

The Beautiful Way



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Part One

July 6

No Friend Like Jesus

There is not a friend like Jesus—

Oh, that hearts to Him would turn!
Surely none would ever leave Him,
If this blessed truth they'd learn.

Promises are in the Bible,

He'll fulfill them if we pray;
Things He did in other ages,
He will do for us today.

Mark's Faith and Reward

Mark was faithfully going about his work day by day, doing it as the Bible says, "as unto the Lord." He was young but so glad to do anything his employer told him to do, as fast as his strength allowed. He could work only after school hours, but he was determined to do all he could in that time.

The other boys who worked in the store fooled their time away as often as they could without Mr. Hanks seeing them. But because he did not know it they got their full credit and their full pay. They tried to lead Mark into being untrue, too, but he had a Master in Heaven to serve be-

sides Mr. Hanks. So no matter what the boys said, he would be true in his place.

The boys began to have an ill feeling toward Mark because he would not come to their terms. When he arranged the boxes, cans, etc. in the cellar in good order, after he was out of sight they went after him and strewed them around the floor again. When Mr. Hanks appeared they told him Mark did not do his duty, but left everything in bad order.

When Mr. Hanks told Mark about his slighting in his work, Mark said he arranged them all in order, but some one must have rearranged them again. But Mr. Hanks would not believe Mark. He said two against one must stand. Mark knew all the time that the boys had done the dirty work, but he would not take his own part. He knew the Lord would reward him some way, if he kept faithful.

This meanness continued for a few days. Mr. Hanks kept warning Mark if he did not do better he would lose his position. He could not stand for such work. He must have some one who would obey orders. Mark always assured Mr. Hanks he would do his

best, but he would say no more. He would just let the boys go till they would see their own meanness and confess it, or, if not, he was satisfied to let the Lord take his part.

The next morning after Mark thot this, Mr. Hanks told him he had no more use for him in the store. Mark said, "All right, Mr. Hanks," and he left with a smile of hope.

That night before going to bed Mark opened his nugget box, and drew out this verse: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord" (Matt. 25:21). Mark wept alone in his room for joy. He knew that was a direct promise to him from the Lord. He went to bed in great peace of mind, knowing the Lord would take care of all things.

The next evening Mr. Frees, a business manager, met him on the street, who had been wanting him for a long time to work for him in a responsible place, but he would not take him away from the place where he had been working. He said to Mark, "Well, my boy, I see you are not at work this evening. Are you off for the evening?"

"No," said Mark, "I am not working for Mr. Hanks any more."

"Is that so," said Mr. Frees, "didn't you like the place?"

"Yes, I liked it fine, but I didn't seem to suit there anymore. Mr. Hanks thought I'd better leave."

"Well," said Mr. Frees, "that is too bad," and went on. Mark would not say a word about how he was treated. He wanted people to think the best of Mr. Hanks, for he had always been kind to him otherwise.

Mr. Frees found out the facts of the case from Mark's father. He wanted to know, for he knew Mark was a

trustworthy boy, by what he had often heard of him before.

The next evening the Lord honored Mark's faith. Mr. Frees came to Mark's house and said, "Well, my boy, I've come to hire you for our office. Would you like to come?"

"I certainly would," said Mark, "I expected a job before evening, but I did not know who would hire me. I asked the Lord for a job, and I knew He would get me one. I take it thankfully and gladly, Mr. Frees."

Mr. Frees was not deceived about anything that was said about Mark, for he knew what he was before he hired him. Mark's Christian character spoke for him everywhere he worked. "God is faithful." —Sel.

PRAY WHEN YOU HAVE TROUBLE

Mother had taught her two little girls that when they had trouble between them they should kneel and pray for the one that was in the wrong. Once she heard Doris say, "Betty, I have prayed for you three times, and I believe I shall have to pray again." Betty was not a bad child, but as all small children have troubles between them, Betty seemed to want her own way.

One time Mother watched them. She saw Doris take her little sister's hand, lead her aside, and kneel with her in prayer. Then with all earnestness, she prayed, "O Lord, help Betty to be good, for Jesus sake. Amen." The prayer was short, but it had its effect. Their play was happier and they had no more trouble. —C. B.

Search Question

Who was the first Christian to be killed after Jesus' death?

Answer to Last Week's Question:

All have sinned. Rom. 3:23.

No Friend Like Jesus

Children, did you notice that the title of the poem on the front page is the same as the song No. 103 in the "Evening Light Songs"? I think most of you know that song. This poem can be sung to that tune.

If all the things that Jesus ever did to help people were written and added as stanzas to that song, how many stanzas do you think it would have? A thousand? A million? or maybe they couldn't even be counted.

I have written some verses like that—too many to put in one "Beautiful Way" paper, so you will find two verses on the first page of each paper for the next six papers. Each two verses tell something that Jesus did for people in Bible times. You can sing them all to the tune of the song No. 103, which we sometimes call, "There Is Not A Friend Like Jesus." As you sing these or read them, just think about what a wonderful friend Jesus was to people in Bible times, and what a wonderful friend He will be to us if we will trust Him.

Here is something for you to do.

Get your pencil and paper and ask the Lord to help you make some more verses about something that Jesus did for people in Bible times, or something that He is doing, or has done, for you or your friends at the present time. Make them so we can sing them to that same tune. Send them to: Geneva Ray, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. If they are good, we will print them in the "Beautiful Way" paper. Wouldn't it be nice to have a hundred verses or more? Write as many as you want to.

Jesus was good—I want to be good;
Jesus was kind—I want to be kind;
Jesus was a helper—I want to be a helper.

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Dear boys and girls:

Did you learn the memory verse in this Sunday School lesson? "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." We find when a nation, which is a group of people under one government, forsakes God that great troubles come upon them. Here in the United States we still can worship God in the way we wish to. We should be thankful to God that he causes our rulers to permit this. But in Russia many are killed or are harmed in various ways because they want to worship the only true God. And think of India! For three thousand years she has been serving other gods, or idols; and people there are in misery. Many die and suffer because of this darkness. They permit their girls to marry at the age of fourteen and generally to old men, and when the husband dies the girl is an outcast. They claim that the girl is evil and has received the curse of their gods. In times past they would burn her body upon the funeral pyres of her dead husband. But they don't do that bad now, just mistreat them.

They are kept in ignorance. Men are still plowing with a crooked stick, and many hard things they have to do to barely get a living. Surely we should be thankful for our country where we can worship the true God.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 1, July 6, 1952

THE TIME OF THE JUDGES

Judges 2:8-17; 21:25

In our lessons in the past we studied how God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt and through the wilderness, then across the River Jordan into the Canaan land, the land that God had promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and his people or children's children. Now God had fulfilled this promise. We remember how Moses died and Joshua became the leader. Joshua was a faithful man of God. He did that which was right in the sight of God. And the children of Israel "served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel." (Jud. 2:7).

It is important for us to have good leaders. You should listen to the preachers whom the Lord has sent to preach to you. They are good leaders that will lead you right. When the preacher preaches against something, you must not take up with that thing. When he (or she) tells you that you will have to pray and read the Word of God to get to heaven and live by the Word of God, you must do that. The pastor is looking out for you and is leading you right.

So Joshua was a good leader and led the people right into the Canaan land and gave to them different parts of the land as God had told him to. The Canaan land was divided up into twelve parts. Each tribe of Israel received a part. Jacob, whose name was Israel, had twelve sons, and each son and his family made a tribe. Levi and his children were to take care of the temple worship and they lived at different places and had

no special land, but Manasseh and Ephraim (sons of Joseph) were heads of a tribe and each received land.

Each tribe was to drive out the Canaanites from their land, but some did not do that. They let them live there and charged them money. God was displeased with this. (Jud. 2:1-6). So God sent an angel to talk to the people. The angel of the Lord told them that God had promised to give them the land, and he did not break his promise. And he told them that he would go before them and fight their battles for them and that they should not make peace with any of the people and let them live in their land, but were to throw down their altars that they had made to idols. Then the angel told them that they had not obeyed God's voice so now God would not drive them out but "their gods shall be a snare to you." And we find after Joshua died and all the people that had seen God bring them into the land, that the people did evil in the sight of God. They forsook God and served Baal and Ashtaroath. Baal was an old ugly image and Ashtaroath was a female image. How terrible for them to sin this way. Instead of bowing to God, they bowed to images. God was displeased with this, so he let some of the people that they did not drive out of the land rise up against them and cause them great trouble. God always punishes sin. But God did show some mercy to them. He raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of them that harmed them. As long as the judge lived they were delivered but when he died they would go again to the gods and serve them. We are going to study about some of these judges in future lessons.

Central Truth—We should love our good leaders and obey the Lord.

Memory Verse—Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Ps. 33:12a.

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Part Two

July 13

No Friend Like Jesus

All night long some weary fishers
Toiled till the break of day,
But their nets and ships were empty
When the Saviour came that way.

Then they learned this wondrous secret:

If to Him they would give heed,
He would fill their empty vessels,
And supply their every need.

The story from which this poem is taken is found in Luke 5:1-11. Read it from the Bible. This is the second poem that can be sung to the tune of "There Is Not A Friend Like Jesus" Read about it on page three of last week's "Beautiful Way." Don't forget to write a poem. Or if you can't write a poem, write and tell us some way in which the Lord has proved a real friend to you. Did you ever try to do something and you just couldn't get it done until you asked the Lord to help you? Or did you ever give something to the Lord's service and then He gave you back more than you gave Him?

Anita's Dress

Schools were closing and there were ever so many programs to attend, so Anita decided that she must have a new dress. Most of her friends were buying theirs, but she knew how to sew, a fact she was a little proud of, so she bought some very pretty material to make one.

"Oh," she said to herself, "I'll just make this dress up so neat people will think I bought it, and then I can tell them I made it myself." She kept thinking of all the nice compliments she was going to receive. She was quite anxious to begin her sewing.

Soon she got her pattern, cut out her dress, and began to sew away, trying to make it as neat as possible; but somehow it wasn't turning out at all the way she intended it to. She had to rip out seams and this was something she just hated to do. Then when she sewed them together again her dress didn't fit right and she began to feel quite disgusted. There was such a short time to make it, and here she was having all this trouble. No matter what she did, things didn't

go well. She soon began to come to herself. Just why was all this happening? Then she discovered the reason. She had made her boast in herself. She hadn't even asked the Lord to help her. All the while it was just Anita doing all the work and receiving all the praise. The Lord was entirely left out.

"Oh, what have I done?" she thought. Then she asked the Lord to forgive her and to help her out with her sewing.

Later she thought of the humiliation that king Nebuchadnezzar had received. The Lord had warned him of his proud and haughty condition in a dream, and yet he failed to humble himself. One day he walked thru his palace commending himself for the great Babylon that he had built, leaving the Lord out of it all. While the words were still in his mouth the Lord punished him by causing him to become as the beast of the field. He had to eat grass like an oxen. His hair was as eagle feathers, and his nails as bird claws. The Lord was merciful to him, however. At the end of his seven years, he became again as man, but he was humble. Instead of praising himself, he honored the Lord in all his works.

Let us beware; we may say we are not esteeming ourselves higher than we should, but if we aren't very careful we will begin thinking we are very important and God will surely humble us. I'm sure we wouldn't want to suffer what this old proud king did. —O. A. D.

Bible Story

Exodus 2

The wicked king said that all boy babies were to be killed. One Mother was very careful to hide her little baby boy every day. But babies soon grow

bigger and their cries get louder. This mother could not hide her precious baby any longer.

One day she thought of a plan. She took some bulrushes and made a little ark or boat. She put pitch and slime inside and outside. Then she put her baby in it and took him down to the river. Then she put the little ark in the flags at the river's edge and told the baby's sister, Miriam, to watch the little boat.

Pharaoh's daughter and her maids came down to the river to wash in the water. As they walked along, they saw the little ark in the river's edge. She sent her maid to bring the little ark to her. She opened the ark and there she saw the little baby and he was crying. She felt sorry for him and said, "This is one of the Hebrew's children." Miriam came closely and asked, "Shall I go and call one of the Hebrew women to nurse it for you?" And the daughter of Pharaoh said, "Go." Miriam ran home as fast as she could and called her mother to come quickly. When Pharaoh's daughter looked up, she said, "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give you wages." Oh, how happy the baby's mother was. Not only was her baby boy to live, but also she was to be paid wages to take care of her own child. Pharaoh's daughter called this baby "Moses," because she had drawn him out of the water. —M. M.

Pleasing Jesus

"Mamma," began Harry, as he dropped his wheelbarrow and came into the kitchen.

"What, my dear?" said his mother.

"I wish I could do something to please Jesus. Can't you think of anything?"

"It pleases Him to have you good and kind," his mother replied.

"I know it, Mamma; but I want to DO something." Then he happened to see the empty chip basket; and his face brightened up as he said,

"Would it please Jesus if I should get you a basket of chips?"

"Yes, if you get it on purpose to please Ilim," said his mother.

So Harry ran out to the wood pile, and pretty soon returned with both hands tugging at the full basket; for he was only six years old. "There!" said he as he put it in the chimney, "ain't they nice ones? I did not scabble them up; but I picked them up one by one, because I did not want to get any but nice ones for Jesus."

His mother said, "That is right. Always do your best when you do anything for Jesus."

Won't other little boys and girls remember this, even if they are only going to pick up chips, wash dishes, or learn their lessons?—"Always do your best for the sake of pleasing Jesus." —Sel.

Search Question

At whose feet were Stephen's clothes laid?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Stephen, Acts 7:60.

MARKED

Someone has said that Christ's sheep are marked in the ear and in the foot. They are marked in the ear because they hear His voice. And in the foot because they follow Him. "My sheep hear my voice, and follow me," said Jesus. Do you hear Jesus' voice? You will if you read the Bible. And if you follow Him, Jesus will mark you as His own.

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Dear boys and girls:

As you go to school you will meet so many things that are not right. Other children are not being taught the ways of God, which is the right way. You need not be too surprised if they do wrong or that they will try to get you to do wrong. But you must be strong in the Lord. Don't yield to wrong. Before you leave for school, ask the Lord to keep you from wrong that day and not to be led into wrong. Jesus will answer your prayer and keep you.

One boy wanted another boy to not go on to school, but to go out to the hills instead and then come home as if they had gone. He thought he could get his sister to write a note for them because they were absent. All the other boy needed to do was to bring some of his mother's writing. That was a terrible thing to think up, but the devil helps boys and girls to do these things. But the boy would not do it. If this boy had not prayed the Lord to help him not to do wrong, he might have been tempted because it sounded good to be able to lie around under a tree instead of studying. The devil makes evil look good to you if you will let him. But it always ends up in trouble.—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 2, July 13, 1952

DEBORAH HELPS HER PEOPLE

Judges 4 and 5

In the third chapter of Judges we read of four different judges that judged Israel. As long as the judge lived they would get along fine. Then when he died, they again turned to worship idols and then God would let other nations war against them. They would cry to the Lord, and he would send another judge to deliver them. See the mercy of God, and his great love?

Again the children of Israel sinned against God and God let another nation come down upon them, and for twenty years they ruled them. He had nine hundred chariots of iron. But God, this time, raised up a prophetess, a woman, to be judge. Her name was Deborah. She lived under a palm tree and held her court. She was called a "mother in Israel." All that came to her was given the judgment from God. And people came from far and near to ask her God's will in many things. This palm tree was named after her, called Deborah, and was between two towns, Ramah and Bethel. They were six miles apart and lay in the range of Mount Ephraim.

Deborah sent for Barak. She told him that God had made known to her that it was time that they be delivered out of the hand of the enemies that oppressed them. So she told him to make up an army of 10,000 men taken from the two tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun, and go toward Mount Tabor; and then the Lord would cause the enemies to come up with their chariots and his multitude, and God would deliver them into the hands of the Israelites.

But Barak said to her, "If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go." And Deborah said, "I will surely go with thee, but the journey that you take

shall not be for your honor; for the Lord shall sell Sisera (the enemy's king) into the hand of a woman." And Deborah arose and went with Barak. Barak knew that God was with Deborah and he felt more sure about the victory if she went.

Barak did as he was told and got together the army and Deborah went with him into battle. When she said, "Up, for this is the day," they went down upon their enemies and killed the multitudes and caused the chariots of iron to be scattered. But Sisera, the king fled by foot. Barak pursued after him. Sisera came to a tent where Jael, the wife of Heber lived. She went out to meet him and asked him to turn in to her tent. There she gave him milk when he asked for a drink and covered him with a blanket. He told her to stand at the door, and if any man came and asked if he was there to say, "No." But when he was fast asleep from weariness she took a nail from the tent and a hammer and drove it into his temple and killed him. When Barak came by chasing Sisera, she called him in to see the man that he sought. So God gave them a great victory that day over king Sisera and his army.

Deborah and Barak sang a song of victory over their enemies. (Read it from the Bible). God once more delivered the Israelites out of the hand of their enemies, but this time a woman received the honor. In her song she calls herself a "Mother in Israel." She helped the people out of their troubles when they did as God told her to tell them to do.

Today we have many "Mothers in Israel." They have good things to tell us to do and we should listen to them and do it. They have been along the way and know some of the things we will have to meet.

Central Truth—A mother with faith can do wonders if we will cooperate.

Memory Verse—They trusted, and thou didst deliver them. *Psa. 22:46.*

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Part Three

July 20

No Friend Like Jesus

Once a precious little maiden,
Whom her parents loved so well,
Was so sick her anxious father
Hurried off the Lord to tell.

"She is dead," then came the message;
"Just believe" the Master said;
Soon all grief was turned to gladness,
For He raised her from the dead.

There are three places in the New Testament where you can read about this little girl being raised from the dead. See if you can find them all and read them.

Living For Jesus

June was only five years old, but the Lord was talking to her heart. She began asking Mother something about getting saved. Mother thought perhaps the Lord was talking to June and she explained the question asked and talked to June some more. Then she was sure that it was the Lord talking to her little girl's heart. Together they knelt by June's bed and asked God to forgive her for any-

thing she had done to displease him. June prayed too. Do you think that God heard them pray? Yes, He heard them, and pretty soon June said, "I am happy because the Lord saved me." When Daddy came home she told him that the Lord saved her. She believed God forgave her for displeasing Him and had given her a new heart.

Sometimes June forgot and did not mind Mother or Daddy. Mother would tell her, "You have displeased the Lord, and you go quickly and tell Him you are sorry and ask Him to forgive you." June did that, and she asked Daddy to forgive her when she hadn't minded him.

One day June said, "I am not saved."

Mother asked why, and June replied, "I do not feel happy." Then Mother explained that we cannot go by feelings to know if we are saved. Sometimes grown people think they are not saved because they do not feel happy as they did at first. Then they should search and see if they have disobeyed the Lord, and if they haven't then resist the devil and go right on living for the Lord.

Children, if you haven't already given your heart to Jesus as June did, you pray and tell the Lord you are sorry for anything you have done to displease him. Ask him to give you a new heart and he will hear and answer just as he did for little June.

If you have taken something that did not belong to you, take it back. Or if you can't, go tell that person what you have done and tell them you are sorry. The devil may make it seem like you can't do it, but Jesus will help you and bless you for it. Then any time after you are saved and you find you have displeased the Lord, do not wait, but go quickly and tell him about it just as you would talk to a loving father or Mother. He can keep us from falling or displeasing him, but if we find we have, we should not wait to fix it up with him.

I hope, children, that you will not forget to pray every day. —F. S.

Ned and Jane Questions

"Mother, did you know that Tony's mother lets them drink blood, and all of them do?" Ned said as he came rushing into the house where Mother was.

"Why, son, are you sure about that?" asked mother.

"Yes, Tony said so. Jerry stuck his finger into his mouth when he stuck it with a pin and I told him that he was not supposed to do that because the Bible said we should not eat blood. And then Tony said that it didn't hurt, that it tastes good, and that his Mother lets them drink blood" Ned said, still excited.

"Maybe they do not know that the Bible tells us not to eat blood. Here, get your pencil and some paper and you can write down the Scriptures in the Bible that tells us not to, and then you can give them to Tony and tell

him to ask his Mother to read them to him."

Mother got her Bible while Ned got some paper and pencil. Jane came in about that time and wanted paper and pencil to write also.

"God told Noah that they could eat meat of animals but not the blood, and then over here in Leviticus 17: 10-16—You can write that down— Look here in my Bible to see how to spell it. It says here, 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.' So you see God let them eat the flesh of the animals, but not their blood, because it was the life of the beast and it was to be offered to God, for an offering for their sins. And on down here in the thirteenth verse it says that if you are out hunting and catch a beast or fowl that may be eaten, to pour out the blood and cover it with dust. God says he will punish all who eat blood."

"But, Mother, that was away back there in the old Bible. Would that mean for us not to today?" asked Ned.

"All right, we shall turn over into the New Testament and see what it says. They were not to eat it before Christ died and shed his blood for our sins because it was to be shed, and we do not eat it because the blood has already been shed. Over here in Acts we read a letter sent to the Gentiles from the disciples, telling them some of the things they should not do. Here in the 15th chapter, let us begin at the twenty-eighth verse: 'For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: That ye abstain from [not eat] meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled [killed by the throat and the blood left in the beast].' So

you see the apostle told them that the Holy Spirit told them not to eat blood or drink it."

"I'm glad that God won't let us drink blood because I don't want to," spoke up Jane.

"I wouldn't either, Jane, but some people like it very much, but surely they do not know that the Bible tells us not to," said Mother.

"I don't think that Tony's mother knows, and she won't do it any more after she reads this in the Bible, will she?" Ned said as he folded his paper and put it in his pocket.

"I hope that she will want to obey the Bible," said mother. —M. M.

Glow In The Dark

One day I was given a beautiful little cross with instructions for making it glow in the dark. I was to set it in the sunlight during the day so it could absorb light rays, and then at night when there was no light in the room, it would shine. When I followed instructions it proved satisfactory.

Afterwards I was made to think that we, too, can glow in the dark. If we live close to Jesus, our lives will be in the likeness of his, and then when trials or tests (darkness) comes we, too, can glow in the dark.

Another thing of note about the cross was that the longer it was in contact with the sunlight the longer it would glow. The closer we stay to Jesus the brighter we will shine when tests come. —O. A. D.

Search Question

Where was Saul going at the time of his conversion?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Saul's. Acts 7:58.

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Do you still love Jesus best? Better than Mother and Father and anyone else in the world? Oh, I'm so glad that you do. Jesus wants to be first in our love. And he should be, shouldn't he? He is so wonderful, so good, so kind, and loves us more than anyone else in the world. We had sinned against God and Jesus and had done wrong. We were lost, doomed for eternal damnation, blackness, and darkness; but Jesus loved us and was willing to leave that beautiful home in heaven and his Father and come down here into this dark world. He was willing to be crucified on the cross just so you and I and everybody that wills can be saved, be saved from hell and go to that beautiful home that is so wonderful that words cannot tell us how wonderful. Oh, how we should love Jesus! I am so thankful to the Lord that you do love Jesus and that you are willing to suffer a little for him. Just keep loving Jesus and watching and praying, and you will be a shining light in this world. Read the Word of God and the Lord will bless you. You may not understand it all, but just reading it you will be blessed and little by little you will understand more.—Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 3, July 20, 1952

GIDEON, A BRAVE LEADER

Judges 6 and 7; 8:22-23.

After the days of Deborah and Barak, the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years. The Midianites destroyed the crops of Israel and made grazing lands of their farms. The Israelites were left without food, sheep, ox, and ass. They even made dens and caves in the hills to live in because the enemies moved in and took over. But as the Israelites always did before when in trouble, they cried to the Lord. The Lord was merciful and heard them.

The angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, son of Joash, as he threshed wheat by the winepress. He was hiding his wheat from the Midianites so they would not take it. The angel said, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour." Not that Gideon was already a hero, but the angel knew what he would do. Gideon was so glad that the angel had come. He had been thinking about the trouble that he and the Israelites were in and he wondered why this had befallen them. He was a young man and had heard the older ones tell of the way the Lord had delivered the children of Israel out of Egypt and all the miracles that God did, but now he did not see any miracles. So Gideon just told the angel his thoughts. But the angel looked at him. And he saw, no doubt, down in Gideon's heart a humility and willingness to obey, a man whom he could use, and he said, "Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites; have not I sent thee?" Gideon then told the angel that he and his family were very

poor and that he was just a son and very few people knew him as a leader. He did not feel he would be of any use. But that is just the person that the Lord wants to use, the one that feels he is nothing, because then God can work. But the Lord said to him, "Surely I WILL BE WITH THEE, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man."

Oh, if Jesus goes with us, we can go anywhere! God has all power and has power over the devil and will help us.

Gideon wanted to be sure that the Lord would go with him because he knew that if he did go in his own strength, he would fail. He asked the Lord to give him a sign (Tell first sign: Judges 6:17-22).

Then the Lord told Gideon to tear down the altar of his fathers, built to Baal, the idol, and to build an altar to the Lord on top of the rock and offer a sacrifice. He did this at night. The men of the city wanted to kill him, but Gideon's father said, "If Baal be a god, let him plead for himself." Then Gideon asked the Lord for another sign (Judges 6:36-40). God gave it to him and Gideon was ready to go. He gathered together a great host to go up against the Midianites. They were too many. God chose only three hundred (Tell how he chose them, 7:1-7). They were armed with lamps in pitchers and trumpets. God in a wonderful way helped the Israelites drive the enemies out of their country. The people asked Gideon to rule over them, but he said, "I will not rule over you, but the Lord shall rule over you."

Central Truth—God chooses those who will let Him use them.

Memory Verse—TEACH me thy way, O Lord, and LEAD me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. Ps. 27:11.

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July 27

No Friend Like Jesus

Out on Galilean waters,

Frightened by the stormy waves,
Sailors thought that they would perish
But the Master surely saves.

Jesus said, "Why are ye fearful?"

When he heard their troubled cries.
Lo, He calmed the mighty tempest—
Lord of earth, and sea, and skies!

The story about the storm on the waters is found in Matt. 8:23-34; also in two other places in the Bible. Can you find them? After you read this, you will know what to do when something frightens you—go to Jesus.

Once a captain of a ship was out on the sea when a great storm arose. He became very frightened and thought the ship would surely sink. But when his little girl heard him tell the other men on the ship that all was lost, she said, "Father, isn't God upon the waters just the same as on the land?" He hadn't thought of it that way; but the little girl's words caused him to have faith that God would help them and not let them perish—and God did.

A Rainy Journey

Rain clouds were already in the sky but Ann's father still felt that he should go to service, which was a distance of about thirty miles, and of course Ann was to accompany him.

Ann had always had a certain fear of traveling in rainy weather, especially if the roads were muddy and there was any danger of the car sliding about or slipping into a ditch.

Before they left, family devotion was held as usual and it seemed as though the Lord helped her father to pray that their car would not go into the ditch. Oh, how good it helped her to feel, for she believed the Lord would answer his prayers.

Ann and her father had a safe journey and the Lord blessed in the meeting. After having dinner with some of their friends, they started homeward. Everything went well as long as they were on the paved roads, but soon they had to turn off on the dirt road which was quite muddy. Ann was so glad her father had asked the Lord to protect and keep them from going into the ditch, for it kept her from being afraid.

But it wasn't for them to get home without some kind of trouble, for soon it began to rain very hard. They came to great ponds of water. The engine got wet and the motor died. What next! Rain, rain, just torrents of rain, and there they were right in the middle of a pond. Her father removed his shoes, for the water was deep, and got out to see what could be done. They looked each direction for help and saw no one in sight. For more than an hour they sat through the showers of rain. Finally they were able to find help, so they went on their way rejoicing.

Ann reminded her father of how he had prayed to stay out of the ditch, but not out of a pond of water. The Lord did just what he asked of Him.

