

# The Beautiful Way



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Part One

January 4

## Believe And Receive

A little boy afflicted sore  
With what a devil gave,  
Was brought to Jesus who before  
Showed pow'r to heal and save.

The father, doubtful, said to Him,  
"If you can do things well,  
Please have sweet mercy on us now,  
For he's in need, I tell."

But Jesus said, "If thou'lt believe,  
All things are thine today."

The father cried for to receive,  
"Take now my doubts away."

And Jesus, when it was enough,  
He healed the little boy.  
We hope that father found by that  
Salvation's golden joy.

—Leslie Busbee.

## One Who Lived By Faith

It is doubtful if any Christian ever existed who lived by faith day by day to a greater extent than George Muller, who during part of his long life was caring for two thousand orphans in his famous orphanages at Bristol, England, and daily trusting God for

the needed supplies. The background of that faith lay in an entire and full surrender of his heart and life to God in 1829, four years after he became a Christian. Sixty-six years later he said concerning that experience: "Honors, pleasures, money my physical powers, my mental powers, all were laid at the feet of Jesus, and I became a great lover of the Word of God. My faith is not merely exercised regarding temporal things, but regarding everything." He read the Bible entirely through on his knees one hundred times. His example of consecration and devotion and faith has been an inspiration to many.

Mr. Muller, after going from Germany to England, felt divinely called to undertake the task of caring for orphans who had neither father nor mother. There were many such in those days, and their condition was pitiable. While reading the Bible on his knees he was deeply moved by the declaration in Psalm 68:5 that God is "a father of the fatherless." That declaration became the basis of all his work for the fatherless. In the many hours of need his argument

before God, respecting the orphans, was this: "He is their Father, and therefore has pledged himself, as it were, to provide for them; and I only have to remind him of the need of these poor children to have it supplied in any way he will."

And God did supply those needs, often in remarkable ways in the nick of time. Late in his life he said that even when he was feeding two thousand daily by faith in his five orphan houses, never was any meal more than thirty minutes late. He even had the experience of giving thanks for the food when they sat down with the children to an empty table but it was provided just in time. It was a fundamental policy with him never to go in debt for anything. The five orphanages themselves, built of stone, with over seventeen hundred windows, cost over half a million dollars, which was a lot of money in England a century ago. But the funds were supplied.

The story of gifts sent in makes interesting reading. Here are two samples. A gold watch was sent in with the note: "A pilgrim does not want such a watch as this to make him happy; one of an inferior kind will show him how swiftly time flies, and how fast he is hastening on to that Canaan where time will be no more." One man gave up smoking and at the end of the year sent \$100.00 the amount he had saved by not using tobacco.

—Sel.

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## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Seven

"Freely ye have received, freely give"

There were some marked changes in Tim Lewis which surprised his family. Each morning he built the fire, drew

a fresh pail of water, and filled the box with wood. These were like drops of honey to the tired mother's heart who labored hard to make a living for the family. Now and then Tim awkwardly patted his father's pillow as he lingered to ask how he was. This was new and delightful to the invalid father and he thought much about it.

One Sunday morning Tim read in his Bible, "Freely ye have received, freely give." He wondered what he could give as he looked out the window. Katie opened the kitchen door below him and pumped a bucket of water. Was there something he could give her? He shook his head. He had nothing to give her. Then he thought, "Perhaps it would be the same if he could help her get something. Could he coax her to go to Sunday school? Then she could learn about Jesus."

Then Satan came with such thoughts as, "She doesn't have a decent dress to wear. Everybody would laugh at her and at you. I don't believe she would go if you would ask her."

Then the Lord spoke, "Wouldn't you risk a laugh for the sake of getting her to Sunday school?"

"Yes, I will," said Tim, as he went downstairs. He lingered in the kitchen not knowing just what to say. Tim did not know it, but Katie had been thinking about going, herself. Then she asked, "Tim, I suppose they sing at Sunday school?"

"Oh, yes, they do, and it sounds grand. Don't you want to go and hear it?"

"I suppose so. I'm tired of staying at home." To Tim's delight she put on her bonnet and went with him to Sunday school.

Katie was sent to Miss Harley's class where the other girls were more

nicely dressed. Tim sat in the mission class for boys. Bro. Holbrook asked of Tim, "Edward, you intend to come regularly, don't you?"

"Yes sir."

"Then you may come to my class and leave your place in the mission class for someone else."

Tim was happy. He followed Bro. Holbrook to his class. When he saw the seats full of boys and Ellis Holbrook on the end, his face reddened. He was the boy who but a few days ago had told a lie about him (so Tim thought) and caused him to be punished. He did not feel like he could sit by him even in Sunday school. Ellis moved over and finally Tim sat down beside him with a great conflict going on within his heart.

—To be continued—

## **SNOWFLAKES**

A great engine goes dashing along the railroad track, plowing its way against the wind, going straight toward a given place. But tiny snowflakes steadily falling on the track, may grow into a heap that will bring the monster train to a standstill.

One tiny snowflake cannot do much. But big snowbanks, made up of many tiny flakes, can do a great deal.

One young Christian, alone, cannot do a great deal to set the world right. But many Christians working together, day after day, will do much. Let us each do our part. —Sel.

## **Search Question**

What was the value of the curious arts and books that were burned at Ephesus?

Answer To Last Week's Question  
Zibiah of Beersheba. 11 Chron. 24:1

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**Help me this new year  
To love Thee and to fear  
Your Word to disobey  
Each hour of every day.**

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Dear boys and girls,

The Lord has permitted us to live to see the year 1959. A new year is before us. Can we think of some mistakes we made last year? Let us try to be careful that we do not make those same mistakes this year. Let us pray more and be more careful. Prayer changes things. When the devil comes hard against us we can use that weapon of prayer. This morning while I was getting dinner one of the girls that works here in the office came through the kitchen and said, "I'm using my weapon of prayer. This is the third time I have had to pray this morning, asking God to give me victory over the devil that is trying to make me feel badly over something that was said to me but I have the victory now." I said, "Praise the Lord, we can have the victory through Jesus Christ." So boys and girls, you too use your weapon of prayer and also keep up the shield of faith. When we pray we must believe that God will do for us what we ask. Jesus is looking for faith.

In our lesson today a father brought his son to Jesus to be healed. The son was deaf, dumb, and demon possessed. The father said, "If thou canst . . ." Sometimes we pray to the Lord to do things with a doubt, wondering if He can do it or not, just as the father did. Jesus saw that doubt in the father and said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to them that believe." Jesus is interested in our faith and we should be also. The father saw his lack of faith and cried out with tears, "I believe, help thou mine unbelief." Jesus did help him and gave him more faith and his son was healed.

One boy prayed, "Dear Lord, please give me the job I asked for today. I believe you will give it to me and I thank you for it right now." Later the boy was asked if he thought he would get the job and he said, "Yes, I prayed and asked the Lord to give it to me."

Another boy prayed, "Dear Lord, give me the job I asked for today. I know you can." Later when he was asked if he thought he would get the job he said, "I don't know if I'll get it or not."

Which boy had faith? Which one do you think got the job he asked for? What is wrong with the second boy? Which boy was like the father of the son in our lesson when he asked?

I happened to know the first boy got the job he had prayed about. He had faith and didn't doubt. It means more than asking for something. We must ask with faith to receive.

—Aunt Marie

Lesson 1, January 4, 1959

## JESUS HEALS A SICK BOY

Mark 9:17-29

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;

18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child.

22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; inasmuch that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Memory Verse: All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23.

Central Truth: Unusual results may be expected when faith in God is strong.

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## Two Kinds Of Riches

Unto Jesus came a man

Who was rich with earthly store,  
And he asked to understand  
How to gain life evermore.

Jesus said to keep the law;  
But the man quickly replied,  
"From a child I've kept it all,  
What lack I yet?" he cried.

Jesus answered him in love,  
That caused deep sadness there;  
"Sell all you have, find wealth above  
Take up thy cross and bear."

Then he turned away and went,  
For his riches were his joy;  
He lost the gold from heav'n sent,  
That nothing could destroy.

—Leslie Busbee.

## "Lost Treasures"

"Come, Mamie, darling," said Mrs. Peterson, "before you go into the land of dreams you will kneel at my knee and thank your heavenly Father for what He has given you today."

Mamie came slowly toward her

mother, and said, "I've been very naughty, and I can't pray, Mamma."  
"If you've been naughty dear, that is the more reason that you need to pray."

"But, Mamma, I don't think God wants little girls to come to Him when they are naughty."

"You are not naughty now, my dear, are you?"

"No, I am not naughty now."

"Well, then, come at once."

"What shall I say to God about it, Mamma?"

"You can tell God how sorry you are."

"What difference will that make?"

"When we have told God that we are sorry, and when He has forgiven us, then we are as happy as if we had not done wrong; but we cannot undo the mischief."

"Then, Mamma, I can never be quite as rich as if I had not had a naughty hour today."

"Never, my dear; but the thought of your loss may help you to be more careful in the future, and we will ask God to keep you from sinning against Him again."

—Unknown.

# Tim And His Lamp

## Part Eight

The lesson this Sunday morning was about Christ's death on the cross and as Tim listened, hard thoughts began to die out. It touched his heart.

When the class was dismissed Bro. Holbrook enquired of Tim what was disturbing him. Tim explained, "Ellis said I threw a paper wad and Mr. Burrows punished me and I did not do it."

"Are you sure, Edward?"

"Yes sir."

"Edward, have you always spoken the truth? Is your word to be believed?"

Tim's eyes fell. "I've told many stories but this one truly isn't."

"I believe you, Edward. Ellis was mistaken. But I see you are angry with him. Can't you get over that?"

Tim shook his head. "He got me whipped for nothing, sir."

"What if Christ had followed that rule and forgave only those who treated him well. Would you be forgiven today?"

This was a new thought to Tim and it made him silent.

Bro. Holbrook began turning the pages of Tim's Bible. "Let me show you what the lamp says about it."

Tim read, "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

"Trespasses means sins," explained Bro. Holbrook. He thought it best to say no more but pray for Tim.

Tim joined Katie and they walked home. Katie had not enjoyed the Sunday school for she was poorly dressed and one of the girls made fun of her bonnet and old shoes.

When Bro. Holbrook reached home he called Ellis. "What is this trouble about in school with Edward Lewis?"

No trouble, Father. Tim threw a paper wad as he is always doing and Mr. Burrows asked me if I knew who threw it. Of course I had to tell him, and Tim didn't like it."

"Ellis, did you see him throw it?"

"Yes sir."

"Are you positive?"

"Yes—why that is, I glanced up just in time to see it whiz and it came from Tim's direction and his hand was raised so I supposed he threw it. I thought a minute ago I knew he did."

"Could some one near him have thrown it?"

"Yes, Alex Palmer might have thrown it."

"Ellis, I believe you were mistaken. I don't think Edward lied this time. I'll tell you why. He has given his heart to Jesus and is trying to please him. Now I want you to think of this. Edward Lewis, who has never been taught anything good has given his heart to Jesus and my boy, for whom I have prayed every day, has not."

Watch for more of "Tim and His Lamp" in later issues

## Precious Blood

Do you know what the word "precious" means? Perhaps your mother has called you "precious." If she has, it is because you are very dear and valuable to her.

The Bible speaks of the "precious Blood" of Jesus. Blood is very valuable to all of us, but perhaps most of you children have never thought of it that way. We could not live without blood. But the blood of Jesus is precious to us as well as it was to him. It meant death for Jesus to shed His Blood for us; but it meant life for us. It was His great love that caused Him to do it

When we remember this, the Blood of Jesus truly is precious to us, isn't it? It makes us happy to know that it is His Blood that saves us from our sins. But in order to have Jesus' Blood save and cleanse us from our sins, we must really believe that it was shed for us. Do you believe? There is a song that says, "Jesus' blood can make the vilest sinner clean." If you truly believe from the depth of your heart, then Jesus' blood makes your heart clean and you do not do sinful things any more. —Sel.

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### 'You Have Something'

Brother P— who worked at the shops had been telling the men who worked with him about Christian living. They seemed to think very little about him or his religion.

One day while working Brother P— smashed his finger very badly. He never said a word, outwardly, but just clasped it with his other hand and soon continued his work. He later asked the saints to pray.

