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Part One

January 6

New Year's Wishes

What shall I wish thee?
Treasures of earth?
Songs in the springtime?
Pleasure and mirth?

Flowers on thy pathway,
Skies ever clear?

Would this insure thee
A happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?
What can be found
Bringing thee sunshine
All the year round?

Where is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That shall insure thee
A happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth,
Walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear;
These shall insure thee
A happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour,
Rest at His feet,
Smile on His countenance,
Radiant and sweet.

Joy in His presence,
Christ ever near!
This will insure thee
A happy New Year.

Be A Star for Jesus

"Quit pulling the cover, Jerry," said Charles, "and lie down, you are getting me cold."

"Oh, Charles, I think I saw a star fall," said Jerry excitedly.

"Where?" asked big brother with interest.

"Oh, it was over there." Jerry pointed as he looked through the window.

"I wish I had my telescope I got for Christmas handy when it fell," said Charles.

"I do, too, and if you would let me I would like to have it handy here by the window all the time. I love to look at the stars at night. It makes me feel like I'm real close to God. I would like to count the stars, but I can't stay awake long enough. Why don't you help me count them some time—maybe tonight, huh, Charles?"

"We couldn't see them all from this window; and anyway they have all

been counted—I mean the ones that a person can see without a telescope. Our Sunday School teacher said that we could see 6,000 with the naked eye," said Charles.

"Whew-wee, 6,000! That's a lot of stars. No wonder I go to sleep," said Jerry.

"Our Sunday School teacher told us all about stars and what made them twinkle when we talked about the star that the three wise men saw," said Charles.

"What makes them twinkle?" asked his little brother, Jerry.

"Oh, she said it was caused from the vapor, ice, and dust particles that are in the air."

"I wish I could have been one of the wise men who saw that beautiful star that led them to Christ from Jerusalem to Bethlehem," said Jerry.

"Our teacher said that each of us could be a star and lead others to Jesus where they could be saved," said Charles with tenderness.

"How can we be a star?" asked Jerry, puzzled.

"The teacher said we could be so full of good ways and love that we would shine like stars. Jesus will shine through us to others," said Charles as he reached for his Bible and turned on the light. "I think I left that piece of paper in the place where our Sunday School teacher had us to turn and read something about us shining like a star. Here it is: 'And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.' (Dan. 12:3).

"I want to shine as the stars for Jesus, don't you, Charles?" asked Jerry.

"Yes, I do; and I prayed that Jesus would help me," said Charles, yawn-

ing. "It's time to go to sleep. Good-night."

"Good night," said Jerry, still looking out the window at the stars from his pillow.

—Mrs. Marie Miles

Our Family Hour

"Mother, we are to have a verse with the word 'peace' in it for Sunday School, and we are to know or explain the meaning of it. I have found one in Isaiah, but I can't explain it."

"Read it, James."

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

"All right now, James, let us take a look at the first part of it. To be at peace means what?"

"Oh, that means you are satisfied; and peace means just the opposite of war, too," replied James.

"Now in order to have this peace, what must we do?"

"I can tell, Mother," said Janice. "We have to keep our thoughts on the Lord."

I think you children have an idea what it is about, but I want to tell you of a true story that might help you some more.

"One spring day, the last of May, a great tornado swept through a community. Many homes were destroyed, cattle and flocks were blown away and a number of people were killed. It was very severe indeed.

"There was a dear sainted mother, who with her family were trusting in the Lord for safety. The winds were blowing with all force it seemed, along with all the thundering and lightning. It seemed as though they, too, would be injured, but this dear mother kept her mind stayed on the Lord.

She said that she would not even look out of the windows while the storm was on lest it hinder her trust in God. God saw her deep trust and spared them and their surroundings. Oh, how wonderful it is to keep our minds stayed on the Lord."

"I think I understand it now, Mother. Thank you," said James. —O. D.

Wee-Folk Counsel

Listen, children! I want to give you a little "tip" about the "Beautiful Way" paper. I believe I can say of a truth that it is the best and most consecrated paper in the Juvenile field of literature. As I view that field today, I find this paper excelling them all. When it comes to full gospel truth and divine purity, it reaches the highest mark, and in many other ways also.

And now since we have a treasure in its pages, let us consider a way to preserve it for future reading. My hint is this: a loose-leaf notebook binder holding note paper $5\frac{1}{2}$ x $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and a paper punch. As each quarter arrives, punch all thirteen copies to fit the notebook binder, and place them in it before one gets lost. Do not destroy nor burn a single copy. If you happen to get some extra copies, take care to keep them clean, and give them to children who haven't yet learned what a wonderful paper the "Beautiful Way" is."

—(Little Mother) Ethel K. Miles

Search Question

How many years did the children of Israel dwell in Egypt land?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Agabus. Acts 21:10.

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Dear boys and girls,

We greet you this new year in the name of Jesus. May the Lord help all of us to do more to please the Lord this year than we have ever before.

We are making some changes in our Sunday School lessons. Some have asked that we print the lesson from the Bible to be used in their Sunday Schools. We hope you will enjoy and receive much good from this new method. It would be good to read through your lesson and then read the comments which we give in this letter, and then take it verse by verse and comment on it. We do pray the Lord to bless and give you many good truths and thoughts as you study the precious Bible. Our lessons are written also so the smaller class can use the picture cards with them. Write and tell us if you like this method better.

Our lessons this quarter will be in the Book of Matthew. History tells us that most of Matthew was written by the disciple.

The wise men were very happy when they saw the star. They had studied about the coming Christ and knew it was about the time of His coming. They went to Jerusalem; then, as our lesson tells us, the star led them right to the

house where Jesus was. Just as the wise men sought after Jesus, so we must seek Him to be found of Him. God will help us as He did the Wise men. If we will with tears of sorrow repent of our sins, we can find Jesus and be saved. A Star of Hope has arisen for each of us.

Let us talk about the gifts that they brought to Jesus. One of the gifts was gold. Gold in the world today is considered to be the most precious metal. Do you know what Jesus would consider very precious that you could give him? Let me tell you: it is your **SELF**. Jesus wants you—your heart, soul, and body. Isn't that wonderful that we, too, can give Jesus something wonderful like the Wise Men did?

They gave Jesus frankincense as a gift. Frankincense is a sweet smelling spice. We, too, can give Jesus something that will smell good and please Him very much. That is our prayers and praise.

Another gift they gave was myrrh. It is a bitter spice. Do you think Jesus wants us to give him something that is bitter to us? Yes, he wants all of our troubles, heartaches, and sorrows. The Bible says, "Cast all your care upon him." Let us give gifts to Jesus.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, January 6, 1957

Wise Men Seek Jesus

Printed Portion:Matthew 2:1-12

1. Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2. Saying, 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.

3. When Herod the king had heard

these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return unto Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Memory Verse: We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. Matt. 2:2.

Central Truth: When we seek for Jesus we can find Him as the wise men did.

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Part Two

January 13

Yield Not To Temptation

Yield not to temptation,
For yielding is sin;
Each vict'ry will help you
Some other to win.
Fight manfully onward,
Dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus,
He'll carry you through.

— Chorus —

Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and help you,
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.

Shun evil companions,
Bad language disdain;
God's name hold in rev'rence,
Nor take it in vain;
Be tho'tful and earnest,
Kind-hearted and true;
Look ever to Jesus,
He'll carry you through.

I Wouldn't Do It"

The R— family lived in an upstairs apartment. Johnny was a lively little boy and it was quite hard for him to have to spend most of his time

shut up in the apartment where he had to be very quiet because of a sick lady in another apartment in the building. There was not much space outside where he could play, and he could only go out when others could be with him.

One afternoon Mother felt very tired and wanted to rest on the bed a few minutes. She called Johnny to her and told him what she was going to do and instructed him to play quietly on the floor and not to go out the door nor down stairs. She had dozed just a little when she heard a door open and close. Suddenly she raised up to see where her boy was, and could not see him in the room. She felt sad at heart, thinking he had disobeyed her as soon as he thought she was asleep. She called twice and was much relieved to hear Johnny answer from the clothes closet, which was beside the outside door.

Johnny came out with a happy smile, saying, "Did you think I had gone out the door and down stairs?" Mother told him she had thought that. "The devil wanted me to," he said, "and almost made me, but I wouldn't do it. Aren't you glad I

didn't mind the devil?"

Of course Mother told him that she was very glad. The Lord blessed Johnny for not minding the devil. He was happy all afternoon. He sang, and seemed to really enjoy playing in the house.

—G. R.

"Get Thee Hence, Satan"

"I wish I had a dime to spend," thought Bill. "Harold always has money to spend and I never have any. I wish my dad had lots of money like his." Bill got up off the porch and went into the house. He went over to the cupboard and got a piece of bread and buttered it, sat down by the table and ate it. He was waiting for Harold to come by. He had asked him to go to town with him and he knew that Harold would want to stop and get some ice cream and he would have to make some excuse and come on home. He just would not let Harold buy him any more ice cream because he could not return the favor.

Bill started back out to the porch. As he passed the little table by the door, he saw the money which had been placed there for the paper boy. He stopped, and something said, "Why don't you take one of those dimes? Your Mother won't say much about it, and will put another one with it when the paper boy comes." Bill stood there and looked at the money. In his mind he could already see himself and Harold eating ice cream—and it tasted so good! Before he could hardly think again, he had reached down and started to pick up one of the dimes. Then another voice said, "Get thee hence, Satan."

With that voice came a sense of guilt at the thought of even taking a dime. Bill hurried out the door and around the house. Oh, he felt so

bad to think that he even was tempted. Stealing is a sin, thought Bill, and I almost was going to steal that dime. Why did I even think of it? Bill sat down on the back porch and thought. His whole Sunday School lesson came back to him about how Jesus was tempted of the devil and how he did not yield. How glad he was that his Sunday School teacher had the class to say over and over: "Get thee hence, Satan." That is all that saved him from being a thief, he felt. Then he thought of how his teacher had read to them from the book of James about how we are tempted when we are drawn away through lust. (James 1:12-15). She had said it was not a sin until we yielded to wrong. Again Bill felt bad to know how closely he had come to yielding. He got up and walked around and sat on the front porch. As he walked he prayed, "Lord, help me to never be tempted again." Then the memory verse came to him that he had learned a long time ago, and his teacher had also read: "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." "I endured temptation," thought Bill. "Oh, that makes me feel better. I do love the Lord and I will receive a crown of life." With a smile, Bill met Harold as he came down the street. —M. Miles

TOO LATE

A bright boy heard and was deeply impressed by the text: "My son, give Me thine heart." Satan whispered, "Time enough yet," and he put it off.

Ten years later a brilliant college-man heard the same text under the circumstances which seemed to make it the time of his salvation, right then.

Again the tempter whispered successfully, "Time enough yet."

Twenty years later a statesman listened to the same text from an aged bishop, and felt it was a message to him. This time the tempter said: "Visit foreign countries before you decide."

A traveler in Paris was stricken with cholera. But his greatest suffering was that he was not prepared to die, he had put off getting saved. His last words were, "Too late." The boy, the collegeman, the statesman, the traveler, were all one. —Sel.

For Jesus' Sake

Christian boys and girls are sometimes mocked and scorned because they love Jesus. But that is very little to suffer for Him, compared to what He suffered for us. He was even forsaken by His dearest earthly friends. And then wicked men led Him to the cruel Cross, and nailed Him on it. He did this all so gladly that we might be made free from sin.

We were guilty and deserved to die for our own sins. But Jesus loved us and came to die in our stead. What wonderful love He had for us.

And if we love Jesus with all our heart, we can gladly bear a little mocking for His dear sake, can't we? He looks and smiles upon us when we do. After we go to live with Jesus in Heaven, all suffering will be over.

Search Question

What caused the death of King Ahaziah?

Answer to Last Week's Question
430 years. Exodus 12:41.

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Dear boys and girls,

What a beautiful scene the people looked upon at the river of Jordan! Jesus was in the river, being baptized by John, the preacher in the wilderness. And as the people looked, they saw the Spirit of God descend from heaven and sit upon Jesus. The Spirit looked like a dove. Listen! they hear a voice, and it is coming out of the heavens. What is it saying? Clear and loud, this is what they heard: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." How wonderful, yet how astonished the people were. But now they remembered the shepherds who had come to the city of Bethlehem telling about angels singing and announcing the birth of the Saviour. Then the three wise men had come from the East seeking for the Christ. But time had passed and Jesus the Saviour had lived with his mother and Joseph, and lived as other normal boys. At the age of twelve he had gone to the temple, and there he talked with the wise men and they were astonished at his questions and answers. Mary, his Mother, knew he was the Saviour, but she waited and kept all these things in her heart.

The time had come at last for Jesus to begin to teach others the way to heav-

en. After He was baptized, the Holy Spirit led Him out into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. Jesus was a real man, and in the flesh. He came here to live as we live so He could know how to help us. Have you ever gone without meals for a day or maybe more? Do you remember how hungry you were? Then just think how hungry Jesus was after fasting forty days. The devil told Him to turn stones into bread, but he would not do it. We are not to obey the devil, boys and girls. Has the devil ever told you to take two or three cookies out of the cookie jar when Mother had told you not to bother them because they were for company? If you obeyed the devil then, you yielded to a temptation that Jesus would not. Jesus wants you to learn not to obey the devil even if you are hungry or wanting something real bad.

A man working in a bank was asked what he would do if he could not resist taking some of the money he was counting. He said that he would quit. God is able to help us overcome temptations as He did Jesus. We need to be strong and say NO to the devil when he tries to get us to do wrong. Use the Bible on him like Jesus did, and he will flee. God will bless you as the angels did Jesus.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 2, January 13, 1957

Choose Whom You Serve

Printed Portion: ...Matt. 3:16 to 4:11.

Matt. 3:16. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

17. And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Matt. 4:1. Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

6. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

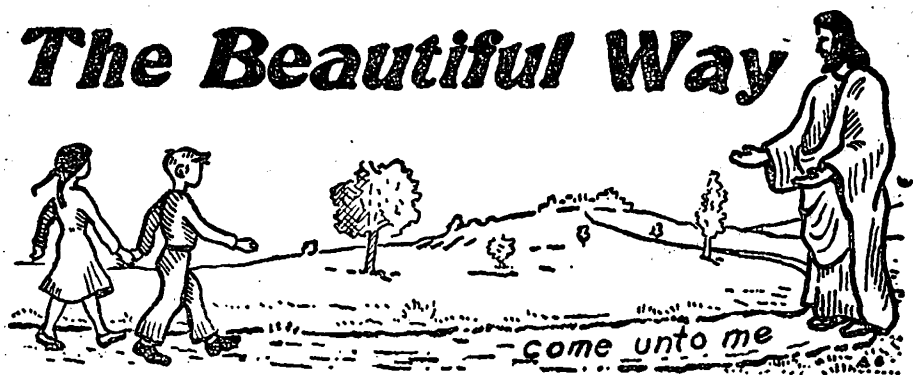
10. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Matt. 4:10.

Central Truth: With God's help it is possible for us to resist temptation.

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Part Three

January 20

Thoughtful of Others

When you can help your mother,
Or do things for your dad,
Just think while you are working
You're making Jesus glad.

Help Mother set the table,
Help sister make the bed,
Do to others as you'd have them do,
'Cause that's what Jesus said.

—Leslie Busbee

A Lamp Lighter

Years ago before electricity was discovered and we had no electric lights to brighten our streets, men were hired to light the lamps along the sidewalks. Boys and girls loved to watch these lamplighters go from one lamp post to another, leaving behind them a row of brightly burning lights. As it grew darker outside they would not be able to see the lighters as they walked farther and farther away, but they could always see how far they had gone by the shining of another light.

Boys and girls can be lamplighters in the world today even with the many

bright electric lights. They may be only little candles, but if they shine for Jesus, others will see Jesus through them and know that "the light of the world is Jesus" who came to brighten a dark world of sin and sorrow.

—Sel.

"PRAY FOR THEM"

"Pray for them that despitefully use you," was the minister's text.

"Oh, how can I do that," thought Elaine, who was still peeved because her girl friend Lola had stolen a fountain pen and had given it to her to keep. Elaine, not knowing, that she had stolen it, kept it for her until after the lunch hour. About that time the owner of it saw Elaine with it and accused her of stealing. Right away she said that Lola had given it to her to keep, and when Lola was asked about it, she pretended she knew nothing about it.

Naturally, Elaine had every right to be peeved—or at least she thought so. "Sure, I'll pray for her. I'm going to ask the Lord to avenge me—and I hope she has to suffer for it!"

"Of course, the girl did find out

that I didn't steal the pen, but I had to go a whole day with the rest of the girls thinking I was a thief."

But the more Elaine thought about what the minister said, the more she felt that it would be better just to pray for her and not so much about the punishment she should get. At first when she went to pray, all she could think about was how much she had to suffer. She soon realized that she wasn't even praying but just feeling sorry for herself. Right away she began to forget herself and started asking the Lord's blessing on her friend. After prayer she felt much better. She even forgot about it all, even so much that she greeted her friend Lola in her same old friendly manner.

Lola looked at her; and then, feeling condemned, asked her how she could treat her so nice when she had wronged her.

"Oh," replied Elaine, "I couldn't at first, but when I prayed for you I just forgot about it all."

After that Lola and Elaine were almost inseparable. Never again did Lola wrong her. And it was very easy after that for Elaine to pray for those who wronged her. —O. A. D.

Salt

"Mother, you are wanted on the phone."

"All right, son," said Mother.

It was Sister Allen who was calling by request of Sister Holdcraft, whom I call Aunt Liza. I have known Aunt Liza for a long time. The first time I met her was in our home when I was a little girl. She was very kind and nice to me and put her arms around me and called me "honey." It seemed I was drawn to her at that time and she has always had a warm place in

my heart. She is now getting old and cannot see, but the Lord is good to her and she loves Jesus dearly.

Sister Allen is a young saint who stays with Aunt Liza. She said they had been talking about the message that Sister Abbott had preached the night before about salt. Sister Holdcraft was wondering about the Scripture where it tells us that if salt has lost its savor it is good for nothing but to be trodden under foot of man (Matt. 5:15). They wanted to know how salt loses its savor. I told them I would look up the history on it and call them back.

"Son, bring me the Clarke Commentary while I finish ironing this piece," said Mother, "and we will look up what causes salt to lose its flavor."

Later I called Aunt Liza and she answered the phone. She was happy about the message. She had heard about how salt symbolized the Holy Spirit in the soul and how we must have the Holy Spirit to anoint our praises to God and the deeds we do for Him or they will not be accepted nor enjoyed by God the Father any more than a good roast would be enjoyed by us if it did not have salt.

I told her that Clarke said he had proof from another man that along one side of the valley in Judea was a small cliff, about two men's lengths, occasioned by the continual taking away of the salt; and in this one may see how the veins of it lie. He broke off a piece of it which had been exposed to the rain, sun, and air, and though it had sparks and particles of salt, yet it had perfectly lost its savor or flavor. But the inner part that was connected to the rock still had its flavor. Bro. Clarke goes on to say that those who have lost the life of Christ out of their souls are likened to this salt. They may still know

about Jesus and know something about the Bible, but they do not have the spirit of true comfort and anointing. Only those who are connected to the Rock can still have their flavor of the Holy Spirit.

"Then we want to keep connected to the Rock, Christ Jesus, don't we?" said Aunt Liza.

"Yes, we must."

"Well, that gives me something more to think about," said Aunt Liza.

—Mrs. Marie Miles

The Lord Jesus lived in this earth once, and was a boy just your age. Can you imagine Him smoking a cigarette? No, indeed. And He will be hurt if you smoke. If the boys coax you to try one just once, be brave enough to refuse. The bravest people on earth are those who have the courage to do what is right.

Search Question

Who became angry during a feast in honor of his brother?

Answer to Last Week's Question

A fall from an upper chamber.

2 Kings 1:2

Dear boys and girls,

Our lesson today is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus wanted us to be different from others who do not love Him. He wants us to help others to know about Him and come to Him. Jesus tells us that we are the salt of the earth. Did you ever eat a piece of meat that Mother forgot to salt? It didn't taste very good, did it? Salt does something for the meat and helps it. God wants to help us do something for the home in which we live—help it to be a better home. He wants the school

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to be better because you are there. Your kind ways and manners will help others to be better. Your friends and others will be helped because you love God. But salt that has lost its flavor is good for nothing, and is trodden under foot by man. If we do not have God in our lives, we can not do good and will be lost eternally.

He brings to our minds another example of what he wants us to be. He said, "Ye are the light of the world." For instance, a boy who did not know about Jesus longed to know where he would go if he died. He wished he would not do wrong, for it made him feel so bad. He wished he could find someone who could help him be good and tell him where he would go when he died. If you should meet this boy and he would tell you what he wished, you would instantly tell him about Jesus, how He came from heaven to this old wicked world to teach us how to get to heaven, and that now since Jesus has gone back to heaven He sends His Spirit into our hearts when we ask Him to forgive us of all our sins and are sorry we have committed them; and as we do all He has told us to do, that when we die we will go to heaven. Don't you think you would be a light to that boy? Yes, because as the boy believes on Jesus and is saved, his soul is full of light and he is happy because he knows where he will go and can do the

right thing. That is being a light for Jesus. We do not want to keep all the good things we know about Jesus, but we should tell it and help others find Jesus. In telling it and living good, we "let our light shine."

In the last part of our lesson Jesus tells us to love our enemies. Did someone do you wrong? Jesus says, "pray for them." I know that if you pray for them and ask God to bless them, you will never want to do them a wrong back. Won't you try it? Please do. It will work. You can feel good toward them if you will pray for them. Do not try to take the place of God. God said, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." (Rom. 12:19). "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

This coming week, let us put this into practice and tell the class about it next Sunday. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, January 20, 1957

Thoughtful of Others

Printed Portion:....Matt. 5:13-20, 43-48.

Matt. 5:13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

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

17. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

18. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:43. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45. That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

47. And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

48. Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Memory Verse: Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Matt. 7:12.

Central Truth: Jesus wants our hearts to be full of love, and we can help others.

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Part Four

January 27

Follow Me

Matthew was a sinner,
And Jesus came along;
He told him to follow,
And he quit all his wrong.

"Follow me," said Jesus
To the ones by the sea;
They left all to follow
Their Saviour, don't you see?

How then we ought to come
As Jesus needs us now;
Take up the cross and follow
For He will show us how.

—Leslie Busbee

Coming To Jesus

On reaching home after the Gospel preaching, a little girl said to her mother, "Mother, will you bring me to Jesus?"

"My dear child," said her mother, "I cannot bring you to Jesus; you must come yourself." Then the mother thought a moment, and said: "I can bring you in faith and prayer to Jesus—this I have done; but **You Must Come Yourself.**"

A short while after, the little girl went into the country for a holiday, and stayed with some Christian friends. It was evident there was a work of God going on in her heart, she so wanted to come to Jesus. The tender Shepherd was gently leading this little lamb to Himself.

The time came for her to return home, and on reaching there she rushed into the house and called out, "Mother, I've come." The mother kissed her and said: "We have missed you, dear; the place has been very quiet and lonely without you. We are so happy now you have come back to us again."

The face of the child dropped in sadness and she said, "Mother, I don't mean that."

"Whatever, then, do you mean, my child?"

"Why," she said, "I mean that I **Have Come to Jesus.**"

The dear mother, after all, was not quite prepared for this answer, and said, "How did you come?"

"Mother," said the girl, "**I SIMPLY CAME.**"

Happy if I come to Jesus,
Only He can fill my heart;

For He came in love to save me,
And no more from Him to part.
Resting there, I can abide,
Draw me, Saviour, to Thy side.
—Selected.

Watch Yourself

Dear children,

I just feel like the Lord wants me to write to you through the "Beautiful Way" paper and try to encourage you to always do the right no matter what others say or do. There aren't many children who do not know right from wrong, and the Lord will surely bless you if you always do what you know is right.

Children, the time has come when we need to be careful what kind of clothes we wear. I am sure that a lot of children would dress differently if they had their way about it. I was so thankful that my little granddaughter, just six years old, refused to wear a sun dress to school without a blouse under it. Her mother was not saved, but she did not insist on her wearing it without a blouse. I am sure the Lord will bless this little girl and her mother, too, for not listening to the devil along that line.

