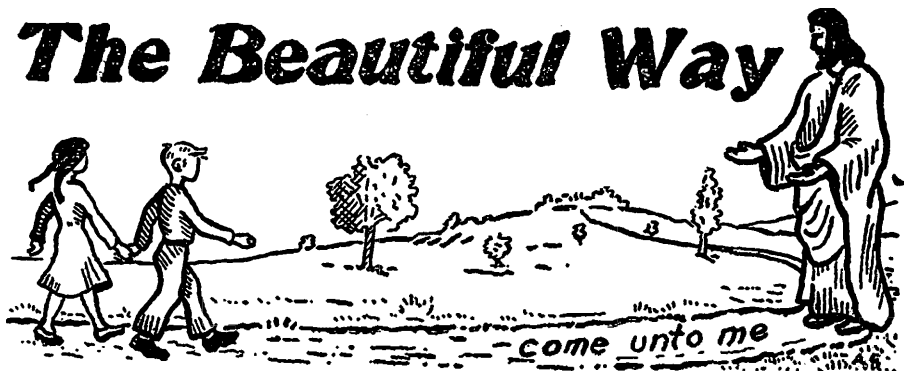


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Part One

July 1

Jesus Is Calling His Children

(Children's Song)

Jesus is calling the children,
Calling, yes calling today;
Oh, will you walk in his foot steps
Along the Beautiful Way?

Jesus is calling the children,
Those who are going astray;
He wants to lead them to heaven,
Along the Beautiful Way.

Jesus is calling the children;
Come to Him now while you may;
He'll fill your soul with his gladness
Along the Beautiful Way.

Jesus is calling the children.
Will you His sweet voice obey?
Come, let Him take you to glory,
Along the Beautiful Way.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Anna Learns A Lesson

Anna was left with her cousin Hester while her mother went out of town. She was used to having her own way, and was a habitual tease. One day she asked to go to Mrs. Blacks'.

"No, not today," said Cousin Hester.
"Oh, yes, let me go; I want to go; why can't I go?"

"You were there yesterday," said her cousin.

"That's all right," said Anna, "Please let me go." She continued asking, hoping her cousin would give in, but instead her cousin laid down the book she had been reading and asked quietly, "Anna, how many times do you mean to ask me to let you go?"

"Why, I don't know; do let me go; what did you ask that for?"

"Because, if you have made up your mind how many times you will ask, you might as well begin and ask as fast as you can, and I can say no all at once without wasting words."

Anna opened her eyes in astonishment. Then she cried angrily, "I'll ask you fifty times!" Hester coolly got out a piece of paper and a pencil and said, "Now begin; ask, and make a mark, and when you have fifty marks you will be done asking, and I will say no."

Anna caught the paper and began making marks, crying, "Let me go; let me go; let me go." Finally she

stopped. "There, that's fifty." But Cousin Hester had kept private tally.

"No, dear; it is but twenty. Go on."

Anna went on, but she wearied of asking and wanted to quit, but her cousin would not let her. "No; you must keep your word. Ask fifty times." Finally Anna had asked fifty times, and then Cousin Hester answered her smoothly, "No, my dear, not today," and continued reading her book.

Anna never again asked her twice for anything, and she had learned never to tease to have her way about things.

—Selected.

Unselfishness

Instead of always trying to get something, an unselfish person loves to give. He is not like a sponge; he is more like a bottle of perfume. Take off the cork from the bottle of strong perfume and you can smell the sweet smell. All in a room can smell it. It is very sweet and pleasant and gives pleasure to all. That is like a sweet unselfish person who opens his heart and gives of his love to all. He opens his mouth, and from it comes sweet words of kindness, love, and helpfulness. True Christians love God with all their hearts and their neighbor as themselves.—H.

Sin Is Dangerous Too

Two Italian boys were returning from a swim. Pietro had picked up a piece of copper wire and thought he would have a little fun with the third rail of the New York Central track, along which they were walking. He poked around the wooden covering of the rail, but nothing happened.

"That's funny," he said, "I guess I didn't touch the right spot."

Then he pushed the point of the wire away down under the covering. There was a sudden flash of blue flame, and a shiek of pain, as hundreds of volts of electricity shot through his body. In less than a moment his clothing was on fire and his hair and eyebrows were singed off.

He tried to drop the wire, as it hissed and sputtered at white heat; but he could not let go. He tried to pull it away, but it stuck to the rail as if it had been soldered there. His little friend tried to pull him away, but was hurled to the ground with a terrific shock.

The brave little fellow then took his rubber coat and threw it around Pietro and pulled him loose. Pietro started to run, but fainted and fell.

They took him to the hospital, and the doctor said, "He has one chance in a thousand to recover." But after a great deal of suffering, Pietro died.

The boys knew there was something dangerous about the third rail. They had heard their fathers say never to touch it; but they thought it would not hurt to play with it a little.

Just like that dangerous third rail, sin scorches and burns and kills. Do not touch it. Do not trifle with it. Yield not to temptation. —Sel.

Bible Story

Genesis 37

Jacob now lived in the land of Canaan where Abraham had lived. He had twelve sons who were important men, because each was the head of a tribe. These bands, or tribes, were called the twelve tribes of Israel, and God's chosen people. You remember that Jacob's name was changed to Israel. The whole of the Old Testament tells of them, and it was from one of these tribes (Judah) that our Lord Jesus Christ came.

Joseph was the son of Rachel, whom Jacob loved, and he was his father's favorite son. He was born while Jacob lived in Haran and was about seven years old when they left there, and about nine when they came to Canaan. In our story today he is about seventeen years of age.

Jacob loved Joseph so much that he desired to honor him, so he made him a coat of many colors. This showed that he had chosen Joseph to be the prince of the household. Joseph's coat was long, reaching to his ankles, and had long sleeves. It made him different from his brothers, whose coats came only to their knees, and had no sleeves. Coats made of many colors are spoken of many times in the Bible, and always meant a mark of difference among others.

The brothers were angry because Joseph was given the honor of having this coat, and they hated him. Then, too, when they did evil things he would not take part in them, but would go and tell their father. The brothers hated him so much that they would not speak kindly to him.

The Only Plea

Jesus has died for me,
Upon this truth I rest;
Jesus has died for me,
Because of this I'm blest.

And when this life is past,
And Heaven's gate I see,
Mine only plea to enter is,
Jesus has died for me.—Sel.

Search Question

Who was the king of Judea at the time of Jesus' birth?

Answer To Last Week's Question
The angel of the Lord. Exod. 3:2.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that a lot of you boys and girls will get to go to campmeeting this summer. And I am praying that if any of you have not given Jesus your heart that you will do so this summer. Of course, you do not have to wait until summer. Just now Jesus will come into your heart if you will ask him to. It rejoices our hearts to see our boys and girls loving Jesus and praying to him. Just any little thing that bothers you, take it to Jesus in prayer and he will hear and answer your prayer. You can tell him everything. He does not tell any one else. He keeps all your secrets. After we have cried and told Jesus all about it, then he sends his comforting Spirit and makes us feel good in our souls. Oh, it is so wonderful to be able to have such a great and loving friend.

This is a new quarter, and we want to learn a lot about Jesus in our Sunday School lessons. And learn how Jesus wants us to live here in this world. He tells us just how to live so he will be pleased with us. Our first lesson tells us how he loves you. Each person is great in his sight.

Aunt Marie.

Thy Word have I hid in my HEART.
Psalm 119:11.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 1, July 1, 1951

EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT

Matt. 8:1-4; 18:1-6; 12:14.

Do you know that when Jesus looks down from heaven on you, he smiles and says, "That is my child"? You are very precious to Jesus. Jesus loves you so much. Jesus loves all the little children. When Jesus was here on earth one time his disciples came to him and asked a big question. They asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus did not answer these men for awhile, but he looked around in the great crowd and saw a little child. They were surprised when he took the child and set him in the middle of the big crowd. They were expecting him to say that they were greatest, but Jesus looked so tenderly at the little child and told the men, "Except you be saved and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Wouldn't you liked to have been there that day and maybe Jesus would have taken you in his arms and put you in the middle of those people and told them that they must "love me like this child does," that they must "do what I say like this sweet little babe does," that they must not think they were so great that they could do everything without "my help," and they must be quick to say, "I'm sorry," and "I'm wrong," when they do wrong. That they must want to put their "hand in mine and let me lead them along just like this child does."

Jesus told them that they must never hurt a little child or any big person that loved him. Because Jesus is always watching over his people that become as a little child and trust in him (Enlarge on Matt. 18:10; Psa. 34:7; Heb. 1:14). Isn't it wonderful to have Jesus and his angels to watch over us?

Jesus took one little child out of 'the

great crowd to teach the big people how he wanted them to be, and he still loves each one of us just the same. He listens to your little prayer just as much as he listens to the big people's prayers. He told the people a story, or parable, so they would know just how much he cares.

He said, "If a man have an hundred sheep and as he looks over the sheep and misses just one sheep, doesn't he leave the ninety-nine and go back into the mountains to hunt until he finds one little sheep? And after climbing over the rocks and through the brush, isn't he happy because he found the little sheep? And he comes back to the other sheep rejoicing more over the one he has found than over the ninety-nine."

It is sad when some people do not love Jesus and stay close to him, but wander away from him, but when he hears them crying and calling to him for help because they are lost, He is so happy and goes to them and brings them into a better life. He changes the drunkard so he won't want to drink any more and get into trouble. He makes people, that were mean and proud, kind and good. He said, "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."

We also find that a great multitude of people came down out of the mountain with Jesus, and one leper fell down at Jesus' feet and asked him to heal him. Jesus forgot all about the great multitude. He only saw this one leper who needed healing. He reached out his hand and healed him. Always remember he cares for you.

Central Thought—We must return the love of Jesus for us; we are valued by him.

Memory Verse—For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Psa. 8:5.

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Part Two

July 8

That's All I Want

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want." *Psa. 23:1.*

Each child had cited a Bible verse
In Sunday school one day,
And each one with credit performed his part
Till at last came little May.

"The Lord is my Shepherd"—she paused to think,

And her heart the faster beat—
"The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want."

And she proudly took her seat.

'Twas a message new from a little child,
And it stirred my inmost soul;
Such a tender Shepherd is all I want
Till I reach the Heavenly goal.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want,"

He feedeth His flock with care;
He carries the lambs in His bosom close,
And nothing can harm them there.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want,"

He numbers His flock each day;

He knows all the lambs of His fold by name

And watches them lest they stray.

"The Lord is my Shepherd, that's all I want,"

And why should I covet more?

The pastures are green where He leadeth me,

And abundant is His store. —Sel.

Disobedience

One day Mother sent the children on an errand to the neighbor's house. She told them to hurry back, but when they got there the lady kept talking until she persuaded them to stay a-while and play with her children.

They were so busy playing that they did not realize how fast the time was passing. Mother had to call them home, and of course, she had to punish them for their disobedience.

So it is with the Lord. Sometimes He wants us to do something for him, and we let someone else persuade us to do otherwise. Then the Lord has to punish us, and besides, we lose the blessing he had for us. —O. A. D

A Package of Mints

"Oh, I wish I had a package of those mints that Mother has in her drawer," thought Jim. Then the devil whispered to Jim, "Your mother is out in the back yard and she won't know if you just take one. You know she has had them for a long time and she won't know one is gone."

Jim just sat there and listened to the devil talk and pretty soon he began to reason that she wouldn't know and she had so many any way—nearly a whole box of them. But Jesus then whispered to Jim, "You know that your Mother gives you a package once in a while and you better ask her first if you can have one. It would be stealing if you take one." But Jim got up out of the chair, as he didn't feel good to think about ever stealing. He went into the kitchen and got him a piece of bread and butter, and then thought he would fix his kite. He went into Mother's room to get some string and again he thought of the mints; and, oh, he wanted a package so bad; and the devil said, "Just take one, and if your mother comes in you can say that you were getting some string—better hurry before she comes." And with that thought he quickly took a package and left.

Mother did not notice that the package of mints was gone from the box, but Jim did not feel good about it all. When he went to bed and started to say his prayers he could not pray. It seemed he felt heavy in his heart. Oh, he wished he had not taken those mints, but he could not put them back now, for he had broken the package. So he turned over and tried to think about something else, and finally dropped off to sleep. He took the mints to school the next day and

gave them to the boys. Somehow they did not taste good to him.

After awhile he did not think about them, but one day he thought of them and he began to feel so sorry about it. He began to think: "What if Jesus should come tonight; then I would not be ready to meet him. What shall I do?" And then he thought about how Mother had always said that if he ever did anything wrong to ask Jesus to forgive him, and not to wait. So he decided he would pray and ask God to forgive him. So with tears he told Jesus how sorry he was that he took them, and he would never do it again. Jesus heard him and forgave him. Now he knew he should ask Mother to forgive him, but it would be hard. Yet as he prayed, Jesus helped him and Mother was glad to forgive him. He was happy again.

—M. M.

Bible Story

Genesis 37

God talked to Joseph through dreams. He did not understand all it meant, but he told it to his father and brothers. But it only made his brothers hate him more.

Joseph dreamed that they were binding grain in the field and that his sheaf, or bundle, stood upright and those of his brothers bowed down to it. He told his brothers the dream, and they hated him the more for his dream and for his words. They said, "Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us." Later he dreamed another dream, and this time the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to him. He told it to his father and to his brothers. His father rebuked him and said, "Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?" Then envy began to be in his brother's

hearts, and they hated him yet the more. However, his father paid special attention to these dreams, for he knew that they must have some meaning.

Surely if these dreams had any meaning at all, they meant that some day Joseph would become a ruler and all his relatives would bow down to him. The father even thought it that way, but he thought it would be wrong for a father to bow down before his son. That would make Joseph seem greater, better, and wiser than he. Still he wondered what it meant. We shall learn that they did come true in our future stories.

Search Question

What did a voice say from heaven when Jesus was baptized?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Herod, Matt. 2:1.

SPARKLERS

It always pays to listen to our parents when they warn us about any danger. One lady said that she and her sister were warned many times not to hold the sparklers close to them when they had them lit. But they did not listen, as they thought it would not be possible to get hurt. They did not obey and hold the sparklers away from them.

Her sister had on a new dress which was made quite full. She held the sparkler closer and closer to her, until suddenly her dress began to smoke and burn. Soon her dress was flaming and she was screaming for help. Her father ran to her and smothered the flames or she would have burned to death. How she wished she had listened to her parents warning. Remember, it pays to listen to Mother and Father.

—M. Miles.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Our Sunday school lesson that we had today was a wonderful lesson. I do trust that each one of you will try to make your home happier by doing what you have learned. The memory verse is a good motto to follow. That verse is better than a rhyme that you may have heard before, which says, "Kindness is to do and say the kindest things in the kindest way." But if we keep the memory verse, we will surely do that. Don't you think?

Oh, how many times do I have to forgive my brother for walking up behind me and punching me in the ribs and making me jump? or how many times must I forgive my sister for taking my hat off my head and throwing it across the room and then running to Mother and begging her not to let me hurt her? How can I be kind and tenderhearted, forgiving them?

I believe I can tell you what to do. Just you both sit down and have a good talk. And just tell each other how Jesus wants us to live and how we want our home to be happy and peaceful and just agree by Jesus' help to not do these things any more.

Aunt Marie.

Search me and know my HEART.
Psalm 139:23.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 2, July 8, 1951

HOME IS A HAPPY PLACE

2 Tim. 1:3-6; 3:14, 15; Eph. 5:22, 25; 6:1-4.

Today we are going to talk about Home. Can you tell me what makes a home? Is it just the house? No, it is the people that live inside: Mother, Father, and all the children. God made Adam, then he gave him a wife, and then children. That was the first home in this world. The Bible tells us how to act in our homes so they will be good homes.

In our lesson today we talk about a letter that Paul wrote to Timothy. Paul loved Timothy. Timothy was a good man and he was a great help to Paul. And Paul told Timothy that he prayed for him night and day. He even called him his "dearly beloved son." Timothy loved God so much and had great faith in God. Paul knew Timothy's mother. He told Timothy that he thanked God for his mother Eunice and the great faith that she had, and how she had taught Timothy the Bible from a little child. Not only did his mother teach him about Adam, Abraham, and Isaac, but she also taught him about Jesus who came into the world to save people from their sins. She taught him to have faith in God and to believe on the Lord Jesus and he would be saved from his sins. She started teaching him these things when he was much smaller than some of you children. She was a good mother. And Paul told Timothy why he had such a good mother. Paul remembered how Timothy's grandmother Lois also had great faith in God and she had taught it to Timothy's mother Eunice; and that is one of the reasons that Timothy's mother could teach Timothy so well. Now we want to teach you boys and girls about Jesus while you are very

young, and when you grow up you can teach your little boys and girls about Jesus.

The Bible tells mothers and fathers how to act in the home. He tells them to love each other, and he tells mothers and fathers to love Jesus. So the home will have human love and God's love in it.

Then the Bible tells us what the children should do in the home so the home will be a happy one. You see, we each one have a place in the home. Each one has something to do to make the home a happy home. The Bible says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Let us all say that together. This is the part in the home that you need to do to make it happy. That is to obey. The word "obey" means to listen and to do. You see, you were very little and helpless when God put you in the home. You needed lots of care and love so you could grow and become big boys and girls. And God has told your parents to take care of you and teach you the right so that when you become big boys and girls and old enough to go out and make homes for yourselves, you will be able to do it. Let us not forget the part in the verse that says "for this is right." You see it is right in the sight of God that you obey your parents. God is not pleased when you do not do this. So let us pray and ask God to help us to always please him by doing what he says by obeying our parents. The Bible tells us if we honor and love and respect our parents He will bless us and give us a long happy life. We should thank God for a home where we are taught about God and how to live right.

Central Thought—We can all help to make our home a happy place.

Memory Verse—And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32.

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Part Three

July 15

Love Each Other

Children, do you love each other?
Are you always kind and true?
Do you always do to others
As you'd have them do to you?

Are you gentle to each other?
Are you careful day by day,
Not to give offense by actions,
Or by anything you say?

Little children, love each other;
Never give another pain;
If your brother speaks in anger,
Answer not in wrath again.

Be not selfish to each other;
Never spoil another's rest;
Strive to make each other happy,
And you will yourselves be blest.

God Is Able

God does talk to children. He loves all the children. I have read and know of different ones who grew up to be workers for Jesus who said that when they were children God talked to them about what he wanted them to do for him.

I read about a missionary to Japan who said that God called her to be a missionary when she was but seven years old. She was a small, crooked-necked child, very afflicted. But as she grew older the burden became heavier.

She first heard about the Japanese from a student at the college where her father was president. He was a Japanese and he told her about the Japanese people and would always say that those people needed some one to take the gospel of Jesus to them. She then asked him to teach her the Japanese language and he did as long as he went to that college. She said such a longing came into her heart to go to Japan and tell them about Jesus that she could hardly wait until she grew up. But some just thought it was a childish whim and she would soon forget all about the Japanese people, but she did not.

As she grew older she became weaker and had to wear all kinds of hideous braces and casts. And when she went to school the children called her, "Crooked Neck." But she endured it all, knowing God was able

to help her to be well enough to go to Japan. But instead of getting better, she became worse and her parents had operation after operation (against her will) on her neck, and her heart became weaker. She had to do most of her studying in bed, and for years could not lie down to sleep, but had to be propped up. She continued to study, as she felt she could get more in her own self support to get to Japan, as she did not have much encouragement otherwise. Finally she finished high school and four years of college work. Nearly all of this was done in bed. She was forced to have more operations, and they did not help her any, but increased her pain. If it had not been for the prayer of a friend, she would have passed away. She was near death many times, but she said it seemed God still assured her that she would go to Japan, and she believed it. Even in the hospital she would not give up, as she was sure she would go.

Then God in a wonderful way opened the way for her to go to Japan. Space will not let us tell all, but she packed her few belongings, which were few indeed, and set sail with another faith missionary. Her parents and friends never expected her to get there, but thought she would die on the way; but she said she felt fine all the way and didn't even get sick.

Later, after she arrived in Japan, she was so ill that she knew she could not do much unless God healed her. The missionary who went with her got under a heavy burden for her healing. She prayed all night, and in the morning she and another laid their hands on her and asked God to heal her. He did. She said she felt the touch of Jesus and she became well. That night she lay down for the first time in thirteen years. She

began to gain weight and was healthy. Her neck was healed and she looked like any healthy person, and was healthy. She then began to preach Jesus to the Japanese people. She was happy in her work, and God brought many to Him through her.

Children, if God calls you to do something for Him, never fear, because God will see you through. Just keep praying and holding on to God.

Bible Story

Genesis 37

One day Joseph's father called him and asked him to go to see how his brothers were getting along with the flocks of sheep which they were caring for in a distant part of the country. Joseph loved being at home with his father, and he also knew about the hatred of his brothers for him, but he obeyed his father and went to seek for his brothers.

Joseph did not find his brothers at the place he expected to find them. If he had been a coward he could have returned without seeking farther, but knowing his father's concern for his brothers, he asked a man whom he met while wandering in the field about his brothers, and being told rightly, he came to Dothan and found them.

His brothers saw him coming, and talked about how they could kill him. Oh, how great was their hatred of this fine lad. They decided they would kill him and cast him into a pit and say that a wild beast had killed him. One of his brothers named Reuben advised them not to kill him, but place him in the pit. He thought that later he would deliver Joseph out of the hands of his brothers and restore him to his father. As soon as Joseph came to where they were, they stripped him of his coat of many colors and threw him into a great hole in the

ground. Poor Joseph, how frightened he must have been, and how sad of heart, that his own brothers would treat him in such a way when he had come to see how they were getting along. But we find that when we let hatred grow, it causes us to do awful things.

Search Question

Who met Moses on his return to Egypt?

Answer To Last Week's Question

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. 3:17.

Planting Seeds

One beautiful day Arnette's mother sent her into the garden to plant seeds. Happily, Arnette went to perform the task, but while going, she accidentally dropped the bag of beans. She began to pick them up, but there were so many she decided she would just cover the rest of them up with dirt. "Who would know it anyway?" she thought.

But it did not happen that way, for after a nice refreshing rain these beans sprouted and grew just as the others she had planted in rows. Soon her mother saw these beans and little Arnette had to give an account of her deed.

In our lives we are planting seeds every day. Some may be good and others may be the kind we wish to cover up so others cannot see them, but be sure to remember that they too will sprout and grow just as the others, and if we do not dig them up, they will be brought to light in the Judgment day.

Let us not cover up our sins as did Arnette the beans, but be sure to pick up, or clean up, all our evil deeds.

O. A. Davenport

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that a lot of our boys and girls will get to go to the camp meetings or that you have already gone. The camp meetings are held so the people of God can come from different places and worship God all together. And it is a great help to all of us. We learn more about the Word of God and hear how the Lord has helped others who live in different places. Most camp meetings have children's meetings. The ones that talk to you and have them for you want to help you to know more about God and Jesus. And our boys and girls should be glad that someone does care a lot for you and want to have them for you. And you can make them know that you are glad by being quiet and not causing any trouble, doing as you are told. I am sure all of you will do that. If you feel you can't, let's pray and ask God to help us to learn to be quieter. I'm sure he will help you. May the Lord bless you and help each one of you to love him more and to pray oftener to him. Jesus is so good to us, and we should always feel that we have time to thank him for it. —Aunt Marie

Praise the Lord with my whole HEART. Psalm 111:1.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 3, July 15, 1951

DOING OUR PART AT HOME

Matt. 19:3-9; 1 Cor. 13:4-7.

There is one thing in our lesson today that we want you to learn and never forget. You are very small children and you will not need to think about these things for a long time, but we want to teach you all the Bible.

One day some men came to Jesus and asked him a question. They said, "Is it right to leave your wife for every cause?" Jesus referred them to the Bible. He told them about how God made Adam and then he made Eve. He did not make three or four women and then tell Adam if he got tired of one woman he could leave her and take another woman for a wife. He just made one woman. And when he brought her to Adam he told Adam something because he knew there would some day be many people in the world. He said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave unto (glued to) his wife, and they shall be one flesh." In other words, God meant for people who marry to stay married, not to leave each other and marry another. That is very wrong in God's sight. And God's true ministers won't marry any couple who have been married before if their companion is still living.

One couple came to a minister to be married, and the man had left his wife. The minister asked why he left her, and he said, "We just decided we had lived together long enough." The minister would not marry them. That is very wrong to leave your companion, because God wants us to live together when we are once married. And if for any cause one leaves, it is wrong to marry again.

We all have a place in the home. And for a home to be happy we must have love. There must be love between Moth-

er and Father; there must be love between brother and sister. Jesus had brothers and sisters (Matt. 13:55-56). There was James, Josés, Simon, and Judas. Also, he had sisters but we do not know their names. How do you think Jesus acted in his home? Don't you think he showed love to all his brothers and sisters? There were many things to do in the home. Jesus' mother baked her bread out in the yard in a large oven, and there were sticks to be gathered and a fire built. Don't you think that when Jesus was asked to bring in the wood that he obeyed without saying, "Oh, I do it all the time. Let Simon do it." No, I'm sure he knew that his mother knew best and he went right then and did it. I'm sure he had great love in his home for his brothers and sisters. The Bible tells us what love will do if we have it in our hearts. Love is kind and seeks to do good to our brothers and sisters. Love does not think he is better than the others in the home. Love will not quickly become angry when things do not go to suit a person. Love will help you to be polite and to consider someone else. Love does not cause us to sit around and think about something evil to do to someone else. Love will not be glad when brothers or sisters hurt themselves. Love will always tell the truth about others. Love will take something off someone else. Let us see if we have the right kind of love. See if we have God's love. Let us go back over each one of these things and try to remember to have more of God's love in our lives. (Make it real simple for small children by using examples in the home).

Central Thought—Love of the home and love in the home will make a happy home.

Memory Verse—Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 1 Cor. 13:7.



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Part Four

July 22

Gifts For The King

The wise may bring their learning,
The rich may bring their wealth,
Some may bring of their greatness,
And some bring strength and health.
We too would bring our treasures
To offer to our King;
We have not wealth nor learning;
What shall we children bring?

We'll bring him hearts that love him,
We'll bring him thankful praise,
Our young souls meekly striving
To walk in holy ways,
And these shall be the treasures
We offer to the King;
And these are the gifts that even
The poorest child may bring. —Sel.

The Beggar

It was Sunday afternoon, and Esther and her two younger sisters were wondering what to do with themselves.

"Can't you find something to do for Jesus?" their mother asked. "Children that love Him must do their best to serve Him."

"How?" Esther wondered.

"Well, one way is to speak for Him," Mother told them. Then all three girls dropped on their knees and prayed, "Please, Lord Jesus, will you help us?"

Presently they ran out into the lane to play, and soon they saw the bent form of an old man in rags, leaning on a stick, coming up the hill. Esther felt so sorry for him. "I'll tell him about Jesus," she thought. Very timidly she slipped up to him and asked, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

"Beggar!" he said in anger. "Call me a beggar again and I'll let you feel the weight of this stick!"

All three of the girls turned and ran. Inside the house Esther exclaimed, "O Mother, it's no use my trying to work for Jesus! I don't want to do it ever again, because the old man I spoke to was angry with me!"

"Why was that, dear? What did you say to him?" Mother asked.

"I only said, 'Beggar, do you love Jesus?'"

"Oh, my child, did you call him a beggar?"

"But, Mother, he is. We always call those ragged people beggars; and I'm sure he is one."

"But darling, you ought not to have said that to him; it was unkind. Run down the lane and tell him you're sorry."

A sudden thought struck Esther—Maybe the beggar would forgive her, and think her like Jesus, if she gave him her dime. She found him sitting on a bank at the side of the road, under a tree. Trembling from head to foot she bravely went up to him. He looked so cross and angry. But she sweetly said, "Will you please forgive me for what I said? I didn't mean to hurt you. And will you have my dime?"

The anger died out of the old man's face as he saw how sorry Esther was. "There is nothing to forgive, you angel child," he said. "I was the wretch; for I don't love Jesus, little girl."

"But He loves you," Esther told him quickly, "I know He does."

With a deep sigh he answered, "Not now, my child." Then he added, "I'll take your dime for I haven't even a penny. If all who love God were like you I might have loved Him, too." At that moment Esther's father called her. Saying, "Good-by, I'll ask Jesus to make you love Him," she ran home. Lying awake that night, she prayed, "Lord Jesus, you do love that old man, don't you?" Soon the answer to her question came.

Snow fell during the night, and in the morning it was really cold. A man came to see Esther's father to tell him there was a tramp dying in the clay pits outside the town. The tramp was asking for him to come see him, and to bring his daughter with him—the little girl who had asked, "Beggar, do you love Jesus?"

