and went a little farther. They  
became hungry and so thirsty that  
they drank water out of a track made  
by a wagon wheel.

They rested awhile and again pray-  
ed, and then found a tree top that had  
fallen with the leaves still green.  
They climbed into that and prayed  
some more and lay down. Dollie, who  
had her coat on, pulled it off to cover  
Veora and Mazy. Poor little Mazy  
was so hungry, so tired, and worn out,  
that she said when she lay down, "I  
thank the good Lord for my bed."  
They went to sleep asking the Lord  
to send someone to hunt them.

The parents of these children did

not know until about sundown that they were lost. Mazy and Veora had two aunts who lived at the mill. The alarm was given, and about twenty men went to hunt them. The men would go a little way and then call. Veora was the first to hear and answer her father.

But, children, there are many children lost today in this world, much more so than those children out in the wood, lost in sinful pleasure. Jesus came to seek and save that which was lost. Just as father called that night, Jesus is calling you. I know, children, when you start to do wrong at times, you could almost hear a voice telling you not to do the wrong thing. That is Jesus trying to help you find your way home. May God help you who are in sin to realize that you are lost from your eternal home, as much as those children were from their father's home.

May God help you to be much in earnest in calling on God to help you find your way home. —N. Buchanan

## A Boy's Treasure

The other day I read a beautiful story about a shepherd boy. He was keeping the sheep in a flowery meadow, and because his heart was happy he sang so loudly that the hills echoed his song. One morning the king, who was on a hunting trip, spoke to him and said, "Why are you so happy, my boy?"

"Why should not I be happy?" answered the boy. "Our king is not richer than I."

"Indeed," said the king. "Pray tell me of your great possession."

The shepherd boy answered: "The sun in the bright blue sky shines as brightly upon me as upon the king. The flowers upon the mountain and

the grass in the valley grow and bloom to gladden my sight—as well as his. I would not take one hundred dollars for my hands. My eyes are of more value than all the precious stones in the world. I have food and clothing, too. Am I not as rich as the king?"

"You are right," said the king with a smile. "But your greatest treasure is your contented heart. Keep it so and you will always be happy."

The Bible tells us, "Be content with such things as you have." Sel.

## BIBLE STORY

Genesis 26

Isaac loved God, as his father Abraham did, and God spoke to him and told him that he would make of his children's children and on down through his family a great nation. And Isaac loved God and did that which was right in God's sight.

Isaac came and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar and lived there. Then he opened up the wells which his father Abraham had dug. Water was hard to get there, and wells were very important. Isaac called these wells by the name which his father Abraham had given to them. You see, they were so important that they each had a name. People could direct others to these wells for water. The water just sprang up in one of those wells; and how glad Isaac was to have all this water for his sheep and cattle, and for his family. But, do you know, some heathen men came and quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen and said the wells were theirs. What do you think Isaac did? Did he fight them? No, he just moved farther away and dug another well.

Isaac did not want to quarrel, even though the wells rightly belonged to

him. He wanted peace. So Isaac, being a man of faith, just trusted the Lord and lived at peace with these men. He lived differently and acted differently than other people, because when one has God in him, God causes him to be different.

Just as soon as Isaac's second well was finished the herdsmen came and took it, too. Again Isaac moved away from them. —M. M.

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## Search Question o

Who gives us all things to enjoy?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
The love of money. 1 Timothy 6:10.

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## The End of Night

It has been told that somewhere near the North Pole, where the night lasts for many months, the people will all go out to the highest hill to wait for the soon-coming sun. Just as the sun peeps over the far hills the people all shout, "Behold the sun! Behold the sun!" They are happy to see the sun.

People who do not have Jesus in their hearts live in the darkness of sin. And God is trusting that each Christian boy and girl will shout out the good news that the "Sun of righteousness has risen." Jesus is the Sun of Righteousness. He wants to change every dark life into one filled with the sunlight of God's love.—Sel.