The devil tries hard to get people to go his way. Sometimes he tries to get children to laugh and make fun of other children in school. When you see children doing something in school that you could not do, you should just feel sorry for them and not mistreat them, for they may not know as much about what is right or wrong as you do.

When I was a little girl my brother bought a book that had a picture in it that has always come to my mind and impressed me when I was tempted to find fault with someone. It was a picture of two men standing, one in

front of the other. They were both hump-backed. The one standing behind the other had the larger hump, but he stood pointing his finger at the one in front and laughing at his hump. Under the picture it said, "He can't see his own hump." It is that way many times when people try to find fault with others—they have more faults than the ones they are talking about. It pays to watch our own selves and be careful what we say or think about others. I am so thankful to know the Lord can help us to live lives that are pleasing unto him.

Now since this little paper is read by both saved and unsaved, I want to encourage the saved ones to keep living for Jesus, for a Christian life is the only life that is worth living, and there is nothing in all the world that satisfies. To the ones that are not saved I write to beg you to get saved now while you are young, because the deeper you go in sin the harder it will be to break loose from sin. I write with love and a prayer for all the dear children.

A sister in Christ, K. M.

When we cannot see the way,
Let us trust and still obey;
He who bids us forward go,
Cannot fail the way to show.—Sel.

AT THE CROSSROADS

A boy and his grandfather were out riding one day. The boy rode a pony, and the grandfather a mare. They came to crossroads.

The boy asked, "Grandfather, which road shall we take?"

The grandfather said, "Whichever you want. The road to the left is smooth and easy. It seems pleasant. Why not take it? The other road is rough and steep."

But the boy answered, "We must take the road to Crescens, regardless of whether it is easy or difficult."

Later the grandfather said, "I am delighted, my boy, with what you said. You will come to many crossroads in life, and you will be tempted to take the easy way. But keep your destination ever in mind, and take the road that leads to the right place, whether it be easy or hard."

"Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life."

Wee-Folk Counsel

Children, obey! is counsel to wee-folk as well as to youth of more years. The Lord in talking to children in the days of old, said, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." This verse is in the Bible. It is found in the 6th chapter of Ephesians, the first verse. All children ought to memorize it—not just get it so they can say it today and let it slip out of their mind tomorrow, but learn it so well that they will never forget it.

Children who really love their parents want to obey them. People who love God are glad to obey Him.

To obey means to do as you are told. How many little children can do that? How many even want to obey? I feel confident most children need more respect for the word obey! It is a solemn command, and obedience is enjoined in every instance—no path around it for the Christian child. The divine order is: CHILDREN, OBEY!—Little Mother E.K.M.

Search Question

What great miracle did Elijah do before being taken to heaven?

Answer to Last Week's Question

The Prodigal Son's brother. Lk. 15:28

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Dear boys and girls,

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Heb. 13:8). We talk and read about the things that Jesus did when he was here on the earth along the shores of Galilee and in the cities; but we should not forget that Jesus will be the same to us as He was to the people of that day. He has not lost any of His power. Just as the four men brought their sick friend to Jesus, we can bring our friends' troubles, sicknesses, and our own to Him. He will help us today as He helped them in that day.

The first part of our lesson tells about the four men bringing the man that was sick with the palsy to Jesus. We find more details about it over in Mark 2:1-12. Palsy is paralysis. It is an awful disease, causing the loss of power of motion in parts of the body. Often the hand or part affected will dry up or wither away. There is a loss of feeling, accompanied by much pain. The man that was brought to Jesus had to be carried, and no doubt most of his body was paralyzed.

When the man was let down through the roof—the crowd was so large they could not bring him to Jesus through the door—Jesus did not say right away, "Arise, take up thy bed and walk"; but he said, "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee." People standing a-

round were amazed and astonished at such words. They did not say anything but thought that this man was making fun of God, which was a terrible thing. But notice what the Bible tells us: "Jesus KNOWING their thoughts." They did not say what they were thinking, but Jesus knew. Let us talk about Jesus' power of being able to know people's thoughts then, and how much more He knows our thoughts today since He is sitting on the right hand of God and is looking down upon the world. Did you ever think about it, that Jesus knows what you think about? Read Phil. 4: 7 to 9, and discuss the list of things He wants us to think about.

Jesus healed the man, and all rejoiced as they saw him rise from his bed and walk to his home. They knew that Jesus could heal and forgive sins.

Matthew was a publican who collected taxes. Most of the publicans would overcharge and bring charges against people that they were getting by and not paying taxes in order to get some "hush money." So the publicans were disliked greatly; not only for these reasons, but also because they worked for the Roman government.

Did you notice how Matthew obeyed Jesus when he asked him to follow Him? We should obey Jesus today just as quickly.
—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 4, January 27, 1957

"Follow Me"

Printed Portion:Matt. 9:1-13.

Matt. 9:1. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2. And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said

unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

3. And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.

4. And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5. For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

6. But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7. And he arose, and departed to his house.

8. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

9. And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans, and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12. But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Memory Verse: "... Follow me." Matt. 9:9.

Central Truth: Jesus is still today calling and saving and healing people.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." Psalms 103:2

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Part Five

February 3

Jesus Needs Us

Just as we need our Saviour,
He needs us to work for Him,
To labor in His vineyard
'Til shadows of life grow dim.

Jesus needs us to work together,
And hold His banner unfurled,
To carry this gospel message
To a lost and dying world.

—Leslie Busbee

Jesus Needs You

I wish you children could have attended meeting with us last night and heard one of God's ministers tell us how the Lord supplied money for him to work for God. God needs workers who have faith in Him and will go when He tells them to.

Bro. Abbott loves the Lord and told us that one time he traveled 1,700 miles with thirty-five cents in his pocket when he left and arrived. He said that he was away from home and desired to go home. He began to pray the Lord to supply money for the trip. The Lord spoke to him, saying, "You

have a tank of gasoline and thirty-five cents in your pocket." Brother Abbott said, "Yes, Lord, if you want me to start out with that, I will do it." He started out and the Lord supplied him with two riders. They drove until the gas was getting low and he felt he must get gasoline so he could make it to the next place. He wondered what he would do, but thought he would just drive into the station and buy 35c worth of gasoline. He drove in, got out, and the man said, "How many gallons do you want?" And before Bro. Abbott could answer, one of the riders said, "Fill it up." They traveled on and the gasoline got low again. He pulled into a station intending to buy 35c worth of gasoline, but the other rider said, "Fill it up; this is on me this time." And on they drove. Finally Bro. Abbott arrived home with the 35c still in his pocket. Isn't it wonderful how the Lord supplies for His children who will work for Him? God needs you, but He wants you to have faith in Him just as the disciples did when he sent them out and told them to not take any money with them, as He would supply their needs.

—M. Miles.

Ned and Jane

"Mother, who was the little boy that brought his daddy his boots when he got well?" asked Jane.

"What do you mean?" asked her mother as she put the potatoes in the frying pan to fry.

"Last night at prayer meeting the man was telling about a little boy," said Jane as she stepped back from the stove when the grease began to pop.

"Oh, you mean what Bro. Foster told about his little boy coming in when he was sick in bed and asked him if he wanted him to pray for him. Then after he got up off his knees, he went into the other room and came back dragging his daddy's boots. He told his daddy to get up because Jesus had healed him," said Mother.

"Yes, that is it," said Jane, following her mother to the table as she began to make lemonade for dinner.

"I thought that was wonderful for Bro. Foster's boy to pray for him. Bro. Foster said the Lord healed him as he got up and put his boots on. I do pray that you and Ned will always keep your faith in Jesus to heal you and others that you pray for. Jesus needs boys and girls to work through, to be a blessing to people in the world today," said Mother.

"I want to be a worker for Jesus like his disciples," said Jane.

What A Child Achieved For Christ

We have just read a remarkable account that appeared in "The Crusader" of how a girl in Korea led her father to Christ. The father was a thatch vendor in Seoul and he spent much of the money that he earned for intoxicating drink. We are told

that he was no common drinker, but a man known in Seoul as one who could terrify an onlooking crowd with the awful manner of his sprees. His gymnastics out in the middle of the street were amazing, and he would accost every man that went by. "For a demon of uproar, surely nothing ever surpassed Cheung. The police, like the Levite, went by on the other side, and the street periodically yielded itself up and lay prone while Cheung had his innings.

"Suddenly a day came when it ceased. Cheung was gone. Someone looking a bit like him, but refined and purified, was seen going by with a quiet and softened step to a neighboring church. He carried a New Testament, and was seen by the same wondering world with his face to the floor praying to God. Month followed month and the old spirit of confusion was evidently dead. How did it come about?"

The secret of the change lay in the life and words and influence of a little daughter who had been attending a mission school and who had become an ardent Christian. She had learned to read and pray and tell others of the salvation she had found. And in some way "she wooed her father away from his world of wild sinfulness and landed him sane in a region of eternal calm"—an utterly transformed man. And this daughter was simply a plain, low-class girl with a homely face, but with Christ in her heart.

—Arnold's Commentary

NAMES OF THE DISCIPLES

This is the way the apostles run: Peter and Andrew, James and John, Philip and Bar-thol-o-mew, Thomas next and Matthew, too, James the less, Judas the greater, Simon the Zelot and Judas the traitor."

UNJUMBLE THESE DISCIPLES' NAMES

1. tewMaht
2. noimS
3. msJae the son of hlupAaes
4. Tsohma
5. JkIcustoarasd
6. emsaJ the son of eeZdeeb
7. iPlphi
8. eePrt
9. dasTudeh
10. wnrAde
11. lowrmBhoeart
12. hnoJ

How To Be Useful

Almost every boy or girl would like to be of some use in this world, but sometimes it is hard to know what to do in order to be useful.

What is needed most of all, I think, is a pair of quick eyes to see what is needed. If a boy or girl has quick eyes and willing hands, ever so many ways will be found of being useful at home, in school, and wherever he may happen to be.

The boy who has quick eyes will see when Papa wants a book from the library, and will offer to go and get it without waiting to be asked. He will see when Mama wants something from the store, and will offer to run such an errand before he goes off to play ball. The responsive, obedient boy is a blessing in the home and has a place of honor awaiting him in the world.

—Sel.

Search Question

For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his - - - soul.

Answer to Last Week's Question

Smite the Jordan River with his mantle and passed over. 2 Kings 2:8.

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Dear boys and girls,

Our lesson topic is very personal. Jesus does need you just as he needed the disciples whom he called (told about in our lesson). People now need to know about the power of Jesus to save, heal, and bless as they did in those days. When boys and girls tell others how much they love Jesus, it has a great effect on them. Mothers and Fathers have been brought to Jesus because their sons and daughters prayed and begged them to be saved. Jesus needs you.

Our lesson tells about Jesus going from place to place preaching the gospel and healing the sick. He met so many that needed help that His great heart of love was touched, and He saw the people as a bunch of helpless sheep without a shepherd among wolves. Just think what an awful thing that would be. One by one the sheep would be devoured by the wolves. Jesus realized he could not help all the people, so he told those around him to pray that God would send out more soul winners.

Jesus felt the need of twelve men who would go with him all the time to help in His great work. These men were to leave their jobs and do nothing else but be His helpers. Notice in our lesson what He told them to do. One by one he called them, and they left all to follow him—just as Matthew in our last Sunday's lesson had done. It would be good

if all of you would learn the names of the disciples and recite them to the class by next Sunday.

Peter and his brother Andrew were fishermen. Isn't it wonderful that brothers could work together for Jesus in helping souls? I am sure it made their parents very happy. I know you can tell something about Peter and each disciple.

James and John were also brothers. James was the first disciple to be put to death (Acts 12:2). John was the youngest of all the disciples. In later life he was put out on the Isle of Patmos, where he wrote Revelation.

Philip was not the Philip spoken of in Acts, the evangelist and deacon. Clarke's Commentary tells us that Bartholomew is probably Nathaniel mentioned in John 1:45, 46. In John 20:24-31 it tells us how Thomas doubted. James the son of Alphaeus (also called Cleopas) had married the sister to the blessed virgin (John 19:25). We do not know much about Thaddaeus, only that he is sometimes called Judas the brother of James. (Luke 6:15). Simon is called Zealotes, which in the Hebrew language means zealous. Then you know something about Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus.
—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 5, February 3, 1957

Mission of the Twelve

Printed Portion: Matt. 9:35-10:8, 24-25.

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

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

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

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

Matt. 10:1. And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2. Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

3. Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

4. Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5. These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:

6. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

7. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Matt. 10:24. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.

25. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

Memory Verse: Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14.

Central Truth: Jesus needs you to help win others to Christ.

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Part Six

February 10

We Need Jesus

Have you ever thought how small we are
Without Jesus by our side,
But how that we can do all things,
If with Him we will abide?

We need Jesus every hour,
And without his help we'd be
Just like a little empty canoe
Adrift on a stormy sea.

Our lives are likened unto a boat,
And with Jesus at the helm
He'll guide our boat right thru the
storms
Safely to that glorious realm.

—Leslie Busbee

Cleaner, But No Whiter

While in a foreign country where dark skinned people lived, I observed a mother bathing her little boy at the water tap. Now I noticed that the little black boy was not a whit whiter after his wash, but I do believe he was very much cleaner. The Indian cannot change the color of his skin, neither can the tiger lick out the color of his stripes.

Now I know thousands of boys and

girls who have very white faces, and lovely pure skins, but they have black, wicked hearts. Most of them know this quite well. But instead of turning to the cleansing Blood of Jesus to wash away this inward blackness, they turn to reform their outward ways. A reformed boy or girl is certainly very much cleaner in his outward life and in the sight of men, but he is not one whit whiter before God.

God requires truth in the inward parts. Reformation begins at the outside, but never enters any deeper than the skin. Regeneration comes from within, and then works its way out to the very nailpoints of our hands and feet. Make sure YOU are regenerated or "born again." Read John 3:1-17, and put your name in "whosoever"

—Sel.

The devil and me—
We can't agree.
I hate him
And he hates me.
He had me once,
But let me go;
He wants me now,
But I won't go.

—Sel.

A Dear Child

"Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children."

Oh, what does it mean to be a dear child? Who doesn't want to hear someone say, "You are a dear child"? Doesn't it make you want to be even dearer? Doesn't it make you careful and take notice of others who are admired and try to cultivate or attain the characteristics that they have?

Maybe they are very loving, like Herbie, who responds to a gentle caress or a "love pat" on the head; and instead of pushing away and making an ugly face, he likes to be near and return the love and looks up with tender eyes. Maybe they are like Roberta, who is courteous because she would rather an older person have her chair (if they don't have one) than to keep it herself; or like Johnny, who is sympathetic because he cries when he hears about boys and girls who have lost their mamas or daddies.

Maybe they are like Ruthie, who is honest, because she does not lie when she is asked about something mischievous she has done; or like Gary, who is anxious at all times to let you hear the Bible verses he has learned, because he has a love for God's Word; or like Ronnie, who is tender-hearted, because he listens to the still small voice inside and tries to obey it. He doesn't want to do what's wrong.

Maybe they are like Julia, who is gentle, because she is very careful and doesn't ever get rough when caring for her baby sister; or like Lillie Mae, who is ambitious and wants to get good grades in school and wants to do well in everything she does. She can hardly wait till she is big enough to iron.

Maybe they are like David, who is

very polite and says, "Yes, Mama," or "No, thank you." Patsy sits very quiet in meeting, and doesn't make noise so others can't hear. She never wants to be the center of attention.

Maxine is very kind to her aged auntie and brings great comfort to her heart by giving her a little of her time and love.

Linda is very obedient to her mother and tries to do everything she says, because since her daddy died, her mother only has her to love and Linda would not want to grieve her heart.

Sandra wants to be a help to her mother, who isn't very well, and even tho she is only five years old she braides her own hair.

Even tho your name is not here, you may be as one of these, or like all of them. If you are, you are a dear child. Your parents are proud to have you as a son or daughter. They will tell others how sweet you are. You are an honor to their home.

Just as you desire these things—as I know you do—and begin adding them to your lives, remember that God wants you to be just the same kind of child to Him. He is your Heavenly Father. He wants to be proud of you and wants to call you a "DEAR CHILD." Won't you be a dear child of God? The song says, "Let a holy life tell the gospel story." And if you live up to all these things, with Jesus' help, you will be a dear child of God.

—S. F.

The Golden Rule

The beautiful story of how the Golden Rule worked in two hearts and kept them bright and unselfish, shows how we can help our friends in many ways. Miss Lucy had promised to give a lovely little red Testament

with gilt clasps to the one of the class who would best learn part of the Sermon on the Mount.

"I think I can get it," said Minna to herself, "I know Charlie is quicker than I am about learning, but he is very careless. He will forget to study his verses, and I won't remind him."

So the days went by. Both children studied very hard at first and said them over to Mama. Then Charlie, who was a careless boy, got interested in his pet rabbits. He forgot all about the Sermon on the Mount and the little red Testament, while Minna kept on studying. She had learned it as far as the 12th verse, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." And there she stopped.

"If you had forgotten about the prize," whispered Conscience, "you would like Charlie to remind you."

Minna hesitated a while, and then with a sigh she said, "Yes, I 'spect that's my 'whatsoever.'" A little later you might have seen her listening to Charlie say his chapter.

When the class met at Miss Lucy's to try for the prize, Charlie won it. He had by far the best memory of them all.

"But please, Miss Lucy," he said, as he saw the teacher take up her pen. "Write Charlie and Minna Bent on it, 'cause if my sister hadn't reminded me, I would never have got that chapter learned in time."

"Ah!" said Miss Lucy, "I see some of my pupils have learned this beautiful sermon by heart as well as by memory."

And she was right. Minna had "lived" her verses as well as memorized them.

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Search Question

Whom did the Lord send to a desert place to preach to one man?

Answer to Last Week's Question
OWN Matt. 16:26.

Dear boys and girls,

Jesus had been preaching to the people, healing the sick and doing wonderful miracles, yet they would not accept him as the Son of God, the Messiah that God had told them would come. This grieved our Lord and Saviour very much. He wept over them and longed to save them and did everything He could to help them to know the way to heaven, but the people just went on living in sin day after day.

City after city Jesus went through doing much good, yet they turned away from Him. In the beginning of our lesson Jesus pronounced a woe upon them. He told them that if these same mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented in sackcloth and ashes. Tyre and Sidon were two cities that Ezekiel pronounced destruction upon in his day. Jesus says it would be more tolerable for them in the day of judgment than for Chorazin and Bethsaida, two cities where he had preached.

He said to Capernaum, the city where

Jesus had been so often which seemed so hard-hearted and exalted and had rejected the gospel many, many times, that it would be more tolerable for Sodom in the judgment, and that it would have remained until today if they had seen the same mighty works done. Sodom, you remember, was one of the cities that was destroyed with fire from heaven. Abraham pleaded with the Lord to spare it if He could find ten righteous people in it. Jesus said that they would have repented and would have been spared if his mighty works had been done there.

What do you think the Lord thinks of the world today that knows about Jesus and his power to save, yet they will not turn to Him? What an awful destruction and suffering awaits them! Every time we disobey the Lord we shall be punished and will have to give an account for it.

Today Jesus is standing with outstretched hands, pleading with you to turn to Him. He is calling for you to "Come unto me." He wants you to learn of Him. You need Jesus in your life. You cannot obey Him and the Bible unless you have Jesus in your heart.

When we learn of Jesus, we find out that He is kind, loving, and forgiving. He did not do wrong to those who hit him and spit upon them. He loved them, and when he died on the cross, He died for them also. Truly we do need Jesus in this life to help us make it to heaven. Pray much, and the Lord will help you.

—Aunt Marie.

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We Need Jesus

Printed Portion:Matt. 11:20-30.

Matt. 11:20. Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not:

21. Woe unto thee, Chroazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.

23. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

24. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25. At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27. All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Memory Verse: Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28.

Central Truth: Jesus has promised to supply the needs of those who come to Him.

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All For Jesus

I like to live for Jesus here
In this dark world below;
For when He comes to take His own,
Up, then, with Him I'll go.
He's done so very much for me,
From sin to set me free,
So that is why I give Him all
There is of little me. —Sel.

The Sadhu's Pearl Of Great Price

An agnostic professor in a Hindu college asked Sadhu Sundar Singh, "What have you found in Christianity that you did not have in your old religion?" The Sadhu answered, "I have found Christ." "Yes, I know," the professor replied a little impatiently, for he was hoping for a philosophical argument, "but what particular principle or doctrine have you found that you did not have before?" The Sadhu replied, "The particular thing I have found is Christ." Try as he might the professor could not budge him from that position. He went away discomfited—and thoughtful. —"The Christ of the Indian Road."

Hidden Treasure Found

"Oh, here is the yard stick," said Carl as he picked it up beside the tree and took off the note tied to it.

"What does that note say?" asked one of the group of friends that had followed him out by the tree. They had gathered in to share his birthday cake and honor him on his birthday.

"Dearest Carl, take this yard stick and measure from the base of the pecan tree twelve feet east and seven feet and eight inches south and fourteen feet east and dig for the hidden treasure. As you measure off the distance, remember that the Bible says in 2 Cor. 10:12 that 'they that measure themselves by themselves are not wise.' We want to always measure ourselves by the Word of God and not by people," read Carl and started off to the pecan tree as the others followed.

Carl started measuring, and with the others' help he got to a certain spot that had been dug. He quit measuring and said, "Oh, here it is," He dug and dug, but didn't find a treasure. Finally someone suggested that he measure again. He did, and

finally measured right to a spot beyond the first. He dug a little ways and there was a can. In the can was a bright silver dollar and another note. Carl was very happy he had found them. Someone asked him to read the note. This is what he read: "Dearest Carl, Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is like unto a treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth that field. And again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls; Who, when he had found one pearl of great price went and sold all that he had, and bought it' (Matt. 13:44-46). Salvation is the treasure hid in the field, and the pearl of great price. To receive it, you must sell out to God. In other words, you must give your SELF over to God and put Him first in your life. Have everyone line up and say a memory verse, and when Tommy feels you have obeyed this note he will give you another one."

Boys and girls, the treasure hid in the field and the pearl of great price were valuable and the man that found them was very happy just as Carl. He didn't go around with a long face and tell how much it cost him and how hard it was to find it, but he was joyful and glad to sell all he had—his sins and selfish desires. He felt he was very fortunate and honored because he had found it. Today we should always praise the Lord and be glad we have found Jesus who gives us salvation. —Mrs. M. Miles.

"God loves the truth,
And that is why
He cannot love us
When we lie."

It Pays To Tell The Truth

At school this week you children will likely hear much about George Washington. One story which you will probably hear in connection with his birthday is the one about the cherry tree which he chopped down with his new hatchet. When his father asked who did it, he told the truth even though he did not know but what it would mean hard punishment. But it paid him to tell the truth. His father forgave him and did not punish him because he had told the truth.

Do you know of any time when a child escaped punishment because he was brave and told the truth? It seems that some children have harder struggles along that line than others. Some think they have to tell a lie to keep from being punished, but that is a trick of the devil. In many, many cases the lie has brought on harder punishment, and in many, many cases the truth has helped and made the punishment easier. Just now many cases come to my mind which prove that it pays to tell the truth. There is not space in this one paper for all of them; but I'll tell of one case now, and will put other cases in other papers, using this same title.

This is a true story, but the names are changed.

Tom, Francis, and Gene attended a country school, and had to walk about two miles. One mile was through a woods where there were many nuts, squirrels and different things which were of great interest to children of that age. Francis and Gene were brothers and Tom was their uncle, but there was not much difference in the ages of the boys. Their homes were close together, so the boys walked to and from school together. One day as they went to school the woods

seemed very attractive. They went on to school but kept thinking of what fun they could have in the woods. At noon Tom influenced the other boys to go with him to the woods. Tom made some kind of an excuse to the teacher, and the teacher thought the boys had to go home so he did not object. This is called "playing hooky." The boys thought they had much fun, but they did not stay in the woods. Some of their actions displeased a farmer who saw them and reported them to the teacher.

The teacher investigated the case and knew about all they did, but the boys did not know that he knew.