My father quickly agreed to take me (for I am really Esther), and he led me to the clay pits. I shall never forget the sight that met my eyes.

The weary old tramp lay there, covered with a bundle of straw. "Raise my head and let me see the little girl," he said.

"I was frightened, but my father put me in front of him. 'Sir,' the tramp said, 'your child's question has been ringing in my ears all night long—Beggar, do you love Jesus? Oh, sir, I once loved Him; but I left Him and put Him to open shame. But early this morning before the light came, when I could only see the twinkling of the stars, I came back to Him, bitterly crying for mercy. And oh, sir, He took me back! I know He did! And before I die I want to tell this dear girl that the beggar really loves Jesus now and is going to Him. And he thanks God for sending her so bravely to dare to ask him, 'Beggar, do you love Jesus?'"

Before sundown the old man died; a beggar no longer, but a prince in the glorious world above.

I, Esther, became a missionary when I grew up, and my whole life was spent in working for Jesus. But ever since that Sunday afternoon when I prayed, "Use me, Lord Jesus," I have always added, "but make me wise, that I may make no mistakes."

GOD IS NOT MOCKED

Brother Trimble told about a man who once lived in Oklahoma. This man was a wicked man. He did not love God. He did not believe that there was even a God. He said that the man one day went out and looked up in the sky and shook his fist and said, "If there is a God, let him send a bolt of lightning and strike me dead." But nothing happened. Then he drew back his fist and opened his mouth and started to say something again, and a little gnat (a very small flying bug) got into his throat and

went down his windpipe, and it killed him. God didn't have to waste a bolt of lightning on him. He did not have to do what the wicked man said for him to do for others around to know that there surely is a God, and we should fear Him and obey Him.

Boys and girls, let us take warning and not speak against God. God gives us the very breath that we breathe and we should thank Him for it and use it to honor and glorify him.

Search Question

What did Jesus say would happen to the ones that were cast into outer darkness?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Aaron. Exodus 4:27.

God's Oil

Have any of you boys and girls ever been down to the beach and made castles and forts in the sand and had big boys come along and destroy them? What would you do if they did? God says for us not to be overcome with evil, but to overcome evil with good. Quarrels are like storms, angry words are like the wind, and tears are like the rain. When there is a storm at sea and the sailors are about to be drowned because of the high waves, they pour oil on the water to calm it down. We put oil in our automobile to make it run smoothly. When we become the children of God, by receiving His Son into our hearts, and then when we come and give him our whole selves and lives, he sends his Holy Spirit into our hearts to keep us running smoothly. He is often compared to oil in the Bible. If we let Jesus govern our lives, we shall have peace and not quarreling, won't we?

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson today in the Sunday school is surely wonderful. Here we find a Samaritan helping a Jew. And the Samaritans knew that the Jews hated them, but the Samaritan forgot all about that. He only saw a man in need, a poor wounded man who needed a neighbor to help him. The Bible tells us, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." In other words, he will feel the fire of the burning love in your heart and good deeds that it will make him forget that you were his enemy. So you just be a good neighbor to everyone, even to the one that may talk mean to you. You just watch and find a chance to do them a good turn and you will make a friend out of them. God's ways are right, and if we keep doing them, it will work. Do not get tired doing right and good to all you meet. Will you not? Jesus will bless you for it all.

Are you having the paper sent to your friends and cousins? That would be doing good to others. They might read something in it that will cause them to give Jesus their hearts or help them to live better.—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4, July 22, 1951

HELPING OTHER PEOPLE

Luke 10:25-37

One time a lawyer came to Jesus and wanted to ask him a question. He said, "Master, what shall I do to get to heaven?" Jesus said, "Don't you know the Ten Commandments? What do they say?" The lawyer said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." Then Jesus told him to do this and he would go to heaven. But the lawyer felt that since Jesus answered that question so well he would ask another one. He was trying to get Jesus to make some wrong answer so he and the others could laugh at him and maybe get him to say something that they could kill him for. So he said, "Who is my neighbor?"

Then Jesus told about a certain man that was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. This road led thru hills, and many times thieves would hide in these hills, and when they got a chance they would kill or wound the travelers and take all their money or their possessions—even take the donkey on which they were riding and then go off and leave them there by the road. And that is what they did to this man. They took off his clothes, wounded him, and left him half dead. Poor man! He surely needed someone to help him.

I'm sure that the man lay there helpless, waiting for someone to come and help him. Now he hears someone coming. He is too weak to turn his head, but he waits. It was a priest coming. A priest was one who helped in the work at the temple. He surely would help anyone in need if he was a good priest.

But, no, when he saw the poor wounded man, he passed over on the other side of the road and went on his way.

Finally the poor man heard someone else coming. No doubt, he began to be glad. Surely this man will help me out; but when the Levite came and saw the poor wounded man, he looked at him and passed by on the other side of the road. A Levite is supposed to help in the work at the temple. Moses never allowed anyone to carry the tabernacle but the Levites.

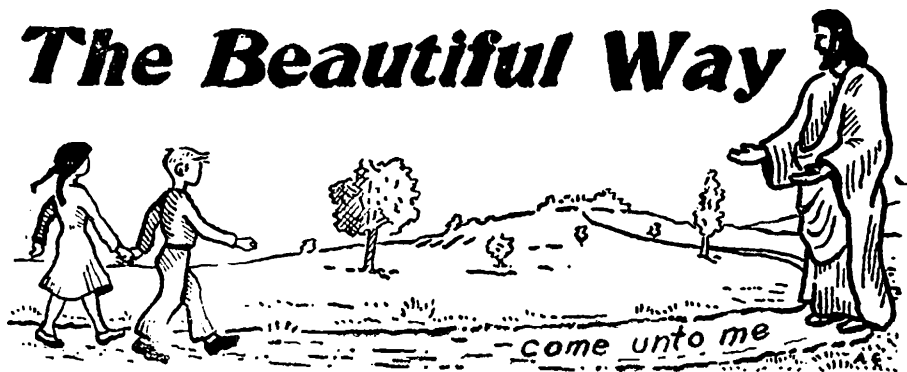
I guess the poor man began to think he would surely die if someone didn't come and help him. Now he heard someone else coming, but he probably did not try to look because the others did not help him, but pretty soon he felt someone dressing his wounds and wrapping them. He began to feel better. He looked and it was a Samaritan. No doubt he was surprised for a Samaritan to help him because the Jews felt that they were so much better than the Samaritans that they called them dogs and wouldn't even eat with them. But this good Samaritan put the wounded man on his own beast and brought him to the inn and told the inn keeper to take care of him until he was well. He gave him some money and said, "If you need more, I will give it to you when I come."

Then Jesus asked the lawyer, "Which of these three do you think was the wounded man's neighbor? Can you answer that question? Let us ask Jesus to help us to be good neighbors.

Central Thought—We should try to treat others as Jesus would treat them.

Memory Verse—Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40b.

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Part Five

July 29

The Little Girl

There's a little girl over in India,
No bigger nor older than I,
Who never laughs or smiles at all;
I'm sure you wonder why.

I just can't understand it myself,
How such a thing could be;
For little girls, all over the world,
Should be happy, it seems to me.

But this little girl no bigger than I,
So sad across the sea,
Is a widow already—'tis true, they say—
How strange it seems to me!

I can't understand it myself, at all;
A widow's an outcast, they say;
No friend, no home, no one to love,
Just hated and in the way.

She didn't choose to be a widow, or wife,
Or betrothed, our dear teacher said,
But a widow's a widow indeed over there
If a husband or lover is dead.

This little girl no bigger than I,
Is not alone in her grief;
For twenty millions like her wait to die,
As their only hope of relief.

Unloved, unloving, they pine in their pain
No hope when they go to their grave;
So strange, don't you think, that this
could be,

Since Jesus has died to save?

But the beautiful story of Jesus' love
They're just beginning to tell
In India's darkened, sin-benighted land,
Where the little widows dwell.

I sometimes wonder, tho I'm very small,
If perhaps, in a long, long while,
God will want me to go and try to help
The little widows to smile. —Sel.

Why a Little Girl Wished She Couldn't Hear

A small girl would go to meeting
with her mother regularly, but she
was not saved.

One day the minister preached on
"The Wages of Sin," and told what
the result would be if one did not
obey the Lord.

At the close of the message she
quoted the Scripture which says, "He
that hath ears to hear, let him hear."
Also she said, "If you can't hear, you
aren't responsible for this message."

The little girl had listened attentively to the message, and she knew she would be responsible, so she wished she didn't have any ears to hear the Word.

Such a foolish wish it was, and it wasn't long before she realized how foolish it was, and soon she gave her heart to the Lord. Today she enjoys listening to God's Word.—Alta Hobbs

The Clock Hands

Once upon a time there was a man who had a broken clock. One day his clock would not run any more, and he could not tell what time it was.

"Dear me," said the man, "I shall have to take the clock to the shop and have it fixed. Now I won't take the whole thing. It is just the hands that won't go around. I'll take them off and have them fixed."

He took the hands of the clock off the face, wrapped them in a piece of paper, and started off for the clock shop.

"The hands of my clock won't go around," he said to the man in the clock shop. "I want you to fix them for me."

"Why you are foolish!" answered the clock man. "I can't fix the hands to make them go around. I have to have the whole clock."

"I know what you are trying to do," argued the owner of the clock. "You are just trying to make me pay more to get my clock fixed." He strode angrily out of the shop.

He was a very silly man, wasn't he? Anybody ought to know that if the hands of a clock won't work that something is the matter with the inside. Anybody ought to know, too, that the reason that our hands do not always do what they ought to is that something is the matter with our

hearts. But not everybody knows it.

But the Lord Jesus has told us that if our hands do the wrong things, then we must ask Him to come into our hearts. He will make our hearts right and then help us do the right things with our hands.

Why don't you, right now, ask Jesus to come into your heart and make it right? —Sel.

Bible Story

Genesis 37

After Joseph's brothers put him into the pit, they sat down to eat. Maybe they even were eating some of the things that Joseph had brought. They looked up and saw a band of men coming, who were going down to Egypt. Judah said, "What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother." The others listened to Judah. They drew Joseph out of the pit and sold him to these merchantmen, who took him to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the king. When Reuben returned, probably from looking after the sheep, he found that Joseph was not in the pit, and he felt bad. The brothers took Joseph's coat of many colors and killed a young goat and dipped his coat in the blood. How terrible! They committed one sin, but had to commit another one to cover up that one. That is the way the devil always gets us to do. The beginning of this great sin was when they allowed jealousy and envy to get into their hearts and then hatred. Now they had sold their brother and had to think of a way to cover that up.

The brothers brought the coat of many colors to their father and asked if it was his son's coat. Jacob recognized Joseph's coat and he thought that a wild beast had killed his favorite son. He

wept for many days and would not be comforted. While Reuben tried to save Joseph out of the hands of his brothers, he did not have courage enough to tell his father the evil thing which they had done.

Search Question

What wages do we receive for sin?

Answer To Last Week's Question

There would be weeping and gnashing of teeth, Matt. 8:12.

Houses That Walk

Does it sound funny to you to think of a house which walks? Well, there are houses which walk. The turtle carries his house around with him and walks in it. The shell is his house. He can draw his head and his legs up inside his house and be safe.

And if we are a Christian we are a house which walks. We are the house in which Jesus lives. Did you ever sing that song, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today. Come in to stay"? And besides the song, the Bible says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

Yes, Jesus will live in us if we invite Him in. We must be sure that we invite Him. Jesus will not come unless he is invited. And we must keep the temple (that is ourselves) clean for Jesus. We must not only be clean on the outside, but we must be clean on the inside. Do you think that Jesus would want to live with bad thoughts, with unkind thoughts, with hate? No, indeed. It is the most wonderful thing in the world to be a house that walks for Jesus. Let us each one be one. —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I heard about a little girl yesterday that could really pray. She would just pray in a way that even grown people could tell that she was praying right from her heart. She meant every word she said. She knew that Jesus could help her and she just asked him about everything. And Jesus answered her prayers, then she would get right down and thank him for it. We hope that is the way you pray, and that you are very careful to thank God for answering your prayers. You have written some of your letters to us and told us how the Lord answered prayer, and we were so glad to read them, and many others tell us that they surely like to read your little letters, so keep writing. We answer your letters by writing to you through the paper. We do pray for you also.

Since school is out, now you will have time to read a little more, and to do some things you could not do so well while in school. I do hope that you will ask Mother to help you to learn some Bible verses. And you that are old enough to read, can read some in the Bible, or Bible story book.

Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 5, July 29, 1951

GOING CHRIST'S WAY

Romans 12:1-1; Acts 26:9-19.

Do you know that Christ (or Jesus) has a way for us to go? He has a way for us to live. We cannot go Jesus' way or live the way that will please Him unless we let Jesus help us. He has told us just what he wants us to do. He wants us to give Him our all. He wants us to give Him our bodies. Tell me, what is your body? (Let each one name parts of their body). Did you know that Jesus wants you to give him your feet, your hands, your eyes, your ears, your mouth, all your body, your mind, and your heart? (Enlarge on this) He wants your feet to take you to right places; your hands to help Mother and others; your eyes to read and look at right and good things; your mouth to speak good things; your ears just to listen to good things. Our memory verse says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16. When we let Jesus come into our hearts, then our bodies become the dwelling place of Jesus. And we want to be careful how we take Jesus around with us. He will not go in the places of sin. You have to leave him outside if you go. Jesus will not look with you at bad pictures; He will not listen with you to bad stories. He will not go with you to hit and make a fuss. Jesus will leave and we have to ask him to forgive us for any wrong and be sorry for it before he will come back into our bodies and live in our hearts. So that is the reason that Jesus wants you to give Him your bodies. Then you will be careful to do right, and he will help you if you ask him.

Saul in the Bible was doing wrong

things. He was using his hands to take Christians to jail. He was using his feet to go after them. He was using his mouth to talk against them and Jesus. He was using his ears to listen to find out where some Christians were so he could take them to jail. He did not love Jesus and he did not want anyone else to. But one day he was walking along the road to another place to get some Christians, and Jesus spoke to him out of heaven. A bright light from heaven shone round about him. He was so scared he fell to the ground. The voice said, "Saul, Saul, why are you fighting against me?" And Saul said, "Who are you, Lord?" And the voice said, "I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are fighting against. It is hard for you to do this." Saul knew he was using his body to do wrong, and that his heart was not right in God's sight. He felt sorry that he did wrong, and he prayed and asked God to forgive him, and Jesus did forgive him. And Saul gave his heart, his hands, his feet, his ears, his eyes, his time and all to Jesus. He went out and told others about Jesus. He was a great missionary. He even went to places and told them about Jesus where they had never heard. He was glad that Jesus helped him to know that he was doing wrong and he was so happy to do right and to give his heart and body to Jesus. So let us remember Paul, how Jesus helped him to know that he was doing wrong and that as soon as he knew he did wrong he would not do wrong any more. He started doing right.

Central Thought—We should give our hearts and bodies to Jesus, and then we can help others.

Memory Verse—Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 1 Cor. 3:16.

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Part Six

August 5

Scattering Sunshine

"Twas only a little violet
That smiled at me one day
When I was sad and lonely—
But it chased the clouds away.
"Twas only a dandelion
Despised by the passers-by,
But it cheered my drooping spirit
And hushed my deep heart sigh.

"Twas only a little dewdrop
That sparkled one morning fair,
As it turned its face to heaven
And whispered its morning prayer.
It lingered but for a moment
Till the sun kissed it all away,
But it cheered my lonely spirit
At the birth of that new day.

"Twas only a little sparrow
That chirped for me one day,
Just when my heart was weary
He said in his own sweet way:
"Why are you sad and lonely?
Have faith as sparrows do.
Why should you doubt His goodness?
God will take care of you."

Praise God for the little sparrows
That peck at our window pane,

For all the beautiful flowers,
For dewdrops, sunshine, and rain.
But if these can make folks happy,
It would seem that you and I
Could also be a blessing
If only we would try. —Sel.

He Didn't Take the Measles

Leon liked his school work very much and would not miss unless he had to because of sickness. One day his little brother took sick and had fever, and the next day his parents discovered he had the measles. When Leon found out his brother had the measles he was much distressed because he had slept with him and now the natural thing would be for him to take them too, and that meant he would have to miss school. He cried about it and talked with his mother. Naturally, the mother sympathized. She told him if he had faith he could pray and ask God to keep him from taking them and he wouldn't take them.

That seemed to comfort him, and soon he was gone out of the room. Later his little brother came up close

to him, and teasing, said, "I am going to give you the measles." But Leon didn't act afraid at all as he had before.

He said, "No, I am not going to take them."

"Why?" asked his brother, "Did you pray and ask Jesus to not let you take them?"

Leon said, "Yes, and I know I won't take them."

Leon did not take the measles, and he was very happy. That increased his faith and encouraged the rest of the family too. The Lord has answered prayer for Leon and his brother many times and maybe some day we shall tell another experience. God does hear and answer the prayers of children. Have faith in God, children, because he can do for you all that you have need of. M. B. Pruitt

Yield Not To Temptation

James was born in a very poor home. He was ashamed because he did not have any money. He thought money was the only thing in the world that would make one happy. He wanted lots of money and then that he would be happy. He grew up with this idea and worked very hard to get an education so he would make lots of money when he grew older. Finally, after much suffering, he finished high school and went to the city to find work. He got a job with a large firm. Many people worked for this firm.

He worked hard and served the company well. He was a very smart young man. He won the confidence of the manager and was put in a place where he handled a lot of money. He was very happy to be able to handle money, and he worked hard and served well.

Finally the devil came along and talked to him, and since he wanted lots of money more than anything else, he was not able to say, "No." He yielded to the tempter. At first his conscience hurt him, but soon he could take a little and it did not bother him. But the devil never quits; he gets people to add sin to sin.

Time went on and he fell into bad company. This led to drink, and drink called for more money which he could spend for pleasure. One night after having robbed his employer of more than ever before, he fell in a drunken stupor in the road.

Then tragedy struck, for the covered sin was found out. The man demanded his money back. He called his brother, but his brother was not able to help him. So after many promises and talk he agreed not to send him to jail. His parents welcomed him home, but he was so ashamed of what he had done he would not go home. He felt his life was ruined. Nothing was worth living for it seemed and he decided to kill himself. He climbed up on a high roof, which would have meant death if he had jumped off, and lying down, holding on with one hand, he was ready to let go when God spoke to him. He began to think, "If I die, what will happen to me?" He became weak at the thought, and he could not let go.

He decided to run away. He was gone for a long time, but sin followed him. He finally became sick and had to return home. In the mean time his father died. Again he thought of killing himself. But God talked to him and he was led by God to a mission, and there he gave his heart to God. Oh, what a blessing came into his heart! The dread of death was gone. He began to make his wrongs

right and fix up his life. Later he married a Christian girl and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us learn a lesson by the sad experiences which James had, and never love money so much that it will be a temptation to us to do wrong. Give your heart to Jesus while you are young, and let Jesus be your helper and he will keep you out of wrong and cause you to help others. —M. M.

Search Question

What did Jesus say to the disciples when he came walking to them on the water and they were afraid?

Answer To Last Week's Question

"The wages of sin is death" Rom. 6:23.

Lasting Joy

Albert just came home from a little gathering of his friends in a neighbor's yard. During the afternoon each boy there was given a baloon. Albert was delighted with his new toy, as he often wished for a baloon.

Now he is blowing air into it. He expects to make it larger and more beautiful all the time. But alas, one more puff—and bang!! That which appeared so beautiful a moment ago was gone. It was completely ruined, and Albert was in tears.

So it is with many things in this world. They may attract the eye for a while, but quickly pass away. They are as lost moments in the sight of God and eternity.

Only the heavenly things of God are enduring. Young friends, the way to have lasting joy is to accept God's Son—the Lord Jesus into your hearts and lives. Then your happiness will not be gone with one short puff. It will last throughout eternity. Is that not worth while? —E. B. S.

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Sometimes our boys and girls are asked why they did not do something that Mother or Daddy told them to do. And they answer, "I forgot." Do you know that is a bad habit to get into? It gets us into a lot of trouble, doesn't it? I believe it would be a good idea to stop in our play and ask ourselves, "Have I done all my work that I was asked to do?" Then we will think what we are supposed to do.

We can get by sometimes by telling Mother and Father that we forgot to do something, but you know there is a day coming when we all will have to stand before God in the Judgment Day. There we will be asked why we did not give our hearts to Jesus? And if we say, "I forgot," it will be too late. In that day Jesus will not be our Saviour. In that day we cannot pray to him and say we are sorry. It will be too late. Our doom will be sealed, and we will hear the words, "Depart into everlasting torment and hell." So let us be sure we do not forget to pray to Jesus now while we can and give our hearts to Jesus. Let us not forget to live for him and to do the right. —Aunt Marie.

For with the HEART man believeth unto righteousness. Rom. 10:10.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 6, August 5, 1951

DOING OUR WORK WELL

Luke 12:13-21; 2 Thess. 3:7-10.

Jesus was asked a question one day. A man came up to him from the group of people he was with and said, "Master, speak to my brother that he give me part of the money that my parents left to us when they died." But Jesus said, "Who made me a judge or a divider over you?" He could see down in this man's heart and he knew that this man wanted money only to spend it all on himself. He probably did not think of the poor and needy. So Jesus told him to be careful about wanting so much money. Then he turned to the group of people and told a story to them. Let us remember that the stories or parables Jesus used were to bring out a lesson for us.

Jesus said, One time there was a rich farmer. This farmer had a lot of land, and it was good land. The seed that he planted would grow so well and he would get lots and lots of corn and grain from the seed he planted. His grape vines would bear lots and lots of grapes. His fruit trees bore lots of fruit. And, oh, he had so much fruit that he didn't have a place to put them. He said to himself, 'What shall I do with all this fruit and grain that I have? I have so much that my barns are overloaded.' And then he thought within himself, saying, 'This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I put all my fruits and my goods.' Oh, this poor rich man! He did not even think of the woman whose husband had died and left her several children to take care of, and that she would need help. He did not think of the orphan children who needed someone to care for them. He did not think of the aged, the blind, and deaf.

He only thought of himself. What a selfish man! Why I'm sure that our boys and girls would not think of themselves like that. What would you have done if you were this rich man and had all this fruit and grain and goods? (Let each tell what he would do). You would give to those that were the most needy. That would be laying up treasures in heaven, wouldn't it? Jesus tells us not to lay up our treasures upon the earth like this rich man tried to do by building bigger and better barns, but to lay them up in heaven. And we do that by giving money to the Sunday School, by giving to the missionaries, by giving of our pennies to the preacher, by giving of our pennies, nickles, and dimes, to the poor and needy ones. Jesus keeps an account of all we give, and that makes our treasures in heaven.

Now this rich man said, "And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. You can lean back in your easy chair and just live off the much goods you have in your barns. You won't have to work nor bother any more the rest of your life." But listen what God said to the rich man, "Tonight you shall die, and then whose shall all these things belong to?" I'm sure he was startled and sat up real quickly. He had left God out of his life and plans; yet God has the say over all of us (Enlarge on this).

Central Thought—Unselfish, loving service pleases God and makes people love us.

Memory Verse—He that layeth up treasure for himself, is not rich toward God. Luke 12:21.

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Part Seven

Aug. 12

Only Five Barley Loaves

Only five barley loaves!
Only two fishes small!
And shall I offer these poor gifts
To Christ, the Lord of all?
To him whose mighty word
Can still the angry sea,
Can cleanse the lepers, raise the dead?
He hath no need of me.
Yes, he hath need of thee;
Then bring thy loaves of bread.
Behold, with them, when Jesus speaks,
The multitudes are fed.
And when thine eyes shall see
The holy, ransomed throng,
In heavenly fields, by living streams,
By Jesus led along.
Unspeakable thy joy shall be,
And glorious thy reward,
If, by the barley loaves, one soul
Has been brought home to God.—Sel.

Unthankfulness

Ann was going to have a birthday and her sister Jane wondered just what she could give her, as she had only a few pennies. Finally the answer came. "I'll get her a nice little puzzle." Now this meant lots of self-

denial to little Jane. She had to save pennies over a long period of time.

Finally came Ann's birthday, and little Jane eagerly presented her gift to her sister in hopes that she would be very thankful for it. But, to her surprise, her sister looked at the gift in disgust and pushed it aside, saying that she didn't want it. Jane felt very hurt about it. I believe the dear Lord saw Ann's heart, and he may have been punishing Ann for her unthankfulness, for after that Ann never received many nice gifts for a long time.

I know of many people who have had a gift presented to them and they turn away scornfully. That is the Gift of God, who brings to our hearts peace and joy, and yet when a knock comes on the door of their hearts and the Lord wants to leave this precious gift, they just shut the door in his face. Oh, how sad! May we never be guilty of doing such, for if we fail to let him in or accept this priceless Gift, we will regret it in the end.

The Word says he will laugh at our calamities and mock when our fear cometh. This happens if we fail to accept the Gift. O. A. Davenport

The Dog's Bouquet

Someone wanted "a cat that had been brought up in a Christian family." Kindness begets kindness whether in man or beast, while harshness and cruelty begets cruelty in others.

A little Pennsylvania girl named Mary, fell and broke her arm, and had to stay in bed for a long time. Her playmates came to see her, and often brought her beautiful flowers, of which she was very fond.

Mary had a dog, whose name was Bob. He seemed to feel very sorry for his little mistress, and he noticed how happy the flowers always made her, so he thought he would give her a bouquet, too. Away he went into the yard, and plucked a mouthful of plantain leaves. Then he hurried back to Mary, put his forepaws on the bed, and wagged his tail, as if to say, "Don't you think my flowers are pretty, too?"

Mary hardly cared for the plantain leaves, but she was happy about the kindness of the little dog. She looked at his loving heart. That is the way the Lord Jesus does. When we do the best thing for Him with a loving heart, He counts it a great thing and blesses us for it.

Bible Story

Genesis 37

This is a lovely story of Joseph that we just finished telling you in the other papers. Let us see how much we can compare Joseph with our Lord Jesus Christ. There are several things alike. And when you hear the name of Joseph, will you remember that he is an object lesson to us of our Saviour? Let us see how many things we can find like the Lord Jesus in this story.

First, we see that Joseph was loved of his father, and our Lord Jesus is greatly

beloved of God, his Father (Matt. 3:17; John 10:17). Yes, our Lord Jesus Christ is God's dear Son.

Second, Joseph was a shepherd, and our Lord speaks of Himself as our Good Shepherd (John 10:11). Joseph's coat of many colors was a mark of honor, and our Lord was honored in many ways. Even the angels sang when he was born, and a beautiful star guided the wise men to him. When he was baptized, the Holy Spirit came in the form of a dove and lighted upon him. How perfect and how beautiful the Lord Jesus is!

Third, Joseph's brothers hated him. Even so, our Lord Jesus was hated by the Jews (Matt. 27:17, 18). I want you to notice that Joseph's brothers envied him and hated him because his father loved him. So it was with Christ (John 10:30, 31). And they hated him also for his words (John 7:7; 8:40).

Fourth, they put Joseph in a pit, which is a picture of our Lord being killed and put in the grave; and they took him up out of it alive, another picture of the resurrection of Christ.

Fifth, they sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver. You will notice that it was Judah who suggested selling him, and it was Judas who sold our Lord to be crucified for thirty pieces of silver.

Moffat and the Chief

There was a very savage chief of the black people of Bechuana whom every tribe feared. For six hundred miles around his own territory he had led his warriors out to burn villages, kill men and women, carry away everything they could, and destroy the rest. His name was Africaner.

The young missionary, Robert Moffat, felt that the Lord wanted him to go into Africaner's country to tell the natives how God loved them and wanted them to love others and not to hate and kill. Moffat's friends

were afraid to have him venture, for they were sure that the cruel chief would kill him. But he trusted God and went on. He had a loving, gracious way, and for some reason Africaner must have liked him. He opened a school and began to have services for the older people to come to. He preached a Christ of love to those savage people who had never known what love was.

Who do you suppose was the first person to be converted? Why, that same savage chief! To be converted means to give one's heart to Jesus and to let Him make you all over new. The man who had been so cruel became gentle and kind. He sincerely repented of his sins and did all that he could to make up for what he had done in his old savage days. He studied his Bible and tried to do as it taught.

After a time, when the young missionary went the six hundred miles to the city of Cape Town, he took Africaner with him, and people everywhere could not understand how the once wild savage had been so changed. They said nothing could have done it but the grace of God. That is just what had done it. It is what He will do for every one who is sorry for sin and comes to Him for forgiveness and a new heart.

Suppose Robert Moffat had not had a Christian mother who made him promise to read his Bible every day. Then the world would have lost a great missionary. —Sel.

Search Question

Who said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian?"