—O. A. D.

Problems for You To Solve

1. Donald and Dick went to visit their grandma one summer. Whenever Donald changed clothes he hung up those he took off or put them in the laundry if they were dirty. Every morning Donald made his bed. Dick left his clothes laying on the floor. He never helped his brother Donald make the bed. Both boys had a happy time. Which boy was a thankful guest?

2. Aunt Rose came to spend a few weeks in the Keller home. Two little girls, Nell and Nancy Keller, had to give up their room to her. One day Nell said to Aunt Rose, "How do you like our room, Aunt Rose?"

"Oh, I think it is a lovely room, Nell."

"I think so too," Nell replied.

After awhile Nancy said, "I love Aunt Rose, but I wish she would sleep on the davenport or else go home. I want to sleep in my room myself."

What do you think of Nell and Nancy?

3. Paul and Casper were having company. Two little cousins, May and Dora, had come to spend the week end with them. Casper and Paul wanted to play marbles. The girls played marbles for awhile, then Dora said, "Let's play hopscotch."

"No, let's play Indian," Paul said.

What do you think the boys should do? Why?

You will find the answers below. Turn your paper up-side-down to read.

3. I think that Casper and Paul should realize that the girls were their company and that they had already played one game the boys suggested; now wouldn't it be kinder to play a game that the girls liked?

2. Nell made Aunt Rose feel at home, but Nancy was selfish, don't you think? She should be glad to let Aunt Rose be in a room to herself, she didn't come very often.

1. Can't you just hear grandma say to grandpa, "I would love to have the boys more often if Dick were like Donald in keeping their room tidy." I believe Donald was the thankful guest.

ANSWERS TO PROBLEMS

—M. M.

The Boy for The Job

Philip wanted a job for the summer months. So did several of his friends. Mr. Grimm, the hardware merchant, advertised for a boy. Nearly all the fellows applied. A few accepted the job but quit the first day. Then Philip applied. The other boys laughed when they heard this. "He should know better, after our experience," they said.

Mr. Grimm hired Philip promptly. "Go to the attic," he said, "and sort

out each kind of nuts, screws, and bolts in that box. When you finish, let me know."

It was a tiresome job. Philip did not like it one bit. He had expected to clerk in the cool, clean store. Instead, he had to work in a hot stuffy attic—doing something that seemed so useless.

But he remembered his mother's words that morning, "Son, do well whatever Mr. Grimm gives you to do. Be faithful." So he worked on, and on, through the long, hot forenoon. It was three o'clock that day when he went to Mr. Grimm and said he had finished the job.

"Good!" said the merchant. "I'll have a look." He gazed with approval at the row of jars, each containing a different kind of nuts, screws, or bolts. "Just fine! Tomorrow, Philip, you will work in the store. I think you'll do nicely. You have passed your 'entrance examination' with flying colors." He smiled suddenly. "I am looking for a boy who is faithful, for you know the Bible tells us, 'He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much.' "

Search Question

For how many days was Saul without his sight and neither ate nor drank?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Damascus Acts 9:3.

A little girl was afraid of the dark, afraid of silence, afraid of noise, afraid to be alone at night. She told me not long ago that she was not afraid any more. "My Sunday School taught me to say, 'When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee,' and when I say that I am not afraid any more."

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Dear boys and girls:

There was a very poor family who had to live day by day trusting in God alone for food. They were not sure of the next meal. But God looked down upon them as he does all of his children in any kind of trouble and always supplied their needs. One of the children said that they believed God heard when they would scratch the bottom of the barrel, taking out the last of the flour to make bread, and would send them more. Isn't the Lord good to us? We should always trust him and just know that he will care for us.

A number of the subscriptions to the little paper have run out. Maybe that cousin or relative, or friend to whom you had the paper sent, does not receive it now. There are many people who will read a paper if it comes, but are so busy that they do not send for it. Ask the Lord if he wants you to send for them again. So many today are not interested in their souls' welfare and we need to do all we can to get the truth to them.

Aunt Marie.

God's faithful promises are full of hope for the believer.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4, July 27, 1952

A BOY WHO COULD BE TRUSTED

1 Samuel 1:20-28; 3:1, 16-21; 4:1.

Today we are going to talk about a little boy that became a great man of God. God is interested in us when we are small. He wants all boys and girls to love him and give their lives to Him.

When the nation of Israel settled in Canaan, the tent of meeting was set up permanently at Shiloh. Each year many of the faithful went there to worship God and to offer sacrifices and thank offerings.

Elkanah and his wife Hannah, from the town of Ramah, went to Shiloh to worship in the tent of meeting. Hannah would ask God to give her a son. Her husband assured her that he loved her, but she wept because she did not have a son. She went to the temple and prayed to God. She told the Lord if he would give her a son she would give him to God all his days. Eli, the high priest, saw her and told her that God would give what she asked.

It was a happy day for Hannah when her son was born to her. She named him Samuel, which means, "Heard of God." Finally the day came when she took Samuel to the house of the Lord in Shiloh and presented him to Eli, saying that she had given him to God as she had promised.

Eli was an old man, and there was very little play time for a boy who lived with the high priest. But Samuel did his work faithfully. He opened and closed the doors of the house of God. He kept the lamps trimmed, and he probably cleaned the floors and dusted the rooms.

Each year his mother came to see him

and brought him a new white linen robe to wear. Samuel slept in the tent of meeting near where the lamps burned before the golden ark.

He was aroused from a sound sleep one night by a voice calling, "Samuel! Samuel!" "Here am I," answered Samuel, and he ran to Eli. Eli said that he did not call him, to go back and lie down. He went back to his mat and lay down and went to sleep. Again he heard the voice, "Samuel! Samuel!" Once more he ran to Eli and said, "Here am I; for you called me." Again Eli told him that he did not call him, and the third time Samuel heard the voice calling him and he ran to Eli the third time. But then Eli knew that it was the Lord calling Samuel, so he told him to go lie down and if he called again to say, "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."

Samuel was filled with amazement at the thought that the Lord had called him, and when the Lord called again, Samuel answered, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears." Then the Lord told Samuel that He was going to bring judgment against Eli and his house for the wrongdoing which Eli knew and because his sons were blaspheming God and he did not rebuke them."

Can't you see how Mother and Father are told by God to correct you when you do wrong or they will be punished?

When Samuel opened the door of the tent of meeting, Eli asked him what the Lord had told him and Samuel told him.

Samuel grew and the Lord was with him and all Israel knew that he was a prophet from God.

Central Truth—We should give ourselves to God when we are young.

Memory Verse—And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the Lord, and also with men. 1 Sam. 2:26.

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No Friend Like Jesus

Luke 19:1-9.

Once a little man name Zacchaeus
Sought to see the Lord one day,
For him, too, the Lord was seeking
As a sheep who'd gone astray.

Zacchaeus for his sins was sorry,
Jesus every wrong forgave
And enrolled his name in heaven,
For the lost He came to save.

How Arthur Buried His Sins

Hello, Arthur! What are you doing?"

"Digging a grave."

"Digging a grave? Who's dead? Bowser?"

"Not on your life, worse'n that."

"Did your old cat die at last? I should think you'd be glad of that; you hated her so!"

"Worse'n that, too, Mary Jane, an' I want you to go 'way an' let me bury my dead myself. I'm 'shamed of 'em."

But Mary Jane was one of those children who were very curious, and she sat still and thought she would wait and see whom he put in the

grave. Deeper and deeper Arthur dug until he had a hole two feet deep. Then he sat down by his solemn-looking grave, drew a paper out of his pocket, opened it and began to read what seemed to be a long list of something, while tears ran down his face.

Mary Jane could stand it no longer. "Arthur, whatever is the matter with you? Are you going daffy? What are you crying about, I'd like to know? Let me see that list," and in spite of all Arthur's efforts, she got it away from him, and here is what she read: "Sins That Must Be Buried"

Stealing: Stole a hammer and ax.

Pride: Would not wear my old shoes to school.

Unmanliness: Sassed Mother and my teacher.

Anger: Slapped Johnnie twice.

A long list it proved to be.

Mary Jane was dumbfounded. "Arthur, whatever are you thinking about, burying this list of sins? Why they're IN you, boy, and to get 'em buried for keeps, you'll have to bury YOURSELF."

Arthur looked up through his tears. "Bury myself? Mary Jane, why it's you that's going daffy, not me!"

"Well, Arthur, it's all right to bury 'em, but not in dirt."

"Well, where can I bury them so's I'll never find them again, and get out of scoldings and lickings?"

"Well, I'll tell you," said she, "Moth-er told me."

"Yes, your mother takes an interest in you and tells you things. Mine doesn't; she just scolds and Daddy licks!"

Mary went over to Arthur where he sat so disconsolate and put her hand on his head and said, "I buried mine in the Blood of Jesus."

"Whoever told you such a thing?"

"Why, it's in the Bible, Arthur."

"Oh, yes, my Daddy won't let one of them Books in the house and I never heard."

Off went Mary to her home in the next yard to get her own little Bible. She read words that stopped the strange burial:

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin. . . . If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" 1 John 1:7, 9.

The children knelt beside the hole in the dirt, and Mary Jane prayed, "Oh, God, please bury Arthur's sins in Jesus' Blood and tell him to quit crying, for Jesus' sake, Amen."

Then Mary Jane said, "Now say, 'Amen,' Arthur;" and he did.

The children were quiet for a little while, then Arthur began to laugh. "What is the matter now, Arthur?"

"I don't know, Mary Jane, but a glad feeling spilled over inside me, what is it, Mary Jane?"

"Why Arthur, it's love for Jesus, and you're free from your sins, and 'way down inside your soul you're hearing the music of the glad angels

because you've buried your sins in Jesus' Blood."

Mary picked up her Bible and went home to tell her mother that God had saved Arthur; and Arthur went home to be a brave soldier before his ungodly father and mother.

First Corinthians 1:18-31. —Tract

Correcting Our Wrongs

Hattie had not been saved very long, but she really intended to keep close to the Lord while going to school. There were a few days of her summer vacation left, and during that time she thought of her past life. She remembered that once during the previous school term she had cheated on an examination. Now to some, this would seem a very small thing indeed, but to Hattie it was large enough to bother her.

Soon after school began, the opportunity came for her to make it known to her teacher. It so happened that one day while she and her brother and sister were walking to school the teacher chanced to come the same way. The Lord made it very easy for her to tell him. How happy she felt then, and the teacher certainly respected her as a little Christian. Whenever there was a task to be done that required honesty, he always depended on Hattie to perform it.

Sometime we have something to make right after we are saved, and the devil makes it seem such a difficult task to do, but never listen to him, for the Lord will always make it as easy as possible for us. Sometime, too, the devil will cause us to keep putting it off, but don't listen to him, for he knows he will soon have you thinking that maybe it isn't necessary after all, even if at first you definitely knew the Lord wanted you to do it.

So let us keep our experience clear with the Lord by doing just what he tells us to at the first opportunity we have.

—O. A. D.

Bears Helping Each Other

A gentleman was once making inquiries in Russia about the method of catching bears in that country. He was told that to entrap them a pit was dug and covered over with turf, leaves, etc.; then some food was placed on the top. The bears, if tempted by the bait, easily fell into the snare.

"But," he added, if four or five happen to get together, they all manage to get out again."

"How is that?" asked the gentleman.

"They form a sort of ladder by stepping on each other's shoulders, and thus make their escape."

"But how does the bottom one get out?"

"Ah! these bears, though not possessing a mind and soul such as God has given us, yet can feel gratitude; and they won't forget the one who has been the chief means of procuring their liberty. Scampering off, they fetch the branches of a tree, which they let down to their poor brother, enabling him to speedily join them in the freedom in which they rejoice."

Sensible bears, we should say, and a great deal better than some people that we hear about, who never help anybody but themselves. —Sel.

Search Question

Whom did the Lord send to lay hands on Saul that he might receive his sight?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Three Acts 9:9.

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Dear boys and girls:

I thank the Lord today that there are more and more of our children and juniors who are giving their hearts to the Lord. Oh, how important it is to have Jesus with you. You are not able to say, "No," to wrong without Jesus helping you. After you have done wrong, you will think, 'I didn't intend to do that. I didn't want to do wrong. Oh, why did I do that?'

Then I can hear Jesus speaking to your heart, saying, "If you had prayed to me and asked me to help you, I would have kept you from wrong." Oh, how important it is to pray. Prayer is what keeps you saved. Remember to always pray. The Bible says, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

I trust that you have been able to go to a camp meeting this summer. And I am sure the Lord blesses you as you go to the children's meetings and the other meetings. You want to listen to what is being said and remember it. Only God's word will be preached. I'm sure you do love to go to camp meeting. —Aunt Marie.

"A wise man (boy) will hear, and will increase learning; and a man (boy) of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels"—Prov. 1:5.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 5, August 3, 1952

SAMUEL SPEAKS FOR GOD

1 Samuel 7:5-17.

Everyone loved Samuel and was very glad that once again they had someone whom God was speaking thru to them.

God brought to pass the punishment which He told Samuel would come to Eli and his sons. The Philistines came out to fight against the Israelites. The Israelites were losing the battle and decided to get the Ark and bring it with them into battle. This was a very wrong thing to do, for God did not tell them to do this. When they told the wicked sons of Eli what they wanted to do, they took the Ark and went into battle. Eli could not keep them from doing this, yet his heart trembled for the Ark. But in this way God punished the Israelites and the sons of Eli. They were greatly defeated, Eli's two sons were killed, the Ark was taken by the enemy, and when the news reached Eli he fell over dead. And the rest of the people mourned because the Ark was taken.

The Philistines had great troubles when they had the Ark of the Lord in their land. They set it in the temple of their god, Dagon. In the morning when they came in they found that Dagon had fallen down upon his face to the earth before the Ark of the Lord (Tell more details). The Ark never did return to Shiloh, but later David brought it directly to Jerusalem.

The Philistines continued to bother the Israelites, and they began to cry to God. Samuel spoke to the people and told them all to come together in an open air meeting at Mizpeh, and, "I will pray for you unto the Lord." Samuel knew that the people needed a revival, and he sent out the call. Samuel knew the people had sinned against God by worshipping

idols, and they needed to repent. The people came, and we are told that they fasted on the day of their arrival, and that the meeting was marked by confession. They said, "We have sinned against the Lord." They drew water and poured it out before the Lord. This was a symbol of their humility. In other words, they poured out their hearts like water in repentance to God. And Samuel judged them. He told them of wrongs which they needed to make right.

The Philistines heard of this meeting—just like when we have a revival meeting in which people are stirred to get saved and get closer to God, the devil is mad—and they got together an army and marched down upon the Israelites. When the Israelites heard it, some of them who looked at their little weak group against the great army of the Philistines were afraid, but they did not run. They increased their prayer, and cried to Samuel, their leader, "Cease not to pray for us that the Lord will save us out of the enemy's hand." Samuel offered an offering to the Lord and cried to Him. The Lord "thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them." Israel had a great victory because the Lord fought for them. Samuel took a stone and set it up for a memorial. It was from this very spot that the Ark had been captured twenty years before. They trusted in the Ark then, but now they trusted in the Lord.

Samuel judged the people till he was a very old man. He had a circuit, going from place to place.

Central Truth—The way out of trouble is to go God's way.

Memory Verse: Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only. 1 Sam. 7:3.

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No Friend Like Jesus

Luke 18:35-43.

By the dusty wayside begging,
Sat a blind man day by day,
Sad was he, and very lonely,
Till the Saviour passed that way.

Loudly did he call for mercy
As the Lord was passing by,
Then the blinded eyes were opened,
For the Saviour heard his cry.

God Leads Ellen Right

A group of young people and juniors were going on a boat up the lake to another town where a circus was going on. Ellen wanted to go with them. She soon obtained her father's consent, but went to her mother with many misgivings, as she knew her mother did not go to circuses and had spoken against her going.

Her mother listened to her and remained quiet for a few seconds, and then she said, "Ellen, there are many things to consider about your going. You know how I love to have you go for a ride on the water when I know you are in good company. I also love

to have you attend places of interest to you when I know there's nothing to defile your mind or lead you from the path of purity. But, Daughter, there are many things in the world that look beautiful to the eye, but tend to lead the soul astray. Do you think Jesus would go to a circus? Do you think you could get any good, should you go? You have passed your tenth birthday. I think you are old enough to take this matter to God in prayer and let Him decide it for you. Go and ask Him to direct you to some passage of Scripture that will open your understanding and help you to know what He wants you to do."

"Oh, Mother," said Ellen, who had felt strange about the matter, "please tell me yes or no, and I'll say no more about it."

"No, Ellen; it will, in many ways, be better for you to do as I've said."

Ellen left the room, taking her Bible, whispered a prayer that she might open it to something that would help her to decide. As she opened the book, her eyes fell upon these words: "Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher, vanity of vanities; all

is vanity." Hurriedly she turned the pages, thinking she might have opened to that passage anyway. Next she read, "I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth; therefore, enjoy pleasure: and behold this also is vanity." Returning to her Mother, she read the verses to her and said, "I might have turned to that anyway."

"Ellen," said her Mother, "those words were written by the wisest man the world has ever known, one who had the privilege of enjoying every known pleasure under the sun. But when he had tried them all, he sat down and wrote the words you have just read, and also said, 'All is vanity and vexation of spirit.' Now you have my view of the subject, and you have Solomon's; but if you are still in doubt, go and pray."

Ellen was not satisfied. She slipped away the second time and fell upon her knees. She cried, "O Lord, you once answered Gideon with a sign; now please give me a sign and help me to know whether I should stay at home or not. If you don't want me to go, make it rain." Though simple and short, the prayer came from the heart. She was determined to know God's will concerning her; and to such God never turns a deaf ear.

The next morning she went to the door and saw a cloud, and soon it was raining. That was enough, and she knew that God wanted her to stay home, and she was not cross about it. She ran to her father and told him about it, and that she was not going. She also told the girls why she could not go with them. She was not sad, but happy to know how wonderful the Lord was to her in answering her prayer so wonderfully.

But what about the excursion party? They were returning from the show and a storm came up. They

could not come into their harbor because of the fierceness of the gale and had to stay out on the lake all night. The next morning it was a weary, seasick crowd that came ashore. Ellen more than ever thanked God for his goodness in leading her to stay home.

Dear children, this is a true experience of a little girl, and God will help each one of you to be led right if you will not want your own way and be willing to follow the way He leads.

—M. M.

Bible Story

Exodus 2

Moses' mother was very careful to teach Moses about God and no doubt she told him how that he should try to help his people when he became old enough. She knew that he would be in Pharaoh's house and would have a chance to help them. Finally the time came when Pharaoh's daughter came for him. She took him to the palace to live, and he was taught in the finest schools and learned all the knowledge of the Egyptians. He also was in line to be a Pharaoh of Egypt. But he did not care about that honor. He had a love for God and for his people.

One day he went down to see his brethren. He had heard of their many burdens and he thought he could help. He saw an Egyptian hitting a Hebrew, one of his brethren. His anger rose, and instead of looking to God for help, he looked all around him and not seeing anyone around he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. This was a wrong thing to do.

Then the next day he went out again and, behold, two men of the Hebrews fought with each other. Moses felt badly about it. He said to the one who was in the wrong, "Why did you hit your brother?" And he said to him,

"Who made you a prince and a judge over us? do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" This made Moses afraid. He thought, surely this thing is known.

Finally Pharaoh heard about it and he sought to kill Moses. Moses was afraid and he hurried out of the land and went into the land of Midian.—M.M.

A Book With Fire

Do you know there is a Book with fire in it? In the 119th Psalm, verse 105, we read: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." That is true of the Bible, and over and over again people have turned to its pages and found they were warmed and warned and guided. Remember the incidents told about Moses and Joseph and David in the Old Testament, and the beautiful words and wonderful love of Jesus in the New?

Read them over and over again till you find them glowing and gleaming in your heart, and then you will make a great discovery that can change your life, its aims and desires. You will find yourself chosen to be a King's son. For Jesus, when our hearts warm to Him through His Word, is near us by His Spirit, inviting us to be God's children, assuring us of the Father's love. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

Search Question

At what place was Jesus' followers first called Christians?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Ananias Acts 9:12

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Dear boys and girls:

How are you spending your time now since you are out of school? You have more time now than while going to school. And I think the Lord would be so pleased if you would read more about Him and the great people of the Bible. I wish it were possible to give a prize to every one that would read the Bible through, or even the Bible Story Book. But since I can't do that, I would just ask you to do it and then ask the Lord to bless you for it. And the blessing that the Lord gives you will be greater than any prize that I might feel was very nice. Won't you start tomorrow and read a chapter every day?

And also since these are nice days and some of you could ask your Sunday School teacher if there are any extra little papers and you could go to the park or somewhere and give them out to children. Sometimes the office has extra ones. Write in for as many as you think you could use, or that they can spare to you. That will be working for Jesus.

—Aunt Marie

THE RAIN SONG

If all were rain and never sun
No bow would span the hill;
If all were sun and never rain,
There'd be no rainbow still.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 6, August 10, 1952

CHOISING A KING

1 Samuel 9—13.

Samuel had now grown old, and the people were asking for a king like their neighbors. God was displeased with them for wanting a king and did not think it best, but sometimes God lets us have those things to teach us a lesson.

There was a man named Kish who had a son whose name was Saul. Saul was a tall man, taller than any other man in Israel. He was a good man and nice looking, and strong. One day his father told him to take a servant and look for their asses which were lost. They looked and looked, but could not find them. Finally they came to a town and the servant said that he heard that the man of God (Samuel) was in that city. He said, "Maybe he can tell us where we can find the asses." After deciding what to give the man of God for his help, they started toward the town. Some girls told them where they could find the man of God, and on they went. As they went, Samuel, also, was going. And as soon as Samuel saw Saul, the Lord told him, "Behold the man whom I spake to thee of; this same shall reign over my people." When Saul saw Samuel in the gate, he asked where the seer's house was. Samuel answered, "I am the seer, go up to the high place and eat with me, and tomorrow I will tell thee what is in thine heart. As for the asses, they are found. And on you is all the desire of Israel." But Saul did not feel he was worthy. He ate with Samuel that day and visited with him. The day came when they were to leave and Samuel walked out with Saul. He

sent his servant on. Then he took a vial of oil and poured upon Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Is it not because the Lord anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?" He then told him where he would find the asses.

The Spirit of God came upon Saul and gave him another heart and he did prophesy.

Samuel called the people together and told them that God had given them a king. He asked the people, "Is there none like him in Israel?" And all the people shouted and said, "God save the King." Then the people all went home and Saul to his home, but a band of men went with him.

A multitude of Philistines gathered against the Israelites to fight. Three thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen gathered against the people of Israel, who had only three thousand men. The Philistines had so stripped the land before that they had no smiths, no swords, no spears, and the people were scattered. They hid in caves, thickets, and high places and rocks. They were in an awful condition, but they called on Saul and his son Jonathan. And God delivered the Israelites out of the hand of the Philistines because they had Him on their side. It surely pays to have God on our side, doesn't it? God will not forsake his people. People always have to forsake God first.

Central Truth—God will put us in our place and use us in his plans if we are faithful to him.

Memory Verse—The Lord will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. 1 Sam. 12:22.

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Part Seven

August 17

No Friend Like Jesus

Mark 5:1-20

All alone out in the mountains
Was a wild man none could tame.
Many devils did possess him,
Till the powerful Saviour came.

Soon the man who'd roamed the mountains,
Was as sane as man could be,

For the Lord, who never faileth,
From the devils set him free.

Tsung and The Tiger

(A True Story)

There can be no doubt that God is in the life of a brave boy of whom I tell you. His name is Tsung, and he is about eleven years of age. He works at a mission house in China.

There was one thing Tsung liked to do—play the flute. And he did! Nobody, however, besides Tsung, enjoyed it very much. The sounds were very shrill and piercing. At last the missionary said to him one day, "Tsung, why are you so cruel to the cat?"

"How do you mean, sir?" he asked.

"Why, don't you see what happens to her when you play that flute of yours? Look!"

Tsung looked, and sure enough the poor cat looked most uncomfortable. Its back was reared in a great hump, its head was moving from side to side, and its eyes rolling much.

"But why does playing upset the cat so, sir?" asked Tsung.

"Well," said his master, "it's bad enough for us, Tsung, but for that little creature's ears, well! it's enough to split its eardrums! If I were you, I'd play when the cat isn't about," he went on, saying inwardly to himself, "that's a good idea, because the cat is mostly about."

Some days passed by, Tsung was working one morning in the rice plantation, near the house. Suddenly he was startled to see, creeping through the rice, a great yellow creature with dark stripes. "It's a tiger," said he to himself in fear, and then he remembered hearing folk say that a man-eating tiger was about, and had not yet been caught.

Fascinated, Tsung crept after the great beast, and saw it make its way to the mission compound and leap ov-

er the wall. Then his heart nearly stood still, for he remembered that the steps of the veranda led straight up to the nursery, and the missionary's dear little baby was there, sleeping in its cot.

Tsung ran around the house and in at the front door, hoping to reach the nursery in time to rouse the nurse. But when he reached the doorway there was the nurse on the floor in a dead faint, and the tiger crouching on the veranda, about to spring upon the cot. His brain worked fast. What could he do?

Suddenly there shot into his mind his master's words about the cat and his flute. "A tiger after all is only a great cat!" he thought. He whipped his little flute out of his sash, and set it to his lips and began to play hard. Tootle! Tootle! Tootle! he went. The tiger, startled, looked up. Tsung advanced into the room and got between the cot and the tiger. He tried to glare into the tiger's eyes as angrily as the great beast glared into his. Steadily and bravely he went on playing.

Presently to his joy and relief the tiger rose to its feet, up and up went its back, its tail rearing angrily. Then its great head began to roll slowly from side to side, as though it was trying to get its ears away from the sound. And then, oh, joy! it turned sulkily around, slunk down the steps and across the compound, leapt over the wall and was gone!

God gave Tsung the courage to do this brave deed. I don't suppose the missionary minded hearing that flute any more, do you? —Sel.

The Power of God

Earl and Mary were watching Mother as she prepared to make a cake. She had everything ready and was

about to connect the electric beater to the outlet so it would run. Then she said, "Do you see this electric beater, how it is dead unless I plug it into the electric power? It is useless and will not beat until the power is turned on. All the parts are in good condition, the motor ought to work well. But it has set here on the table doing nothing. But now look as I plug it in—it runs. It is all right, but it is worthless without the power. It would stay here all day and not beat unless the power was turned on."

Earl and Mary were all eyes and ears, as they knew Mother had something to tell them that would be good. They listened as Mother went on and said, "This makes me think of Moses. There he was, a man God had trained to deliver His people from the Egyptians. He had been reared as the son of Pharaoh, trained in all the learning of the Egyptians, and God had led him out into the desert where he learned to listen to God. And yet when God called him and told him what he wanted him to do, he begged off. He was all in good running order, except that he was worthless. While God talked with him, God's power was turned into Moses' life and he became a man that God could use. Only God's power made Moses great."

"How can we get the power of God turned on in our lives, Mother?" asked Earl.

"By opening our hearts and letting Jesus come into our lives. He brings power as we seek to please God and not ourselves. We must listen to his voice in the Word of God. And as we see his great glory and power we will shine for God. Then we can be used of God. Others will see the power of God working and will ask us why we can be so happy all the time. We can tell them, "It is the power of God in our lives that helps us shine."—M. M.

The Sun and the Wind

Perhaps you have heard the old, old story of the sun and the wind. They had a quarrel as to which was the stronger. Each thought himself the most powerful. As they argued about it, they saw a man walking along a country highway wearing a heavy coat.