The next day he talked to each boy, separately, and questioned about their behaviour the day before. Francis and Gene confessed to the truth, but Tom had made up a story which was not true. He thought it would keep him out of trouble, but the teacher knew it was not the truth.

What do you think happened? Tom was severely punished, but the other boys were not punished. The teacher just warned them not to do such a thing again. In that case three children, also the other pupils in that school, learned that it pays to tell the truth.

—G. Ray

Search Question

Who dreamed they saw a cake of barley bread tumble in the host of Midian?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Philip. Acts 8:26-27.

Dear boys and girls,

I am sure you love to listen to stories as most boys and girls do. Jesus told some stories in order to bring out some wonderful lessons. We can also learn many lessons from the things that happen today. One sister told about how they got on the wrong road going to a

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place. They didn't seem troubled at all because they thought they were right until they came to a place and began to realize they were wrong. Then they had to turn around and go back. She said it made her think of how many people today are on the wrong road which leads to eternal damnation, yet are just going along seeming to be contented. But she was glad that the Lord did wake up some and cause them to get on the right road that leads to heaven.

Jesus said that the kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a farmer sowed in his field and it became a big tree until even birds sat on its limbs. The beginning of God's Word of Repentance came through Jesus, then His twelve disciples spread the gospel of repentance and salvation farther, then others took it up, and it grew until today we still know about it.

He likened the kingdom of heaven to the yeast that your mother puts in flour and it rises so high and makes a lot of bread. When we let Jesus come into our hearts, He gives us power to become the sons of God, and we are changed just as the flour is changed. As we live for the Lord, we help others to change; they in turn help others, until many know about Jesus.

We think of the story about the treasure and the Pearl of great price that is found. Men will sell all they have to buy it. Salvation is greater than any

pearl or treasure in this world, and the way we can receive it is to turn away from our old selfish and sinful ways and give our hearts to Jesus. When we have salvation and are saved, we want to value it and be careful to not displease the Lord. Sometimes a boy will give another boy several things in trade for a knife or base ball. A girl will trade ten or fifteen stamps for a single one. We have to give up going to shows, cheating, lying, selfishness, and many other things for the pearl of great price, which is salvation.

Some day we are going to be separated, the good people from the bad people. The wicked people will be cast into the furnace of fire where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. May the Lord help you to give Jesus your heart today and be ready to go to heaven.

—Aunt Marie.

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Stories Jesus Told

Printed Portion: Matt. 13:31-35, 44-52.

Matt. 13:31. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32. Which indeed 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.

33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

34. All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Matt. 13:44. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls:

46. Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

48. Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just.

50. And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

52. Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

Memory Verse: The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it. Matt. 13:45-46.

Central Truth: Man's supreme treasure is the grace of God in his heart.

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Be Not Afraid

Remember in the Bible
When Jesus they did see
Walking on the waters
Of storm-tossed Galilee.

Their hearts with fear did tremble,
But He spoke peace to their soul,
And told them not to worry
Although the waves did roll.

The devil tries to harm us
And sends his arrows by,
But Jesus said long ago,
"Be not afraid, 'tis I."

—Leslie Busbee

When Ellen Was Afraid

"Have you ever been scared, Ellen?" asked Betty

"Sure, one time," laughed Ellen, remembering her experience.

"When was that?" asked Betty.

"When we had the earthquake in California," said Ellen.

"Did you know it was an earthquake?" asked Betty.

"No, not at first. I thought someone was under my bed, shaking it. I

was so scared, but prayed and told the Lord that if it was someone that was going to hit me over the head that I was ready to go. Then I asked the Lord to give me courage to get up and turn the light on when the shaking stopped. He helped me, and I looked under my bed but didn't see anyone. I looked out the window and saw the light was flashing on and off. It would be real light and then dark as the earth rolled. It was about five o'clock in the morning. I knew then that it was an earthquake. Then it wasn't long until we had another one, and had seven of them that day."

"When did you get over your fear?" asked Betty.

"I just kept praying and the Lord helped me over it, and then when my Mother came home I was all right. She was gone when it happened," said Ellen.

Boys and girls, the above is true. There is such a thing as fear that the enemy brings to us and we have to take a stand against it. We can overcome if we will pray and just put ourselves in God's hands. Do not give in to fear. Just think how God does care for you and that His eye is watch-

ing over you and He will help you. And if you are saved and ready to go, it does not make any difference how God takes us. Remember the words of Jesus, "Be not afraid." —M. Miles.

It Pays To Tell The Truth

Miss B——, a school teacher, had a very fine group of primary pupils. She loved them and played with them, yet she was strict and careful to teach them obedience. As a rule, they were careful to do what they thought would please her. Even though not many definite rules were made, there were some things that they realized they were not supposed to do. One was that they should not bother any thing on their teacher's desk.

One noon while Miss B—— was out of doors, a number of pupils decided they would play school inside. When it was time for the noon hour to end and the pupils were about all in their regular seats, Miss B—— noticed that her pointer stick had been broken. It was a special stick which served many purposes, and she valued it highly—and the pupils knew that she did. When all was quiet, she asked about the broken stick. Her tone of voice was stern and the pupils were frightened. Quite a number of them knew about the broken stick, but no one would tell what had happened. Miss B—— knew that she could find out who did it, and she began to make plans in her mind about what she would do to find it out, and what she would do to the one who had taken it from her desk and broken it. Nothing more was said about it then.

The next morning before school started Miss B—— was there early, as was her custom, and was putting some problems on the blackboard for

seat work. Her mind was not on the broken stick at that time, and as yet she had no idea who had broken it.

She heard quiet footsteps behind her and, looking around, she saw a very frightened looking little girl. Her face was pale and her frightened eyes told of a hard struggle within, but she bravely spoke: "Miss B—— I am sorry, but I was the one who broke your stick. I didn't mean to, but I was playing that I was the teacher yesterday and I got your stick."

Miss B—— was very much surprised, but the honesty of the frightened girl so touched her heart that she couldn't think of punishing her. In fact, she couldn't even scold her, but simply said, "You must be careful and not bother things on my desk the next time you play school."

A very happy little girl went out to play—happy most of all because she had dared to be brave and tell the truth after suffering in silence one afternoon and one night.—G. Ray

Prayer Meeting Testimonies

"Children, I wonder if you remember any of the testimonies that we heard last night in prayermeeting?"

"Oh, yes, I do! I can tell you what Sister S—— said. She said that she was staying all alone. There were no houses close enough to hers so she could call for help. In the night she heard what seemed to be someone breaking in on her. Suddenly she became afraid. Then the Lord asked her if she hadn't asked Him to take care of her before she went to bed. Right away she remembered her prayer and her nerves were calmed and she went to sleep."

"Wasn't that wonderful? At first it seemed she had forgotten her prayers. We do that often, don't we? I

can remember one day I had asked the Lord to help me not to miss the bus, as I would have to wait another hour to get the next one. I was just getting ready to really make haste and get to the bus stop when the Lord asked me if I hadn't prayed to get there. Right away I slowed down and made it to the stop in time.

Children, I believe we would receive more answers to our prayers if we acted like we believed we were going to receive what we asked for. I am sure some of you have had similar experiences. We need to believe when we pray. —O. A. D.

A MERRY HEART

"He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast." Prov. 15:15.

A merry heart is a heart full of joy and gladness. This verse tells us that a merry heart has a "continual feast." This means that when your heart is merry, you always feel that you have a good time. You are always happy. You love everybody, and you believe that everybody loves you. You are always thankful, and always satisfied.

There is only one way of having a merry heart. That is by loving Jesus, and having Him live in your heart. He is the only One who can make your heart merry.

While we trust in Him, He bears all our burdens, and carries all our little troubles. So when we need not bear and carry all these weights, we can easily have a merry heart. —Sel.

Search Question

About how many men were there of the children of Israel that left Egypt land?

Answer to Last Week's Question

A man of Midian Judges 7:13.

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Dear boys and girls,

Since you have read the printed lesson, I am sure you can say with the disciples: "Of a truth thou art the Son of God." How we do love our blessed Lord and Saviour for coming here into this world and living, showing us how to have faith in God and bringing us a way that we can have our sins forgiven and then live each day without sin. How wonderful it is that not only does He forgive us of our sins, but He also heals our bodies. We cannot reach out and touch the hem of his garments with our hands, but we can by faith when we come to Him in prayer. Jesus told us, "Whatsoever ye ask in my name, I will do it." Whatsoever, takes in everything that we have need of. Thank the Lord for how He cares for all of His children.

The disciples were in danger, were they not? They became afraid, just as people today are when in a storm. They were tossing to and fro and it seemed the boat would be broken to pieces at any moment. Then they looked out over the tossing waves and saw something coming toward them out of the darkness. They thought it was a ghost and cried out in fear. But when Jesus spoke those precious words, all their fears vanished as the steam from the tea kettle vanishes in the air.

Were you ever in great danger? What did you do? One time we were traveling down the highway in the car and another car started slowly across the highway in front of us, not obeying the stop sign. We could not stop in time, and knew we were going to hit it. I began to pray for the Lord to help us. He did help us. No one was hurt and our car wasn't damaged so much but what we could drive on. Jesus' presence takes care of dangers. It pays to live so in times of dangers we can pray to Jesus and he will help us. Many things in the world bring fear to people; such as, tornadoes, earthquakes, wars, bombings, sinking ships, and automobile and airplane accidents. You probably can name more. But as we call upon Jesus, he will speak the fear away and bring cheer to us as he did to the disciples.

Think about how God comforted Jacob at night the first time he left home (Gen. 28:5). Think of how God took care of Elisha and his servant when they were surrounded with the army and the servant was greatly afraid (2 Kings 6:15-19). Think of Peter who was put into prison and was to be killed the next day; yet God delivered him (Acts 12). Think of Daniel in the lions' den and the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace. God will help you, his children, as he helped them; so do not be afraid in times of danger, but be comforted to know that Jesus will help you. —Aunt Marie.

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In Time of Danger

Printed Portion:Matt. 14:22-36.

Matt. 14:22. And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain

apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25. And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29. And he said, Come. And Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32. And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

33. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

34. And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

35. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;

36. And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

Memory Verse: What time (or when) I am afraid I will trust in thee. Psalms 56:3.

Central Truth: Jesus will calm our fears as he calmed the disciples.

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Part Nine

March 3

Who Is Jesus?

Jesus asked his followers:

"Whom do you think I am?"

"Thou art the Christ," said Peter.
Of God, He was the Lamb.

To Christians, our dear Jesus
Can mean a lot of things
From just a good companion
To a glorious King of kings.

Jesus loved each one of us,
And on the cross He died
To free us from transgressions
And cleanse us all inside.

—Leslie Busbee

My Substitute

Sir James Y. Simpson once gave the following testimony:

"When I was a boy at school I saw a sight I can never forget—a man tied to a cart and dragged before the people's eyes through the streets of my native town, his back torn and bleeding from the lash. It was a shameful punishment. For many offenses? No, for one offense. Did any of the townsmen offer to divide the

lashes with him? No! He who committed the offense bore the penalty alone. It was the penalty of a changing human law, for it was the last instance of its infliction.

"When I was a student at the University I saw another sight I can never forget—a man brought out to die. His arms were pinioned, his face was already pale as death—thousands of eager eyes were on him as he came up from the jail in sight. Did any man ask to die in his room? Did any friend come out and loose the rope, and say, 'Put it around my neck, I die instead'? No, he underwent the sentence of the law. For many offenses? No, for one offense. He had stolen a money parcel from a stage-coach. He broke the law at one point, and died for it. It was the penalty of a changing human law in this case also. It was the last instance of capital punishment being inflicted for that offense.

"I saw another sight I shall never forget—myself a sinner, standing on the brink of ruin, condemned to eternal punishment in the lake of fire. For one sin? No, for many, many sins committed against the unchang-

ing laws of God. I looked again, and behold, Jesus Christ became my Substitute. He bore in His own body on the Tree all the punishment for my sin. He died on the Cross that I might live in Glory. He suffered, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring me to God. —Sel.

The Lord Supplied

"Where are you going to get \$35.00 more that you need to pay the bill that is due?" asked Sister Abbott of her husband.

"I'm praying the Lord to supply it," answered Brother Abbott.

Later Bro. Abbott went to the mail box. Someone had sent him \$25.00, and he surely did thank the Lord for it; but he needed \$10.00 more. He and Sister Abbott just kept on praying to the Lord to supply. Later that day a couple came along and wanted Bro. Abbott to perform a wedding ceremony. After it was over, the man said, "How much do I owe you?"

Bro. Abbott answered, "Not one cent, brother, we never charge for the services of the Lord." The man took a ten dollar bill out of his pocket and gave it to Bro. Abbott, which was just enough to add to what he had to pay the bill he owed. Bro. and Sis. Abbott surely did praise the Lord.

We also praise the Lord for how He supplies His workers to carry the Gospel to others. —M. Miles

It Pays To Tell The Truth

Mr. and Mrs. M. — had many problems to face as they endeavored to rear their large family and train them in the way they should go. Each child was different in its make-up and some would respond to their teachings more readily than others.

One thing they tried to teach them was truthfulness, and they noticed that one of their little boys was especially honest. He would do many things for which they would have to correct him, but one thing they could always count on and that was, this one little boy would always tell the truth even if he knew it would get him into trouble.

(We shall call this little boy Tim, though that is not his real name.)

One day Tim, who was full of energy and always trying to do something to make some spending money, was out selling papers. He went into the fire station to see if some of the men would buy a paper from him. While he was in the station, a fire alarm was given and the firemen rushed to perform their duty, leaving Tim and another boy in the station. Tim soon left, but of course the firemen had no way of knowing how long he stayed nor what he did while he was there.

When the firemen returned, both boys were gone and an article that belonged to one of the men was gone. The theft was reported and policemen began an investigation. They questioned the other boy and he said he had seen Tim take the article. The policemen then went to Tim's father and were insisting that something be done about it. The father took the policemen to talk to Tim. Of course, Tim told them that he did not take the article and that he did not tarry in the station after the firemen left. The policemen were not acquainted with Tim and did not know that he always told the truth; but the father told them that he knew Tim always told the truth and that he did not take the article. When the father spoke so definitely in behalf of his boy, the policemen did not arrest him, but

went again to question the other boy. The other boy had stolen the article. If Tim had been accustomed to telling lies, the father could not have convinced the policemen that Tim did not steal the article. —G. Ray.

BIBLE BEES

The "Bees of the Bible are very numerous. They never sting; they yield a great deal of honey, and it is their nature to be found together in swarms. Here are a few of them:

"Be kindly affectioned one to another."

"Be . . . sober, and watch unto prayer."

"Be content with such things as ye have."

"Be strong in the Lord."

"Be courteous."

"Be not wise in your own conceits."

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers."

"Be not children in understanding."

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children."

Children, see how many more you can add to this list. Perhaps you would like for us to print your list in the "Beautiful Way" paper.

Search Question

How old was Moses and Aaron when they stood before Pharaoh?

Answer to Last Week's Question

600,000. Exodus 2:37.

Dear boys and girls,

Sometimes Mother sends you to the store and after she tells you what to buy she asks you to tell her what she has told you. She tests you to see if you really understand and know what she wants.

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One day Jesus gave his disciples a test. He had been with them for a long time. He wanted to know if they knew who he was and that he was sent from God and truly was the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. So he asked them, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" See how simple he put that question? He asked a question and answered the question he later was going to ask them.

They answered that some said He was John the Baptist. Why would they think he was John the Baptist? (Discuss at length). Then some said He was Elias (Elijah). You remember Elijah never died but was taken up in a whirlwind in a chariot of fire. Can you think of other things about Elijah? Then they said that some thought He was Jeremiah. Jeremiah was called the weeping prophet because his people would not turn to God and brought punishment upon themselves. Can you tell something else about him?

Then Jesus came down to the most important question. "Whom do you say that I am?" Jesus wanted them to be absolutely sure who he was. Peter seemed to be the spokesman for the group; he spoke up and said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." I feel it would be good for each member of the class to repeat this answer until

it is memorized. Jesus wants us to learn this as much as He wanted his disciples to learn this precious truth.

Jesus built his church on this solid truth. Jesus is the Rock and the body of Christ is built on a firm foundation.

Jesus told the disciples about how he would be killed and suffer many things from the chief priests and scribes, but he gave them the blessed hope that he would be raised again the third day. Did they remember that he told them this? Peter did not want Jesus to talk that way, and he just would not permit it, but Jesus told Peter that he did not understand the things of God and His plan.

Jesus told them to take up their cross and follow Him. When we are saved, we are different from the world, and that is our cross. May the Lord help each one of us to be ready to meet Him when He comes with His angels after us.

—Aunt Marie.

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Knowing Jesus Better

Printed Portion:Matt. 16:13-27.

Matt. 16:13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14. And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18. And I say also unto thee, That

thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

21. From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.

23. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Memory Verse: . . . Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matt. 16:16.

Central Truth: It is our privilege to confess by word and deed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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Part Ten

March 10

Forgiving Another

If your brother hurts you unknowingly,
And even if he purposely wrongs you,
Always keep the forgiving spirit
For your brother as Jesus would do.

For Jesus has told us in the Bible,
If we forgive not, we'll not be forgiven.
And keep that love of God in our souls,
Or in the end you'll surely miss heaven.
—Leslie Busbee

Watch!

Jimmy and Betty pleaded with their parents to be permitted to go to their grandmother's on the train. They had gone with their parents numbers of times and felt sure that they could go without them. So it was all arranged. Betty and Jimmy's grip was soon packed and they were all prepared. They felt very important as they boarded the train calling their good-bys to the ones left behind.

When they arrived at Westville where they had to change, there was more than two hours to wait. When they had discussed this change at home, their parents had warned them

to keep a close watch on the time or they might miss their train. There was only one train a day, and if they missed it, they would have no way to go on to Grandmother's until the next day.

In the depot at Westville they checked their grip. It only cost a dime and they would not have to carry it about. They looked at the clock then started for the lake where the boats were always loading and unloading. There were many interesting things to see. They looked at a clock, then started for the business district.

"Here's the dime store," shouted Betty. Jim followed her. They looked at different things there, had some ice cream. Suddenly there were sirens screeching and the street was filled with fire trucks. That attracted their attention and when they thought to look at a clock again their time was gone. "It's train time! Come quick! Let's run!" They ran for the depot, arriving two minutes past train time. They learned that the train was a little late, but they just did make it! How close! They were breathless!

"Oh, Jimmy, how dreadful it would be to have to sit in that station all night!" Betty gasped. "That was too close! I never want to do it again!"

"Makes me think of what Uncle Jim said in worship this morning," Jimmy answered. "About always keeping watch so as not to miss the train for Heaven. What was the memory verse about it? Do you remember?" Jimmy asked.

"Watch, therefore, for you know not what hour your Lord doth come," wasn't that it?" Betty replied. "He says that means we are to keep watch on our lives, and keep true and not let even the tiniest grain of sin get between us and Jesus." —Sel.

Ned and Jane

"Mother, what will the judgment be like?" asked Jane.

"Oh, don't you know, Jane," said Ned, "It's when everybody will walk past God sitting on His throne, and as they pass, a big search light will shine through them. Then everything you have done that is evil will show up and God will know if you are without sin. And if you have had your sins forgiven, you can walk right on into heaven. Didn't you listen to the preacher last night, Jane?"

"Sure, I listened as much as you did, but he didn't say anything about a search light," said Jane, "Did he, Mother?"

"Well, yes," Mother said as she smiled at her children's ideas which they had picked up from parts of the sermon. "The preacher used the search light as an example. When it is dark and you turn on a search light it will show up everything in its path of light. He said it in that way to make us know that when we stand before God in the Judgment Day, He

will know right away whether we have any sins that we have not asked forgiveness for before we came to judgment. God can see right now, and he knows if we sin or not. God looks down upon all the cities and sees every person there. He knows each one that does good and each one that does evil. Do you remember how God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah?"

"They were wicked. God couldn't even find ten good people in those cities," said Ned.

"And Lot's wife turned to a pillar of salt, too. Oh, that would be awful," said Jane with a shudder.

"Yes, it was awful, but when people disobey God they are punished. God will punish a whole city because they disobey him. Today people have Bibles and can read what God has commanded them to do, but they do not do it. Sodom and Gomorrah did not have Bibles as we do today. The sin that people commit today by not obeying the Bible is very great, and at the judgment they will surely be punished," said Mother. —M. Miles

A True Story

A small boy who had Christian parents came in from school one day saying, "I didn't speak to Maurice today."

"Why didn't you, Son?" asked his mother.

"Because he threw that apple core and hit me in the eye."

"But didn't you say you started it by hitting him on the face with your old apple core?"

Right away the boy was ready to clear himself by the Bible. "But the Bible says don't do bad just because someone does bad to you," said the little boy, speaking of the Scripture which forbids doing evil for evil.

Now it was Mather's turn to quote Scripture: "The Bible also says we reap what we sow; and doesn't it say, 'As ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them?'"

Sonny had to keep quiet, for he well knew the meaning of reaping what you sow.

The next evening when he came in from school he told his mother that he had told Maurice he was sorry about their trouble. Again they were on speaking terms. —O. A. D.

A Puzzle

(Matthew 18:22)

Seventy times, seven?

How could that be!

E'en tho I'm only eleven

I'll figure this out, let's see:

Twelve hours in the day;

Minutes?—let us multiply

Sixty times the twelve—Oh, say!

Let us think and realize:

Now if Jesus forgives us

Of all our doubts and sins,

Then, forgive we must,

If friends we win.

Forgive, once every hour?

No, no, 'tis about

One every minute—or,

Well, you figure it out. —S. F.

Search Question

Who asked for water and was given milk instead?

Moses was 80, Aaron was 83. Ex. 7:7.

Dear boys and girls,

Is it hard for you to forgive someone that has done you a wrong? Jesus stresses the thought in our lesson that it is our duty to forgive others, and if

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we don't Jesus will not forgive us. Just think about this for a moment. It would be awful to know that Jesus did not forgive us of our sins. It is just as awful for you not to forgive others for the things they do to you. Jesus gives us a parable to bring this truth out in a greater measure. I trust you will never forget this parable and the truth that is in it. It would be good if each person in the class would tell it and explain it, if you have time.

A king looked over his books to see how much was owed him by his servants. One man owed him ten thousand talents, which would be \$7,500,000.00 in our money according to the margin in my Bible. That is a lot of money, isn't it? When he was brought before him, he said that he did not have any money to pay his debt. The king commanded that he be sold, also his wife and children and all that he had so the payment could be made. The poor man was distressed greatly and fell down before the king, pleading and begging him to have mercy upon him and he would work hard, and in time he would pay him all that he owed. This touched the heart of the king and he said that he would forgive him of the debt and he would not have to pay anything. That was wonderful of the king, wasn't it? And how thankful the man should have been. He was

thankful, yet what did he do? He went out and found a fellowservant that owed him just one hundred pence, which is \$18.00. He laid his hands upon him and took him by the throat, saying, "Pay me all that you owe me." What an awful thing to do! You would think he would have had mercy upon his fellowman since he at one time had had the same experience, only his debt was much greater. When the man pleaded for time, he just put him in prison until all was paid. The poor man could not pay a debt by staying in prison, could he? Now the fellowservants came and told the king what had been done. The king called him before him, and said, "I forgave you all the debt, why did you not have pity on your fellowservant? So he had the man delivered to the tormentors until he paid all.

Jesus is the king who forgives us of our sins. We are the servant. Our debt is even more than \$7,500,00.00. We could not save ourselves, but Jesus saved us. Then we should forgive others, or we shall not be forgiven. Ask the Lord to help you to always forgive others.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 10, March 10, 1957

Forgiving Again and Again

Printed Portion:.....Matt. 18:21-35.

Matt. 18:21. Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest.