Answer To Last Week's Question

"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid"

Matt. 14:27

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We are so glad for your letters. We are glad to hear that some of our boys and girls are saved and loving Jesus. Write and tell us about how Jesus helps you and heals you. Also tell Mother and Father and your Sunday school teachers, or anyone who can to write a story for the little paper. It takes a lot of stories and poems to fill up the paper. Surely Jesus will cause some one to feel their duty to do something for Jesus. We are so glad for sister Olive Davenport who feels that the Lord has laid it on her heart to write for the little paper. There are some others who also feel led to write. Sister Georgia Morton loves children and has written some for you. We are glad for every one who has written for the paper. There are others who intend to write, so you just pray with me that they will do it.

The Lord is making the paper a great blessing, and we do thank God for it. All God asks us to do is to be willing, and he will do the rest. Oh, we do love Jesus, don't we? He is so good to us. And he will help each one of you to love and serve him.

Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 7, August 12, 1951

JESUS TEACHES ABOUT GIVING

Mark 12:41-44

The old time temple in the city of Jerusalem had many porches and courts. Here the people would often gather for a time of fellowship with one another.

The Lord Jesus never missed a chance to teach the people of God's righteousness. The Bible tells us that our Saviour and His disciples often walked among the people there in the temple courts. One day after Jesus taught the people, he was weary. Near by stood the treasury, or the large chest into which the people dropped their offerings.

The dear Lord Jesus sat down beside this chest. And His followers rested at this place also, close by. Many came to put their gifts into the treasury chest.

Now here comes people bringing their offerings. These men are very high. They were proud to let everyone see how much they were giving. Their gifts were large talents of gold. As they dropped these valuable coins into the treasury, they looked proudly about them and seemed to say with their eyes, "Look, everyone, and see what great gifts these are!"

Then as they watched, a very poor widow woman came along. This poor woman was bowed with sorrow and burdens. She was just a frail little person and had very little to call her own. As she went near the treasury she was very sad that she had so little to give. But she loved God very dearly. "Oh, if I could only give more!" she whispered within her heart. Then she drew from her frayed little bag a wee coin. Its value was two mites, or a farthing. This was the smallest of Jewish coins. It amounted to much less than one of our

pennies. This earnest woman dropped the wee coin into the chest very humbly. "Thou knowest, Heavenly Father, I would like to give Thee more," must have been her prayer as she hurried away.

Just think! She gave ALL she had. And she did it very humbly and gladly. She loved God so much that she was willing to give him all she had. Surely, boys and girls, we do all agree that she did love God very much and that she knew that God would take care of her as she gave her all. Such faith!

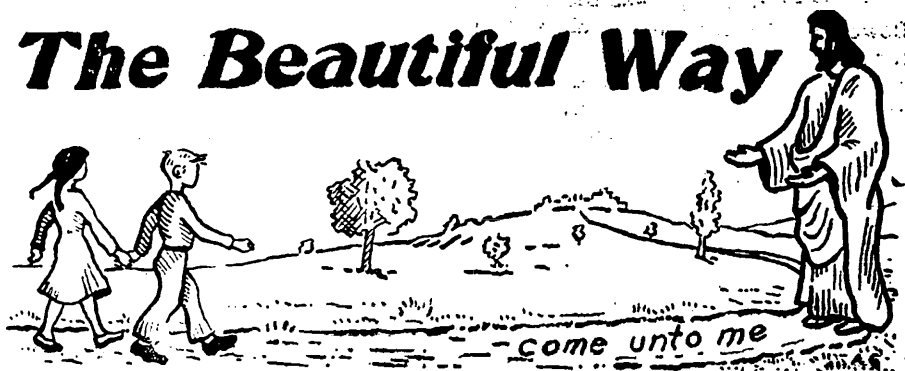
But now let us hear what Jesus said about these people whom he had been watching pass by the treasury box. Jesus can look right down into our hearts and he even knows our every thought. He knew what each one thought as they gave to the Lord, and he knew if it was their all. So Jesus turned to those that were by him and said, "Did you notice the widow woman who dropped the two mites into the treasury box?" But let me tell you that she has put more into God's treasury than did all the others." And the disciples wondered at the saying of Jesus, for they had seen the rich men put in talents of pure gold. But Jesus went on to say, "All of the others whom you saw dropping coins of much value into this chest, gave only a part of their great wealth which they will never miss. But this poor woman gave ALL she had, her entire living."

That day Jesus' friends learned something about the spirit of giving. Perhaps they never before knew that God's measure was different than man's.

Central Thought—We should give our money and our ALL to God.

Memory Verse—God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7.

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Part Eight

Aug. 19

The Boy Inside

There is a fellow that I know,
Born just about as long ago
As I, and, with me, bound to grow—
The boy inside of me.

Sometimes I wish he were not there,
For when in games I'm not quite fair,
He seems to say, "Stop! Is that square?"
The boy inside of me.

And when I do not study quite
So hard as really is but right,
He tells me so sometimes at night--
The boy inside of me.

Or when I plan some secret lark,
Then, suddenly, I have to hark—
Somehow he makes me toe the mark—
The boy inside of me.

It really does no good to hide
A thing from him, because I've tried,
And so I'm glad I'm on his side—
The boy inside of me. —Sel.

Dora's Confession

On one Sunday while the whole
Sunday school was assembled togeth-
er, instead of having a review of the

lesson, the superintendent of the Sunday school talked to the children about giving their hearts to Jesus. As Dora listened, the Holy Spirit talked to her heart and she went forward with six other boys and girls and gave her heart to Jesus. They confessed their sins to God and He freely forgave them and saved their souls. Their hearts were filled with peace and joy because there was nothing between them and God. He had changed their hearts, so that they did not want to sin any more; but instead, they had a strong desire to do always what was right and pleasing to God. And they felt in their hearts a new strength to do right.

Dora went home from Sunday school that day with a glad heart and with a wonderful experience, and she knew that she must live prayerfully if she would keep from doing wrong and causing Jesus to leave her heart.

Something else was on her mind, too. While kneeling at the altar, she had promised God to make a confession to certain persons of some wrong deeds she had done, and now she knew she must plan to carry out her promise.

One of these things was those stolen flowers. Of course, she could not return the flowers, but she knew she should go to the lady, confess what she had done, and ask forgiveness.

On a certain morning she made up her mind to get through with this painful ordeal on her way to school. But when she came to the walk leading into the house, her courage failed her. She hesitated a moment, then walked up and down the sidewalk, but being unable to summon the courage to do her duty, she went on to school.

The next morning she prayed more earnestly for courage to make her wrong right. On her way she kept asking God to help her. This time she turned right in on the woman's walk, went up to the porch, and knocked at the door. Her heart was thumping hard, and even after she knocked she hoped the woman was not at home. Oh, it was so hard to face the woman and make the confession! How she wished she had never taken those flowers! She was tempted to run off the porch after she had knocked; but instead she asked Jesus to help her to be brave.

When the lady came to the door, Dora, with a trembling voice, said, "Last fall on my way to school I stole some of your flowers, and I have been much troubled about it. Will you forgive me?"

"Well, my little girl, answered the woman, "I did not know at all of your taking the flowers, but it is very fine of you to make this confession. Surely I will forgive you."

"Thank you," said Dora, and she went on her way to school with a glad heart, thankful because at last the flower story was finished and she would never be bothered about them again.

—B. L. B.

Bible Story

Genesis 39

Poor Joseph felt sad as he traveled along the long dusty road with the Ishmaelites. He also knew that he now was a slave and he did not know what the future held for him. But he also knew God, and I'm sure he was comforted by that thought.

At last they arrived in Egypt and Joseph was taken to the city where the king of Egypt lived. There he was sold to an officer in the king's army, Potiphar. And God blessed him and comforted him in this far away land among strange people, where the people even spoke a different language (Gen. 39:2). The Lord was with him and caused him to be a good slave, and even his master Potiphar saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord made everything that he did become great. And because he served him well, he made Joseph overseer over his house, and put all that he had into Joseph's hands. You see that Joseph did not sit around and mourn because he was a slave, but he knew that God was with him, so he quickly learned the Egyptian speech, and was an honest boy. And everything he did was well done. Because he did the little things well he was given more and important things to do. So let us remember Joseph and always do the little things that Mother wants us to do well and then we shall be able to do bigger things well. Finally Potiphar, seeing how well Joseph took care of things, made him ruler over all his other slaves and over all his money and business, as Potiphar was a rich man. Potiphar so trusted him that he didn't even count his money any more. He just came in and ate and went about his other affairs.

Wasn't the Lord good to Joseph? Because he trusted in him he permitted him to be sold to a good man, and now he had all the privileges that any other

person had. He didn't even feel that he was a slave. And God will take care of us in the same way. We never should be afraid of what is ahead of us because Jesus will take care of it all if we will trust him.

A Bound Chain

One day I was walking through the woods and saw a chain hanging in the fork of a tree. About two years later I passed by the same tree and there lay the chain, but the tree had grown around it and there was no way of getting the chain from the tree without cutting the limb.

So it is with our lives. At first we are innocent and are free from many wrongs, but soon the clutches of sin fasten and if we do not get saved soon it will have such a hold on us until it will be very hard for us to be loosed. Whenever we do one wrong let us be sure to ask the Lord's forgiveness and that way we will keep everything clear, and sin will not bind us as the chain was bound by the tree.

—E. Davenport.

Search Question

Was Jesus glad when Peter cut off the servant of the high priest's ear? What did he say?

Answer To Last Week's Question
King Agrippa. Acts 26:28.

CHILD-LIKENESS

Why does the Saviour show such tender affection for children? 1. Because they have a confiding trust in God. 2. Because they have a holy fear of God. 3. Because they have no false shame. 4. Because they have the spirit of humility. 4. Because they have the spirit of love.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you know that it is a good thing to be a good listener? We should try to learn that while very young. One time there was a mother who was talking to another friend on some certain business, and the young daughter just "butted right in" the talking, and the things that were being talked about did not concern her. That was very ill mannered to do that, and I'm sure that the girl was corrected because that mother believed in good manners. Let us remember to just wait until we are permitted to speak before we speak. Grown people do not think it very nice for boys and girls to "butt in." I'm sure you don't either.

The boy Samuel was trained to be a good listener. He heard the voice of the Lord, he asked Eli about it, and then he listened as God told him what message he wanted Eli to have. If Samuel had "butted in" when God was talking, probably God would not have given him all the message. So let us remember to wait and speak when others are through speaking. If you have been in the habit of "butting in" it will take time to break yourself of it, but I'm sure Jesus will help you.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8, August 19, 1951

RULES FOR RIGHT LIVING

Luke 20: 19-26; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Some of the people that lived when Jesus was here did not like him and they tried to find some fault in him so they could put him to death. These chief priests and scribes acted like they loved God, but they did not want to accept Jesus as their Saviour. They sent out spies to try to catch him in something that he said. They thought if they could get him to say something against the law or the government that they would surely be able to get the government to kill him. But Jesus obeyed the laws of the land, just like he wants us to. When we cross the street we should watch the lights. When they are green we should go and when they are red we should wait. That is the law, and if we live in a place where there are no lights, we know that we should look both ways before we cross the street. The law also tells us that we should not harm property that belongs to others. We should not break off limbs of the trees, nor pick flowers, nor throw rocks at houses and different things that harms the property of others. That is the law and Jesus wants us to obey the law.

These men thought they would catch Jesus, so they came up and asked him, "Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar?" (Caesar was the ruler at that time). But Jesus saw down into their hearts and he knew they were trying to tempt him, so he said, "Show me a penny." They showed him a penny. He said, "Whose image is on the penny?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said, "Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar, and to God the things that

belong to God." The men could not find any fault in Jesus.

God wants us to pay taxes. Your parents pay taxes (or money) every year to the government. That is the law, and all Christians are law-abiding people. We also should be careful to obey the law when we drive a car. We should not run stop signs or park where we should not. You should remember it when you get big enough to drive a car.

Peter learned to obey the law from Jesus, and he writes to us in the Bible how we are to do. When Peter wrote this he knew that many Christians would be put to death because of persecutions, and he did not want them to do anything to bring on quicker death by disobeying the law. We are not to do anything that God forbids us to do, even if it is the law. But God knows about that, and if he permits us to suffer some, God is doing that.

This is what Peter wrote: "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Honour the king." So, boys and girls, let us be sure that we obey the law. Can you name some of the laws that you know? When there is a sign on someone's place which says, "Keep off," do you obey it? We are not supposed to go on a place which says that. It would be better if we think we have to go there, to just go up and ask the people if we can cross their land. I am sure you will keep out of much trouble if you will learn to not bother other people's things.

Central Thought—Follow all good rules and respect everybody.

Memory Verse—Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's and unto God the things which be God's. Luke 20:25.

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Part Nine

Aug. 26

Before I Go To Bed

I never go to bed at night
Without my little prayer;
Because I could not go to sleep
If Jesus were not there.

When'er I pray He seems so near,
That Him I almost see,
And when I go to sleep I know
All night He'll be with me.

Sometimes I talk to Him in prayer;
Sometimes He talks to me;
A better friend I could not wish
Than Jesus is to me. —Sel.

Facing A Lion

I read a true story of some missionaries who were in Africa. This happened long ago, in the year of 1898. These missionaries had gone out to get meat to eat. The two men were on the trail of some antelopes and had several times come close enough to get some shots, but soon the evening sun began to sink and they started home. As they pushed through the tall grass and came into the opening they saw a lion and her

cubs playing around her. They at once began to back off and turned down hill, and saw two rhinoceroses looking at them angrily. They turned again to the lion who had started for them after making her cubs go back into the tall grass. She crouched behind a rock and hissed at them. Then with her tail beating the grass behind her, she started toward the two missionaries.

The missionaries had been so anxious to get food to take back home that they did something that all good hunters should not do. They had used all their shells but the ones in their guns. But as the lion started coming faster one missionary took a quick shot at her and missed. Then the other one fired when she was within fifty yards of them and missed. Now they only had a knife and a gun for a club. But they were trusting in God who never fails his children, a God who answers the cry of the righteous. And right at that time a group of God's people in America had come together for a prayer meeting and a burden came upon them to pray for this certain missionary. They did not know that

at that moment he was facing a lion, but the burden was heavy and they prayed. God heard and helped. For to the missionaries' utter amazement, that lioness did not do as a lion of the jungle does. She stopped within a few feet of them, turned around, and went back to her cubs. One missionary could see her limbs tremble as if a great fear gripped her. God had come to the rescue—the same God who delivered Daniel from the lions' mouths, heard the cries and prayers of his children.

About three months later they received a letter from the praying group in America, in which they wrote that on a certain day and at a definite hour, a prayer burden had fallen upon them. The missionaries checked back and found that it was the same time that they faced the lion. Surely God will care for his children.—M.

He shall strengthen your HEART.

The Keepers of the Door

Egypt, the land of pyramids and sphinx, the land of sheikhs—and knives.

Stealthily, silently, a white-robed figure glides through the stillness of the night to the room where two men are fast asleep. They have lain down unsuspecting, unprotected. Nor are there any bolts on the two doors of their room to bar the advance of the approaching assassin—the sheikh who had stood on the edge of the crowd while they preached.

They have had a hard day's work for their Lord, and have just returned from a big open-air meeting, where a crowd of their fellow-Egyptians have listened to God's message of forgiveness through Christ.

And now, having committed themselves to the One "who only maketh us to dwell in safety," they sleep peacefully, all innocent of the fact that death is stalking them so close.

Nearer he comes; now he is at the door. The long knife gleams in one hand, the other reaches for the door handle. Another minute, and that cruel knife will have descended twice, leaving two corpses in the dark room.

His fingers close on the handle—but what is this? The door does not yield, and in front of him, between him and that door, he seems to be conscious of dim, strange figures moving, as though there were some mysterious guardians of the sleepers within.

Half in doubt, half in fear, the would-be murderer withdraws. He will use the other door.

Noiselessly he tiptoes round the outside of the building. Here is the door; and nothing (certainly no fancied figures of his own imagining) shall stop him now.

Again the knife gleams, again the fingers stretch—and again those seeming angelic sentries are between him and the unbolted door!

"'Tis their God who sends His messengers to keep them safe," mutters the sheikh, as he steals away. "And it is He who prevents me from killing them."

Note what the Bible says—"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him."

And what did Jesus say to His disciples?—"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end."

Anyhow, whatever you may think of the story, it was only last week that one of those very men told me what I have told you of the night when he was saved from the murderous knife of the angry sheikh!

Anybody That Likes

An old woman lay dying. She knew she had but a short time to live. By her bedside sat a girl reading the Scriptures to her. She was reading the third chapter of John and had reached verse 16, when the woman stopped her.

"What does the word, 'whosoever' mean, girlie?" she asked.

The girl did not know.

"Run as quickly as you can and ask the first person you meet."

The girl put down the Book and ran outside. She stopped the first person she met. "If you please, sir, can you tell me the meaning of the word, 'whosoever'?"

"Oh, yes, my little girl," replied the gentleman. "It just means 'anybody that likes.'"

She thanked him and ran back to the old woman. As soon as she reached the bedside, the woman raised her eyes and said, "Oh, have you found out yet?"

"Yes. I met a man who said it just meant anybody that likes."

"Thank God," the woman replied. "Thank God. Then I like, I like."

Soon afterward the woman died and went to be with Him who "so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." —Sel.

Search Question

What happened to a man who went to sleep while Paul was preaching a long sermon?

Answer To Last Week's Question

No, he was not glad. He told Peter to put up his sword, and he healed the man's ear. Matt. 26:51-53.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

In the Bible we are told of a little boy that gave all he had. One day the Lord Jesus was talking to a large crowd of people. They were hungry and tired and the Lord Jesus wanted to give them a lunch, but there was no food in the crowd except a little lunch of five small loaves and two fishes. But the boy, willingly gave it to the Lord, and the Lord miraculously fed over five thousand people with it. I am sure the little lad might have been hungry, but he willingly and gladly gave all he had.

Are you willing to give what you have to the Lord Jesus? What do you have for him? Have you given yourself to him? Does he live and reign in your heart? If not, Jesus wants to. Will you let him come in now? Will you give Him yourself now? Jesus is saying, "Look unto me and be ye saved" (Isaiah 45:22). Surely Jesus has salvation for all.

It is time to send in for your subscriptions again for the "Beautiful Way." They are getting ready at the office to print the paper again, and will want to know how many to print. Maybe you have some friends or cousins that you will want to send the paper to. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9, August 26, 1951

APOSTLES LED OUT OF PRISON

Acts 5:25-29

After the apostles were filled with the Holy Ghost they boldly told others about Jesus and about his power to save and to heal. People everywhere were believing and being saved. Jewish rulers did not like it because they saw that the people were honoring the apostles and Christ more than they were honoring the Jewish rulers, so they tried to stop their teaching about Jesus. They caught the apostles and threw them into prison, locking them inside. "Now," they said to each other, "we shall see what comes of their followers. Soon those people will forget, and we shall be rid of all this new religion."

Night came on and the rulers went home to rest, believing they would soon see the end of their trouble. But while they slept an angel from heaven came down into the prison. God did not forget his loving children. He was not pleased that they stop teaching about His Son, Jesus Christ. So he sent His angel right down into the prison where they were. The angel came to the apostles and touched them and they rose up and followed Him. He told them to go back again and speak boldly in the temple about Jesus. They followed the angel and when they came to the gates of the prison, the angel touched them and they swung open and the apostles passed out into the night air, and then went to their homes to rest.

Early the next morning the high priest and his wicked men met together and prepared to conduct a trial. They sent officers to the prison to bring the apostles, but when the officers arrived they found the guards standing on the out-

side, the doors all locked, but when they went on inside they did not find the apostles. They were gone. So they rushed back and told the waiting men that they "found the prison shut with all safety, the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within."

How surprised the men were! They could not understand it at all. They began to become a little afraid about it all. And while they were talking about it and reassuring each other that they did put them in the prison, someone came to tell them that the apostles were at the temple teaching the people. So they sent officers to go and bring them, but were careful with them because they feared the people, lest the people would stone them.

When the apostles appeared before them, they asked, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in Jerusalem concerning this man Jesus? And now why is it that you fill all the city with your doctrine, telling the people that we are guilty of the blood of this man?"

But Peter boldly told them, "We ought to obey God rather than men." That is our memory verse. We ought to learn it. Let us all say it.

Then Peter went on to tell them that they had put Jesus on the cross, but God had raised him from the grave, and that he is now in heaven, and that salvation is given to every man. "We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit in us." The rulers were angry with them, but they were afraid to put them to death so they just beat them and let them go, but the apostles continued to teach about Jesus.

Memory Verse—We ought to obey God rather than men. Acts 5:29.

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Part Ten

Sept. 2

Pay Them Back

Dear children:

If anybody injures you,
Then pay them back in love,
And thus the will of Jesus do,
Who watches from above.

For every arrow he hath sped
Of envy, hate, and spite,
Return him gentle words instead,
And season them with light.

For every blow which you receive
From any erring soul,
Pray for him, and then believe
That Christ will make him whole.

Little children of Jesus Christ,
Love sister and brother,
And earnestly with every tryst
Pray for one another.

—H. Wilder.

Why Don't You Love Jesus?

A Sunday school teacher had prayed and God had led every one of her children in her class to Christ. She was a faithful teacher. Then she tried to get her children to go out and bring other children into the

school. One day one of them came and said she had been trying to get the children of a family to come to the school, but the father was an infidel, and he wouldn't allow it. "What is an infidel?" asked the child. She had never heard of an infidel before. The teacher told her that it was a person that didn't believe in God and didn't love Jesus. The little girl was very surprised.

A few mornings after that, the girl happened to be going past the Post Office on her way to school, and she saw the infidel father coming out. She went up to him and said, "Why don't you love Jesus?" He looked at her and walked on.

A second time she put the question, "Why don't you love Jesus?" He put out his hand to put her gently away from him, when, on looking down, he saw tears. "Please, sir, tell me why don't you love Jesus?" He pushed her aside and away he went.

When he got to his office he could not get this question out of his mind. All the letters seemed to read, "Why don't you love Jesus?" All the men in his place of business seemed to say, "Why don't you love Jesus?" When

he tried to write, his pen seemed to shape the words, "Why don't you love Jesus?"

He couldn't rest, and on the street he went to mingle with the business men, but he seemed to hear a voice continually asking him, "Why don't you love Jesus?" He thought when night came and he got home with his family, he would forget; but he could not. He complained that he wasn't well and went to bed. But when he laid his head on the pillow that voice kept whispering, "Why don't you love Jesus?"

He couldn't go to sleep. By and by, about midnight he got up and said, "I will get a Bible and find where Christ says something wrong, and then I'll have a reason," and he turned to the book of John. But if any one wants a reason for not loving Jesus, don't turn to the book of John because John was with our Saviour Jesus too long. Well, he read it through and found no reason why he shouldn't love Him, but he found many reasons why he should. He read this book, and before morning he was on his knees, and that question put by that little child led him to Jesus. —L. M.

HOW TO HAVE GOOD NEIGHBORS

A certain man of the world—he may even have been a church member—sold his little farm home in a thickly settled place, and drove several hundred miles to another place, where he had thought of buying a place and making it his home. He was still not decided whether he should stay there or go fifty miles further. One day he talked to a devout Quaker who was living in the neighborhood. He said, "What kind of neighbors will I have if I settle in this place?" The Quaker asked, "What kind of neigh-

hors did thee have back in the other place that you just left?"

The man said, "They were not good neighbors and hard to get along with such a bad lot." The Quaker said, "Well that is the kind of neighbors you will find here then."

The Quaker knew that if you were a good neighbor you would have good neighbors, but if you were a bad neighbor, you would have bad neighbors. —Sel.

Bible Story

Genesis 39

Joseph was getting along fine in Potiphar's house and was a very important man. His master left all his business to him. But one day an awful thing happened. Potiphar's wife tempted Joseph to sin. She was not a good woman. Time after time she tried to get him to do wrong, but he refused to do wrong. Joseph did not want to sin against God. He knew that God was with him even in hard places. God saw Joseph's trust in Him and was well pleased with him. You remember that the Lord Jesus, too, was tempted by Satan. But he trusted in God and refused to do wrong. So we, too, can trust in God when Satan comes asking us to steal, or to tell a lie, or to pretend that we are doing right when really we are doing wrong things.

When Potiphar's wife saw that she could not get Joseph to do wrong, she told a lie about him. She was determined to get him into trouble. Potiphar believed the lie she told and put Joseph in the king's prison. Poor Joseph! Not only was he sold a slave, but now he was also put into prison. How cruel it was for Potiphar's wife to do this. Perhaps Joseph wondered why he must suffer so often because of the sins of other people. But we shall soon know why God permitted this all to happen. Always remember, God is caring for his own.

Making Fun Never Pays

Bonnie loved to go to Sunday school but she had a very bad habit. She just loved to make fun of people. One day she went to Sunday school, and when her teacher turned her back, she made an ugly face at her.

Now the Lord didn't like for Bonnie to make fun of people or make horrid faces at her Sunday school teacher, so He decided to punish her. This is what He did. One night Bonnie went to bed and while sleeping she had a stroke. Yes, she was a small girl, but the Lord permitted her to have a stroke and her face twisted in just the same shape as it did when she made a face at her Sunday school teacher. That was quite a lesson for Bonnie and she learned it didn't pay to make faces at people. Finally the Lord permitted her face to become its normal shape again.

You remember, too, how the Lord punished some children for making fun of God's prophet who was bald-headed, and what happened to them. Yes, He sent bears out of the woods, and they destroyed a large number of them. You see, it never pays to make fun of people. —Alta Hobbs

Search Question

Who was building a fire when a viper (snake) jumped out of the fire and on his arm?

Answer To Last Week's Question

He fell out of the window and died, but

Paul healed him. Acts 20:9.

Things Worth Doing

Smiling.

Speaking kind words.

Showing respect for the aged.

Telling the truth.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

One time a little girl asked, "Does Jesus heal people now?" And how glad we are that we can say to that little girl that Jesus does heal today. He is still able to touch sick bodies and to make them well. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever, you know. He has healed me many times. When I was a little girl I fell and hurt my back very badly. My father and the family prayed for me and God healed me. But you know that Jesus is not only able to heal sick bodies, but also sin-sick souls. Every one who has not been saved is really sin-sick in sin, and must be healed. Only Jesus can do this. He died on the cross, then arose again that we might believe on him and be saved from sin. We don't have to do a lot of hard things, like traveling on our knees as some people do, in order to be saved. All we have to do is to confess that we are sinners and ask Jesus to wash our hearts with his blood. Jesus is willing and waiting to save us. If you have given your heart to Jesus that is good, but what about your playmates? Have you asked them to love Jesus too? Maybe they will come to Sunday school with you. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 10, September 2, 1951

ALL PEOPLE MAY BE FRIENDS

John 4:4-14; Acts 10:25-29; Col. 3:11

Today our lesson is about not being respecter of persons. It is a lesson that we trust you boys and girls will learn while you are young. Let us remember that God made all people. He made the Chinese, the Ethiopian, the Indian, the Russian, the American, the Englishman, in fact, all nations; and God loves everyone. They all have feelings just like you do. They love their children just like your mother and father loves you. Jesus came to this world and died on the cross for everyone in the world. Every one has a soul to be saved or to be lost.

When Jesus lived here in this world, he loved everybody. The Jews that were his own people hated the Samaritans. They called them dogs and would not even eat with them. They would not go through their country. When they had to go to Galilee they went the long way around the country of Samaria. But in this lesson Jesus went right through Samaria. He loved and wanted to meet the Samaritans. They were just as precious in the eyes of God as any other people.

And because Jesus wished to take the shorter route through Samaria, his disciples went with him. Finally they came to the city of Sychar in Samaria. And near the city was a well called "Jacob's well." When they reached this well, Jesus was tired, and sat down by it to rest from his long walk. His disciples went on to the city to buy food, leaving him alone.

After awhile a woman came down to the well to draw some water. She glanced at the stranger sitting there and saw that he was a Jew. Knowing that the

Jews paid no attention to Samaritans, she passed by and hurried to lower her water-jug with the long rope that she had brought. When the jug was filled, she drew it up and was ready to start back to the city when Jesus asked for a drink.

The woman was surprised at his request, and said, "How is it that you, being a Jew, will ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." Jesus replied, "If you knew who it is who asks a drink from your jug of sparkling water, you would ask of him and he would give you living water to drink." She at once saw that he was different from other Jews and she said, "Sir, this well is deep and you do not have a rope to draw water. How could you give me living water to drink?" Jesus said, "Whosoever drinks of this water becomes thirsty and returns again for more, but the living water which I give does not come from such a well. It bubbles up like a continual spring within one, and that one never thirsts again." She became more interested. She did not know that the living water of which Jesus spoke was the gift of free salvation to all people. And as she said she would like to have this water, Jesus began to talk to her about the plan of salvation. And finally Jesus told her that he was the Messiah, the coming Christ. She hurried to the city and brought others out to hear the Christ. (Tell the story complete).