"There," said the wind, "is a chance to see which of us is the stronger. The one who can make that man take off his coat we will say is the stronger." The wind began to blow. He puffed and tugged at the man's coat. He raised a storm of hail and rain. But the man only drew his coat closer about him. The wind just couldn't get it off.

Then the sun took his turn. He shone with all his beams on the man's shoulders. The man unbuttoned his coat. Then as it got hotter and hotter the man threw it back, and at last took it off! The sun had won.

Of course this is just a story, but we can learn some things from it. In Proverbs 15:1 we read, "A soft answer turneth away wrath." Over in the New Testament we have the verse, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." We might say that the wind is the harsh, ugly words we say to people. But the more angry we get the more they freeze up. But when we use kind words, when we smile, we find people becoming more friendly, and if they are angry their anger just melts away. Try it and see how well it works. God will bless you for it. —Sel.

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Search Question

Who was let down over a wall in a basket?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Antioch Acts 11:26.

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Dear boys and girls:

Our Sunday School lesson was sad today, because we have studied of a man who could have been a wonderful blessing all the days of his life, but he failed God. He started out a country boy serving the Lord and God had blessed him, but when God gave him a great place, he failed to serve God, but started doing things his own way. You boys and girls have started out living for Jesus. You are pleasing him and striving to obey him. But do you not know that the devil will try to get you to do like Saul, start doing things your own way instead of God's way? We can't just partly obey God. The Bible teaches us not to lie or steal or disobey our parents. We will not be accepted of God or blessed by God if we disobey our parents part of the time, tell a lie once in a while, or just take a few things that do not belong to us. We will fail like Saul, and if we continue to do those things, the devil will get us in a close place and then tell us that we had better take our own life, as that is the only way out. Oh, precious boys and girls, let me in Jesus' name, beg you to obey God and your life will be happy.

—Aunt Marie

I can do all things through Christ
which strengtheneth me.—Phil 4:13.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 7, August 17, 1952

WHY SAUL FAILED

1 Samuel 15: 18:6-9; 31:3, 4.

Isn't it sad to study about the king failing God, the king whom He had given to the people of Israel? It is always sad to hear of anyone failing God; but if we do not watch, the devil will get us to displease God. Let us find out what happened to Saul when he failed.

God had given Saul instructions, thru Samuel, to go and destroy a nation who was against the people of God. He told him to destroy all the people and all that they had and not to bring one thing back with him. Saul destroyed all the people but the king, Agag, and the best of the sheep and oxen.

The Lord was displeased, and He said to Samuel, "It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments." This grieved Samuel so much that he cried unto the Lord all night. In the morning he rose and went to Gilgal where Saul had gone. When Saul saw Samuel he said, "Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord." Poor Saul seemed to think it was all right to just partly obey the Lord. People get wrong ideas of God's will and pleasure when they get away from Him. But Samuel said, "What is the bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the cattle which I hear?"

Then Saul tried to blame someone else, saying, "The people spared these to offer as sacrifice to the Lord." Then Samuel told Saul, "When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?" When Samuel first talked to Saul about being king, he had answered, "Am not I a

Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And my family the least of all the families of the tribe?" (9:22). And later when Samuel wanted to present him to the people, he was found hidden "among the stuff" (10:22). Oh, but now we find a different Saul. He has dared to disobey the commandment of the Lord and do things his own way. But Samuel told him, "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (Read James 4:6). Saul was then sorry and asked Samuel to pardon his sin and turn with him again to worship the Lord, but Samuel said he could not return with him for the Lord had rejected him. As he turned to go, Saul caught his mantle and tore it. He was going to force him to accept him, but Samuel said, "The Lord has rent the kingdom from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbor of thine, that is better than thou." Saul then asked him to honor him before Israel and turn and worship with him, and Samuel did. But that was the last time Samuel went to see Saul.

Saul became very jealous of David, who was a great captain. When he came from a battle the women played and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." And from that day Saul eyed David.

Saul's enemies continued to bother Israel and Saul sought the Lord for help, but found none. Finally he went to a witch for help. In that battle he was wounded and asked his armourbearer to kill him lest the enemies take him and abuse him. But his armourbearer would not, so he took a sword and fell on it. We do not hear of him repenting of his wrong. How sad!

Central Truth—We succeed with God and fail without him.

Memory Verse—To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Sam. 15:22b.

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Part Eight

August 24

No Friend Like Jesus

Children dear were brought to Jesus;
He their happy souls did bless;
Oh, He was a friend so loving!
Glad were they for His caress.

Yes, He is a friend of children,
All the grown-up people, too;
Blessings He bestowed on others;
He will gladly give to you.

Jesus Comes for Mary

Mrs. Beck seldom let her girls go anywhere without some older person along, but she was very busy one day so she let them go alone to see their grandma. It was not far, and as they went along, they stopped by an alley to watch some children break some bottles. A large brown bottle was brought out and with a heavy stroke of the hammer it was broken. One piece struck Mary on the hand just below the thumb, knocking off some of the skin. It was not deep enough to bleed and grandma bound it up with a cloth to satisfy the child.

They returned home and played around awhile, and when their mother

was getting them ready for bed before she went to prayer meeting she noticed the rag. She had also noticed that Mary had not eaten very much. She asked if her throat was sore and she nodded her head. Her sister said that her grandma tied up her finger to please her, and laughed about it.

But Mrs. Beck thought about Mary while she was in meeting. When she returned home she asked Mr. Beck how she was. He said she had been naughty and he had punished her. She went into Mary's room and felt her head, and it was very hot. About two o'clock she asked her to open her mouth so she could see her throat. She could not open it. Her mother became alarmed and began to pray. Mr. Beck, who did not trust the Lord fully, phoned for a doctor. The doctor pronounced it lockjaw and said it had gone too far, and nothing could be done. The Mother fell on her knees in sorrow; but as she prayed, she began to say, "Thy will be done, oh Lord. You know what is best for my child."

Once Mary looked into her mother's eyes and with difficulty she said, "I love you, Mother." Then turning to

her father, she said, "Papa, I love you." And to the friends she said, "I love everybody."

Slowly the tide was going out. The soul of her child was passing from her presence into life immortal. "O my darling, speak to me once more!" The large blue eyes slowly unclosed; a look of disappointment came as she said, "Where has Jesus gone?" Then she closed them again, and a look of happiness came upon her face, and she passed away—passed away to be with Jesus.

The mother's heart was heavy, yet she knew that some day if she lived true to the Lord she could see her child. She talked to Mary's sister about where she had gone. One day when a neighbor girl said that Mary was not alive, but was dead and buried, Mary's sister said, "I know Sister's body is dead and buried, but her soul is living with Jesus. He was waiting for her when she died, and took her soul away with him."

This is a true story. Boys and girls, it does pay to be ready when Jesus calls for you. You do not know how quickly you may go. Keep ready at all time so you will be ready to go when Jesus calls for you, like He did Mary.

—M. M.

Unselfish Mary

Mary went often to visit a rich man. He was sick and she would often run errands for him and bring him flowers. She was always so kind and cheerful that the old man liked her very much. When he heard that the little girl's birthday was soon coming, he asked her, "What shall I give you for your birthday?" She thought for a moment and then asked, "Are you very rich?"

"Yes, I suppose I am," said the old man.

Then the little girl said, "Father is in trouble, and I am sure it is about money; could you help him?"

"But, don't you want something for yourself?" the old man kindly asked.

"No, only for Father, please," she said.

The old man was touched by her sweet unselfish spirit. He helped her father, and besides he gave her a lovely gift.

Let us take a lesson from Mary. Don't give in to any selfishness. Desire to help others. Be glad to help them. Be glad when they are getting nice things. Others will see that you are not selfish and most of all, God will see it and you will be greatly blessed, not only by being happy, but by receiving gifts.

—M. M.

God Talks To Children

You know how God talked to Samuel and called him in the night. Then He gave Samuel a message to give to Eli. One little boy said that the Lord talked to him when he lay upon his bed at night and that boy was telling others about the Lord Jesus, and His love for everybody. You should listen when God talks to you and tells you what you should do. If you do not do right, God will tell you and you must go right then and correct it.

One time when Alexander Duff was a little boy, God told him that he had a work for him to do. One day he lay down by a little stream in the woods to rest. As he lay there watching the white fleecy clouds float by and listening to the noise of the little brook, he fell asleep. He dreamed that he saw a wonderful light, and out of this light came a golden chariot drawn by horses of fire. Down the sky it came, faster than the lightning, and it stopped suddenly at his feet. Alexander did not see anyone; but he

heard a voice that was as sweet as music, and it said to him, "Come up hither. I have a work for thee to do." The boy thought he rose up and followed the chariot; but when he stood to his feet, he awoke. He never forgot the dream, and knew that God had called him to a great work. When he was grown he became a wonderful missionary to India.

God may have something for you to do. Listen when he talks to you and do the little things, and when you are older you will do greater things.—M.

No Friend Like Jesus

On page three of the "Beautiful Way" paper for July 6th, we told you that stanzas which could be sung to the tune of "No friend Like Jesus," page No. 103 of the "Evening Light Songs" would be printed in six paper besides that first one. But we feel that there should be one more about Jesus blessing the children, so we are adding it in this paper. I hope you have read all the Bible stories that go with the verses in each paper.

Perhaps some of you are writing your verses about that. If you are, it will be nice to have more than one.

By this time, we hope that many of you have written several verses. Be sure to send them to Geneva Ray, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. as soon as possible, so we can print the good ones in the next quarter of the "Beautiful Way." That is for October, November, and December; and we have to have them a month before that time to get them printed.

Search Question

To whose house did Peter go when the angel delivered him from prison?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Paul Acts 9:25

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Dear boys and girls:

Once a little girl thought another girl had stolen a pretty from her. She told the other girls that she had. And it was all a mistake. This girl was an orphan and was reared by an aunt that did not show her any love or affection, and now for the school girls to call her a thief when she was not, hurt her very heart. She worried over it so much that she became very sick. And when in fever she raved about the pretty, and that she did not steal it. Finally it was found out about her being accused of stealing.

One day this girl was cleaning out her desk at school and under the paper out rolled her pretty. And all the other girls saw it. They all had plenty to say till the girl wished it had not been found, yet her heart hurt her very much. He had been so sure the other girl had stolen it. She wanted to go at once and tell her that she was sorry, but the girl was too sick to have visitors. But finally she got better. And the girl was happy that she could go and tell her that she was sorry, as she nearly cried herself to sleep every night.

Please be sure that you do not accuse anyone of something unless you are sure.

—Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8, August 24, 1952

DAVID OF BETHLEHEM

1 Sam. 16:1-23; 18:1-5; 22:1, 2;

2 Sam. 5:1-5.

When Samuel returned to his home, he grieved because Saul had failed God; but one day the Lord told him to fill his horn with oil and go to the house of Jesse of Bethlehem and there God had chosen him a king from his sons.

When all the people had gathered together for a feast unto the Lord and the sons of Jesse passed before Samuel, he looked at the first and thought he was so handsome that surely this was the one that the Lord had chosen; but the Lord said, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." All the sons passed before him and the Lord did not say that any of them were chosen. Samuel asked Jesse if he did not have another son. He had one more, David, a lad who was caring for his sheep. David was sent for, and Samuel anointed him king. The Spirit of the Lord came upon David.

One day David's father sent him to see about his brothers who were fighting in Saul's army. When David arrived, he saw that everyone in the army was afraid of a giant that came out roaring every day, challenging someone to come and kill him. David said he would go, and he did go and the Lord was with him. He took a sling shot and threw a stone at the giant and killed him.

Saul was greatly pleased with the lad and asked who he was, and would not let him go to his home any more. Jonathan, Saul's son, loved David from the day he saw him and they were great friends. All the people loved David also.

He went everywhere Saul sent him and behaved himself wisely. But Saul grew jealous of him. He saw that the people were thinking more of David than of him, and he tried to kill David. Saul became David's enemy. (18:29). He tried to kill him with a javelin, but God took care of David. Finally Jonathan told David that his father would kill him if he stayed in the palace, so he fled for his life. He went to a cave called Adullman. He was soon joined by others who knew that Saul was a wicked man. Also his father and brothers came to the cave. David (in Psalms) writes much of the rock, a place of refuge. He compares it with God, who is our refuge from the evil one.

At different times David could have killed Saul, his enemy, but he would not touch the Lord's anointed. All this won the hearts of the people. Truly they saw God working in him (Tell details, chapter 24).

After David heard of Saul's death, he and his men went up to Hebron, and the men of Judah came and anointed him king over the house of Judah.

Saul's son reigned two years and then the house of Israel sent and made peace with David and anointed David king over the house of Israel. Now David filled the place that God had appointed him to fill. But how patient David was in waiting till God brought about that time. Surely David was a man of God. First he was a shepherd, then a harpist, soldier, refugee, and then a king.

Central Truth—It takes obedience and courage to live up to God's plans for us.

Memory Verse—Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. 16:7b.

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Part Nine

August 31

Jesus of Galilee

Wild the night on Galilee
Loudly roared the angry sea
When upon the tossing wave
Jesus walked, His own to save—
Calmed the tumult by His Will,
Only saying, "Peace Be Still"—
Ruler of the storm was He
On the raging Galilee.
Then along its rugged shore
He, who all our sorrows bore,
Journeyed oft with weary feet,
Through the storm and burning heat;
Healing all who came by faith,
Calling back to life from death
King of kings from heaven was He
Though so poor by Galilee. —Sel.

"Be Ye Kind"

Many years ago an aged man was walking along a country road. He stopped to ask a farmer how far it was to town. He started on, but soon returned and asked the farmer if he could stay all night. It was late Saturday afternoon and no doubt he was tired from walking. The farmer and his wife said he could stay, but they did not treat him very kindly. They

were expecting a preacher to come and stay with them that night who was to preach in the meeting house where they went to services the next day. They waited, but no one came, and the aged man was shown to his room where he spent the night.

After breakfast the next morning the old man walked on toward town. Later the farmer, his wife, and young son followed on their way to services.

Imagine their surprise when they arrived at the meeting house and found the old man there who had stayed with them. Then they were more surprised to learn that he was the preacher whom they were expecting to stay with them. He had stayed with them, not knowing it was the place he was supposed to stay for the night; and they had kept him, not knowing that he was the preacher whom they were expecting. How sorry they were for their unkind deeds and actions.

Children, let us always be kind and good to strangers. One time Abraham entertained strangers, and they were two angels and the Lord. I am sure he was glad that he had been kind to them.

Once I read of two children who were influenced by some naughty children to throw rocks at an old lady. One rock hit the lady's hand. When they went home the lady was there. She was their own grandmother. She had come from a distant state and had arrived earlier than expected. How sorry the children were that they had acted so unkindly. Let us always remember these words, "Be ye kind one to another."

—Fern Stubblefield.

A Bird Nest

Did you ever examine a bird's nest after the bird was through with it? Did you notice that the mother bird took great care in making it. First of all, it must be strong enough to hold the eggs and the young birds when they are hatched. The mother bird goes to a great deal of work to make the nest strong. Then, the nest must be warm enough to keep the eggs from chilling. This nest is lined with warm feathers. The mother bird pulls soft feathers from her own breast near her heart, with which to line the nest. Not only is the nest made strong and warm, but it is also in a place where snakes, cats, and thoughtless boys will not be likely to find it—sometimes in a tall tree.

Some birds in South America put a certain leaf in their nest to keep the snakes of that country, which do not like this particular kind of leaf, from robbing the nest.

As I looked at a nest I have been reminded of the Heavenly Father's care for His children. Did you ever wonder why it is that the mother bird cares for her birds? It is because God has given her something called "instinct" which makes her want to care for them. God, who gives the mother bird a love for her little ones,

must have a greater love for His own children. The mother bird keeps her little ones warm and well fed. God does this and more for His children. He supplies every need which they may have, including the needs of their souls. He has given us Christ to save us, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and Christian friends to help us. There is no greater love shown to us than the love of God. Jesus lay down his life for those that hated him. Sometimes we hear of a man who will die or take the place of, and die for a very dear loved one; but we never have heard of a man who died for some one that hated him. Can you see the great love of God to us? How He loves us and cares for us!

—M. M.

Bible Story

Exodus 2

Moses traveled away from his home and people. No doubt he wished he had been a little more careful; but God watched Moses and knew all about him and where he was going. He still had things he wanted Moses to do.

Finally Moses came to the land of Midian and came to a well and sat down by it. There was a priest who lived in the land of Midian, who had seven daughters. They cared for his flocks. They came to the well to draw water for the flocks. But the shepherds there drove them away. Moses came to their rescue and helped them water their flocks.

When they came home to their father he said, "How is it that you are come so soon today?" They said, "An Egyptian made the shepherds leave us alone and also drew water for our flocks." And he said, "Where is he? Why did you leave the man? call him, that he may eat bread with us."

Moses came to their home and he was content to dwell there with them. Then he was given one of the man's daughters whose name was Zipporah. She bore him a son and he called him, "Gershom" for he said, "I have been a stranger in a strange land."

Time passed on and another king came to rule in Egypt. This king was more wicked than the other. He made the Israelites' burdens harder than ever to bear. They cried to the Lord. They begged for help and deliverance. God heard their cries and remembered his promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that he would bring them again to the land of Canaan, which he promised to give to them.

—M. M.

GOLD OR SHOT

Once there were some great boxes sent across the Atlantic Ocean filled with gold coins.

They were filled in England with these shining "crowns" and "guineas" as the English call their money. But when they were opened on this side of the water, lo! there was nothing inside but dark, heavy shot. Somebody had stolen the money, and put shot in its place.

God gives you each twelve golden hours for work and play, for serving Him and helping others. If you are idle over your work, if you are selfish in your play, if you forget to serve God, and refuse to be kind and helpful to your friends, then your golden hours turn to useless and ugly metal while the sun makes his day's voyage in the blue sky.

Search Question

What happened to the keepers of the prison at the time of Peter's escape from prison.

Answer to Last Week's Question

Mary the mother of John Acts 12:12

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Dear boys and girls:

I'm sure that most of you know the verse, "Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right." I believe that was the first verse I ever learned as a child. And I am glad that I learned it while I was young, because I feel the Lord helped me to obey my parents and he has blessed my life for it. When you disobey your parents, you disobey the Lord. Many times when I was little and would do something wrong my parents would punish me and then tell me that I should tell the Lord I was sorry and ask Him to forgive me, because I had disobeyed him too. You know God sees everything, and he knows everything we do. The Bible tells us that the books will be opened, and we must give an account of the things that we do while we are living here on this earth, whether good or bad. But if we do something bad and we are truly sorry and ask the Lord to forgive us of it, then he blots it out of the book and remembers it against us no more. Isn't that wonderful! Oh, we surely have a wonderful Heavenly Father. He loves us when we are naughty and is ready to forgive us. It makes Him feel sad if we just keep doing wrong things though. So let us be careful; won't you?

—Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9, August 31, 1952

WHEN DAVID WAS KING

2 Samuel 5:6-12; 17-25; 6:1-20; 8:13-18

Our lesson is still about David. David was a good man, and he feared God. He always asked the Lord what he should do, therefore he did the right thing. It is not good for us to think that we within ourselves know the best thing to do. We should ask someone who lives close to the Lord, and that one can tell us what the Bible tells us to do. If our parents are Christians, they will tell us the right way. We should want to be like David: be sure that we do what the Lord wants us to do.

David took the city which is now called Jerusalem. This city was hard to take from the wicked people who lived there. For that reason it had not been taken before this, although it was promised to the children of Israel. It had steep ravines on the east, south, and west; and the north side was the only way the warriors could come in. Within Jerusalem there was a natural spring of water and numerous cisterns that held the rainfall, but all around the city was barren. The Lord helped David to capture it, and he called it the "city of David." He made it his headquarters. David became great, and the Lord was with him.

Now the Philistines heard that they had anointed David as king, so they gathered together their armies and marched down against the Israelites. David inquired of the Lord what to do. God told him to go down and fight. He did, and they were conquered. Later, they came again. Again David "inquired of the Lord what to do," and the Lord told him to come upon them over against the mulberry trees, and "when you hear

the sound of a going in the mulberry trees, then bestir yourselves and go up against them, and I will go with you." David did as the Lord commanded him, and he had a great victory. You see, when we do what the Lord tells us, or the Bible tells us to do, we will be blessed and happy, and will always do right.

Now David wanted to bring the ark of God into the city of David. Do you remember how it happened that the ark was taken away? (1 Sam. 5:6, 7). It had been at the house of Abinadab all these years since the Philistines had sent it home.

David and some thirty thousand leaders from the twelve tribes joined in the procession. The ark was placed on a new cart drawn by oxen; and the people followed, singing songs and playing instruments. The ark was moving over some rough road, one of the oxen stumbled, and the ark tottered so much it looked as if it might fall off. Uzzah, who was walking beside the cart, reached out to steady it. "Then the anger of the Lord blazed against Uzzah, and God struck him down there because he put his hand to the ark, and there he died beside the ark of God." Long before this God had commanded no one to touch the ark except the priests. God expects us to do as he tells us, or we are punished.

David brought the ark to Jerusalem three months later.

Central Truth—David, through whose family Jesus came, was a great man of God.

Memory Verse—As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried; he is a buckler to all them that trust in him. 2 Sam. 22:31.

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Part Ten

September 7

What You Can Learn

Have you ever thought, dear children,
As the days were passing by,
There is something you can learn
Each day, if you but try.

You can learn to be a blessing
To the ones with whom you live;
You can speak sweet words of kindness,
And a cheery smile can give.

You can learn to be a comfort,
Not a care, to those you love;
You can learn to please your Maker,
On your way to Heaven above.—O. F.

Putting Off

Once there was a little boy who always put off doing everything just as long as he could. His father and mother had tried hard to cure him of the habit, but he did not pay any attention to them.

Then, one day, Uncle Alan came to visit. He watched the little boy, whose name was Herbert, for a while, then one day he said, "Would you like to take a walk with me?"

Herbert ran to get his hat and coat, for he loved to walk with Uncle Alan,

who knew so many interesting things to talk about.

All at once Uncle Alan stopped: "Come and see this, Herbert," he said. Herbert looked and saw a caterpillar hurrying along as fast as a caterpillar could travel.

"He is in a hurry to get to some bush or tree," said Uncle Alan, "there he will spin himself a soft, warm cradle to sleep in during the winter. Do you know what would happen if he put off doing this until it was very cold weather?"

"No," answered Herbert. "Please tell me."

"If he put it off too long," said Uncle Alan, "the frost would nip him, and he would be too cold to spin his cradle. Next spring he would be a dead caterpillar instead of a beautiful butterfly. That is what would happen if a caterpillar put off what he has to do."

Herbert felt a little uncomfortable. "But he is only a caterpillar," he said. Uncle Alan did not answer, and they walked along.

They came to a stone wall, and there was a chattering little chipmunk sitting there. While they watched he

jumped to the ground, picked up a nut under the hickory tree beside the wall, and disappeared.

"If he put off gathering nuts," said Uncle Alan, "he would die from hunger before winter was over."

"But he sleeps all winter," said Herbert.

"No," said Uncle Alan, "not all winter. He wakes up to eat and then goes to sleep again unless it is a very warm winter when sometimes he comes out for fresh air and scampers about in the sunshine. But he would not feel like scampering if he had not something to eat first."

All at once they heard a queer sound, "Honk, honk, honk!"

"The wild geese," said Uncle Alan. "If they put off going south where they find plenty to eat they would die of hunger, and the cold would freeze them. Sometime we shall look around for more of the little people of the wood and field who know that if they put off getting ready for winter they will die."

A sober little boy walked beside Uncle Alan. "Of course," continued Uncle Alan cheerfully, "little boys and girls do not have to fight for their lives by getting ready for winter, but they do lose many good times and often cause other people a great deal of trouble when they keep putting things off."

"Uncle Alan," said Herbert soberly, as they came up the walk to the house, "you draw such nice pictures, will you please draw one for me? I want a picture with the caterpillar in it, and the chipmunk and the wild geese. I will put it on the wall in my room, right opposite my bed, and every time I look at it I will say, 'Do not put off'; then I will remember to do things right away."

"I will draw the picture for you right away," answered Uncle Alan,

"and I shall be glad to do so."

"And I will remember when I look at it," said Herbert, "what Papa says, 'Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.'"

"Then you will soon stop being the 'put off boy,'" said Uncle Alan, "and be called the 'I do it now' boy."

And Herbert soon proved that Uncle Alan was right. —Sel.

The Short Road To School

Alongside the public road by which we went to school, there was a foot-path through a pretty field, which seemed to be a private road to a large house in the wood. Close by the gate a notice board was placed with the words, "No Road This Way" distinctly painted in bold letters. Notwithstanding this plain order, a number of the boys suggested that it was a shorter road to school and advised me to take it. I did so, and was just about to climb over the gate at the far-off end when, who should appear but the owner, the gentleman of the house!

"Did you see that notice board by the gate?" he asked. "Yes," I replied, quite ashamed of myself. "Why didn't you believe it then?" he said. "Always go by the order, boy, and take no notice of what your companions say."

I was glad to get off so easily, but that word was not forgotten. It holds good in the things of eternity. Always go by God's order, never mind what others say. What God's Word declares, be it warning or promise, is sure to be true. Here is one word: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 31), and here is another, "He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:16).

Dear boys and girls, do you go by God's order? No matter what others may say, or advise you to do, take your orders from the Word of God alone. —Sel.

Enduring Hardships

Would you like to live in a country where armies of ants, huge black ones, overrun the house, scorpions with a painful sting lurk in every corner, and snakes all around? That is what one missionary tells us came into her house in the lower part of India. She said one of their helpers killed a snake eight feet long, right in their house. She said that if they were not very careful that would happen very often. This snake was a poisonous snake. She said that they crawl in after dark and they must close all their doors even if it is very hot, or put a candle in the doorway.

One day she and another lady were chatting, then they read some scripture and she pushed back her chair to kneel down to pray and the lady grabbed her by the arm. She was just about to kneel on a deadly Krait, a very poisonous snake. And within five minutes after you are bitten by one you die. They killed the snake with a big stick. She was very thankful to the Lord for helping her, and protecting her.

But this missionary loved the Indian people and she gladly endured the dangers of their land in order to get the gospel to them. Are you willing to endure hardships for Jesus?—M.

Search Question

Who was Timothy's grandmother?

Answer to Last Week's Question

They were commanded to be put to death
Acts 12:19.

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Dear boys and girls:

One time there was a man who had to give his life because he would not give up Jesus and not be a Christian. When the time came for him to be killed and his head was laid on the block; he was asked if his head was laying right on the block. The Christian man said calmly, "It matters little, my friend, how the head lies, provided the heart is right." Surely that is true. The most important thing in life is to be ready to die. We are all going to die some time and we must be ready. And our heart must be right at that time, or we will be lost. Jesus said, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28. Man can kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. But the one whom we should fear is God. And be sure our soul is clean and pure, because if we die that way we will go to heaven. Don't fear man, but fear God.

Have you ordered the little papers? We trust they have been a blessing to you. We send them out with a prayer to God to make them a blessing.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 10, September 7, 1952

A KING HONORS GOD

2 Sam. 12:1-24; 18:32-33.

One day the prophet Nathan came to speak to David. He told him a story. He said that in a city there lived a rich man and a poor man. The rich man had great numbers of flocks and herds. But the poor man had only one little pet lamb that he had bought and cared for. It was loved by him and his children. They shared their food with it. A traveler came to the rich man's house. He did not take one of his many sheep or lambs, but he came to the poor man's house and took his lamb away from him and killed it and served it to his guest. "What an awful thing to do!" said David. "The man that did such a thing shall be put to death." Then Nathan said, "You are the man, but you shall not die."