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"It is more blessed to give than to receive."—Acts 20:35.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

How glad we are that Jesus has been born. Jesus, the precious Jesus who came here to bring peace and good will to us. We can have him in

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our hearts and have, oh, such wonderful peace and happiness. Let us rejoice and be glad because God sent Jesus to save us from our sins. How we should love him and praise him forever and forever for his love to us.

Sometimes our boys and girls are afraid of men that are mean and wicked, and get drunk and curse and swear. You do have a right to be afraid of them because the devil makes them do those things. But did you know that Jesus will take care of you if you are met by a man like that? And did you know that if that mean man would start praying and calling on Jesus, asking him to forgive him of his sins and repent, that Jesus would save him and he would not swear any more, or drink any more, or be mean any more? He would clean himself up and walk around among us, and even little children would love him and not be afraid of him. I have seen the Lord do that. Isn't Jesus wonderful to everyone that will let him come into their hearts? So we surely need to rejoice this day as we talk about the wonderful baby Jesus, because he will come into our hearts and into all the hearts of everyone who will let him. May God bless you.

—Aunt Marie.

# Sunday School Lesson

## THE SAVIOR IS BORN

Lesson 13, December 24, 1950

Luke 2:1-16

Our lesson today is a lesson that all of us love to have. It is about our precious Jesus being born into the world. Oh, how we love him and how we do thank God that he sent his only Son down here to save us from our sins.

Word came to Mary and Joseph that Caesar, the ruler of all the country, had commanded that all the people go to the place where they were born, and there they were to be counted and have their names written on a list. The people dared not disobey.

So Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because they were of the lineage of David. When they arrived there, they found that it was full of people who belonged, as they did, to the city where David was born. Joseph looked and looked for a place where they could stay for the night, but he could not find any place. The journey had been long and tiresome and Mary longed for a place to rest, but no place could be found except in the stable of the inn. And here they stayed during their first days in Bethlehem.

God had not forgotten his promise to Mary, and one night while she was in Bethlehem he gave her the child, Jesus. Mary wrapped him in soft cloths, called swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger where the cattle fed, because she could find no better place.

The people living in that town that night did not know that God's greatest gift to men had been born. They did not expect him to come to such an humble person as Mary. But there were some other humble, lowly men who were told about Jesus coming. They were the shepherds that were watching their

flocks that night on the hills near Bethlehem. Perhaps they had been talking about the coming Savior that God had promised to send to them, when suddenly out of the darkness a glorious light broke upon them and an angel from the Lord appeared. Trembling with fear, they looked upon the angel and wondered why he had come to them. Then he spoke, and said: "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And you will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Oh, how happy these shepherds were when they began to get over their fright and knew what the message meant that the angel had brought. And how they were thrilled with the wonderful music of the multitude of angels as they sang, giving glory to God in the highest, and saying, "peace on earth, good will toward men."

Then it was all dark again. The angels had gone away. The shepherds said, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing which the Lord has made known to us." So they left their flocks and hurried to Bethlehem, and there they found Mary and Joseph in the stable with the precious baby Jesus.

The shepherds told Mary and Joseph about their angel visitors and about the wonderful song that the angels sang. No doubt they knelt before the manger and worshiped the little babe who lay quietly sleeping on the hay.

**Central Thought**—Jesus has come, as the Babe of Bethlehem, and the world has hope.

**Memory Verse**—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.



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## God Gives The Best

God is ever good and kind—  
Everywhere we look we find  
That His blessings on us rest,  
Giving us just what is best.

Let us then for everything  
Thank Him and our praises bring,  
For in all things, everywhere,  
We His loving mercies share.

## The New Year

One pleasant New Year's morning Edward arose, washed, and dressed himself in haste. He wanted to be first to wish a happy New Year.

He looked in every room and shouted the words of welcome. He ran into the street to repeat them to those he might meet.

When he came back his father gave him two bright new silver dollars. His face lighted up as he took them. He had wished for a long time to buy some pretty books he had seen at the book store.

He left the house with a light heart, intending to buy the books.

As he ran down the street, he saw a poor German family, the father,

mother, and three children shivering with cold.