The next day when he returned to work one of the men that worked with him replied, "You have something," speaking of his religion. He said that he had watched him when he was hurt and noticed that he didn't become the least bit upset. He also told him that another man who professed to be a Christian was hurt but he lost his temper and used vile language.

By being an example, Brother P— did more good than all the talk he could have done.

Others are watching our lives when we are least expecting, so it pays to have Christ on the inside of us instead of just on our lips. O. A. D.

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### Search Question

How high did the quails stand around the camp of Israel?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Acts 19:19.

Dear boys and girls,

Do you think you would be happy if you had riches in this world? If you had been Solomon, whom the Lord told to ask anything whatever he wanted, and it would be given him, would you have asked for riches? Solomon was very wise. He knew that riches would not make him happy or help him in his problem. He asked that he could know what was right and what was wrong. This pleased the Lord and He gave him great wisdom and also riches.

One little boy who was the king's son, was sitting on the steps of the castle, crying. Someone asked him what was the matter. "Don't you have everything you could wish for?" He said, "That is the trouble. There isn't anything else to wish for." Riches alone will never make you happy. Rich people have to live with themselves. If their hearts are not right with God they still feel troubled in their minds' and hearts. The rich man who came to Jesus was not happy, was he?

He felt a lack in his soul. Riches had not filled that lack. He wanted to know what to do to be saved and be ready to die. Jesus told him, but he was not willing to do that. When he came, Jesus looked at him and could tell he was a good man. Jesus loved him because he tried to do right and live right but that did not make him ready for heaven. He must accept Jesus as his Saviour and leave all and follow Him. He could not love the world, his riches, and himself and have eternal life.

One girl said to another, "Are you saved and ready for heaven?"

"What do you mean?" asked the girl.

"You can't go to heaven unless you confess your sins and ask Jesus to forgive you. Have you done that?"

"Why I don't do any sinning?"

"Don't you ever tell a lie?"

"No."

"Didn't you ever take a nickel or penny that didn't belong to you?"

"No."

"Well, do you love Jesus and pray to Him, thanking Him for blessings and asking Him to help you to please Him?"

"We-l-l, N-o-o."

"Just being good won't take you to heaven. You must give Him your heart and ask Him to forgive you for not loving Him. Ask Jesus to write your name in the book of life. You must believe He does that and then you will be saved and be ready for heaven."

"Oh, I'm so glad you told me that. I thought if I would just be good I would be ready for heaven."

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 2, January 11, 1959

JESUS TALKS TO A RICH MAN

Mark 10:17-27

17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and

kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved?

27 And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible.

Memory Verse: The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. Luke 18:27.

Central Truth: Jesus wants our hearts and then He will have all we have.



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Part Three

January 18

## Others, Yes, Others

Dear children listen as we tell  
Of how to happy be;  
Think of others, do them well,  
Let them your kindness see.

Just think in all you say and do,  
There's others in the way;  
Faithful be so kind and true  
To all you meet today.

Someone else may be in need,  
So help all whom you can;  
An act of love will cheer indeed  
A helpless falling man.

—Leslie Busbee.

## Holding The Fort

While Genie was walking slowly down the street one day, she heard an odd rapping on the pavement behind her. Looking around she saw Rod Grey hobbling on crutches. "Why, what is the matter?" cried Genie. "I haven't seen you for a week, and now you are walking in that way."

"I shall have to walk in this way as much as a week longer, Genie. I

sprained my ankle by stopping too quick--no, not too quick, either, for there was something in my way."

"What was it?" asked Genie.

"One of the commandments," replied Rob. "You remember how that lecturer talked to us about 'holding the fort'? Well, I thought I should like to do it, but it's a pretty long war, you know—all a lifetime, and no vacations—furlough, I think they call them."

"If there was nothing to fight, we should not need to be soldiers," said Genie.

"Well, I thought I would try; but the first day, when we came out of the schoolhouse, Jack Lee snatched my books out of my hand, and threw them into the mud.

"I started after him as fast as I could run. I meant to throw him where he had thrown the books, when all of a sudden, I thought of the commandment about returning good for evil.

I stopped short—so short, that, somehow, my foot twisted under me. So, you see, it was one of the commandments."

"If one must stumble at them, it is a good thing to fall on the right side," said Genie, with a wise nod of her head.

"The whole thing puzzles me, and makes me feel—well, like giving it up," said Rob. "It might have served me right when I was chasing Jack; but when I thought of the commandment, I really tried to do the right thing."

"You did do it," said Genie. "You 'held the fort' that time. Why, don't you see—you are only a wounded soldier."

"I never thought of that," said Rob. "If I believe that way—" He began to whistle, and limped off to school without finishing the sentence. But Genie knew, by the way he behaved that day, that he had made up his mind to hold the fort. —sel.

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## OUR FAMILY HOUR

"Mother, can you think of any brave men that were not afraid to trust God when it seemed as though it would mean trouble for them?" asked James.

"We are to bring in the names of four for our Bible study Sunday evening. They do not have to be Bible characters, but it is all right if they are."

"Oh, I know one," replied Janice. "Abraham. God told him to offer up his only son. Now to me that certainly seemed an unwise thing to do, but he made the preparation and he did not even have to do it. He believed in God."

"There was Daniel too. I should think he was very courageous. You know something about him, don't you James?"

"Oh, yes, when those evil men had King Darius to sign a decree saying

that whosoever prayed or asked a favor of any God or man except of him for thirty days would be punished, Daniel just kept right on obeying God by praying with his window open towards Jerusalem. That certainly took a lot of courage but Daniel remembered that they were to pray this way and continued to do so even though his life was endangered. But God was right there to deliver him."

"When we talk about these men I feel real brave but when it is my time to be courageous it seems a little different. I supposed I should think of them more often," replied Janice.

"All right, children, we have talked about Abraham and Daniel, can either of you tell me a time when you were brave and were not afraid to do what the Lord wanted you to do?" asked Mother.

"This wasn't very great but I surely felt good after it was over. A group of us boys were walking to school. It was rather early so one of them stopped at the store and bought some candy cigarettes and passed them around. The rest of the boys put them in their mouths as though they were real ones. I didn't even take one so they laughed at me and called me a coward. It didn't matter too much for I could hear you saying as you did in our devotion, 'Shun all the appearance of evil.'"

"That was a brave act, my son. The devil wanted you to think it was all right. It was only candy but there was an evil connected with it. We could go on and on, children, but I believe that is enough for tonight. Good-night children. —O. A. D.

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## A Dog

In Africa in 1957, a missionary's boy, Dennis, heard his dog barking

furiously. He looked and saw it fighting with a huge mamba snake, which is very poisonous. The dog protected Dennis, and another boy who was playing with him, from the snake until the father could come with a gun and shoot it. When the parents had time to look at the dog they found two little marks on the end of its nose which were bleeding. In spite of all they could do for the dog it died in forty-five minutes. How do you think Dennis felt? That dog gave up its life in protecting those boys from death. And likewise Christ in giving up His life for many in a far more wonderful way protected us from eternal death. Surely He deserves our love and service as long as we live.

—Arnold's Com.

Won't You Give Your Heart To Jesus?

## Children Tell Jesus

I have five children in my little family, ranging from six years to fourteen years. Little Nancy seems to rely upon Jesus for every little thing. Nancy is seven and in the second grade at school. She studies hard and gets a little star every day for being a good reader. But there are some words she can't remember well. She says, "When I can't think, Mama, I just pray and Jesus causes me to remember."

How often does Jesus want us to come to him in child-like faith, believing that He can do the works great or small?

Kathy, who is six, has had afflictions and trials, and God has answered prayer. Patty, too, has had bad afflictions, but God has healed her. She says God has helped her in her school work too. Our two boys have heard from God.

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Little children, boys and girls, pray for the five Melvin children, that they do God's will and live to please Him.

—Sister Edith Melvin.

## Search Question

Where in the Bible does it tell of Moses being the meekest man that was upon the face of the earth?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Two cubits high. Numbers 11:31.

Dear boys and girls,

Two of Jesus' disciples thought they would get ahead of the others and ask for themselves a special high place in the kingdom of God. The disciples thought Jesus was going to be a king here on the earth in great glory and they also wanted to be great in the eyes of the people. Jesus had told them just before our lesson that he was going to suffer and die on the cross but they couldn't believe that. They had thought surely he would drive out the Romans, who were ruling over them and be king. They were wrong in their thoughts. Jesus never intended to do this. His kingdom was not of this world but of God. Even in heaven it was not his power to give them what they asked for. God would bestow all the honors upon

those whom he felt deserved it.

The other disciples felt bad to think that James and John would try to be first and get ahead of them. But Jesus called them together and explained to them how to be great. Do you want to be great? Then you want to be a servant of all. There is a joy in doing this that you won't find in any other way. Selfishness and thinking of ourselves will never bring happiness.

A family was riding along the highway in a car. The children said they were very hungry, as it had been some time since they had eaten. The daddy stopped at a fruit stand on the highway and bought some apples. As he came toward the car, the children ran toward him. John said, "Give me one first." "No, I want one first," said Alice. Little Nancy was pushed down by the older children trying to get to Daddy first and reaching for the sack.

Did John and Alice act right? Were they selfish? Don't you think little Nancy probably was more hungry than the older ones since her stomach was smaller? Wouldn't it have been nicer if Alice and John had helped little Nancy along and said, "Give her one first?" What do you think Jesus thought about all of them?

I'm sure Alice and John had the same sort of spirit as James and John, wanting to be first and have the high places. Jesus wasn't pleased with James and John and corrected them. Jesus can give us a different attitude or spirit and cause us to want to put others first, can't He?  
—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 3, January 18, 1959

## LETTING OTHERS BE FIRST

Mark 10:35-45

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master,

we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire.

36 And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you?

37 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

38 But Jesus said unto them, ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

40 But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared.

41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John.

42 But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

43 But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

44 And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

45 For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Memory Verse: Whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. Mark 10:44.

Central Thought: The kind of greatness which is real in God's sight is within our reach.

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## What Jesus Said

What Jesus says will always go,  
Whatever it may be;  
What man will say will pass away,  
And never power see.

Jesus has a right to tell  
The people what to do;  
But man alone is able not—  
His word will ne'er go through.

What man has said will surely fall,  
When comes that Judgment Day;  
But Jesus' Word will surely stand:  
Let's follow Him today.  
—Leslie Busbee.

## A Brand Plucked From The Fire

### Story One

When I was young my folks did not understand much what the Bible taught, nor the group they went to meeting with. When we had the ordinances of the Lord's supper it was the custom, at that time, for all to drink freely of wine, brandy, and gin. I can remember when it was customary at funerals, as well as at

weddings, to pass around the decanter and glasses, and sometimes it happened that the pall-bearers could scarcely move out with the coffin. When not handed around, one after another would go to the closet and drink as much as they chose of the liquors they were sure to find there. The officiating clergyman would drink as freely as anyone. My parents kept liquor in the house constantly and every morning sling was made, and the children were given the bottom of the cup, where the sugar and a little of the liquor was left, on purpose for them. It is no wonder, is it, that every one of my mother's children loved the taste of liquor?

One day, when I was but five years of age, I found the blue chest where the black bottle was kept, unlocked (an unusual thing). Raising the lid, I took the bottle, put it to my mouth, and drained it to the bottom. Soon after, the rest of the children, becoming frightened at my actions, ran and told Aunt Giney—an old colored lady living in a part of our house—who sent at once for my mother who was away working. She came in great

haste, and at once pronounced me DRUNK. And so I was, stupidly drunk. They walked with me, and blew tobacco smoke into my face, to bring me to. Sickness, almost unto death followed, but my life was spared by the grace of God to me. I was like a "brand plucked from the burning."

Dear reader, have you innocent children, given you from the hand of God? Children, whose purity rouses all that is holy and good in your nature? Do not, I pray, give to these little ones of God the accursed cup which will send them down to misery and death. Listen to the voice of conscience, the woes of the drunkard, the wailing of poverty-stricken women and children, and touch not the accursed cup. From Sinai come the awful words of Jehovah, "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven."

—Julia A. Foote.

## Touch Not The Cup!

Dear children, with enlightened Christian parents to teach you, how thankful you should be that "from a child you are able to say that you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus." I hope all my young readers will heed the admonition, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," etc. It will save you from a thousand snares to mind religion young. God says, "I love those that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me." Oh, I am glad that we are never too young to pray, or too ignorant or too sinful. The younger, the more welcome. You have nothing to fear, dear children; come right to Jesus.