Poor David! He was described as "a man after God's own heart," and God had loved him (1 Sam. 13:14); yet he had sinned. He sent Uriah out in war so he would get killed, and then he took Uriah's wife as his own. God was displeased with David for this. He had plenty of wives. They were allowed more than one wife in those days. But David was like the rich man who had taken the one lamb from the poor man. He could do this and get by with it in the sight of the people, but he could not get by with it in the sight of God. You may think you can do wrong and cover it up; but you CAN'T COVER UP ANYTHING FROM GOD. God let the prophet know about David's sin and sent him to let David know he would be punished.

A little baby was born into the home of David and his wife (the one who had been Uriah's wife) and it became very sick. David loved it and fasted and prayed, but on the seventh day the child died. Then David arose and ate. He

said, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me." In those days of sorrow and waiting, David begged the Lord to forgive him for his sin. He also begged Nathan to pray for him. He said, "I have sinned against the Lord." He prayed to the Lord, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psa. 51:10). Something had gone wrong with David right in the center of his being. He wanted the Lord to make his heart clean again.

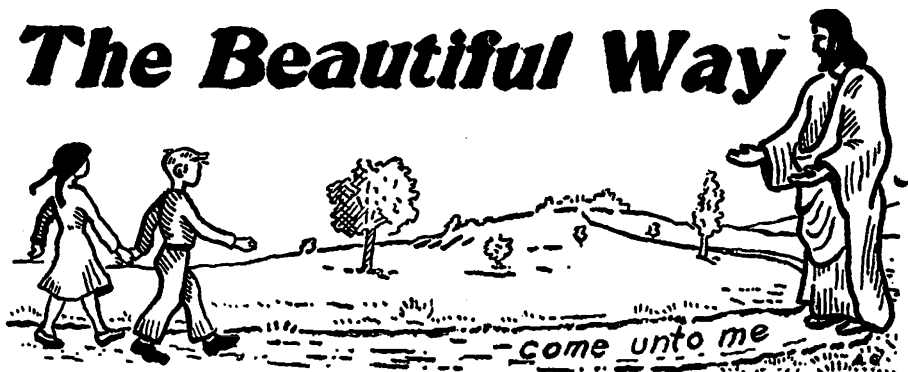
The Lord forgave David, and though the child could not come back, David knew he could go to heaven and be with it.

David had more trouble in his family. God had forgiven him for his sins, yet he did not teach his children to obey. Absalom, his son, dreamed of the day when he should become king. He was a very handsome, head-strong prince. He also was clever and pretended to listen to the people's troubles; then he would tell them that if he were judge of the land things would be different. He also would take hold of the man that bowed before him and kiss him. Therefore he caused many to follow him. David did not know that his clever son was trying to take away his kingdom until a messenger came to him and told him that the rebellious son had made himself king. King David left Jerusalem quickly. As he left he wept for Absalom. And as he made plans with his general, Joab, he told him to deal gently with Absalom. When the battle was over and David heard that Absalom was dead, he wept bitterly, and said, "My son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! O that I even I had died instead of you." David was like all good parents who love their children even if they do wrong.

Central Truth—David was sorry for his sin and God forgave him.

Memory Verse—Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Psa. 51:10.

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Part Eleven

September 14

What Becomes of A Lie?

"First somebody told it,
Then the room wouldn't hold it,
So the busy tongues rolled it,
'Till they got it outside:
When the crowd came across it,
And never once lost it,
'Till it grew long and wide.

"This lie brought forth others,
Dark sisters and brothers,
And fathers and mothers—
A terrible crew:
And while headlong they hurried,
The people they flurried,
And troubled and worried,
As lies always do."

The Blackened Soul

Robert had been sent to the store to buy some lemons. As he went he met another boy who wanted him to play tops with him, and he did. When the game was over, Robert looked for the quarter that his mother had given him to buy the lemons. But no quarter could be found. He turned his pockets wrong side out and searched the ground where he had been playing, but could not find it.

"Mama will certainly scold me this time. I lost ten cents last week and she said I must be more careful," said Robert.

"Don't tell her! and don't pay for the lemons. When the bill comes in, your mama will have forgotten all about sending you for them, or she will think the lemon feller made a mistake. I know lots of real gamey fellers who get out of scrapes that way. It's only milk-sops who run to mammy with every little bother."

The experiment was urged, and was a success until Mother asked for the change.

"He said there wasn't any!" faltered the confused Robert.

"Wasn't any! out of twenty-five cents!" said Mother as she looked straight at the red-faced Robert.

Robert was now thinking that he would rather be a "milk-sop" right now than one of the "gamey fellers." Then he thought he would try again to be a "gamey-feller" and see if it worked, so he said, "That's true, Mama!"

"Put on your hat, my son, and go with me to the store where you bought the lemons. There is something

wrong when my boy cannot look me in the eyes."

Robert had been found out and now he was in bed to stay the whole day for telling a lie. He had time to think about it all. He decided it was best to tell the truth and be called a "milk-sop" than to be called a "gamey-feller" by the boys and be in trouble.

Mother came up at noon and brot bread and water. He could not have any of the good dinner he smelled cooking and no strawberry short-cake.

"Mama! indeed I will never tell another lie—not the leastest fib!" he sobbed.

"God help you to keep your word, my son. Every falsehood is like a drop of ink upon snow to your soul! You must ask Jesus to forgive you and take the stain away."

Mother prayed a simple prayer and kissed him and went away.

When evening came, he was allowed to get up. His brothers and sisters did not speak of his wrong and it seemed all were thinking, "You have blackened your soul and have soiled lips. Oh, how he wished he had not lied. He was so sorry.

Let us learn a lesson from Robert's sin and be careful that we do not get into the same trouble. Lies will be found out. This is a story I read, and now I pass it on to you. —M. M.

The Cow That Burned a City

"Oh!" cried Mrs. O'Leary, "the cow's kicked over the lantern!"

The thoughtless Irishwoman ran out of her little cowshed, which was on the edge of the city. The careless cow let out a "Moo!" of surprise as oil from the broken lantern set fire to the building.

The blazing shed tossed sparks to nearby houses, and the fire spread

fast—so fast that firemen were helpless, and Chicago burned to the ground.

It had been dark on the evening when Mrs. O'Leary started to milk her cow, so the lantern was all right. But she was careless in putting it on the ground where the cow's hoof could reach it. People blamed her for the fire.

Many of us are careless with gossip as Mrs. O'Leary was with the lantern. A little gossip is a dangerous thing. It may not be true at all. Even if it is partly true, it may be exaggerated, and also may hurt innocent people.

So gossip can be as tricky a thing to handle as that fatal lantern. If we are careless, and give it a chance to spread, it may burn down a dozen reputations. It may burn our own fingers too.—Sel.

God Gives Us More Than We Deserve

"Come here, son," called Mother. "Here is a candy bar; divide it with your sister."

Alfred took the candy bar, and as he went he thought, "Doris has been naughty to me all morning. She only deserves a little piece of this candy bar." And as he came to where his sister was playing, he broke off a little piece and gave it to her. Doris began to cry. She said, "You have more than I have. I want more than this little piece."

Mother heard the crying and came to the door. When she asked what the trouble was, Alfred spoke up, "It is all she deserves; she has been naughty all morning."

"All she deserves! Oh, Alfred! Just suppose God should give each of us just what we deserve and no more. Some of us would not get very many

blessings, I'm sure. But God loves us and forgives us even when we do things that are not very pleasing to Him. He shows us what is right and then gives us more than we deserve to encourage us to do right. Little sister cannot understand now, but if you love her and forgive her for all the trouble she has caused you this morning, soon she will learn not to be naughty any more."

Alfred looked at little sister's tear-stained face and held the candy down so she could reach it. "Here Little Sister," he said kindly, "take a bigger piece. I was being naughtier than you for making you so unhappy. I guess if God were to judge me according to the way I've been acting, He'd say that I didn't even deserve to have a little sister."

Little sister was all smiles and Alfred felt that he had learned what it meant for God to forgive him of his sins, and what he meant when he told us that we should forgive others.—M.

SILENT SWEARING

If the devil cannot get you to swear with the tongue he will try to get you to swear through the hands or feet. Slamming a door when you are angry is hand-swearing. When you have been corrected and go out of the room as though each step would put holes in the floor, you are foot-swearing. Sometimes a swear spreads over the face like a cloud across the sky.—Sel.

Search Question

Who asked for the head of John the Baptist?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Lois 2 Tim. 1:5.

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Dear boys and girls:

I was reading about the shepherds who live around Bethlehem and how they care for their sheep. They care for them the same way that David and others did three thousand years ago. The youngest boy in the family cares for them when he is old enough. He wears a simple robe of cotton held by a leather belt. He also has an outer coat which protects him from rain and chilly nights. He carries a rod, which is a light stick with a hook-like end. This helps the shepherd to help his sheep over rough stones or to pull them out of ravines if they are trapped. He also has a rod which is like a cane. Then he has a sling which he makes by cutting a tuft of long wool from the back of a sheep and spinning it into yarn. A web is formed to hold the stone, and the ends are braided into a cord about three feet long. They practice hours at a time, and are real good with them. The Bible tells us about the left-handed men of Benjamin who "could sling stones at an hairbreadth, and not miss." That is very good. David no doubt killed the giant Goliath with one he had made.

—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11, September 14, 1952

A KING WORSHIPS GOD

2 Samuel 7; 2 Sam. 23:1-4

There came a time in the reign of David that he had peace with the neighboring countries. One day as he sat in his beautiful house, he said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." We find that always David was worshiping the Lord. He wanted to build a fine house for the ark of God to dwell in, for it was still within the curtains made by Moses. But the Lord spoke to the prophet Nathan and told him to tell David that he could not build him a house because he had been a man of war (1 Chron. 22:8). But he would give peace in the reign of his son Solomon and he should build the house of the Lord. And God said, "Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee; thy throne shall be established for ever." What a precious promise this was. Jesus came from the lineage of David. If there had been literal kings over Israel when Jesus was born, he would in his own right sit upon the throne. He came as a king, and He did set up His kingdom. When we are saved we are in the Kingdom of God, Jesus ruling in our hearts and is our king. The angels proclaimed, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The kingdom of God was established forever and Jesus is on the throne.

David was moved when he heard the words of the Lord. He went into the house of the Lord and prayed, "Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house? Thou hast spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And now, O Lord God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and his house,

establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said. And let thy name be magnified forever, saying, The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel; and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee." How humble and thankful David felt. Here he had wanted to build a house for the ark of God, or for the Lord, but the Lord told him that thru him he would establish God's house for ever.

David was not only a king, but he had also been a shepherd, a musician, and a soldier. He wrote the Psalms, and in them praised the Lord God of the universe. David wrote the twenty-third Psalm. God spoke through David many things concerning the coming Saviour, and they came to pass as he had spoken. In 2 Sam. 23:2, we read that David said, "The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." God caused him to know through His Spirit what would come to pass, and it did.

In Psa. 34:20 David spoke thru the Spirit: "He keepeth his bones: not one of them is broken." That was foretelling of Jesus on the cross, that not one of his bones were broken as were the bones of the other two who died with him.

In Psa. 22:18 God caused David to write: "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." You remember how the soldiers cast lots for Jesus' clothes before he died. Then in Psa. 118:22 David said, "The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." That was speaking of Jesus whom the Jews rejected. He was become the chief corner stone of the Church of God, the kingdom of God, and God's church is built upon Jesus.

Central Truth—Jesus came from the family of King David.

Memory Verse—Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Psa. 100:2.

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September 21

What I Can Do

I can sweep, and patch, and sew,
And on errands I can go;
I can do 'most anything—
Even joy to others bring.

I can sing a happy song
When the day is dull and long;
In the morning when I wake,
I can smile for Jesus' sake.

In these things that I can do
Jesus helps me all day through;
When I need more help I pray,
And He answers right away—Sel.

Nancy's Triumph

Two young ladies whom we shall call Nancy and June were invited to a party. June's parents gave their consent for her to go; but Nancy's mother told her that they had decided it was not best for her to go. Nancy was disappointed, but she was obedient and respected her parents' decision.

The night arrived for the party. Nancy went to see June as she was leaving for the party, and then re-

turned home to study for the next day's school lesson. She had been quietly sleeping two or three hours when June returned home from the party tired and worn.

The next day Nancy knew her lessons well while June and most of the other girls had not had time to study and were tired from the lack of sleep. They had attended the party.

Other parties followed, having much the same result as the first. June was permitted to attend, while Nancy remained at home. Several years passed by and we shall see how the girls are faring.

Let us take a look into June's home. She is now married and her home has been blessed with two children. But now June's health is poor and she is lying upon a couch. Nancy is there helping to care for June and the children. June speaks to Nancy, "I wish I were strong and healthy as you are, Nancy."

Nancy replies something like this, "I owe my good health to my mother." Then she reminded her of the days when they were both young and Nancy's mother had thought it best that Nancy stay at home rather than

to keep late hours at parties; but June had been allowed to attend. Now Nancy was reaping a harvest of good health but June had a sad harvest of poor health.

Remember children, the Bible tells us, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." No doubt Nancy was thankful that her mother had not allowed her to attend the parties as June did. She was being repaid for staying at home. —F. Stubblefield

Dear children:

The Lord has impressed me to write you about several happenings that took place some years ago.

There was a poor family—mother, father, two boys, and two girls. We had a Sunday School and all came but the father. In answering questions about the Bible the eight-year-old was the brightest. Nothing seemed too hard for him to answer. He was taught how Jesus heals the same today as when he walked the shores of Galilee.

That year this family was invited to our home as we had promised them some vegetables. We had raised a good crop. They came over in the truck, all but the father. We loaded the truck with pumpkin, squash, and other good things.

When we were ready to return to the house, I decided to walk and the rest were to ride in the truck. As I was walking along, I heard the patter of feet. The eight-year-old boy had caught up with me, and said, "I jumped off the truck and hurt myself, and I said, 'Dear Jesus, heal me,' and he did."

Precious children, do you trust Jesus like that? Oh, how he loves you and yearns to have you to trust him for the salvation of your soul and healing of your body.

Another little boy, age twelve years, was taught much about Jesus and the angels and heaven. He went to school one morning. He had one mile to walk to and from the bus, as it was in the country. When he returned that evening from school, he said, "On my way to school this morning I got a pain in my stomach, and I said, 'Dear Jesus, heal me,' and the pain went away."

These little boys did not have the opportunity that many of you have to attend regular Sunday school and church services. So you should thank God for the wonderful opportunities that you have. Ask your friends to go with you, also your parents. Set a good example in Sunday school and services by being nice and quiet. Do not whisper and giggle and talk. Listen closely to what the teacher and minister have to say. Jesus feels sad when you are not quiet and do not behave nicely. Satan likes to have you act naughty, and you surely do not want to please him. If you will be nice you can help others to be, as some one is always watching you. And do not forget to pray. Pray Jesus to save you and then you can pray for others to get saved—mother, father, sisters, and brothers if they are not saved. Do something each day for Jesus. He has done so much for you.

—A. S.

Working for Mother

Dick Rogers loved games and playtime. And perhaps, like most other boys, he rather hated work when he wanted to play. But Dick had no father, and he loved his mother much better even than his games. So he was in a great hurry to grow big enough to help her earn money to buy bread and butter for his little brothers and sisters.

One morning on his way to school he saw a card in an office window, saying, "Boy wanted." He thought to himself, "I'm going to be the boy they want."

When he got out of school he went straight off to the office, in the window of which he had noticed the card, and asked to see the gentleman.

"Are you fond of work, my boy?" the gentleman asked.

"No, sir, I'm not," answered Dick, quite frankly.

"Then why do you come here? I don't want a lazy boy: I want a boy who is fond of work."

"But there aren't any," Dick said.

"Oh yes, there are!" said the gentleman. "I've had a dozen boys here this morning and they all say they are very fond of work, indeed."

"Oh yes," said Dick, "I could have said that too; but it wouldn't be true."

The gentleman was rather interested. So he asked him again, "Well, if you are not fond of work, tell me what you are fond of."

"You see, sir," said Dick, "it's like this: I'm awfully fond of games, but I am fondest of all of Mother, and I just thought I'd do the work for her!" Dick got the place, and he kept it.

Doing things for Mother and Father is one way of honoring our parents.

"I'VE SEEN IT WORK"

A boy was asked if he believed in prayer. He said, "Why sure." His mother asked him, "Why do you believe in prayer?" He said, "Because I've seen it work." That is a wonderful sermon.

Search Question

What lady was a seller of purple?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Herodias Matt. 14:2-8.

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Dear boys and girls:

David said, "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord" Psalms 33:5. As we look around us at the beautiful trees we see the goodness of the Lord in giving us shade from the hot sun and also the fruit. What an awful thing it would be not to see any trees, like the desert. Then as we sit on the carpet of grass, we again see the goodness of the Lord. When we smell the flowers and enjoy their beauty and then look up into the blue sky and feel the warmth of the sun we again know the "earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."

Maybe early in the morning when we first awake and hear the birds twittering and singing, the roosters crowing telling us it is time to get up, our hearts thank God for all the good things that he has put in the earth for us to enjoy.

If you have not reordered for the little paper it is time to do so. Maybe you should get some extra ones to give to your neighbor boys and girls.

—Aunt Marie

"Shine, shine, just where you are,
Shine, shine, just where you are,
Send forth the Light into the night,
Shine for the Lord where you are!"

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12, September 21, 1952

SOLOMON'S KINGDOM

1 Kings 1:38-40; 3:5-9; 8:27-30

The time came when David said, "I am about to go the way of all the earth." This means that all people die and David had come down to the end of his life. He chose Solomon to be the next king. David called Nathan the prophet and Zadok the priest and told them to take Solomon and anoint him king, then he commanded the trumpets to be blown and all the people shouted, "Long live King Solomon!"

David had dreamed of building a beautiful temple in which the Lord could dwell with his people; but because he had been a man of war and there had been strife during his reign, God told him that it must be left to Solomon. So David gave instructions to Solomon about the building. He had drawn the plans and got together the material. Then David died after ruling Israel for forty years, and he was buried in Jerusalem.

Solomon loved the Lord and followed the good counsel of his father. One night God appeared to him in a dream, and said, "Ask what I shall give you."

What would you choose if you could have anything in the world? Would you be as wise in your choice as was this young king?

Solomon thought of the great task before him, and thought of how good the Lord had been to his father, David. So Solomon said, "O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father, and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a

great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart [or make me wise] to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?" What a wonderful wish and desire! He did not ask for riches or great things of the world, but asked for wisdom to rule God's chosen people in the right way. And because he did not ask for long life, nor the life of his enemies, nor honor among the kings, but had asked for wisdom, the Lord promised to give him all these other things and make him the wisest man that ever lived. King Solomon wrote three thousand proverbs and composed five thousand songs. Men came to him from other nations to learn of his great wisdom. The Queen of Sheba came to visit the king of Israel. She was greatly surprised. She said, "The report which I heard in my own land of your affairs and your wisdom was true; but I would not believe the words until I came and saw with my own eyes, and behold, the half was not told me; you surpass in wisdom and prosperity the report which I heard."

Solomon was seven years in building the temple, and then when all was finished the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And Solomon prayed and asked God to bless all the people and to be with them and wherever the people were scattered and would pray toward that place for God to answer their prayers.

Central Truth—God wants to give us wisdom.

Memory Verse—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:5, 6.

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The Friend I Need

I need a Friend like Jesus,
So kind, so wise, so strong;
Who can, when I am tempted,
Keep me from doing wrong.

I need a guide like Jesus
To walk with me each day;
To take my hand and lead me,
And never let me stray.

I want to be like Jesus,
While here on earth I stay;
Helping, loving, kind and true,
Serving others day by day.

I need a home like Heaven
When life on earth shall end;
That home prepared by Jesus,
My truest, dearest Friend.

I want to be with Jesus
Wherever He may be;
For I am always happy
When Jesus is with me.—C. B.

God Leads Us Right

My parents taught me that it was my duty to attend religious services at least once a week. This I did, and professed to be a Christian until I was

a young woman. I knew that I loved the Lord and wanted to do right, but found that I could not always do right in my own strength. I was daily doing things that displeased the Lord. I became so troubled about my condition that one day I went to the minister, and, telling him how I felt, requested him to pray for me and to help me get a real Bible experience. In answer to my request he only smiled and said, "You are too particular. You might as well try to split a hair as to try to live a holy life in this world."

As I returned home that day, I was very sad, indeed. Oh, how much I longed to be like Jesus, whom God had given me as an example! I knew the Bible taught that if we expect to enter heaven we must live a pure and holy life. I was determined to do this—but how was I to do it? To whom could I go for help? At last I decided to seek from God and his Word what my soul was longing for. As I sought, I began to see I had been deceived. I found that as God looked upon mankind, He could see only two classes of people—the righteous and sinners; and I saw that I was a sin-

ner. In reading the word of God I saw that people in different denominations were not able to worship God right for fear of displeasing the ministers, so I knew I must come out from that church. This I promised God to do at any cost, and asked him to give me a real Bible experience. He answered my prayer; and I was so happy that I walked the floor for a long time, clapping my hands and praising God.

—I. B.

Ned and Jane Questions

Mother, why don't we go to the meetings on Sunday down at that new church on the corner? Some of the boys have asked me why and I told them I didn't know," asked Ned. "They have a new minister, and he has taken all the names of all who want to join the church."

"Oh, Mother, are we going?" spoke up Jane. "Susie is getting a new dress for the big party they are going to have at the church. May I have one?"

"Oh, my dear children. I have not talked to you much about this subject as it is a deep subject and many older persons do not understand it. But I will tell you and trust that the Lord will make it plain to you. In reading the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians, we learn that Christ's body is the church; that to become a member of the church my name must be written in heaven; that every Christian in the world is my brother or sister in Christ; the Lamb's book of life is the only class-book in which our names need to be recorded; and that our names are removed only because of our turning to sin. All saved people in the many places of meeting or sects are members of God's church, but they are unable to worship God in the right way for fear of displeasing their ministers or breaking some

of the church rules. And one cannot stay in them and please God; so the only thing to do is to come out from them, then one would be able to please God."

"Then that minister down there is not supposed to take names of people that want to join the church?" asked Ned.

"No, dear, God keeps the record. When we are saved, we are born into the family of God or church of God. In Ps. 87:5, 6 it says, 'And of Zion [church of God] it shall be said, This and that man was born in her; . . . The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there.' Don't you think it better to have the Lord keep the books, and let him take the names of those who are in the church?"

"Does Jesus have my name on his book up in heaven?" asked Jane.

"Yes, when we get saved, God writes our names down on the Book of Life," said Mother.

"Then if we sin, He scratches it off?" asked Ned.

"Yes, he blots it out. One time the children of Israel sinned, and Moses wanted God to blot his name off the Book of Life and spare the Israelites; but God said, 'Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.'" (Ex. 32:32-33).

"The preacher can't see in our hearts and know if we have sinned, can he, Mother?" asked Ned.

"No, but God can. And that is the reason Mother can't go to places to worship God that man has so much to do with it. In most of these places man has given it a name, when the Bible teaches only one name, that is, 'Church of God.' They make rules that you are to live by, and most of them teach that you cannot live a holy life on earth. Most of the church members are worldly-minded and they

only think of a good time. The few spiritual ones are afraid to tell how they feel for fear of the minister's displeasure. So that is the reason we can't go to them; and since we do not have but just a few here, we meet together for a prayermeeting and worship God in our homes in the way the Bible teaches us. If there was a place to go we would go every Sunday."

"I don't want to go down there if the preacher makes the rules. I want God to write my name down, and not that preacher," said Ned. —M. M.

Jesus Helps

En-Mei was only a little Chinese girl who was almost blind and who had a very hard life because her mistress would beat her because she did not do her work well. But one day she heard the story of Jesus, and she loved Him so much that she cried as the story of His death was being told. She became a Christian and did her work so much better that her mistress asked her the reason. "It is because I am trusting the Lord," En-Mei told her. "He helps me and gives me peace in my heart." She did her work so willingly that she was treated much better. She was even given a little mirror for a gift. One time she was sick, but would not allow anyone to pray to the idols for her. She said, "I have asked the true God to heal me, and I know he will." Very soon she was quite well; and her mistress, seeing her lovely life, asked her much about the Lord Jesus. —Sel.

Search Question

Who was chosen to take Judas Iscariot's place after his death?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Lydia Acts 16:14.

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Dear boys and girls:

You have been going to school now for a number of days, and I am sure that you again meet with many things that you find are temptations to you. But you must remember what the Bible teaches is right, and stay by it. Don't give way to wrong. Doing wrong will take your soul to hell if you do not repent of it. And the devil just loves to get you to do wrong and then make you think it is too hard to make it right. He is a clever old fellow, but you can be smarter if you will listen to the Lord speaking to you telling you the right way to go.

It is best to come right home from school and not linger along the way. You will find the boys and girls on the streets whose mothers are not careful about teaching them right, and they do not care if they are at home or not. They will get you into trouble. Mothers who love their boys and girls take care of them and tell them to come straight home from school, or know where they are. May the Lord help you to resist wrong.

—Aunt Marie.

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"Yield not to temptation,

For yielding is sin;

Each vict'ry will help you

Some other to win."

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 13. September 28, 1952

THE GLORY OF SOLOMON'S KINGDOM

1 Kings 4:20-26; 11:4-13, 28-41

Solomon not only was wise, but he also had great riches. He built great houses and his own throne was of ivory and gold. All the people enjoyed riches and were at peace, and there were great numbers, as many as the sand by the sea in multitude. These were all the seed of Abraham. Surely God's promise to Abraham was fulfilled, and they were now in the land of Canaan that the Lord had promised to Abraham.

Solomon reigned over great kingdoms and they brought him presents, and served him all the days of his life.

Solomon had many wives, children, bodyguards, servants, and his court ate in one day: three hundred bushels of fine flour, seven hundred bushels of coarse flour, ten stall-fed oxen, twenty pasture-fed oxen, one hundred sheep, deer, wild goats, buffalo, and fatted fowls. What a lot of food to be eaten in one day; but the Lord said he would give Solomon much riches, and he did. He also had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots and twelve thousand horsemen. These figures may not mean much to you, but they mean that Solomon was a very rich man.

A thousand wives! I can just hear you say, he surely had a lot of them. Yes he did, and they were his downfall. He let his wives turn his heart away from the Lord his God. His wives worshiped other gods and they wanted him to build temples for their gods. He did, and then they got him to go in with them and worship these gods. He was getting old now

and it seemed he was so used to the blessings of the Lord that his heart did not worship the Lord. How sad to see people turn away from the Lord after He blesses them. They should love Him more. But Solomon went after the gods of his wives. He did evil in the sight of the Lord. The Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the Lord. So the Lord said to Solomon. Since you have not kept my commandments and done as I have told you, I will rend the kingdom from you and give it to another. But for your father David's sake I will let your son rule over Judah, but the rest will I give to another.

One day Jeroboam, a young man, met the prophet Ahijah in the field outside of Jerusalem. The prophet caught his new garment that he had on and tore it into twelve pieces. He gave Jeroboam ten pieces and said, "Behold I will rend ten tribes of the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon because he has done evil in the sight of the Lord, and will give them to you. But will give one tribe to Solomon's son for David's sake. When Solomon heard about this, he sought to kill Jeroboam, but he fled into Egypt. Solomon died and was buried in Jerusalem.

Riches will not make you happy. When Solomon was young and looked to the Lord, he was happy, but when he became old and feeble he turned away from the Lord because of his riches.

Central Truth—We should love the Lord better than things we possess.

Memory Verse—A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15.

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Part One

October 5.

A Child's Hymn

Through the pleasure of the day,
When I read and when I play,
Let me ever keep in view
God is seeing all I do.
When the sun withdraws his light,
And I go to rest at night,
Let me never lay my head
On my soft and easy bed
Till I lift my heart in prayer
For my heavenly Father's care,
Thanking Him for all his love
Sent me from his home above,
Praying him to kindly make
Me his child, for Jesus' sake."—Sel.