Central Thought—Jesus is interested in everybody learning about eternal life.

Memory Verse—God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10:34b, 35.

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Sept. 9

Going To School

Over the highways and byways,
On through the dust of the street,
Thousands of dear little children
Travel with hurrying feet—
Children with bright, eager faces,
Happy and glad, as a rule,
Talking and laughing and singing
As they are going to school.

Some from the homes of the wealthy,
Some from the lowliest cot;
Yet they all need education
Whatever in life be their lot.
Be the day pleasant or stormy,
Whether 'tis sultry or cool—
They do not stop for the weather
When they are going to school.

School-days are happy and pleasant;
'Children, be glad while you may;
Lay by a rich store of knowledge,
Which will be useful some day.
"Wisdom is better than riches,"

A wise man is preferred to a fool;
God give the children true wisdom
While they are going to school!

—Sel.

What Will Jesus Think?

Rosalie lived in a beautiful home in the suburbs of London. As she was much younger than her brother Bob and her sister Rita, she played alone a great deal.

Her father and mother tried in every way they could think of to make her happy. They bought her beautiful clothes, and many costly toys. But they did not know how to make her truly happy, because they were not Christians, and knew nothing about the joy and gladness of those who love God.

When Rosalie was about six years old, she went to visit in the home of a friend who truly knew the Lord Jesus. For the first time in her life, Rosalie now heard the old, old stories about the angels, the shepherds, and the visit of the wise men to the manger at Bethlehem. And she heard about the beautiful Christ who grew up to tell the people about God and the Home in Heaven where all the people that love God will live.

And to Rosalie, this was all so wonderful! She could hardly wait to go home and tell her mother all she

had heard about the Saviour of the world. She would have been surprised, had she known that her mother had heard these stories long ago, but that she was too proud to be a Christian.

Mother did not seem pleased at all to hear about Jesus. But she liked to hear Rosalie sing the little songs she had learned. And she was glad that her little girl was no longer the naughty, selfish child that she had been before she went away.

Rosalie liked to sing and tell the stories to her friends. She spent many happy hours that way.

When Mother went to do her shopping, she rode in a car driven by a chauffeur. Sometimes Rosalie went into the stores with her; but usually she was left in the care of the driver.

One day while her mother was in a large, fashionable store, Rosalie said to the chauffeur, "John, I want to speak to you."

"Yes, Miss," John replied; "what is it?"

"I want to sing!"

"Yes, Miss, and what do you want to sing?" asked John courteously.

"I want to sing.

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so."

"Go ahead," said John, "But," he added suddenly, "what will all these people think, and what will your mother say, if you sing?"

"Why, John," exclaimed Rosalie, "I wasn't thinking what Mommy and the people would think. I was just thinking what Jesus would think, if I did not sing."

He said no more, and as the sweet childish voice rang out, people gathered, one by one, to listen.

When Mommy came out of the store and heard her little girl singing, her proud heart was softened. She sud-

denly wished she could know Jesus as Rosalie did. Don't you think Jesus and the angels were glad that Rosalie sang? I do. —Retold by E. F.

A Little Maid

Once there was a little girl that was captured and taken far away from her home and loved ones, but she believed in God, so she didn't spend her time crying, but was busy serving her mistress as best she could. Her mistress' husband was a leper, which means that he had an awful incurable disease. This made his wife very unhappy. The little maid wanted so much to help in some way, so she said to her mistress, "If my Master were in Samaria where the prophet of God is, he would heal him of his leprosy." She had faith in God and knew nothing was too hard for him to do.

The mistress told her husband, and he, with others, was sent to this man of God (The prophet's name was Elisha. 2 Kings 5th chapter). Elisha told him to go wash himself in the River Jordan seven times. He had expected Elisha to come out to him and say a lot of words over him, but he did not. Elisha just sent a messenger out to him to tell him what to do. It was hard for this man to do what others told him to do as he was a captain in the army and commanded men, so the Lord had to teach him a lesson in obedience. At first he refused to obey the man of God. The River Jordan was muddy and he would rather have gone to another stream that was clear. Everyone is willing to do the easy and pleasant things in life, but this man was told to do something he didn't want to do. He started away angry, but his servant talked to him and per-

suaded him to obey the man of God. When he obeyed, he was actually healed of the dreadful disease.

Sin is a dreadful disease of the soul and we all need to be washed in the blood of Jesus. If we refuse and don't obey our heavenly Father, then we don't get healed or have our sins washed away, do we? So children, I hope you will all learn obedience to God early in life. We all love to be well in our bodies (healed) and clean in our souls (washed in Jesus' blood), don't we? God bless all the dear little children. —Aunt Georgia

Search Question

Who was praying and had a vision of a sheet filled with different animals being let down from heaven in front of him?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Paul, Acts 28:3.

His Heavy Basket

Passing along a busy street the other day I saw a boy carrying a basket full to the brim, which seemed to tax his strength to the utmost capacity. Indeed, at times it looked by his jerks and extra efforts as if its weight would bear him down beneath it in spite of his plucky determination. I said to him:

"My boy, that basket is rather heavy for you to carry, isn't it?"

"Yes, sir," he replied. Then an even more determined expression came into his bright young face, as he added, "but I'd rather carry it than that my mother should have to do it."

He had the right idea. God tells us to honor our parents, and helping them is an excellent way to do it.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Isn't it wonderful to know that when we give ourselves to Jesus that he loves us and takes care of us? Some may say, "Why He doesn't care about you." But did you know that the Bible tells us that he cares enough for us that he even has all our hairs numbered. Can you count your hair or any other person's hair? Why it surely would be a big job, and then why do we care to know how many hairs another person has. But Jesus cares. He cares all about us. And if he cares that much, then surely we can just be sure that he cares about every little thing we do or say. We should be real careful to do right, shouldn't we? I am always asking Jesus to help me to do just what he wants me to do. When I first get up in the morning I ask the Lord to lead me through that day and help me to do just what he wants me to do that day, and he does help me, too. And I'm so thankful to Him for helping me, and before I go to sleep at night and look back over the day, I can thank the Lord that he helped me to do right that day. Then before I go to sleep I ask him to care for me through the night, and he does it.

Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11, September 9, 1951

THE BEGINNING OF THE

"CHURCH OF GOD"

Acts 1:15; 2:47

When Jesus talked to His disciples, before He went back to heaven he told them to go to Jerusalem and wait there till he sent them the Holy Spirit. So now we find about one hundred and twenty of the disciples of Jesus waiting in an upper room in Jerusalem, praying. Mary, the mother of Jesus was there also, as she too wanted the Holy Spirit.

Several days passed by and the time came for the Feast of Pentecost, which was a feast day that the Jews kept in remembrance of the time when God gave them the law, fifty days after their departure from Egypt. Many Jews were in Jerusalem at this time. In the upper room the disciples were still praying, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, the wonderful gift from heaven. They began to praise God and shout for joy. They were very happy because the Holy Spirit had come. The Holy Spirit gave them power to be bold and no longer were they afraid of their enemies, but were bold to praise God for what he had given them.

This was the beginning of the "church of God."

The noise was heard by people outside and crowds began to gather. In the crowds were strangers who had come from different countries where people spoke in other languages. When they came to the place, they were surprised to hear these happy men and women praising God in the language of their own countrymen. They asked each oth-

er, "What does this mean? For these who speak to us in our own language are people from Galilee. How have they learned the language of the far off nations where we were born?"

But we find that Peter stood up and boldly told the people that this was what the prophets had told them about years and years ago. One prophet of old had written that in the last days God would pour out His Spirit upon all flesh and "your sons and your daughters shall prophesy." This means that they would preach and tell the wonderful works of Jesus. Peter told the people how they could have a part in this wonderful thing that had taken place. Read from the Bible what he told them about repenting. Many believed Peter's words and were saved. The ones who were saved made up God's church, they were born into it and God wrote their names down in heaven. They had entered the church through Jesus. Jesus said "I am the door" and there is no other way to get into the "church of God." (John 10: 7-19). He says if you try to climb up another way you are a thief and a robber, and no thief can enter heaven. The only way one can be put out of God's church is to sin, then God blots him out of his book, for He keeps the books (Ex. 32: 31-33). On that day about 3000 souls were added to the church, and the Bible tells us that every day (we don't know how long) after that God added some to His church. Notice, it says "The Lord added," and He added only those that were saved. Man didn't do it. Children, ask your teacher to tell you more about the church of God, and be sure to always live for God so he will keep your name on his book in heaven.

Central Thought—When we are saved we are in the "Church of God."

Memory Verse—Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18.

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Part Twelve

Sept. 16

Come To Jesus

His heart is full of kindness,
Sweet words He hath to tell;
Come, listen to Him, children,
For He loves children well;
And many to Him gather,
From every clime and land;
Come, welcome, happy children,
And join the holy band.

He on the cross once suffered,
Nails pierced His hands and feet;
But all His pain and sorrow,
Made us for heaven meet.
His blood our sin-stain cleanses,
And takes our guilt away;
Come, welcome, happy children,
For Jesus says you may.

He, He Himself will keep you,
He'll hold you in His hand,
He'll never let you perish,
But you shall reach His land,
The lovely, heavenly country,
All bright, and sweet, and fair;
Come, welcome, happy children,
And all His glory share.

Oh, Jesus, He is kindness,
Jesus the Lord is love;
How sweet to hear Him speaking
To us from heaven above. —Sel.

Henry's Disobedience

Henry was so happy on this particular morning, for he was going to town to get some pictures that had been developed of several of the members of his family. Before leaving, his mother gave him the money and warned him not to open the pictures before coming home. Then she bade him good-bye.

It didn't take Henry long to get to town, so when he arrived, he hurriedly paid the man and started for home. Oh, how eager he was to see what they were like.

The photographer had placed the pictures in an envelope and fastened them with a tiny clasp.

Now Henry really wanted to obey his mother's command, but the urge to see the pictures grew stronger and stronger. Finally, he was opening the pictures, and as he did it, off came the tiny clasp that was on the envelope. It so happened, also, that at this particular time Henry was walking over a little bridge, and the clasp fell through a crack in it. Poor Henry had already begun to suffer for his

disobedience. He tried and tried to get his hand through the crack, but they were just a little too large. We can imagine how he felt. Soon a smaller boy came along and reached it for him. This relieved him some, but he couldn't fix it back on the envelope as it had been. So he had to go home and face the punishment he deserved.

You see, children, disobedience always brings unhappiness. We remember the story of Lot's wife and how she was warned not to look back at the burning cities of Sodom and Gomorah. She disobeyed, and what happened? She turned to a pillar of salt.

—O. A. D.

Bad Spoils Good

One day Robert's father saw Robert playing with a number of bad boys. That evening he brought in six beautiful, rosy-cheeked apples, put them on a plate, and gave them to Robert.

"Now," said his father, "you must lay them aside for a few days to become mellow." Then his father laid on the plate a seventh apple, which was much decayed, and told him to let it stay there.

"But Father," said Robert, "the rotten apple will spoil the others."

"Do you think so?" asked his father. "Why should not the first apples rather make the bad one good?"

Eight days later he asked Robert to go and get the apples. But what a sight it was! All the apples were completely spoiled. "Oh, Father," cried Robert, "didn't I tell you the rotten apple would spoil the good ones?"

"My dear boy," said his father, "have I not often told you that the company of bad boys would make

you bad? Now, remember, if you keep company with wicked boys, you will soon be like them."

Whenever Robert was asked to go with the lads after that he always thought of the rotten apples. —Sel.

Stealing Strawberries

Vernon and John were coming home from school one day eager for their evening meal. The old devil knew they were hungry, so he started his work. First he started with John, telling him about Mr. Robert's fine strawberries and how good they would taste. Poor John was very hungry and his will power to say "no" was weak, so he in turn suggested to Vernon that they get some of the nice berries. Now Vernon's resistance was no better than John's, so off they went. Both helped themselves, but each had a guilty conscience, for every time they would see a car coming they would dart behind some bushes or rocks.

Finally they made it home. Vernon had a Christian mother, and she could easily tell that he had been into something wrong. She questioned him and he told her the truth. Of course, she had to punish him for his wrong doing. Never again did Vernon go into Mr. Robert's strawberry patch.

I don't think John's mother punished him, for afterward he did lots of stealing.

We must never take things that belong to others, for God will not let us go unpunished. In Bible times He punished Achan for stealing some money and hiding it in his tent after they had been faithfully warned not to take anything. His punishment was very severe, for he was stoned to death for his sin. —E. Davenport.

Bible Story

Genesis 39

Not only was Joseph sold as a slave into Egypt, but now he was also put into prison. But Joseph was trusting in God. He knew that God saw him and that God did all things right. Even though he did not understand everything, he just trusted and waited. And while he waited on God he began to do all he saw around him that needed to be done and was a good prisoner. No doubt he told others about God and helped each one with their troubles. The keeper of the prison began to take notice of his prisoners. He had many prisoners, but he never had one like Joseph before. And as he watched him doing good every chance he got, and saw how the other prisoners liked him, he began to like him, and the Word of God tells us that "the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

When we do good and obey God he will help us. We find that Joseph was given more freedom in the prison and that the keeper gave him charge over all the prison and all the prisoners. He saw that Joseph did so well in taking care of the prison that he did not have to keep a close watch over them or over the prison. And God blessed Joseph and caused all that he did in caring for the prison to prosper and be good. Let us remember, it always pays to serve God and trust in Him. Everything that Joseph did, God helped it to be very good. —M. M.

Search Question

Who was the oldest man that ever lived? How old was he?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Peter, Acts 10:9-15.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I am sure you are glad to be back in school after a long summer vacation. Glad to see your old friends that you may not have seen during the summer. But one thing I trust that you are being careful this year at school and choosing the right kind of friends. You know, of course, that there are those who do not seem to want to do right. Their parents do not teach them or they just do not want to listen to their parents. It's not good for you to be with this kind of a person, is it? Let us choose friends that want to do right. When I was a little girl my mother told me not to play with little girls that did not talk nice, and I didn't. And I would tell them that I wasn't going to play with them if they talked that way any more; and sometimes they tried to do better, because they knew it was wrong, too. So you, too, try to help others to do better, and the best way to help them is to do right yourself. Always be truthful. The Lord helped me to do that and sometimes the girls would say, "We'll ask Marie how it happened, we know that she will tell the truth." And that made me feel glad that I had always been truthful. May the Lord bless you. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12, September 16, 1951

CHRISTIANS WORK TOGETHER

Acts 11:27-30; 15:1-2, 22, 28-31;

2 Cor. 9:1-5.

Last Sunday we talked about the beginning of God's church and learned that people from other countries heard about Jesus in their own languages. I'm sure when these people went home they told others about Jesus. And prophets went from Jerusalem to other places and told people about Jesus. Many were saved into the "church of God."

Barnabas went down to Antioch where a group of people had been saved. He was glad when he saw what God had done for them. Some of them were Gentiles. Barnabas helped them to learn more about Jesus. It was at Antioch that the followers of Christ were first called Christians. Barnabas went to get Saul (who is also called Paul) to help him teach the people there.

While they were there in meeting one day a prophet named Agabus stood up and told the people that the Lord had showed him that there would be a great famine in the land. And this famine did come just like God showed him it would. This touched the hearts of the people of Antioch and they thought of the poor Christians at Jerusalem. Each one gave as much as he could and sent it to the Christians at Jerusalem. Barnabas and Paul took the gifts to them. That was showing love one to another, wasn't it? Christians should help others who are in need.

But one day some visitors came to the church of God at Antioch, from Jerusalem. These visitors looked unkindly on the church at Antioch because they did not keep the law of Moses. The Gentiles did not know anything about

the law of Moses. The law of Moses had been given only to the Jews to make of them a separate people from the idol-worshipping Gentiles, so God could bring Jesus to the world. The Christians at Antioch wanted to do all that was right so they decided to send Paul and Barnabas and certain teachers to Jerusalem where the twelve apostles were, to ask them what they thought about this question. As Paul and Barnabas went, they visited other churches along the way and were glad to see that in all the churches of God that they visited, people were happy and obeying God's Word.

When they came to the apostles they were received kindly and the brethren were called together to decide this question. It was a great day for the progress of the church. Peter told how God had showed him that the Gentiles did not need to keep the law of Moses, and how Cornelius, a Gentile, had been saved. Then Paul and Barnabas told of the other churches of God that they had visited and how they were happy and rejoicing in the Lord.

Finally James, the brother of Jesus, stood up, and everyone listened to him. He urged them to cease troubling the Gentile Christians about keeping Moses' law. He told them to write a letter to the Gentile believers, telling them to be careful not to do certain things which they had always done while they were worshipping idols. This advice pleased the others so they sent the letter by Paul and Barnabas. The church at Antioch was happy to receive the letter and to know that they were doing right.

Central Thought—God's people can settle their differences peaceably.

Memory Verse—He that is not against us is for us. Luke 9:50b.

God is the strength of my HEART.
Psalm 73:26.

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Part Thirteen

Sept. 23

The Reason

"Two eyes and only one mouth have you;
The reason of this must be
That you should learn that it will not do
To talk about all you see."

"Two hands and only one mouth have you
And it is worth while repeating;
The two are for work that you must do,
The one is enough for eating."

"Two ears and only one mouth have you;
The reason, I think, is clear;
It teaches, my child, that it will not do
To talk about all you hear."

A Little Boy Leads His Mother To Jesus

I remember when on the North Side I tried to reach a family time and again and failed. One night in the meeting I noticed one of the little boys of that family. He hadn't come for any good, however; he was sticking pins in the backs of the other boys. I thought if I could get hold of him it would do good. I used always to go to the door and shake hands with the boys, and when I got

to the door and saw this little boy coming out, I shook hands with him, and patted him on the head, and said I was glad to see him, and hoped he would come again. He hung his head and went away. The next night, however, he came back, and he behaved better than he did the previous night. He came two or three times after, and then asked us to pray for him that he might become a Christian. That was a happy night for me. He became a Christian and a good one. One night I saw him weeping. I wondered if his old temper had got hold of him again, and when he got up I wondered what he was going to say. "I wish you would pray for my mother," he said. When the meeting was over I went to him and asked, "Have you ever spoken to your mother or tried to pray with her?" "Well, you know, Mr. ---," he replied, "I never had a chance; she don't believe, and won't hear me."

"Now," I said, "I want you to talk to your mother tonight." For years I had been trying to reach her and couldn't do it. So I urged him to talk to her that night, and I said, "I will pray for you both."

Bible Story

Genesis 40

When he got to the sitting room he found people there, and he sat waiting for a chance. When his mother said it was time for him to go to bed, he went to the door undecided. He took a step, stopped, and turned around, and stopped for a minute, then ran to his mother and threw his arms around her neck, and buried his face in her bosom. "What is the matter?" she asked. She thought he was sick.

Between his sobs he told his mother how for five weeks he had been a Christian; how he had stopped swearing; how he was trying to be an obedient boy to her; and how happy he would be if she would be a Christian; and then went off to bed. She sat for a few minutes, but couldn't stand it, and went up to his room. When she got to the door she heard him weeping and praying, "Oh, God, convert my dear mother." She came down again, but couldn't sleep that night. The next day she told the boy to go and ask Mr.—to come over and see her. He called at my place and I went over as quickly as I could. I found her sitting in a rocking chair weeping.

"Mr.—" she said, "I want to become a Christian."

"What has brought that change over you, I thought you didn't believe in it." Then she told me how her boy had come to her, and how she hadn't slept any all night, and how her sins rose up before her like a dark mountain. The next Sunday that little boy came and led his mother into the Sunday school. She became a good Christian worker.

Oh, little children, if you find Christ, tell it to your fathers and mothers. Throw your arms around their necks and lead them to Jesus.

—D. M.

In our last story we left Joseph in prison. But we also know that God was with him and he was put in charge of all the prisoners, and the prison.

Now in the house of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, there was trouble. The chief of the butlers and the chief of the bakers displeased the king. He became angry with them and had them put in prison. The keeper of the prison brought them to Joseph and gave him charge over them. No doubt, Joseph was very good to all his prisoners.

One morning Joseph came into where the chief butler and the chief baker were and he noticed that they looked very sad. Just think how good Joseph was to his prisoners whom he cared for. He even took notice if they were sad.

He asked them why they were so sad and they said that they both had dreamed a dream and did not know the meaning of them, but felt that they had a great meaning. And they felt since they were in prison there was no one to tell them what it meant. Then Joseph said, "Can not God tell us the meaning? Tell them to me, I pray you." No doubt he had talked to them before about how great God was, so they knew something about God; also, they could not help but see how God was helping Joseph in everything he did. So they told the dreams to Joseph.

We find that in the Bible there are lots of places where it tells us about dreams. In the days before Jesus came it seemed God talked to people more in dreams than he does today. Now we have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in all things. Yet dreams are sometimes given to us.

—M. M.

"My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life." John 10 27, 28a.

What Sin Will Do

An artist set out to find two people whom he could paint. He wanted to find the sweetest, the kindest, and the most innocent person; and then he wanted to find the meanest and the worst person that could be found. He wanted to show the difference.

In his search for the sweetest, he chose a darling little baby. It was so sweet and darling, so kind and innocent, without a trace of sin on its face, and he painted it. But he continued in his search for the worst person and vilest one. Years passed by and he continued to look. Finally he found a man whom he thought would be the right contrast, but to his surprise he found that this was the same baby that he had painted. Oh, what had happened to his sweetness, his kindness, his innocent look? I'm sure you can guess. He had let sin ruin him. He followed the voice of the devil. He did not listen to the voice of Jesus calling him away from sin. He did not open his heart and let Jesus come in. He wanted his own way. He wanted to find out what sin was and now he was an awful wicked man. His face showed lines of sin, and sorrow that goes with sin.

Oh, dear children, let's keep that sweetness that Jesus has given to each one. Let us always be as little children and be willing to let Jesus lead us. Let us not refuse to follow him.

—M. M.

Search Question

On what day did God make the sun and the moon?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Methuselah, 969 years old, Gen. 5:27.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Let us work for Jesus and send the "Beautiful Way" paper to more boys and girls. Let's add at least one hundred more boys and girls to our list. Don't you think we can? If just twenty of you will get five boys or girls to subscribe for the paper that will make one hundred. Or if you have some friends or cousins that you would like to send it to, that would be getting more to know about Jesus. Do you know that there are many boys and girls who have not heard very much about Jesus. And unless we all do all we can to tell them about Jesus they will grow up believing something else.

If there is a Children's Hospital close to you why don't you have a paper sent to it? Nearly all hospitals have children in them sometimes, and they would give the papers to them to read.

How about it? Are we going to increase our list? Are we going to help other boys and girls to know more about Jesus? Are we going to be workers for Jesus? Let us hear from you very soon.—Aunt Marie.

Let the HEART of them rejoice that seek the Lord. 1 Chron. 16:10.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 13, September 23, 1951

THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

Matthew 25:31-46

William's grandmother was coming to his house for a visit. It had been a long, long time since Grandma had been to William's house. William looked forward to seeing her, and he was very glad to help Mother get the house all clean and nice. There were many things to be done, because everything must be in good order to make Grandma's visit pleasant. When Mother asked William to help polish the silverware and to help wash the windows, he was glad to help. It didn't seem like work. He became happier as the day came closer when Grandma was coming.

But do you know that there is someone coming that every eye shall see? Every person on the earth shall see him. Can you tell me who it is? Yes, that is right; it is Jesus. Some day Jesus will burst through the clouds with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel. And a trumpet will sound. Then all the people shall arise out of the graves, and all that are saved and all the saved people that are on the earth shall rise up in the air to meet Jesus. Our bodies shall put on new bodies, bodies that will never die nor hurt any more. Won't that be wonderful, just to rise right up in the air? Oh, we shall be so happy to see Jesus and meet Him. But that time has not come yet. We do not know when it will come, so we surely want to be ready, so we, like William who was looking forward to his grandmother's visit, must get ready.

When Jesus comes and all the Christian people meet Jesus in the air, then the Judgment will be set. Jesus will sit

on the throne of His glory and shall judge all the people of the earth, just like a shepherd separates his sheep from his goats. He will put the sheep on the right hand and the goats on the left. The sheep are the saved or Christian people, the people who have come to Jesus and asked Him to forgive them of their sins and are living to please Jesus. They are the people that are watching and looking forward to Jesus' coming, and are ready to meet Him. And Jesus shall say to the sheep on his right hand, "Come ye blessed of my Father, into the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me meat: I was thirsty and you gave me drink: I was a stranger and you took me in: naked and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me." Oh, what blessed words for those that loved Jesus and showed love to others. When we do it to others we do it to Jesus. But it will be sad for those that are on the left hand, the goats. He will say to them, "Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. Hell was not prepared for people, but when people will not love Jesus and do as he says, they choose hell, because only those who love Jesus can go to heaven. They did not do good to others as the sheep. They only lived for themselves. I want to be a sheep, don't you?"

Central Thought—Prepare to meet Jesus.

Memory Verse—Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Matt. 24:44.

Thou hast put gladness in my HEART
Psalm 4:7.

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Part Fourteen

Sept. 30

A Child's Prayer

God make my life a little light
Within the world to glow—
A tiny flame that burneth bright
Wherever I may go.

God make my life a little flower,
That bringeth joy to all,
Content to bloom in native bower,
Although its place be small.

God make my life a little song,
That comforteth the sad,
That helpeth others to be strong,
And makes the singer glad. —Sel.

God Hears Children's Prayers

When I was a little girl, mothers could not go to town and buy nice ready-made doll clothes for their little girls like we can now, so I had to make mine.

When I was about ten years old my mother was teaching me how to sew for my dolls. She bought a thimble for me, and oh, I was so tickled over it, and I liked to use it. I was learning to use it pretty good. But one

day I lost it. Oh, I was so broken-hearted about it. I hunted and hunted for it and couldn't find it. I cried and cried. I was so hurt because I had lost my thimble. Mother searched for it, but she couldn't find it.

I was not taught to pray and ask God to help me in times of trouble like some of you children are taught; but a thought just came to me one day to ask God to help me find my thimble, and I began to ask God, "Oh, Lord, help me to find my thimble." I began to feel different about it. Some way I felt comforted. I didn't cry any more about it.

One day a young man came to our place. He came and said, "I found somebody's thimble." I was so happy and ran to get my thimble. And I never forgot that, how I had prayed and the Lord had heard and helped me get my thimble back again.

Children, when you lose something and can't find it and need someone to help you find it, just ask the Lord; he sees everything and he will help you. He sees where it is lost and can make you know where it is, or if you are in any kind of trouble, he will help you if you pray. Jesus loves

all the little children and wants to help them, but he says for us to ask. He says, "Ask and it shall be given you."—P. S.

Bible Story

Genesis 40

The chief butler told his dream to Joseph and said, "In my dream there was a grape vine before me with three branches, and as I looked on it, I saw it bud and then blossom and send forth; and the clusters brought forth ripe grapes; and I had Pharaoh's cup in my hand: and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and then I gave the cup to Pharaoh to drink."

Then as Joseph looked to God to help him tell the butler the meaning of the dream, God made him know. So he said, "The three branches are three days: And within three days Pharaoh will again bring you back to the palace and there you will be made the chief butler, and you will again serve Pharaoh as you did before, bringing him his cup. But please think about me when it is well with you again, and show kindness to me. Make mention of me to Pharaoh and bring me out of this prison. For I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon."

The chief butler was very glad when the meaning of his dream was told to him, and he believed it was true. And we find that three days later, just like Joseph said, Pharaoh had a feast on his birthday for all his servants and he sent and brought the chief butler out of prison and he again served as he had before, giving to Pharaoh his cup. God was good to the chief butler, wasn't he? But the chief butler forgot about Joseph. Oh, how sad! Let us not be like the chief butler, forget when someone does something good for us or to us.—M. M.

Under His Wings

"Cluck! cluck!" calls the hen to the little fluffy chicks. And here they all come running right under the Mother hen's wings. Sometimes as you watch them, they will push each other. It seems the closer they can get to their mother, the safer they feel. Yet we know it is dark under the hen's wings; but are the chicks afraid? No, they feel, oh, so safe. There is no danger there, they feel. And they know that the mother hen sensed a danger near or she would not have called.

Oh, Jesus is calling today to every one who has not given his heart to Jesus. There is danger on every side, and if you should die in your sins you would not be ready to meet God. Jesus is not willing for you to be lost. He has made a way so you could go to heaven. He wants you to come and give your heart to him and stay close to him—just live under his wings. And even if it may be dark sometimes, we can know, just like the little chicks, that all is safe because we are close to Jesus. We just trust him in all the trouble that goes on around us—wars, storms, etc.—and trust him to care for us in everything.
—M. M.