29. And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31. So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

33. Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

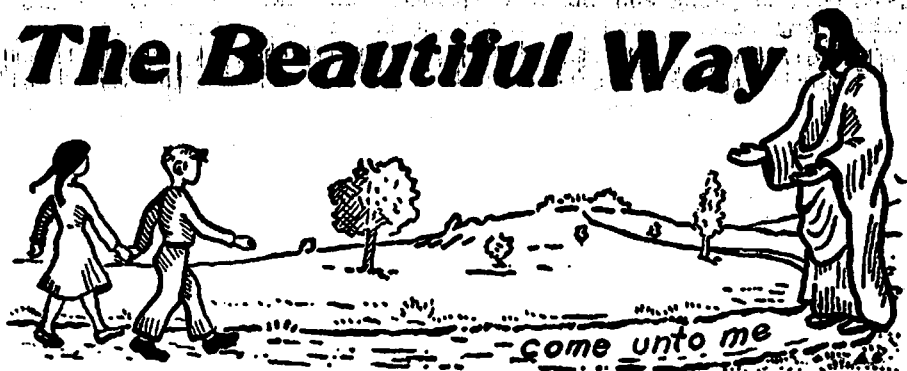
34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Memory Verse: Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another. Eph. 4:32.

Central Truth: There should be forgiveness without limit toward those who truly repent.

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Reverence God's House

When you're meeting with God's children

Try to keep in mind this thought,

That you're there to worship Jesus

And hear the things He taught.

Do not giggle, talk or whisper,

While meeting's going on

But think of God and His great love,

With your heart His blessings upon.

—Leslie Busbee

Guard Your Mind

The minister had just stepped to the pulpit, and, with a sigh, Ronnie slid down a notch in his seat. "Just why did he wear that light suit today when it looks like rain outside?" he thought, as his eyes wandered to the window on the west side. "Someone ought to fix that blind, the wind is whipping it so." Then he looked over to Bro. — to see if he could get his eye and be the fixer himself.

All the while the minister had given the first important phrases that would help everyone to understand the text from God's Word that had been read. The minister's earnest desire was that everyone, even the

younger set, hear every word, because God had given him this burden that was on his heart. Even the first words were from God.

Ronnie loved Jesus, but the thots in his mind were uncontrolled, and he was gradually letting the "wicked one catch away that which was sown in his heart." The little baby behind him began to fuss. One great big smile as Ronnie turned his head made it laugh, so two or three more smiles followed, till the baby's brother Eddie was also joining in. One thing Ronnie didn't like about Eddie was his freckles. "I'm glad God didn't put those things all over my face and hands," thought Ronnie as he studied his own hands and arms. Just then the minister said something about "girding up the loins of our minds" because "the Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity," and Ronnie felt ashamed for he knew the meaning of vanity was vainglory or pride in one's self or one's appearance. "If I don't be careful," he thot, "God might cause me to have sores on my face that will leave scars much worse than Eddie's freckles."

The minister was making his last

appeal, both to young and old, to be watchful and careful; and Ronnie's heart was even more troubled as he realized that God, Great and Blessed, had been speaking and he had only heard a very little. "I must ask God to help me control my mind, for in order to fight against wrong for Jesus, I must 'cast down imaginations and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ'—and besides, how will I ever be able to live for God if I'm not careful to hear and obey every word? Just think, I'll be held responsible for all those words I didn't hear!"

—S. F.

CHILD OF THE KING

Do you know the story of Cyrus the Great and what happened to him when he was a baby?

They say that his grandfather was jealous of him. Whoever heard of such a thing?—a grandfather jealous of a baby, and his own grandchild! But the grandfather was king of the great nation of Persia, and he wanted to keep the throne for himself. (He must have forgotten that he must die some day.) And so he was jealous even of the baby, for fear he would take the throne when he became a man.

He called a servant one day, and told him he wanted the child killed. But instead of killing the boy, the servant took him to a distant country and gave him to a shepherd who had no child.

The lad grew up supposing that the shepherd was really his father. They taught him to tend the sheep, and he grew up expecting to be always a shepherd. Of course he could not think anything else.

But one day he learned who he was; that his father had been a

prince, and that the throne would some day be his. After that there was no more shepherding for him. He began to fit himself to rule as a king. That is how he became Cyrus the Great, the king of Persia. He found out whose child he was.

Do you know that you are God's child, and that He has a place for you in His kingdom? Then you will begin to live as a prince should live. You will try to be worthy of your great Father, and to fit yourself to reign with Him now.

When we forget whose children we are, we stoop to things unworthy of us. The thought of our Father and the kingdom that awaits us will help us each day to "walk worthy of God."

A Live Boy

In a country district a few years ago the way to the church house was often blocked by heavy snowstorms, so that even the minister could with difficulty get to it, and other people often not at all. One small boy became tired of it; and after a particularly heavy fall of snow, he was observed by a passer-by trying desperately to make a hole in a drift which in some places was very nearly as tall as he was.

"What are you up to, boy?" called the man genially.

"Tomorrow is Sunday," puffed the boy, going on with his digging.

"Guess 'tis!" said the man. "But what's that got to do with your digging?"

"I'm going to make a path so the folks can get to services."

"Ho, ho!" laughed the man, the relative size of the boy and the snow-bank impressing him as a great joke. "It's a good idea, sure enough, but you'll have to wait to grow a little.

Wait till you are a man, and maybe you could tackle it."

"Maybe I'll be dead then," said the boy, still digging. "A live boy is better than a dead man, I guess, if he ain't so big."

Something hit home in that speech, though the boy did not mean it. The man's face became red for a minute, and then he went off whistling. Before long he came with a big shovel of his own, and a rough woodsled with two farm horses hitched to it. The live boy, and the man who had concluded that he would not be a dead man, made a path that was easy for the next day's Sunday goers. —Sel.

A VISION

Sometimes the Lord gives people visions to inspire their souls. That is what the Lord did for Sister R—not many days ago. She saw a large number of saints standing in a row with song books in their hands. Then someone came to her and asked her to preach. Of course, she was not a preacher, but she had a willingness in her heart to do the biddings of the Lord. She answered that she would. Again she was asked to preach. This time she replied that she didn't know very much about the Word. She was then told that she could sing a hymn. Oh, how she rejoiced in singing!

In her vision she said that when she sang the hymn, the saints just rejoiced and shouted over the building.

She was much encouraged because of the vision. The Lord does not call us all to be ministers, but he certainly gives us something to do. Whatever it might be, let us do it with all our might and there will be rejoicing here in earth and also a welcome of "Well done" at the end. —A true story.

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Search Question

Upon what king's head was a millstone cast from a tower?

Answer to Last Week's Question
King of Siserā Judges 4:18-19.

Dear boys and girls,

The temple in Jerusalem was very much unlike our places of worship today. It had a huge altar where the priest offered sacrifices of real living animals or birds for the sins of the people. Of course, it was a very sacred place, as the lamb that was slain and offered was a symbol of Jesus who is called the Lamb of God. After Jesus died on the cross, they did not need to offer lambs any more, for He was the Lamb offered once and for all.

There were people of that day who did not regard it as a sacred place. They had tables where they changed money for people who came from other countries, so they could buy animals or birds to be offered on the altar for their sins. These men made a big business of it and cheated the people. All this made Jesus feel very sad when he walked in the temple, the house of prayer. He felt it was

time for it to be cleaned up, so he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold doves. The men felt the power of God working against them so they picked up and left. Then the blind and lame came into the temple and were healed. The place of worship is to be a place where people receive a blessing to their souls and their bodies. It is a place where the children of God meet together and God meets with them.

I do trust that our boys and girls will act like you know Jesus would want you to when you are in the chapel where God's people meet together to worship Him. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." You may not with the naked eye see Jesus right in your chapel or church building, but He is there. He sees and is not pleased when boys and girls are talking, laughing, or not listening to the Word of God. I believe you will have to give an account of doing that in the Judgment Day, if you do not ask the Lord to forgive you now and do differently, don't you? May the Lord help you.

We find here that the children were in the temple worshipping Jesus, saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David." That pleased Jesus very much, but some were not pleased because they did not want to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Jesus told them that the little children gave perfect praise. I know today that Jesus loves for all the boys and girls, both large and small, to worship Him.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, March 17, 1957

Worshipping God.

Printed Portion:.....Matt. 21:12-16, 23-27.

Matt. 21:12. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that

sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves.

13. And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,

16. And said unto him, Hearst thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

Matt. 21:23. And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

24. And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.

25. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, if we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?

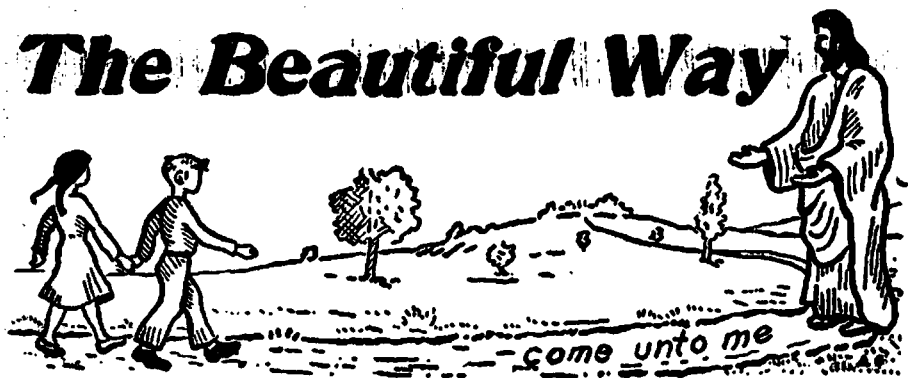
26. But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.

27. And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

Memory Verse: My house shall be called the house of prayer. Matt 21:13.

Central Truth: We need to show respect to the worship of the Lord in the Chapel, where God's people meet.

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March 24

My Palace

A beautiful palace my King gave to me,
And all through my lifetime my home it
will be.

I call it my body, to use as I will,
But this I remember—that God owns it
still.

From things that will harm it, I'll keep
it away,
And carefully guard it by night and by
day.

Its windows and doors are my lips, ears,
and eyes.

Dear King, help me use them in ways
that are wise. —L. M. O.

The Signboard

The face is a signboard. It tells
what is kept behind it. It tells what
is in the heart. It shows whether we
are thinking good or evil thoughts.
It tells whether we are happy or un-
happy. It gives us away—that is, it
reveals to others the real condition of
our hearts.

If we are unhappy and dissatisfied,
and full of murmuring and complain-
ing, our faces will tell on us. No

matter if we are young in years, we
will look old and distressed, if there is
no happiness in our hearts. But if
we are satisfied, thankful and glad
for all things that come to us, our
faces will look young and fresh, and
our ways will be young, too.

This is what the wise man Solomon
says, "A merry heart maketh a cheer-
ful countenance: but by sorrow of
the heart the spirit is broken" (Prov.
15:13). So the face is the window
through which beams the glad rays
of light, or through which is revealed
the gloom of darkness.

Again the wise man says, "He that
is of a merry heart hath a continual
feast" (vs. 15). A merry-hearted
person enjoys everything he has. He
feasts on the good things of the Lord
and is happy all the time—he has a
continual feast.

If you are miserable and sad and
unhappy, let the Lord Jesus give you
a new heart. You cannot have a con-
tinual feast with your old, sour heart.
It takes a heart from Heaven to be
happy and contented, and only the
One from Heaven can give it to you.
Throw yourself upon His mercy and

thank Him for His grace, believing that He has taken all your sins away by His precious Blood. —M. G. H.

I WILL

"Mary! Joe! Billie! Come, one of you and help get jars to can the fruit," called Mother.

"I will," said Mary, continuing to put a dress on her dollie.

"I will," said Joe, dropping his toys but stopping to watch his neighbor friend build a bird house.

"I will," said Billie, leaving everything and running to the kitchen as fast as his little legs could carry him to his mother.

When mother finished, which one did she praise for being helpful?

Come, children, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

"I will," says one whom the Lord has been talking to, "I will attend church services regularly."

"I will," says another who makes his way to the altar but finds that he has to pay back something he has stolen so he gets no farther.

"I will," says another, who not only attends church services regularly but goes to the altar and pays a Bible price for salvation.

Which of the three will receive the crown of Life promised by the Lord? Which of the three are YOU?—O. D.

TEST DAY

In school every week or so you have to take a test. Then your teacher finds out just how much you know—or don't know! If you have studied your arithmetic, or geography, or history every day it is not hard. And you don't mind taking the test. But if you haven't, you are afraid of the test, and that you will make a low grade. The night before it, you

"cram." You try to learn everything at once, but it doesn't work, does it? So you learn to look forward to the time of test, so that you might be ready for it, and get a 100%. After all, tests are really good for us. For they urge study. The Psalmist David must have known this when he asked, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try (test) me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Let us test our lives every day, so that in that day when "the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is," we will be 100% on the Lord's side! —Sel.

PRECIOUS GIFTS

Christ is our heavenly King. He has wonderful gifts to give to all who believe and trust in Him. Christ's gifts are greater than gold or riches. They are gifts of love and peace and joy. —Sel.

A Mother Bird's Cure

As a young man, I was traveling by canoe down one of the inland rivers near the head of a rather high water-fall. The water was beginning to flow quite swiftly at this point, when I noticed a small young bird clinging to the branch of a tree which was floating down the river near the shore.

The young bird's mother was fluttering around trying to get the young one to fly ashore, but it would not move from the branch which was now rapidly nearing the water-fall. After trying in vain for some time, the mother suddenly pushed the young one off the branch, so that it was forced to fly ashore to avoid falling into the water. The mother

bird, by what seemed a harsh act, had saved the young one from going over the falls.

How often the Lord works this way, too! Perhaps He has brought some sorrow into the life of the one who reads these lines, and you are wondering why. The mother bird's act seemed unkind, but it was really for the good of the young one, and if trial and sorrow leads you to the Lord, to find salvation in Him, it will be for your good, too. How much better to sustain a loss here, than to lose your soul forever. God has proven His love to us in that He gave His only begotten Son to die for our sins on Calvary. He finished the work, and now He waits to save all who come to Him just as they are.

"All these things worketh God oftentimes with man, to bring back his soul from the pit." Job 33:29-30. Sel.

"I have a house inside of me;
A house that people never see;
It has a door through which none pass,
And windows, but they're not of glass.

"Where do you live?" ask folks I meet,
And then I say, 'On such a street';
But still I know what's really me
Lives in a house folks never see."

But even though people do not see,
God sees and so I want the "house inside of me" to be clean through the blood of Jesus.

Search Question

Who did King David say died as a fool dieth?

Answer to Last Week's Question
Abimelech's. Judges 10:53.

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Dear boys and girls,

The word woe is used in our lesson six times. To pronounce a woe upon a person means to renounce their ways as evil, and they will be held accountable for what they do. Jesus also speaks of people who claim to be right and ready for heaven and are God's children yet do not obey the Bible—He calls them hypocrites. It is an awful thing to be a hypocrite. What did Jesus say they did? They keep others from entering into the kingdom of heaven. Did you ever see a boy or girl who claimed to be saved and be God's child, yet they would tell lies and do wrong things? They are hypocrites. If we do wrong, we should confess our wrong and ask Jesus to forgive us and let others know we have cleared that wrong. If we do not do that, we will hinder others.

Jesus spoke of some people who make long prayers and appear to be very good, yet they do not help the widows but even try to take their homes from them. How awful it is for people to be that way. Did you ever see a big boy or girl who claimed to belong to Jesus, yet they would by force take candy or something away from a little boy or girl? What did you think of them?

Do you know there are false prophets in the world today who go from place to place and try to get others to believe

wrong things that are not in the Bible? Some false prophets want to say that there is not a hell for all the bad people. The Bible plainly tells us there is. Jesus told us about the rich man who was in hell in Luke the 16th chapter. Yet people are getting others to believe this, and they are causing them to be lost. Jesus renounced people like that.

Some give a lot of money to help the poor, and to their friends, but they do not have salvation or peace of God in their hearts. They feel that they are ready for heaven. Jesus likened them to a person who would just clean the outside of their dishes and leave the inside dirty.

Jesus wept over these people because they would not receive him. He said he would gather them unto himself like a hen gathers her chicks but they would not. How sad it is for boys and girls who will not obey God's Word and do it. May the Lord help you to pray and ask God to change your life and watch continually lest the devil get you to do wrong.
—Aunt Marie.

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Lesson 12, March 24, 1957

What Do You Preach?

Printed Part: Matt. 23:13-15, 23-28, 37-39.

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

14. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

15. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made ye make him twofold more

the child of hell than yourselves.

Matt. 23:23. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

24. Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

25. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

26. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

27. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

Matt. 23:37. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!

38. Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

39. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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

Central Truth: We should be sincere in living up to what we profess and what we expect of others.

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Part Thirteen

March 31

Take Time To Do Good

They said, "The Master is coming to honor the town today;

And none can tell at what house or home the Master will choose to stay."

And I thot, while my heart beat wildly, "What if He should come to mine? How would I strive to entertain and honor the Guest Divine?"

And straight I turned to toiling to make my home more neat.

I swept and polished and garnished, and decked it with blossoms sweet;

I was troubled for fear the Master would come ere my task was done,

So I hastened and worked the faster, and watched the hurrying sun.

But right in the midst of my duties, a woman came to my door;

She had come to tell me her sorrows and my comfort and aid to implore.

But I said, "I can't stop or listen, or help you any today;

I have greater things to attend to!" and the pleader turned away.

But soon there came another—a cripple, thin and pale and gray.

And said, "Let me stop and rest awhile in your goodly house, I pray!

I have traveled far since morning. I am hungry, faint, and weak:

My heart is full of misery, and comfort and help I seek."

But I said, "I am grieved and sorry, but I cannot help you today;

I look for a great and noble Guest!" So the cripple went away.

But the day wore onward swiftly, and my task was nearly done.

Yet a prayer was ever in my heart that to me the Master would come.

And I thot I would spring to meet Him and serve with utmost care:

When a little child stood by me, with a face so sweet and fair:

Sweet, but with marks of tear-drops, and its clothes were tattered and old;

A finger was bruised and bleeding, and its little bare feet were cold.

And I said, "I am grieved and sorry, you are surely in need of care,

But I cannot stop and give it; you must hasten elsewhere."

At the words a shadow swept over his blue-veined brow,

"Someone will feed and clothe you, dear,
I am too busy now."

At last the day was ended, my task was
over and done;

My house was swept and garnished, and
I watched in the dusk alone.

Watched—but no footfall sounded, no one
came to my gate,

No one entered my cottage door; I could
only pray and wait.

I waited till night had deepened, but the
Master had not come.

"He had entered some other door," I cried
"to gladden some other home,

My labor has been for nothing"—I bowed
my head and wept.

My heart was sore with longing, but in
spite of it all I slept.

Then the Master stood before me, and His
face was grave and fair;

"Three times today I came to your door,
and craved your pity and care.

Three times you sent me onward, unhelp-
ed and un comforted.

The blessing you might have had was
lost, and your chance to serve has
[fled.]

"O Lord, dear Lord, forgive me! How
could I know it was thou?"

My very soul was ashamed, and sank in
the depths of regret and woe.

And He said, "The sin is pardoned, but
the blessing is lost to thee;

For comforting not the least of mine,
thou hast failed to comfort me."

The Greatest Deed

This is a story about a Prince who sent
word to a certain town that he was going
to visit them and would have a beautiful
crown or diadem to give to the one that
had done the thing that pleased him most.
The blacksmith (one who puts iron
shoes on horses' feet so they can travel

over hard places) closed up his shop and
went to the mountains to find some beau-
tiful jewels for the Prince. Many more
of the town people closed their places of
business to do something that would
please the Prince.

Finally the day came when the Prince
arrived in the town. The blacksmith
brought the beautiful jewels, but the
Prince looked at them and shook his head.
He asked the blacksmith who took care
of the poor horses' feet while he went to
the mountains to find the jewels. The
others brought what they had found, but
the Prince only shook his head as each
gift was presented. He was not pleased
with any of them. The Prince looked to
the back of the house where they had
gathered and saw a poor little girl. He
called her to him. She came with her
head down and felt ashamed. She told
the Prince that she did not have time to
do anything because she had to help her
mother while she was washing. She had
to carry in wood for the fire and take care
of the baby while her mother was wash-
ing.

The Prince looked at her very kindly,
then reached over and put the beautiful
diadem on her head, saying as he did it:
"You have done what pleased me most."

This little girl had no thought of pleas-
ing the Prince by what she had done.
Don't you think her mother was pleased
with her little girl, too? And how happy
she must have been to see the diadem on
her little girl's head! "Children, obey
your parents in the Lord, for this is
right.

Bro. George Stephenson.

A Prayer Left Out

Children, I am going to tell you a
true story about a Christian lady
whom we'll call Sister Smith—that
is not her real name; however.

One day Sister Smith was doing her

laundry for the week when the still voice of the Lord spoke to her and told her to go visit Mr. Cotton, who lived not far from her. He was on his death bed with a terrible sickness. Sister Smith kept on with her washing, intending to go as soon as she was through, but after finishing her washing, first one thing and then another happened until she forgot about going. A few days later Mr. Cotton died. She was told that when any one would visit him, he would motion for them to pray—he was too sick to talk.

Right away the Spirit told her: "Your prayer was left out." Oh, how condemned she felt for not stopping right away when the Lord spoke to her. She could have easily finished her work when she returned. She repented and promised the Lord that she would obey Him after this.

The next time the Spirit of the Lord spoke to Sister Smith she was out in the yard sweeping. She dropped her broom and left in such a hurry her husband wondered what was wrong. This time He had prompted her to visit a lady who was in trouble. Oh, what peace and consolation she felt within after having obeyed the voice of the Lord.

Obedying God gives us the sweetest soul-peace there is. O. A. D.

Search Question

Where did God tell Moses to put the second table of the Ten Commandments?

Abner. 2 Sam. 3:33.

Dear boys and girls,

Our lesson topic is, "Helping Your Neighbor." We should help everyone whom we can in any way we can. Jesus tells us that if we do good to others it

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is just the same as if we were doing good to Him. Jesus will bless us for it. It is good to help everyone, even if we do not know them. The Bible says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Heb. 12:2. You remember how Abraham entertained three men and later learned that one of them was the Lord, and two were angels on their way to Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 18). A lot of times we do not know whom we are helping.

"Years ago Henry Ford, and an employee who did the driving, were out West in a fine car (not a Ford) when they had trouble out in the country and had to be hauled to town. A farmer hauled them with an old Ford and refused to take any pay. He performed a kind deed without any thought of pay. Incidentally he advised the owner to get a Ford if he wanted to drive without trouble. Some time later what was his surprise to receive a shiny new automobile—a Ford—as a gift from Mr. Ford! Not until then did he know whom he had helped."—Arnold's Commentary.

When we repent and Jesus saves from our sins, He expects us to work for Him. Here is a list of six things that we can do to others and Jesus counts it as doing these things to Him: 1. Giving food to the hungry. 2. Giving drink to the thirst-

ty. 3. Taking in a stranger. 4. Providing clothes for the naked. 5. Visiting the sick. 6. Visiting those in prison. Jesus said that if you do this to the least or poorest or most humble person it is the same as doing it to Him. If we obey Him in doing these things after we are saved, it will help us to keep saved and we will hear Jesus say when we stand before him at the Judgment: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." What blessed words! But if you do not do these things when you have a chance, you will hear the words: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." I am going to be sure that I do what Jesus tells me to do, because I don't want those words spoken to me, do you?

This is the last lesson of this quarter, and we hope you have reordered—if not, do so today.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 13, March 31, 1957

Helping Your Neighbor

Printed Portion:Matt. 25:31-46.

Matt. 25:31. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32. And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33. And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and feed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38. When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

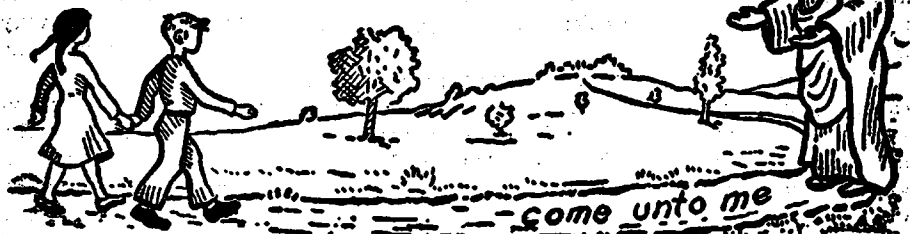
45. Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Memory Verse: Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25:40.

Central Truth: We must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

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Part One

April 7

Prayer

Jesus taught us how to pray
And talk to God above,
To watch with pray'r day by day
And keep hearts full of love.