Why was Adam afraid of the voice of God in the garden? It was not a strange voice; it was a voice he had always loved. Why did he flee away, and hide himself among the trees? It was because he had disobeyed God. Sin makes us fear One so good and so kind. It is a sin for children to disobey their parents. The Bible says: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Dear children, honor your parents by loving and obeying them. If Jesus, the Lord of glory, was subject and obedient to his earthly parents, will you not try to follow his example? Lift up your hearts to the dear, loving Jesus, who, when on earth, took little children in his arms, and blessed them. He will help you, if you pray, "Our Father, which art in heaven, thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, my Saviour, did say, 'Suffer little children to come unto me.' I am a little child, and I come to thee. Draw near to me, I pray thee. Hear me, and forgive any wicked thing I have done, and accept my thanks for the many good gifts thou hast given me. Most of all, I thank thee, dear Father, for the gift of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, who died for me, and for whose sake I pray thee hear my prayer. Amen."

—Julia A. J. Foote.

## The Dying Miner Boy

This story tells about a poor boy who worked in a coal mine in the north of England. The love of God dwelt in his heart and made him careful and obedient. Every night, after his toil was over, he read the Bible to his mother.

At length a terrible accident happened. By a sudden rush of water into the mine all lines with the outer world was cut off for a time, and seventy-five persons, who were at

work inside the pit, died for want of fresh air. This boy and his father were among the number. Another child of the family, named Johnny, who was nearer the mouth of the pit when the water came in, got out. When the bodies of the dead were brought out, a box which the boy had with him in the mine was carried to his mother. What must have been her feelings when she read on the top of the box these words: "Fret not, dear Mother, for we were singing while we had time, and praising God!" The thoughtful and kind boy, amid the darkness of the pit, had written this with a bit of sharp iron to console his mother. On the other side of the box he had also written for his father, who could not write himself, this message: "If Johnny is saved, be a good lad to God and thy Mother."

It pays to be ready to face any danger. Only Jesus can help in a time of such things. Would you have been ready to go had you been in this boy's place?

## FAITH

I'm sure you often hear the remark to have faith in God. Do you know what faith is? Faith means to have a belief or trust in another. You believe in their honesty. In other words if a person says they will do something you believe that they will do just that. If you have faith in your mother, you know that when she tells you she will give you a dime if you will go to town for her, you believe she will give you the dime. If your friend, Jack, comes by and tells you that your mother won't give it to you, you just tell him right back that you know your mother will because she has said so. That is faith or belief in your mother. The same thing

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is with our faith in God. When God says something in His Word we believe it because we trust Him to do just exactly what He says He will do. If we obey God He says He will do for us that which we ask of Him.

## Search Question

Whose foot was crushed against a wall because an angel stood in the way?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Numbers 12:3.

Dear boys and girls,

Did you know that each snowflake is different? Did you know that the lines on each person's fingers are different, each grain of sand is different, and each hair of your head? Don't we have a wonderful God? Man's knowledge is so far below that of our God! The knowledge of the smartest man or all the smartest men put together still does not equal the knowledge of God. We are glad that we are serving such a wonderful God. How glad we are that He will take notice of us. How glad we are that God loved us so much that He made a way that we might go to heaven when we die. We are thankful that God sent Jesus here to die on the cross that we could let Him take our sins when we confess them that we may be ready for heaven. We are glad Jesus was willing.

Many many years ago God began to get people ready for Jesus to come. He knew that man could not understand how to accept Jesus if they were not prepared. God in His great wisdom taught them to offer a pretty, white lamb that did not have one spot on it on an altar that was made out of stones. This lamb would be killed and put on the wood on the altar and then burned. God taught them that when they killed the lamb it stood for the Lamb of God or Jesus who was to come and take away their sins. God would bless them when they would offer the lamb.

One time when Moses was up in the mountain, God told him to make a tent house or tabernacle for God's Spirit to dwell in. He also told him to choose men to take care of the killing of the lamb for the sins of the people. In this house there were two rooms. One was named the Holy place and the other named the Holy of Holies.

Some years later after Moses had died, King Solomon built a temple by the same pattern of the tent house. God's Spirit dwelt there. There was a court around this temple where the people came to worship and to offer the lambs for sacrifices. Twice the temple was destroyed by armies before Jesus came. But before Jesus was born the temple was rebuilt until it was a beautiful structure.

In our lesson today we find that Jesus was displeased with those who bought and sold in the temple. They cheated and were dishonest. It was close to the Passover and many people came into the city to offer sacrifices and had to buy animals and also change their money. I'm sure many of the priests were displeased with this but could do nothing but Jesus drove them out. He said that it was a house of prayer. Jesus has power over all human beings. Jesus wants us to show respect to the place of

prayer. What do you think God thinks if we talk and disturb in the house of prayer?  
—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 4, January 25, 1959

## HOUSE OF PRAYER

Matt. 21:12-13; 23-27

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 moneychangers, 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.

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.

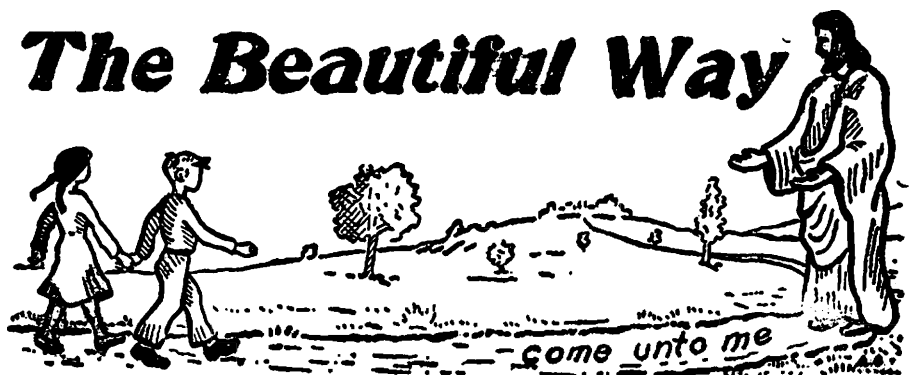
27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

**Memory Verse:** It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer. Matt. 21:13.

**Central Truth:** We want to help make the services in the meeting house what they ought to be.



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February 1

## His Answer

When people talked to Jesus,  
And tried to find some fault,  
His answer always closed their  
mouth,

And turned their word to salt.

No matter how they schemed it,  
They lost out every time;

His answer made them marvel  
much,

His wisdom so sublime.

Dear children, Jesus listens

To all you say today;

I wonder how he'd answer you—

Be careful now, I pray.

—Leslie Busbee.

## A Brand Plucked From The Fire

### Story Two

I do not remember having any distinct religious impression until I was about eight years old. At this time there was a "big meeting," as it was called, held in the church to which my parents belonged. Two of the ministers called at our house; one

had a long beard, such as I had never seen before. He came to me, placed his hand on my head, and asked me if I prayed. I said, "Yes sir," but was so frightened that I fell down on my knees before him and began to say the only prayer I knew, "Now I lay me down to sleep." He lifted me up, saying, "You must be a good girl and pray." He prayed for me long and loud. I trembled with fear, and cried as though my heart would break, for I thought he was the Lord, and I must die. After they had gone, my mother talked with me about my soul more than she ever had before, and told me that this preacher was a good man, but not the Lord; and that, if I were a good girl, and said my prayers, I would go to heaven. This gave me great comfort. I stopped crying, but continued to say, "Now I lay me." A white woman who came to our house to sew, taught me the Lord's prayer. No tongue can tell the joy that filled my poor heart when I could repeat, "Our Father, which art in heaven." It has always seemed to me that I was converted at this time.

When my father had family wor-

ship, which was every Sunday morning, he used to sing,

"Lord, in the morning thou shalt hear  
My voice ascending high."

I took great delight in this worship, and began to have a desire to learn to read the Bible. There were none of our family able to read except my father, who had picked up a little here and there, and who could, by carefully spelling out the words, read a little in the New Testament, which was a great pleasure to him. My father would very gladly have educated his children, but there were no schools where colored children were allowed. One day, when he was reading, I asked him to teach me the letters. He replied, "Child, I hardly know them myself." Nevertheless, he commenced with "A" and taught me the alphabet. Imagine, if you can, my childish glee over this, my first lesson. The children of the present time, taught at five years of age, can not realize my joy at being able to say the entire alphabet when I was nine years old.

I still continued to repeat the Lord's prayer and "Now I lay me," etc. but not as often as I had done months before. Perhaps I had begun to backslide, for I was but a child, surrounded by children, and deprived of the proper kind of teaching. This is my only excuse for not proving as faithful to God as I should have done.

—Julia A. Foote.

### Three Quarters of Can't

What is three quarters of the word "can't"? What a strange title do you say? Yes, it is a little unusual, but I have chosen it on purpose, so that you may not forget what three quarters of the word "can't" is! It will help you all through your life to re-

member it. No, I do not suppose you understand what I mean, so I will tell you. Three quarters of the word "can't" is "can." Never say, "I can't" till you have tried three quarters of it first.

You know, I don't like that word "can't." There is nothing big and adventurous about it, now is there? When you tackle "can't" with the splendid little "can," adventure looks you right in the face. There is such an amount of adventure and grit and pluck packed into that little three-lettered word. It is something like extract of beef—there is plenty of power in it.

"I can't" is a coward; he runs away before the battle is even begun. Now, just you shun that horrid word, and never let its whine escape out of your mouth. Never say "I can't" until you have tried "I can." Tackle the difficulty, and remember that when you say, "I can" three quarters of the job is done already. Difficulties are sent to show us what God can do in answer to our faith. When we ask Him to help us, we can say to the biggest difficulties, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." The men who built the Panama Canal seemed to have an impossible task before them—but they did it.

So always remember, when "Can't" is just slipping out of your mouth, to only say three-quarters of it, and say, "I can!"

### "Make It Clear"

One morning little Ruth was going to school and big sister was going to work. As they were walking along together Neva said, "Ruth, there was a dollar taken out of my billfold. Did

you get it?" When little Ruth said, "No," big sister murmured to herself. "Well, maybe Daddy took it."

Now Ruth had taken the money, because she had it in her shawl.

Quite some time later Ruth went to Jesus and He saved her from all her sins. One day the Lord said to her, "You must clear that up." Even though it had been a long time ago, Ruth wrote her sister and sent the money. Also she asked her daddy to forgive her. You see, Jesus says in His Word, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." "Thou shalt not steal." Exo. 29: 15, 16. It was all forgiven.

—Joy Mannon.

## ORDERS

"I have orders, positive orders, not to go there—orders that I dare not disobey," said a youth who was being tempted to a smoking and gambling saloon.

"Come, don't be so womanish. Come along like a man," shouted the others. "No, I can't break orders," said John.

"What special orders do you have? Show them to us, if you can. Show us orders that will keep you from having a good time with the rest of us."

John took a wallet from his pocket and pulled out a neatly folded paper. "It's here," he said, unfolding the paper and showing it to the boys.

They looked, and read aloud:

"Enter not into the path of the wicked . . . avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away."

"Now," said John, "You see my orders forbid my going with you. They are God's orders, and by His help I don't mean to break them."

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## Search Question

At whose house did Elijah dwell during the famine?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Balaam's. Numbers 22:25.

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Dear boys and girls,

Did you ever have a hard question asked you? I'm sure in school sometimes there are questions that you cannot answer. On a test sometimes you think and think and the answer to the question just won't come to your mind. The reason is that you did not think about that subject enough when it was read or discussed and it didn't make a deep enough groove in your mind so you could remember it. Of course if you can answer all the questions asked you, you ought to get good grades. I wonder if you ever asked any questions that your teacher could not answer. It would be strange if you could. There one time lived one teacher that could answer every question asked him correctly. Can you tell me who he was? Yes, it was Jesus.

Solomon was the smartest man that ever lived. The Queen of Sheba came a long distance to talk to him and ask him

some questions and see his riches. She was amazed at his great knowledge and wisdom. But Jesus was a greater one than Solomon. Jesus had all knowledge.