What Would Jesus Do?

There was once a boy who was just an ordinary boy, about as good or bad as most. One day he was sitting in the church house and heard the minister say, "Try asking before you do anything, 'What would Jesus do?'"

The boy was impressed. He knew something about Jesus. Here was a thing he could do. He could take Jesus as his pattern. He did not say anything about it to anybody. But

he began thinking, "Suppose Jesus were a boy in school today. What would he do?"

Well, it happened that in the boy's room at school there were three classes. At one time during the day the work was so arranged that one class was reciting a lesson while another class was preparing the same lesson. That made it possible to cheat, to copy the answers he heard onto his paper and get a better grade. But when he thought about Jesus, he thot, "Jesus wouldn't do that." So he went to his teacher the next morning and told her what he had been doing and he did not do it any more.

What happened? He had compared his life with the life of Jesus and the Spirit of God reached out and touched his heart and his life and changed it. Will you let the Spirit of God come into your life? Start asking before you do anything, "What would Jesus do?" —L. D.

Search Question

What does the word "created" mean, and how many times do we find it in the first chapter of Genesis?

Answer To Last Week's Question

The fourth day. Gen. 1:16-19.

JESUS IS IN YOU

One time a little drummer boy was wounded and very sick in his tent. The captain went to see the little fellow and asked if he were not lonely, since he was so far from home and parents. The little lad replied, "How can I be lonely when Jesus is with me?" Many of you boys and girls are Christians, and the Lord Jesus is with you. Yes, He is in you. I wonder if you think about that and talk to Him about everything in your life?

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Dear Boys and Girls:

When night comes and you lie down to sleep and you look back over the day, do you feel glad that you were a good boy or girl that day? Or do you think of the little things that you did and you do not feel so good about it? I'm sure you are happier when it has been a day in which you did good things. But if you have done something and Jesus makes you feel bad, I believe He wants you to ask Him to forgive you and to help you do better the next day. Jesus will help you if you will really pray and ask Him. Jesus wants us to live each day in a way that will please Him. That is what he means when He says for us to, "Be ready." Be ready every day to meet Jesus, because we do not know when he will come for us. We may not be alive when He comes bursting through the clouds, but as death finds us, so will the judgment. So pray that Jesus will help you to do the right each and every day. Jesus will help you to be good and kind to others and live to please Him. May God bless you. —Aunt Marie

"I will never leave thee nor forsake thee"

"Fear not, little flock."

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 14, September 30, 1951

PAUL SHIPWRECKED

Acts 28:1-10

The waves were rolling high and the men on board the ship were afraid. They did not know what to do, but Paul was a man of God and he was not afraid. He prayed right in the middle of the storm and God made him know that he would take care of him and the men. He told the men to be of good cheer and to eat because they had refused to eat for many days. Finally when day came, they saw a creek, so decided to run the ship up the creek, but they ran aground and stuck fast. The waves dashed hard against the hinder part of the ship and broke it off. The soldiers were afraid the prisoners would escape, so decided to kill them. But the centurion liked Paul and begged them to spare them, so they commanded everyone to swim to shore. It was a rough sea that they jumped into. Some grabbed pieces of boards or parts of the ship and clung to them, and finally all were safe ashore.

The people that lived on this island were sorry for the wet strangers that came to their shores. They hurried out to meet them and help them reach land. Then they built a fire, for it was still raining and they were cold. Paul wanted to be helpful, so he gathered a bundle of sticks to keep the fire burning. As he laid them on the fire, the heat from the flames aroused to action a very poisonous snake which was hidden in the sticks. At once the snake jumped at Paul, biting his hand with his deadly fangs.

When the natives saw the snake hanging on his hand they, knowing that he

was a prisoner, thought that he was a murderer who had escaped from drowning in the sea, but now was suffering for his sins and would not live.

Paul was not afraid. He just shook off the snake into the fire and felt no harm. No doubt he prayed to God to take care of Him. And as he was one of God's little ones He heard and answered prayer. But the natives stood around and watched. They expected his arm to swell up and then he would drop dead. They watched and watched, no doubt, walking around him and staring. But they did not see his arm swell, and Paul did not act any different. They began to change their minds then. They thought that he surely was a god.

The chief man of the island was Publius. He was kind to the strangers, and after Paul had not been harmed by the bite of the snake, he invited Paul and his friends into his house.

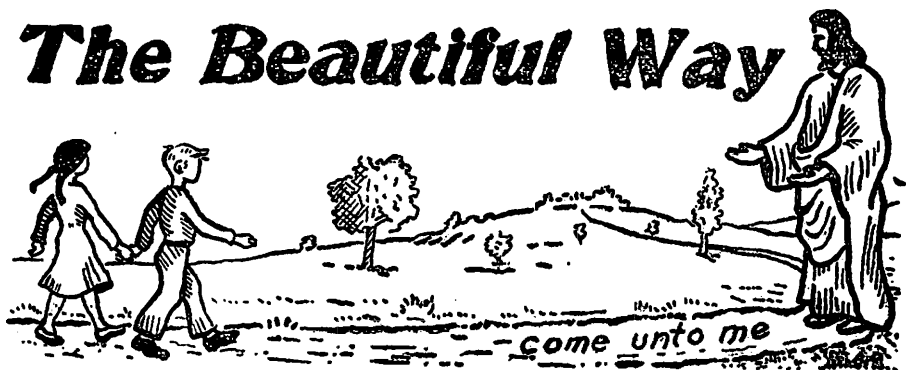
Publius' father was very sick with fever and a disease that very often means death. When Paul heard of this he visited the man and prayed for him and the Lord healed him. News of this healing spread over the island and many that were suffering came to Paul to be healed. And also Paul was able to tell them about Jesus. So because Paul was shipwrecked he was able to tell the people of that island about Jesus.

Central Thought—God will take care of His people.

Memory Verse—I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. Rom. 1:16a.

"Ye believe not because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you."

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Part One

October 7

Helping or Hindering

Here are two little hands,
What can they do—
Good things or bad things
The whole day through?
Helping or hindering—
Which of the two?

Here are two little feet,
Where have they run—
Into the shadow or
Into the sun?
Helping or hindering—
Which have they done?

Here are two little lips,
What can they say—
Glad words or cross words
Through the whole day?
Helping or hindering—
Now, which are they? —Sel.

The Right Decision

Vacation time had come, and my parents were permitting me to go home with Mr. Davis, who had a boy named Fred, about my own age.

We had a delightful journey, and when we reached Mr. Davis' home, everything looked as if I were going to have a fine time. It didn't take Fred and I long to become acquainted and all the family soon seemed like old friends. "This is going to be a vacation worth having," I said to myself several times during the evening, as we all played games, told riddles, and laughed and chatted merrily as could be.

At last Mrs. Davis said it was almost bedtime. Then I expected family prayers, but we were very soon directed to our bedrooms without them. How strange it seemed, for we had always had family prayer at home.

"Come," said Fred, "Mother says you and I are going to be bedfellows," and I followed him up the stairs to a nice little bedroom which he called his. He opened a drawer and showed me his treasures; box, boats, knives, horns, and he told me a number of things about what the boys did. Fred undressed first and jumped into bed. I was much longer about it, for a new set of thoughts began to rise in my mind.

When my mother bade me good-bye, she had told me tenderly in a low tone, "Remember, Robert, you are a Christian boy." I knew very well what that meant, and I had now just come to a point when her words were to be obeyed. At home I was taught the duties of a Christian child and I must not neglect them when visiting. One of these duties was evening prayer.

"Why don't you come to bed, Robert?" cried Fred. "What are you sitting there for?" I was afraid to pray and afraid not to pray. It seemed that I could not kneel down and pray before Fred. What would he say? Would he laugh at me? The fear of Fred made me a coward. Yet I could not lie down on a prayerless bed. I wished many wishes: that I had slept alone, that Fred would go to sleep or something else. I hardly knew what. But Fred would not go to sleep.

The struggle was severe. At last to Fred's cry I mustered courage to say, "I will kneel down and pray first; that is always my custom." "Pray?" said Fred. Then turning himself on his pillow he said no more. How ashamed I felt. Here I had long been afraid of him and yet when he knew my wishes he was quiet and left me to do as I desired.

How thankful I was that I had made the right decision to fulfil my Christian duties. —Selected

Knowing and Showing

"It is good to be saved and know it," said Jane.

"But it is better to be saved and show it," added Peter.

God wants us to both know that we are saved and to show to others that we are saved.

Shun Temptation

This is a warning to the little boys and girls who may be tempted like this little girl I am going to tell you about.

Never pick up a cigarette. Once a little girl found a cigarette and thought probably it would be fun to smoke it. She slipped some matches and papers and quietly went outside. She struck the matches and lighted the papers and tried to light the cigarette, but she got too close to the fire and caught her clothes on fire. It frightened her and she ran to the house, but fell at the door. When her sister got to her, she was unconscious. Her clothes and hair were all burned off. She was burned so badly that she died on the way to the hospital. This one little cigarette cost her her life, and brought much grief to her mother and sister.

Dear children, never buy this candy that is in a package like Camel cigarettes. And do not roll up paper and hold it between your fingers, putting it to your mouth and acting like you are smoking. This would not be pleasing to the Lord. He has warned us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thes. 5:22). —E. Miller

Bible Story

Genesis 40

After the chief butler told Joseph his dream, the chief baker was pleased with the meaning that Joseph had given to him so he told Joseph the dream that he had dreamed. He said, "I dreamed that I saw three white baskets on my head. And in the top basket there was all kinds of baked goodies made for Pharaoh, but as I looked, the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head."

Then Joseph looked to God to help him tell the chief baker the meaning of his dream. And then he said, "The three baskets mean three days: Yet within three days shall Pharaoh cut off your head and shall hang you on a tree and the birds shall eat your flesh."

Oh, I am sure Joseph did not like to tell the chief baker this, but he could only tell him what God made known to him that would happen. And we find that three days later when Pharaoh had his birthday feast for all his servants and restored the chief butler back to his former place, that he had the chief baker killed. Probably they found out that he was the cause of the trouble and the chief butler was all right.

It does seem that the chief butler would not forget about Joseph after seeing all come true just like he told him it would, but he forgot him for two whole years.

—M. M.

A TESTIMONY

Calif.—Dear Aunt Marie,—Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. I am saved and trusting in the Lord for all things. I love the Lord with all my heart.

I went to the Oregon campmeeting. We had a wonderful meeting. Souls were saved.

I go to the saints' school at Orland. The Lord surely blessed the school, and the children in it. I am eleven years old. Pray for me. Your sister in the Lord,
Dortha Terry

Search Question

Where in the Bible does it tell us about the rainbow?

Answer To Last Week's Question

To bring into being (or make) out of nothing. Created is found five times.

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Dear boys and girls:

During these winter months when it gets dark quicker, I trust you will take more time to read your Bible or have Mother or Father read to you. If you do not have the "Egermeier's Bible Story Book" in your home, I feel that you need to save your nickels and pennies until you have \$2.98, and order one from the office that prints this paper. I think it is the best Bible story book sold today. You will enjoy it so much as the Bible stories are made very simple and plain so you can understand them. My father read it to us children when I was small and sometimes we did not want him to quit. I have read it to my boys and they always beg for more to be read. They like to hear it read over and over, and my older boy will read it himself for hours.

Oh, I just want you to know more about the Bible and how God talked to the men of old and led them; and to know how Jesus lived when he was here on earth; and then we will know how to follow his example. May the Lord put a hunger in your hearts to learn more and more about Jesus and His Word.

—Aunt Marie

I will bless the Lord at all times.

—Psalm 34:1a.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 1, October 7, 1951

A FRIEND OF GOD

Gen. 12:1-8; 22:1-13.

We had a lesson on faithful Abraham at the beginning of the year. Can anyone tell something about him? One thing that we want you to remember today about Abraham is that he was the beginning of the Jewish race or Hebrew nation. Through this nation the Bible was given to us and the precious Saviour came into the world.

God called Abraham to leave his home and relatives and go to a strange country which He would give him and his descendants. Abraham obeyed God, and God blessed him for his faith in Him.

By and by God gave Abraham and Sarah a son and they named him Isaac. Oh, how they loved Isaac because they were old people before they had him. Abraham looked forward to the time when Isaac should become a man and should have children of his own and that these children would grow up and become the fathers of more people, because God had told him these things. And when he looked at his wonderful boy, he thought of all the promises of God that were bound up in him. But God looked down upon these two. He saw how much Abraham loved this son, Isaac, and the son loved his father and was obedient. God wanted to prove Abraham to see if he loved Isaac more than he loved God, so one day he called Abraham. Abraham said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Take now your son, 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."

I'm sure that Abraham did not understand why God would ask him to give

Isaac back as an offering. He could not understand how the promises God had made to him could be fulfilled now if Isaac was to be killed and offered on an altar, just like he had offered the lambs which he had given to God at other times. But Abraham was a man of faith and he had faith in God to know that God knew what he was doing, and it was only for him to obey. We should receive a lesson right here. Sometimes you boys and girls do not understand why the Bible tells us to do certain things, but we must be willing to do them because we know that God knows why we should, and you may not understand until you are much older; yet God will bless you because you are a boy and girl of faith. You obey the Word of God because God said so.

Abraham rose up early and went to the mountain, taking with him two men servants and Isaac. They took wood and fire and as they left the servants and started up the mountain, Isaac asked his father where was the lamb offering. Abraham replied, "God will provide himself a lamb."

Finally they reached the place where God had said and Abraham built an altar, laid the wood upon it, and then bound Isaac's hands and feet and placed him upon 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!" He said, "Here I am." And God said to him, "Lay not your hand upon him. Now I know that thou lovest me more than your son." Abraham let Isaac go and offered a ram instead, that had been caught in a bush close by.

Central Thought—The world learns a lesson of faith and trust from Abraham.

Memory Verse—For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:10.

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Part Two

October 14

A Sweet Apple

"Mamma!" "Yes, darling, I hear you."

"I was down by the gate, you know,
Eating that big red apple
That you gave me a while ago.

"And what do you think I saw there?
You can never guess, you see;
The funniest little beggar!
Why, she wasn't as big as me.

"She was dirty, you know, and so ragged
And her face was so thin and white;
And she looked, and she looked at my
apple,
Just as though she would like a bite.

"And she kept on watching the apple
Just as hard as ever she could,
And she looked so awfully hungry,
That it didn't taste half so good."

"Well, and what did you do, my laddie?"
"Why, I waited a bit, and, then
I gave her a piece of the apple,
And it tasted all right again."—Sel.

Be Honest

When I was a little girl, we lived
on a farm. Our family was large
and we did not get many nice things

that children now get. And of course,
I was like all little girls, I liked pret-
ty things.

One day I was staying with my sis-
ter for awhile and she sent me to a
little country store for something. I
had to go through a little wooded
patch. A family lived in this wooded
place and the woman had put out a
washing. The path went right by her
clothes line and a real pretty pink
bordered handkerchief had fallen on
the ground right by the pathway.
And when I saw it, oh, I wanted it so
much. But, no, I should not take it,
as it belonged to the woman. And
my parents had taught me it was
very wrong to take anything that did
not belong to me. They had taught
us to be honest. So I went a few
steps past it and then I turned and
went back and picked it up. Then I
went a few steps forward, and all of
a sudden I was so scared that I be-
gan to shake. I turned back and laid
it down as near the place where I had
picked it up as I could. But I still was
so scared that I could not run, and
I could barely walk. It seemed to
me that there was something right
behind me, and I was afraid to look

back to see. I learned a lesson right there, and I never did try to take anything else that didn't belong to me.

Now, since I am older and look back, I'm sure that it was the Lord that made me know that I was doing wrong when I tried to take that handkerchief. He wanted me to know that he was not pleased with stealing and so he helped me to learn that lesson. And I am glad and thankful to the Lord that he taught it to me. I didn't know it then, but now I know that the Bible tells us plainly, "Thou shalt not steal." So boys and girls, remember the word of God and do as it says and when you are old you will be glad that you did as it tells you.

—P. S.

God's Honor Student

It was almost time for semester exams, and it seemed that no matter how hard Hattie studied, she could not understand her work as she desired; and, oh, how much she wanted to be an honor roll student along with some of the rest of her friends.

In school Hattie had a classmate who worked for the teacher after school hours and it was an easy matter for him to find the questions that the teacher was going to ask on examination day. So one day he found them and told Hattie that she could take a copy of them home for studying. The teacher would never know it, and she could really make a good grade then. Now that was really tempting, but you see Hattie was a saved girl, and somebody else was talking to her at the same time, telling her to say, "No."

The Voice on the inside won out, for she thanked her classmate and told him, "No." She preferred to study and do the best she could rather than steal from the teacher.

Oh, how good Hattie felt afterward. Being an honor student did not seem nearly so important to her now as being an honor student for God, one on whom He could depend on to say "No" to the temptations of the devil.

—O. A. D.

Bible Story

Genesis 41

Time went on and even though Joseph may have looked day by day for the time to come when the chief butler would remember to speak to Pharaoh about him, he at last decided that the chief butler had forgotten him.

But one morning news went through the palace that the king was greatly troubled; that he had dreamed a dream and had sent for all his great men and wise men to come and tell him the meaning. But when all arrived from over the land of Egypt and had listened to the dream, none of them could tell him the meaning. Oh, he was greatly troubled. Then, at last, the chief butler remembered when he one time had dreamed a dream and how Joseph had told him the meaning and it came to pass; so he spoke to the king about it. He told the king that they had told their dreams to a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard, and he told them the meaning and it came true. The chief baker was hanged and the butler was restored to his position.

Then the king said, "Send for Joseph." They sent and brought him quickly to the king. Joseph shaved himself and changed his clothes and stood before the king. Oh, how happy Joseph was to be out of that prison again. He knew now that God had heard and answered prayer.

Oh, it surely does pay to trust in God. God will never forget any one that trusts him.

—M. M.

Letters

Mo.—Dear Aunt Marie,—I read the little Beautiful Way Paper and I like it very much. I am thankful for them. I learn a lot from them. I am thankful that the Lord can heal, too.

Last night I had a sick headache. I couldn't eat any supper. I cried with my head hurting until I went to sleep. I woke up about thirty minutes later, and my head was still hurting. I got up and vomited in the wash pan. My head didn't hurt then as it did. My head was still hurting when I went to bed. I woke up about two o'clock in the morning. Mother came in and prayed for me. I went back to sleep and slept until time to get up. When I got up my head had quit hurting, for which I thank the Lord very much. Pray for us. With Christian love, Cynthia Miller.

S. C.—Dear Sir,—I have enjoyed reading your fine tracts. I especially enjoyed the "Last Cool Drink," "Little Jimmie's Home Going," "God Can Talk to You," and "Cuff."

I am eleven years old, and I am a Christian girl. I love to go to church. I want to praise the Lord for being saved and I want to praise Him for answering my little weak prayer, and I want to praise his name for everything.

Pray for me all you can, and I will pray for you all I can. I am hoping that God will bless you. My name is,
Sonja Loretta Daniels

He healeth the broken in HEART.
Psalm 147:3.

Search Question

When Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go, what did God tell Moses to do?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Genesis 9:12-17.

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Dear boys and girls:

Your Sunday School lesson is a wonderful lesson today. Doesn't it make us happy to know how God took care of Jacob? And when He spoke to Jacob, He mentioned the names of faithful Abraham and Isaac. Just think, God knew their names! And He knows your name too. He knows and cares all about you. He sends His angels to take care of you and to bless you. Jesus says in John 1:51, "Heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." Jesus knew that he opened up a closer union between God and man. Through prayer to God in Jesus name we can be brought closer to God. The angels of God only take care of those that love him and have accepted Jesus as their Saviour. Then we hear Jesus say, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." "Lo, I am with you always!" So long as we stay with Jesus he will stay with us. But if we turn away from Him and turn to the things of the world, Jesus will leave us. I hope you will never forget about Jacob's dream and know that it is true in your life.

—Aunt Marie

Delight thyself also in the Lord;
and he shall give thee the desires of
thine heart. Psal. 37:4.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 2, October 14, 1951

JACOB'S DISCOVERY

Gen. 28:10-22.

Last Sunday we studied about Abraham and the son whom God gave him. What was his name? Yes, it was Isaac. Isaac grew to manhood and married Rebekah and became the father of twin boys, Esau and Jacob. It was ordained that Jacob was to be the head of the family to whom God had given the promises to Abraham.

Isaac and Rebekah wanted Jacob to marry a woman from their own family, so they sent Jacob to Haran to find a wife.

Jacob started out on his long journey. He found himself alone at sundown, in a strange place. It was too late to find a city or a village, so he piled up some stones to make a pillow for his head, and went to sleep. The use of a stone for a pillow is a practice which may be seen in Palestine in this very day.

Did you ever have a beautiful dream? Jacob had a very beautiful dream. He dreamed he saw a ladder set up on the earth and the top of it reached right up to heaven. And on this ladder he saw angels of God going up the ladder to God in heaven and then coming down the ladder to the earth. He saw the Lord standing at the top of this ladder. Oh, what a wonderful dream! Before Jacob went to sleep he may have been a little homesick or felt lonely because the road ahead of him led him to a new place and new people. He was not sure of just what was ahead of him. But this wonderful ladder meant to him the fact that heaven is not closed to earth, but that it was open even to him. Just think of how many years people have known about heaven. Jacob lived many, many

years ago. Angels are messengers of God. (Heb. 1:13-14; Psa. 34:7). They are sent here to the earth to take care of all those that love Jesus. They are all around you just now if you are God's child, caring for you. Isn't it wonderful to know how God loves us and cares for us? And these angels that Jacob saw were going up and then coming down. It seems they had been here on the earth doing things for God and then going back up in heaven, then coming down again.

He also dreamed that God spoke to him and said, "I am the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father Isaac. The land upon which you are lying I will give to you and to your descendants. And your descendants shall be many as the particles of dust upon the earth. Through your family I will bless all the people of the earth. Now, I am with you, and will be with you wherever you go, and will protect you and bring you again to this land. I will never leave you until I have fulfilled this promise." What wonderful words to the lonely Jacob. God was at the top of the ladder, Jacob on the earth below. No doubt Jacob had heard about these promises before, but for them to be given to him, yet unmarried, direct from God surely caused him to be lifted up and happy. He knew that God was with him and would not leave him. And when he awakened out of sleep he was afraid. He said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not." He was surprised. He arose and took the stone that he had used for a pillow and anointed it with oil and promised to come again and build an altar (Give more details).

Central Thought—God takes care of each of us and plans to go with us.

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

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Part Three

October 21

The Gospel According to You

There's a sweet old story translated for man

But written in the long, long ago,
The Gospel according to Mark, Luke, and John—

Of Christ and His mission below.

Men read and admire the gospel of Christ

With its love so unfailing and true,
But what do they say and what do they think

Of the "Gospel according to you?"

'Tis a wonderful story, that gospel of love

As it shines in the Christ-life divine;
And, oh, that its truth might be told again

In the story of your life and mine.

You are writing each day a letter to men,

Take care that the writing is true.

'Tis the only gospel that some men will read—

That gospel according to you. —Sel.

God's House Boat

There lived a man several years ago who loved God, and God called

him to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Go out and tell others about Jesus. The Lord made him know that he wanted him to make a house boat and float down the river and stop all along and tell them about Jesus, that he had power to save them and change them into new people. That if they would let Jesus come into their hearts, they would not have to sin any more or do wrong things; and then He would take them to heaven.

This man of God prayed earnestly to God about this. He asked God how to make the house boat. He felt that if God would show him exactly how to make it, that it would be just right. He spent much time in prayer. God made him know exactly how he wanted it made. He went to work with hammer and saw. He put the boards in the place that God made him know to put them. But as he put up one board on the outside, he noticed a knot hole in it. He thought he would just use that board and put a piece of one-by-one inch board over that hole on the outside to cover up the hole to keep out the weather. So that is what he did.

Finally the house boat was finished. He and his wife moved in and down the river they started, preaching all along the way that Jesus saves, that Jesus can help people to be happy in this world. Jesus will wash your sins all away and make you ready for heaven.

But one day as they came near a bridge to go under it, the boat would not go through. Oh, this was great trouble to this brother. He knew that God had told him how to make that boat and it should be perfect. So he began to examine the boat to see what was wrong. He was asking God to show him where it was made wrong. As he looked the boat over, he found that if he would take off that one-by-one inch board which was over the knot hole, that it would go thru the girders of the bridge. So he took his hammer and knocked off the board and the boat floated right on through.

(Told to me by a person who heard this man tell his experience).—M. M.

Ned and Jane Questions

"Rules! Rules! You have rules at school, rules at home, rules when you walk down the street! Rules! I'm so tired of rules! I hate rules!" Ned muttered to himself as he started to walk out of the house.

He had not noticed Mother standing, cleaning the cupboard; and, in fact, he was so upset that he did not notice anything much. He had just been talking to his father, and Father had told him that it was one of the rules of the home that the chickens were to be fed and his work done before he could play. And Ned so much wanted to go with Jack and Jerry over on the vacant lot early that morning to play ball. Some other boys were to be there early, and they

would have a good game. But now if he had to do his work, the morning would be nearly gone and the fellows would be tired and wouldn't want to play any more. And he just wished with all his heart that there weren't any such things as rules.

"Oh, what is this I hear you saying about rules, son?" asked Mother. Ned stopped short. He really did not want anyone to hear him. He really did not mean to say so much. So he answered, "Oh, I just wish that you could change rules once in a while. I do want to play and then do my work, but Father says that's the rule around here: work and then play."

Did you ever stop to think that this would be a strange place to live if we did not have rules. This town would be a strange place if the town did not have rules. The schools would not be run if they did not have rules. And there are rules in the Bible. There are certain rules that Jesus laid down for us to live by, or we will never make it into heaven. Rules are very important. And we have learned a wonderful lesson when we learn to obey rules. And if you learn to obey the rules of the school, the rules of the home, the rules on the street, it will be easy for you to obey the rules of the Bible. "Don't you think so?"

"Yes, but—don't you ever change the rules in the Bible?" asked Ned.

"No, the words in the Bible will never change. Jesus said, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.' (Matt. 25:35). This old earth will crumble and pass away and everything in it will melt with fervent heat, but Jesus' words and the Bible shall for ever stand. And we should be so glad and thankful to God that he has given us the Word of God that has rules in it

for us to live by so we will have something to stand on when this old earth is on fire. The Bible tells us how to come to Jesus and be saved and then how to live so we can go to heaven."

"Maybe rules aren't as bad as I thought they were," Ned said half to himself and to Mother as he went out to do his work. —M. M.

A REAL HERO

A little boy was tempted to pluck some cherries from a tree which his father had forbidden him to touch. "You need not be afraid," said his evil companions, "for if your father should find out that you had taken them, he is too kind to hurt you."

"Ah," said the little fellow, "that is the very reason why I would not touch them; for though my father would not hurt me, yet I should hurt him and myself by my disobedience." —Selected.

A TESTIMONY

Texas—Dear Aunt Marie—I hope you are all right. Jesus has been good to us, hasn't he? I am just nine years old, and will soon be in the fourth grade. My mother loves the Lord very much. My daddy doesn't love the Lord, but we pray for him. He took us to meeting at Midway last year. My mother has nine children. My brother is four years old. His name is Hulan.

Barbara Moore

Search Question

What did God command the Israelites to do before he brought the last plague on the Egyptians?

Answer To Last Week's Question

To bring a plague. Exodus 7:16-18

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Dear boys and girls:

Did you learn today's memory verse? We call it the Christian's rocking chair; because as it says, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Surely we can "know" some things. In our lesson we learned how God was with Joseph because he loved him and how he had a plan in his life. He let him be sold into Egypt as a slave, put in prison, and then had him brought before Pharaoh to tell him what his dream meant. He was put in charge of all the food in Egypt. And in this way he was able to save many lives and be a great blessing to the world. Can't you see it? All those things worked together for his good because he loved God right on. Let us get into God's rocking chair. And when Mother or Father tells you to do something and you don't like to do it, just say, "I love God and this must be for my good or he would not let me have to do it." Then the task will seem much lighter and your heart will be happy. Maybe you wanted to go somewhere so much, but Mother and Father said, "No." Just get into God's rocking chair (Romans 8:28) and know that "all things work together for good."