"I wish you a happy New Year," said Edward. The man shook his head. But he pointed to his mouth, and to the children, as if to say, "These little ones have nothing to eat for a long time!"

Edward quickly understood that these poor people were in distress. He took out his dollars and gave one to the man and the other to his wife.

How their eyes sparkled with gratitude. They said something in their language, which doubtless meant, "We thank you a thousand times and will remember you in our prayers."

When Edward came home his father asked what books he had bought. He hung his head a moment, but quickly looked up, "I have bought no books," he said, "I gave my money to some poor people who seemed very hungry and wretched. I think I can wait for my books till next New Year. Oh, if you had seen how glad they were to receive the money!"

"My dear boy," said his father, "here is a whole bundle of books. I give them to you, more as a reward

for your goodness of heart than as a New Year's gift. I saw you give the money to the poor German family. It was no small sum of money for a little boy to give cheerfully. Be thus ever ready to help the poor and wretched and distressed; and every year of your life will be to you a happy New Year."

—Jo Ann Ginsman

## The Ten-Cent Ring

"Billie, I wish you wouldn't wear that old ten-cent ring. The Bible teaches us not to wear rings. Jesus does not want us to try to put on a lot of things to adorn our bodies. He said he would make us beautiful with salvation. He said he would "beautify the meek with salvation."

"Oh, Mother, this won't hurt. And I want to wear it," replied Billie.

Mother had spoken before to Billie about the ring, but his daddy said to just let him alone and he would soon get tired of it; but mother did not want him to get a desire for rings. But a day or so later Billie's finger began to get sore where the ring was, so Mother told him he had better take it off. He put it in his drawer and forgot about it. But one day he gave his heart to Jesus, and was very happy. Mother was happy too, that he had found that Jesus was real to him and that he loved him. He was only nine years old, but Jesus was precious to him.

One morning he came out for breakfast. He had his face clean and his hair combed nicely, his hands were clean, but on his finger was that ring. Mother felt sad, but did not say a word. She continued to put breakfast on the table. Then she noticed Billie leave the room. He had been standing looking out the win-

dow. And when he came back in again he did not have the ring on. He came over and put his arms around Mother and said, "Mother, I couldn't wear that ring. There was something inside of me hurt and I didn't feel happy. I don't believe Jesus wanted me to wear it."

"No dear, I don't believe he does either. Jesus wants to make you beautiful. And if you are happy inside, you will be beautiful outside. And I hope you will never forget the lesson you have learned that Jesus has taught you. And when you feel that hurt inside when you do something, you can know that it is Jesus trying to get you to see that he is not pleased. Jesus will always let you know what is right and what is wrong if you will listen." —M. Miles.

## A Letter

Some years ago, a girl wrote a letter to President Cleveland. Her letter has been saved, and put into a collection of letters which are at the White House.

Her letter says, "Dear President, I am in a dreadful state of mind. I thought I would write and tell you all. About two years ago I used two postage stamps that had been used before on letters. Perhaps I used more than two stamps but I can only remember doing it twice. I did not know I had done wrong until lately. My mind is worried. I think about what I have done night and day. Now, dear President, will you please forgive me?" I promise you I will never do it again. Enclosed find the cost of three stamps. Please forgive me. I was thirteen years old, and I am heartily sorry for what I have done. From one of your subjects!"

How glad President Cleveland was

to forgive the girl for the wrong she had done! God, too, is always glad to forgive us for the wrongs we have done against Him. Are you sorry about your sins? Then come to God, seeking His forgiveness. —Sel.

## Jesus' Kindness to a Foreigner

"Has Granny gone over to see the Pozechs again?" asked Kathy, home from school. "I don't know why she's always helping them—they talk funny and eat funny things. They aren't even Americans."

"I'm ashamed of my little girl for saying that," said Mother. "Your grandfather came to America from another country and people helped him. It isn't how you talk or what you eat that matters; it's what is in your heart. Just last Sunday you heard the story of how Jesus healed the centurion's servant. The centurion was a man of another race, but Jesus saw that what was in his heart was good, and He loved him. You can never imagine Jesus being unkind to anyone just because he looked, or acted, different from Him."