When Jesus was here there were people who did not love him. They despised him because he was a great person. Many followed him and were believing on him as the Christ, the Saviour of the world. Yet, most of the people wanted to get rid of him, but they could not find anything wrong with him. They would watch closely and as he taught they knew that he was teaching truths that they would have to obey to get to heaven and they did not want to do it.

One day they sent some spies to try to catch him in words. Today there are spies. A spy may be sent from another country to the U. S. He will get acquainted with a certain man who may know about the U. S.'s plans for some secret weapon. He will praise the U. S. and convince the man that he is on his side and then finally when he has won his confidence he will slyly ask him about the secret weapon. After that he will leave and go back to his country and tell what he has learned.

The spies that came to Jesus acted like they were really interested in Him. They were men in authority but acted like they were just common men. They tried to flatter Him and tell Him that they believed Him to be fair and just and did not regard man but taught all God wanted them to teach. Then they were ready for the question. If Jesus said, "Yes, it is lawful to pay taxes," many of the people would have been angry because he would have recognized the Romans' overlordship. If He had said, "No," some would have turned Him in as a rebel against the government. But wasn't it wonderful how Jesus answered the hard question? He is all-wise.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 5, February 1, 1959

## JESUS ANSWERS

### A HARD QUESTION

Luke 20:19-26

19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

21 And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:

22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

24 Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.

25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

26 And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

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

**Central Truth:** We can answer hard questions when the Spirit of God gives us wisdom.

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Part Six

February 8

## HEAVEN

Do you want to go to heaven  
When it comes your time to die?  
Oh, how sweet will be the mansion  
That is waiting there on high.

There're no tears or pain or trouble,  
In that city made of gold,  
There sweet Jesus waits to greet you,  
And His beauty we'll behold.

If you live for Jesus, children,  
Death will never bring you fear,  
For the angels glad will take you  
Up to heaven bright and clear.  
—Leslie Busbee.

## A Brand Plucked From The Fire

### Story Three

When I was ten years of age I was sent to live in the country with a family by the name of Prime. They had no children, and soon became quite fond of me. I really think Mrs. Prime loved me. She had a brother who was dying with consumption, and she herself was a cripple. For some time after I went there, Mr. John, the

brother, was able to walk from his father's house, which was quite near, to ours, and I used to stand, with tears in my eyes, and watch him as he slowly moved across the fields, leaning against the fence to rest himself by the way. I heard them say he could not live much longer, and that worried me dreadfully; and then I used to wonder if he said his prayers. He always treated me kindly, and often stopped to talk with me.

One day, as he started for home, I stepped up to him and said, "Mr. John, do you say your prayers?" and then I began to cry. He looked at me for a moment, then took my hand in his and said: "Sometimes I pray; do you?" I answered, "Yes sir." Then said he, "You must pray for me"—and turned and left me. I ran to the barn, fell down on my knees, and said: "Our Father, who art in heaven, send that good man to put his hand on Mr. John's head." I repeated this many times a day as long as he lived. After his death I heard them say he died very happy, and had gone to heaven. Oh, how my little heart leaped for joy when I heard that Mr. John had

gone to heaven; I was sure the good man had been there and laid his hand on his head. "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name," for good men and good women, who are not afraid to teach their dear children to pray.

—Julia A. Foote.

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## *Sophia Trentham*

When about six years old, Sophia went to the Sunday school, and was very constant in her attendance. Her conduct toward her school-fellows and teachers was such as gained their esteem.

While she continued in a state of health nothing could prevent her from going to school on Sundays: though idle girls sometimes wished her to stay away, she would not hear them; and however it might rain or snow, she was always present to receive instruction. Meekness, love, and kindness, were so manifest in all her action, that she was beloved by all, and held up as a pattern for others.

She was very fond of her parents, and was always ready to do what she could to show her love to them.

At eight years of age she became more serious than ever she had been before, and gladly received religious instruction. From this time she became very earnest in prayer, and often in the evening she would have all the family together to pray with them, and afterwards would retire to bed with praises in her mouth.

When she was eleven or twelve years of age she had a clear testimony of the favor of heaven, and knew that she was a child of God.

A little before she was taken ill, she was talking to her mother about the goodness of God to her, and of

her own weakness; and seemed to have such a view of herself that she could not forbear saying, "O that it would please God to take me to Himself! I would much rather die than commit any more sin."

When she was first afflicted she told her mother she believed she should die. "Yes," she said, "I shall die." She was the most concerned that she was kept from school.

Owing to her complaint, she could talk but little: however, she told her mother again that she should die. Her mother began to weep over her: but she said, "Don't cry, mother; I shall be happy! happy! very happy!" which was all she could then say.

About two days after, one of her teachers called to see her, who asked her how she found the state of her mind. She answered, "Very happy." After she had been still a little, she pointed to one part of the room, and said, "See! see! there are angels!—there are angels!" Joy beamed in her face, and she seemed as though her time was fully come.

Sometimes she smiled; her lips were seen to move, and she was heard to say, "I am coming; I am coming!" and immediately resigned her soul into the hands of her God. She died in 1802, aged fourteen years.

## **Our Family Hour**

"A soft answer turneth away wrath."

"My. I just keep saying this verse over and over. It seems to be needed so much," said James.

"What verse is that?" asked Mother.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

"That certainly is a good one, not only for you youngsters, but also for

grown-ups as well. That verse fits in very well with a little story I wanted to read for devotion tonight."

"What's the name of it?" asked Janice as she entered the living room.

" 'Overcoming Evil,' " answered Mother. "A deep snow lay on the ground. Bill and his friend, Pete, went out snow-balling each other, all in fun, laughing and having a good time. But finally they grew tired. 'This is not much fun,' said Bill. 'I have a new idea. You know that new boy that just started to school? His name is Frank. Yesterday he asked me if I were a Christian. He says he is one. Well, Christians aren't supposed to get angry. Let us both wait and snow-ball him after school. We will see if he doesn't get angry.'"

"Pete agreed, and as soon as Frank stepped around the corner they both started snow-balling him. Frank was surprised but he calmly brushed off the snow as it hit him.

" 'Why don't you throw back?' jeered Bill, 'are you afraid?'"

" 'No, I'm not afraid,' smiled Frank. 'But why should I throw at you just because you throw at me? I think coasting is more fun than snow-balling. I have a big new sled and if you fellows will come over after supper we will slide on the hill.'"

"Right away they stopped snow-balling and wondered how the new boy could be so pleasant when they had been so hateful. 'Why, he didn't even raise his voice. He even acted as though he didn't know we were teasing.' They both felt ashamed as they accepted his invitation."

"Oh, Mother, exclaimed," Janice, "I can just see a big fight had Frank raised his voice and attempted to fight back. I'm sure he must have had something on the inside to keep

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him from fighting back."

"I want that verse to be written in my heart instead of my memory," said James.  
O. A. D.

## Search Question

Who appeared with Jesus when he was transfigured?

Answer to Last Week's Question

A widow in Zarephath. 1 Kings 17:9.

Dear boys and girls,

Did you ever have someone who was very dear to you die? Maybe it was your grandmother or grandfather. Maybe it was a sister or possibly some close friend. We love our grandparents and it makes us feel sad for them to leave us. They loved us almost as much as our own parents. We love them. They could tell us things that happened long ago and when they were children. They lived very different than we do. They were always so kind and we looked up to them as being wise. We miss them when Jesus takes them home. But we are glad in one way that they have gone to heaven because they can be with Jesus and are much better off than here in this world. In heaven there won't be any hunger, no troubles or problems, nor

pain in our bodies. We will receive a new body. Over there we can enjoy better and greater blessings than in this old world where sin is on every side. There won't be any storms over there, nor floods or earthquakes. There won't be any wars or mean people. The devil won't be in heaven. No temptations or wicked men; nor thieves or robbers, but there will be nothing but joy, happiness in the most complete sense. Heaven is a holy place where the angels dwell and all the redeemed from the earth. We will get to do anything we please to do or desire to do. We will be able to praise the Lord to the fullest extent. Oh, it will be wonderful and glorious!

In our lesson Jesus was asked some questions about the resurrection. The people were wondering about death. But today we do not need to wonder about death. Jesus has answered our questions. He tells us that we will be equal with the angels and that we are alive over there. When Moses spoke of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, he spoke of them being alive. Our bodies are just houses of clay that we live in. When we leave this house of clay we go to be with Jesus and our bodies go back to dust. But we do live on somewhere. If we love Jesus we will go and live with Jesus, but if we do not love Him we will go to torment.

We need not be troubled about death. Jesus has prepared a place for us and will come for us someday. When Lazarus died the angels came and took him to heaven. Won't that be wonderful? But if we aren't ready to go when he comes we won't be happy. When a boy disobeys his father he isn't very anxious to meet him. Just so if we disobey Jesus we won't be happy when he comes. Be careful to live so you will be glad to go when he calls, for He will call for you some day.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 6, February 8, 1959

## WE WONDER ABOUT DEATH

Luke 20:34-39; John 14:1-6

Luke 20:34 And Jesus answering said unto them, the children of this world marry, and are given in marriage.

35 But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage.

36 Neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto the angels and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

37 Now that the dead are raised, even Moses shewed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

38 For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto him.

39 Then certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said.

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

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest, and how can we know the way?

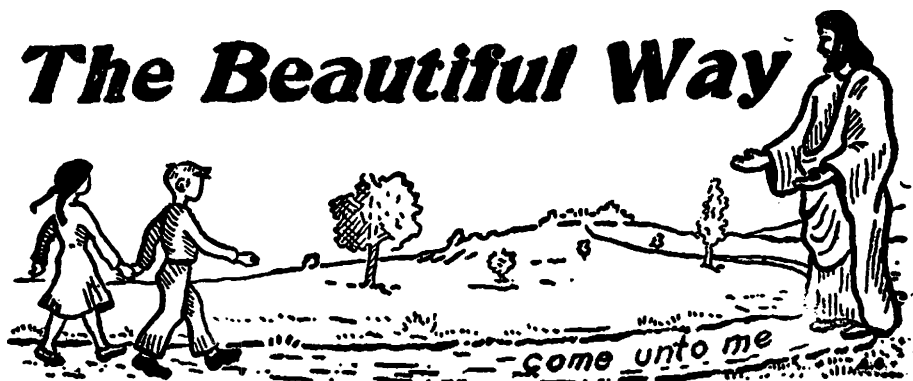
6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Memory Verse: Because I live, ye shall live also. John 14:19.

Central truth: If we live for Jesus here we can live with him in heaven after death.



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## LOVE

Love became the first commandment  
That our Saviour came to bring,  
Love the Lord with all your power,  
And His praises you can sing.

And the Holy Spirit given,  
By the Father upon high,  
Will just fill your heart o'er flowing  
With that love to never die.

Love your neighbor and your brother,  
Do them good as much you can,  
And your love is not forgotten  
When before the bar you stand.

—Leslie Busbee.

## Deeds Of Kindness

One day, as two little boys were walking along the road, they overtook a woman carrying a large basket of apples. The boys thought the woman looked very pale and tired; so they said, "Are you going to town? If you are, we will carry your basket."

"Thank you," replied the woman, "you are very kind: you see I am

weak and ill." Then she told them that she was a widow, and had a lame son to support.

She lived in a cottage three miles away, and was now going to market to sell the apples which grew on the only tree in her little garden. She wanted the money to pay her rent.

"We are going the same way you are," said the boys. "Let us have the basket:" and they took hold of it, one on each side, and trudged along with merry hearts.

The poor widow looked glad, and said that she hoped their mother would not be angry with them. "Oh, no," they replied; "our mother has taught us to be kind to everybody, and to be useful in any way that we can."

She then offered to give them a few of the ripest apples for their trouble. "No, thank you," said they; "we do not want any pay for what we have done."

When the widow got home, she told her lame son what had happened on the road, and they were both made happier that day by the kindness of the two boys.

## A Brand Plucked From The Fire

### Story Four

The Primes treated me as though I were their own child. Now my feelings underwent a great change toward them; my dislike for them was greater than my love had been, and this was the reason. One day, Mrs. Prime, having company, sent me to the cellar to bring up some little pound cakes, which she had made a few days previously. There were but two or three left; these I brought to her. She asked me where the rest were. I told her I didn't know. At this she grew very angry, and said, "I'll make you know when the company is gone." She, who had always been so kind and motherly, frightened me so by her looks and action that I trembled so violently I could not speak. This was taken as an evidence of my guilt. The dear Lord alone knows how my little heart ached, for I was entirely innocent of the crime laid to my charge. I had no need to steal anything, for I had plenty of everything there was.