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 3 October 21, 1951

JOSEPH THE BREADGIVER

Gen. 47: 1-7; 50:18-24

Many things happened between our last lesson and today's lesson. The teacher can tell in few words what happened to Jacob and how he married two wives and had a family of twelve sons and one daughter. One son named Joseph was a special favorite of Jacob. This caused envy between the brothers and Joseph. Joseph also had dreams (tell dreams) which caused the brothers to think that Joseph thought that he would rule them some day. So they decided to get rid of Joseph. They were very cruel to him and finally they sold him to some men who took him into Egypt as a slave. But Joseph had faith in God and always remembered him. His father had taught him about God and even though he was far away he still loved God and did that which was right in God's sight. And because he would not disobey God he was cast into prison by his master, Pot-i-phar. Poor Joseph was in prison, but he still trusted in God and God brought him out of the prison to tell what the dream that Pharaoh had dreamed would mean. And because God had made known to Pharaoh that there would be seven years of plenty and seven years of severe famine, Pharaoh made Joseph ruler over all the people, making him next to him. Joseph had barns built and all the surplus grain was stored to be sold to the people during the famine.

This famine was even in the land where Joseph's father and brothers lived. They went to Egypt, where Joseph was, to buy grain. Joseph was kind to them. He forgave them. In this he was like

our Saviour when he was on the cross and said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Pharaoh told Joseph to send for his father and all his family and bring them to live in Egypt and Pharaoh would give them the best of the land. When they came Joseph told Pharaoh that they had come and were in the land of Goshen. He took five of his brothers to go before Pharaoh and asked him to let them sojourn (or just stay awhile) in the land of Goshen till the famine was over in Canaan. Goshen was rich pasture land for their many flocks. These brothers may not have known that they were fulfilling an ancient prophecy recorded in Gen. 15:13. Pharaoh turned to Joseph and told him that the land was before him and if they wanted to dwell in Goshen that would be all right and to employ some of them rulers over his cattle.

Then Joseph brought his father to meet Pharaoh and Jacob blessed Pharaoh.

How wonderful it was that Joseph stood true to God all through the many years so God would have someone to use to save the world at that time from starvation. Joseph was kind and forgiving. He reminds us of Jesus, who was kind and forgiving. Also as Joseph gave literal bread to keep the people from dying, so Jesus came to give us spiritual bread to keep us from dying and from being lost in hell. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He that believeth on me hath everlasting life." That bread is better than the bread that Joseph gave.

Central Thought—God works through and for the people that love him.

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



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In Africa

How should you like to crawl in a hole
Like a funny jack-rabbit, a rat, or a
mole?

In Africa that's what they do.
Oh, no, I don't mean a big hole in the
ground,
In the side of the hut is where the hole's
found—

A hut dingy, dirty, and wretched; I ween
That none of us children such misery
have seen;

In Africa that's what they do.

How should you like not to wear any
clothes,
But paint up your face and wear rings
in your nose?

In Africa that's what they do.
They dance 'devil-dances.' "How awful!"
you say,

The poor heathen people, they think
that's the way
To keep away evil and spirits and ill,
And they so keep at it with hearty good
will:

In Africa that's what they do.

Now what do you think that we children
can do

To help these poor people to love Jesus,
too?

Christ died for all nations, you know.
We can save up our pennies, and all of
us pray,

Get right down in earnest each night
and each day;

We can study our Bibles and learn all
we can

Of God and the wonderful salvation plan,
And then when we're grown we can go.

Can go with the gospel, the glad news
of love,

Can point their sad spirits to heaven
above;

That's what we dear children can do.
And when at the judgment all nations
shall stand,

The good and evil from every dark land,
There'll be from dark Africa some on the
right,

Sad Africa now in such pitiable plight.
List, child, when the Lord calls for you.

—M. J. H.

The Boy That Poison Could Not Kill

When David heard the missionar-
ies preach about the Lord Jesus, he

received Him into his heart as his own dear Saviour, and was faithful in coming to the meetings to learn more about Him.

David lived in the heathen land where the people were very superstitious. When a person died among them they put the blame on someone, and then gave that one poison to drink which killed them in three minutes.

These people were very much displeased with David for believing on the missionaries' God. So one day when someone died they put the blame on David, and set a day on which he was to drink the poison.

The missionaries were very sorry to hear this because they looked forward to the time when David would help them in their grand work of telling others about the Lord Jesus. But David was just as happy as usual. On meeting him, one of the missionaries said, "Why, David, you don't seem to be very much concerned about what they expect to do to you."

"Didn't you read from the Bible, 'If they drink any deadly thing [poison] it shall not hurt them'? and isn't it true?" to which the missionary said, "Yes, it is true."

"Well, then, I don't need to be troubled about it if it isn't going to hurt me," said David.

The day came and hundreds of people gathered together. David was brought on the platform, and a half-coconut shell, which had in it the dose of poison, was handed to David to drink. He took it, held it out to the people and said, "In the Name of my new Master I drink this."

He drank it. The people waited the three minutes, but it took no effect on him. Then the wicked men said it was not strong enough so they mixed another stronger dose. After

saying the same words, David drank it, but did not even get sick. This caused many to believe in the same God that David trusted.

We can always depend upon God's Word, for it is true and never fails.
—E. E. S.

A LETTER TO BOYS AND GIRLS

Dear Boys and Girls,

Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

Today I want to talk to you about obeying the rules in the home. You know all Christian homes have a few rules that the children are expected to obey, and I was wondering just how well we were obeying them.

When I was a little girl, my father and mother made certain rules, and we were expected to abide by them. Some of them were:

1. Be prompt for family devotion.
2. Be courteous to others, especially elders.
3. Be quiet in services.
4. Be kind to animals.
5. Be sure to obey commands when first given.

There were several others, but I want to talk about a few of these. Let us take no. 2. Have you seen some children who rush for the easiest chair in the room or seek to get the largest piece of anything on the table? You know, I don't believe the Lord is pleased with this. The Bible tells us not to take the highest seat (best chairs) lest there be some one more honorable than we, and then we with shame will have to take another one.

One time a girl went to visit a lady. While there, the lady asked her to have some dinner. There were several pieces of meat on the table, and she, being a little greedy, looked for the largest piece. To her surprise,

when she began to eat it, she didn't even like it, but she was ashamed to leave it on her plate, so she struggled to eat it all. She's a little careful now about taking the largest piece of anything.

How about our conduct in services? Do we pay attention as God's Word is being read, or do we talk about our new clothes, walk around unnecessarily just to attract other people's attention? In our home, we were sometimes required to relate what the preacher had talked about so we had to give attention in order to know.

I don't want to make my letter too long, but how about a look at No. 5.

How many times does Mother have to tell you to wash the dishes? or hang up your clothes? or some other small chore?

There was once a home in which there were some children. The father had a little "Reminder Rule" which read, "Twice Told, Five Cents." This caused the children to obey promptly for on the second notice they were required to pay a fee of five cents, which to them was a large sum, as they did not have much money.

Maybe you won't need any "Reminder Rule," but let us see how well we can abide by the rules of the home. It will make a very happy home if each one obeys all the rules. Ask the Lord to help you. He will.

Olive A. Davenport

When one is afraid, reading Isaiah 12:2 helps a lot.

Search Question

Did the Israelites swim the Red Sea?

Answer To Last Week's Question

To have the Passover Feast Ex. 12:1-14.

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Dear boys and girls:

Sometimes when others do something to us, the devil wants us to do something back to them. But that is not God's way. And if we do good to those that do us evil it will help them to be ashamed of themselves and maybe it will help them to be better. I read about an old woman who was walking down the street in New York. A boy saw her and thot it would be funny to walk by her and upset her basket on the street just to see her get mad and curse. So he walked by and upset her basket, but he was surprised. She did not say a word, but meekly picked up the apples. And then she looked up at him with pity and kindness and said, "God forgive you, my son, as I do!" That touched a tender spot in the heart of the rude boy. He felt ashamed, and even felt sorry. A tear started in his eye. He felt that he must make amends. So he told her he was very sorry, and putting his hands in his pocket he gave her all his loose change and said, "God bless you, kind mother, I'll never do it again."

We help others to be good when we do good. Will you ask the Lord to help you to return good for evil?

—Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4, October 28, 1951

THE HEBREW FAMILY IN TROUBLE

Exodus 1:7-14; 2:23-25.

When the family of Jacob came into Egypt, they only numbered about seventy-five; but God blessed them and they grew into a large number. They became a great family. Clarke's Commentary tells us that in about 215 years they multiplied to 600,000 men besides the women, children, and old men. That was a large family of the Hebrew people. They became a nation and were very strong. They lived in the fruitful land of Goshen and were independent of the Egyptians. God himself took care of them and gave them the best. But it was near the time when he wanted them to go back to Canaan. But do you think this great family would want to go to Canaan and leave such comforts and fertile land? No they needed a lesson to make them know that God had something much better for them and their people.

The Pharaoh who lived when Joseph lived had died, and finally a Pharaoh came to rule who took great notice of this great family of Hebrew people. He saw how they had grown to be a great nation, so he called some of his officers to consider the matter. Why, he told them that this great family of Jacob, or Israel (as his name was changed), were more and mightier than the Egyptians. So he said, "Let's deal with them, lest they become greater, and if any of our enemies come to war against us they may join them and we lose them."

So Pharaoh set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. He had them build two treasure houses. This was very hard work for the Israelites (as they were called). But this hard

work made them stronger instead of weaker as Pharaoh had planned that it should. People who do not work become weak. Do you want to be weak? I'm sure you do not, so let us help Mother and Father all we can and be strong.

Pharaoh decided to make their work harder than ever. "They made their lives bitter with hard work, in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field." The taskmasters that were put over them used a stick to beat them and to make them work long hours. Josephus tells us that they were made to cut a great number of channels for the river, and to build walls for their cities, and they built pyramids. Pharaoh decided that this even was not enough to trouble this great Hebrew family, so he had all the boy babies killed. And we remember how God caused Pharaoh's daughter to find baby Moses in the basket in the water. God was preparing a leader for this great family.

But "in the process of time the king of Egypt died, and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the troubles and they cried and their cry came up unto God. They began to see Egypt a different place than when they first came. It was not a land of plenty, but it was a place of trouble and sorrow. They wanted to be taken out of that country. They were ready now to leave that land and as God promised Jacob when he went into Egypt that he would bring him up again and give him the land of Canaan promised to Abraham, Isaac and his descendants.

Central Thought—God promises to be with us in trouble and deliver us.

Memory Verse—Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come, . . . and save you. Isaiah 35:4.

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Gods Care

At night, when all the world is dark
And I am fast asleep,
I'm not afraid, for then I know
That God His watch will keep;
There's none too small, He guards us all,
And watches from above;
I am so safe and happy
In the heav'nly Father's love.

—L. L. H.

Pearlie and the Crow

Pearlie lived in a tall, old fashioned brick house. In the yard giant cottonwoods and other trees waved their leafy arms.

"What an odd, ugly house," said the passer-by. But to Pearl it was home, and she loved it. To her it was a palace fair, or that is it used to be—until three weeks ago. Now, well, things all seemed strange and wrong. Night after night she had cried herself to sleep with, "I'll never, never be happy again, never!"

There was just one place that seemed the same as it always had. That was the woods just west of the

house. There for a time she would forget the present. Memories of other happy days would come, when Mother and Daddy lived in the tall brick house they had been happy. First Father had been taken away to the army. He was a dentist and had to go. Then Mama, her dear sweet Mama was taken away to live with Jesus.

Strangers had come, relatives from the east. Pearl was afraid of them. Not that they were cross with her. Oh, no, not usually! One even had a sweet face, but the others wore scowls. Every place Pearl went it seemed that she would run into a group of them talking things over. She knew they were trying to decide what they should do with her. "Wish they'd just let me be. I can take care of myself!"

Then it was morning. "Oh dear, another day," she sighed. "I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to the woods first thing this morning. Maybe I can slip out."

She was soon dressed. Glancing at her desk she saw the little Bible Mama had given her. For some reason she hadn't been reading it much lately.

"I'll take you along, little Bible," she said, tucking it away in her pocket.

Softly she crept out of the house. Soon she sat down on a fallen log and began to plan how she could run away.

By and by she noticed that she had dropped her Bible. It had fallen open at the book of Isaiah. Her eyes caught the words, "I will trust and not be afraid." She stopped a moment, then said, "Humph, that's kinda hard to do, not to be afraid when everything is all wrong."

Suddenly she started running toward the old brick house. When almost there she looked at the old tennis net that had been thrown down by the side of the house. Suddenly something on it moved! Something black. Very quietly she made her way toward—whatever it was. "Why, it's just an old crow caught in the net. Poor thing. Wait a minute, I'll get you out. Here, here, you don't need to struggle so. Why your poor little heart is beating so fast. Don't be scared though. I'll help you out. You've tried to get loose all right, but you couldn't by yourself. Just hold still. That's the way."

As soon as the bird quit struggling Pearl untangled the feet. After trying his wings the crow flew up, up, up, and away out of sight.

Pearl sat there a moment, thinking, "That's like me, all tangled up. And the harder I try to get loose the worse I am. As soon as that bird trusted itself to me I got it loose. Guess maybe God wants me to trust Him. Yes, yes, I will trust and not be afraid."

At the door of the house the sweet-faced woman met her. "We were wondering where you had gone, Pearl. Here, eat your breakfast, dear. As soon as you're through I'll tell you

something." Soon she was beside the woman, and for some reason she did not feel afraid at all.

"Pearl dear, I have a little secret to tell you. I am happy about it and hope you will be happy too. Word has come from your father that he will let you live with us. Until your Daddy comes home again you will be our daughter. How about it? Will you come?"

"Come? I'll say I will." Then she told her friend about the crow. "And I'm just like that crow," she added, "because when I quit fighting and trusted Jesus, He made it all come out all right."

Bible Story

Genesis 41

Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I dreamed a dream and none can tell me the meaning, and I have heard it said that you can tell the meaning of dreams."

Then Joseph said, "This wisdom does not belong to me, but to the God whom I serve. Tell me your dream and He will give the meaning of them."

Then Pharaoh said, "In my dream I was standing beside the great river Nile on the bank. And as I looked there came up out of the river seven fat kine [Some feel that kine here would mean hippopotamus that to this day live in the River Nile and come out at night and eat in the meadows; but we shall call it cattle, as commonly called] and fed in the green meadow. Later I saw seven poor, lean cattle come up out of the river and stand on the bank, and as the seven fat cattle came up to them the seven poor cattle ate up the seven fat cattle. But still they were thin and poor. And then I awoke.

"Then I went back to sleep and dreamed again. I saw seven ears of corn

grow up out of a stalk. They were full and good ears, but while I looked, seven thin ears that had been blasted with the east wind grew up and ate up the seven good ears. Then I awoke."

Joseph told Pharaoh that his dreams both meant the same thing and that God was showing him some wonderful things that were to come to pass. The seven fat kine and good ears meant seven good years when plenty would be grown, and the seven thin ears and seven thin kine were seven years of famine when no food would be grown. —M. M.

Have It Charged

I was teaching a primary class in a Sunday School. The lesson was from Isaiah the 55th chapter: "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the Waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." And so on.

"How can that be?" I asked. "How can you buy a thing that doesn't cost you anything?"

One little girl knew, and was ready to answer the question, and put up her hand. "I know," said she; "have it charged."

That is the very way we buy God's spiritual blessings without paying for them. We have them charged to the account of Jesus Christ, who paid for them by His death on the Cross of Calvary. —Sel.

Search Question

What commandments did God speak from the mountain to the people?

Answer To Last Week's Question

No; they walked on dry land. Ex. 14:21

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Dear boys and girls:

In our lesson today we notice that God told Moses to take off his shoes because he was on holy ground. God wanted Moses to show respect for Him. I feel that our boys and girls sometimes forget to show respect for God's word, prayer, and His worship. But I believe if you will learn this and pray God to help you to remember, that you will be much happier in your hearts because God will bless you. I have noticed that the boys and girls who have learned to be quiet in the worship of God are happy boys and girls.

Are you trying to get other boys and girls to subscribe for the little paper? That is working for Jesus, when you get others to take it. Maybe you have cousins that you would like to have it sent to. Or when you are through with the paper, give it to some other boy or girl to read. Some tell me that they do that. Yet some have saved the papers. Some have told me that they have every paper that has been printed since we started. That is a lot of papers. And they will enjoy rereading them. Let's try to increase our subscription list, and that will mean that more will learn about Jesus. —Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 5, November 4, 1951

THE CALL OF MOSES

Exodus 3:1-7, 10, 13-15.

A wicked king said one day, "Every baby boy that is born among the Israelites must be thrown into the river." What an awful cruel thing to order! And this caused many mothers to weep as their babies were taken from them. When Moses was born, his mother hid him until he was too old to hide, then she made a tiny ark and hid him in the river near some tall plants. And there is where the king's daughter found him. She fell in love with the baby, and Miriam, his sister, was watching nearby. She asked if she could get a nurse for the baby and the princess told her she could. So Miriam ran and called Moses' mother. The princess gave her orders to take care of him for her till he was older, as she wanted to keep him as her own son.

When the boy became old enough to leave his mother, the princess took him and put him in the very best schools in Egypt that he might learn all the wisdom of her own people and be ready to take the throne some day.

But when Moses grew to manhood he did not care about being a prince, and he didn't care for the parties and gay times at the palace. His heart went out to his own people that were being mistreated cruelly. He believed that God had spared his life as a baby that he might help his people. He longed for that time to come.

One day Moses tried to help his people, but he made a mistake, and had to flee for his life. (Tell mistake, Exodus 2:11-14). Pharaoh wanted to kill him. He went far out on the desert and there he

married and kept sheep for his father-in-law.

One day he took his sheep out to the back side of the desert and came to a mountain. The mountain later was called Mt. Sinai. And there something very unusual happened. He saw a bush on fire. He watched it, but it did not burn up; it just kept burning. He said, "I'll turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." He left his work to see this bush. God called to him from the bush, and said, "Moses, Moses." And Moses answered, "Here am I." God told him to pull off his shoes because he was on holy ground. Then He said, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I have seen the affliction of my people that are in Egypt and have heard their cry; for I know their sorrows. Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring my people out of Egypt." Moses said, "Whom shall I say sent me?" And God said to tell them that the Lord God of their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had sent him. And as Moses started back to Egypt he met Aaron, his brother coming to look for him.

One thing we want to notice about Moses is that God called him from his work. When God wants a worker, he calls a worker. When God wants a servant he calls a busy man. God does not want us to be lazy people or idle. He wants us to be useful in this world. He has plans for all of us, yes, for you in his kingdom. Don't you want to be a worker for Jesus?

Central Thought—God has a plan for all of us in life.

Memory Verse—Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. Heb. 11:26.

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The Good Samaritan

Four men went down to Jericho,
Each on his private errand bent;
And knew not that the others went,
Nor thought of hurt from covet foe.

The foremost chanced fell among thieves
Who took his raiment, filched his purse
And left him dead—or, what was worse,
In pains which slow death relieves.

The next, a priest came down that way
And shook his head—a dreadful deed—
“But temple service bids me speed,
I dare not ease him if I could.”

A stranger from an alien land,
The last of all, came journeying by,
But stopped to heed the sufferer's cry
And bind his wounds with soothing hand.

And who is he, this unknown man
Who serves no altar, prates no prayer,
But seeks another's ills to share?
He is the Good Samaritan.

—Robert W. Vankirk

Visiting The Sick

It was Sunday afternoon. Mildred's mother had decided to visit a sick lady and take sister Richards

with her. Sister Richards was an elderly lady who had to walk with crutches after a fall had crippled her. She still had an interest in visiting the sick and shut-ins. When Mildred learned of the plan, she was displeased for she wished to be at home rather than visiting some unknown sick lady. That did not sound interesting to her, and as yet she did not feel any responsibility to visit the sick.

But, remember, children, in a parable in Matt. 25:31-46 Jesus told of those who visited the sick. Then he said, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least one of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” When we visit the sick for Jesus' sake, we are pleasing him.

Since Mildred did not wish to go, her mother promised that she would take her home after taking sister Richards to see the sick lady and helping her into the house. After arriving, Mother helped sister Richards, as it was difficult for her to get around on crutches, and the Lord arranged it so that Mildred was left alone with the sick lady a few minutes. The Lord brought to Mildred's mind that she could bring a little

cheer to this shut-in, and she began to relate an interesting experience of her sister-in-law's with some quail. As she told of the mother and baby quail and of how they had suddenly stopped and crouched close to the ground so they could hardly be seen, the patient's face lighted up with joy. Then Mildred was happy to have made someone else happy; but, oh, so ashamed that she had wanted to go home rather than to visit the sick woman. Mother soon returned to the room, and as she had promised, took Mildred home; however, Mildred really didn't care to go home then.

Several years have passed since then, but today Mildred, now a grown woman, hasn't forgotten the lesson she learned about visiting the sick, nor of how glad she was that she had used the little opportunity to bring a little cheer when the lady passed away within a few weeks after that.

—Fern Stubblefield

The Disobedient Prophet

One day God spoke to a prophet and told him to go to Bethel and warn the people about their sins. God also told him not to eat and drink in that place.

The king tried to persuade him to go to his house to refresh himself, but the prophet replied, "If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place."

He was determined to obey God's commands.

Some young men were listening to what this prophet told the king, so they hurried home and told their father, who was a prophet also. Their father wanted to see who this brave man was who dared to talk so boldly to the king, so he set out to overtake

him. He found the prophet under an oak tree by the roadside, and began to try to persuade him to go home and eat with him. He even told the prophet a lie by saying that an angel had told him to bring him back to his home in the City of Bethel to eat bread.

The prophet believed this lie and rose and went back with the old man, but even while he was eating, the Lord rebuked him and he knew he was going to be punished for his disobedience. He told the old man he would be punished for he had known what he should do, so he rose immediately. But before he had gone very far a lion killed him. The lion did not eat him, nor did it try to kill the ass on which he was riding.

After awhile some people came by and saw his body and hurried to the city to report what they had seen.

The old man was sorry when he heard what had happened to his friend, so he picked up his body and had it buried in his own grave.

You see, dear children, what happens when one disobey's God.

We may not receive our punishment as soon as this man did, but nevertheless, it will come.

Sometimes now we ask our parents' permission to go places. They may refuse us and then we decide that we want to go anyway, and slip off. A young girl did this one time and was drowned. Let us never be guilty of disobeying the Lord or our parents, who are in the Lord.—O. Davenport

A BOY LOOKING FOR DADDY IN A SALOON

Stuart Hutchinson of Pittsburgh tells of the benefits to be found in young life by steadfastly adhering to its good things and rejecting the evil, in these words:

"There was a thirteen-year-old boy many years ago whom someone saw one night standing in front of a saloon. A passerby stopped and said: 'Harold, this is a queer place to find you. How does it happen that you are hanging around here?'"

"The boy replied: 'I have to look in here, and it isn't the first time I have had to do it. I don't know whether it is the right place or not, but I'm looking for my father. He is in one of these saloons.'

"The man who told the story said that he did not know what to say to the lad, so he said nothing. Then the boy went on: 'When my father was a little boy, he went up and down this street looking for his father in the saloon, and then took him home. Now my mother has sent me to find my father. I don't know where he is, but there is one thing I do know. There will never be any boy looking in a saloon for me. I'll die first.'

"Said the man who told me this story: 'I have followed that boy all these years since that night I saw him standing in the cold and snow outside that grog shop. I have seen him battle against heredity, against environment in a drunkard's home, against the social handicaps that follow; I have seen him trample them all under his feet. He is a man now, respected and loved in his city. There are little boys in his home, but they are not going out to seek their father among the saloons of the city.'"—Sel.

Search Question

What was the name of Jacob's brother?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Ten Commandments. Exod. 20.

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Dear boys and girls:

Just like God took care of the Israelites and opened up the Red Sea so they could pass over out of the hands of the Egyptians, so he cares for us today. God sends his angels to care for us (Heb. 1:2, 3-14).

A boy, whom I know, had a frog that he had caught at the lake. His folks stopped by the park to eat lunch and he took this frog and was playing with it in the wading pool. He tried to catch it, but could not. It was time for him to go, and he thought the frog would be hungry. He saw some bread down in a deep canal that did not have any water in it and was paved on the bottom. There was a fence around it, but he climbed it and over on a pipe, trying to get down to get the bread to put in the pool for the frog to eat. Just as he was out on the pipe, his daddy came along and saw him as he got overbalanced and fell nearly twelve feet. His daddy was sure he would have a broken leg or be hurt otherwise, and he was down there after him in a few minutes. He helped him up. But God had protected him. He had sent an angel, and he only hurt his ankle. It hurt him for several days, although he walked on it, and then the Lord healed it completely. God is so good to us. This boy loved Jesus. —Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 6, November 11, 1951

ON A LONG JOURNEY

Exodus 12:30-31; 14:15-22, 31.

The night air in Egypt was broken with loud cries, mourning, and sobbing. People ran out into the streets beating themselves and tearing their clothes. Something terrible had happened. In every home the oldest child was found dead. Even in the palace, Pharaoh rose up and found his firstborn dead. But Pharaoh knew how it all had happened. Moses had come to him time and time again asking him to let the Israelites go, but he would not. Moses warned him that God would cause something awful to happen if he did not let them go, but he still refused. God sent plagues of frogs, caused the water to turn into blood, swarms of flies, lice, sickness, boils, hail-storm, locusts, terrible darkness, but Pharaoh still would not let the people go. All these things came only to the Egyptians, but the Israelites were well and cared for.

But one day Moses told the Israelites that the time had come for them to be freed from Pharaoh. God was going to send one more plague to the Egyptians and then Pharaoh would let them go. So every boy and girl, man and woman was busy getting the flocks together, preparing for their journey. But one thing each family was supposed to do. They were to kill a lamb and take the blood from the lamb and sprinkle it on their door posts; because the death angel would pass over the land that night and kill the firstborn of each family where there was no blood sprinkled on their door posts. Today we think of this time in connection with what John

the Baptist said when he saw Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." When Jesus died on the cross, he gave his life's blood for our sins. And when God looks down upon us, who have let Jesus come into our hearts, he sees the blood of Jesus spilled for us, then he has mercy on us and saves our souls from hell. We must believe that Jesus spilled his blood for us or we cannot be saved.

When Pharaoh knew that the death angel had visited every house he sent a messenger to Moses and told him to leave the country at once and to take all the Israelites and their belongings with him. Moses told the Israelites to ask the Egyptians for jewels, silver, and gold. The Egyptians opened their treasure-boxes and gave freely to the Israelites and they started on their long journey, driving their herds and flocks with them. The women had pans of dough on their heads and the children each helped carry their belongings.

They came to the Red Sea and when the Egyptians followed, God caused the Red Sea to part and they walked through on dry land. The Egyptians followed into the sea, but the waters went together and drowned all of them. The Israelites were free (give details).

A pillar of fire led them at night and a cloud led them by day. The Israelites saw the great work that the Lord did upon the Egyptians and the people believed in God and his servant Moses.

Central Thought—By the blood of Jesus we are saved as the Israelites were saved from death by the blood of the lamb.

Memory Verse—The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation. Exodus 15:2a.

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November 18

Landing of the Pilgrims

The breaking waves dashed high

On a stern and rock-bound coast,
And the woods against a storm sky
Their giant branches tossed:

And the heavy night hung dark

The hills and waters o'er,
When a band of exiles moored their bark
On the wild New England shore.

Not as the conqueror comes

They, the true-hearted came,
Not with the roll of stirring drums
And the trumpet that sings of fame.

Not as the flying come

In silence and in fear—
They shook the depths of the desert
gloom
With their hymns of lofty cheer.

Amid the storm they sang,

And the stars heard, and the sea,
And the sounding aisles of the dim woods
rang
To the anthem of the free.

The ocean eagle soared

From the nest by the white waves'
foam,

And the rocking pines of the forest
roared—

This was their welcome home.

There were men with hoary hair
Amidst that pilgrim band.

Why had they come to winter there,
Away from their childhood's land?

There was a woman's fearless eyes
Lit by her deep love's truth;

There was manhood's brow serenely high,
And the fiery heart of youth.

What sought they thus afar?
Bright jewels of the mine?

A wealth of seas and spoils of war?
They sought a faith's pure shrine.

Ay, call it holy ground—

The soil where first they trod,
They have left unstained, what there
they found

Freedom to worship God.

—Felicia Hemans.

Better Than Anything Else

Richard was his right name, but he
was called Dick, for short—this lit-
tle boy of whom I now write. He was
eight years of age.

His father was a minister. One day while his father was away preaching somewhere, Dick came home from church services telling his mama that he had given his heart to Jesus, and meant to live as Jesus would have him from that time on.

His mama was very much pleased, and the next evening, when Dick's father came home, she told him, and he was pleased also.

The next morning the rest of the family had arisen and gone downstairs—all but the father and Dick. The father was tired, and had gotten to bed late, so he thought he would rest a little while longer.

Dick was very fond of sleeping with his father; so when he saw his father, he got out of his bed, and in his night clothes, went to his father's bed and said, "Papa, may I come in with you?"