Just remember when you pray,
The Lord hears every word;
If you pray the earnest way,
His heart is surely stirred.

So people all of every land,
Remember the hour of pray'r;
Receive the touch of His sweet hand
You'll find a blessing there.

—Leslie Busbee.

The Clay Pie Plate

(The Worth of Prayer)

To the dear little readers of the Beautiful Way paper, and to the elder brothers and sisters in Jesus, too:—Once again the Lord has laid it upon my heart to write another message for the paper. The message is on PRAYER—an experience I had when I was a child about six years old.

My mother was a Christian woman, and taught her children about Jesus and

the Bible as far as she understood it. She had six children, and I was next to the youngest. She taught me about Jesus, that he was the Son of God, that He had to die for our sins, that who-so-ever came to God to be saved might be saved by repenting first of their sins as Jesus had taught the people to do. She also taught me the WORTH OF PRAYER. If my heart was troubled over things that sometimes would come up in life (as it often times does) she taught me to always go to the Lord in prayer and tell Him all about it and Jesus would hear and answer prayer. You know the Bible teaches us that whosoever comes to Jesus, he will in no wise cast out.

I had an older sister whose name was Mary. Mary and I washed the dishes, and our mother taught us both that we should be careful and not break the dishes while washing them. Of course, like obedient children, we were very careful. But one day my mother came to me and accused us of cracking one of her clay pie plates.

Oh! oh! that was too much for me! My heart was completely crushed. I tried with all my heart to keep the tears back until I could get to a place all by myself and pour out my heart to God,

for I KNEW neither my sister nor myself had been rough with the dishes.

As soon as I could slip away and not be noticed, I found a place all by myself and knelt down on my little knees and poured out my heart to God. I felt better in a way, as I knew Jesus heard my prayer.

Not many days after that, my mother came again to me and confessed that she was wrong in accusing us of breaking the clay pie plate. (The pie plates were pretty. They were all glazed over with some kind of glazing and were speckled all over with brown and yellow spots). Just as soon as my mother had made her confession, oh! what a sad burden rolled off my heart! What a relief! I knew the Lord had answered my prayer. My mother, in her confession, told me the heat from the hot oven was the cause of the pie plate cracking.

I am now eighty-five years old, and soon will be eighty-six, and from the time of that experience when I was six years old, the memory of it has never left me. And I believe that my mother's teaching, while in my youth, was the means of bringing me to God and that it helped me to get saved.

Youth is the time for our fathers and mothers to teach our children about Jesus and the Bible, and the WORTH OF PRAYER.

Some time later, the Lord willing and the Lord helping me, I shall write you a little more of my experiences with the Lord in my youth and later.

—Sister Wright.

Search Question

The Bible says someone "died in a good old age full of days, riches, and honor?" Who was it?

Answer to Last Week's Question

In an ark made of Shittim wood.

An Overcomer

Anita had been to services. The minister had preached on being an overcomer. She had remembered him saying that there were a number of ways to be an overcomer. One way that she particularly remembered was by way of testimony.

Sometimes Anita had failed to overcome by not speaking up for the Lord in the presence of others, especially unsaved people. The very next day, which was Monday, the opportunity came. She had ordered some goods from a salesman, and when he came to deliver it he tried to sell her some pills, which he said would build up her resistance against colds.

At first she just refused him by saying, "No." Then she thought of the message, so she just told him that they trusted in the Lord for the healing and keeping of their bodies. The salesman agreed that that was a good thing to do, but he did not dwell on the subject very long. Anita felt the presence of the Lord rewarding her for being an overcomer.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony . . ." Rev. 12:11

—O. A. D.

Dear Children,

I promised the Lord if He would heal my parakeet that I would tell about it in the "Beautiful Way" paper, that children may be encouraged to take their problems to the Lord.

He is a pretty bird, a golden green color. One day I was washing his cage and he flew out and around the room and hurt himself on the venetian blinds. I tried to catch him, but he fell to the floor. He had a weak wing.

and it was hurt. He is not tame, so I could not help him, even though I tried, and he was very restless. He was so pitiful for awhile. He quieted down and sat still, then would try to climb on the steel cage and get on the perches and eat a little. Then the wing would cause him great trouble. I prayed earnestly for it, and kept him warm and quiet. The following morning he was much better. He ate breakfast as usual and flew down on the lower perch for a second feed. He looked at himself in his little mirror and acted as well as ever. When he was in the injured condition, he would cuddle closely to the mirror and just sit there as if he were getting comfort from another bird. I thank God for answering prayer and healing him. Tommy is his name.

—Amelia Smith

Wee-Folk Counsel

No doubt many little people and some grown-ups are wondering as follows: Now just where did that title "Wee-Folk Counsel" come from? And who is the writer, this "Little Mother M."? Well, as near as Sister Ethel K. Miles can make it plain to her readers, it is the result of many months of prayer and waiting before the Lord as to how to become an effectual writer for "the Beautiful Way" paper. She truly believes it is the definite mind of the Lord, the revealed will of our Great God, that she head her articles and sign them thus. She also feels the dear Lord would have her fill dear old Sister Carrie Winn's place in the Body, as near as circumstances will allow. So with courage and boldness she is attempting this wonderful task in the name of the Lord. Pray the Lord to make her a blessing.

—Little Mother M.

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Keep A Watch

Keep a watch on your words, my comrades,

For words are wonderful things,
They are sweet like the bees' fresh honey,

Like the bees—they have terrible stings,

They can bless in the glad warm sunshine,

And brighten the lovely life—
They can cut in the strife of anger
Like an open two-edged knife.

—o—

Dear Boys and Girls:

Jesus is very good to us, isn't He? He helps us when we are in trouble, and gives us food to eat and clothes to wear. He has given us a bed to sleep in and has given us fathers and mothers to love us and teach us the right way to live. How wonderful it is to have a mother and father that loves Jesus and that prays for you. Even if we are away and trouble arises we are comforted because we know that Mother and Father are praying for us. We do love them, don't we?

One time my brother and I were visiting some people who lived a number of miles from our home. As we started home a dark cloud came up, and we knew

a storm would soon break upon us. My brother drove as fast as he dared, to get as far as we could, because we would have muddy roads to travel on as soon as it started to rain. When the storm hit us we prayed the Lord to help us for we would slide around on the muddy road. One thing that comforted me was that I knew my mother and father were praying for us. Finally we came to a little town and felt we should not go farther, so we called home and Mother told us not to come then but to wait for a few hours until the storm had passed. She said she had been praying for us and was much concerned. How glad we were to know they had been praying, as we felt they had.

Prayer is a wonderful help to all of us. Jesus wants you to pray to him and tell Him all about your troubles and cares, and also thank him for what he does for you. In our lesson we find that Jesus prayed to the Father about His going to the cross. He knew he would be mistreated and forsaken. His heart was heavy, but after he prayed to his Father he said, "Not my will, but thine be done." He knew after he prayed that it was the will of the Father for him to drink the bitter cup. He was ready, after praying, to meet the people who would come and arrest him. Praying will make you ready to meet others that may want to do you wrong. Praying will help you to do the right and say "no" to wrong. Praying brings comfort to your heart and causes you to know that you will have Jesus to help you when you need help. Not only should we pray, but we are also to watch. Watch our words, watch our actions, and our thots that they always be what Jesus wants them to be. May God bless you.

—Aunt Marie.

Prayer Changes Things.

Lesson 1, April 7, 1957

Praying Helps

Printed Portion:.....Matthew 26:36-46

36. Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39. And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41. Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46. Rise, let us be going: behold he is at hand that doth betray me.

Memory Verse: Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Matt. 26:41.

Central Thought: It is a great privilege to talk to God and to know he hears.

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Part Two

April 14

Praise

"O that men would praise the Lord!"
The Psalmist David cried:
That men would hear His voice sweet,
His name be glorified!

Yes, don't you wish all in this world
Would praise our blessed Lord,
Live the good life, receive the grace
His blessings can afford?

But aren't you glad we can sing
The praises day by day?
Live for Him, free from all sin,
Be happy in His way?

—Leslie Busbee.

Flying and Singing

Have you ever noticed how often the Scriptures speak of the fowls, or birds, of the heavens? It is because they have the power to fly above the earth and thus belong to heaven. Christians belong to a higher heaven than the birds, and so should learn to rise up above the earth in their thoughts. "In vain the net is spread in the sight of anything which hath wings." Then as we learn to rise up in our thoughts above the earth, we also learn to sing.

God is fond of singing. We read that He, Himself, will sing in His joy and love, and it was God who gave to the birds their songs. In Psalm 104 we read much about the creation, and there we are told how God sends the springs among the valleys and hills and that the birds of the heaven dwell by them and give forth their voices from among the branches. If God is so pleased with the voice of the birds as to include it in His Word, He must be especially pleased with the singing of boys and girls to Him. Of all His creation it is to the birds and human beings that He has given the ability to sing. To sing we need to be happy, as James puts it: "Is any merry? let him sing." How happy the birds are when the spring comes! What a lesson we can learn from the lark, singing right out of sight above the clouds, or the nightingale thrilling people with its song in the blackest night. God gives the birds this instinct to sing, but to us He gives also the intelligence to sing.

The first singing among God's people was when they had been redeemed and were come out of Egypt, and, as we know, the precious Blood of the Lamb has been shed, and by confessing the

Name of the Lord we are set free from slavery. Surely there is much to sing about! Then as they passed to the springing well they sang again. We learn to know the One who delivers us from sin which dwells in us, and to make room for the Holy Spirit. This leads on to singing with our hearts to the Lord. But the best singing of all is in the land; as we read, "The time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." No wonder in that same chapter the Lord says, "Let Me hear thy voice" (S. of Sol. 2). So the Psalmist (Psa. 104), who speaks of the voice of the birds, is filled with song himself, and says, "I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being."—Sel.

Working for Jesus

"Mrs. Smith, did you ever read in the Bible about Jesus saying that some people are like the way some people wash dishes?" asked 11-year-old Mary as she washed Mrs. Smith's dishes.

"No, my child; I didn't know that was in the Bible," said Mrs. Smith as she sat looking out the window rubbing her knee that hurt her so much.

"Well, it's in there. We had it in the Sunday School lesson yesterday. It says that some people are like a cup and platter that was just washed on the outside and the inside is all dirty," Mary said and then talked on about how awful that would be to wash dishes like that and how she would not eat out of them. Mrs. Smith did not listen to her because she was deep in thought: "Clean on the outside but dirty inside—that precious child—she is clean through and through. Oh, how I wish I were as clean as little Mary. How happy

she always is when she comes to sweep the floors and wash the dishes for me. I wish I knew how to be happy like she is." Then a voice spoke within to Mrs. Smith, saying, "You can be clean inside if you will accept Jesus as your Saviour." "Oh, but I don't know how. Mary keeps telling me I ought to be saved and love Jesus, but I have lived a long wicked life"—Mrs. Smith began to listen to Mary again.

"I could read it to you when I get through with the dishes because I put my little Testament in my pocket before I came over. I thought you might like for me to read to you a little before I left. I remember where it says that because our Sunday School teacher had us say Matthew 23:25 and 26 so many times. She thought we should know what Jesus said about our being clean inside first and then our lives will be clean. You know, having our hearts washed clean by Jesus' blood, and then we will just want to do good and be good." Mary continued on because she was used to Mrs. Smith not saying much and did not mind doing all the talking. She had prayed that she might help Mrs. Smith be happy. She seemed so sad all the time. Her father had told her when she told him about Mrs. Smith that she needed to be saved and then she would be happy.

Mary finished all her work and had read to Mrs. Smith and now she told Mrs. Smith goodbye.

"Goodbye, you little angel; I know you want me to be a Christian; and don't feel sad, because I'm thinking about it," said Mrs. Smith.

"Oh, goody, I'm going to pray harder than ever now," said Mary as she went out the door.

Later Mrs. Smith took sick and sent for Mary's father and mother. She

got saved and was happy. She said to him, "It was Mary's faithfulness that got me to thinking." —M. Miles

Wee-Folk Counsel

I am wondering how many of our "Beautiful Way" readers take time each week to read prayerfully over and over, again and again, the little letter written just to them? It starts off, "Dear Boys and Girls:" and is signed, "Aunt Marie."

That is her personal letter to each of you. Oh! how you should prize it. Every word is significant and precious. It is truly rare counsel for young readers—and all the more since the change in the Sunday School lessons. That makes it all the more necessary to be read; and not only read but also studied in connection with the Sunday School lesson. It is suitable for little children and youth alike. Age is no limit. It contains food for all. And even we adults can profit by reading its timely instruction. —Little Mother M.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. St. John 14:1.

Search Question

How many men came against Samson when he dwelt on the Rock Etom?

Answer To Last Week's Question

David. 1 Chron. 29:26, 28.

Dear Boys and Girls:

I do thank the Lord for all of our boys and girls that love Jesus and live for Him. Remember that Jesus loves you, always and forever. Jesus has a home prepared for everyone that loves Him. Jesus will not make you go to heaven nor love Him, but He lets you choose to love

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Him or the things of the world and the devil. May you be smart and very wise and choose Jesus and His ways.

On the calendar it says that this is Palm Sunday. Can you tell me the reason it is called Palm Sunday? Yes, it is called Palm Sunday in remembrance of the time when Jesus rode into the city of Jerusalem on a colt and they cut branches and threw them down for the colt to walk over. I am sure the children helped by shouting, waving the palms, and throwing them in front of the colt. The boys and girls of that day were like the boys and girls of today. What would you have done if you could have been there? I am sure we would all praise and honor our Lord and Saviour and shout, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." If there had been newspapers in that day, this was something that would have made the headlines, don't you think? The whole city was stirred.

Now the last part of our lesson is different. The scene changes completely within a few days. We do not hear those words of praise, but we hear the words: "Crucify Him, crucify Him." The Son of God had been brought before Pilate and practically all of the Sanhedrin (See Luke 23:1). The chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude to ask for a robber and a murderer to be released in-

stead of Jesus as it was the custom to release a prisoner at that time. Pilate asked the question: "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?" Boys and girls, this is a question that each one of us will have to answer. Jesus is willing to die on the cross and be mistreated so we could have salvation and be brought back in favor with God. Now each one of us will have to accept Him as our Saviour or reject Him. You cannot get around it. That is a question we will have to answer in the Judgment day. If we accept Jesus we will enter heaven; but if not, we will be sent to torment.

Today we may be in a group of people who will not praise Jesus nor love Him, but the Lord can help us to praise Him just the same as we do in a group that does praise Him. We should ever stand true to Jesus. —Aunt Marie.

Lesson 2, April 14, 1957

"Hosanna!"—"Crucify!"

Printed Portion:.....Matt. 21:1-11; 27:20-26

1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet saying,

5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7 And brought the ass, and the colt,

and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

27:20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus.

21 The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas.

22 Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified.

23 And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.

25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

Memory Verse: What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? Matt. 27:22.

Central Thought: True loyalty binds people to Jesus whether he is being praised or condemned.

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Part Three

April 21

Resurrection

It is a blessed story,

How the Saviour died that day.

Drank the cup of agony—

Suffered more than I can say.

The wicked thot, "He's done for,"

As He lay there in the grave;

But three days passed—He arose!

This world from sin to save.

"Why seek the living in the dead?"

The angel asked that day.

Our Jesus lives forevermore,

So with Him let us stay.

—Leslie Busbee.

Easter Morning

On Easter day Cleopas and his friend were walking along the road to Emmaus. Sadly they were discussing how Jesus had been so cruelly treated and put on the cross, when a stranger appeared and began to walk with them (Luke 24).

"What are you talking about and why are you so sad?" asked the stranger.

"You must be a stranger in Jerusalem and do not know what things have happened these last few days," said Cleopas.

"What things?" asked the stranger.

"Did you not know that the rulers and chief priests condemned and delivered Jesus of Nazareth to death and crucified him? He was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people. We hoped he would live and redeem Israel. And beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done," said one of the men.

"Yes, and this morning real early some women went to the tomb of Jesus. They astonished us by saying that they had not found his body and they also said they had seen a vision of angels who told them that Jesus was alive," said Cleopas.

"Others of our group hurried to the tomb to find out if what the women said was true and they found it so, and Jesus was gone!" said the other man.

"How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe all what the prophets have spoken. Don't you know that Christ was to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" said the stranger.

Then the stranger preached a sermon, beginning with what Moses and all the prophets said about Christ, who was to come. What a wonderful sermon that must have been! Just think over a period of 3,000 years or more God at times

spoke to them of Jesus' death and resurrection. And today over 1900 years later we are rejoicing in knowing Jesus is alive, sitting at the right hand of God.

When they came close to the village of Emmaus, the stranger began to slow down as if he would not go farther. They begged him to stay with them that night.

Later as they sat around the table to eat, the stranger took the bread, and blessed it, brake it and gave to them. Suddenly they recognized who the stranger was and as they opened their mouths and started to speak, Jesus just vanished out of their sight. They looked at each other and said, "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked with us along the way and explained to us the scriptures concerning His death, and resurrection?" —Mrs. Marie Miles.

The Sea That Was Selfish

Freddie couldn't help snickering a little when Mr. Fields told his Sunday School class that there was a sea that was selfish. How in the world could a lot of water be selfish?

"It's really not so strange as it seems," Mr. Fields explained. "After all, what is selfishness anyway?"

"Trying to keep everything you get for yourself, and never giving anything to other people," Freddie said.

"Exactly! And that's just what this sea does," the teacher went on, pointing to a long, narrow sort of lake on the lower right-hand side of his map of Palestine. "People have named it the 'Dead Sea' because it is a dirty, lifeless place, and the real reason it died was its selfishness. You see, here is the River Jordan flowing out of the Lake of Galilee in the north and into the Dead Sea in the south." Mr. Fields traced his finger along a slender line on the map. "Day after day

the river pours thousands of gallons of water into it, but the Dead Sea holds onto everything that comes along. The result has been that its water has just kept getting dirtier and saltier until it would poison anyone who drank it."

"You mean that's what being selfish does to things?" Freddie said.

"That's right," said Mr. Fields. "Even the best things, like candy or oranges, go bad if you keep them too long. The only way to get any good out of them is to see that they are used. No one ever blames a person for keeping the thing he really needs. It's when he tries to hoard what other people could use that even the nice things turn into poison."

"Then," said Freddie slowly, "the thing to do is to give as much of yourself as you can."

"You've guessed it," said Mr. Fields smiling. "And that is what the Sea of Galilee has done. It has become beautiful and has made the whole country around it so, simply by pouring its water into the River Jordan. It is almost as if it heard Jesus say, 'Give, and it shall be given unto you.'"

Wee-Folk Counsel

My dear little readers:—It is time we think of Easter, and decide to be made alive in the Lord, if we are dead.

First, let us consider a definition for the word Easter. Dictionaries tell us the word means an annual festival of the Christian churches of Christ, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A second consideration is that the day upon which this celebration comes is determined by the moon. It is always the first Sunday after the full moon, on or after the Vernal Equinox which comes March 21st of every year.

In both the natural and spiritual it means life, not death. When winter comes, the grass and flowers die. Then, when Spring comes, the season that Easter is in, they break forth from their earthen tomb; and, Oh! how beautiful they are!

Another picture of Easter is the resurrection of our dear Lord. They put Him in a dark lonely tomb and sealed it with a strong seal. But on the third day Jesus came forth out of that prison house—"A Risen King!" That coming forth was resurrection. He came forth from the dead to be alive for ever more.

And now one more Easter picture: When there is sin in our lives we are dead, but believing on Jesus makes us alive again. That, too is resurrection. So Easter means a lot to every real Christian. Let us call it a day when we celebrate Spring-time in the soul, and sing praises to "Our King."

—Little Mother M.

If you plant corn in a little hill, what is going to come up in that hill? Corn, of course! If you plant flower seeds, you expect flowers to come up, don't you? And yet boys and girls are letting seeds of hatred, jealousy, dishonesty, and many other awful things be planted in their heart. Then they expect to grow up to be kind, loving, and truthful men and women. Is this possible? Indeed not. You must plant good things in your heart in order to have a good heart when you grow up. —Sel.

Search Question

What king made a throne of ivory and overlaid or covered it with gold?

Answer to Last Week's Question

3,000 Judges 15:1.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

I do trust that you will not forget what Easter stands for, like so many others do. You ask most boys and girls what Easter means and they will say it is when you get an Easter basket full of bunny eggs; or some girls will say it is the time when they get new clothes. One little fellow said that Easter was the time when you go on an Easter egg hunt. Such is not what Easter should mean to children who love the Lord. Don't you think it is wrong for us to think more of these things than of Jesus Christ who rose from the grave? Surely Easter should bring great gladness and rejoicing to our hearts as we think of the words of the angel to the women who came to the tomb: "He is not here; for he is risen." Our precious Lord, who had been put on the cross to die and then was put in the tomb, had risen. He arose with power and now is alive forevermore, sitting on the right hand of God, interceding for you and me. We are serving a LIVING Christ. Jesus, precious Jesus, who has proved His love for us, is more precious than anything in this world! Then why should we think of other things more than of Jesus? I am sure the Lord will help all of our boys and girls who will ask Him to help them to think of Him first.

The people who lived in the days when

Jesus was put on the cross and felt the earthquake when He died and saw the darkness surely wondered what it all meant. Then we read in today's lesson how God caused a great earthquake to shake the earth and an angel descended from heaven with great power and rolled away the stone from the tomb of Jesus. The men who had been stationed around the tomb to keep anyone from taking the body of Jesus fell down in fear at the sight and became as dead men. God had permitted them to kill His Son when he could have stopped them, but now He showed His power and the men feared and stood back. The angel did not speak to them, but he spoke comforting words to the women who loved Jesus. He told them to tell the disciples that Jesus had risen and would see them in Galilee. That was an important message to send by the women, wasn't it? And as they went Jesus appeared to them and they fell down and worshipped him. How happy they were to know their Saviour was alive. Today we can all rejoice together, that Jesus has risen, can't we? —Aunt Marie

Lesson 3, April 21, 1957

"HE IS RISEN"

Printed Portion.....Matt. 28:1-10; 16-20

1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning and his raiment white as snow:

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Memory Verse: He is not here: for he is risen as he said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay. Matt. 28:6.

Central Thought: We are not to forget that Easter is kept in remembrance of the time when Jesus arose.

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Part Four

April 28

God's Way

Time has run for many years
Since God first made the earth;
Man has fallen 'neath his sins
And needs a second birth.

God has made a way, you see,
For our redemption true;
The blood of Christ atones for thee,
And He will see you through.

So let's be faithful to the end
And live for God today;
His grace sufficient for our needs
Will help us watch and pray.

—Leslie Busbee.

Test Tree

Boys and girls who go to school know what a test is. The teacher discusses the lesson after you have read it, then she wants to know how much of it you know. The ones who have listened closely will pass the test; but the ones who are careless and not interested enough to pass the test will fail. The reason they fail is because they are not prepared. They did not study enough.

Did you ever think about how God is testing us every day? And we must pass God's test, for it is a very serious thing to fail. We also must be prepared to pass the tests of God. We cannot be careless; we must watch and pray; we must be on our guard. When other boys and girls try to get you to do wrong, you are then taking one of God's tests. If you fail to say "no" and stand your ground, you will fail; and oh, how bad you will feel. So do not be careless about keeping ready to pass each test that God permits to come your way. We cannot be ready for heaven unless we pass every test that God permits to come our way.

God put a test tree in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve failed. They ate of the tree when God told them not to. They were punished and cast out of the garden.

God told Lot's wife to not look back to the burning city, but she failed the test and turned to a pillar of salt.

Daniel knew he would be put into the lions' den if he prayed, but he passed the test. God shut the mouths of the lions.

The three Hebrew children knew they would be put in the fiery furnace if they did not bow down to the image, but they passed the test and the Son of God was in the furnace with them and they came forth unharmed.

Remember what St. Paul told us, "If God be for us, who can be against us."
—Mrs. Marie Miles.

Our Family Hour

"Oh, Mother, we can hardly wait to tell you about our trip with Uncle Teddy to the Zoo. I don't know when we would have stopped looking at the different animals," said Janice, as she greeted her mother, "had it not become dark."