There was a boy working for Mr. Prime that I always thought took the cakes, for I had seen him put his hand into his pocket hastily, and wipe his mouth carefully, if he met any one on his way from the cellar. But what could I do? I could not prove it, and his stout denial was believed as against my unsupported word.

That night I wished over and over again that I could be hung as my school teacher had been. (Never shall I forget the execution of my first school teacher, for murder. Everybody went to the execution, I with the rest. The husband of the woman

he had killed had gone to the prison and talked with him and prayed until he was saved. On the scaffold he made a speech, which I cannot remember, only that he said he was happy, and ready to die. He sang a song. The remembrance of this scene left such an impression upon my mind that I could not sleep for many a night.) In the darkness and silence, Satan came to me and told me to go to the barn and hang myself. In the morning I was fully determined to do so. I went to the barn for that purpose, but that boy, whom I disliked very much, was there, and he laughed at me as hard as he could. All at once my weak feelings left me, and I sprang at him in a rage, such as I had never known before; and he eluded my grasp, and ran away, laughing. Thus was I a second time saved from a dreadful sin.

—Julia A. J. Foote.

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## Beware Of The First Drink!

"Uncle Philip, as the day is fine, will you take a walk with us this morning?"

"Yes, boys. Let me get my hat and cane, and we will take a ramble. I will tell you a story as we go. Do you know poor old Tom Smith?"

"Know him! Why, Uncle Philip, everybody knows him. He is such a shocking drunkard, and swears so horribly."

"Well, I have known him ever since we were boys together. There was not a more decent, well-behaved boy among us. After he left school, his father died, and he was put into a store in the city. There, he fell into bad company. Instead of spending his evenings, he would go to the theater and to balls. He soon learned to play

cards, and of course to play for money. He lost more than he could pay.

"He wrote to his poor mother, and told her his losses. She sent him money to pay his debts, and told him to come home. He did come home. After all, he might still have been useful and happy, for his friends were willing to forgive the past. For a time, things went on well. He married a lovely woman, gave up his bad habits, and was doing well.

"But one thing, boys, ruined him forever. In the city, he had learned to take strong drink, and he said to me once, that when a man begins to drink, he never knows where it will end. 'Therefore,' said Tom, 'beware of the first drink!'

"It was not long before he began to follow his old habit. He knew the danger, but it seemed as if he could not resist his desire to drink. His poor mother soon died of grief and shame. His lovely wife followed her to the grave.

"He lost the respect of all, went on from bad to worse, and has long been a perfect sot. Last night, I had a letter from the city, stating that Tom Smith had been found guilty of stealing, and sent to the state prison for ten years. There I suppose he will die, for he is now old. It is dreadful to think to what an end he has come. I could not but think, as I read the letter, of what he said to me years ago, 'Beware of the first drink.'

"Ah, my dear boys, when old Uncle Philip is gone, remember that he told you the story of Tom Smith, and said to you, 'Beware of the first drink!' The man who does this will never be a drunkard."

"Who hath woe? ... They that tarry long at the wine." Prov. 23:29, 30.

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"By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward" (Heb. 11:24-26). —Sel.

## Search Question

In what fish did Jesus tell Peter he would find a piece of money?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Moses and Elias. Matt. 17:3.

Dear boys and girls,

Wouldn't it be a very cold world without love? If you arose in the morning and had no loving mother who had your breakfast ready, and had no kind word or look from any of the family; when you arrived at school there would be no love from a teacher who has your lessons ready, wouldn't it be a cold world? Love causes teachers to be interested enough in you to insist upon you learning so your mind will develop.

When you crossed the street, the man who was driving the car would not have

any love but would try to run over you—oh, this world would be terrible if there wasn't any love at all! But God has put love in the world, yet the devil would like to kill all love. We do not want him to do that, yet he has taken the love out of many hearts.

There is a lack of love in those who operate a dance hall. It is only done for money. They do not love those whom they cause to sin. Homes are broken up because of the dance. Men dancing with other men's wives etc. destroys the love for the rightful companion. Because of this, boys and girls wonder what happened to Mother and Daddy. There is a lack of love in those who operate the movie theaters. Boys and girls go there and see murder, sin, immodesty, and evils of all kinds. When they come home they sometimes can't sleep because of a terrible movie. They do not love the souls of boys and girls, but only want their money. In the world there are strong drinks made and sold to cause people's bodies to become weak. Many will drive while they are drunk and many are killed by accidents. Love does not prompt these doings. People raise tobacco and sell it to people and that harms their bodies. Boys and girls will start using it while young and are injured. I would not think someone loved me if they gave me poison, would you? That is what is being done. Oh, how we wish there was more love in the world.

God wanted people to love. Our lesson tells us that we are to love him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. He says this is the first commandment. God is love and is good and His commandments are given by love. If we obey them we will have love in our hearts.

The second commandment is to love thy neighbor as thyself. We have to have love in our hearts to honor our parents and obey them. To treat our neigh-

bor right we must have love. Won't you ask God to give you more love and then show it to others more?

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 7, February 15, 1959

## THE GREATEST LAW OF ALL Mark 12:28-34

28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; the Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely, this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and ... thy neighbor as thyself. Mark 12:30, 31.

Central Truth: The devil is trying to destroy the law of love in the world but we must not let him.

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## Which Loved Best?

"I love you Mother," said little John;  
Then, forgetting work, his cap  
    went on,  
And he was off to the garden swing,  
Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

"I love you Mother," said rosy Nell;  
"I love you better than tongue can  
    tell;"  
Then she teased and pouted full half  
    the day,  
Till her mother rejoiced when she  
    went to play.

"I love you, Mother," said little Fan;  
"Today I'll help you all I can;  
How glad I am that school doesn't  
    keep!"  
So she rocked the baby till it fell  
    asleep.

Then, stepping softly, she took the  
    broom,  
And swept the floor, and dusted the  
    room;  
Busy and happy all day was she,  
Helpful and cheerful as child could be.

"I love you, Mother," again they said—  
Three little children going to bed;  
How do you think that mother guessed  
Which of them really loved her best?  
—Joy Allison.

## The New Helper

Many times when Jesus was here on earth teaching His disciples, He used stories (or parables) to show things about His kingdom. His work was a great work and he wanted so much to tell others about it, but many could not understand. So He used these stories and parables to help the people know what His work was like.

The story we will tell now is not in the Bible but it truly shows something wonderful about the work of Jesus. It will help you to understand better how Salvation was put in working order.

It is like a man who was able to work hard and earn a good fortune in money. He bought a big business of selling and fixing automobiles. He sought out several men and hired them as his workers. Some were mechanics, some salesmen, and some

were office workers. Each one had some position or job to work at. They all were assigned to do a certain part of the business. When all was settled on how to run the business and the owner saw that each one was willing to work, he told them he was going to leave them. Of course they were all sorry that he was going, but the owner comforted them with these words, "Workers, I am going away but do not worry. I will not leave you to run the business alone. I will send you a wonderful helper who will take the place as your manager. If I didn't go away he couldn't come. But if I go, I'll send him to you. Don't be afraid. Everything will be all right. He knows all about this business and will teach you and lead you all the way. You must obey him and follow his orders. With him as your leader you can be sure that all will be well."

The owner soon left and the workers waited patiently for the new manager. When all was ready, one lovely day he came, and what gladness filled each worker! At once the business started. Each one did as the manager instructed. It became the largest and most successful business ever.

Here is the lesson: Jesus came to this world and gathered certain men to work for Him, and he called His workers disciples. He was a wonderful teacher. He showed each one what his work was. When He died on the cross He bought the greatest business that has ever been: the Church of God. When all was finished Jesus made ready to leave. He could not stay with the workers, but told them to wait at Jerusalem. He had promised a Helper who would come from Heaven and be their Manager. The disciples could not carry out the plans of God without this Helper. They waited and when the

Helper came all their hearts were filled with gladness. At once they began their work in preaching the gospel and telling others about Jesus and Salvation. What a wonderful time! And since that time this great work of God has never been destroyed. Hard things have come against it but nothing has ever stopped it.

Dear children, if you ever hope to work for God and live true to Him, you must have this Helper. He is the Holy Spirit. He is a wonderful teacher and you will enjoy working for Him. So give your heart and life to Jesus and be willing to do all He wants you to do, and Jesus will send the Holy Spirit, the wonderful Helper, into your heart and life.

—Leslie Busbee.

## **A Brand Plucked From The Fire**

### **Story Five**

The next day after I had been accused of lying about not knowing where the cakes had gone, Mr. and Mrs. Prime, on their return from town brought a rawhide. This Mrs. Prime applied to my back until she was tired, all the time insisting that I should confess that I took the cakes. This, of course, I could not do. She then put the rawhide up, saying, "I'll use it again to-morrow; I am determined to make you tell the truth."

That afternoon Mrs. Prime went away, leaving me alone in the house. I carried the rawhide out to the wood pile, took the ax, and cut it up into small pieces, which I threw away, determined not to be whipped with that thing again. The next morning I rose very early, before anyone else was up in the house, and started for

home. It was a long, lonely road, through the woods; every sound frightened me, and made me run for fear some one was after me. When I reached home, I told my mother all that had happened, but she did not say very much about it. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Prime came to the house, and had a long talk with us about the affair. My mother did not believe I had told a falsehood, though she did not say much before me. She told me in after years that she talked very sharply to the Primes when I was not by. They promised not to whip me again, and my mother sent me back with them, very much against my will.

They were as kind to me as ever, after my return, though I did not think so at the time. I was not contented to stay there, and left when I was about twelve years old. The experience of that last year made me quite a hardened sinner. I did not pray very often, and, when I did, something seemed to say to me, "That good man, with the white hair, don't like you any more."

I had grown to be quite a large girl by this time, so that my mother arranged for me to stay at home, to do the work, and attend the younger children while she went out to work.

A minister came to our house often. He would sing, pray, and talk very much to us. I was touched by these visits, and began to see such a beauty in religion that I resolved to serve God whatever might happen. This didn't last long because of the fact I had made it in my own strength.

—Julia A. Foote.

Julia A. Foote was later converted and filled with the Holy Ghost. She taught holiness through much persecu-

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tion and was an outstanding minister in her day. She wrote her story in 1879. She was surely a brand plucked from the fire, and helped many to make it into heaven. (Editor.)

## Search Question

What did Judas do with the thirty pieces of silver he received for betraying Jesus?

Answer to Last Week's Question

In the first fish he caught. Matt. 17:27.

Dear boys and girls,

We do trust that the Lord is blessing you and keeping you saved. You must watch and pray. Watch your lips that they do not speak any evil of others or to others. Watch your ears that they do not listen to any evil. Watch your eyes that you do not look on any evil. Watch your hands that they only do good and not evil. See that your hands be helpful and lift someone's load. Watch your feet that they only go to the right places and take you to do good. Watch your mind that you only let good thoughts stay there. Oh, you must watch! But it will take some praying with your watching. You must pray and ask God for grace and help to be able to do the right. He tells us that we should always pray.

We have a good lesson today. We have a list of six ways these people helped others. Here is a list of their kind deeds. 1. Giving food to the hungry. Do you ever have an opportunity to do that? Maybe some boy or girl at school does not have money for lunch or his or her parents can't afford to send a lunch; can you help them? I think you can. One boy was very happy when he came home from school and told how he shared his lunch. Now Jesus will take note of that and will reward you for it if you do that. 2. Giving drink to the thirsty. There are some people who are not able to help themselves even to a drink of water. They are sick and need help. If you help them, God will reward you. 3. Taking in a stranger who needs a place to stay. Sometimes a person will knock at your door, who has no place to stay for the night. God wants us to help him. One lady picked up a woman and boy on the highway and kept them for a couple of days. God will reward her. 4. Providing clothes for the naked (or those poorly clad). Some boys and girls are cold because they do not have clothes. We should do all we can to help them and God will reward us. 5. Visiting the sick. 6. Visiting those in prison. If we were sick we would like for someone to visit us, would we not? Then we should show that same love to others. Those who are in prison are sorry they are there. They get lonesome and enjoy someone coming to see them. Surely the Lord wants us to do good to everyone. One lady told me that she made a list early in the morning of what she wanted to do that day for the Lord. One of the things was to write a letter to a lonely person. Boys and girls, you can do all of these things. See how many you can do next week and then let your Sunday school teacher know about it. —Aunt Marie.