Animals Fear Man

"Did you boys tell Uncle Audney and Aunt Etta that you had a nice time at their house and thank them for being so nice to you?" asked Mother of her two boys.

"Oh, yes, and Mother, we rode the horses and had lots of fun," spoke up the boys, and then both tried to tell her at one time about their good time.

Mother listened to their telling of how the horse jumped a ditch while they were riding it and how some-

times it took them a long time to catch the horses and the many exciting times they had; also how much fun it was to play hide-and-seek in the hay loft; about the sheep, and lambs, the cows and hogs.

"Did you know that the horse is strong enough to turn around and kill you with his hoof?" she asked.

"Yes, but he won't do it?" spoke up the older boy.

"Do you know why he doesn't?"

"No, why?" asked the younger boy.

"Let me get my Bible and I will read to you why. Over in Genesis 9:2 we read where God was talking to Noah after the great flood on the earth. God said, 'And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered.' So you see God causes the horse to fear man and to do what they tell them. If the horse knew his own strength, and the weakness of man he could with one stroke of his hoof kill man. But while God hides these things from the horse, he makes him fear his owner, so that by

either cheerful or sullen submission he is trained up for riding or pulling a plow or wagon."

"I didn't know that God made the animals fear us."

"Is the tiger and lion afraid of me, too?" asked the younger boy.

"Yes, in one sense. They flee thru the principle of terror from the dwelling of man, yet if you get them cornered or if they are real hungry or in protecting their babies they will attack you. But if there were no fear at all upon them, they could and would come into villages and kill every person," answered Mother.

"God sure is good to us and everybody, isn't He?"

"Yes, God is good to us, and we should thank him for all his goodness. We can't begin to know how good God is to us. All praise is due to the Lord, who loves every person on the earth."

—M. M.

Following a Recipe

Did you ever watch your mother make a cake? What is your favorite kind of cake? Most children like chocolate cake, so let us talk about a chocolate cake. Of course, we know that most mothers know how to make them, and, oh, how good they taste! But just suppose your mother was the only one who knew how to make a chocolate cake. Wouldn't you feel sorry for all the other boys and girls? And if you are not selfish, you would want the other mothers to learn how so their boys and girls could have some. In order for them to learn how, you could have your mother to write the recipe and let the other mothers copy it, couldn't you? Then if they would do just what the recipe said, they could make a cake just like your mother's. But suppose one of the mothers started to make the cake

and would put salt where the recipe said sugar. Then another would make it almost like the recipe but would leave out the soda or baking powders; another would use some dirt instead of cocoa. Would these cakes be like your mother's? Of course they would not, and you would think something was wrong with those women, wouldn't you?

But do you know that most people are doing just about that way with a recipe that is far more important than a chocolate cake recipe. People want to be happy, and there is just one recipe for happiness, but they will not follow it.

When God made the first man and woman, they were happy, but they disobeyed God and lost their happiness. Jesus was happy with his Father in heaven, but when he looked on the poor people on the earth, he felt sorry for them and did not want to keep all that happiness for himself. He wanted to share it with others. So he left his happy home in heaven and came to this earth to teach people how to live and be happy. He gave people the only recipe there is for happiness and had it written down. If people would follow it, they would be happy, but they try to change it, and it won't work. Don't you think people are very foolish for not following Jesus' recipe? Would you like to know more about it so you can follow it? Wait till next week, to follow it. I'll tell you more about it.

—G. Ray

Dear children:

Greetings to each reader in the precious name of Jesus.

Do you remember what I wrote to you in July? Or have you been so busy this summer that you did not have time to remember it? I told you that if any of

you would write a stanza which could be sung to the tune of "There Is Not a Friend Like Jesus" that we would print it in the "Beautiful Way" paper this quarter. I think one little girl by the name of Rada Louise Sherman got busy with her pencil and paper right away, for the next week I received a stanza from her. Here it is with the last line changed a little:

I want to be a friend of Jesus,
And He'll be a friend to me;
If you'll live your life for Jesus,
You will die with victory.

Chorus—"There is not a friend like Jesus
Patient, tender, kind and true;
If you'll be a friend of Jesus,
He will be a friend to you."

Rada Louise Sherman, Bakersfield, Calif.

Dear Aunt Marie and readers,—I want to write my testimony in the little paper that I like so well. I can hardly wait till we get it read. The Lord healed me of poison ivy. My face was swollen till I couldn't open my eyes. I was anointed and prayed for on Saturday and Sunday I could open both eyes. Then Infintago set in and I had sores over my face, in my nose, on my hands and legs. In a week the scabs fell off and I don't have another infection.

I am saved and will be glad for camp-meeting so I can go to children's meeting. Susan Williams

P. S. (Mother has to copy my letter as I can only print. I just finished my first year in school. I am six years old.)

(Susan wrote this letter in June and sent it to be put in the "Beautiful Way" before campmeeting time, but it arrived here in the office where we print the paper just two days too late to be put in the last quarter. I am sure Susan could think of many more things to add to her testimony now, for she attended two campmeetings.—G. R.)

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lesson today tells us how Jesus was tempted to do wrong, but he did not yield to Satan. And today Satan is still trying to tempt us to do wrong, but we do not have to yield. Jesus went through being tempted and he knows just how to help us when we are tempted. Let us do like Jesus.

God had a work for Jesus to do here on earth and Satan tried to hinder him. God also has a work for you and for me to do, that is to live for Jesus here so others will want to live for Him and know about Him; and Satan tries to hinder us or stop us from doing right, but we do not want to yield. Use the Bible on him; call on Jesus. He has to run when Jesus helps us, because Jesus overcame the devil so we could overcome him.

Call on the Lord and resist the devil. Tell him "no" in Jesus' name, and he has to run. We don't want to think it strange that we are tempted, but rejoice because we are sure to be overcomers as Jesus was an overcomer.
—Aunt Marie.

Search Question

What happened to Enoch?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Matthias Acts 1:26.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 1, October 5, 1952

JESUS REPRESENTS GOD'S WAY

Matt. 3:16-17; 4:1-11, 17.

(Faced With a Choice. Josh. 24:14-21)

Today we start our new quarter. We will study the first book of the New Testament. Can you tell me what it is? That is right, it is Matthew. We will start at the last of the third chapter, leaving the birth of Jesus to be studied at Christmas time.

We find Jesus down at the Jordan River. He had one purpose in mind. He wanted to see John and ask him to do something. Can you tell me what it was? Yes, he wanted John to baptize him, but John did not want to baptize him. He felt so unworthy. He said, "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you." But Jesus said, "It must be so this way, as this is the way that God wants it." So John consented.

A wonderful thing happened when Jesus was baptized. The heavens opened as he came up out of the water, and the Spirit of God came down out of heaven in the shape of a dove and sat upon him. Then the voice of God spoke from heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Wasn't that wonderful? We find the trinity here, the three in one—God the Father, Jesus the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit in form of a dove. Surely that was a beautiful beginning of Jesus' work here on earth. I am sure he felt very happy to know that God, his Father, and the Holy Spirit were pleased with him.

The devil did not like it because Jesus was going to work for God. He also knew that if Jesus began to teach the people about the way to heaven and then die on the cross for their sins and arise

the third day, that he would lose his power over men. They would then have power to resist him and he could not make them sin. So he thought to himself, "I'll just make Jesus sin and fall and then he will work for me." So one day as Jesus was out in the wilderness, being led there by the Holy Spirit to fast for forty days and forty nights, no doubt seeking God's plan in the work he had for him to do, Satan came to Him. When the fast was ended, Satan said, "If you be the Son of God, command that these stones be turned into bread." Jesus was very hungry. Should he do what Satan wanted? No! never! Jesus used the Bible on Satan. He said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." But the devil did not leave him. He took him up into the holy city, on top of the temple. He told Jesus, "Jump! If you will do that, your fame will spread. This is the way to begin your great work. And don't you know the scripture says . . ." (Read Ps. 91:11-12 and compare with what Satan said. He left out part of it.) But Jesus told him, "It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord, thy God." Jesus knew the scriptures.

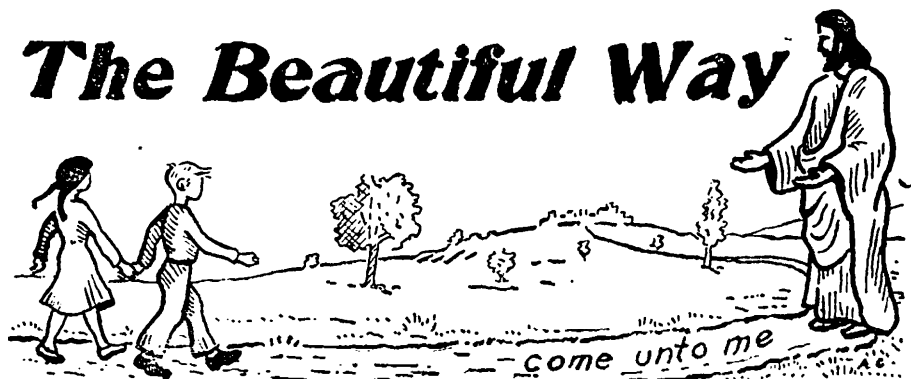
(Tell about the last temptation).

Jesus proved to Satan that he would not do what he told him to, and that He was going to obey God and serve Him. The angels came and comforted Him and from that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Central Thought: Jesus would not take the easy way and let the devil help him.

Memory Verse: Lo, I come . . . to do thy will, O God. Heb. 10:7.

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Part Two

October 12

"BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN."

Tom and Johnny went to meeting
Where they heard the preacher say,
All should go in faith to Jesus,
Let Him wash their sins away.

When the altar call was given
And the Spirit with them pled,
Tom just stiffened up his shoulders,
"I need none of that," he said.

"Oh, I know that I'm not perfect,
But there's not much wrong I do;
If the others get to heaven,
Why, I think I'll go there, too."

So poor Tom, like many others,
Robbed himself of blessings great,
Just because he wouldn't humble.
Angels wept at his sad fate.

Johnny heard the Spirit's pleading,
And he fell upon his knees,
Crying loudly, "Lord, have mercy,
Hear me now, and save me, please!"

Johnny soon was in God's kingdom,
And he was a happy boy.
For when folks will come to Jesus,
He will fill their hearts with joy.

—G. R.

Finding The Way

Eight year old Alicea wanted very much to ask her mother if she might go next door to play; but some ladies were talking with her mother, and it would not be polite to interrupt the conversation.

At last she slipped inside the door, and softly crossed the room and stood behind her mother's chair. One of the ladies was telling a story of her childhood. Alicea became so interested she forgot what she wanted to ask her mother, and listened to the story.

This is what the lady said: "When I was a little girl, I wanted very much to be a Christian; but no one ever explained to me what I must do to be one, and for a long time my heart was hungry and thirsting to find out the way.

Then one day an old man told in meeting how he found the way, even as a little boy. The old man said he went one day in real earnestness, and got down on his knees and asked God to forgive all his naughty doings, and make him God's own little boy, and from that day on he believed God had

forgiven him and made him His child.

"After I heard that old man," said the lady, "I also went and asked God to make me his little girl, and to forgive all my bad doings. And," she added smilingly, "I believe he did. I have thanked Him ever since."

As Alicea listened to this talk, she thought, why that was just what she had wanted to know about,—how to find God. She slipped out of the room and went to her little sleeping place. There she got down on her knees and asked God to forgive her for all the naughty things she had done, and for the cross words, and to make her His little girl, and to help her live to please Him. She also promised to read her Bible and learn how He wanted her to live. And into her heart came such sweetness and joy, she was sure God had heard her prayer, for she really meant every word of it.

(An old white haired lady told me this story, and she said she believed on Jesus from that day).—G. Elliott

Jesus' Recipe for Happiness

Did you ever get up in the morning feeling cross and unhappy? Perhaps someone told you that you got up on the wrong side of the bed; but the bed has nothing to do with your troubles. You need to learn Jesus' recipe for happiness.

This recipe is in the fifth chapter of Matthew. Read the first twelve verses. Beginning with the third verse, notice each verse starts with the word, "Blessed." The word blessed means happy. Now read these verses again and say, "happy" where you see the word "blessed." These verses are called the "Beatitudes" because beatitude means happiness.

The first beatitude is, "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the

kingdom of heaven." Now let us learn what "poor in spirit" means.

You know what it is to be poor, don't you? Did you ever see a poor child begging for clothes or something to eat? Why did he beg? It was because he knew he didn't have anything and if someone didn't give him something he would die.

That is just about the way it is with the "poor in spirit." He knows he is a poor lost sinner and unless Jesus gives him salvation he will be lost forever. Jesus will not save one if he is too proud in spirit to realize he is a lost sinner, and too proud to ask Him for salvation. But when he begs Jesus for salvation, Jesus will save him. That means he is in the kingdom of heaven here and will go to heaven when he dies.

In Luke 18:10-14, Jesus told about two men who went to the temple to pray. One was proud and didn't think he needed anything from the Lord, so he didn't get anything; but the other one was "poor in spirit" and the Lord saved his soul.

Read the poem on the first page about Tom and Johnny. Which one was "poor in spirit"?

Remember, we are talking about Jesus' recipe for happiness. Be sure to follow it. I'll tell you more about it next week. —G. R.

A Watermelon Thief

There was once a man who just loved watermelons, and instead of raising his own, he would wait until someone else would and when they were ripe he would make plans for stealing them.

One day, however, he was very disappointed, for this time he went into the wrong field. A neighbor, who had many hogs, planted a field of citron melons for them; and this

thief, not knowing the difference between them, stole one, thinking he had a good watermelon. He took it off down the road to eat it, and when he tried to burst it, it was so tough until it took him some time to get into it. When he finally did, he found it to be only a citron melon, nothing but hog food.

Do you know people do about the same thing in another way? The devil will cause them to think that they are getting real pleasure out of worldly amusements and such; but, alas! when they come to the end of the way, they will find that they have been eating only the husk of the earth (hog food) instead of the everlasting food that gives life eternal.

—O. A. Davenport

Search Question

What stout man fell off his seat and broke his neck after hearing evil tidings?

Answer to Last Week's Question

God took him. Gen. 5:24.

HOW MUCH HE LOVED

A junior boy declared that he loved his mother "with all his strength." He was asked to explain what he meant by "with all his strength." He said: "Well, I'll tell you. You see, we live on the fourth floor of these flats, and there is no elevator and the coal is kept down in the basement. Mother is dreadfully busy all the time, and she isn't very strong; so I see to it that the coal-scuttle is never empty. I lug the coal up four flights of stairs all by myself; and it is a pretty big load. It takes all my strength to get it up there. Now isn't that loving my mother with all my strength?"

And if we love God with all our strength as His Word tells us to do, we shall be doing things for Him.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Isn't the Lord good to us? He does so much for us. He gives us health, food, clothes, homes, beds, good mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, oh, so many good things. We could just make a long list of all the things that the Lord gives to us. One time on Thanksgiving I asked my class to bring a list of things that God gives to us, and I would give a prize to the one that had the longest list. They all brought a long list. The one who got the prize had written down three hundred and sixty things that he was thankful for. That was a long list, wasn't it? I was real pleased with the class.

I do hope if you have not learned the Beatitudes by memory that you will do so. It is wonderful to know that Jesus will bless us if we are peacemakers, merciful and kind. Let us put them in practice, make peace wherever you go. It doesn't hurt you to laugh when someone hits you. Jesus will give you help to do so. That does not show weakness. It shows that you are brave and determined to please Jesus; it shows that you are strong. May the Lord bless each one of you.

—Aunt Marie

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 2, October 12, 1952

HAPPY WAYS OF LIVING

Matt. 5:1-12

Last Sunday we studied about Jesus being baptized and then he was led into the wilderness and there the devil tried to get him to do wrong and not to do the will of God. But Jesus overcame the devil and went out preaching repentance to the people.

Today we find Jesus with his disciples and a great multitude of people around him. This was a great meeting and they had the very best preacher. As he preached to them the people were astonished, spell-bound. They had never heard such a wonderful sermon before. The part of the sermon that we will talk about today is called the Beatitudes. I want to call them the nine steps up the "golden ladder" that all must climb who want to belong to the kingdom of heaven. I hope you have learned them by memory. If not, let us start learning them now. (Have the class repeat each one together several times).

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." We hear Jesus say this to the great crowd in that meeting. Blessed means "happy." This is the first step. When we come to Jesus to be saved, we must become real sorry for our sins, poor, contrite in spirit. Once Jesus told about two men who went up to the temple to pray. One was sorry for his sins and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner." He was poor in spirit and the Lord saved him (Tell details. Luke 18:10).

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Those who weep because they have sinned and because others sin, will be comforted, also those who weep with others. But those who

weep because they are caught sinning and are not sorry will not find comfort. Jesus wept over Jerusalem (Explain).

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." This is the third step in the ladder. After our sins are forgiven, we then can be like Christ: meek. It did not affect him if people praised him or if they spit in his face. (Tell how he was meek at the cross). The Christian lives to please God. When God is pleased he gives us many good things.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."—fourth step. It is healthy to be hungry, and it is a blessing to have plenty of food to eat. It is good to want to know more about God and desire to please him, and God will give to us help to be good and make the devil run. As we desire it, we shall be filled with more of God.

"Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy"—fifth step. As we are kind to others and the ones who do wrong to us, so God will show kindness to us.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."—sixth step. God will give you a pure heart, cleanse out all sin (Explain the rest, as space does not permit us.)

"Blessed are the peace makers: for they shall be called the children of God."—seventh step. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"—eighth step. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake"—ninth step.

Central Thought: The inner life is needed to make good in our outward life.

Memory Verse: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.

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Part Three

October 19

Who Says?

Who says I am just a small ignorant one,
Too young yet to know all that Jesus
has done

When He hung on the cross there on
Mount Calvary

For my Mother, my Dad, and for chil-
dren like me?

Why! Didn't He say just as plain as
could be:

"Let the little ones in, let them come
unto Me"?

On their heads then He laid His dear
loving hand,

He could bless even those who did not
understand.

Don't you think children know when
they're naughty and bad?

When they trouble their Mother and wor-
ry their Dad?

Well, that shows you how early they
learn about sin.

They should open their hearts to let
Jesus come in.

But it's up to you big folks to show us
the way,

How to live near to Jesus at school and
at play;

To tell us the news, how He died on a tree
To save everyone, even children like me!

—Sel. by W. D. Summers

Five Beautiful Pearls

A little girl of seven came from
school and saw the minister visiting
in her home. She went to him and
he asked her about her school lesson,
then said, "Now, suppose the Lord
were to come, tonight, Mary, how
would it be with you?" She immedi-
ately replied, "Oh, it would be all
right, for I would go with Him."

"Would you, indeed?"

"Yes, I would."

"But what about your sins, Mary?"

"Jesus has washed them all away
by His blood."

"You don't mean it, do you?" he
said, feeling a little surprised.

"Oh, yes, I do."

"You would not be afraid then, if
Jesus were to come today?"

"Oh, no, sir, not at all."

"Well, when did you first come to
know that all your sins were forgiven?"

"It was when you were here last
year," she answered. "One Sunday
evening just before supper."

"Indeed!" he said, more surprised than ever.

"Yes," she replied, "And would you like to hear the verse?"

"Very much," he answered.

So she got on a chair, reached for the Bible and turning over its leaves she found John 5:24 and read it to him: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that HEARETH my word, and BELIEVETH on him that sent me, HATH everlasting life, and SHALL NOT come into condemnation; but IS passed from death unto life." As soon as she had finished reading, she looked up and said, "That was the verse. It was that night you preached from this text and spoke about the five beautiful words like five pearls linked together. I was never sure till that night, but I have never doubted it since." The minister lifted his heart in thankfulness to God that this little child had believed in the Lord Jesus and was trusting His precious blood and enjoying what God had said.

Let us look at this verse in our Bibles and see this chain of five golden words: heareth, believeth, hath, shall not, is. Remember that any person who hears the Word of Christ and believes on the Father who sent Him gets the other three blessings, for they are all linked together like five beautiful pearls on a golden string.

—Sel.

Jesus' Recipe for Happiness

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted."

Do you know what it is to mourn? It means to cry, weep, and grieve over something. Some people mourn when they lose something, but that is not what Jesus is talking about here. We must know what He is talking about if we are to follow his recipe for happi-

ness. If we want the comfort which Jesus gives that makes us blessed, or happy, we must mourn over things that he would want us to mourn over.

A little boy about six years old came to children's meeting. The teacher told them about how God had made people at first with only good things in them, like love, peace, kindness, faith, goodness; but they opened their hearts to Satan and he put bad things in them, like hate, stealing, quarreling, lying, cheating, swearing, and many other things. She told how this grieved God and caused all the trouble that is in the world, and how God had sent a Saviour into the world to take bad things out of people and put good things in again. When the teacher finished talking, the little boy started crying very loudly, just like his heart would break. He said he wanted Jesus to take the bad things out of him. He was sorry for his sins and was willing to give back things he had stolen. The teacher prayed with him, and he soon quit crying and acted very happy. He said Jesus had taken all the bad things out of him. Truly he had mourned because of his sins, and Jesus comforted him by forgiving his sins and taking them away.

Work For Jesus

A missionary in India visited a village with others, and in front of the temple among a row of idols she found a number of school-boys who were able to read. She explained what the gospel was and each one was eager to have a copy. But there was one boy who was extremely interested. Her heart went out to those boys and especially to this one little lad. When she gave him a copy, she told him that if he would read it and believe in Jesus and open his heart, Je-

sus would come in and take away his sins and make him happy. This he promised to do. They left that village with a sad feeling in their heart. It seemed to them that their visit had been a failure.

But twelve years later she said that this same lad, who was so interested, walked fifty miles to find one of the brothers that was with her that day, and told him of his experiences. The boy said that he gathered the boys and they read the Book. Then he began to pray to Jesus that he would take his sins away. And Jesus did just that. He came into his heart and took away his sins and made him happy; and not only took his sins away, but also nine other boys gave their hearts to Jesus. Then later he came again and brought the nine boys and even later he came again and brought his wife and they stayed awhile to learn more about Jesus.

The missionary had left the village thinking that she had done no good, but years later she learned that a number had been saved through her giving them the Bible. So boys and girls, do something for Jesus. You may not see the good you are doing but maybe years later you will know. You are helping others when you stand up and testify or when you tell others about Jesus. —M. Miles

Search Question

How long did it take the Jews to build the temple at Jerusalem?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Eli. 1 Sam. 4:18.

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil." Prov. 8:13. To hate evil helps us to do right. If we love the Lord we will hate evil and wrong and not do it.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Do not forget to pray. You must pray often. You need Jesus to help you. Ask Him and he will help you. Then he wants us to pray for others also. And in our prayers he wants us to praise him and thank him for the things he gives us. It is very rude and unmannerly not to thank a person when they give us something. So it is very rude and unmannerly for us to continually take from Jesus and never say, "Thank you," for it. Jesus gives us everything we have.

I read about a Mother whose boy was a missionary in South America. The mother was busy about her work in her kitchen, in her usual attitude of prayer, when all at once she felt an urge to pray for her boy. So she left her work and went to her bedroom to pray. She prayed for her son until she felt that God was taking care of him. Later she heard that a great mob of wicked men had gathered around her son to kill him, but suddenly they left and changed their minds and he was saved. That mother's prayer was answered. When you feel you should pray, do it at once. You may need help to meet something ahead of you. —Aunt Marie

"My sheep hear my voice."

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 3, October 19, 1952

HOW WE PRAY

Matt. 6:1-8; 16-24.

Jesus came here to the earth to teach people how to get to heaven. He wants everyone to go to heaven. There are just two places for us to go and Jesus lets us choose which place we want to go. If we choose to go to heaven, then we must do what Jesus tells us to do to get there. In our lesson today he tells us a number of things that we must do. we will talk about two of them today and maybe the teacher can talk about the others to you. He told them to pray, and how to pray. Prayer is talking to Jesus and letting Jesus talk to you. You talk to your mother. You thank her for the nice things that she gives you and does for you. Then you ask her for the things that you may want. Well, you can talk to Jesus just like you talk to your mother. But there is one great difference. Mother does not have power to do everything for you, but Jesus does. Jesus is so great and wonderful and mighty that he can do anything. And he can give us power to keep from doing wrong. Mother cannot do that. She can tell us not to wrong, but she cannot give us power to say "No" to the devil. So we must go to Jesus in prayer and ask him to give us power to say "No."

In Jesus' time there were some people who wanted everyone to see them pray. It is said that one man stood and prayed in the corner of the street, then went across and prayed again, then went on to the other corner and prayed, then to the other corner, until he had prayed on all four corners of the street. He wanted to be sure that everyone saw him pray. Jesus condemned him for that. He called those people just actors or hypo-

crites. Jesus told the people what they should do when they prayed. Go into your closet or your secret place to pray. How many have a certain place where they pray? I know one little boy who went to his neighbor's house and the woman told him she was sick. He said, "Do you want me to pray for you?" She said, "Yes." And away he ran back to his house and went into the room and knelt down where he always knelt to pray. There he prayed for her. Jesus likes for us to have a place to pray where it is quiet. There are times when he wants us to pray in the church house or maybe on the street, or in other places, but we should never pray just so others can see or hear us pray.

Jesus wants us to kneel when we pray. Let the teacher read from the Bible about some people who knelt when they prayed. Daniel knelt three times a day and prayed (Dan. 6:10). Stephen knelt and prayed when he was being stoned to death (Acts 7:60). Jesus knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:41). Jesus is our example to follow. Peter knelt and prayed for Dorcas and she was raised from the dead (Acts 9:40.) Read Acts 20:36 and Psalms 95:6. It makes me feel sad when I see children sitting up when it is time to pray. Jesus does not like it either. We should bow ourselves in reverence to the great and mighty God. (Have the class to repeat the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. Matthew 6:9-11).

Jesus also taught them to give, but not to tell everyone about the gift, or blow a trumpet like some in his day did. If we try to receive praise to ourselves here in this world, we will not receive praise from the Lord. (Explain).

Central Thought: We have a heavenly Father that loves us.

Memory Verse: Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matt. 6.

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Part Four

October 26

Our Baby

Our baby boy is creeping
Across the kitchen floor,
And here he stops to listen
Outside the fast-closed door.
He hears so many noises,
So many things he sees,
As he makes his little journey
On his tiny hands and knees.
And soon his little journey
Will long and longer grow;
Too soon he will grow bigger,
And off to school he'll go.
To school—perhaps to college—
And then? Across the sea
To strange and far-off countries,
God's messenger to be.
At last, his journey's ended,
And all his wanderings o'er,
He'll stand with all the pilgrims
On Heaven's happy shore.—E. R.

Kathryn's Prayer

Kathryn was a fair-haired little girl. She was six years old, and lived in a beautiful home in California. She had no brothers or sisters, so her dolls were her playmates. Kathryn loved them very much. She also

loved her father and mother; but most of all, she loved the Lord Jesus whom she had taken as her Saviour.

One fine morning when her mother was busy in the kitchen, and Kathryn was playing in the yard, the Lord Jesus spoke to her heart. He made her feel that Frankie Dean, a family friend, who was in far away France, needed her prayers just at that moment.

Kathryn left her play and ran to the kitchen. "Mother," she urged, "please come and pray to the Heavenly Father with me for Frankie."

"In a moment, dear," her mother replied, "just as soon as I finish washing the dishes."

"P-le a s e, Mother, come right now, 'cause I think Frankie's been shot," begged Kathryn tugging at her mother's hand.