"Certainly you can, my boy," said the father.

So Dick cuddled up to his father, and, after he had kissed him, said, "Papa, I want to tell you something."

"All right," said his father; "go ahead and tell me." Dick's father thought that Dick was going to tell him about becoming a Christian, so he got all ready to hear it.

Dick waited a minute. "Well, what do you want to tell me?" said the father.

Dick cleared his throat, and then said, "Papa, I've lost my jackknife."

"Oh, you have," said the father. "Well, I'm sorry for that; but boys will lose their knives, sometimes. I suppose I'll have to buy you another one, now."

The father was disappointed at what Dick had to tell him. Then they both were quiet for a minute, when Dick said, "But, Papa, I found something that is better than a jackknife."

"Oh, you have," said the father. "Why, what can be better than a jackknife? Tell me about it."

Dick cuddled closer to his papa and said, "Jesus." Then he told his papa how he had given himself to Jesus and how happy he was, and they had a good talk together.

Dick's papa saw that Dick had told him about the knife being lost so as to open the subject about Christ being found.

Dick is a grown man now, and he has tried to live for Jesus ever since.

His father told me the story and I have written it because I think it such a beautiful one. Yes, Jesus is better than anything else that we can have in this world. — G. W. D.

Help Somebody Today

Once upon a time there lived an elderly saint named Bro. Tucker. He could not hear very well, and often when the number of a song would be selected in services he would have to ask several times what the number was, and then it would take him a long, long time to find it in his song book.

In the congregation there was a little girl named Joy who had been taught to be kind and helpful to elderly people, so each time a number was called she would go and find it for him. How good this made him feel. In fact, it did him so much good that he bought her a very pretty little pink flowered dress. Oh, how thankful was Joy, for she had no idea he had the least thought of rewarding her for her kindness.

Although Bro. Tucker has passed on and Joy has a family of her own, she has not forgotten this incident, and she still practices her early training of helping others. Let us do likewise.

When I was a little girl, my mother taught my sister, brother, and me a beautiful song entitled, "Help Somebody Today." Here is a verse and chorus of it. Maybe your Sunday School teacher can teach it to you.

Help somebody today.
Look all around you, find someone in need,

Help somebody today
Though it be little a neighborly deed,
Help somebody today.
Cho.—

Help somebody today,
Somebody along life's way;
Let sorrow be ended, the friendless be
friended,
Oh, help somebody today.
Let us see how many people we can
help along life's way. O. A. D.

BRING THE CHILDREN TO THE SAVIOUR

In a Chinese Christian family at Amoy, a little boy, the youngest of the three-children asked his father to allow him to be baptized. He was told that he was too young and that he might return to be a heathen or to be one that didn't believe in the true God, since he was only a very small boy and too small to have religion. But the little boy said, "Jesus promises to carry the lambs in His arms. I am only a little boy; it will be easier for Jesus to carry me." This was too much for the father. He took him along with him and he was baptized. The whole family now is saved. —Sel.

Search Question

For how many pieces of silver was Joseph sold?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Esau. Gen. 25:26.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Thanksgiving will soon be here, and you will no doubt have a few days out of school. I'm sure you are looking forward to it. I do trust it will be a wonderful day for each one of you, because you have looked back over the past year and begun to think about the many things that God has done for you. He has given you food, clothes, a house to live in, a warm bed to sleep in. We could just count and count them, couldn't we? But I do trust that you will take time to think of all of them. Maybe you could write them down on paper. Mother and Father would help you to think of all of them. Then you should bow down before God on your knees in humble thanksgiving to God for all His blessings. But surely if you have let Jesus come into your hearts, that is the greatest thing to be thankful for. What a happy heart you must have if Jesus lives there. Jesus helps you to smile when Mother asks you to do something, and you cheerfully do it. Jesus helps you to be good to little brother or sister. Jesus just makes your life happy. Oh, we surely love Jesus, don't we?

—Aunt Marie

Blessed is he that considereth the poor. Psal. 41:1a.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 7, November 18, 1951

ISRAELITES LED TO MT. SINAI

Exodus 16 to 19

The cloud lifted and that meant the Israelites were to start packing and get ready to move again. They took down their tents and journeyed to the Wilderness of Sin. There the cloud stopped and they put up their tents and unpacked their things.

But then they began to find fault with Moses and Aaron. They could not find much food in the desert and they wished that they could have some of the food that they had in the land of Egypt. There they said they always had plenty of food. They forgot their sufferings. They began to act like naughty children and God was displeased. He told Moses that the people were sinning when they found fault with Moses, but he was merciful to them, and so they would know that he is a God of all blessings, he gave them meat to eat and bread from heaven.

In the evening a great number of quails flew into the camp and the people killed them and ate. In the morning they looked on the ground and a heavy dew lay on the ground. When the sun arose, it left the ground covered with something which looked white like frost. It was called man-na by the people. From this time on, the people had manna to eat until they came to Canaan.

The cloud moved again and the Israelites came to a place called Rephidim. Here the people complained again. They were still getting the manna from heaven every day, but there wasn't a drop of water to drink. They seemed to forget to call on God, but blamed Moses. But again God was merciful to these

unthankful people, because he loved them so much. They were his chosen people, and he promised to bring them to Canaan. So when Moses asked him what to do, God told him to call the chief men of the tribe together and take them to Mount Horeb and there strike a certain rock and water would flow down the mountain-side into the camp. Moses had great faith in God and did just exactly what he told him to do and struck the rock and the water flowed. Wasn't God good to help these people out again?

God called Moses to go up into Mount Sinai, and there he gave him the laws to give to the people to live by, so they could please him. Moses called the elders together and told them the words which the Lord commanded him. And they in turn told the people. The people promised to do all God told them. You can read some of these laws in Exodus 23:1-13. He also gave them the Ten Commandments. But today we have a better way to please God. Through Jesus we are able to keep all the words of Jesus. When we let Jesus come into our hearts, he gives us power to do as the Bible tells us. The sermon on the Mount, given by Jesus, found in Matthew is our law to keep. We do not keep all the laws given to Moses. They were for those people, but we keep the words of Jesus. They are greater and better.

Central Thought—God cares for His people and tells them how to live.

Memory Verse—All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. Exodus 19:8a.



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Dutiful Children

How much our parents cared for us

In all our young and tender years!

And we will not ungrateful be

When age to them appears.

When old and helpless they become,

And we behold their strength decay,

Shall we neglect the loving ones

Who watched us all the way?

We know we never can repay

The loving debt to them we owe;

But we will love them more and more,

The older they may grow. —Sel.

Peter's Pet

Peter opened the door softly and peeped in. No one was in sight. He turned to a forlorn little white dog who was capering and wriggling at his side.

"It's all right, puppy," he said. "Come on in, and I'll get you something to eat." He tiptoed to the cupboard and took out a bowl and filled it with milk. Just then he heard a voice from the other room.

"Peter, what are you doing? What have you there?" And there was

Mother standing in the door. She didn't look at all pleased.

"Why, it's just a dog, Mother; a poor little homeless puppy dog."

"But Peter—" began Mother.

"You see, it's this way," interrupted Peter with a rush of words. "Some people over on Morton Avenue moved away and they didn't take him along; and the boys were chasing him and throwing stones at him, and he just ran to me like he knew me. I couldn't turn him down, Mother. You can't turn down somebody that trusts you now, can you?" His big brown eyes were so pleading that Mother put her arms around him and gave him a hug.

"Of course you couldn't," she agreed smiling. "We'll give him a bath and something to eat, and then see what we can do about it."

He was such a happy little dog; and it made Peter such a proud little boy. After he was all clean and fed until his sides just stuck out, he gave a final lick to Peter's hand and settled himself with a long sigh, laid his little pointed nose on his paws and closed his eyes.

"Let's call him Happy," suggested Peter.

"He surely looks that way, doesn't he?" nodded Mother. "He seems to have accepted us."

"Why, Mother, if we hadn't given him a home he wouldn't have any, would he? Everything needs a home. What do the wild animals do? Nobody takes care of them, do they?"

"Oh, yes, Peter, God takes care of them. You see the reason we must care for cats and dogs, cows, sheep, and horses, is because they are domesticated now. That means that man has tamed them, and taken care of them for so long they have come to depend on him. But the wild animals have a God-given instinct that helps them take care of themselves. The bears live in hollow trees, where they sleep all winter. The lions live in natural caves, and wolves and foxes in dens. But the birds, most of the furry little animals, bees, ants, and spiders make their own homes. The only tools they have are their feet, and mouth, their bills, or teeth. They use these in the cleverest ways for spades, saws, needles, shears, trowels, and weaving shuttles."

"How can they know how to use them?" asked Peter.

"They are born with these instincts. It is God's plan for them. Remember how the beavers cut down trees and use their broad, flat tails to make dams? The squirrels gather nuts in the fall and store them for their winter use. Remember the bird's nest you found the other day? How cleverly the straw and string and hair were all twined together, and then soft feathers put in for lining!"

"Do all the birds make the same kind of nests?" asked Peter.

"Oh, no," answered Mother, "I heard the other day of a bird that's called a tailor bird. She sews her nest. She selects a strong leaf growing from the tip of a twig, and all

around the edge she pierces a row of tiny holes with her bill. Then she finds another leaf the same size and shape and makes holes in that. Then she strips bark from tough weeds, splits it into threads, and sews those leaves together, making a deep bag. In the bottom she makes a bed of soft down for her babies.

"She's smarter than lots of people, I guess; why I can't even sew!"

Mother patted his hand. "You could if I taught you how."

"Well, I sure am glad that Happy isn't wild and needs me to look after him." And Peter stooped and patted the head of his new pet. —Sel.

God Is Not Mocked

"Does the man know anything yet?" asked the doctor.

"No, he is not conscious," answered Sister Sarah Smith.

"Too bad that a man has to live and not know anything. When I die I want to know everything, but I expect to live for a thousand years," the doctor said.

"Doctor, you should not speak that way. Don't you believe in a hereafter?" Sister Smith spoke reprovingly.

"No! When I come to die I will stick my soul on a fence stake and let God Almighty and the devil have a race for it," the doctor answered laughing, and in a defiant attitude.

Exactly one year later and in the same month while the doctor was driving along the road his horse became frightened and jumped over a picket fence, and left the doctor hanging on a picket. He was taken off and only lived three days without knowing anything and he died cursing God. Surely God is not mocked.

Oh, boys and girls, what an awful thing it is to make fun of God and his ways. The above is true and was writ-

ten by Sister Sarah Smith. She knew it to be true. It never pays to mock or make fun of God, heaven or hell, or our souls and where they are going. We should always ask God to have mercy on us and be sure that we do not speak lightly of Him or the way of salvation.

We are living in a day of mercy; yet on every hand we hear people making light of God, using His name in vain, making fun of hell and what they will do there, and seem not to fear God at all. God is very merciful, but there comes a time when hell will be their doom, unless they repent.

I trust that the boys and girls who read this will never be heard making fun of God, of hell or heaven, nor of God's people. The devil may tempt you, but do not yield to him. Even if you are not saved, it will be better with you if you do fear God. —M. M.

JOSEPH AND JESUS

The story of Joseph shows us some beautiful things about the Lord Jesus. Jesus left Heaven and became a servant for us, doing the great work of saving us from sin by dying for us. Joseph was in prison among thieves, and our Lord Jesus died between two thieves on the cross. Joseph was not guilty of any sin, but suffered for the lie which the master's wife told about him. Our Lord had no sin of his own, but he suffered for our sin.

Search Question:

Who spoke to Moses out of a burning bush?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Twenty. Gen. 37:28.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Just as it made the Israelites happy to know that God was going to dwell among them, so it makes us happier because Jesus can live in our hearts. Oh, just to know He is so near and cares about everything that comes to us! He is right there to help us and gives us help to do the right.

One boy was leaving his home to go to another place. The family was up late that night to make his last evening at home a pleasant one. This boy loved God and wanted to please the Lord. And when time came for him to go, his sweet mother came to him with a good-bye kiss; and in tones of sweetness she said, "My dear boy, live near to God." These parting words stayed with this boy all the rest of his life. Oh, that we would always remember to live near to God! We do that by always asking Him about everything that comes our way. "What would Jesus do?" And then we must do what Jesus makes us know is right. Then we live near to God because we are doing his will.

—Aunt Marie

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8, November 25, 1951

GIFTS FOR GOD'S HOUSE

Exodus 29:13-46: 35:21-29

The time had come when God wanted to dwell or live right down among the children of Israel. He wanted them to have a certain place where they might always worship him. He wanted them to build such a place, where the sign of his presence might dwell just as it dwelt in the cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. So God told Moses of his plan to dwell among them. God showed Moses how to build the place of worship.

The people were glad when they heard about God's plan to dwell among them and to be their God, so they would know Him. How precious for them to know God was in their midst. We find that they not only said they were glad to have God dwell among them, but also When Moses told them that they must make an offering to build the place for God to dwell, they offered willingly of all the silver, gold, jewels, wood, and beautiful linen cloth. They cheerfully gave. You remember they had asked of the Egyptians and they gave them these things before they left Egypt. Now they gladly gave them to the Lord. They brought so much that Moses had to ask the people to cease bringing more gifts. (Exodus 36:6, 7). What an example for us today!

The people lived in tent-homes, so God told Moses to build the place of worship somewhat like a tent, with board walls and with top of cloth and animal skins, so that it could be taken apart and moved easily when the people moved their camp. This was called a tabernacle. He used fine linen for curtains of the Tabernacle. The "red skins of rams" were

used for the second covering of the Tabernacle. The third or uppermost covering was made of "badgers' skins." Silver was used for making sockets for the Tabernacle boards, also for hooks and fillets of the pillars. Silver and gold were used to make vessels. The men willingly worked and the women willingly spun the blue, purple, and scarlet linen.

It must have been a beautiful Tabernacle when finished, as all was done exactly as God had said, and what God plans is beautiful. He has made a way so Jesus could come and dwell in our hearts by His Holy Spirit, and the life that is lived with Jesus in it is beautiful because God has planned it so. Our bodies are the temples of God, and he teaches us how to keep them clean and pure for Him a good dwelling place.

Since the Tabernacle was set up in the midst of the people, Moses could go into the Tabernacle to hear God's words. The people came to the Tabernacle and brought an offering to be offered for the forgiveness of sins. These men were called priests that offered the sacrifices. God chose Aaron to be the High Priest and to do the most important work at the Tabernacle.

When all was ready, the people came to the door of the Tabernacle. Aaron put an offering on the altar and put no fire under it. But God sent fire down out of heaven to burn the offering. This fire never was allowed to go out. The people were happy because God was pleased with them.

Central Thought—God gives us everything, and we give ourselves to Him.

Memory Verse—Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord. Exodus 35:5a.

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Part Nine

December 2

The Little Missionary

I may not go to India,
To China or Japan;
But to work for Jesus here at home,
I'll do the best I can.
I'll tell of His great love for me,
And how I love Him, too;
And better far, I'll show my love
In all that I may do.

The little water drops come down
To make the flowers grow;
The little rivulets flow on
To bless where'er they go.
The little seeds make mighty trees
To cool us with their shade.
If little things like these do good,
To try I'm not afraid.

I'll be a missionary now,
And work the best I may;
For if I want to work for God,
There surely is a way.
I'll pray for those who cross the sea;
My offering, too, I'll send,
And do all that is in my power,
This great, bad world to mend.

—Selected

Samuel's Name

Samuel walked slowly toward his home. He had been playing at Edwin Mark's and each boy had been asked to tell something about the person for whom he had been named.

Edwin said, "I was named for my Uncle Ed, who is a great musician."

Robert came next. He had been named for a man who had gone across the ocean to teach the people about Jesus.

James and Joe told of their uncles by these names. They had large oil wells in Texas.

When Samuel was asked to talk, he did not know what to say. He knew that he had been named for his father's uncle, but that was all, and he thought his name was not so pretty as his little playmates.

Samuel ran into the kitchen, and went from room to room until he found Mother.

"Did you have a good time at Edwin's?" she asked.

He shook his head, and asked, "What does my name mean, Mother?"

"It means, 'Asked of God,' my

boy."

The little fellow did not understand. "What does that mean, Mother?"

"There was a good woman named Hannah, and she was sad without children. One day she told God that if He would give her a son she would lend him to the Lord all the days of his life. At last God granted her request, and she named the boy Samuel. She kept her promise, too. When Samuel was old enough she took him to the Temple—that was the place where people went to worship God—and gave him to help the minister, Eli.

"God blessed and loved this little boy. One night, when everyone had gone to bed, the boy heard a voice calling him, 'Samuel'! He thought it was Eli, and ran to him. But Eli told him to go back to bed, he had not called him.

"Then again came the voice calling to him, 'Samuel'! He sprang up immediately. He was not fretful at being roused out of his sleep, but ran at once to Eli, and said again. 'Here am I; for thou didst call me.' But Eli sent him back again to his bed; and there again he heard the call, 'Samuel'!

"Patiently he arose once more and came to the old man; this time Eli knew that God was speaking to the child, and he bade Samuel the next time he heard the voice, to say, 'Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth.'

"And God talked to the little boy in the night, and gave him a message for Eli.

"After that God talked to Samuel, and the people knew that he was God's own prophet. It was a great honor to have God talk to him. So you see Samuel did a great deal of good in the world. To be truly loved by good people is one of the very best ways of being great.

"It is nice to know what one's name means, and it would help us to try and make it true. You see, sometimes one's name proves a special treasure."

Samuel always remembered the meaning of his name after that talk with his mother. He liked to tell about the boy who lived in the Temple and grew up to be a man whom God loved.

—Sel.

Bible Story

Genesis 41

God caused Joseph to tell Pharaoh the meaning of his dreams and that the good years were to be very soon, but after that there would be a terrible famine and the land would be hit hard. Then Joseph said, "Now let Pharaoh find a man that is very wise and discreet and set him over all the land of Egypt. And let this man appoint other men as officers over the land, and during the seven good years take up the fifth part of the food grown during those years. And let this food be kept under the care of Pharaoh in the cities till the seven good years pass, and then when the famine comes it can be sold and none will perish in the famine."

Pharaoh and all his men around him were greatly pleased with what Joseph said. Then Pharaoh turned to his servants and said, "Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?"

Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has showed you all this, there is none so discreet and wise as you are: You shall be over my house and according unto your word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than you. See I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand

and put it upon Joseph's hand and gave him fine clothing and put a gold chain around his neck and made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, "Bow the knee;" and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

—M. M.

God Sees

Once there lived a lady not too far from me who really enjoyed going shopping. One day she went to the market to buy some groceries. After paying the clerk and checking her change which she received, she found that she had been given too much.

Instead of being honest and telling the clerk about it, she put it in her purse and counted it as her gain.

That night, as usual, before going to bed she got down to have prayer. This time, instead of her talking so much to the Lord, He did the talking to her. And what do you suppose he told her? Yes, He told her that he saw her when she was buying her groceries and when she kept that money that didn't belong to her. He told her to take it back to the clerk. So she promised the Lord that she would obey Him, and at an early chance she obeyed, too.

Remember, there is an eye above that sees everything we do, whether it be good or evil. If we listen closely we will hear His voice telling us to refrain from evil deeds and pursue after righteousness.

—O. A. D.

Search Question

For whom did God cause the sun and moon to stand still?

Answer To Last Week's Question
God. Exodus

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Dear Boys and Girls:

In our lesson we find how God punished people for talking and fussing about the way God was leading them. It is a good thing for us to remember. God is not pleased when we fuss because things do not go to suit us. We must remember if we belong to God he is doing that which is right by us. If we think we should be able to go more or do more things, just remember we are not to always want our way, but want God's way. God gave you parents to take care of you, and he tells you to obey them and honor them. We will get into much trouble when we do not do this. God will punish us, just as he punished the Israelites by sending them back into the wilderness to live and die, when they could have lived in the wonderful country of Canaan and had wonderful things to eat. God's way is always best, but we must be willing to go God's way.

I hope you have reordered the paper. This quarter is about up. Are you sending it to the hospitals, children's homes, and places where children may read it? That is working for the Lord.

—Aunt Marie

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.—Prov. 9:10.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9, December 2, 1951

TWO MEN WHO TRUSTED GOD

Numbers 14:1-11.

The children of Israel had traveled to the borders of Canaan, the promised land. You remember how God promised Jacob that he would bring his descendants back to Canaan again. Now many years had passed since that time, and there was a great, great number of his people coming back to Canaan. God had told them that they would have to drive out the wicked people in the land, but now they wanted to know what they should expect, so God told Moses to send into the land twelve spies to spy out the land. They went from place to place to see how many cities, people, and how the land lay so they would know how to take it. Moses told these men to not be afraid because God would take care of them. And he commanded them to bring back some fruit from the land.

The spies returned after searching the land for forty days. They brought back wonderful news about the land. They brought a cluster of grapes that was so large that it was carried on a pole between two men. They said the land was wonderful. It had large fields of grain and well supplied with foodstuffs, had plenty of meat and vegetables. But they also said the cities were walled and very great and the people were like giants. When they said this the people began to lift up their voices and weep. "Oh," they said, "We wish we had died in the wilderness or stayed in Egypt." They forgot about how God caused the Red Sea to open up and let them pass over and then come together on the Egyptians. They forgot how God caused water to come out of the rock and give them drink. They forgot how God had

fed them quails and manna. They murmured against Moses and even said, "Let us make a captain and return to Egypt."

Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before God and the people. And Joshua and Caleb, two of the spies who had searched the land rent their clothes and spake to the people. They had faith in God. They said, "Do not be afraid, for we are strong enough to take the land. Let us go up at once, for we are well able to overcome it." But the people would not listen to these men of faith. They even tried to stone them. But Caleb and Joshua cried to them, "Do not sin against the Lord. He has given us the land before us, and he has taken away the courage of those people. We can drive them out. Let us go up and take the land."

Suddenly a bright light appeared in the tabernacle. Moses and Aaron were still on their faces before God as these people went about to kill Caleb and Joshua. God spoke from the bright light and said, "How long will this people sin against me? How long will they continue to not believe in me? I will kill this people and raise up a people of Moses." But Moses prayed earnestly for the people to be forgiven. He said that the Egyptians would hear of this and rejoice. So God forgave them, but he would not allow any of those who complained to go into the Canaan land. They returned into the wilderness till all had died and then their children went up into the land with Joshua and Caleb, the two men of faith.

Central Thought—If we trust God he will help us.

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

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Our Hours

Happy hours of childhood
Are quickly slipping by;
Each one has sixty tiny wings
On which they swiftly fly.

We can't one moment halt them
As on their way they speed,
Our call for them to tarry
They never, never heed.

And when an hour has passed us
No use, for it, to yearn;
For it has gone forever
And never will return.

How many of these precious hours
We'll have, no one can tell;
So as each comes, improve it—
Each moment—use it well.—Sel.

The Marvel of the Written Word

The story is told of a dissatisfied native workman on a certain mission field who wanted to quit his job and be paid his wages. He told the missionary so. The missionary took a piece of wood, pencilled a few figures

on it, and said to the man, "Take this to my wife."

"But you don't understand. I want my money."

"All right," said the missionary, take this to my wife, and she will pay you."

"But I want money, not a piece of wood."

"Take the wood to my wife. She will give you money for it."

He obeyed. The wife read the figures on the wood, then went into the house and brought out the exact amount due the worker.

He was amazed and asked, "How did you know how much to give me?"

She replied, "The wood told me."

Again startled, he exclaimed, "Can the wood talk?"

Thus it is with the Word of God. It tells exactly what God has revealed of himself. Three times in one chapter (Matt. 4), the Lord Jesus Christ quoted the Word, "It is written . . ." to meet specific needs.

The written Word, the Bible, is a means of revealing the Living Word, Christ. Job expressed the cry of the ancients when he said, "Oh, that mine adversary had written a book!" The

Book has been written, and it presents from cover to cover the Good News of salvation through Christ. God moved holy men of old to write it. Now it stands in our hands, and our task is to give and tell it to the ends of the earth. Jesus said, "Other sheep I have. Them also I must bring." The Living Word in the missionary must take the written Word to men in darkness. —Sel.

The Best Use

"My mother gave me a Bible for my gift last Christmas," said a little girl, 'and Aunt Lou gave Cousin Harry one at the same time. Just look at them now, and see the difference!'"

Harry's was a little worn. Its gilt edges were tarnished, and the newness was gone from the cover, but it looked as if it had been read very often. Here and there I saw pencil marks near favorite verses, and in one or two places it seemed as if tears might have fallen. Little Harry had become a Christian lately, and his Bible had evidently been very precious to him.

Minnie said triumphantly, after I had finished my look at Harry's, "Now see mine!" She unfolded the tissue paper from it, and there it was just as fresh and fair and uninjured as when it came out of the shop.

"I've never had it out of the drawer but once," she said, "and that was to show it to somebody."

"Minnie," said I, "if your father were away from home, and should send you a letter, telling you just what he wanted you to do and be, would it be good treatment never to break the seal, or to lay it away in a drawer unread? Would it not rather be better to take it out every day and to read it over and over, trying

all the more each time to obey its injunctions?"

"Yes!" said Minnie, blushing and hanging her head, as she began to see my meaning.

"This is God's letter to you, my love! Like the man who folded away his talent in a napkin, you have folded up your precious Bible. Hereafter, my child, use it as God wants you to. 'Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me'."

Bible Story

Genesis 41

It is wonderful how God cared for Joseph. He was taken out of his home by his brothers and sold into Egypt, a strange land, and then was cast into prison because he was lied on. But God watched over him and He saw that Joseph still trusted in Him even if he was having a hard time. When God saw that Joseph had enough, He brought him out of the prison up to a high place right next to the king. I am sure Joseph was glad that he still trusted God even in all his troubles and didn't complain nor murmur. He tried to do good everywhere he went, even in prison. Don't forget about Joseph and remember to always trust in God even during troubles, and God will honor your trust.

Pharaoh told Joseph that he was next to him and he changed his name and gave him a wife whose name was Asenath. Joseph was now but thirty years old (the same age that Jesus was when he began to preach. There are many things alike about Joseph and Jesus.)

Joseph went to work. He went around the country seeing that places were built to care for the grain and food that was gathered during the seven years of plenty, and it is said that the land brought forth a great harvest, until Jo-

seph had so much gathered that he quit numbering it. It seems it was as much as the sand of the sea. God did bless the land greatly. —M. M.

The Bible

The Bible is the greatest book in the world. It was written by many different people. The Bible isn't just one book, but has 66 books in it—thirty-nine in the Old Testament and twenty-seven in the New Testament.

The Old Testament tells of things that happened before Jesus came, and the New Testament tells what happened after Jesus was born.

Each of the books are divided into chapters and each chapter into verses. These are numbered to make things easier to find.

The Bible or parts of it has been written in 1088 languages. Sometimes the missionaries have to make up a written language so they can teach the people to read.

There are more Bibles printed in a year than any other book.

We study the Bible to learn to have faith in God and how to become God's dear children. It tells us the way to heaven and the commandments and blessings of God for us. It tells us the story of Jesus and how he lived a perfect life and is now the shining example for us to follow.

In the middle of your Bible you will find the Psalms. It is the largest book of the Bible. It is called the "Hymn Book of the Bible." They are really songs that the Jews sang. Many are written by David.

Search Question

Who buried some money in the earth under their tent?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Joshua. Josh. 10:12, 13.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

We find in the farewell message of Moses these words, "I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil." And today this is still set before us. We are to choose if we want to do good and receive eternal life in heaven or choose to do evil and wrong and receive death to the soul, which means for ever living in hell. Which do you want? Do good and heaven in the end or do evil and hell in the end? I'm sure you are saying, "Do good and heaven." That is a wise choice. You are being very, very wise. It seems awful to see people doing wrong and going on knowing that they may be in an accident or be taken out of this world any time and they know they are not saved and ready to meet God. And as they die, so will they be found in the Judgment Day. There is no other time to prepare to meet God, but here on earth. So let us just pray earnestly to the Lord to help us to live each day to please Him, and when death comes, we shall be ready to go to heaven.

Have you sent in your order for the paper? It will soon be time for a new quarter. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 10. December 9, 1951

MOSES SAYS GOOD-BYE

Deuteronomy 30:11-29.

More than thirty-nine years had passed since the people rebelled against Moses and did not believe Joshua and Caleb who said God would take them into the Canaan land. Those people now had died, and only Moses, Caleb, and Joshua were left of the number who were over twenty years old then. Aaron and Miriam had also died.

Moses was now an old man. He was one hundred and twenty years old. First he had lived as a grandson of Pharaoh's in the palaces of Egypt. There he had learned all the wisdom of the Egyptians, but he chose to suffer with the Israelites than to be king over Egypt. Later he was a shepherd in the wilderness, and there God talked to him about what He wanted him to do. He sent him to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. He was a wonderful man. The Bible tells us he was the meekest man that ever lived. He wrote the first five books of the Bible. Today all the laws of the land are based on the law given to Moses by God.