"I'm certainly glad you had a good trip. Remember, before you left you each said you were going to pick out one or more animals and ask the Zoo keeper all about their habits. Did you forget to do that?"

"Oh, not at all. In fact, Uncle Teddy was just as interested as we were, Mother, and he wanted us to tell you about the one he chose first. You'll be surprised to know what animal he chose."

"She'll never guess," said James, "so why don't you tell her, Janice?"

"I think I'll let you since he looked so fearful."

"All right, I'll talk about old "Porky," the porcupine, since you seem to yet be afraid of him.

"The Zoo keeper says his protection is his quills. That's what those needle-looking things are called. They are over all his body, but not so thick under his throat. He is called by many, a "stupid, slow-footed" beast, but he makes up for that in his looks. Sometimes Bob cats, when hungry, will hunt porcupines, though often it proves fatal to them. You see, on

each one of those quills are numberless little barbs. You probably wouldn't think it without being told. When these quills penetrate the skin the barbs keep forcing it deeper and deeper into the flesh with every twinge until some vital part is stabbed.

"Sometimes after a porcupine has been eaten, the animal dies as a result of being stabbed by these quills."

"You children really learned much about the porcupine!"

"We were talking about it on the way home, and Uncle Teddy told us he knew of something else just like the porcupine quills, but we couldn't think of anything like them," said Janice. "Can you, Mother?"

"I think so, but what did Uncle Teddy tell you?"

"He said SIN was just as dangerous to the soul as those quills are to the body. Just as the animals do not die immediately after being stuck by the quills, so people think they won't suffer so much for their sins. They forget that the enemy will gradually lead them on and on in sin until finally death overtakes them. They often think they can stop, but sin penetrates the soul with a deadly force, and only Jesus can rescue them."

"Children, let us be thankful the Lord has rescued us." —O. A. D.

THE CAMEL

Sometimes the camel is called the "miracle" animal. Did you ever see one in the zoo? I have, several times. God made the camel and all the animals, but the camel has many strange things about it. The camel has a hairlip, and no gall bladder. He has teeth and stomach similar to that of a mouse. His neck is like that of a swan. He walks with an ungainly

gait. He has feet like an elephant's. His blood is like that of a bird, we are told. And it is amazing how he can go through the desert. His feet are padded and can stand awful heat. The camel has a cool temperature like that of a reptile—a sort of "air-conditioning" system all of its own. Only God could make an animal like that. Surely God is great and mighty.

When a dust storm is coming, the camel has a special transparent eyelid that can be dropped, so as to shut out the dirt, yet it still can see. The camel also shuts his nose against the sand, yet still breathes freely.

I'm sure you have heard about his storage system. He can go without food or water for days, and yet live. A horse can't do that, and that is the reason the camel is ridden out on the desert.

The camel has long silky eye lashes to protect it from the glare of the sun, and then it can keep cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Oh, there are many wonderful things which God made when he made a camel. How we should praise and exalt such a wonderful and great God who has made so many, many wonderful things.

—Marie Miles.

God made the moon and stars so bright,
That shine for us to see at night.
He made the sunshine, and the rain
That splashes on our window pane.

—Author Unknown

Search Question

How many disciples went with Peter when he said, "I go a fishing?"

Answer to Last Week's Question

King Solomon 1 Kings 10:18.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Our lessons for awhile will be in the Old Testament. Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible. We do know that God talked to Moses in the mount for eighty days and told him many things. (Exodus 24:18, 34:27) Men of today have found thousands of tablets of clay and stone that were written before the days of Abraham. On some of these they have found the same accounts that we have in our Bibles of the creation.

History tells us that Methuselah and Adam lived at the same time. No doubt Methuselah was able to tell Noah about the Garden of Eden and in turn Noah told Abraham, thus it was handed down by word of mouth as well as being written.

The question is often asked, "Who made God?" This is a question that no person on earth can answer. God has always been and always will be. Someday when we get into heaven with God we might understand some of these things but now we do not know. But we do know that God has created all things that we have today. Our lesson tells us that God made every plant and every herb on the earth. When I looked at the largest tree in the world in Sequoia Park in California it caused me to think of the greatness of our great, big God. It is called the General Sher-

man tree and is 272.4 feet high. It is considered to be 3,000 years old.

Notice that it did not rain but a mist went up from the earth and fell back upon the plants in form of dew.

Our lesson tells us that God formed man (Adam) out of the dust of the ground, then God breathed into his nose the breath of life and man became a living soul. Now, boys and girls, we want you to remember this. Your body was made of the earth-dust. Your soul was given to you by God. When you die, your soul (which is you) will live on somewhere either with God or with the devil, just as you choose the place for it to live. Your body will go back to dust. The body is the house for you to live in and as houses of wood decay and go to dust, just so your body will do the same. God put a test tree in the garden. Adam and Eve failed the test and disobeyed. God put them out of the garden. God permits us to be tested today. If we fail we will be punished.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 4, April 28, 1957

Book of Beginnings

Printed Portion: Gen. 2:4-9, 15-22.

Gen. 2:4. These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

5. And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew; for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground.

6. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

7. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed

into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

8. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

9. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Gen. 2:15. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

16. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

21. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22. And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Memory Verse: God saw everything he had made, and, behold, it was very good. Gen. 1:31.

Central Truth: God created all things.

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May 5

The Rainbow

Have you ever seen the rainbow
As it spreads across the sky,
And wondered at its beauty,
Where it came from and just why?

Old Noah and his family,
As they stepped out of the ark
That had borne them on the waters
While the sky was stormy dark,
Beheld the first great rainbow,
And God's promise made in love:
Flesh would never be destroyed
By waters from above.

—Leslie Busbee.

God's Loving Care

When Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, he was not afraid, for he had loved God all his life, obeyed His commandments, and prayed three times a day. So God sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths and the angel stayed all night in the lions' den with Daniel, until the king came and took him out.

Children, if we will love God and obey Him like Daniel did, He will send angels to protect and care for us.

I want to tell you of a few times when God sent angels to care for me, and I thank Him for every time He did. When I was about two years old my folks found me standing on my head in a tub full of water. God must have sent an angel right quick, because I didn't drown.

Not long after that I drank carbollic acid. My mother didn't know about praying for me, so she sent my sister and brother for two doctors. Both were out of town. Now since I know Jesus is a great Healer, I'm sure He sent His healing touch to my poor burning throat and stomach. Praise His dear name!

Another time when I was ten years old I was walking down the railroad track going home from my auntie's house. We thought the train had already passed by and I didn't see it or hear it until the whistle began to blow for me to get off the track. The bridge I had to cross had wide open spaces between each step. I'm sure an angel came and helped make each step as I ran fast to get across, and then as I jumped off the track the big engine and train whizzed passed

me. A lot of people looking out the windows waved handkerchiefs at me. Oh, God was so good to me in that great danger. Soon after that I gave my heart to Jesus, after asking Him to forgive me for all the bad things I had done. Since then I have loved Him and prayed to Him every day, and He has been so good to me.

Another time I was riding into town on a big wagon load of cotton. I fell off the wagon and the wheel rolled across my body. But thank the dear Lord, it didn't kill me.

One time I was riding alone in a buggy. The horse stumbled and fell and I was thrown between the buggy wheel and shaft. The horse got up and started to go. I was in great danger, but again God so wonderfully helped me out and I wasn't hurt at all."

"It pays to serve Jesus,
It pays every day,
It pays every step of the way."
—Aunt Vera.

Perfect Trust

This is a true story, boys and girls, about a saved lady who had complete trust in God.

One day she had to go away, so she left her children with a neighbor. She was a praying lady and had learned to depend fully on God to care for her and her children.

While she was gone, a report went out that the home in which her children were staying was destroyed by fire and all the children burned to death. Confidently, the woman replied, "I know my children are not destroyed, for I left them in the hands of God. The people could only look at her, hoping she was right.

When the true report came, it was just as she said, her children were

alive. The others had been taken by the fire. Her heart was saddened by the death of the other children, but her confidence was strengthened in God.

May we all have that same perfect trust in the Lord. —O. A. D.

The Child and the Bird

No doubt we have all seen the picture on a calendar of a small girl sitting just inside her window, looking at a little bird, singing, on a limb near the window.

This wonderful picture brings a thought of the innocence and purity of both. We are sure the little bird will never grieve the loving heart of the great Creator. Jesus wants all girls and boys to live the same way. Will you do this?

The wee-weest girl
Saw the we-weest bird
With the dearest warble
Her ear ever heard.

Too charmed for words,
She thought quite out loud:
With us and our innocence
This world should be proud.

Then she lifted her eyes,
A wee prayer soared away:
"Like the bird, keep me pure
Till my passing day."—E.E.F.

Wee-Folk Counsel

Little children and youth alike need faith and confidence in the Lord Jesus like the little heroine in the following story, sent to "The Path of Life" by Martha Jones in the year 1929. Title, "A Phone Call To Heaven" and reads as follows:

A mother was in the upstairs of her home watching over her sick baby. When the baby had fallen into a quiet

sleep the mother went down stairs to attend to some duties. As she entered the down stairs room she heard her little four-year-old girl talking over the telephone. She stepped softly to the door and peering through the slight opening saw her standing in a chair which she had drawn up to the phone. She listened at the conversation. The child was talking to God. She said, "Hello, Central, give me heaven. Hello, is Jesus there? Tell Jesus to come to the phone, please. I want to talk to Him. Hello, Jesus, is that you, Jesus?" "Yes, this is Jesus." "Say, Jesus, our little baby is awful sick, will you please get him well?" "Yes." "All right, Jesus, thank you. Good-bye, Jesus." The mother's heart was touched, and her little daughter was feelingly dear to her at that hour. The baby was healed. —Sel. and copied by E. M.

GOD'S DYKE

It is said that the Dutch have a very descriptive word for the Lord's Day. They call it God's Dyke. And to the people of Holland dykes are true lifesavers. Sunday is like a "divine dyke" set up to keep out the evils that surround us. Let us therefore worship the Lord every day. Attending Sunday School, church, reading good books, visiting the sick little boy or girl down the street, are all ways in which we can use our Sundays and help build the divine dyke that keeps the evil things out of our lives.

Sel.

Search Question

How many times did Jesus ask Peter, "Lovest thou me?"

Answer To Last Week's Question
Seven. John 21:2.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

After God had put Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden because they disobeyed God and many more people were in the world; God looked upon them and saw how wicked they were. He was sorry He had created them and decided he would destroy the wicked people. God always keeps His promise to take care of those who love Him. He would not destroy Noah because he loved God. Noah preached to the people and warned them to turn away from their wicked ways. They did not listen and were like people today who will not listen when we tell them they will be destroyed if they do wrong.

It began to rain. The water began to rise. People, no doubt, rushed to the mountains, but the waters continued to rise. I'm sure they wished they had listened to Noah and repented so they could have been in the great ark they saw floating upon the waters, but it was too late now. God had shut the door and Noah, his wife and three sons and their wives were all safe in the ark. The animals, two of each kind and some more than two, the birds, and every creeping thing were all safe in the ark. How glad Noah and those who were with him felt to be in the ark. No doubt they were kept busy feeding the

animals and birds. They had a regular zoo didn't they?

After being in the ark about a year the waters began to go down, more and more. Finally Noah opened the window he had made and sent out a raven and a dove. He again sent out the dove and when she came back with a leaf in her mouth he knew the waters had gone down from off the earth. He waited seven days and then sent the dove out again and she did not return. She, no doubt, found a tree where she could build a nest.

Noah came out of the ark when God told him. In our lesson it tells us the first thing Noah did. He builded an altar and worshipped the Lord. Wasn't that a wonderful thing to do? When I get home from a trip I always thank the Lord for bringing me home safely. Surely God was good to Noah and His sons and their wives, and they were thankful. The Lord was pleased with them because they worshipped him and he made a promise to them which he has kept all these years. He said that as long as the earth remains there shall be seasons of the year, day and night. He promised to not destroy the earth with a flood again and as a sign that he would keep this promise He said at times there would be a rainbow in the sky. Have you ever seen one?

God keeps His promises and after Jesus came He promised he would be with us and be our helper, healer and be to us everything we need, if we will love and serve Him. Aunt Marie.

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God's Loving Promises

Printed Portion: Gen. 8:20-22; 9:8, 11-16

Gen. 8:20. And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and

offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21. And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done.

22. While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

Gen. 9:8. An God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying,

11. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15. And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

16. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

Memory Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Psa. 107:1

Central Truth: God punishes those who do evil but blesses those who do right.

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May 12

My Mother

My mother never smoked nor drank,
My mother never swore;
My mother never played at bridge,
Nor mounted up a score.

My mother never plucked her brows,
Nor rouged her dear, sweet face;
And on my mother's living lips
No stain of paint I trace.

My mother never dyed her nails,
She never bobbed her hair;
But virtue, grace and honesty
Have been her jewels rare.

Today my mother would be called
Old-fashioned, well I know;
But oh, how glad I am that God
Has made and kept her so.

—Mildred Wood.

Only One Mother

Most of all the beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds; plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in all the wide world.

—Kate Douglas Wiggin

There is a very dear mother living today. She reared five children of her own, and helped rear many others by taking them into her home. Sometimes she had to take in laundry to feed and clothe them when it was hard for the father to make enough to supply. She was a righteous mother, bringing her children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She taught them to be truthful and honest and to fear God. These children are grown now, but they all have a deep respect for her; and as Solomon (Proverbs 39) defined the virtuous woman, telling how her children called her blessed, so this mother's children called her blessed. Of course they think she is the sweetest mother on earth, but no doubt your mother is just as sweet to you.

You only have one mother. Be very careful how you talk to her, because when she is gone, or you are many miles away from her, you will regret every harsh word you ever spoke to her. How often you will yearn to have those words erased from her memory; and oh, you can just see now, as you think back, the grief in her face and the agony you

caused her. You will wish you could erase those lines in her forehead, or darken her white hair—but, ah, would it not be better to have never caused such grief?

Give her a kiss now and then and tell her you love her. Never go to school without kissing her good-bye because if you never get to see her again, alive, you will be glad you used that last opportunity to show your love to her. Not too long ago a plane crashed into a school yard where some boys were playing ball. One of the boys killed had not kissed his mother good-bye that morning. Wasn't that a sad thing for that poor mother? How much worse if you found God had called your dear mother to heaven the day you didn't kiss her good-bye?

Some boys and girls do not have Christian mothers. Some drink whiskey and get drunk and spend all the money so that there is nothing to eat. Some do not love their own children's father, but love other men, and do not stay at home. Nevertheless, she is your mother. You should pray for her, show her a sweet Christian life; and, as the Bible teaches, you might lead her to Jesus (Isaiah 11:6).

Some mothers have to work out all day, and are not able to watch and care for the family as they would like. When they are doing the best they can, then you children should see the many things that you can do to help her. Oh, do try to lift some of her load; you will never be sorry.

The mother that was first mentioned is now giving her time and strength in teaching many children about Jesus. There will no doubt be thousands who will never forget her or the Jesus she loves. Of course, I will always remember her, appreciate her, cherish her, admire her, and love

her, because she is my mother, and her name?—well, nearly all of you children call her Aunt Vera.

—*Sylvia Forbes*

Hear and Obey

Out on the farm when I was a girl we had horses, colts, cows, calves, pigs, chickens, and a cat. I dearly loved the animals and would get up early in the mornings to help care for them.

Each morning I would hear my father go out the kitchen door and call the horses. From my bedroom window upstairs I could look out over the pasture and see the horses raise their heads and listen. He would call again, then the horses would answer back with a "neigh." Perhaps in their language they said, "We are coming." They left their grassy pasture behind and started for the barn, sometimes coming in a run, because they knew he had oats and other good food for them, and he would "curry" or comb their hair.

Now they were wise horses. They knew they had a good master, so were quick to obey his call.

Children, are you as wise as the horses? Do you obey as quickly? Jesus is calling—are you listening? He says, "Suffer the little children to come unto me." Have you answered, "I'm coming?" Jesus loves you and is a good Master and has many good things for all who hear and obey His call.

"Come, come today!"—

Did you hear Jesus say?

He will bless you now,

If before Him you bow.

Leave all your sins behind,

Then love Him with all your heart, soul, strength and mind."

—*Aunt Vera.*

Didn't Want Mama to Know

A short time ago while at camp meeting, I overheard part of a conversation between two little girls. They did not know that anyone was hearing.

One said to the other, "I will tell you what I did, but don't you tell my mamma." I did not hear the rest of it, but I knew in a minute she had been doing something wrong or she would not have been ashamed to have Mamma know it.

Even if mother did not know it, the Lord had seen it all. And what do you suppose He thought about it?

Many children have had to go to reform schools and receive severe punishments because they did things they were ashamed to let their mothers know about.

My dear children, take warning and do nothing you would not want your mamma to know. In this way you are quite sure to keep out of many troubles. —Sel.

Love is the greatest thing in the world or in heaven. If our hearts are full of the love of the Lord Jesus we shall have no trouble of any kind, for we will be willing and glad to endure all things for His sake. —Sel.

A Friend of God

The Lord called unto Abram,
Told him to leave his land;
And Abram then departed,
Obeying God's command.

So he was called a "friend of God,"

His walk with Him was sweet—

And so can we be friends of God

And sit low at His feet.

—Leslie Busbee.

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Search Question

Who was accused of being a ring-leader of the sect of the Nazarenes?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Three. John 21:17.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Years after the flood, many people were living on the face of the earth. God looked down upon them. He had a plan that He wanted to carry out. He wanted to choose a righteous man and through his family, as they loved and served Him, He would make them His chosen people in the world. God can see everyone at one glance. He especially delights in those who love Him and praise Him. He sees you and loves you if you praise Him and He will bless you with good things.

God saw a man by the name of Abram in the land of Ur of the Chaldees. Abram loved God even though he lived in a land where people all around him worshipped idols. It is said they worshipped fire. Because Abram would not do as all of his neighbors did God chose him to be the father of His chosen people. God loves brave, strong people who will not do wrong, even though others around them do wrong. He has a special work for them to do. Are you

one of those brave persons? Or do you let others talk you into doing wrong with them?

God spoke to Abram. He told him to leave his country, all of his relatives and go to a land that God would show him. He told him that he would make of him a great nation, which is the Jewish people. God told him that through him ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WOULD BE BLESSED. How could this be? Years and years later through the Jewish nation, which is Abraham's children, Jesus, the Saviour was born. All the people on the earth are blessed. Isn't that wonderful? Surely Abraham was made great as he obeyed God and left his relatives, even his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot. Surely Abraham was God's friend. Abram went into the land of Canaan.

Today, God is calling people to work for Him. God told my father to sell his farm and work for Him. Today he is still putting out the gospel through the printed page. A few years ago the Lord told me to ask my family to come here to help my father in his work. We are here doing what the Lord told us to do. God told others to come and help and they obeyed.

I know some whom God spoke to when they were young; that he wanted them to be a preacher or a missionary or worker for Him when they grew older and they did that. God blesses them. May the Lord help you to listen to the call of the Lord and obey as Abraham did.

—Aunt Marie.

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Abraham, Friend of God

Printed Portion: Gen. 12:1-9, 17:3, 4.

Gen. 12:1. Now the Lord had said unto Abraham, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from

thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4. So Abram departed as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

5. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

6. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7. And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land; and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him.

8. And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

9. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

Gen. 17:3. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying,

4. As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Memory Verse: Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Psalms 25:4.

Central Truth: People who in faith obey God will receive their reward.

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Part Seven

May 19

Care for Souls

When God destroyed Sodom
Because their sin was great,
Abram warned his loved ones
Before it was too late.

This world, doomed for destruction,
"Soon will wake in Judgment fires."
Let us gather souls for Jesus
"Until time indeed expires."

—L. B.

Entertaining Angels Unawares

When I was a little girl my mother taught us to be quiet when we had company. She let us talk to our company for a short time and then when she spoke to us (or most of the time she would just give us a look) we knew that we had talked too much or that it was time for us to listen. At that time I didn't understand altogether why I couldn't talk more, even though Mother told us. But now I know that older people like to visit with the mothers, and they can't if children are always talking or wanting attention. Then another thing,

some older people do not have children in their home and when you chatter a lot and jump around it bothers them and makes them nervous. You wouldn't want to do that, would you? I'm sure you wouldn't if you knew you were hurting someone.

Maybe someone has come to your house to bring some cheer and comfort to your mother or give her some of the precious things of the Lord, but if you chatter they cannot do that.

I read that in Greenland when a stranger knocks at the door of a home he asks the question: "Is God in this house?" And if the answer is "yes," he will enter and feels safe. The people are glad to have the stranger also because they know he loves God. He then talks about the things of the Lord and tells a lot of things the Lord has done for him since he has been traveling. I am sure the children enjoy listening, don't you? You would get more pleasure listening than for you to do the talking, I am sure.

One time angels visited Abraham. He wasn't aware that they were angels at first. If angels visited your home, what report do you think they

would take back to heaven? Do you think they would be able to give their message to your mother or father if you were wanting all the attention? I am sure it would be a pleasure to listen to angels talk. St. Paul told us: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" Heb. 13: 2. So be kind and thoughtful of your company. See to their comfort, but do not make them feel weary, and the Lord will bless you.—Mrs. Marie Miles

Our Family Hour

"Tonight, children, I think I shall tell you how God answered your grandmother's prayer when she did not know where one of her sons was."

"This son had been away from home for a long time. Your grandmother did not know whether he was dead or alive. Many times she would ask the Lord to let her hear from him.

"One day a tramp came to her door begging for food. She was very kind to him and fixed him a good meal. Oh, how she enjoyed it! He told her that he was from Texas, I believe. Your grandmother was living in California.

"Days passed by and she thought no more about the tramp. But one day she received a letter from the son that she had desired so much to hear from, and this is what he told her:

"A tramp came to my door begging for food. We gave him some food. We told each other our names, and when I told him mine he seemed to remember a family he met out in California by the same name. He described them to me, and it was none other than you—my own parents."

You can imagine how happy your grandmother was. Just think! a mother and a son who lived nearly

1500 miles apart had given food to the same tramp. Children, we do not know how God intends to answer our prayers. We wonder what would have happened had they failed to "entertain strangers"? Let us obey all of the commandments. —O. A. D.

A Despised Warning

A letter was once written to warn the Duke of Guise of a plot against his life by King Henry III of France. The duke hated the king, and did not think he could possibly make or carry out such a plan. So he wrote under the letter: "He dare not!" and thought no more about it.

However, he received so many messages and letters warning him of danger that at last he said he would leave Paris the next day. While he was sitting at supper that night, he received five more letters. But he only threw them under the table, saying each time, "He dare not."

He despised and made fun of the warning. If he had only believed he might have escaped. But no, he would not. And early the next morning the doom came upon him of which he had been so often warned.

The Bible tells us we should flee from the wrath to come. There is a terrible day coming when sinners will be judged by God and sent to hell. All up and down the land there are Christians warning sinners to get saved. Only so can they escape from hell. But many are despising the warnings. If they continue doing so they will one day find it is too late to repent.

Jesus is the refuge for sinners. He died that they might be saved. Ask Him to save you now by cleansing your heart from all sin with His blood. Then you will be safe from the wrath to come.

WHO AM I?

My first you'll find in second;
But it never comes in third.
My second is in happiness
It cannot be found in word.
My third appears in merriment;
It never is seen in grief.
My fourth is discovered in Kansas;
It is not in leaf or brief.
My fifth keeps appearing in organ;
It also is seen in you!
My sixth you may hunt for in Canada;
And Maine and New Hampshire, too.
When you're thinking of me, keep
Philistines in mind,
I am known far and wide as a strong
man made blind!
My name?
How I became blind?
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.....

Search Question

I came not to call the righteous, but

Answer To Last Week's Question

Paul. Acts 24:5.

Dear Boys and Girls:

Abraham was a great man and he loved his nephew, Lot. When his parents died he took him and cared for him. When he left Ur he took Lot with him to the land of Canaan. But there came a time when strife arose between Lot's herdsmen and his own over the pasturing of their herds. Abraham wanted peace and, even though, it was right to tell Lot where to go, yet he gave Lot a choice of the land that he could take so there would be no strife. Lot was selfish. He took the best land, that was well watered and close to the big cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. I'm sure this grieved (Gen. 13:2-18) Abraham as he saw the ingratitude and selfishness in Lot as he took the best and

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journeyed away. Remember boys and girls that selfishness will be punished. Notice later how Lot was punished by losing his family and everything he had.