Then Kathryn's mother dried her hands, and they both went into the living room. There they knelt by the window seat. Then Kathryn prayed out loud. She asked the Heavenly Father to bless Frankie, to take care of him, and to bring him back to his friends in America after the war. After that, Kathryn's mother prayed,

then they both said, "Amen." Mother returned to her housework and Kathryn to her play.

So sure was she that Frankie had been wounded, that every evening in her prayer time, Kathryn asked the Lord to make Frankie well. And each day this little Christian girl and her mother looked for a letter telling them about their young friend. Weeks and months went by, but no letter came. However, Kathryn and her mother kept right on praying, and in their hearts there was the feeling that the Heavenly Father was hearing and answering their prayers.

After a long time the news came that on the very same day that the Lord Jesus had told Kathryn in her heart that Frankie was in trouble, he and many other soldiers were in a very dangerous and important battle. Many young soldiers were killed, and Frankie was hurt. Though he was in great pain, he prayed while he was lying on the ground waiting for help to come to him. After a long while stretcher-bearers came, picked him up very gently and carried him to a hospital where doctors bound up his wounds and took care of him until he was well.

When her mother finished reading the letter, Kathryn exclaimed, "Didn't I say Frankie was shot? Didn't I know it that morning when I HAD to pray for him?"

"Yes, dear," her mother replied, "but what made you think you had to pray for him at that particular time?"

"I think Jesus told me to do it," Kathryn answered thoughtfully.

In God's Word there is a wonderful verse about partners in prayer and about the Heavenly Father's answering the prayers of those who love Him. It says, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing

that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in Heaven" Matt. 18:19.

Kathryn was happy because she had obeyed the Lord Jesus when He spoke to her heart about praying for her friend, and her mother was glad that she had been willing to be Kathryn's partner in praying. —Sel.

Jesus' Recipe for Happiness

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

Helen had two pets. One was a pet pig and the other a pet lamb. She liked them both and wanted to do good things for them, but these pets were very different. The lamb was so gentle and would follow her around, she would clean it up and it would stay pretty and white, it would eat out of her hand, and she never had any trouble with it. But the pig was different. She would clean it up and it would soon be all dirty from rooting in the mud, it was always getting into trouble and she couldn't lead it where she wanted it to go. It became such a nuisance that she had to get rid of it.

If you had been one of Helen's pets, which one would you rather have been? The lamb, of course, because it got to live on and on with Helen, and when she had something good that the lamb liked, it got part of it.

There are two kinds of people just like Helen had two kinds of pets. Some people are like the pig, they keep dirty with sin, Jesus cannot lead them, and they are always getting into trouble. He will just have to get rid of them and they cannot inherit His good things. But others are meek like the lamb. Jesus wants us to be meek so He can lead us. He wants to clean us up from sin, and wants us

to stay clean. Jesus has many good things to give us if we are meek and humble like the lamb. These good things are told about in the Bible. We inherit some of them here, and some of them after we leave this life. But we will always be blessed, or happy, if we will be meek like the lamb.

Matching Names

Below is a list of brothers. Can you match them?

- | | | |
|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 1. Jacob | F | A. Joseph |
| 2. Moses | — | B. John |
| 3. Simon | — | C. Ham and Shem |
| 4. Cain | — | D. Aaron |
| 5. Benjamin | — | E. Absalom |
| 6. Japheth | — | F. Esau |
| 7. James | — | G. Andrew |
| 8. Shadrach | — | H. Abel |
| 9. Chilion | — | I. Mechach and |
| 10. Solomon | — | Abednego |
| | | J. Mahlon |

Answers: 1—F, 2—D, 3—G, 4—H, 5—A, 6—C, 7—B, 8—I, 9—J, 10—E.

Search Question

Whom did Jesus tell he was going to abide at his house?

Answer to Last Week's Question
46 years. John 2:20.

God Loves Us

God chose to come and live in a tabernacle in the midst of the children of Israel because he loved them, not because they deserved it for they had sinned against God. God chose to send his Son down to this world to die on the cross for us, not because we deserved it but because he loved us. God chose us because we choose Him, and He loves us.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I do thank the Lord for each one of you who are saved and living for Jesus. Jesus is very good to us, and we should love him more and more each day. I am sure if you love Jesus that you just feel his great love right down in your heart and you have such a good feeling inside. The Lord just blesses each one that is his. I just want to encourage you each one to HOLD fast to Jesus. The devil would like you to do wrong and then that good feeling would be gone until you come and ask the Lord to forgive you. So we must pray often to Jesus and ask Him to help you to say "no" to the devil so you can keep that good feeling.

One little boy gave his heart to Jesus and he felt so good and happy inside, but he just didn't pray often. When his mother would ask him to do something he would fuss about it till Jesus just had to leave his heart. Jesus can't live in a fussing person. Jesus is love and kindness, goodness, and he will make us that way too, but we must ask him each day to help us and not forget to ask. By asking Him to help us we make Jesus know that we love Him and want Him to live in our hearts. May the Lord just bless you greatly. —Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 4, October 26, 1952

TREATING OTHERS FAIRLY

Matt. 7:12; 15:27

Today we will talk about the last part of the sermon that Jesus preached on the Mount—the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of Matthew.

Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye would that men [boy or girl] should do to you, do ye even so to them." (repeat). Do you like for others to divide their candy with you? (Discuss). Do you like for others to be nice to you and let you be first? share their toys? play with you? (Add more) Well then, Jesus says for you to treat others just the way you want to be treated. This is called the "Golden Rule." None of us like to be cheated, do we? Let us always play fair. Jesus wants us to. And if we "love the Lord with all our hearts and with all our souls and with all our might," as Jesus has told us to, we will want to please Him and keep the Golden Rule. I know a man who named his store the "Golden Rule." People like to trade there because they know that man will treat them fair and square just like he would like to be treated. Let us start out this very week and put in practice the "Golden Rule." Will you? Then next week when you come back to Sunday School, each one of you can tell how you thought about it and treated someone else just like you wanted to be treated. Before we act, let us stop and think, "What would Jesus do?" And then let us do like Jesus.

Jesus compares our actions to trees (Draw two trees on board). One tree is a good tree, therefore it has good fruit upon it. The other tree is a bad tree and it has bad or evil fruit upon it. "By their fruits ye shall know them," Jesus said. Now draw a heart at the root of these trees. Actions come out of our hearts. Jesus tells us, "A good man

[boy or girl] out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things; and an evil man [boy or girl] out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Matt. 13:35. So these trees grow right out of the good heart or the bad heart. Now tell me some of the fruit that grows on the good tree. That is right, the first one is love. (Draw a circle and write in love). Now tell me how you can bear the fruit of love? When little sister or brother falls down and is hurt, you run and help them up and put your arms around them and love them. That is showing love. We show our mothers and fathers that we love them by not only telling them that we love them, but also by doing what they tell us to do. Gal. 5:22, 23 names more good fruit: joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, and you can add many more.

Now the evil tree. The first fruit would be hate. But a bad heart just will bring forth a bad fruit, won't it? (Use everyday examples to explain each one). Fighting, lying, stealing, bad manners, strife, disobeying parents (Name more). Jesus tells us what happens to that evil or bad tree: "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." These are Jesus' words. That tree with that bad heart will be cast into hell-fire that burns forever. So we need to come to Jesus and ask him to make our heart clean and ask him to forgive us for our sins so we can bring forth good fruit. We need a change of heart. David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."

Central Thought: When our hearts are right we can bear good fruit.

Memory Verse: Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 7:21.

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Part Five

November 2

WHY?

Little artist with your paint-brush,
Did you ever stop to think
Why God made some flowers purple
And some other flowers pink.

Why He ladened them with perfume,
Why He made the sky so blue,
And from midnight's blackest curtain
Lets the gleaming stars peep thru.

Why He paints the clouds at sunset,
Why the moth's luxurious wing,
Why He gives the fruits their flavor,
Why the woods with carols ring?

On and on our tongues might name
them,

Things that make the old world fair,
But the answer would be always—

'Tis our heavenly Father's care.

—Sel.

On A Sunny Afternoon

Mother, Jane and Harold went shopping one beautiful afternoon. After finishing and buying treats for the children they were ready to catch the bus home.

Jane, about six years of age, knew the way home from the bus stop,

which was about two or three blocks farther, so she decided to run ahead while Harold who was several years younger was contented to stay with his mother.

Jane had not gone very far in her "happy-go-lucky" stride when a very huge dog began to bark at her. In fact, he seemed to be nearly as large as she, and how frightened she became. Now Jane had been told that running from dogs only encouraged them to run after a person; but to little Jane, this seemed to be the only thing to do. She ran this way and that. The huge dog was close behind her. She was so excited that she even ran past her mother who could have given her protection.

Finally Jane gave heed to her mother's call and stopped running and began to hit at the dog. Right away he stopped chasing her, and at the call of his master let her alone. After that, little Jane was quite content to walk close to her mother.

From this experience I was reminded of two Christian lessons. Never follow Jesus afar off, for something is sure to come between us and Him and we lose the protection of his

wings as did little Jane lose her mother's protection.

The other lesson deals with running from the enemy. After reading a portion of the sixth chapter of Ephesians, I am convinced that it was never intended for us to turn our backs to him, for God has provided no protection for our backs.

Let us examine our armor, beginning with the head. He has given the helmet of salvation to protect the head; the breastplate of righteousness for the upper part of our body; the shield of faith to be used to stop the blows of the enemy regardless of where he directs them. For the lower part of our body He uses a covering of truth for protection. Even the feet are shod with the gospel of peace.

For further help, He supplies us with a sword with which to fight the enemy (the Word of God, or the Bible). Not one time has He mentioned any armour for our backs. So you see, He didn't intend for us ever to run from the enemy.

Let us be watchful and prayerful, ever keeping close to Jesus.—O. A. D.

Jesus' Recipe for Happiness

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Were you ever real hungry or real thirsty? If you were really hungry, you wanted food more than anything. You went where you could get food, you asked for it, and didn't want something to play with, but you wanted food. If you were really thirsty, you wanted something to drink more than anything else.

I was caring for a little baby one day. He was a good baby and would sing and jabber in his baby way and would play for a long time. But he became hungry and started to fret.

When he was just a little hungry I could play with him and keep him from fretting, but soon he became very hungry and I couldn't offer him anything to play with that would satisfy him. He quit playing entirely and his fretting turned into loud crying for something to eat. Why? He was hungry for food.

It is that way when one is hungry and thirsty for righteousness. You want Jesus to live in your heart so bad that you seek Him, and hunt for Him, and ask Him to save you. When He sees you really are hungry for Him, He will come into your heart and you will be happy.

The Prayer of Faith

Little Alice had been crippled for months, and had to walk with a crutch and sometimes a cane. The doctors would not give her any hope that she would ever walk without a crutch. She often envied the other children as they ran about so freely, while she had to hobble along with a crutch. It was not so bad in the winter-time when she had to be indoors; but when the warm sunny weather came and she felt like racing and skipping, then she grew tired of her crutch.

Alice was a little Christian girl, and often her father read to her of how Jesus healed people when He was here on earth, and they talked about the various healings. But no one in their neighborhood had ever heard about healings in these days.

Then one day her father heard of a woman who believed in healing, that is, healing in answer to prayer. At once Alice wanted to go and see her, but her father did not have time to take her except at night, and he did not think that was a good time to go. So they waited, but often talked of finding some way that he

might take her to be prayed for. At last one of Alice's little friends heard of their wish to see this woman, and she offered to go with Alice to ask the woman to pray for her. And so Alice had her wish.

The woman talked with Alice about what it meant to believe on Jesus for healing; and learned that Alice had committed to memory many Bible verses on healing. Then the woman laid her hands on Alice and prayed for her, asking the Lord Jesus to make her all well. Soon after this the little girls started for their homes.

As they walked along near the river bank on their way home, Alice stopped and tossed her crutch far out into the river. She meant to trust the Lord Jesus to heal her; she wanted to lean on his promises and not on the crutch. As the crutch floated away Alice started to walk home. Why! she could walk real well. True, she limped some; but anyway, now that she had no crutch, she just had to walk; yes, and she had to pray all the time that the good God would make her all well.

Surely enough, in a few weeks she did not even limp. The doctors were surprised, and could not understand how it was that she was now well.

But Alice knew she had asked the Lord Jesus to heal her, and He had done so. Now she could run and play just as the other children did, and how thankful she was!

—Georgia C. Elliott

What promises do you think Alice had memorized about healing?

Search Question

Which one of Naomi's daughters-in-law returned to her people and her gods?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Zacchaeus. Luke 19:5.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

This last summer I was in children's meeting in California. Sister Vera Forbes told the children that she would give a Bible to the child that could say the most verses in the book of John at the campmeeting next summer. She suggested that as you learn a verse you should write it down on paper and bring them to campmeeting with you so some one could listen to you say them from the paper. I do trust that our California boys and girls are not forgetting this. Two months have passed and you must get busy, don't you think? I will tell you after next summer who learned the most. I am sure the other boys and girls will want to know.

I met some of the boys and girls at the Monark Springs campmeeting and the Oklahoma campmeeting. I was so glad to see so many that loved Jesus so much and would pray and testify for Jesus. Different ones told me that they were going to live for Jesus all the rest of their lives. I was so glad to hear you say that. Just remember to pray often to Jesus and he will keep you saved.

—Aunt Marie.

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

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 5, November 2, 1952

HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED

Matthew 8:5-17

Jesus is a wonderful helper in time of need. When he was here on earth he helped people and he is helping people today who come to him. In this chapter we are studying today he helped seventeen people in their time of need. We surely love Jesus, the great loving Savior, who will answer our prayer to him and help us.

One day after Jesus had preached the great sermon on the Mount and had traveled to another city, a Roman centurion came to him. This was a man who was captain over 100 men. But he had heard of Jesus and his great power to heal and help people, and he came to him asking him earnestly to heal his servant. This servant was very dear to the centurion, and he was grievously tormented with palsy. (Palsy is the loss of the power of motion in parts of ones body). His servant was sick and the centurion felt bad about it. When Jesus heard the earnest plea of the centurion for his servant, he said, "I will come and heal him." Just think how wonderful Jesus is! ready to heal all who come to him in faith and plead for his help. But the centurion knew that he was a Gentile and he knew at that time how the Jews felt toward the Gentiles, and he didn't want Jesus to get into trouble by coming into his home. He judged him by the customs of the day. He did not know that Jesus loved one person as well as he did another. Race, color, or nationality didn't make any difference to Jesus. But the centurion was touched by Jesus being so ready to come, and he said, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak THE WORD only,

and my servant shall be healed." Great faith the centurion had. He knew that if Jesus just spoke a word about anything it would have to be just that way. The centurion also said, "I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, do this, and he doeth it." In other words, he felt that Jesus was the captain of armies of heaven just as he was a captain here on earth. And as he sent men and they obeyed him, so Jesus could send death or life, disease or healing, and they would obey his order. Jesus marvelled at his faith and his understanding of his great power over the people of the world. He knew that he was a Gentile and had not had the teaching that the Jews had of God, the true God and His great power; and he told them, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Jesus could see that the people all over the world would know of God's great power and be drawn together into the kingdom of God.

And Jesus said unto the centurion, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." And his servant was healed that very hour. Just so today as we come to Jesus and believe as we ask, we shall receive what we ask for. We have a wonderful and great Jesus.

Jesus left the centurion and went into Peter's house. Peter's mother-in-law lay sick in bed with a fever, and Jesus touched her hand and healed her. She arose and probably helped fix a meal for them. Jesus will heal and help us today if we will believe.

Central Thought: It is love and mercy that made Jesus our helper and Savior.

Memory Verse: Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses. Matt. 8:17b.

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November 9

Two Pennies

"A penny I have, it is all my own," Little Charlotte exclaimed in a lively tone "I cannot do much with a penny, I fear, But I'll buy myself something to eat or wear."

"A penny I have," little Mary said, As she thoughtfully shook her curly head "God's ministers all need money, I know, But I fear that 'tis little a penny can do."

So Charlotte ran off and an apple bought While Mary her mite to the mission-box brought;

And which of them, think you, most cheerfully smiled,

And which of the two was the happier child?—Unknown.

Giri and Das

The only girl in a Hindu family was a cripple. Her three elder brothers went to school. Because Giri could not walk she could not go to school, though there was a girl's school not far from their home. The parents were rich and decided to look for a woman to teach Giri. Though not Christians, they knew that a Christian

could best be trusted to be kind to Giri. A young widow who had to earn her living was found. With her small amount of clothing she brought her Bible. The day soon came when the stories of Jesus were read aloud to Giri.

Das, one of the three brothers, often listened to these stories through the open door. The hymn, too, that she often sang, was capturing both of them. Das became so familiar with it that he sang it about the house. One day his father heard it and was angry, forbidding him to sing it. Like his sister, Das was old enough to know that sin brings suffering. And the thought of Jesus being the Savior, appealed to both of them. So Das still sang the Christian hymn.

Giri's frail body grew weaker, and finally she went to be with Jesus. He had won her heart, and for many weeks she had felt sure He loved her and that she loved Him. Though worn with suffering, Giri's face after death was calm and happy. She had gone to see the King in His beauty.

No one in that home was more sad, and yet more glad, than was the

brother Das. He was sad because no longer did the Christian woman come to the house. He missed the hymns she used to sing. But before leaving she gave him a New Testament. Each day before starting to school he read it, and the sympathy and love of Jesus for people who were in trouble greatly comforted him. And not long after Giri went home he, too, came to know the Lord Jesus and also what it is to suffer for Him. —Selected.

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

Jesus' Recipe for Happiness

"Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy."

We can show mercy in different ways. When we see something or someone in distress or misery and we help by kindness, that is showing mercy. And when someone treats us wrong and we forgive them in our hearts and still treat them nice, that is showing mercy. God wants us to show mercy even to people who treat us wrong, because that is what He did to us. We had treated Him wrong by sinning against Him, but he felt sorry for us. He knew hell would be our doom if we continued on in our sins, so He sent His Son to save us.

Read this story and see if you can tell two ways that Frances was merciful.

Ethel and Frances were neighbors, and could have had good times playing together, but Frances and her par-

ents were Christians and Ethel and her parents loved the sinful things of the world. The parents didn't seem to want Ethel to associate with Frances. They built a high, closely-woven fence around their place. Some people thought it was to keep Frances out. I am not sure about that, but anyway they never did invite her to come in, and Ethel would even stick her tongue out at Frances when she would see her looking through the fence. The way Ethel acted grieved Frances, but she never did anything hateful to get even with her.

One day Ethel's kitten climbed a tree by the big fence. He went out on a limb which reached out in Frances' back yard and jumped off onto the roof of Frances' house. After walking around on the roof awhile, he became tired and wanted down, but could not get down. Ethel was very much troubled about her kitten, and when it would "meow" so pitifully she would cry, but she could not help it. Frances felt very sorry for Ethel and her kitten and wanted to help them. Father was away so she had her mother to hold the ladder and let her climb up to get the kitten. Frances was usually afraid to go up on ladders, but this time the desire to help caused her to be brave. She brought the kitten safely to the ground and walked around to the big gate with it cuddled in her arms. Ethel was very much ashamed because of the way she had treated Frances, and she told her so when she opened the gate to let her in. The girls became good friends and even Ethel's parents were good to Frances after that. —G. R.

Children, if you should suddenly become sick or crippled, do you know any promises that God has given in His Word that you could claim for your healing?

On An Errand for Jesus

She sat in her old worn rocking chair by the window, looking out at the chilly rain—just a lonely aged woman, with no relatives to care for her.

Today she was very lonely and had been feeling that she was utterly friendless, when something lovely happened. Around the corner came a sweet, sunny-faced girl with a large dish of something in her hands. With a cheery smile she said, "Hello, Grandma! Here is your dinner all cooked, and Mother hopes you will enjoy it."

"I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat." These words from the Bible came to her as she lifted the cover and saw the delicious food. But best of all was the thought that someone remembered her! No longer was she friendless. And bowing her head she thanked God for the love and kindness of Christian neighbors.

Just then the bright sun broke through the clouds. But to Grandma it was not only sunlight, but also the smile of God and His blessing upon His children.

—C. E. B.

I may not wear the royal crown,
Hold sway o'er mind and heart;
I may not smite the waters deep,
Where God shall bid them part.
But I can fill, and fill it well,
The place God gives to me,
If with a loyal, loving heart
I labor faithfully.

Search Question

Who prayed for a son and promised God that no razor would come on his head?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Orpah Ruth 1:14, 15.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

In our Sunday School lesson we studied about how four men brought the sick man to Jesus. And I believe that they were wonderful men to do that. Let us be like them and bring others to Jesus. Did you say that you had asked Mary or Bill many times to go to Sunday School with you, but they wouldn't? Well, let us try another way. Just wait and see if you can do something for them. If they ever get sick, go to see them. Take your favorite toy over for them to play with while they are getting well, or take some flowers, or read them a story. Oh, there are lots of things you could do, and when they are well they will hate to say "no" when you ask them to go with you. That would be bringing them to Jesus. Then it is up to them if they get saved or not. You took them where they could hear about the way to get to heaven. You can pray for them often. Let us be like the sick man's four friends; bring someone to Jesus. Jesus needs more workers for Him. He wants to work through you to help others to come to Him. Won't you bring someone to Jesus today?

—Aunt Marie

"Keep thyself pure."

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 6, November 9, 1952

THE GREAT HELPER

Matt. 9:1-9; 35-38

(Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-19)

Jesus was a great and wonderful preacher, but he did more than preach. He healed the cripple, the blind, deaf, sickness of all kinds. And just to think that such a wonderful great person loves us and cares all about us today just as he did those people that he met while here on earth.

In today's lesson Jesus has come back to Capernaum, where he and his folks lived. And there he went into a house. The news spread far and wide that Jesus was at that house. Great numbers of people came. Ever people from Galilee, Judaea, and Jerusalem came. The Pharisees and doctors of law were sitting close by listening to Jesus teach. It was a great meeting. Luke tells us that "the power of the Lord was present to heal them." That makes it truly great. I would like to have been there, wouldn't you? There were five men who wanted to be there, also; but as they came near they could not even get close to the door, because there was such a great crowd all around. But these men felt that they must see Jesus. Four of them were carrying a man that was sick of the palsy. The poor man couldn't even walk, he was so crippled. He surely needed Jesus to heal him, and his four wonderful friends loved him and wanted to see him healed. So they brought him to Jesus.

Let us talk a little while about how we can bring others to Jesus: by praying for others; by being kind to them. I read about an ungodly man and family who lived close to a little church building. He had nothing to do with the people who went there, but one time sickness came to him and his family. His crops were going to ruin. The children of God from this little building went over and brought

in his crops, fixed a leak in the roof of his house which was made by a storm, cared for his stock, and weeded his garden. This man was so touched that he got saved. Doesn't that remind you of these four men who quit their work and brought the sick man to Jesus?

These four men were determined to bring the sick man to Jesus, so they climbed up on the roof with their heavy burden. They took off some of the tile. They tied ropes on each corner of the cot and let the man right down in front of Jesus. What great faith in Jesus these four men had. Jesus saw their faith and was touched. He also saw the sick man. He saw right down into his heart. He knew that he was sorry for his sins—real sorry. So he said, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." How he loved him! He called him, "Son." How happy he was now in his heart. His sins were all forgiven, forgotten, and he was happy again.

Some men, called scribes, were standing near and thinking evil about Jesus. They thought, "This man slanders God. Who can forgive sins but God?" Jesus knew their thoughts. He can look right down in our hearts, and he knows our very thoughts. Let us be careful that we do not think bad things. When bad thoughts come to us, we must cast them out of our minds. Jesus told them that he had power to forgive sins; then he told the man to arise, take up his bed, and go into his house. The man was healed! What a wonderful Jesus we are serving! As he went about he loved the people and saw them as sheep without a shepherd. He told his disciples to pray that God would send out saved people to lead them to God.

Central Thought: Jesus helps people and wants us to help him help them.

Memory Verse: And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? Matt. 9:4.

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Part Seven

November 16

Giving

It makes me happy when I think
That I can help and give;
For many people in this world
Have not enough to live.

I like to give them clothes and bread,
And help them all I can;
I do not need to wait until
I am a grown-up man.

But once I gave myself away—
I had no greater joy—
It was to Jesus that I gave
Myself—now I'm His boy.

What One Little Boy Did

One day a little boy met one of his friends, and told him that he expected to visit his relatives in the country.

"Well," said the friend, "and what are you going to the country for?"

"Oh, I shall run about and play in the fields and enjoy myself."

"Well, so much you are going to do for yourself. What else do you expect to do?"

"Why, I can help the farmers."

"Well, so much for yourself and the farmers. But what, my little

friend, do you expect to do for your Heavenly Father?"

"What, me!" replied the child in surprise. "What can such a little child as I do for God?"

"You can do much. Now, I will give you a bundle of tracts. Take these, and when you go into the country, give them away."

"Oh, to be sure, Sir, I can do that."

The boy went into the country and after being there a day or so, a boy living in the neighborhood asked him if he would help gather the cows together and bring them home.

"Oh," thought the young missionary, "here will be a good chance to give one of my tracts." So off they started for the cows. As they journeyed, he handed his friend one of the silent preachers, saying, "Here is something for you."

"What is it?" he said, looking it over; "what is it?"

"It is something good to read," said the lad.

"But I cannot read. Never mind, I will take it home; they can read it there."

Some days after, the country boy met his city friend. "Well," said he,

"that little book you gave me made a great stir at our house, I tell you."

"Did it? How do you mean?"

"Why," replied he, "they read the tract, and then they read the Bible, and when Sunday came, they made me get out the old carriage and clean it up, and then we all got in who could, and the rest got on before and behind, and rode off to church. That tract has done great things, I tell you."

Afterwards it was learned that this one tract was the means of converting twenty-four souls.

—Sel.

Jesus' Recipe for Happiness

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

Jesus is the greatest peacemaker that ever lived. He is called the "Prince of Peace." It is through Him that we have peace with God. When His love comes into our hearts, we become peaceful with others, and make peace wherever we go. God's children do not quarrel and fight, but will hold their peace and let God fight their battles for them.

Jo and Ray lived about a mile apart but they were often together because their parents were good friends. The boys got along all right together until they came to the age when boys like to wrestle with each other. One day they were both at the same place and were wrestling. They both got too rough with their wrestling and a little peeved at each other. One called the other a coward. The other didn't like it, and called him a sissy. Their wrestling turned into a fight and their parents had to separate them and take them home. That did not end the fight. The parents tried to get them to make up, but they would not. Satan had sown his seed of hatred in their hearts and it grew

fast. Whenever the boys would meet, they would call each other names. Most people, just looking at them at times when they were not together, thought they were nice boys, but this trouble made an awful dark blot on their lives, and it grieved others. They would even go to Sunday school sometimes and exchange angry glances.

One day Ray's parents took him to a campmeeting. He had heard the gospel many times with his outward ears, but his mind was usually on other things and he had not taken it seriously. But at this campmeeting the Lord began to talk to his heart and he desired to get saved. One night the preacher preached on repentance, and told how the Lord would cause us to love even our enemies. The preacher told about two men who had carried guns to kill each other, but one of them got saved and asked the other to forgive him, then the other one got saved, too; and they went together to preach the gospel. This message went deeply into Ray's heart, and when the altar call was given he went forward weeping. He repented and promised the Lord he would make his wrongs right. The Lord saved him and he was very happy. When he went home, he wanted to see Jo the first thing. Jo thought he had come to fight, but Ray soon convinced him that he was a changed boy and didn't have any more of the old hatred in his heart. When Ray took the blame for the trouble, Jo said he was to blame too, and they soon became friends again. So Jesus had brought peace to Ray's heart and made a peacemaker out of him.—G. R.

If I serve others cheerfully, others serve me cheerfully, what a good world this would be.