Lesson 8, February 22, 1959

## SERVING GOD THROUGH OTHERS

Matt. 25:31-40

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 fed 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?

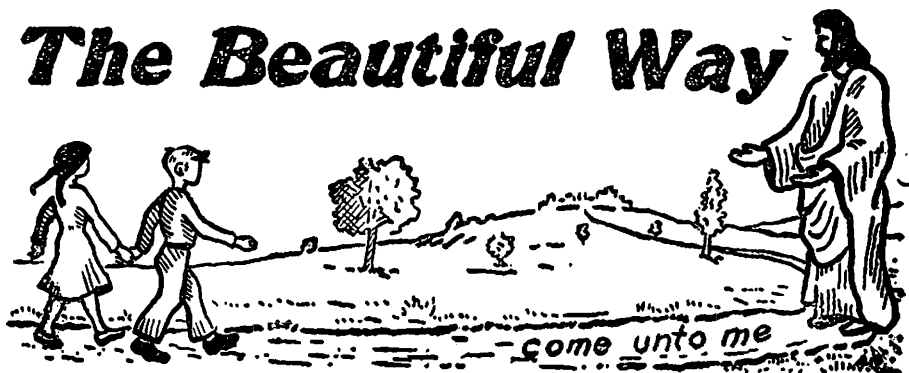
40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

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

**Central Truth:** Helping others is rewarded by Jesus since it is helping Him.



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March 1

## Jesus Loves Little Children

I love to hear the story  
Of the dear Saviour's birth;  
It seems so kind and gracious  
That He came here to earth.

And was a little fellow  
Who liked to run and play;  
And all things bad and wicked  
His goodness kept away.

But Mother says if trying  
My very best to be,  
And always good and gentle,  
He will be pleased with me.

I always want to please Him  
Because, you see, I know  
He loves all little children—  
My Bible tells me so.

—Sel.

## Listening Ears

Let's play our silence game," Mother said. Mary and David loved to play the silence game with Mother.

They sat in their little chairs, and Mother sat in hers. They put their feet on the floor and folded their

hands in their laps. They sat up very straight. They closed their eyes gently. They were as quiet as they could be. They were very, very quiet.

They listened with their ears for the sounds around them. At first it did not seem as if there were any sounds at all! But their ears were good ears, and Mother said if they listened very quietly, they could hear even the tiniest sounds. Because they were very quiet, their ears began to hear tiny sounds.

"Tick, tock," said the clock. It was a tiny sound, but their ears heard it. Usually, Mary and David did not hear the clock ticking in the room, because they were not still enough. But they heard it now, and they knew that Mother heard it, too.

They heard a bird singing in a tree outside; they heard the rustle of the wind in the leaves of the tree; they heard the sound of an airplane high, high, in the sky.

Then they heard Mother whisper their names. "Mary," she called, oh, so softly.

"Yes, Mother," answered Mary, more softly than Mother.

"David," called Mother softly.

"Yes, Mother," answered David in his quietest little voice.

This was the end of the game, and they jumped up and laughed.

Mother said, "You may run out and play now. Because you have learned to listen with your two ears, you will hear more different sounds today than ever before. You just wait and see."

Sometimes when Mary and David were playing and Mother called them to come in for lunch, they did not hear her the first time she called. But today they heard her right away.

"Yes, Mother," they called back.

And Mother heard them right away, because she had practiced listening.

When they said their blessing at mealtime, they really heard the words, because they listened with their ears.

After dinner when Daddy asked them if they would like to go to the drugstore with him, they heard him right away, even though they were in the next room.

When they walked down the street with Daddy, they told him all the things they could hear as they walked along. They could hear the sound of the radios in the houses they passed; they could hear children laughing and playing in the back yards of the houses; they could hear a siren, even though they could not see the fire engine; they could hear a horn honking on another street; they could hear birds twittering in the trees.

Daddy was glad to know they had such good listening ears, and he said that he would like to play the silence game with them, too.

When they went to bed that night, they listened carefully to the words of The Prayer of Faith as they said it with Mother. Then they said another prayer:

"The light of God surrounds us.

The love of God infolds us.

The power of God protects us.

The presence of God watches over us.

Wherever we are, God is!"

When they closed their eyes, they could hear the drowsy sounds of the night. They went to sleep happily.

—Selected.

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## Keep Your Promise

Dear boys and girls,

I just read a beautiful story of a boy who refused to break his promise. Charlie had promised Mr. Brown that he would rake his yard on Saturday. Mr. Brown suffered with rheumatism so he needed someone to help him. Also, he was poor, so Charlie was doing a goodwill deed without accepting any money.

Before Saturday came, however, one of his chums called to see if he wanted to make some extra money on Saturday. A big store was opening up and wanted to hire the neighborhood boys to hand out hand-bills.

Now this was quite a test for Charlie. He had wanted to earn some extra money. In fact, he even wanted the money to put in the offering for Sunday. But what about his promise to Mr. Brown? He did need someone to clean his yard for him and he had also been praying that Mr. Brown would accept the Lord.

After a struggle, Charlie thought it would be better to keep his promise and forget about earning extra money. In doing this Mr. Brown was very much impressed with his life and decided that he wanted to become a Christian like Charlie.

You see, boys and girls, how people are influenced by our lives? If we

make someone a promise, let us be sure we keep it. I wonder how we would feel if our parents promised us something nice for our birthday and then when our birthday came we received nothing and our parents did not say a word about it. We would feel very bad indeed.

Remember our fellow man has feelings too, when you break your promises and nothing is said about it.

O. A. D.

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## "Sunday Clothes"

Flowers must wear the same clothes every day and so do the birds of the air. But some boys and girls do not do that. On Sunday they put on the "robes of righteousness" and act very very good. Then during the week they take off their "Sunday-good-deed Clothes," and do the things they want to do.

Jesus wants all of His girls and boys to be just like the flowers and birds of the air, and wear the same good, kind, beautiful deeds, each and every day.

We trust each of you who do not have on your Sunday Clothes (The Robe of Righteousness) will put them on and keep them on.

Selected by O. A. D.

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## Search Question

In what city did Paul see the inscription: "To The Unknown God"?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Cast it down in the temple. Matt. 27:5.

Dear boys and girls,

I do trust that all of you are still loving Jesus. He is so good to us, isn't He? I surely love Him. You know,

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He was good to me when I wasn't good to Him. One time I didn't love Him, but He just loved me anyway. That made me know that I really had a friend in Jesus. It touched my heart and I felt sorry that I had not loved Him and had disobeyed His commandments. One day I told Jesus how sorry I was and asked Him to forgive me and He did. Oh, I was happy to know that everything was cleared up between Jesus and myself. Now I love Him and He loves me and helps me in every time of need. The other day I wanted the Lord to do something for me. I prayed and prayed about it. Finally, with tears, I told the Lord that I wanted Him to do it for me within the next two hours. But thank the good Lord He did it for me within thirty minutes. Oh, I just loved Him very much!

Our lesson is about giving the Lord a loving gift. Mary (John 12:3) anointed Jesus with some precious perfume or ointment that cost, in those days, a man's wages for one whole year. Oh, how she loved Him to give Him such a costly gift! Judas (John 12:4) criticized her for it. You remember Judas was the one who carried the bag for the disciples. He wasn't a good man, but was covetous. He did not want to lose the chance of getting some of that money. There are some people who do not want us to

do anything for Jesus. They are ready to condemn us if they see us using our money to help in God's work or to spread the gospel. When my mother and father got saved, my mother's grandmother disinherited her. When she died, she had her will fixed so my mother couldn't get any of her money. She said that it would be wasted because my mother and father were sending out the gospel free by the printed page. But the Lord overruled part of the will and she was given most of it. She used it for the Lord's work. She bought a new car because the old one had been worn out in the gospel work. Then she used almost 2000 dollars to help build the office building that the "Faith and Victory" is now being published in. She also had two bed rooms and a bath added to the house that the workers live in today. She did a loving deed and gave a loving gift to Jesus. That gift is still being remembered and used even though it was given almost 22 years ago. My precious mother is in heaven now, but her works are living on. Her loving gift is still a blessing to many. The gift that Mary gave to Jesus also is remembered and is a memorial to her today.

In our lesson is a story which represents how the Jews did not give to God the things He expected, and they even killed God's own Son. There was no love in what they did. As a result they were punished here and the gentiles (us) were given the privileges they had enjoyed. May the Lord help us to love Jesus more. —Aunt Marie.

Lesson 9, March 1, 1959

### A LOVING GIFT

Mark 14:3-9; Matt. 21:33-35

Mark 14:3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat

at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.

4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?

5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.

6 And Jesus said, Let her alone, why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.

7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.

8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.

9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

Matt. 21:33 Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country:

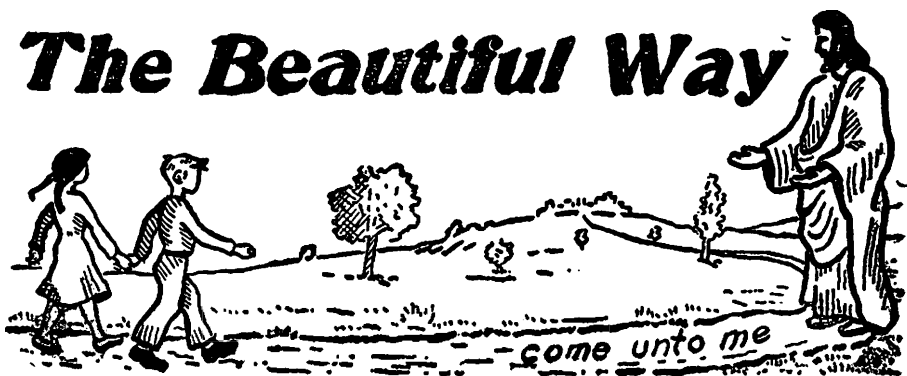
34 And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.

35 And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another.

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

Central Truth: God and Jesus deserves the best we have.

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## The Sticker

Oh, it's easy to be a starter, lad,  
But are you a sticker, too?  
'Tis fun, sometimes, to begin a thing,  
But harder to see it through.

If you failed sometime when you did  
your best,

Don't take it too much to heart;  
Just try it again in a different way,  
For it all depends how you start.  
my boy,

And sometimes a failure is best,  
Success that is built on defeat you  
know,

Will oftentimes longest endure.

Oh, it's easy to be a starter, lad,  
But are you a sticker, too?  
You may think it a game to begin  
a task,

Are you game to see it through?

—Sel. by O. A. D.

## Doing God's Will

One girl had gone to her heathen home, where idols were worshiped and incense was burned, determined in her heart to witness for Christ. She de-

cided to try to conduct a sort of family worship in her home every day if it were at all possible, but when she arrived home she immediately came under the sway of her old grandfather, who ruled the house. Because of fear of him, for one whole week she did not dare carry out her purpose. At the end of that week the Lord seemed to speak to her and say, "My child, I have not left you. Are you afraid when I am near?" Then she took courage and the very next night she gathered her sister, mother, and the other members of her courtyard around her and began to read the Scriptures and explain them as she read. Gradually they all gathered around, and even the old grandfather became interested.

One day she was specially busy and came home very tired late in the evening. She was tempted to skip the family devotions that night, but the old grandfather inquired of her, "Daughter, aren't you going to read for us tonight?" Then she asked God for divine wisdom and gave them her testimony, telling them she never could get peace until she was willing

to confess her sins and make everything right that God showed her. Then she quoted some appropriate Scripture and asked God to bless his Word and use it in helping those whom she loved.

During the next week what seemed like a miracle, or a succession of miracles, took place. One by one the members of that family repented, confessed their sins, and believed on Jesus. They tore down the idols, and the old grandfather refused to buy incense at the time of a special feast day in August. The thing that brought the greatest conviction to the family was the miraculous change in the daughter herself. No longer did she lose her temper, nor was she given to selfishness; and it seemed as tho a new person had come home to them. The daughter told the others plainly that it was the Lord Jesus who had changed her heart and life. And what a blessing to the rest she had become!