Abraham still loved Lot and helped him out when the kings of the East came to Sodom, where Lot lived, and carried off Lot among other captives (Gen. 14). Abraham pursued with his servants and rescued Lot and all of his goods from him. Abraham was surely returning good for evil, wasn't he? Can you do that? If not, ask God to help you to be able to return good for evil. Every time God sends the rain, He is showing his goodness to those who disobey him and do wickedly.

God looked down upon the great cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and He saw how wicked the people were. It grieved him greatly, just as it grieved him when he destroyed all the people with the flood. God decided to destroy the cities with fire.

In chapter 18 it tells us about the heavenly visitors that stood at the tent door of Abraham by the oaks of Mamre at Hebron. One reason for their coming was to renew the promise that Abraham and Sarah would have a son. They entertained these visitors and as Abraham walked to the top of the hill with them he was told where they were going and what they were going to do. Abra-

ham thought of Lot in Sodom and he loved him and didn't want him to be destroyed or the people there. He prayed the Lord to spare the city if he could find fifty righteous people. Oh how he cared. The Lord promised but Abraham was afraid there might not be fifty and he asked him if he would spare it if he found forty? thirty? twenty? ten? Ten could not be found. God told Lot to take his family and flee. None would go but his wife and two daughters. His wife looked back and turned to a pillar of salt.

Today we do love those who pray for us and care, don't we? Are you like that?
—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 7, May 9, 1957

A Man Who Cared

Printed Portion: ..Gen. 18:20-33; 19:29.

Gen. 18:20. And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;

21. I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22. And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

23. And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24. Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25. That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26. And the Lord said, If I find in

Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

28. Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29. And he spake unto him yet again, he said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will do it for forty's sake.

30. And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33. And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

Gen. 19:29. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

Memory Verse: Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations. Psalm 82:8.

Central Thought: All people have a chance to do right, then we will not be punished.

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Part Eight

May 26

Peacefully

When Isaac digged the wells,
The servants came to strife;
So he moved on to another one—
He lived a peaceful life.

We must live at peace with others
According to God's way:
Love thy neighbor as thyself,
And goodness He'll repay.

—Leslie Busbee

"As Good As Gold"

One little girl, who was unable to go out to play, heard the other children playing down in the court. So many times she heard cross words among them. She did not like this at all. I do not know the little girl's name, but let us call her Alice.

Little Alice was a Christian. How she did love the Lord Jesus. She knew she could not go down and tell the children not to fight. She thot, "I'll pray and tell Jesus about the fightin'. He can stop it."

This is what she prayed, "Dear Jesus, You are my Saviour. You have

told me to come to You with my troubles. You are a great big Man and You don't like fightin' among the children. Make the boys and girls as good as gold. Amen."

This little girl knew where to go with her problems, didn't she? She often sang, "Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there." Her mother had taught her that song.

Did you know Jesus is interested in just little things? Alice's mother had taught her this verse from the Bible, "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." This is found in Mark 11:24.

I am sure that the children did stop fighting, for Alice believed that they would.

Here is another verse from the Bible. You might learn it and use it for a motto: "Casting all your care upon Him, for He careth for you." This is found in 1 Peter 5:7.

God always answers prayer, even though sometimes He says, "No," because He knows what is best for us. Tell Him all your little cares and He will take care of them.

"It Takes Two to Make A Fuss"

We were sitting in prayer meeting and a number of our teen-agers were testifying. We were enjoying their testimonies very much, as we do love them and love to hear them tell what God has done for them.

Maxine, who is twelve years old, told about how the Lord had given her a victory over the enemy at school. She said the teacher would give a star to the row of pupils in their room that was the quietest. Each row had a leader whose duty it was to see that they were quiet. But Maxine thought the row she was in was quite noisy and she wanted to remind them to be quiet so they could receive a star. She was telling each one to be quiet, and the boy who was the leader that day of the row did not like it. He spoke to her in a sneering way, saying that she was not the leader. The way he spoke hurt Maxine and she felt tempted to say something back to him, but the Lord brought to her mind what she had learned in Bible Study the night before. The teacher had said that it takes TWO TO MAKE A FUSS. So she just sat down and didn't say anything, and there wasn't any fuss. She was very happy that the Lord had helped her at that trying time.

—Mrs. Marie Miles

Two Roads

(Question and answers by a four-year-old boy).

"Mother, what is strong drink?" asked Johnny.

"You tell me," answered Mother.

"Whiskey," said Johnny.

"What else?" asked Mother.

"Wine, beer," said Johnny.

"What road are people on that drink strong drinks?" she asked.

"On the broad road," answered little Johnny.

"What road are God's people on, who do not drink strong drink?" questioned Mother.

"On the narrow road," he said.

"Who helps people on the broad way?" asked Mother.

"The devil," said Johnny, as he busied himself by marking on his papers.

"Who helps people on the narrow way?" asked Mother.

"Jesus," answered Johnny.

"Where does the broad way lead," asked Mother.

"To hell," said Johnny.

"Where does the narrow way lead?" asked Mother.

"To heaven," said Johnny as he hurried out the door.

Marie Miles.

Leota's Victory

Leota loved her teachers and tried to do all they asked her to do. They felt like she was a girl that they could depend on and often gave her special things to do. Sometimes when some child became ill and had to be taken home, Leota would be chosen to take the child home because she was so kind—especially to the Mexican and Japanese children who attended that school.

One day Leota went home for lunch in tears. Her cooking teacher had accused her of stealing. She told her mother all about what happened. The teacher had opened a package of cheese to teach the girls how to make macaroni and cheese. Then she was called from the room. Some of the girls cut off some of the cheese and ate it and wanted Leota to eat some,

but she refused because she knew that was not right. When the teacher was ready to use the cheese she saw there was not as much as she bought and asked who had taken some. One girl said Leota had cut it and given it to them. She did not ask Leota if she did, but just scolded her for doing it. It hurt Leota very much, but she said nothing.

Leota's mother was glad she told her all about it, and as usual, they told Jesus about it too. Jesus always understands and sees everything, for the eyes of the Lord are great.

Leota went back to school feeling happy, for down in her heart she knew she had done no wrong and that Jesus would take care of everything.

When she came home that afternoon she could hardly wait to tell her mother how God had answered prayer. She said the teacher had come to her and asked her forgiveness for accusing her of taking the cheese, and said she knew she would not do such a thing.

Leota learned that day that we do not have to defend ourselves and say, "I did not do it." But if we just keep quiet Jesus will take care of all our trials and troubles better than we can.

—Aunt Vera.

Search Question

How many times did Moses fast forty days and forty nights?

Answer To Last Week's Question
"sinners to repentance." Luke 6:32.

Dear boys and girls,

Our lesson today is about Isaac. Isaac was the promised son to Abraham and Sarah. Much space in Genesis has been given to Isaac, telling about his life, yet Isaac was a very humble man. Abraham was very careful to secure

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for him a wife that loved God. Her name was Rebekah. God appeared to Isaac more than once and renewed the promises which had been made to Abraham. He and his descendants were to be God's chosen people; through whom he was to bring Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Let us notice the character of Isaac. He was a man who had a peaceful spirit. He was taught to be obedient and as he obeyed his parents it brought peace in the home. Do you remember how Isaac as a young man allowed his father to blind him and lay him on the altar to be offered as a sacrifice, but God took the act for the deed and spared Isaac? You find that in Gen. 22:1-18. I'm sure Isaac learned a valuable lesson of trust and confidence in God at that time and it helped him to go through the trial of today's lesson.

Does it hurt you to not have your own way? Maybe you do not want to admit it and its good you are trying to not always want your own way but I'm sure if you will pray the Lord will help you to be cheerful when you can't have your own way. You may have the idea when you get big you can have your own way but that isn't true. I can't have my own way. I have to think of others, my family and the Lord before I can think of doing something I would like

to do. But that doesn't make me unhappy because I love to please others, the Lord and my family. Just try and see if you don't feel better when you give up your way for someone else. God will bless you for it.

In our lesson we find Isaac keeping peace when his neighbors wanted the well his servants had dug, by moving away and digging another well. And when they wanted that well he just moved on and dug another well. Again some people tried to make trouble over that well so he just moved again and dug another well. Don't you think he was a good man to try that hard to keep peace? It's a lot of work to dig a well. Let us take Isaac for example. How much better for one to make sacrifices than to have trouble?

In one home I read about when the children begin to quarrel the mother said, "Dig another well," and they knew what she meant. Sometimes the children would say that to each other in trying to keep peace. Why don't you try that? May God bless you. —Aunt Marie.

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Isaac, the Peacemaker

Printed Portion: Gen. 26:17-29.

Gen. 26:17. And Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18. And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19. And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20. And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying,

The water is our's: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him.

21. And they digged another well, and strove for that also; and he called the name of it Sitnah.

22. And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23. And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba.

24. And the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

25. And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the Lord, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

26. Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army.

27. And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?

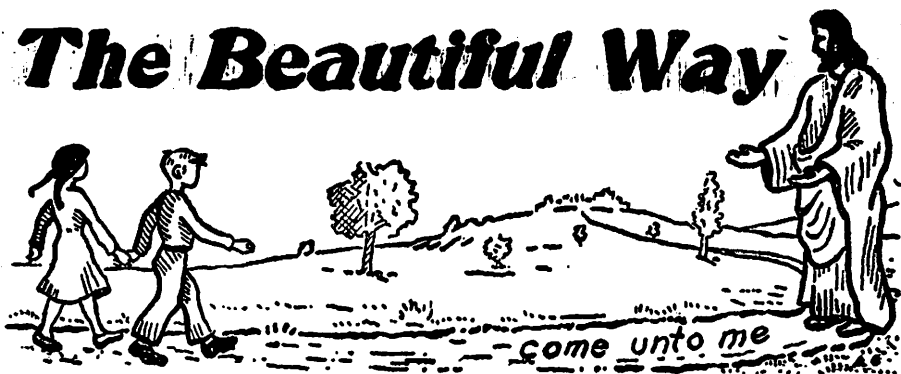
28. And they said, We saw certainly that the Lord was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;

29. That thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now blessed of the Lord.

Memory Verse: Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. 5:9.

Central Truth: It is worthwhile to make sacrifices, if necessary, in order to live in peace.

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Jacob

Jacob, weary of his journey,
Stopped one night to rest;
Stones for pillow, grass for mattress,
But his sleep was blessed.

To earth reached a heavenly ladder,
With the Lord above;
He spoke to Jacob with a promise—
God's heart was filled with love.

Angels went up and they came down,
'Twas a lovely sight:
Some had answers, some requests,
But all were for the right.

—Leslie Busbee.

Buddy Comes Home

Buddy slipped downstairs quietly and stood listening in the hall. In the kitchen he heard the clatter of pans and the drone of voices. He knew his mother and Patsy were doing the dinner dishes. Then he heard his father's hearty voice as he came into the kitchen with an armful of wood and dropped it noisily into the wood-box. Buddy clutched the package under his arm more tightly and slid silently out the door.

The next instant he was off the porch and hurrying down the street.

Looking back he saw that the house was no longer to be seen. But he must not stop yet. Buddy dashed through the business section of Taylor which, for once, was deserted, and out to the highway. On and on he trudged until he sought a grassy bank beside the road and sat down to rest.

Buddy dropped the bundle on the ground beside him. It contained a few clothes he thought he might need. Sighing, he leaned back and watched the cars as they whizzed past. Finally Buddy remembered that he was running away, and that it wouldn't do for him to sit there any longer. So he got up, tucked his bundle under his arm, and once more hurried along the highway.

It was late afternoon and the sun began to sink farther into the west. Buddy was going slower now. His legs ached and his feet were sore from tramping. For the first time he realized that in planning this adventure he had forgotten one thing. He had no food and his stomach was painfully empty. Not only that but

it would soon be growing dark. Where would he sleep, this first night out on the road alone? Once more he sought a grassy bank and dropped down wearily.

"Hello, there, Bud! Tired?"

Buddy looked up to see a tall, blue-eyed youth standing in front of him. Close by was an old Ford.

"Far from home?" inquired the youth kindly.

"Rather," stammered Buddy.

"Don't tell me you're running away?" The youth squinted at Buddy, quizzically. "Where do you hail from?"

"T-Taylor." Buddy swallowed hard.

"Taylor? Well," laughed the stranger, "hop into my car and I'll have you there in a jiffy. You see," he added "I work in a CCC camp just outside of Taylor."

"But," commenced Buddy, "I—"

"Come along." The youth picked up the bundle of clothes. "We'll get there in time for supper."

Too amazed to speak, Buddy found himself climbing into the car and a moment later he was being whizzed back along the very highway he had trudged all afternoon.

"Never run away," the stranger advised. "If you have a home, stay there! You'll have time enough to get out into the world when you grow up."

"D-Did you ever run away?" Buddy asked.

"Yes," nodded the youth.

"Did you go back?" demanded Buddy.

"I never really had a home," the youth said. "My mother and father died when I was small. Had they lived I never would have run away. It's tough being out in the world alone when you're just a small boy."

Buddy agreed. "I wonder," he

half murmured after telling the youth where he lived, "if daddy will be awful mad."

"No," said the youth firmly. "He'll be too glad to have you home."

Before he knew it Buddy found himself standing in front of his home. The strange youth had disappeared without even telling his name. Buddy hurried into the house, and slipped his bundle into the closet near the hall. It was already seven o'clock but as he reached the dining room he found his parents and Patsy just sitting down to supper. He was trying to think of something to say when his mother spoke.

"You are late, Buddy," she smiled. "but we waited for you."

"Been on a long tramp, son?" asked his father, heeding the lad's dusty and trussed appearance.

Before Buddy could answer, grace was being said. He bowed his head, thankful that no one knew he tried to run away. But he was startled to hear his father add at the end, "And we thank Thee, O God, for having brought our boy safely home again."

Buddy swallowed hard and looked up. His father had already set a steaming plate of food before him. The gnawing in his stomach reminded him of his hunger, and as he ate he was glad that the strange youth had brought him home.

God Answers Prayer

When we love the Lord we do not need to be afraid. God will take care of us. Bro. C. Weir just came into my office room and read me a little story out of a tract about how God took care of a woman and her family. It was during the war and she felt uneasy before they went

to bed one night that the soldiers would invade their home when they passed by. But she took it to the Lord in prayer with her children gathered around her. She prayed, "Oh, Lord build a wall around our home and protect us tonight." The children talked about it when they got ready for bed. "What did Mother mean when she prayed for the Lord to build a wall around our house." The next morning they understood. God had sent a snow storm during the night and the wind had built up high drifts around their home and the soldiers had passed on by. Surely the Lord is mindful of all of His children. Do you remember the Psalmist saying, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them"? Psal. 34:6. Look to the Lord and do not be afraid.

—Mrs. Marie Miles.

NEXT

There is a chapter in our Bible that has the word "next" repeated over and over in it. Turn to Nehemiah 3 and see how many you can count! And next unto him builded so and so . . . and next unto them builded so and so . . . and next unto them repaired so and so . . . and so on and on. Then in the 20th verse we find, "After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other piece."

This one and that one builded and repaired different parts of the wall—but only of Baruch is it said that he did his work earnestly. Evidently he used his ability to the limit. Do we do our work earnestly?

—Sel.

Search Question

Who was Hannah's husband?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Two. Deut. 9:9, 18.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys. Their names were Esau and Jacob. They were unlike in looks and dispositions. Esau was a hunter and loved to rove. Jacob liked to stay close at home with his mother. Esau was light-hearted and careless. Jacob was tricky and did deceitful things, yet Jacob suffered for the things he did. Jacob was his mother's favorite while Isaac loved Esau because of the venison that he brought him. In a home of this kind trouble is sure to come.

Two different times Jacob tricked his brother. Jacob got Esau's blessing and birthright. The first time is told in chapter 25 where Esau came in from hunting, hungry and tired and asked Jacob for some red pottage which is red beans. He said he would give it to him for his birthright, which meant his father's goods after his death. The birthright was rightfully Esau's, yet God had said he would give it to Jacob. Jacob did not wait for God to work it out but took it into his own hands. Esau said Jacob could have it because he said he was so faint he thought he might die if he did not get something to eat right then.

Another time (chapter 27) while Esau was gone to bring his father some venison and then receive the blessing, Jacob and his mother tricked Isaac into thinking Jacob was Esau and Isaac gave

Jacob all of his inheritance and blessing, making him the heir of all. When Esau returned and found this out he was very angry, and said he would kill Jacob after his father's death. This was very wrong for Jacob to do this and we find that later he reaped what he had sown by being tricked.

Jacob's mother told him he must go to her home to get him a wife and stay until Esau got over his anger. With these things upon his heart Jacob told his mother and Father goodbye and left. When night came he was afraid. Have you ever done wrong and then when night came you felt afraid? What if you would die before you would awake? You would not be ready to meet God. Oh, it's good to clear our wrongs before we go to sleep, isn't it? It is good to ask God to forgive us right away when we do wrong? No doubt Jacob was sorry and looked to the Lord. That night God comforted him with a dream, which we have in our lesson. And today as we pray the angels will take our requests up to God and bring the answers down. How comforted Jacob was when God promised to keep him in all the places he went and would bring him again to his home.

—Aunt Marie.

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When Jacob Was Afraid

Printed Portion: Gen. 27:41-43; 28:10-17.

Gen. 27:41. And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith, his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.

42. And these words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau,

as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.

43. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran;

Gen. 28:10. And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran.

11. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13. And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed:

14. And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed.

15. And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

17. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

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

Central Thought: If we obey God we will not be afraid when night comes.

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June 9

JACOB COMES HOME

Jacob had fear of Esau,
Who twenty years before
Had said that he would kill him
And take all of his store.

Angels brought Jacob courage,
And he prayed to God above;
Then Esau came to meet him
With forgiving arms of love.

It was all forgiven
And God had answered prayer,
It was all forgotten—
Can you see the blessing there?
L. Busbee.

Always Speak Kindly

"Mother, what are you doing?" asked Harriet, as she came into the sunny living room.

"I am thinking about what I have just read in the Bible," Mrs. Taylor replied.

Harriet came over and leaned against her mother's chair, as she asked, "What is it?"

Her mother repeated, "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

"What is wrath, Mother?"

"Wrath is anger; and if people would give soft answers when they are angry, many quarrels would be prevented. Were you ever angry with your playmates, Harriet? Of course you have been, for I remember the day when you said that you were so mad with Anne that you were not going to speak to her again."

"That was when she said that my favorite doll, Dorothy Lee, was just an old rag doll. I was so mad that I felt like fighting. I came in the house to tell you. When I went out again, Anne came up to me and said, 'I'm sorry,' then I did not feel mad any more."

"Being sorry and saying so were Anne's soft answer that turned your anger away. Anyone can get angry—that's a better word than mad—and can hit back, but it is often hard to give a soft answer, the kind that turns away wrath. If you stop to think before answering, it will be easier to give a soft answer."

"One day," Mrs. Taylor continued, "a boy threw a stone at another boy. Of course, he expected a fight would follow. The other boy picked up the stone and threw it over the fence. His act was his soft answer, and it

turned away the other boy's wrath. They did not fight.

"In another part of the Bible we are told that King Saul was troubled. His servants sent for David, the shepherd boy, to come to play on his harp for King Saul, and the king was pleased with him. After that whenever the King was troubled, David took up his harp and played. Then King Saul would soon feel better and would become well again. David's harp, when he played upon it, was a soft answer that turned all the troubles away from the king. So what we do, Harriet, as well as what we say, may be a soft answer."

"I love that story, Mother!" said Harriet. —from I. M. Weir

Our Family Hour

"Mother, what did Sis. N—— mean when she said something in her prayer about the brittle thread of our life?" asked Janice, just after returning from service.

"Get your dictionary and we'll see just what the word brittle means."

"My little pocket dictionary says brittle means 'easy to break,'" said James.

"Now you know how a thread looks. Imagine your life hanging on the end of a piece of thread that is very easy to break. You'd think for sure you wouldn't live very long. So you see, when anyone asks the Lord to lengthen the brittle thread of life, he is asking for a few more days on earth. I think, Children, if we could just see our lives held together by a piece of thread, we would be ever so careful of all our actions and of everything we say. Not once would we neglect to do a kind deed for others."

"O Mother, that makes me think of the Scripture in James 4:14, 'For

what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.'"

"You know how quickly vapor disappears. In the same manner our little short lives on earth will soon be over. Let us fill each day with deeds that we'll not be ashamed of."

—O. A. Davenport

A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

In Auntie's yard and garden there are many beautiful flowers during the year. First the beautiful green winter ferns and grass; second, the blue violets and yellow buttercups; then the yellow roses and bushels and bushels of red roses. Then come the daisies, tiger lilies and iris. On the fence is a large fan-shaped bush of delicate pink climbing roses, verbenia, chrysanthamum, etc. A neighbor lady asked for some plants of different kinds to transplant to her garden. Time and again she came and took plants and planted them in her garden. One day she asked for some plants of wood vine to plant by her fence. While they were getting them her little son Tommy who often comes over to play and had accompanied her this time, took a knife which he was carrying and cut twelve tiger lilies down which were just ready to bloom. His father called and asked his wife if she knew that he had cut down all those lilies. She said to Auntie, "He saw me cutting, so he thought he could cut, too. Auntie had planned to take them to a sick person, as she often does; but she was glad that God had kept her from being tried, and He used the lilies to teach us all a lesson. The next day Mother brought plants for Auntie and forbade Tommy to come in her yard. —Aunt Eunice

THE BIBLE IN MINIATURE

More than three hundred years ago, a monk sat in his lonely room, reading part of the "New Testament." It was "the Gospel according to John," and he had reached the third chapter. Verse after verse down the chapter was read, until he came to the 16th "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He laid down the Book, and seemed lost in thought. That wonderful verse had opened up to his soul some of the wonders of redeeming love. That monk was Martin Luther, who afterwards translated the Bible, and preached so boldly the truth of "justification by faith in Christ alone." He afterwards wrote, concerning the words of John 3:16: "This is the Bible in miniature, or the story of the Gospel told in a few words."

Dear reader, has this wondrous verse, the precious words of which have been used of God to lead so many precious souls to know, believe, and receive the love of God, won your heart to Jesus? Have you become a possessor of that everlasting life of which it speaks? If not, why not? It is for whosoever; and that sweet word means you. The verse may be simply divided thus:

"God loved," and "God gave,"

I believe and I have everlasting life.

"Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another." Mark 9:50.

Search Question

"Better is a - - - - with righteousness than great revenues without right."

Answer To Last Week's Question

Elkanah 1 Sam. 1:8.

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"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31.

Dear Boys and Girls:

After God blessed Jacob and made His promise of being with him wherever he went, he journeyed on to Haran. There he worked for Laban for twenty years. When he first arrived he fell in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel. He loved her so much that he was willing to work seven years for her. At the end of seven years he was surprised after the veil was lifted to find that he had been married to Leah, Rachel's sister. I'm sure he remembered how he had tricked Esau, his brother. Remember, we will reap what we sow. He told Laban he would work seven more years for Rachel; after the seven days he was given Rachel. The last six years he was paid in flocks and herds. God blessed him and he prospered greatly. (Gen. 29:27, 28.

God told Jacob to return to his home in Canaan. He left one day while Laban was away shearing sheep. Laban was very much displeased and followed them. But after talking over things they came to a peaceable agreement and parted in peace. Laban said, "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

Again Jacob turned his face toward Canaan, yet there was a fear in his heart. He remembered the words of Esau that he would kill him after his father had died. But God comforted and sent angels to comfort him. Jacob had also learned a lot in the twenty years he was away. Esau had changed also, yet Jacob wasn't sure about it. Jacob sent messengers on ahead to tell Esau that he was coming and had much riches, also many servants, and he hoped to find mercy in his sight. Our lesson tells how distressed he was when told Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred men. This sent Jacob in prayer before God, which is recorded in our lesson. How humble he was now. He sent many presents to Esau and called him lord. He wanted peace didn't he? As they both came closer together Jacob knew he needed God's help so he prayed and all night he wrestled with an angel and would not let him go until he blessed him. God said his name would be changed from Jacob to Israel and he would bless him, and be with him. The next day he lifted up his eyes and looked—here came Esau. Jacob went forward and bowed down upon the ground before him. Esau ran to him and fell on his neck and kissed him and wept. How wonderful it was for all to be forgiven and two brothers at peace again. What a wonderful homecoming that was! God blessed and answered Jacob's prayer. He will do that for you and I today, won't He?