Your Might

Alan stopped a minute on his way to play to read his verse again—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Then he stopped. "Might" is a big word. "My might, my might," said he. Alan liked that word. He had skimmed over his spelling yesterday, but not with his might. He settled down for five minutes just boring in to that lesson with his whole mind. "There! I never need do it again." He had practiced this morning, looking out of the window and watching the clock. Ten minutes of MIGHT would put that right.

He had cleared up around the yard for father. Better try a little more MIGHT here. "Might" picked up another barrowful of sticks and got a quarter from father.

Sunday school lessons are not always done when they are learned by HEART. Try learning them by your MIGHT.—Sel.

Search Question

Why did Jesus drive the merchants out of the temple?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Hannah 1 Sam. 1:11.

How much do we spend for candy bars, chewing gum, pop? Let us try to save wherever we can in order to help other boys and girls hear about Jesus and how to get saved. We may also help to provide food or clothing for some child who needs them.

When the Lord entrusts us with money or earthly possessions, let us use it in such a way that we would not be ashamed to stand face to face with Jesus and say, "This, dear Lord, is what I bought with the money you gave me." —Sel.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

There are many ways that we can work for Jesus. One way we can work for Jesus is to give out the little "Beautiful Way" paper to other children. There are not many children's papers that are being given by other groups that teach how to get saved and how to love Jesus. Some of them teach it, but the "Beautiful Way" paper teaches the full truth of the Bible; therefore each Sunday School and each person should think of others to send some to, or give them to. Just walk up the street and hand them out to the children, or drop them beside the mailboxes in the country where children live. We just want everyone to know about our precious, wonderful Jesus, and to know that he will save everyone that will come to him and will keep them saved if they will pray often to him, asking him to, and be watchful and say no to the devil. When we are faithful in one thing, then Jesus will make us know more to do. Won't it be wonderful to know when we stand before Jesus in that great Judgment Day that we brought someone to heaven with us? And that someone did not go to eternal damnation because we gave them something to read about Jesus and he got saved?—Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 7, November 16, 1952

WORKING FOR JESUS

Matthew 10

In the last of our lesson last Sunday we talked about how Jesus looked at the people and loved them because they were lost and he could not help all who needed help. So he asked his disciples to pray that the Lord would send out workers to help bring them to God. And in today's lesson we find that the disciples must have prayed because Jesus called his twelve disciples around Him and sent them out to be workers. Isn't it wonderful how God will answer prayer?

Jesus had already called the twelve from their work that they were doing, and they had been following Jesus and learning about the kingdom of heaven. Do you remember how Jesus called Peter and Andrew when he saw them casting a net into the sea? He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men?" Then he walked down the seashore a little farther and saw James and John in a ship with their father mending a net, and he called them to follow him. All four of these fishermen left their work and followed Jesus. (Matt. 4:18-22). Then one day as Jesus was on his way to Galilee, he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." And he did. Philip hunted up Nathanael and told him about Jesus and asked him to come and see him. When Jesus saw him coming he said that he was a good man. Then Nathanael knew as he talked to Jesus that he truly was the Saviour of the world. So they followed him.

One by one Jesus called his twelve disciples. Name them. (Matt. 10:2-4). These are the twelve that He talked to and sent forth to preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." And he gave them power to heal the sick, cast out devils, and raise the dead. In other words, they were to go and do the same

work that Jesus was doing. They were ambassadors for Jesus. Just like our country sends an ambassador or man to another country to represent us. And when that country wants to ask something about the United States, they talk about it to that ambassador and then he talks to the U. S. about it. So Jesus sent out his disciples to represent him and work for him.

Jesus told his disciples that they were not to take money with them, just one coat, no shoes, no staff. Because Jesus said that those they helped would give to them all that they needed. They were worthy of it. That is the reason we give to our ministers. Jesus teaches us to do that. Then he told them when they entered a city to ask if there was any place they could go to work for Jesus, and when they came to a house to give peace to it. If the people received them, they were to abide there, but if not, they were to depart out of that city or house and shake off the dust from their feet. Then Jesus said that those people would have to give an account at the judgment for not receiving them.

Jesus is calling for workers today. Our chance of being sent depends on our putting Jesus first in our lives. We must love Jesus more than father or mother or relatives. We cannot want our way and go Jesus' way. We must as Jesus tells us, lose our own life and find His life in our hearts and desires. When Jesus calls you to do something for him he wants to work through you. The disciples were just fishermen. They were unlearned men, but when Jesus gave them power they could heal the sick and preach the gospel.

Central Thought—Jesus will give us our place when we get ready to take it.

Memory Verse: He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. 10:39.

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Part Eight

November 23

I'm Thankful

I'm thankful for a happy home,
For life and health and love;
I'm thankful for each precious gift
That comes from God above.
I'm thankful for so many things,
Yes, more than I can name;
But for one thing I'm thankful most—
That Jesus ever came!
Eternity with happiness
Is now for you and me,
Because God gave His only Son
To die upon the Tree.
Happiness means much on earth,
But it cannot compare
With that eternal life of bliss,
With Jesus over there!

In All Things Give Thanks

Work, work, work, but Margie did not seem to mind it at all. She was making money to buy some very much needed articles.

After completing her task, she received her pay and then left for town. She went in this store and that one. In fact in practically all the stores that carried clothing, trying to decide what to get that would suit her best.

Finally she picked out a nice pair of shoes and paid the clerk for them. She then turned to look at a dress and a few other articles when suddenly she remembered that she didn't pick up her shoes. Quickly she turned to get them, but they were not to be found. She was quite astonished, for her back had been turned for such a short period of time. It seemed almost impossible for them to have been taken so quickly.

This was the first time that Margie had experienced someone taking her things, so she didn't quite know what to make of it. Soon however, she was comforted, for she remembered the Scripture which says, "In all things give thanks." Really, there didn't seem to be much to give thanks for, but she knew the Bible was true, so she gave thanks that she had not purchased all her articles at the time.

She knew, too, that the Lord would provide means for her to get some more shoes. —O. A. D.

Thank you, Father, for the sun,
And thank you for the rain,
And thank you for the sweet, clean
earth

That grew the golden grain.

Thank you for the miller man
Who ground the harvest wheat;
And thank you, God, for Mother dear,
Who bakes the bread we eat. —E.M.

God's Care

Billy woke up one morning and there had been a great snow storm through the night. The ground was covered. All at once Billy thought of his pet squirrel in the box that he had fixed for him. Billy lived near a park and this pet squirrel lived there, but Billy fixed a box for this squirrel up in one of the trees. He named his squirrel Frisky and he would eat out of Billy's hand and sit upon his shoulder. He loved him very much, so as soon as breakfast was over and Mother would let him, off he ran to see about Frisky.

But when he reached the box, it was empty. Billy felt so sad. He felt sure that Frisky had frozen to death or had run away somewhere and then would starve to death. He came slowly back to the house. His mother noticed how sad he was when he told her about the squirrel being gone, so she told him to look in the hole in the tree near the box. She told him how God provides a home for every living thing and teaches them how to get food for themselves. Oh, Billy was so happy! He ran quickly to see if Frisky was in the tree. Yes, he was there, safe and sound.

If God does so much for His tiny creatures, surely He will do even more for His trustful children—don't you think so? God does care for all His creatures. How we should praise Him for His great love to us. —M. M.

Jesus' Recipe for Happiness

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Polly and Betty, two sisters, were sitting near a brook in the woods. Polly had given her heart to Jesus and was living for Him every day, but Betty was proud and loved the things of the world, so she said "no" to Jesus when He knocked at her heart.

"Listen to that noisy brook," said Betty; "it scolds and scolds. I wish it would keep quiet."

"Why, Sister, it is not scolding; it is singing," said the other.

"The leaves are falling from the trees. How bare and ugly they look!" cried Betty.

"Oh, but it is so pleasant to gather the leaves!" replied Polly. "Then we see more of the blue sky, and the sun shines on us better."

Betty frowned angrily, and said: "Your ears and eyes must be made different from mine."

Ah, children, the difference was not in the ears and eyes, but in their hearts. When we get God's love in our hearts they are pure, and a pure heart causes us to see God in everything. If the heart is right the birds will sing of God's love, the flowers will look more beautiful to us, and through all of God's works his love will shine. Sometimes we can see fleecy clouds that look like sheep, and they remind us that Jesus is our Shepherd, and wants us, his sheep, to keep clean and white and beautiful. Then when dark clouds come and the rain begins to fall and we see the baby chickens run under their mother's wings for shelter, we remember that God told us we could hide under the shadow of his wings. Whatever comes or goes, we are happy because we can see God in everything and we do not need to fret or be troubled.

Then, too, if our hearts are pure, we can go to heaven when our life is over here, and that makes us happy.

He Isn't Too Young

One day a mother was bathing one of her small boys. When she came to his right ear he drew his hand up to it and cried, "Oh—Mam-ma, hurt Mamma!" Mother was very sorry that his little ear was so tender and sore, so she asked if he wanted her to pray and ask Jesus to heal it and take all the pain away. He said "Uh-huh." And she did pray too, right then.

A day or two after that mother was bathing him again. When she came to the ear this time she had temporarily forgotten about it hurting him. He started to cry a little, but she went right ahead, and with the wash cloth over her finger was cleaning out the ear. Suddenly he realized the ear that had been so tender and sore was completely well. Very excitedly he looked up into his mother's face, and pointing to his ear, said, "My ear awight, Mamma, my ear awight!"

Now every time she bathes him he points at that ear, smiles, and says, "My ear awight, Mamma, my ear awight."

You see, children, he doesn't know how to complete very many sentences because he is very young; and he can not pronounce "L" yet, so he says, "awight" for "all right." But he isn't too young to know that Jesus heals.

—His mother, V. E.

Search Question

Who was so hungry until he wanted to eat pig's food?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Because they were buying and selling in God's house and it was supposed to be a house of prayer. John 2:16.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I do hope that our boys and girls

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will not just remember Thanksgiving Day as a day when the families get together and have a great feast on turkey and all the trimmings. But I trust that you will look back over the year and think of all the good things that God has done for you and thank God for each one of them. It would be good if you could get in a quiet place and think about each one and thank God for each one—really and truly look right up to God and thank him from the bottom of your hearts. The Lord will in turn just make your hearts feel so blessed and good. Won't you do that? If I could only write something that would put a desire in your heart to really be thankful to God more and more, I would be so glad. We just cannot praise God too much or thank Him too much for all he does for us. We should not go on like so many, accepting the rain, the sunshine, the food, the clothes, and all the good things, and never stop to thank God for them. It is, oh, so wrong and ungrateful. May the Lord just help you to understand this and never, never forget it. From a child I have been very thankful to God for His many, many blessings, and he still just gives me so much. Oh, I do praise Him for them! —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 8, November 23, 1952

THANKING GOD

Matt. 11:2-6; 25:30.

This week the nation has set aside a day in which we are to be thankful. It was the end of the harvest for the Pilgrims who had come over here so they could worship God in the way they wanted to. And the Lord blessed them with a great harvest. They set aside a special day to thank God for his blessings. But the Lord wants every day to be a Thanksgiving Day. I am afraid some only think of feasting, but we should be thankful for all the blessings God gives us. Name some that God gives you.

In the Bible there were many special days of great thanksgiving unto the Lord. I am sure Noah was thankful when he and his family came out of the ark on dry ground again. And there was great rejoicing when the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea and was delivered from their enemies. Can you name some more great days of rejoicing which they had in Bible times?

I am sure you named the day of rejoicing in heaven and among the few on earth that knew of the birth of Jesus. We today should thank Jesus every day that he was willing to come to this old wicked world and die for our sins. In our lesson today we find that Jesus gives thanks unto God, his Father, because He tells the unlearned, the poor, and the humble the great secrets of God. He thanked God that he had told babes these things and hid them from the wise. People who are in sin are troubled and feel bad because of their sins. But those that are tired of sin can ask of God and he will give them rest, such sweet rest.

Another part of our lesson tells us about John the Baptist, who was in prison, put there by Herod. Matthew 14:1-6 tells us that he was put there because he told Herod the truth, that he

should not have his brother's wife. Herod wanted to put him to death, but he feared the multitude, for they counted him a prophet. (Later he did. Tell details). From time to time reports came to him about Jesus, and John wanted to make sure that he was the Saviour of the world. He wanted a word directly from Jesus himself. So he sent some men to Jesus and told them to ask Him, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Now everyone was expecting the Saviour to come and John wanted to know if he was the expected one. Jesus did not tell men to go and tell John, "Yes, I am the one." But he told them to go and tell John all the things that they had heard and seen: "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them." Jesus knew that John would then read (or had read) in Isaiah 29: 18, 19 and Isa. 61:1 about all the things that the Saviour would do when he came and then he knew that John would know that truly he was the Saviour of the world. He knew that John knew that the religious leaders of that day did not care anything about the poor, and John would know that he loved the poor as well as everybody else. What a wonderful Jesus we do have! Let us praise and thank him for all the great things he does for us. God is so good to all of us. Over in 1 Tim. 6:17 it says, "but trust in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." All good things come from God. If you have time, maybe your teacher will read you parts of the last three Psalms about praise. Let us use our breath to praise the Lord for all that He gives to us.

Central Thought: Thank God for Jesus and all his blessings to us.

Memory Verse: The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. Psal. 126:3.

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Part Nine

November 30

In The Same House

Jesus had brothers and sisters;
The house was crowded and small,
They didn't have nice things as we do,
But they didn't mind it at all.

For He was their elder Brother;
He must have been dear, so dear
To all of the younger children
Who grew up together there.

I wish I had been in that family,
In that precious and simple way—
Just to be living with Jesus,
In the same house, day after day.
—Selected.

Vicki Loves The Lord

Vicki is five years old. One day her grandma fixed her hair in pretty curls. Since grandma had been re-proved years ago for saying she was proud of something; she hesitated and then said, "Grandma is sure proud of your hair." Vicki spoke up, "Grandma, Grandma, you musn't say that because Jesus won't walk with the proud or the sinful."

"Vicki, where did Grandma's baby get that?" asked Grandma.

"Grandma, don't you know? We sing it all the time at church."

Then Grandma remembered that years ago she had been re-proved for saying she was proud. Now out of the mouth of a babe she was reminded that she should not say she was proud.

Vicki was only four years old when she said to Grandma, "I wish we could see Jesus. Grandma, don't you wish He would come here today so we could see him?" Her eyes filled with tears and all day she kept speaking about wanting to see Jesus. When Uncle Till came home from work, she said, "Uncle Till, don't you wish we could see Jesus?" She asked Grandma to sing, "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah." As grandma sang, she just cried and cried. Conviction was upon her little heart.

At meeting the next Sunday when an altar call was given, she began to cry again, and say, "I want to see Jesus." She went forward and knelt at the altar of prayer. She gave her heart to Jesus though so young in life. When she returned to her seat, she turned to her brother and said, "You will pray with me when we go home, won't you?" Her brother then

went to the altar and got saved too. Vicki and her brother are still saved, and surely they need our prayers. Their mother and daddy are both unsaved. We hope these two saved children will lead their parents to Christ.

—L. E.

Following a Recipe

“Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

The last two beatitudes are about suffering for Jesus and the reward He will give us if we are faithful. Even as Mother puts icing on her cake to finish it up and make it taste good and sweet, these two beatitudes are like icing on His recipe for happiness.

The devil does not like for people to live for Jesus, so he does all he can to get us to give up. If he cannot succeed when he tempts us to do evil, he will cause his people to persecute us and treat us mean and try to discourage us that way. Satan will have his people to laugh at the way you dress, because Jesus tells his people to dress in modest clothes; or make fun of you because you won't go to the places they go and do the things they do. They will call you all kinds of names and do evil to you in different ways. They will tell lies on you to get you into trouble. Sometimes the other children won't play with you. But don't let Satan discourage you; just keep praying for the people who treat you mean. Jesus tells

you to rejoice even when they are doing all these things to you. He will help you and strengthen you, and the others will surely be sorry for their actions some day. If you will pray, God will give you grace to bear the persecutions. Many children have suffered for Jesus, and some have died for him. When you are having hard trials, just think about Daniel and how they threw him in the lions' den for praying to God, but God was with him and delivered him. I am sure he was happy because he had been faithful to God. The three Hebrew's were put into a very hot furnace because they would not worship anything but the true God. Jesus went with them right in the fire and didn't let the fire burn them at all.

Think of Stephen. They treated him very mean because he loved Jesus. They bit him and yelled, and threw him out of the city and killed him with stones, but he just prayed for them and then went to get his reward in heaven. I know he is very happy, but the people who stoned him and never did get saved are in a place of torment now.

Don't you want to be in that number when the saints go marching in? They will all be dressed in white with palms in their hands, singing praises to God. And oh, how happy they will be forever and forever with nothing to ever cause them pain or sorrow any more. If you want to be one of them, you must be willing to bear persecutions and go through hard things here.

—G. R.

Search Question

Who was hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for another person?

Answer to Last Week's Question

The prodigal son. Luke 15:11-16.

Joey Loved Jesus

Little Joey loved Jesus and he loved to sing. But he was different from the other boys. His mind was a little weak. He could not grasp things like others, but it seemed that one thing he had grasped was to sing and praise Jesus. One time he heard some one singing as he and his father passed a great tent. He heard them singing about Jesus. Oh, he wanted to go. He begged and begged his father and mother to take him. Finally they did take him. He would work hard all day and beg them to take him again. At first they only went because little Joey wanted them to, and to please him, but after awhile they began to get interested. Joey's brothers and sisters enjoyed it, and then Joey finally begged his grandfather, who had been an infidel all of his life, to go. They all became very interested; and finally, at the close of the meeting, all of them were saved and happy in the Lord.

Little Joey did not know much what it all meant, but he still loved to sing and was still happy. He did not realize that because he insisted on their going that they got saved; but we can see how the Lord worked through this weak-minded boy to bring his family to God. God will use any one who will let him. (a true story). —M. M.

"WHOSOEVER" MEANS ME

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever [John, Mary, Betty, Dick, Gladys, Harry, Billy, and you] believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

You can put your name and the name of all others in for the "who-soever."—M. M.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus loves us and he wants us to love others. He wants us to be full of mercy and kindness. God, in the beginning, created Adam and Eve to be full of love and kindness and mercy, but they sinned and fell from that holy state; yet in the heart of every person there is a little of that mercy and kindness if they will let it show forth. But the devil tries to make people mean and wicked. Jesus wants to make them full of mercy and love.

I read one time about a great battle between two armies. There was shooting and killing on every side, but right in the middle of the battle a child, too small to walk, crawled out into the middle ground between the contending armies. Immediately, as they discovered the child, all guns ceased. A soldier from one side ventured out of the trenches to rescue the little one. Instead of the enemy opening fire upon him, both sides cheered till he reached a place of safety. So you see, underneath all the wickedness that the devil makes people do, there is a little kindness and mercy. Why can't people come to the Lord and ask Him to take out the wickedness so mercy and kindness can have full sway? Let us resist anything else but mercy, love, and kindness. —Aunt Marie

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 9, November 30, 1952

THE VALUE OF PEOPLE

Matthew 12:1-14.

We are still studying about Jesus and the great things that he did and said while he lived here on the earth. There were people who lived in that day who hated Jesus and did not like it because he would not bow to their religious beliefs. They believed that on the Sabbath Day you could not do any work of any kind, and would condemn people to death that would work. They did not love people, but loved their law and their authority. But Jesus loved people. If they were hungry he felt food should be given to them even if it were the sabbath. One day he and his disciples were walking through the corn fields. They were hungry. His disciples began to pull the ears of corn and eat them. Some of the Pharisees saw them do that. They were always watching for something to condemn Jesus on. They said, "Your disciples do that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath day." In other words: "They are doing things that the law of Moses forbids." But Jesus was smarter about the law than they thought. He knew the scriptures. They couldn't catch Jesus in anything. He pointed out to them that even under the law of Moses there were times when it showed love to people, even more than they were willing to do. He showed them up. He said, "Didn't you ever read about David when he was fleeing from the court of Saul, who sought to kill him, and was taking refuge with the priest at Nob. And how David asked the priest to give him some of the bread that was on the table in the tabernacle, which only the priests were supposed to eat, and how the priest gave to him and the ones with him?" And Jesus continued to tell them how the priest had to dress, kill, and burn the sacrifices of lambs and

bake the shew bread on the sabbath days and they were blameless. If the Pharisees lived today, they would think it wrong to build a fire in the church building or fix any meals on Sunday. Of course, we know that we should not do any more work than we have to, as that is a day for worshiping God and rest from work, but God does not want anyone to suffer. Jesus loves people. And he made the Sabbath from the beginning and he could change any of it if it pleased him to do so. He said he was "Lord even of the sabbath." In God's sight all days are the same when it comes to soul rest and worshiping Him. We should live each day to glorify God.

Jesus went on and told the Pharisees that they did not know what it meant, "I will have mercy and not sacrifice." He referred to Micah 6:6-8 (Read it). If man brought thousands of the youngest and the very best of his calves, would that save him? If he brought ten thousands of rivers of oil, would that save him? Or if he would give his child, would that save him? No; none of these would save him, but God requires us to love mercy, kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Jesus made them to know that God was mercy and that we must have mercy to be like Him.

Jesus went into another place, and there was a man with a withered hand. They didn't think he should heal on the Sabbath. He asked them, "Which man among you would not lift his sheep out of a pit if he should fall in on the sabbath day? How much better is this man than a sheep? It is lawful to do well on the sabbath day." He healed the man's hand. The Pharisees then wanted to kill Jesus.

Memory Verse: Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God; but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. 3 Jno.

Central Thought: What is best for us and for others will honor God.

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Part Ten

December 7

Drop A Pebble In The Water

Drop a pebble in the water,—
Just a splash, and it is gone;
But there are half a hundred ripples
Curling on, and on, and on;
Spreading, spreading, spreading from
the center,
Flowing on out to the sea;
But there's not a way of telling
Where the end is going to be.

Drop an unkind word or careless,
In a minute it is gone;
But there are half a hundred ripples
Circling on, and on, and on.
They are spreading, spreading, spreading
From the center as they go.
And there's not a way to stop them
Once you've started them to flow.

Drop an unkind word or careless,
In a minute you forget:
But there are little waves aflowing,
And there are ripples circling yet,
And perhaps in some sad heart
A mighty wave of tears you've stirred
And disturbed a life that's happy
When you dropped that unkind word.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness
Just a flash and it is gone;
But there are half a hundred ripples
Circling on, and on, and on
Bearing hope and joy and comfort
On each splashing, dashing wave,
Till you'd not believe the volume
Of the one kind word you gave.

Drop a word of cheer and kindness,
In a minute you forget;
But there's gladness still a-swelling,
And there's joy a-circling yet.
And you've rolled a wave of comfort
Whose sweet music can be heard
Over miles and miles of water
Just by dropping a kind word.—Anon

Sow Beside All Waters

I was lonely and sad one evening
when suddenly there came to me the
sounds of sweetest melody. It was a
street organ played by a young boy.
I went out to give him a little money.

What an intelligent face was his,
and at the same time those large dark
eyes, which he turned upon me, what
a story of need and sorrow they told!
He is hungry, I said to myself, and
placing bread and meat on a plate, I

added a booklet which was lying on the table. I handed it to him.

I watched him eating, from behind the window where I sat. Repeatedly my heart went up to God in prayer that the booklet might be used for his salvation. After eating, which was quickly done, he took up the booklet, read its title, "How to Become a Christian," and put it in his pocket.

Years passed, and war broke out. My little organ-grinder passed out of my mind.

Recently I went to visit a hospital where the wounded were cared for. The surgeon stood by a wounded one, holding his wrist and counting his pulse, which was growing weaker and weaker. The young man opened his eyes and asked, "Am I going to die? Do not be afraid to tell me. I am ready."

That question was not answered, but he was asked, "Do you have a mother?"

"Yes, sir, but she is not here. I am going to be with her soon; she is in heaven. But I have a young sister. Poor child, she will be very lonely. But I have committed her to the Lord and He will not forsake her. I would like to send her a few things." He drew a purse from under his pillow and from it took some money, a Bible, a photograph, and a booklet quite worn and soiled.

"This little booklet," he said, "brot me salvation, also to my dear mother. As a little boy I was a poor organ-grinder—and I tried to care for my sick mother and little sister—we were very wretched then, when a good lady gave me this little book—Oh, how glad my mother was when I read it to her! Until then no one had ever given us anything to show us the way to heaven. None had ever talked to us about that precious Saviour, who died upon the cross to redeem us.—

Dear lady, we prayed for her every day—How I did long to see her again—!"

I drew nearer and nearer to catch every word from the lips of the dying man, for I had recognized in him the little organ-grinder who had once cheered my depressed spirit. After a while, in weak tones he was saying, "What a beautiful dream it was! I had come to heaven. . . Everything was so lovely, but I wanted to see my Saviour, then my mother. She seemed there—near Him. Then I thought of that good lady of the booklet, and I wanted to see her, but she had not gone there yet—"

I could no longer restrain myself, and sobbed aloud. It aroused the dying man, and looking at me, a flash of recognition lit up his face. Astonished, but unable to move, he said slowly, "I thank Thee, Lord; I know Thou hearest prayer."

Oh, how happy I was that I had thought of his soul and handed him the booklet. The Lord's helpers must "Sow beside all waters." —G. C. S.

Placing "Side by Side"

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." Jno. 3:8.

We feel the wind blowing upon us. We see the trees waving in the breeze. That is the effect the wind has upon them. So Jesus compares our being saved and receiving the spirit to the wind. You can FEEL the joy in your heart when your sins are forgiven and Jesus comes in and you can SEE the effects of having Jesus in your heart by the way you act, doing good; but you cannot see the Spirit of God.

—M. M.

Dale's Faith

Dale's mother always taught him about Jesus. Ever since he was a baby she taught him that Jesus would heal him. If he hurt himself at play he would come running to mother and say, "Mother, I hurt myself; pray for me." She would always stop and pray and he depended upon Jesus to heal him.

One day when he was eight years old, he was struck by a car on a busy highway. He was knocked unconscious and his leg was broken. A big crowd gathered around him and as he began to regain consciousness, he said, "Mother, pray for me; pray for me!"

His mother said, "I am praying, Dale."

Some of the people said, "Did you hear what that child said? Why, he asked his mother to pray when you would have thought he would be calling for a doctor."

When the doctor would ask him how he felt, he would answer, "I'm feeling fine. Jesus will heal me."

We see in this accident Dale was a witness for Jesus. He witnessed to the world that he believed in prayer, and that Jesus heals. —L. E.

Search Question

God is our ----- and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Answer to Last Week's Question

Haman. Esther 7:10.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

It is about time for you to reorder the "Beautiful Way" paper—that is, if you get it only by the quarter. One sister orders 300 papers each month. She gives them out to the Sunday School and to the children living in a big housing project. The Lord is blessing her in her soul for doing this. She tells me that a lot of the children tell her that they keep every paper given to them each week. They will enjoy reading them again and again, because reading about the things of God brings great joy. The Lord will bless them for keeping the papers also. Christmas is coming, and you may want to send a gift to some relative. Subscribing for the "Beautiful Way" paper or the "Faith and Victory" paper would be a good gift. They would receive it for a whole year. Maybe you had better do that today before you forget. Just intending to do good will not be good, but doing good is good. So send in that address or addresses today. May the Lord bless each one of you. I just want to do all the Lord has for me to do, and, oh, I want to see everyone make it into heaven. It will be so terrible to miss heaven.

—Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 10, December 7, 1952

Matthew 13:24-26.