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## **"No Crown For Me"**

"Will you come with us, Susan?" cried several little girls to a school-mate. "We are going to the woods; do come, too."

"I should like to go with you very much," replied Susan, with a sigh; "but I can not finish the task grandmother set me to do."

"How tiresome it must be to stay at home to work on a holiday!" said one of the girls, with a toss of her head. "Susan's grandmother is too strict."

Susan heard this remark, and as she bent her head over her task, she wiped away a tear, and thought of the pleasant afternoon the girls would spend gathering wild flowers in the woods. Soon she said to herself,

"What harm can there be in moving the mark grandmother put in the stocking? The woods must be very beautiful today, and how I should like to be in them!"

"Grandmother," said she, a few minutes afterwards, "I am ready now." "What, so soon, Susan?" Her grandmother took the work and looked at it very closely.

"True, Susan," said she, laying great stress on each word; "true, I count twenty turns from the mark; and, as you have never deceived me, you may go and amuse yourself as you like the rest of the day."

Susan's cheeks were scarlet, and she did not say, "Thank you." As she left the cottage, she walked slowly away, not singing as usual.

"Why, here is Susan!" the girls cried, when she joined their company; "What is the matter? Why have you left your dear old grandmother?" they tauntingly added.

"There is nothing the matter." As Susan repeated these words, she felt that she was trying to deceive herself. She had acted a lie. At the same time she remembered her grandmother's words, "You have never deceived me."

"Yes, I have deceived her," said she to herself. "If she knew all, she would never trust me again."

When the little party had reached an open space in the woods, her companions ran about enjoying themselves; but Susan sat on the grass, wishing she were at home confessing her fault. After a while Rose cried out, "Let us make a crown of violets, and put it on the head of the best girl here."

"It will be easy enough to make the crown, but not so easy to decide who is to wear it," said Julia.

"Why, Susan is to wear it, of

course," said Rose: "is she not said to be the best girl in school, and the most obedient at home?"

"Yes, yes; the crown shall be for Susan," cried the other girls, and they began to make the crown. It was soon finished.

"Now, Susan," said Rose, "put it on in a very dignified way, for you are to be our queen."

As these words were spoken, the crown was placed on her head. In a moment she snatched it off, and threw it on the ground, saying, "No crown for me; I do not deserve it."

The girls looked at her with surprise. "I have deceived my grandmother," said she, while tears flowed down her cheeks. "I altered the mark she put in the stocking, that I might join you in the woods."

"Do you call that wicked?" asked one of the girls.

"I am quite sure it is; and I have been miserable all the time I have been here."

Susan now ran home, and as soon as she got there she said, with a beating heart, "O grandmother! I deserve to be punished, for I altered the mark you put in the stocking. Do forgive me; I am very sorry and unhappy."

"Susan," said her grandmother, "I knew it all the time; but I let you go out, hoping that your own conscience would tell you of your sin. I am so glad that you have confessed your fault and your sorrow."

"When shall I be your own little girl again?" "Now," was the quick reply, and Susan's grandmother kissed her.

—Sel.

## When I Was Small

When I was just a little girl

I asked my mother why  
That God made the world

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So beautiful and wide?

This was my mom's reply:

"Dearie, God loves us—

That's the reason why."

—By Herma Leen Kelly, age 11.

## Search Question

Who became a leper for complaining against Moses?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Athens. Acts 17:22.

Dear boys and girls,

When we are in trouble we like for someone to share that trouble with us. I'm sure that Susie appreciated Mary who put her arm around her as she stood on the curb looking at her doggie that had been run over by a car. Susie's pet had been her constant companion since she was very small. The same way with Bill when his dog got run over. Jerry helped Bill put it into a box and comforted him by saying that he heard his grandma say that there was someone who wanted to give their dog away. Let us be very careful to show our care and concern to others who are in trouble.

Jesus longed for the disciples to share his sorrow with Him. He took them with Him to the garden of Gethsemane. He asked them to help him, but they did not watch, but went to sleep. Jesus was facing the cross. He knew that much

pain and suffering would come upon His body. He had a body like ours. Just think how you would feel if you knew that nails were going to be put in your hands and feet. Jesus also knew that He did not have to do this or let this be done. He could have called for twelve legions of angels to help him out but if He had done that, how would you and I have been saved? We could not save ourselves. Jesus had to go to the cross and suffer and die in our stead. Oh, how we ought to love Him for doing this!

Our lesson brings out how Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane where He prayed. He had just had the Last Supper in the upper room in Jerusalem with His disciples. His soul was greatly troubled. The weight of all the sins of the world was upon Him. No person that ever lived and none of us have ever gone through the suffering that Jesus did. Jesus prayed a prayer that is a good example for us. He poured out his troubles and then left them in God's hands. When we pray we want to tell Jesus everything that hurts us or is a burden to us. Just lay the whole thing before Him in prayer. Tell Him all the details. Tell Him how you feel about it and how you like to see things go. But end up and say, "Not my will, but thine be done." Submit and commit it all to God. Trust God with all your heart to do the very best for you. Be willing to suffer some for Jesus' cause and for right. Don't insist on having your own way. God knows how to help you. Just know without a doubt that God will carry you through. God will never fail to help us in the right way.

Some times it might be hard for us to follow God's way instead of our own, but in the end God's way is always best. Often prayer helps us to know God's way and also helps us to resist temptations to do wrong.

—Aunt Marie.

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## DOING GOD'S WILL

Mark 14:32-42

32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy;

34 And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: Tarry ye here, and watch.

35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour?

38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready but the flesh is weak.

39 And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words.

40 And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their eyes were heavy,) neither wist they what to answer him.

41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

**Memory Verse:** Not what I will, but what thou wilt. Mark 14:36.

**Central Truth:** We should will to do God's will even if it seems hard.



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## My Lesson From Heaven

I knelt before my Lord at the close  
of day

And cried, "Dear Lord, help me to pray;  
Clear my mind and help me see  
The way that thou hast planned for me."

"Teach me to take you as my guide—  
My Friend—and stay close by my side;  
Help me to prove to others around  
How wonderful is the Friend I've found."

But the Lord smote me and I cried aloud,  
"My God, help me not to be so proud;  
Help me to start the day with you  
Rather than when my plans are through."

So the Lord spoke deeply into my soul,  
While the tears of shame down my face  
did roll;

And I learned a lesson of chastening  
love,

Sent directly to me from heaven above!  
Selected.

## BE TRUTHFUL!

"Jerry, who broke this egg here in  
the waste paper basket? Did Judy  
do it?" asked Mother.

"Yes, Judy did it," said Jerry.

"Are you sure?" asked Mother.

"Yes."

Mother wondered if Judy had done  
it yet she thought surely Jerry didn't  
because it had been cleaned up so good  
and she just didn't think Jerry would  
do that. When Judy came home from  
school and was asked if she had done  
it, but she didn't know anything  
about it.

"Now Jerry, you tell Mother the  
truth; did you break that egg?"

"Yes," said Jerry.

"How did you do it?" asked Mother.

Jerry showed her how he had hit it  
on the side of the waste paper basket  
just like Mother breaks the eggs.

"Now, Jerry, Mother is not going  
to whip you for breaking the egg be-  
cause you was trying to see how that  
was done, but I am going to whip you  
for telling me a story. It is wrong  
to tell things that are not true. You  
must always tell the truth.

"Please don't whip me, Mother,"  
said Jerry, as he began to cry.

"Yes, you must have a whipping  
because Jesus wants you to tell the  
truth and Mother wants to know that

when she asks you a question she can be sure you are telling the truth."

"I want Daddy to give me a whipping," said Jerry.

"All right, we can wait and let Daddy give you a whipping for telling an untruth, but if he doesn't, be sure and know that Mother will."

During the two hour wait for Daddy to come home from work Jerry would come in every once in a while and try to beg his mother out of a whipping. Then he would say that he didn't want Daddy to come home, but Mother assured him that she wanted Daddy to come home and that if he didn't whip him, she would.

When Daddy came home Jerry did not run out to meet him like he always did. Mother told him what Jerry had done and handed him the strap. Daddy talked to Jerry a long time by himself and then gave him a whipping. Jerry was very careful to tell the truth after that.

—(told to me.) M. M.

## The Secret Camera

In last week's paper I saw the picture of a man in the act of pulling a desk drawer open. It looked like an ordinary picture but the reading under it attracted my attention.

The manager of the office had been missing sums of money so in some way he had a camera hidden so as to catch the picture of anyone opening the drawer.

I'm sure the thief did not know this or he would have stayed away, but as he opened the drawer the camera caught a picture of him in the very act. Sad to say, he only found forty-nine cents for his troubles. It was easy for the thief to be identified for the manager soon had

a picture of him. He had to be punished for his crime.

Isn't it too bad that men and women, boys and girls don't realize that there is someone greater than man with a secret camera that not only takes pictures of our daily actions but also our very inner-most thoughts as well.

If we knew our daily actions were going to be displayed in a newspaper we would be ever so careful. But dear ones, they are going to be displayed some day. So let us live that we will not be ashamed of it as this thief was.

"For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:14.

—O. A. D.

## God Hears You

A man was at work at a city depot handling baggage. Some of it was very heavy and difficult to manage alone. He lost his patience at last, and began to swear and curse terribly. A little girl had been watching him, and when she heard his wicked oaths she seemed shocked and frightened. She became excited presently and cried out, "Oh, please don't talk like that! Don't you know God hears you?"

The man was startled by her earnestness and looked about, as if half expecting to find himself face to face with a listening God. The child's words brought a conviction of his wickedness home to him. "Don't you know God hears you?" kept ringing in his ears as he went on with his work. But he did not swear again that day. He could not rid himself of the sense of God's nearness which

the little girl's question had given him.

He went home in a sober, thoughtful mood. He seemed so unlike himself that his wife thought he must be sick. "No, I am not sick," he told her, "but I'm thinking out something."

All that night a voice kept saying over and over again, "God hears you." It was the turning point in his life. He kept on thinking until he saw his need of salvation. The words of the child had made him think of God as he had never thought of Him before.

—Selected.

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## When To Say No

Though "No" is a very little word, it is not always easy to say it; and not doing so, often causes trouble.

When we are asked to stay away from school, and spend in idleness or mischief the time which ought to be spent in study, we should at once say "No."

When we are urged to loiter on our way to school, and thus be late, and interrupt our teacher and the school, we should say "No." When some schoolmate wishes us to whisper or play in the schoolroom, we should say "No."

When we are tempted to use angry or wicked words, we should remember that the eye of God is always upon us, and should say "No."

When we have done anything wrong, and are tempted to conceal it by falsehood, we should say "No, we can not tell a lie; it is wicked and cowardly."

If we are asked to do anything which we know to be wrong, we should not fear to say "No."

If we thus learn to say "No," we shall avoid much trouble, and be safe always.

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## In Jesus' Arms

In this world there's much that harms,  
But we're safe in Jesus' arms;  
He will hold us safe and fast  
Till all danger has been past.

If we trust Him every day,  
Then what can old Satan say?  
Jesus' loving arms will hold  
Those who trust Him—young or old.

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## Search Question

How many people were aboard the ship in which Paul was journeying to Rome?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Miriam. Numbers 12:10.

Dear boys and girls,

Won't you stand by the right regardless of what others say? Jesus will bless you if you do. I'm sure you like for others to like you and speak well of you. We all do, but can we expect everyone to love us? They did not all love Jesus. So just being good and right will not cause people to love us. Neither will we cause people to love us if we do wrong. So after all it isn't important to live so people will love us. People do not have a heaven for us to go to when we die. People cannot help us

when we die. So the most important thing in life is to live so Jesus will love us so we can go to heaven when we die. Dying will be wonderful when we belong to Jesus. In the Bible it says that the angels came and carried the beggar to heaven when he died. Wasn't that wonderful? I want to live so Jesus will love me, don't you? If we live so Jesus will love us then the people who love Jesus will love us too.

In our lesson we find that Peter did not stand by Jesus like he had intended to. Jesus was taken by wicked men after he had prayed in the garden and brought before the courts of that land. Many men were there to bring false witness against Him, but he was very careful to not even answer them. Jesus knew he was innocent but he also knew that it was his will and the will of God for him to be put on the cross to die for our sins.