God had made Moses know that his time had come to die. He also made him know that he should turn the leadership of the Israelites over to Joshua. He did not have any jealousy of Joshua, but instead he tried to prepare the people to follow their new leader. God had made Moses know he could not go over into the Canaan land, but that he could see it.

Moses gave a long good-bye speech to the people. He again told the people of the law that was given to their fathers at Mount Sinai. He told them that if they would keep the commandments of the Lord and walk in his ways that God would bless them, but if they disobeyed

God's laws and worshiped idols like their neighbors did that they would be punished. Today we also will be blessed if we do as Jesus tells us to, but if we disobey, we shall be punished. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." Rom. 6:23.

Moses told them that God had said he could not go over into the Canaan land, but that the Lord would go over before the people and would destroy the nations before them, and they would possess the land. Joshua would go over before them to lead them, as the Lord had said. Moses always made them know that they were responsible to God and not to him. So today we are responsible to God and not to man.

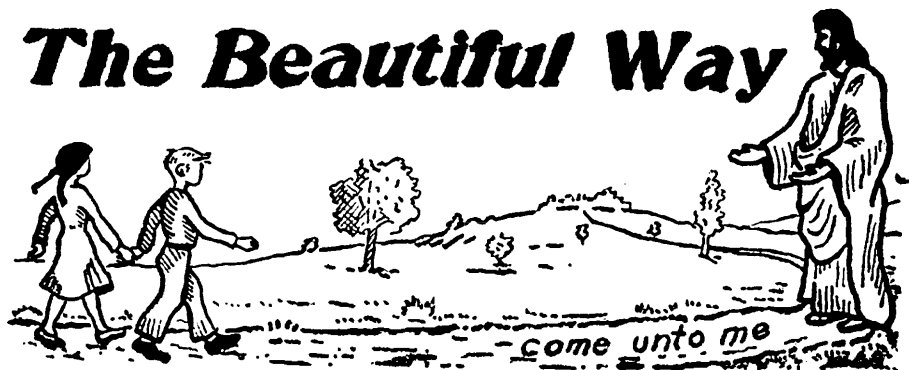
One day when Moses had ended his farewell talk with the people, he walked away from the camp. All alone, he went as the people stood watching him go, with tears in their eyes. They knew he was going away to die. They watched him climb up the Mount Nebo. They knew that first he was going to see the Canaan land as God had promised him. Finally he had climbed so high that they could not see him any more. There from the top of the mountain he saw the land that God had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their descendents. And he probably thought that soon his people would be over there in that beautiful land.

Then the Bible tells us that the Lord buried Moses in the plains of Moab, and no man knew where his grave was. And for thirty days the people wept and mourned for Moses, one of the greatest men that ever lived.

Central Thought—There is a land of promise for all who take God's way.

Memory Verse—The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27.

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Child's Prayer

Savior, bless a little child;
Teach my heart the way to Thee;
Make it gentle, good and mild;
Loving Savior, care for me.

I am young, but Thou hast said—
All who will may come to Thee;
Feed my soul with living Bread;
Loving Savior, care for me.

I would never go astray,
Never turn aside from Thee;
Keep me in the heavenly way;
Loving Savior, care for me.—Sel.

Pride Goeth Before a Fall

Once there was a little boy named Henry who loved to go to school daily. He was very smart and tried hard to do all the work assigned him by his teachers. But something happened one day, and if you'll finish reading this true story, you'll find out.

In Henry's school days, they held what was called "Spelling Bees" and usually he was at the head of the class, but on this particular day, one

of his classmates began to flatter him by telling him how smart he was and how he didn't need to study for spelling lessons. Now if Henry had been watchful, he would have continued his studying; but, no, he began to think that perhaps he was smart and didn't need to study, so he began idling around, thinking himself very smart indeed.

Soon it was time for the spelling class, and the teacher began to call out the words. You can guess what happened. Henry missed his word and had to be removed from the head of the class. How humiliated he felt then. He had learned well that "Pride goeth before a fall."

There was also a man in Bible times who listened to the flattery of people, whose name was Herod.

On a certain day King Herod put on his royal clothes and sat upon his throne and made a great speech. The people gave a great shout and said, "It is the voice of a god, and not of a man." Instead of King Herod giving God the praise, he began to think himself something great. God did not like this at all, so God permitted worms to eat him up. (Acts 12:21-23)

Children, let us never be overcome by the flattering remarks of others. If we can do something well, let us not think ourselves great, but let us thank the Lord for blessing us with that particular talent. O. A. D.

Bible Story

Genesis 41

God blessed Joseph in his work for the king and great buildings were loaded to overflowing with corn and food.

God also gave Joseph two sons. He named the first one Ma-nas-seh, which means, "God has made me forget all my toil and my father's house." In other words, he was not homesick any more and not in trouble, but was well and happy. Then the second son he called Ephra-im, which means, "God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Now we find that the seven years of plenty ended and the seven years of famine began. And in all the land of Egypt there was dearth, and there was no food in all the land. Finally the famine became so great that the people began to cry to Pharaoh for food. He said, "Go to Joseph, and do whatever he says do."

The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened up the great storehouses of Egypt and sold to the people of Egypt and all the other countries came to Egypt to buy corn. Surely God was good to all the people. He had a man whom he could talk to, who would obey him. Therefore he saved the lives of all the people in the land.

Pouting Never Pays

Sonny wanted to play so very much on this warm summer morning, but his father was away in meeting and there were ever so many things to be done on the farm. So mother called

all the children to help pull up the onions and top them. What a bore-some job on such a warm day! And that's just what Sonny thought, too.

He had his own mind about things and deep down in his heart he didn't want to obey his mother, but he knew what would happen if he didn't, so while he worked he just pouted and pouted. You could see it all over his face.

After awhile all the onions were pulled and the tops remained to be cut. You would think by this time Sonny would have been tired of pouting. Not so, for the old devil was really at work, and when you are angry you sometimes don't care what happens.

Now Sonny wasn't very careful, so he cut a big gash on his thumb. Oh, how it bled! Then he wanted his mother to come to his rescue. Of course she came, but not without reminding him of his morning behavior and of how he had to suffer for it.

Until this day that scar remains on Sonny's thumb, and he is a grown man, but he can tell you pouting never pays.

—O. A. D.

A RESCUED SOUL

Many glorious experiences in the saving of souls from unbelief and wickedness, by prayer, have been related. When an inner voice prompts us to do some act in the service of others, we should obey. When we feel prompted to pray, we should never neglect to do so.

Through prayer Fanny Crosby, the great blind hymn writer, helped a young man to get back on the path to salvation. She was speaking at a religious meeting one evening in midsummer, before a large crowd of working men, in New York City.

There was a reason for the great fervor with which she spoke. An inner voice told her that somewhere in the great audience there was a youth whom she must reach, lest he be eternally lost!

At the end of her talk, an eighteen-year-old boy came forward in response to her appeal. Weeping bitterly, he poured out his story to her. Her words had bit deeply into his soul, but he feared it was too late.

"I promised to meet Mother in heaven," he sobbed, "but I am too deep in sin."

"It is never too late," she replied, "provided you accept the salvation offered by Christ."

He knelt as Sister Crosby prayed. The soul of the youth was rescued. When Sister Crosby returned home she remembered that the composer, William H. Deane, had requested her to write a hymn on the theme, "Rescue the Perishing." Her mind was full of her experience earlier in the evening, that of helping to save the soul of a young man. Feeling inspired, she wrote the complete poem before retiring, using the very words, "Rescue the Perishing," as the title and opening words of the hymn. The tune for it was composed the next day by Mr. Deane.

So it is that a prayer breathed to God for a specific purpose, that of saving the soul of an anguished youth, has, through the words and music of that hymn, helped in the saving of many tortured souls.—Sel.

Search Question

How many days did Jesus fast in the wilderness?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Achan. Joshua 7:20, 21.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I can just hear you say, "Oh, I will be so glad when Christmas is here." I know when I was a child I looked forward to Christmas very much, even if I did not receive very much. But there was always something, if not, we always had a bag of candy, popcorn ball, and nuts; maybe an orange, which was a great treat to us. But today, children usually get too much. You get so much that you do not know which thing to play with first, do you? It would be nice to put some of your things away, and then you can play with them later, or maybe if you know of someone who did not get very much, you could give them some of your things. Jesus would be pleased.

But I do hope that you will always remember why you receive gifts on Christmas. What is the greatest gift that ever was given? Yes, it is Jesus. God gave his only Son to this world. He sent him here to live and die and arise again for our salvation. So every time you think of gifts, think of Jesus and just breathe a prayer of thanksgiving to God for salvation.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11, December 16, 1951

IN THE NEW HOMELAND

Joshua 1:1-7; 6:1-5, 20.

Joshua was the son of Nun, of the tribe of Ephraim. His was of the lineage of Joseph, twelfth in line. The name Joshua means, "Jehovah saves." It is from this Old Testament name that the New Testament name "Jesus" comes.

After the death of Moses, Joshua began to lead the people. God spoke to Joshua and told him to arise and go over Jordan River, he and all the people into the land which God had given to them and to their children. The River Jordan was wide, and to make rafts for two and one-half million people would be too much, but God was leading the people and he caused the river to part and let the people walk through on dry land just like he did for them at the Red Sea (Joshua 3 and 4). And this caused the people to know that God was with Joshua, their new leader. They also rejoiced because God had again made them know he was going before them and now they were in the wonderful Canaan land, the land that belonged to them because God had promised it to them; but while they were in Egypt, others had moved in and occupied the land. These people needed to be driven out. They no doubt knew that the land was not theirs, but because of their great wickedness, God was going to permit them to be destroyed and punished.

God told Joshua to be strong and of good courage, be brave and he promised to be with him. He said, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." He also said for him not to turn to the left nor to the right, but to go straight up the way God had told him to go. Just keep God's commandments and not change nor let others cause him to change. Within

ourselves we could not do that, but as we have faith in God, he helps us to hold fast to right and good.

The first city in the land of Canaan to be taken was Jericho. The spies had visited it and they already knew that the people who lived there were afraid when they heard of the Israelites coming. They knew of the great and mighty things God had done for them, and they were afraid. They shut up their walled city tight. They would have been more afraid if they had known that God told Joshua, "I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor. Ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days." I wonder what the people inside of that walled city thought as the men of war marched around their city each day? Also as they saw the ark of the covenant leading the march and the seven priests going before with trumpets to blow. On the seventh day as the men of war marched around the city, the priests blew the trumpets and all the people gave a great shout and the walls of the city fell down. Oh, what a mighty God we are serving! What a great victory for the children of Israel! And to think of their fathers refusing to go into Canaan land years before, but went back into the wilderness. Now their children are following a great and mighty God and such victory he gives!

After the walls fell down, the men of war rushed in and took the city. It was theirs now. God was giving to them this wonderful land. They did not need manna any more.

Central Thought—God will bring us through hard places like he brought the Israelites.

Memory Verse—As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. Joshua 1:5b.

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Our Gift

We brought our Mom a gift today,
A box of flowers bright and gay;
We had another gift for Mom;
I gave myself, and so did Tom.

We gave our lives, our love, our all
To be on hand for her sweet call;
We brought a gift for Christ today,
This gift was not as bright and gay;

We gave to Him our hearts of sin;
He made them clean and white within
We brought to Him our lives, our all
To listen for His gentle call.

—o—

A Wonderful Christmas

Freda's mother died when she was quite young, and her father, who was unable to care for the children, sought homes for them. It was not hard to find a home for the baby because she was so sweet and cuddly that she could just capture the affections of people without any effort on her part. And John, the older brother, was able to work, so it was not hard to find a home for him; but it was different

with Freda. She had lost her babyhood charm and was not old enough to be useful, so it seemed no one wanted her. She was moved from place to place. She was an affectionate child but she received very little affection from others, but many knocks. She heard about Christmas at times, but it didn't mean to her what it does to most American children, for she was not often remembered when others received gifts. She seldom played with other children, and when she became of school age, she was denied that privilege most of the time. One couple who kept her part of the time would go off and tell her to stay there alone. She had not been taught about Jesus and how he would care for children who trusted Him; but she had been told many tales about ghosts and a "booger man" who would get her; so she was very fearful and would not stay alone. She would go to a neighbor's and would return about the time she thought this couple would return. In this way and because of other treatment and lack of good training, she learned many bad habits of disobedience and deceit, and she seemed to feel that the only way

to keep out of trouble was to tell lies.

Finally a Christian couple, brother and sister Brown, saw her and felt sorry for her. They received permission to take her to their home in another state to live.

The Browns soon discovered that they had taken upon themselves a big task, for it was very hard to train her as they felt the Lord wanted them to. Many times it was hard for them to tell whether she was telling them a lie or the truth. She would seem to be very sorry for her naughtiness when she was caught, but kept all of it hid that she could. Many times the Browns prayed for wisdom in training her, but their efforts seemed in vain, for they could see no change in Freda, though they tried prayer, kindness, and punishment of different kinds.

She had been in her new home three or four months when the stores put out their Christmas toys, and Freda was allowed to look at them, a privilege which she had not often had before. She enjoyed looking at all the toys, but she loved the dolls so much, it was hard to get her away from them. And though she had not thot of Christmas before in connection with presents she would receive, a desire came into her heart to own one of the dolls, and she often spoke of that desire.

Then sister Brown thought of a plan. Freda was to have a big doll for her very own IF she would OBEY and quit some of the naughtiness she had been doing. Freda tried for awhile, but the devil was present to tempt her and she could not say "no" to him. Sister Brown was sorry, but when Freda was quite naughty again, she had to tell her that they could not buy her the doll because Christians must keep their word.

Freda was broken-hearted, but she knew it was her fault. After that she realized that it did not pay to do evil. By this time, she had learned that Jesus would save her from her sins and would live in her heart and help her to do good.

When the saints had a meeting during the Christmas holidays, Freda went to the altar and received God's gift (Jesus) into her heart. She was saved a few days after Christmas, but I believe God saw that she was sorry and would get saved, because on Christmas Day some little girls gave her a beautiful doll. It was a wonderful Christmas for Freda. --G. R.

A Dream Helped

A woman dreamed that she saw herself in a deep well and could do nothing to get herself out. But as she lay there helpless, she saw a bright shining star just above the top of the well. As she looked at it, she felt herself begin to rise. She put out her hands to help herself, and down she went again. Once more she fixed her eyes on the bright shining star, and again she began to be lifted out of the well. Again, she put her hands on the side of the well to lift herself, and down she went again. She realized now that if she would look stedfastly at the star and not try to help herself, it would lift her out of the well. So she looked and again she was lifted until she was above the top of the well. This was only a dream, but it has a good lesson for us, in that we cannot make ourselves good by trying. But if we trust the Lord Jesus and keep our eyes on Him, He will draw us close to to himself. As we behold him in his loveliness and beauty, we shall be like him (Heb. 12:2; 2 Cor. 3:18).

Bible Story

Genesis 42

The famine was raging in all the countries and people began to wonder what they were going to do. Even in Canaan land there was no food. But one day news came to Jacob, Joseph's father, that there was food in Egypt, so he called his boys together and told them to go down to Egypt and buy food. They had plenty of gold and silver, but that did them no good when there wasn't food to buy.

Jacob sent his ten sons down to Egypt to buy food, but he would not let his youngest son, Benjamin, go. He was the second son of Rachel, and since Joseph was gone he loved Benjamin more than the others. And Jacob never allowed Benjamin to go very far from home, lest something dreadful would happen to him.

More than twenty years had passed since Joseph had been sold to the slave-traders going down to Egypt, and no doubt as the ten brothers journeyed down that road, they thought of Joseph. When we do wrong, we do not forget it, and it will come back to us even years later. That is one reason we should seek the Lord while we are very young, so the Lord can help us to do that which is right, and then when we are older, we will not have to remember the wrong things that we have done.

Soon the ten brothers reached the barren fields of Egypt. And there they learned about the wise man who had stored the barns with grain during the years of plenty, and all who wanted grain must go to him to buy it. —M. M.

Search Question

What was the first bird that Noah sent out of the ark?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Forty. Matt. 4:2.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Let us rejoice today as we think about our precious Jesus who came into the world as a baby and grew up to manhood, and then willingly gave his precious life for our salvation. Oh, we would have been lost if Jesus had not loved us so much. Such great love the world has never known. We may think of the great love our Mothers have for us, but no Mother's love can be as great as Jesus' love. We were doomed to die, but Jesus stepped in and said, "I'll die in your place, and let you go free." Is there any greater love? Let us love Jesus more and more. Just often tell Him how much we love Him. Ask Him to increase our love for Him. And as we love Jesus more, he in turn gives us more love for him and for everybody. We just can't love Jesus without loving everybody. When we love him, he puts love in our hearts for everybody and makes us want to be good to others. If we have not been as good and nice to others as we should be, we should pray and ask the Lord to help us love him more, and then he gives us more love and we will show more love to others. May the Lord bless you, is my prayer.—Aunt Marie

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No man can serve two masters.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12, December 23, 1951

WHEN JESUS WAS BORN

Luke 1:26-42; 2:1-7.

An angel visited Mary, a young Jewess, who was engaged to marry Joseph. She was surprised to see the angel, but the angel said, "You are highly favored among women, the Lord is with you." She was troubled at this saying, and then the angel went on to tell her that she was to be the mother of Jesus, the Saviour of men. He told her that her son would be king and would rule for ever. The surprised woman did not understand it. But the angel said, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." God was to be the Father of this child, since she was not married. We trust you shall never forget this.

And when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, God caused Elizabeth to know this wonderful secret. Then God spoke to Joseph in a dream and told him about the wonderful secret, and Joseph also rejoiced to know that a Saviour was coming to the world. He married Mary and they together waited for the promised Saviour.

The time came for all the people to go and have their names recorded for taxation. Since Joseph and Mary were of the house of David, they were to go to Bethlehem. When they reached Bethlehem, they found the place filled with people. They hunted and hunted for a place to stay that night, but could not find any room. All the places were filled. Finally Joseph inquired at an inn. The man felt sorry for them and said they could stay in the stables. At least that would get them off the streets.

That night God gave to Mary the wonderful babe, the Son of God. Mary wrapped the babe in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. There was no other place for the precious Son of God to be born. There was no room in that great city for the humble, lowly Son of God. Still today we find that people do not have any room in their hearts for the wonderful Saviour of the world; no resting place for him. They are saying, "I have no room for Jesus in my heart." Oh, how sad it is; no room for Jesus, precious Jesus.

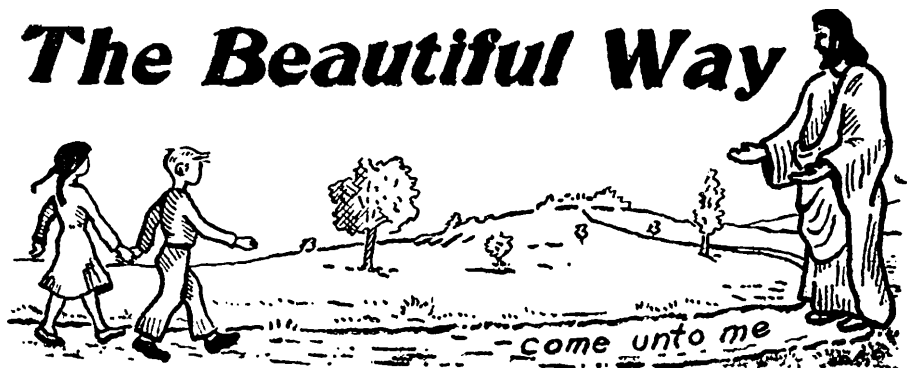
God told this wonderful news about the baby Jesus. The Shepherds were keeping watch over their sheep that night and suddenly a great light shown from the sky and angels appeared singing a wonderful song, "Glory to God in the highest; peace on earth, good will to men." The shepherds were afraid, but the angel told them not to be afraid, for, "Behold, 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 Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And then suddenly as the angels came they went away and all was dark again.

The shepherds went into the city, and there they found the wonderful babe just as the angels told them. They fell down and worshiped Him, the Son of God. Let us worship Jesus today. Let us say, "Come into my heart today, I have room for you, blessed Jesus."

Central Thought—Jesus was expected when he came, in the form of a little babe.

Memory Verse—His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. Isa. 9:6b, 7a.

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Jesus Loves the Children

Jesus loves the little children,

Once He took them on His knee,
Gently put His arms around them,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Oh, He loves to see them kneeling,
And, with hands together, pray;
Loves to hear them call Him Jesus,
If they mean the words they say.

Once He gave His life to buy them
Back from Satan's evil ways,
And at last to Heaven take them,
There to sing His worth and praise.

If they trust Him as their Saviour,
He will wash their sins away;
He will take their hand and lead them
All along the narrow way. —Sel.

What Sort of Eyes

Johnny often wished he could see Jesus. He would like to have been one of those children who was taken into His arms and received His blessing. He would like to have been in the ruler's house when Jesus raised his little daughter from death.

One day the superintendent of the Sunday school, talking to his scholars, said they could see Jesus with the eye of faith. Johnny, who was listening, was very much taken by the words, "could see Jesus with the eye of faith." "Oh, what sort of eyes are they?" the little boy thought. He forgot everything else the superintendent said. Perhaps he told what the eyes of faith were; but Johnny was thinking, and as he could not understand what they were, he pushed up to his teacher, and asked, "Are they spectacle eyes?"

His teacher could not answer then, because she was hearing the lesson; but after it was through she called Johnny to her side, and asked who he was named for. "My uncle that lives in St. Louis," answered the little boy with some surprise in his face. "How do you know you have an uncle there?" she asked. "Oh, I know it," said Johnny, "I know it because he sends me things." "How do you know he sends them?" she asked. "Oh, I know because he writes to me," answered the little boy, "and his letters all say, 'From your affectionate Uncle John.'"

His teacher looked as if, after all, that were not sure proof. He saw the look. "Oh, I know," went on the little boy, "because folks have seen him there, and they told me; and if I grow up a good boy, he's promised to take me and help me. Oh, I'm just as sure, as if I had seen him;" and Johnny did look as sure as he could be.

"You never saw him with your two eyes," said the teacher. Johnny shook his head. "But you believe in him just as fully as if you had." Johnny's face flushed with a strange new thot. "That is the way we see Jesus Christ" she said. "Jesus sends us things. He gives us the sun to warm and light us, corn to eat and cotton to wear. He has written to us; the Bible is His Word. Other folks have seen Him. Peter saw Him, and John and Matthew, and they tell us what He said and did. And He promises to take us to Himself into Heaven, if we trust Him and do His will."

Johnny listened with his heart as well as with his mind. They were both wide open to receive such teachings; and the teacher spoke slowly and plainly that he might understand.

"Eyes of faith is seeing things with your heart," said Johnny at last, "making you feel sure."

"Yes," she answered, "that's it, we believe God and take him at his word."

The little boy carried home with him a new and precious thought from Sunday school that day. It was a seed of thought, which he kept in his heart; and often prayed the little prayer, "Open, O Lord, my eyes of faith to see and know Thee, and love good and hate wickedness." —Sel.

The Lord is my Shepherd
He loves me I know;
Wherever He leads me
I gladly will go.

Bible Story

Genesis 42

Joseph sat upon a throne, dressed like a prince, and everyone who bought corn had to come before him and bow, humbly asking for it, just as if he were the king. No doubt, Joseph wanted to see everyone personally because he knew the famine was in Canaan, and he knew that his brothers would come in search of food. No doubt he anxiously looked into every stranger's face to see if it was his brother. Therefore he probably was not surprised when he saw the faces of his ten brothers and watched them as they bowed low before him. He perhaps thought of the dreams he had had when a boy at home. Now he saw them come true and understood why God had permitted him to be sold into Egypt.

Joseph did not want his brothers to know him, so he made himself strange to them. He spoke to them in the Egyptian language roughly and accused them of being spies. They did not know Joseph because he had grown to manhood. And they said, "Oh, no, we have only come to buy food. We are true men, the sons of one man. Thy servants are no spies." But Joseph said, "You are spies, just to see the nakedness of this land."

The brothers said, "We are twelve brethren of one man. The youngest is home and the other is not." (meaning Joseph whom they had sold). Then Joseph said, "You are spies, but, by the life of Pharaoh, we will prove it. You shall not go away till the youngest brother shall come. Send one of you to bring him here, and the rest shall be kept in prison, that it may be proved whether there be any truth in you." Then he put them into the ward for three days. No doubt Joseph wanted to prove them to see if they treated their youngest brother like they did him. He wanted to see if they were sorry at all for what they had done to him. —M. M.

The Dredger

If you lived near the Panama Canal which connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans you would hear a chug-chug noise. At first you would wonder what it was, but after you knew, you would get used to the noise because the chug-chug goes on all the time. It never stops. It is too important. It is the dredger.

The dredger is a machine used to keep the channel clear to a certain depth so that ocean vessels may pass safely through the Canal. If it were not used constantly, dirt and debris would fill the Canal and at first make it dangerous to use, and then, in time, make it impossible to use.

We, Christians, have to have a dredger in our lives if we want to keep them clear and pure for Jesus. The Bible says, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way," and answers, "By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word." Sin can come into the lives of boys and girls just as the dirt comes into the Canal, and they must daily use God's "Dredger." God's "Dredger" is the Bible, for as we read it, it shows us how to keep sin out of our hearts and lives so that we may be a channel for Jesus to use.

—D. H.

A blizzardy day—not much fun, Tom thought. But that day he had a long talk with his mother. Stormy days are part of God's plan and can be used for pleasant things which we might otherwise miss.

Search Question

Who sat at the rich man's gate to beg for the crumbs that fell?

Answer To Last Week's Question

A raven. Gen. 9:7.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

In our lesson, Joshua asked the people to look back over the way the Lord had led them, pointing out how the Lord had brought them through the dangers and had fed them and cared for them, even working miracles for them. So today, as this is next to the last day of the year, we too should look back and think about the many wonderful things God has done for us this past year. Maybe your Sunday School teacher will let each one of you tell of something that the Lord has done for you this year: how He healed you when you were sick, how he kept you from danger, how he gave you food and clothing. Oh, so many wonderful things he has done for you! Now we ask, like Joshua asked, "Are you going to serve the Lord in truth?" Surely we should. Let's be like Joshua said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

This is the last paper of this quarter. We trust you have reordered, and we would like to have you write a letter for the paper, or a story. Ask your mothers and fathers to write a story. May the Lord richly bless you and help you to always love him.

—Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 13, December 30, 1951

THE PEOPLE MAKE THEIR CHOICE

Joshua 24:1-8, 14-18.

Joshua led the people from victory to victory over the enemies in the Canaan land. Just so, we can have victory when we fight wrong and evil after letting Jesus come into our hearts. Joshua called the tribes of Israel together and called for the elders and chief men of the tribes. Joshua talked to the people. He said, Abraham lived among idol worshipping people. Even his father, history tells us, made idols. But God called him away from home and country and brought him into this Canaan land and promised to multiply his descendents. God had also told Abraham that his descendents would be in Egypt 430 years and then He would bring them back to the land of Canaan. And when the time was up, God sent Moses and Aaron to Egypt. He sent many plagues on Egypt (name them) then God brought them out with a high hand. The Egyptians followed with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. And when the people cried unto the Lord, He put darkness between them and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them. How great is the Lord to you? And you know of the many things that the Lord did for you while in the wilderness. How He fed you quails and manna when you were hungry. How He sent water when you were thirsty; how He caused your clothes not to wear out and your shoes did not show wear. He healed you of all your diseases. And when you came to the Amorites the Lord gave you victory over them and delivered them to your hand, that you might possess their

land." Now Joshua told the people to fear the Lord, and serve him in love and sincerity and in truth; "worship God and know that God has given a land for which you did not labour, and cities which you did not build; olive yards and vineyards which you did not plant. Now love the Lord so much that you will fear to do wrong lest you hurt the Lord your God." He also told them to put away the idols from among them, those idols that the Egyptians worshiped and that Abraham's people worshiped and the enemies in the Canaan land worshiped, and worship the only and one true God.

Joshua said to the people, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua did not send an army among the people and by force take the gods away from them. The Lord does not work in that way. Even today he leaves it to us to "Choose this day whom you will serve." Israel was to destroy their idols and serve the true God of their own choice. We are serving the devil or serving God today. We are loving God and hating evil or loving evil and hating God.

But the people answered, "God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods." Are we choosing to serve God today? Can we be like Joshua? He said, "As for me and my house (wife and children) we will serve the Lord."

Central Thought—If we choose God he will choose us.

Memory Verse—Choose you this day whom ye will serve. Joshua 24:15a.