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 10, June 9, 1957

When Jacob Came Home

Printed Portion Gen. 32:6-12; 33:1-4

32:6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.

7. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

8. And said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape.

9. And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord which saidest unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:

10. I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.

11. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.

12. And thou saidest, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

33:1. And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.

2. And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindmost.

3. And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4. And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.

Memory Verse: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalms 46:1.

Central Thought: Kindness will bring peace where there is trouble.

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Part Eleven

June 16

My Daddy Knows

God makes most everything, I know.
For everything I see,
Each bird and bee, each bud and bush,
Each blossom and each tree,
When I ask Daddy, "Who made it?"
Whatever lives or grows,
He always answers, "God." I know—
Because my daddy knows!

When Daddy says a thing, it's so!
And when I ask him, "Who
Made all the stars, the sun, the moon?
Who made the sky so blue?
Who made the rivers and the seas,
The rain, the wind that blows?"
He always says it's "God." I know—
Because my daddy knows!

And knowing Daddy as I do,
Whatever others say,
I always wait until he speaks
And by his word I stay.
And when he says, "God made the day,
The night, and each red rose,
Made even me!" It's so, I know—
Because my daddy—knows! —Sel.

JUMP

One cold afternoon when everything was covered with beautiful white snow, my father and I walked down the hill with my sister to the railway station. She and the pastor of her church and his family had been attending a big meeting in our town. They planned to return home on the afternoon local freight train, because the passenger would not come until late in the night.

It was a long train and we had to walk all the way to the caboose, which you know is the last car on the train. I had never been in a caboose on a freight train, so my father lifted me up after he helped my sister on. He saw the preacher and wife coming with their four little children and several suitcases and went to help them. While they were still a long way off the train gave two short whistles and started to move.

Of course I was thrilled to get to ride on the train, not knowing that those two "toot-toots" meant the train was leaving town. But my father understood that signal, and dropping the suitcases, he started to run

to get me off before the train was going too fast.

Now I had been taught to always obey my father when he spoke—and I thank the Lord I always did. He had a certain whistle that he called with, and when I would hear that whistle I would drop everything and run to see what he wanted.

My sister and I were standing in the door watching and expecting the train to stop and pick up the family. But by this time the train was going fast, and my father knew it would not stop, so he called to me, "Jump!" I jumped right into his arms, with not a thought of danger. The swiftness of the train threw me so fast that it threw him down, and we rolled over and over. The preacher said our heads were within six inches of the train wheels. But thank God, He stopped us just in time, and our lives were spared.

We had just been to meeting where we had been singing and praying and hearing God's Word. We loved God, so God took care of us in that time of danger. It pays to live for Jesus and always trust Him. —Aunt Vera.

Daddy's Golden Key

It was almost time for Daddy to go to work. He went to pick up his keys, but could not find them any where. Everyone began to look for them, and finally they were found. How thankful he was, for there were seven doors that were opened with one of the keys, so it was really necessary that he find them.

"My! I'm glad that wasn't my golden key lost; I'd really be into it!"

"Why I didn't know you had a golden key," said Marty, looking quite surprised. Let me see it, Daddy, I won't lose it."

"Oh, you can't see this key, Marty, but you can surely tell when you lose it though."

Marty was becoming more puzzled. It sounded like a riddle to her.

Daddy seeing her becoming more puzzled, told her that this Golden Key of his is called prayer. "You see I can't afford to lose it, because it unlocks all my doors for me. Yes, every one I come to."

"Oh, I know now, Daddy, we sing that song about prayer being the Golden Key. Then that makes me have a Golden Key, too, doesn't it?"

I hope everyone that reads this little paper has a Golden Key and uses it every day.

Do not let a thief (the devil) steal it. He doesn't like for folks to use the Golden Key. —Olive Davenport

Be Kind

"Come quickly, girls, and see that odd girl who is coming to school." Some of us ran to see. Yes, the little girl did look odd to us—her dress was down to her ankles and was made like her grandma's dress while our dresses were short, and of course looked girlish.

The bell rang and we all went to our rooms, but could hardly learn our lessons for watching the new girl.

At recess we talked and laughed about the "queer girl," and made fun of her clothes. (Now that was an awful thing to do). At noon some of the older girls got some bushes and gave some to us younger girls to chase her with. (I was only seven years old). When the new girl came back on the school ground, we met her and told her she couldn't wear clothes like that to school. So she ran home crying. (Oh, how shamefully we treated the poor little girl!)

Just then someone called us—the teacher wanted us. As we gathered around her desk my head was down, for I knew I had done wrong. The teacher told us that the little girl's mother had died and her grandmother had made her dresses like the ones she wore when she was a little girl in the old country across the ocean.

Then I felt so bad I cried—and I think we all felt we would be nice and kind to her the next day, but she never came back. Her daddy packed up their things and moved far away.

Now, Children, I am old and grey-headed and Jesus has forgiven me for being so mean to that poor little girl; but whenever I think of her I cry and wish I could find her and put my arms around her and ask her to forgive me.

Dear boys and girls, please don't ever make fun of anyone, and always be kind to everyone and "do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
—Aunt Vera

LITTLE FISHES

There is one species of fish, only about four inches long, that is an object of terror. Though it is so small, its mouth can open to swallow a creature many sizes larger than itself. Its jet black color makes it possible for it to hide in the mud on the bottom of the ocean. Then with one quick motion it attacks and devours any creature that comes too near.

Little fishes do not attack boys and girls, but little sins do. And they can spoil the life. Flee to Jesus to save you from your little sins.

Search Question

Who was Goliath's brother?

Answer To Last Week's Question
Little, Prov. 16:8.

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Dear Boys and Girls:

Do you forget to show your love to your Father? I'm sure he would appreciate it if you would tell him how much you like the things he does for you. He works hard to see that you have good clothes and the things you need. He comes home tired and weary and would like to rest; perhaps you could be a little quiet while he sat in his chair to rest. I always taught my children to go meet their father when he came home from work and he appreciated it very much. They generally wanted to carry his lunch pail in the house for him. The little things you do for father all through the years mean so much to him. Won't you try to remember that?

I would like to say I have a wonderful father. He is now 75 and I do pray the Lord to spare him to us a long time. I'm sure some of you know him. He is Bro. Pruitt. He is so kind and good to all of us and everyone he meets. Most of all, I'm glad he and my precious mother taught me to love the Lord. I want to live so I can meet my mother in glory some day as she has gone there before us.

Jacob, whose name had been changed to Israel had twelve sons and one daughter. He had two sons by Rachel, his wife for whom he had worked fourteen years. Israel loved Joseph, her first son, more than all the others, especially since

he and his brother were the youngest of all the children. Israel very foolishly showed his love for Joseph by making him a coat of many colors which was a long coat. Others wore a coat to their knees, but this was longer. This was a very unwise thing for Israel to do as it made his brothers hate him. We hope your parents treat all of you alike, but if they don't we trust you will be kind and loving just the same.

Be sure and remember the dreams that Joseph had, as we will find they came true later. Most dreams do not mean anything but sometimes the Lord will give a dream. It was unwise for Joseph to tell his dream because it made his brothers more jealous of him.

Notice in our lesson how jealousy caused hatred and hatred caused an awful deed. They sold Joseph when he came to see about their welfare. Then notice the brothers had to lie to cover up their wickedness. That is the way the devil works to get people to do wrong. Let each one watch their heart and keep out jealousy. Be glad when others are favored or are specially blessed. The Bible says to "rejoice with those that rejoice." May the Lord bless each one of you to put these truths in practice.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 11, June 16, 1957

Joseph, a Favorite Son

Printed Portion:

Gen. 37:3-8, 23-24, 28, 31-34

3. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors.

4. And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and

he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7. For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

23. And it came to pass when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him;

24. And they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

28. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.

31. And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood;

32. And they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

23. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

Memory Verse: Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32.

Central Thought: One sin leads to another sin, when people serve the devil.

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Part Twelve

June 23

Our Great Lord

The Lord is my King,
The Lord is my Shepherd;
The Lord is my Friend,
The Lord is my Helper.
The Lord is my Comfort,
The Lord is my stay;
The Lord is my Refuge,
The Lord is my way.
The Lord is my Buckler,
The Lord is my rod;
The Lord is my Doctor,
The Lord is my God.
The Lord is my Strength,
The Lord is my life;
The Lord is my Rock,
The Lord is my Light.
The Lord is my Shield,
The Lord is my Guide;
The Lord is my All,
And I'm the Lord's Bride.
—Mrs. Effie Miller.

A Firm Decision

In a large boarding school two boys from different towns, and strangers to each other, were compelled by circumstances to occupy a room together. It was the beginning of the term, and the

two students spent the first day in arranging their room and getting acquainted. When night came, the younger of the two boys asked the other if he did not think it would be a good idea to close the day with a short reading from the Bible and a prayer. The request was modestly made without cant of any kind. The other boy, however, bluntly refused to listen to the proposal.

"Then you will have no objections if I pray by myself, I suppose?" said the younger. "It has always been my custom, and I wish to keep it up."

"I don't want any praying in this room, and I won't have it!" retorted his companion. The younger boy rose slowly; walking to the middle of the room, and standing upon a seam in the carpet which divided the room nearly equally, he said quickly:

"Half of this room is mine. You may choose which half you will have. I will take the other, and I will pray in that half or have another room. But pray I will, whether you consent or refuse."

The older boy was instantly conquered. To this day he admires the sturdy independence which claimed as a right what he had boorishly denied as a privilege.—Arnold's Commentary.

Ned And Jane

"Come, children, called Mother, "it is time to have prayer before bed time."

"I want to play a little longer," Jane said in a pleading voice, "it is so pretty outside."

"You have played long enough for this time," said Mother, "we want to have plenty of time to pray and talk about Jesus."

"Say, Mother, won't you tell us a story?" asked Ned.

"All right, if you will hurry. Be sure and wash your hands before coming into the living room. Brush off your clothes before coming into the house," Mother told Ned as she saw grass on his clothes.

"I hope Mother will tell us a story about how Jesus answered somebody's prayer," Ned said to Jane as he brushed his clothes off and hurried into the bathroom to wash.

"I do, too," said Jane.

Mother heard the children talking, and she began to think what she could tell them. She then thought of what she had heard a few days before of how God had answered a little boy's prayer. Soon the children were ready and Mother began her story.

"This true story is about a man who lived many years ago. This man had bought a house and lot for one hundred pounds. He had to pay this money back a little at a time. But before he had paid all of it, he died. Now his poor wife and son did not know what they would do, for they had to finish paying for the home or they would lose it. They worked hard and finally they raised the remaining ten pounds that they owed on their home. How happy the mother and son were as they took the money and went to see the man from

whom the money had been borrowed. The man told them that he would have to have the receipts that had been given, to prove that ninety pounds had been paid.

"With a sad heart the Mother and son went home. The mother did not know where her husband had put them. They looked and looked, but could not find them. Finally the son suggested that they ask Jesus to help them find the receipts. So they prayed about it. As they arose from their knees a firefly darted into the window, wheeled around the room, and then settled down under an old chest of drawers. The little boy chased it and then pulled the chest out a little so he could catch the firefly. As he moved the chest, the papers fell down on the floor. How happy they were to find them. They felt that an angel from heaven could not have revealed it more successfully than did the firefly."

"What is a firefly?" asked Jane. "We called them lightning bugs when I was a little girl," said Mother. "I wish I could see one. Did they pay for their house?" said Ned.

"Yes, they paid the rest of the money and the receipts showed that all had been paid. The Lord was good to them," said Mother. —M. Miles

Working for Jesus

A missionary came to campmeeting one time and Leota heard him tell about the great need for teachers in the islands where he had been, and how happy the children were when he gave them little pictures of Jesus. After the meeting, Leota began to save all the Sunday School cards and other pictures of Jesus she could get. She was soon able to send a box of

them far across the water to the missionary for the children.

Jesus said to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Leota was too young to go as a missionary, but she loved to work for Jesus, so she did what she could. If you love Jesus, you can work for Him. Talk to Him in prayer and ask Him what you can do. He will give you something to do and also help you to do it, for Jesus dearly loves little children, and especially willing workers.

—V. F.

Our Trials

Our trials may be of the kind

That make us fret and cry;

But we should never stubborn be,

Nor ask the reason why.

God lets them come to us to make

Us lovely, pure, and kind,

And if we thank him for them all,

Sweet joy in Him we'll find.

Our trials are to make us pray,

And ask our Father dear.

To help us bear them patiently,

The little while we're here.

—Sunbeams.

Be faithful: God will give grace for every trial and deliverance will come.

SENSING DANGER

Scientists tell us that ants will leave their nests, taking their babies with them, twenty-four hours before a forest fire sweeps over their nests. Also rabbits with burrows made in low-lying ground will leave long before a flood occurs. By some peculiar power that God has given them, they sense the coming danger and flee from it.

We should ask God to help us sense the dangers of sin, and then flee from them.

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Search Question

Who killed a giant with 24 fingers and toes?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Lahmi, 1 Chron. 20:5.

Dear Boys and Girls:

We do trust the Lord is blessing each one of you and keeping you saved. You want to pray often to the Lord. He will help you. You also must watch. Watch your actions and your words that they be like Jesus. If you do something wrong, ask the Lord to forgive you right then, don't wait. Just keep everything clear. The Lord will bless you if you will do this.

If you are ordering by the quarter it is time for you to order again. When you find an expiration blank in your papers you will know your year is up and you should fill it out and send it in so you will continue to receive the paper.

You remember in our last lesson that Joseph's brothers sold him into Egypt. I'm sure his heart was very sad but yet he had God with him and now he knew that he must look to Him to help him in this strange land. He was only seventeen years old, and his father wept much, thinking he was dead. The brothers thought they were surely forever through

with Joseph, but they did not know that by their selling him it would bring great honor and wealth to him.

A man by the name of Potiphar bought him. Joseph was a good servant and worked hard. He was advanced and finally became Potiphar's right hand man, taking care of all his business. But one day Potiphar's wife told a lie on him and Potiphar believed her and had Joseph put in jail. What an awful thing to do. There are boys and girls today who have to suffer because someone has told lies on them. That is awful. But remember those who do such things will be punished by God for God knows all things. You can't do wrong and get by. But God stood by Joseph and in prison we find Joseph busy trying to help those around him. He didn't just cry and feel sorry for himself, because he knew he had not done wrong and he knew God would not have permitted it unless some good would come from it. Surely Joseph was a wonderful man.

One day the chief butler thought of Joseph when the king had a dream and no one could interpret it. He remembered how Joseph had told him what his dream meant and it had come true when he was in prison. God helped Joseph to tell the king that his dream meant there would be seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. The king appointed Joseph to take care of the grain. It truly is wonderful how God worked out Joseph's problems. He will do that for all of His trusting children.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 12, June 16, 1957

Joseph in a Strange Land

Printed Portion: Gen. 39:20-23, 41:14-16
Gen. 41:46-49

20. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he

was there in the prison.

21. But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with him, and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

41:14. Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

15. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

16. And Joseph answered Pharaoh saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.

46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.

47. And in the seven plentiful years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

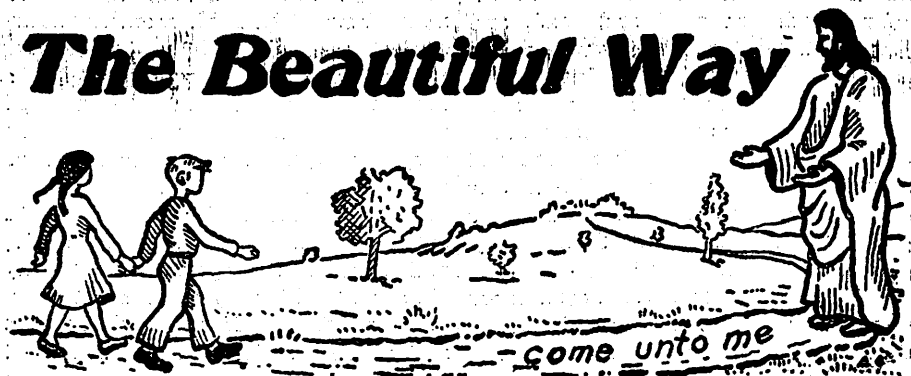
48. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

49. And Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it was without number.

Memory Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Ps. 107:1.

Central Thought: God will cause that which was meant for evil to turn into good if we trust God.

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Part Thirteen

June 30

Joseph

Twelve sons were born to Jacob,
But he loved Joseph best;
And when he loved and favored him,
The brothers were distressed.

When they heard of Joseph's dreams,
Their hearts were filled with hate.
They wanted to destroy him,
And for the chance did wait.

Then one day they took Joseph
Oh, shame! as slave they sold him!
He was torn from home and friends,
But God's love did enfold him.

To Egypt he was taken
And sold to captain guard,
Who saw that God was with him
And made his work not hard.

He was thrown in jail unjustly,
But God was with him there;
He told the meaning of some dreams,
Was made a ruler fair.

When his beloved homeland
Was hit by famine sore;
His brothers came to Egypt
And bought from Joseph's store.

His loving heart forgave them;
For well he understood
That though they meant to harm him,
God worked it for his good.

God wants us, just like Joseph,
To lovingly forgive,
When others hurt or wrong us,
Then blessings He will give.

—Leslie Busbee

Return Good for Evil

Leota was about nine years old when she gave her heart to Jesus and was baptized. She loved Jesus very much and wanted to obey His commandments (which are in the Bible). She liked very much to go to Sunday School and all the other meetings. At prayer meeting she would tell what Jesus had done for her.

When Leota was ten years old she had scarlet fever. Her mother put her in a room to herself and was very careful to keep her two younger brothers from taking it. They were quarantined, so her father had to stay at a neighbor's home.

Even though no one could come to see them, they all had a good time

together. Leota had a book of St. John which she read and read, and learned the songs that were in the back of the book. She learned to embroider doilies while her mother read Bible stories to her. Her mother would then go into another room and read to the boys. One day Leota was real sick, but as they all read God's promises and believed them, they prayed and God healed her.

Because Leota loved Jesus there were some things she would not do that other children did, so two little girls at school became very mean to her. She told her mother when she went home for lunch and she and her mother knelt down and prayed for those girls, because Jesus said to "pray for them which despitefully use you." She asked Jesus to help her to be kind to them. Jesus always answers prayers like that; so Leota found different ways to be kind to those girls.

After awhile it was Christmas time. On Christmas Eve they heard someone call, "Leota." She went to see who called, and soon she came in with a nice gift. Her mother desired to know who had given her such a nice gift. She said, "Mama, do you remember the two girls we used to pray for who were so mean to me? They gave me this gift. They are two of my best friends now." By returning good for evil, she had won their love.

—Aunt Vera

Be Kind

Children, if God has permitted you to have a pet—bird, cat, or dog—be kind to it. God surely is not pleased for one to mistreat a pet. Pets cannot talk and tell their troubles, likes, or dislikes as you can. In fact, you should be kind to all dumb an-

imals and feathered songsters. God made them. The Bible mentions sparrows.

One time while living on my Dad's farm in Minnesota, my nephew, 12 years old, was sent to us. He was very unruly, and his parents hoped we could help him. One day he came into the house and said to me, "I catch flies and tear their legs off; and I killed the sparrows with my sling shot." I kindly explained to him how the flies suffered without legs and asked him how he would feel if someone treated him that way. (It is good to kill flies, but not torture them.) I told him not to shoot the birds that keep the worms and insects out of our vegetables, etc. He listened and heeded what I said. He had confidence in me.

Later in years he visited us again. He came into the kitchen where I was busy. He was smoking a cigarette, but I didn't say anything. He said, "I wish I hadn't started this." I advised him to ask Jesus to help him get rid of the habit.

—Amelia Smith

God is for us—who can wrong

Those who have a Friend so strong?
When in danger, when in need,
He's a present help indeed.

Teach Me Thy Way

"Oh, Mother, I wish someone would help me with these Arithmetic problems. They don't come out right at all," said Mary.

"Why don't you ask Orville to help you with them?"

"I did try to teach her, Mother, but each time I tried to tell her what step to take, she would say it wasn't necessary and that she thought she could

solve it another way, so I just left her alone."

"But I did get close to the answer by using another method. It was almost right. I was only off a few dollars," replied Mary.

"Oh, I could have guessed at the answer and made a mistake of a few dollars without even working it out step by step; but I know your teacher won't stand for anything like that."

"All right then, Orville, I'll listen to you. You're so exact," said Mary.

"That's the only way you can work Arithmetic problems, by being exact, Mary. You'll find that out."

"Children, you make me think of the Christian experience of some folks. They want the Lord to teach them the way to go, so He sends ministers along to tell them. Right away they start taking short cuts by saying some things are not necessary: 'Oh, we don't have to do this or do that to be saved.' But living for the Lord is like solving Arithmetic problems. You have to go exactly according to the Bible in order to receive the correct answer (a crown of life)."

"I trust none of you children will leave any of the steps out, for if you do, you'll be disappointed in the end."

—O. A. Davenport

Our life is like a summer day,
Youth is the morning bright and gay;
And if it's spent in God's own way,
We meet old age without dismay.
And life is sweet at last.

Search Question

In what kind of a tree does the Bible say the stork makes her nest?

Answer To Last Week's Question

Jonathan the son of Shimes,

1 Chron. 20:6, 7

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"If ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Mark 11:26

Dear Boys and Girls:

It is a wonderful true story about Joseph. I hope all of you who can read have read the account in the Bible. It surely should make you know without a doubt that God's care will be over you if you will trust Him wherever you are. He loves you as much as He did Joseph.

The famine that raged in that day reached down to the home of Joseph's brothers. They heard about the grain that was being sold in Egypt. Joseph knew his brothers would come to buy grain. Men from each caravan that came to buy grain from a distance, were inspected. Joseph had suffered much and how do you think he would feel when he saw his brothers? I'm sure he wondered if they were the same cruel, heartless men that sold him. One day he saw some men and he recognized them to be his brothers. He decided to test them to see what kind of men they were. He put his cup in Benjamin's sack and after they started out he sent after them to take Benjamin as a thief. When he found the brothers were not willing to go on and leave Benjamin he felt sure they had changed. Their plea was to spare Benjamin for their father's sake, and of course, Joseph felt the same. (Read

Judah's plea to class. Gen. 44:18-34). This plea touched Joseph's heart. He commanded the room to be cleared of outsiders and made himself known to his brothers. He wept aloud. All of his pent up loneliness was given full control. But alas, his brothers were speechless. In our lesson we read what he told them and calmed their fears. No doubt they thought he would kill all of them, but Joseph forgave them. I'm sure they remembered Joseph's dreams and realized them to be of God. Joseph did not remind them of their cruelty to him but spares them and tells them that it was God who sent him to Egypt. This was true, yet God did not inspire their wicked deeds and that they very well knew.

Joseph was especially concerned about his father's welfare and made provisions for all of them to live in the land of Goshen so he could care for them. Joseph wept and fell upon Benjamin's neck and kissed him. He kissed all of his brothers and talked with them.

Later when they returned he was so happy to see his father but after his father's death, seventeen years later, his brothers came to Joseph and fell down before him and said, "We are your slaves." (Gen. 50:15-18) But Joseph reassured them that he forgave them but I'm sure as long as they lived they felt sorry they had done wrong. Let us be careful what we do. —Aunt Marie

Lesson 13, June 30, 1957

Joseph Shows Forgiveness

Printed Portion: Gen. 45:3-15

3. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence.

4. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph

your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt.

5. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

9. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not:

10. And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast:

11. And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12. And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck.

15. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

Memory Verse: Forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors. Matt. 6:12.

Central Thought: Be sure your sins will be found out.