STORIES JESUS TOLD

Jesus told many stories or parables to bring out some deep truth. The word parable is a Greek word, meaning, "to place side by side." Jesus would sometimes point to the birds' to bring out a lesson, or to the lilies beside him. The man sowing seed or treasure buried in the ground were also used to teach great truths about the way to heaven.

Today's lesson tells us some of the parables of Jesus. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field. But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let them both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Someone tell the parable that Jesus told.

Now Jesus explained the parable. He said that the sower of the good seed is the Son of man (Jesus). The field is the world, and the good seed is the word of God. When it is believed by the people and they are saved and become the children of God, they become the plants that

grow from the good seed. But the enemy that came and sowed the tares or weeds in the field is the devil; and the tares or weeds are the children of the wicked one, those that reject the Son of God. There is in the world, side by side, the good and the bad, the evil and the good; but there is a great difference between them. The children of God serve their master, God. The children of the wicked one serve their master the devil. But Jesus says there will be a great harvest day coming, the end of the world, the judgment. Just as the man waited and let the tares and wheat grow together till harvest and then burned the tares and gathered the wheat into his barn, just so the Lord will, in the end of the world, send out his angels to gather all the children of God into heaven and the children of the wicked one will be cast into the fire that cannot be quenched, but burns forever. Let us be sure that we are children of God as we know not when the end of the world might come.

Jesus told another parable about the kingdom of heaven being like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the least of all seeds, but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs and becometh a tree so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. The field is the world, and the seed is the word of God, which is Jesus preached. Jesus had at first twelve disciples that believed on him, then we hear of the seventy, then 120 and 500 and 3,000 after Pentecost. The kingdom of God had a small beginning, but it grew to a big tree.

Central Thought: We learn lessons at Jesus' feet.

Memory Verse: Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Matt. 13:54b.

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Tommy's Prayer

In a dark and dismal alley, where the
sunshine never came,
Dwelt a little lad named Tommy, sickly,
delicate, and lame;

He had never yet been healthy, but had
lain since he was born
Dragging out his weak existence, hope-
less and forlorn.

He was six years old little Tommy, 'twas
just five years ago,
Since his drunken mother dropped him,
and the babe was crippled so.

He had never known the comfort of a
mother's tender care,
But her cruel blows and curses made his
pain still worse to bear.

There he lay within the cellar, from
the morning 'till the night,
Cursed, neglected, starved, ill treated, no
one to make his dull life bright.

Not a single friend to love him, not a
single thing to love,
For he knew not of the Savior or of
heaven up above.

'Twas a quiet summer evening, and the
alley too was still,
Tommy's little heart was sinking, and
he felt so lonely 'til,
Up the quiet alley, coming inward from

the street,

Came the sound of someone singing,
sounding, oh, so clear and sweet!
Eagerly did Tommy listen as the sing-
ing nearer came,

Oh, he wished to see the singer, how he
wished he wasn't lame.

Then he called and shouted loudly 'til
the singer heard the sound
And came groping through the cellar 'til
the cripple lad was found.

'Twas a maiden rough and rugged, hair
unkept and naked feet,
All her garments torn and ragged, her
appearance far from neat.

So you called me, said the maiden, won-
der what you want of me,
Most folks call me singing Jessie, what
may your name chance to be?

My name's Tommy, I'm a cripple, and
I want to hear you sing,
For it makes me feel so happy, sing me
something, anything.

And then Jessie answered smiling, I
can't stay here very long,
But I'll sing a Hymn to please you; one
I call the Glory song.

So she sang to him of Heaven, pearly
gates and streets of gold,
Where the happy angel children are not
starved or nipped with cold,

But where happiness and gladness never
 can decrease nor end,
 But where Jesus reigns eternally, where
 time will never end.
 Oh, how Tommy's eyes did glisten, as he
 took in every word,
 As it fell from singing Jessie, was it
 true what he had heard?
 And so anxiously he asked her, is there
 really such a place?
 And a tear began to trickle down his
 pale little face.
 Tommy, it's up yonder, 'way up there
 above the sky,
 And if you will love your Savior, you will
 go there when you die.
 Then said Tommy, tell me Jessie, how
 can I the Savior love,
 When I'm down in this here cellar, and
 He's up in heaven above?
 The little ragged maiden, who had heard
 at Sunday school,
 All about the way to heaven, and the
 Christian's golden rule,
 Taught the little cripple Tommy how to
 love and how to pray,
 Then she sang a song of Jesus, kissed
 his cheek, and went away.
 Tommy lay within the cellar, which had
 grown so dark and cold,
 Thinking all about the children in the
 streets of shining gold.
 And he minded not the darkness of that
 damp and chilly room,
 For the joy in Tommy's bosom, could get
 rid of deepest gloom.
 Oh, if I could only see it, thought the
 cripple as he lay,
 Jessie said that Jesus listens, so I think
 I'll try and pray.
 So he put his hands together, and he
 closed his little eyes,
 And in wonder, deep in earnest, sent his
 message to the skies.
 Gentle Jesus, please forgive me, as I
 didn't know before,
 That you cared for little cripples, who
 are weak and very poor.
 And I never heard of heaven, 'til that

Jessie came today,
 And told me all about it, so I thought
 I'd try and pray.
 You can see me, can't you, Jesus? Jessie
 told me that you could,
 And I somehow must believe it, for it
 seems so true and good;
 And she told me if I loved you, I would
 see you when I die
 In the bright and happy heaven, that is
 up beyond the sky.
 Lord, I'm only just a cripple, and I'm
 no use here below,
 For I heard my mother whisper she'd be
 glad if I would go,
 And I'm cold and hungry sometimes, and
 I feel so lonely too;
 Can't you take me, gentle Jesus, up to
 heaven along with you?
 Oh! I'd be so good and patient, and I'd
 never cry or fret;
 And your kindness to me, Jesus, I would
 surely not forget.
 I would love you all I know of, and I'd
 never make a noise;
 Can't you find me just a corner, where
 I'll watch the other boys?
 Oh! I think you'll do it Jesus, something
 seems to tell me so;
 For I feel so good and happy, and I do
 so want to go;
 How I long to see you, Jesus, and the
 children all so bright;
 Come and fetch me, won't you, Jesus?
 come and fetch me home tonight.
 Tommy ceased his prayer, he had told
 his heart's desire,
 And he waited for an answer, 'til his head
 began to tire,
 Then he turned toward his corner, and
 lay huddled in a heap,
 Closed his little eyes so gently, and was
 quickly fast asleep.
 Oh! I wish that every scoffer could have
 seen his little face,
 As he lay there in the corner of that dark
 and dirty place;
 For his countenance was shining, like
 an Angel's fair and bright,

And it seemed to fill the cellar, with a holy heavenly light.
 He had only heard of Jesus from a ragged singing girl;
 He might well have wondered, doubted, 'til his head began to whirl;
 But he took it as she told it, and believed it then and there;
 Simply trusting in the Savior and his kind and loving care.
 In the morning when the mother came to wake her crippled boy,
 She discovered that his features wore a look of sweetest joy;
 And she shook him somewhat roughly, but the cripple's face was cold;
 He had gone to join the children in the streets of shining gold.
 Tommy's prayer had soon been answered, and the Angel, Death had come,
 To remove him from the cellar to his bright and heavenly home.
 Where sweet comfort, joy, and gladness never can decrease nor end;
 But where Jesus reigns eternally, where time will never end. —Selected

GOD WILL HEAR YOU

A little girl said to her father, "Father, I have something I want to tell God. I want you to say it for me."

"Why can't you tell Him yourself?" said the father.

"Because I have such a little voice that I don't think I can make Him hear away up in heaven; but you have such a big voice He will be sure to hear you."

Then her father said, "God will hear a child's prayer even if she whispers, or if she only thinks that wish and does not say it in words. God will hear your prayer up in heaven."—Sel.

Search Question

Who ate grass like an ox?

Answer to Last Week's Question
 Refuge. Ps. 46:1.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

It is good to study the Bible every day. One day a boy came into my house. He picked up the Bible that I had been reading. He looked at it and turned it over, and then over the other way and read slowly, "Holy Bible." Then he looked at me and said, "This isn't Sunday." I said, "No, why?" He said, "Why are you studying the Bible? You aren't supposed to only on Sunday." I did not know that boy's parents, but know something about them now. I know that they only read the Bible on Sunday. Oh, how sad it is to know that so many boys and girls today are not taught the Bible every day. They do not know very much about Jesus and the way to heaven. You should be thankful that you are taught the Bible and how to get to heaven.

Our Sunday School lesson tells us about how the disciples were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water. There are times in our lives when we are placed in places where we may feel afraid; but let us resist that fear. Let us know that Jesus is standing by and that he loves us and will care for us. "Do not be afraid; be of good cheer," we hear Jesus say, "because I am standing by."
 —Aunt Marie.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 11, December 14, 1952

IN THE TIME OF DANGER

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus did great and mighty things among men. His disciples loved and knew that he truly was the Saviour of the world.

At the end of a busy day Jesus told his disciples to get into a ship and go to the other side, and he went up into the mountain to pray. When evening came he was there alone.

The disciples, no doubt, had been talking together about the works of Jesus and how great he was while they rowed along over the water. But after night-fall a strong wind began to blow across the sea, driving against the little ship. The disciples began to talk less and take turns rowing as hard as they could, but they could not go very far against the wind. The wind blew harder and harder and the waves dashed higher and higher. The disciples were getting very tired. Perhaps they thought of the time when the tempest swept over the sea and Jesus had been with them, sleeping in the ship. Perhaps they were wishing for his presence now to still the storm.

But far out on the mountain side Jesus was praying. He had not forgotten his disciples. He knew all about them. He knew how tired and weary they were, rowing against the great storm. He knew how much they needed him at that hour. Isn't it wonderful to know that Jesus knows all about us even right in the hour of trouble and distress? He knows where we are in the wind storm or any trouble we may be in. That surely is a comfort. Now since Jesus knew the disciples needed him, he started to go to them. Out across the water he walked as easily as if it had been land, and closer and closer he came to the little storm-tossed ship, and the tired, weary, frightened disciples. Finally he came

near, so near that they could see him through the darkness, walking to them on the rough waves.

As the disciples looked out through the darkness and saw Jesus, they were frightened. Just what would you think or how would you feel if you were in that little ship that night, and you saw what the disciples saw? I am sure you would have felt the same way they did. They thought they saw a spirit, or you might call it a ghost. But let me tell you one thing: do not be afraid of ghosts or spirits. They very, very seldom appear to anyone, and it is always for good. Anyway, the disciples cried out for fear.

Jesus was listening to them. He heard their cries and saw their distress and he spoke to them. He said, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

How precious it was to hear that voice. They knew now that all would be well with them. Their fears passed away as the dew does when the sun arises. Jesus was near; all would be well. When you are in trouble again will you not know that Jesus is near? Jesus will take care of you. Angels camp around you.

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water." Jesus said, "Come." Over the side leaped Peter and started to go to Jesus. The other disciples looked on with wonder. But, look, they saw Peter sinking into the water! Peter had taken his eyes off Jesus and began to look at the stormy waves tossing high around him and he began to sink. He became afraid again. He cried out to the Lord, saying, "Lord, save me." Jesus reached out his hand and caught him, saying, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" It pays to look to Jesus and keep our minds on him.

Central Thought: Jesus always comes to his own when there is storm and darkness.

Memory Verse: Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. Matt. 14:27b.

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Part Twelve

December 21

Spreading The News

Oh, I'm glad the happy shepherds,
When they heard the happy news,
That the angels told to them that happy
night,
Didn't keep it as a secret,
Or just tell it to the ewes,
But they ran to Bethlehem with all their
might.

There they told it to the people
In the houses and the street
How that God to them had sent His only
Son
To be born there in a stable
As a baby pure and sweet—
And the happy news just traveled on
and on.

Oh, I'm glad they didn't keep it
In that land across the sea,
But the Gentile soon did hear it, like the
Jew.
It kept traveling till I heard it;
It brought happiness to me—
And I tell it now to make you happy
too.

—G. Ray.

God's Care

Mr. Allen had a long seige of sickness and it continued so long that the family was in extreme poverty. He began to complain about their condition, but Mrs. Allen thanked God that things were no worse and ever encouraged her husband with the promises that God would provide.

At last Christmas morning came and found them in extreme poverty. Mr. Allen, still weak from his illness but able to go around a little, came in from his morning walk very gloomy and feeling that his friends were very few. "This is the saddest Christmas I have ever known. It is almost more than I can bear to know that I have nothing to give to the children today, and barely enough in the house to eat. I did not realize it so keenly until I saw an old man trudging along the street with a large pack upon his back. That man was surely going to surprise some of his friends. How much we need a friend like that!"

"Never mind," said Mrs. Allen softly; "God has promised to be a friend in time of need, and I believe he will care for us today."

As she finished speaking, a rap was heard at the door. Mr. Allen arose slowly, wondering who could be their early caller. When he opened the door, he was surprised to see the aged man with the pack and to find him to be his own father. Mr. Allen had entered the house too soon to see his father turn the corner and enter the yard.

As the large burden was laid upon the floor and unpacked, there seemed to be no end to the good things—a turkey, cake, pies; in fact, all that was needful for a generous Christmas dinner, as well as a gift for each one. It was a very thankful family that gathered around the table that day.

—I. B.

Impatience

There were only a few more days before Christmas and Johnny's mother decided to take him shopping with her. They went into one store in which there were a number of pretty toys.

"Oh, Mother," cried Johnny, "may I have this toy?" His mother tried to persuade him to wait until Christmas, but for little Johnny that was too long. "I want it now," he begged. "I don't want to wait until Christmas."

Do you know that some people are just like that in asking blessings from the Lord? They do not want to wait until the Lord is ready to give them to them, but they try to hurry him.

A brother once testified of how he was suffering with a severe toothache and he began to pray for the Lord to heal him right away. Of course, the Lord heard and answered his prayer, but afterwards this brother began to feel ashamed because he had hurried the Lord. He thought, "Oh, couldn't I have suffered a little while for Jesus?"

Sometime by our suffering we lead others to the Lord. —O. A. D.

The Happiest Boy

"Guess who was the happiest child I saw today?" asked Father, taking his own two little boys on his knees.

"Well," said Jim slowly, "I guess it was a very rich little boy with lots of candy and cakes."

"No," said Father, "he wasn't rich, he had no candy and no cakes. What do you guess, Joe?"

"I guess he was a pretty big boy," said Joe, "and he was riding a bicycle."

"No," said Father, "he wasn't big, and he wasn't riding a bicycle. You have lost your guesses, so I'll have to tell you. There was a flock of sheep crossing the city today, and they must have come a long way, so dusty and thirsty and tired were they. The driver took them up, bleating and lolling out their tongues, to the great fountain in Hamilton's court to water them; but one poor old ewe was too tired to get to the trough, and fell down on the hot, dusty stones.

"Then I saw this 'little man,' ragged and dirty and tousled, spring out from the crowd of boys who were watching the drove, fill his old leaky hat, which must have belonged to his grandfather, and carry it one, two, oh! as many as six times to the poor suffering animal, until the creature was able to get up and go on with the rest.

"I didn't hear the sheep say 'Thank you,'" said Father, "but the little boy's face was shining like the sun, and I'm sure he knows what a blessed thing it is to help what needs helping."

Jim and Joe knew the verse, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," but they thought it meant money.

"Say, Joe," cried Jim, "I guess we could give help to lots of people. There is Bobby, who can't play like we can."

We could give him rides in our wagon."

So Jim and Joe began planning how they could give to others, even though they could not give money. And as they gave help, and rides in their wagon, and sunny smiles, the Lord blessed them, and made them happy.

There is one word, with only four letters—LOVE—which if used in actions, will make everybody happy.

A GOOD STORY

Every Wednesday afternoon the neighbor children gather at my house for an hour for a Bible class. There are all ages, from three to thirteen years of age. Four-year-old Donnie always says his memory verse so slowly as he stutters. He learned the verse, "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous." Most of the older children learned that verse by hearing Donnie say it so slowly.

One day Donnie said to his grandfather, "Grandpa, do you want to hear a good story?"

Grandpa was eager to hear what Donnie's story was, and said, "Why sure, Donnie, let's hear it."

Donnie slowly exclaimed, "The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous."

Grandpa was very surprised to hear what Donnie had to say. He was bewildered when he heard the Bible verse coming from his small grandson.

—L. E.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

Abraham Lincoln once wrote to a friend who was studying to be a lawyer: "If, in your judgment, you cannot be an honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer." It is more important to be honest than to be a good lawyer or to be good in any other job.

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Our hearts swell up in praise and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His great love to us. The world was lost in sin, doomed for eternal darkness and damnation; but God, in his great love, sent his only Son here to this wicked world to die on the cross and arise the third day, finishing the great plan of salvation. We can be saved as we look to Jesus and accept him as our personal Saviour.

No greater gift has been given. At this season we are thinking of gifts. God gave the first gift and it was great. It was an unselfish gift. He gladly gave it. He gave it to needy lost souls. Let us give gifts in the spirit of Christ—give not expecting to be given to, but because we love to give.

I hope that you will remember that Christmas is a time to think of Jesus. It is Jesus' birthday. There is so much going on that people do not even think of Jesus. It is truly sad. But you and I can rejoice that we know Jesus.

—Aunt Marie.

Search Question

What was the angel's name that told Zacharias he was going to have a son?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 4:32

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 12, December 21, 1952

WHEN JESUS WAS BORN

Matthew 1 and Luke 2

Mary was engaged to Joseph and was looking forward to the time when they would be married. One day an angel appeared to her and said that she was greatly favored among women and with God. She would have a wonderful child. She was to call his name Jesus, for He would save His people from their sins. This wonderful child's Father would be God. Then God told Joseph about this wonderful child, and he was glad.

A decree went out that all the people were to go to the home of their people where they would be listed and taxed. Mary and Joseph were the descendants of David, so they went to the city of Bethlehem. It was a long tiresome journey and Mary longed for a place to rest, but no place could be found in the inn, for many people had come to that city. Finally Joseph found a stable where they could stay.

God had not forgotten the promise that He had given Mary, that she should have a wonderful child. So one night while she was in Bethlehem, he gave her the child, Jesus. And Mary wrapped him in soft cloths, called swaddling-clothes, and laid him in a manger where cattle fed.

Shepherds were watching their flocks that night in a field near Bethlehem. These shepherds knew about the promised Saviour, and I am sure they longed for the day to come when he should come to the world as their Saviour from sin. They may have talked about it that night as they sat under the twinkling stars and watched their sheep. Suddenly the darkness was broken by a wonderful light, and the angel of the Lord appeared to them. Trembling with fear, they looked upon the angel and wondered why he

had come to them. Then he spoke and said: "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And you shall find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

The shepherds listened eagerly to the words, scarcely understanding what it all meant, and then they heard such wonderful sounds as beautiful music. They looked and listened, and this is what they heard: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Such music this world had never heard, for the angels were singing one of heaven's glad songs, giving glory to God in the highest.

When they had gone away the shepherds said, "Let us go now even into Bethlehem and see this which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us." So they made haste and went to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. They fell down and worshiped the wonderful child and told Mary and Joseph about the angels' visit. Then they went out on the street and told everywhere they went that Jesus the Savior of the world had been born. And everyone, everywhere greatly wondered about this wonderful child. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

Let us rejoice today as we think of the wonderful gift to this world. Let us rejoice with the angels for the Saviour of the world. Let us open our hearts wide and let the Prince of glory have full control over our lives. Surely if we love him, some day we shall live with Him in glory.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. Matt. 1:21b.

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Sharing

If I expect my brother
To play with me today;
Then shouldn't I tomorrow
Play what he likes to play?

We always should remember,
That it is only fair,
When there is any choosing,
With others we should share.
—Sel.

Give Us Our Daily Bread

Many years ago, more than fifty years, a man told his experience in visiting a poor family. The father had died and left four young children, and the mother was having to work to get them food, and had to leave them alone. One day the man thought he would go and see how these poor children were getting along, for it was a cold winter day and the air was full of snow. As he went to the door, he heard a child's voice in prayer and stopped to listen. Of course, he could not remember the exact words, but he gave it in verse, and it has come down to us as his experience.

Ere long I reached their cheerless home,
'Twas searched by every breeze,
When, going in, the eldest child,
I saw upon his knees.
I paused to listen to the boy,
He never raised his head,
But still went on, and said, "Give us
This day our daily bread."
I waited till the child was done,
Still listening as he prayed;
And when he rose, I asked him why
That prayer he then had said.
"Why sir," he said, "This morning
When my mother went away,
She wept, because she said she had
No bread for us today."
"She said we children now must want,
Our father being dead;
And then I told her not to cry,
For I could get some bread."
"Our Father," sir, the prayer begins,
Which made me think that He,
As we have no kind father here,
Would our kind Father be."
"And then you know, sir, that the prayer
Asks God for bread each day;
So in the corner, sir, I went,
And that's what made me pray."
Very quickly the man went from
the room and soon came back with
food enough for them all. "I thought
God heard me," said the child.—Sel.

God Provides The Fare

Two young evangelists felt sure the Lord wanted them to go to a town quite some distance from their home to hold a revival meeting. They did not have their fare, but thought that by the time they were to leave they would have it, as they were expecting pay from their neighbor for whom they had been working.

The days passed swiftly and still they received no money, but they continued their preparation for going, as they knew the Lord wanted them to. On the night they were to catch the train they had only enough money to take them part of the way, but by faith they called a taxi. By the time they got to the station it was too late to get a ticket, so they had to pay the conductor instead. Still going by faith, they gave the conductor their money, trusting the Lord to provide for the rest of their journey.

Soon it was time for them to change trains. Then the Lord began to provide. When they walked into the station they met one of their old friends, who, seeing they were taking quite a journey, handed them some money. He didn't know of their financial needs, but it was the Lord's way of providing for them. This was enough to get them to their final town, but they still needed more to get them out in the country where the meeting was to be held, but the Lord saw to that also, for when they got there, there was a man who knew of their coming, and he took them to the place they were going.

The Lord certainly intended for these evangelists to hold meeting in that vicinity, for one of the converts who was saved during the revival was killed shortly afterward, but he left his testimony that it was through the

efforts of the young evangelists he was brought to the Lord.

How encouraging this testimony was to these evangelists and to others who heard of it. The Lord never tells us to do anything that is impossible, even if it seems so to us. —O. A. D.

Prayer of Faith

Dear boys and girls: Greetings in Jesus' name. It is so good to be saved, isn't it? I have been thinking of how good the Lord has been to us and of how he has answered our prayers so many times. Today I want to mention some of them to you, and trust it will encourage you to also ask the Lord for his blessings.

One summer Mother and Father were away in camp meeting. My sister and I were to take care of the farm. This was quite an experience for us, but we were eager to bear the responsibility for it gave Mother an opportunity to attend the services.

Everything went along smoothly, but one day I was taken with a pain in my side. Both of us were saved and knew the Lord would heal, but we were still dependent upon our parents' prayers, expecting them to exercise faith. But this time it was different. They were away and could not be contacted easily and there were no saints close by, so that meant we had to fight the battle ourselves.

In answer to our sincere prayers the Lord healed me. Oh, how thankful we were. I have been healed before and since, but that time it was something special to know that we had prayed the prayer of faith.

I can remember a number of times the Lord healed us. One hot day we stopped in town to buy some ice, and while there, the motor of the car died. My father's car wasn't very good, and if the motor once stopped he had

great difficulty in starting it again. It was an old model car, one that could be cranked. Father cranked and cranked and still he had no success. I was sitting in the car watching and surely hated to see him labor so hard, so I decided to ask the Lord to help start the car. No sooner had I prayed than the car started. That made my heart rejoice. One scripture says that before we call the Lord will answer.

Let us be sure to live where the Lord will hear our prayers at all times. We don't have to be old to pray the prayer of faith. In our congregation there is a very little girl who has lots of faith. When her mother is ill she just says a very few words, asking the Lord to heal her, and she believes he will; and the Lord just honors her little prayers. It is not the length of the prayer that brings the answer, but the sincerity of the one praying.

When we ask for something we should believe that it is going to come to pass, and not be as the lady who prayed for a mountain to be moved. When this lady got up the next morning to see whether it was there or not, she said in disgust, "That is just what I expected; it's still there." She didn't even look for her prayer to be answered.

May the Lord increase our faith, is my heart's desire. O. A. Davenport

At times our Lord may send to us
Some sorrows with our joys—
But even these can help us to
Be better girls and boys!"

Search Question

What idol god fell on its face in the presence of the Ark of God?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Gabriel. Luke 1:19.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

This is the last quarter for this year. Surely, as we look back over the year, we have enjoyed bringing to you the Sunday School lessons and writing letters to you and pieces for the "Beautiful Way" paper. The Lord has blessed our hearts, and we do trust that He has blessed you. We hope you have reordered for the next quarter. May the Lord just bless you with heaven's blessing as you seek Jesus and look to him. Our greatest desire is to point you to Jesus. He is abundantly able to help you. We may want to help you and would like to, but can only bring you to Jesus and ask him and let him do the helping. He has all power and will do great things for all who come to him.

We love for you to write letters for the paper. Tell others what Jesus does for you. We have had some wonderful letters. We thought they were all wonderful and we know Jesus blessed you for writing them. Let us pray that this coming year will be a greater year for God than any before. We can make it so by us doing our best for Jesus. —Aunt Marie.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52.

Sunday School Lesson

Lesson 13, December 28, 1952

GIFTS OF THE WISE MEN

Matthew 2

In a far off country there were some men who studied the stars. They were called the wise men. One night as they studied the stars they saw a new star. It was an unusual star. They never had seen one like it before. As they studied about it, God caused them to know that this was the star that should appear when Christ, the Saviour was to be born, the promised King of the Jews.

These wise men must have feared God because they wished to see this wonderful child, whom God had sent into the world. They said to each other. Let us go and see this child. Surely the Jews must be very happy over the new-born king." And because these wise men were very rich, they planned at once to make the long journey to Judah and bring precious gifts to the child. They would worship him as their Savior.

Many days they traveled over the sandy desert on camels and at last they arrived in the country where the Jews lived. They went first to Jerusalem, the famous city of the Jews, for they thought he surely would be living there.

When they arrived, they went to Herod, the man whom the emperor of Rome had set over the land of Judah. Herod was greatly troubled when he saw these wise men riding into the city and asking, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." All the people were greatly troubled also. Herod had to give these visitors an answer, so he gathered together all the chief priests and scribes and demanded of them where Christ should be born. They searched the books of the prophets and the books that had been written long ago, and they found that the Christ should be born in Bethlehem.

This they told to Herod. Herod was more troubled, but he called the wise men to him and told them that they should look for the child in Bethlehem. Now Herod did not want Jesus to become king of the Jews. He thought this new-born king would take away his throne, and he wished to be king himself. But he did not let the wise men know how troubled he was. So he thought up a plan. He would appear very interested so that he could find this child and kill him. So he told the wise men to search very diligently for the child and come and let him know at once so he could hurry to worship him.

As the wise men left Jerusalem, the star moved and finally they saw it stop over the town of Bethlehem. They rejoiced greatly and were very glad. They believed that God was in this manner helping them to find Jesus.

They hurried in to the place where Joseph and Mary were living and there they knelt in worship before him, and gave to him rich treasures that they had brought from their homeland.

God spoke to the wise men in a dream one night while they were in Bethlehem, and warned them not to tell Herod that they had found Jesus. So they returned to their own country by another road, and Herod never saw them again. Not long after this God told Joseph to take Mary and the young child and flee to Egypt and stay there until he told them to come back again. And Joseph did as he was told. While they were gone Herod became tired waiting for wise men to return, so he went down to Bethlehem and had all the boys under two years of age killed, so he felt sure he had killed the "King of the Jews."

Central Thought: Wise people will seek Jesus.

Memory Verse: And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jer. 29:13.