Kathy's cheeks were pink. "I'm ashamed of myself, too, Mother," she said. "I believe I'll go over and play with Mary Pozech. I think she could teach me some interesting things."

## Search Question

Why did God make a help meet for Adam?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
The living God. 1 Tim. 6:17.

Dear boys and Girls:

Today is the last day of this year. Did you think of that before? A

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whole year is gone. Let us look back over this year. What have we done this year? Do we love Jesus more now than we did at the first of the year? Do we know more about Jesus and the Bible than we did at the first of the year? Can you tell me something that you remember you learned in your Sunday school? Stop and think now. If you can't think of very much, don't you think you ought to do better and listen more closely to what the teacher tells you? Learning of Jesus and God's Word should be the most important thing in life. We want to make it into heaven, and we can't unless we learn how to live here for Jesus.

There are a few of our children who have the privilege of attending a school where the teacher fears God. The law permits any church to start a school for their children. The only requirement for the teacher is that she is capable of teaching. We are praying that more congregations will start a school for their children. In the public schools they are not allowed to teach the Bible, and many times teachers do not even believe in the Bible. So, children, pray that God will open a school for you to attend where you can learn about God.

—Aunt Marie

# Sunday School Lesson

## THE CHRISTIAN WAY

Lesson 14, December 31, 1950

John 15:1-5; Philippians 3:8-16.

When Jesus wanted the people to understand some things that were hard to understand he would use something around him to show them what he meant. In our lesson today he told the people to look at the grape vine. In the country where Jesus lived there were many grapes grown. How many of you have seen grapes growing on vines? Maybe many of you have even picked the grapes. And if you would look closely you would see that the grapes grow on the branches, and that the branches grow on the true vine, the main vine that goes down into the ground.

Jesus told the people, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." The man that takes care of the grape vineyard is called a husbandman. So Jesus said that his Father, God, is the husbandman. He takes care of the grape vine. Jesus is the Vine. Then Jesus said we, who are his followers, are the branches. Here we have a vine and each one of you boys and girls is a branch growing out of this vine. Jesus is the vine and you are the branches. Isn't that wonderful to be that close to Jesus? We are just connected together, aren't we? We draw strength from Jesus to grow and do good just as the branch on the grape vine draws its strength to grow and bear fruit from the vine. Jesus will help us to bear fruit.

Now think of the vine of which you are branches. The husbandman (God) comes looking for fruit. He looks at this branch (point to one of the children) He says, "I'm willing to help this little girl to bear some fruit. I want her to bring forth some fruit of love. So I'm going

to look into her life and see if she has been showing love to everyone. Does she show love to little brother or sister? Does she show love to Mother and Daddy and help them by doing quickly what they tell her? Does she show love to me by praying often and loving me?"

Then He looks at another branch. He wants to see if this boy is bearing the fruit of joy, because He knows when Jesus comes into this boy's heart he makes him happy. He does not pout when he can't have his way. He has joy when he has to take out the trash or do a little work. He wants to see if he has joy all the time. If He does not find fruit He will have to cut those branches off the vine to be burned. And we know if we are cut off from Jesus we will not go to heaven, but to that place where we will burn forever. He looks at this branch (point to another child) to see if it has the fruit of peace. If he (or she) is a peacemaker or does he fuss all the time. Then at another branch (enlarge on these) to see if the fruit of kindness is there, to others to see if they are gentle, obedient to parents, and if they do good things for other people. But you know God finally comes to a branch and looks on it, and there is no fruit on it. Then he looks closer to see if it is still connected to the vine, Jesus. And He says, "Now that branch should bring forth some fruit. It can draw strength and help from Jesus, but it does not do it." So He cuts it off and casts it into the fire. Oh, children, let us bring forth fruit so we will not be cut off and cast into the fire.

**Central Thought**—We should have the life of Christ in our lives.

**Memory Verse**—I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14.