Jesus had warned Peter that he was going to be put to a test. He had told Peter that he would be offended but Peter was sure he would not. Peter felt that he would stand by Jesus through all of his trouble. Peter intended to, but do you remember how he slept in the garden instead of praying? Oh, how important it is that we keep prayed up. We do not know what is ahead of us.

Let us notice what kind of crowd Peter was in when he denied Jesus. One was a maid of the High Priest. She stood right with the High Priest against Jesus. The others that stood around in the courtyard warming their hands by the fire also were against Jesus. Everyone around there was against Jesus and the right. Peter could not stand the crowd all being against him so he lined up with them to keep from being looked down upon. He even took up their language and swore. Oh, how sad! Luke says that Jesus turned and looked at Peter. Oh, that touched Peter's heart and he

went out and repented. He got out of that crowd fast. It pays to not be in the company of evil doers. We might be like Peter and be tempted to do wrong.  
—Aunt Marie.

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## **WHEN PETER MADE JESUS SAD**

**Mark 14:53, 66-72**

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him were assembled all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes.

66 And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest:

67 And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth.

68 But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.

69 And a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.

70 And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely thou art one of them: for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech agreeth thereto.

71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

72 And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

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

**Central Truth:** We should be loyal to Jesus even if others turn against Him.

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## Faith In Jesus

We must believe Jesus,  
That He is God's Son,  
And that He was given  
To save us, each one.  
We must accept Jesus—  
This great love of God,  
So we will not perish,  
But live on and on.

Faith is not in feelings,  
Or something that's seen;  
It's something we hope for,  
On promises lean.  
The promise of heaven  
When we leave this earth;  
It's faith the "just" live by—  
Taking God at His Word.

When we ask our father  
For something we need,  
We know we will get it,  
In him we believe.  
It's faith just this simple—  
The faith of a child,  
Without it we never  
Can have Jesus' smile.

—*Sylvia Forbes.*

## A Vision Of The Cross

There are men who, following in Christ's steps have suffered ignominy and shame for His sake, and who have manifested a spirit of forgiveness toward those who did them harm akin to that shown by Christ on the cross. Such a man was Solomon L. Ginsburg, who became a mighty missionary in Brazil.

While Ginsburg, a young Jew, was living with a Jewish uncle in London, he found God as a result of reading the New Testament and attending a Christian mission. The next morning his uncle asked him why he looked so happy. Upon learning that he had accepted Jesus as his Saviour he was driven from his uncle's home, not even being permitted to go to his room to get his belongings. Later another uncle came from Germany to see him. He told him that unless he renounced his Christianity he would be excommunicated, disinherited, disowned by his family, and counted as dead. He was given a week to decide what he would do.

At the end of the week young Ginsburg was called to meet his uncles and some elders of Israel. When their pleas proved fruitless, they carried out the dreaded ordeal by which he was cut off from his family and race. He listened to the appalling words with a deepening sense of horror. He heard the words of doom: "Cursed be he by day, cursed by night; cursed when standing and cursed when lying down; cursed when eating and cursed when drinking." Then it seemed to young Ginsburg as if he saw before him Christ on the cross with out-stretched arms, and above in clear, shining letters words that dispelled his fears and filled his soul with gladness: "He redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us." It was a vision never to be forgotten.

After this the young man lived for a time in a home for Jewish converts in London. He was eager to testify for Christ, and he bore witness to many of his own people. Again and again he was stoned, knocked down, kicked, and injured so that he was left insensible. But so great was his love and his spirit of forgiveness that as soon as he had recovered from his injuries he would again set out with unabated zeal to share with his people the experience that had transformed his life. Later he labored in Brazil for thirty-three years and in some communities he won for Christ as many as a thousand converts in a single year.

—J. S. C.

### **"I Have A Great High Priest"**

A little boy, who was educated in one of the London Hiberian schools in the country of Roscommon, was seized by sickness, and confined to his bed. In a few days his dissolution seemed

to be near. The parents of the boy being Roman Catholics, sent immediately for the priest, to have the rites of their Church administered, which, in their estimation, was the needful preparation for heaven. On the arrival of the priest, the boy seemed much confused, and astonished at his coming. "Your visit," said the boy, "was altogether unnecessary; I have no need of your help or assistance: I have a great High Priest at the right hand of the Majesty in the heaven, able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by him. He lives forevermore, to make intercession; and He is such a Priest as I require." The priest, perceiving it to be in vain to reason at such a time, and knowing the boy to have been made acquainted with the Bible, went away. The child requested his parents to send for his schoolmaster, who stated that he never witnessed such a scene; it was altogether unexpected. The boy was always silent; though he was attentive to the instructions given at school, he never once hinted a change in his sentiments. In the course of conversation he was asked if he was afraid to die. "No," replied the boy; "my Redeemer is Lord of the dead and living; I love him for his love to me, and soon I hope to be with him to see his glory."

### **How A Quaker Forgave**

One evening the following advertisement appeared in a weekly paper: "Whoever stole a lot of hides is hereby informed that their owner has a sincere wish to be his friend. If poverty tempted him, the owner will keep the whole transaction secret and will gladly put him in the way of obtaining money by means more likely to bring him peace of mind." The ad-

vertisement was inserted by tanner Savary, a Quaker.

Some people laughed, but one man did not. The bundle of hides he had stolen in the night lay heavy on his conscience. It took some courage for him to stand at Savary's door till a kindly face appeared and a voice asked, "What is it?" "I've brought them back, Mr. Savary," said the thief. Without asking any explanation, the tanner said, "Come with me, friend, while we take them back to the yard. Then we shall see what may be done for thee." When they returned, the table was spread with a bounteous supper. It was too much for the thief. The food he tried to eat choked him. He stood up and told his miserable story, how drink and bad ways had brought him to poverty, how hunger had tempted him to steal for the first time.

"Let it be the last time, then," said the tanner, "and the secret shall remain between us. And now promise me thou wilt not touch strong drink for a year and I will employ thee at good wages." It was too much; the man dropped his head in his hands and sobbed like a child. Next morning he came to the tanyard as an employed workman. Soon he became known and respected as a steady, reliable man, on whose loyalty his master could count at all times. To the day of his death the secret was kept between his master and himself.

—Emily Huntley.

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## Search Question

How many days had the men aboard the ship done without food?

Answer to Last Week's Question

276 people. Acts 27:37.

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Dear boys and girls,

If there had been newspapers in the days that Jesus lived I'm sure our lesson for today would take the headlines of every newspaper in the land. I'm also sure that it would not have been printed just as our lesson is printed. The contempt and mockery that was heaped upon our precious Saviour would have been enlarged upon and many would have been stirred against him in their hearts even if they could not have been near him. The crime against Jesus is one of the worst in the world, yet God permitted it, Jesus was willing for it, and today we are thankful because of it. Only because of Jesus' death can we be saved and ready for heaven.

We ought to love Jesus because he was willing to die such an awful death. We read that being put on the cross is one of the worst deaths that can ever be. One writer who was well acquainted with the horrible death of a person on the cross says it is one of the most shameful and most cruel of all deaths. Nothing could be more painful than to hang a person's body, held only with nails driven through the feet and hands. Every move was a pain while the enlarged veins brought torture beyond description. He also says the terrible thirst was beyond

description. Oh, how it brings the tears to our eyes as we think of our precious, loving Saviour suffering such agony. He suffered it all for you and for me. We should love him all the days of our lives, shouldn't we?

The multitudes passed by him hanging on the cross and mocked him. They said if he be the Christ let him come down from the cross. They cursed him and spit upon him. They mocked him but all the while Jesus was breathing a prayer to God for them. He said, "Father forgive them; for they know not what they do." Oh, how wonderful he was. How forgiving he was. Can we not always take him for our example? When others make fun of us and mistreat us can we not love them also and ask God to forgive them? The Lord will help us.

We think of the two thieves that were crucified with him. They were there because of sin. Jesus had not done any sin. But we do thank God that one of the thieves realized Jesus to be the Saviour of the world. He asked Jesus to forgive him and asked him to remember him. Jesus told him that when they died that day they would be together in paradise. But the other thief did not repent. God took Jesus out of his misery long before he would have normally died. God will help us in times of need the same way. Don't you love Jesus more today than you did yesterday?

—Aunt Marie.

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Lesson 12, March 22, 1959

## JESUS FORGIVES HIS ENEMIES

Luke 23: 33-46

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive

them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Memory Verse: Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. Luke 23:34.

Central Truth: Jesus suffered much, yet he forgave his enemies.



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Part Thirteen

March 29

## EASTER SONG

Easter is a glorious time

For more than one good reason;

We see about us everywhere

The signs of spring's bright season.

But I am glad for more than sun

And gentle winds and warming  
showers;

I'm glad for more than tumbling  
brooks

Or birds that sing in hidden bowers.

I'm glad for more than home and love

And friendship sweet and gay;

I'm glad because the dear Christ rose

And lives and walks with me today.

## Marie Learns About Easter

Anne came rushing in from school with pigtails flying, and her sweet little face all smeared up with dirt and tears.

"Mamma!" she cried.

"Whatever is the matter?" asked her mother, drying her hands on her apron.

"It's Marie!" Anne wailed. She's going to have a new dress and new

socks and new shoes and everything!"

"Why, Anne!" Mother said. "I think that's fine. Aren't you glad Marie is going to have nice things?"

"Yes, but— Yes, but—"

Mother found a hanky to wipe the tears away.

"She's going to have them all to wear on Easter Day. And I won't have any! And she laughed at me! And—and she said that's what Easter Day is for! And—And—"

Poor little Anne!" Mother said. "Marie has got you all mixed up, hasn't she?"

"She's mean!" wailed Anne.

"No," Mother said, "I don't think she's really mean. She's just got Easter backwards, sometimes we have new clothes for Easter, but Easter is not especially for wearing new clothes."

Anne dried her tears and washed her dirty face.

"I tell you what," Mother suggested. "You ask Marie to come to supper tomorrow. Then we'll get Daddy to read about the Easter story for our devotion."

The next day, everybody was seated

around the supper table with bright faces and clean hands. Daddy put on his glasses and cleared his throat. He opened the big Bible carefully, and started to read about Easter.

Anne smiled at Mother and Marie sat very quiet to listen.

When he had finished reading, Daddy closed the Bible and began to pray in his warm, deep, rumbling voice.

"Dear Father in Heaven, look down on us tonight, and bless our little family and our little friend. Thank You for this food You have given us. Thank You, too, for Jesus who died in our place. Help us to love Him as much as we should, and to keep this Easter with all our hearts. Amen."

After supper, Marie and Anne went out to play, but Marie didn't say anything about the Easter story. Anne was disappointed. But that night, when Marie went home, she told her mother:

"I had the most wonderful time, Mother. Before we ate supper Anne's daddy read a story in the Bible and said a prayer, just like church. And you know what? Easter isn't for candy and toys and dresses at all! Easter is because Jesus died in our place and then arose. The story is right in the Bible!" —Beams of Light.

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## **"Let Him Be Crucified"**

John Nelson was preaching at He-worth Moor on Easter Sunday morning "to a large number of serious hearers." Toward the close of his discourse a mob came from York, hired and headed by some (miscalled) gentlemen. They stood still till an eminent Papist cried out, "Why do not you knock the dog's brains out?" On which they immediately began throwing all that came to hand, so

that the congregation was quickly dispersed. John spoke a few words, and walked toward York. They followed with showers of bricks and stones, one of which struck him on the shoulder, one on the back, and a little before he came to the city, part of a brick hit him on the back part of the head and felled him to the ground. When he came to himself, two friends lifted him up and led him forward between them. The gentlemen followed, throwing as before, till he came to the city gate, near which lived an honest tradesman, who took him by the arm and pulled him into his house. Some of the rioters swore they would break all his windows if he did not turn him out. But he would not.

In the afternoon, Mr. Nelson went to Acomb, where he began to preach about five o'clock. Before the sermon was ended, the same gentlemen came in a coach with numerous attendants. They threw clods and stones so fast that the congregation soon dispersed. As Mr. Nelson walked away, two men followed him, one of whom swore desperately that he would have his life. He struck him repeatedly on the head and breast, and at length threw him down, and stamped upon him till he left him for dead. But, by the mercy of God, being carried into a house, he soon came to himself.

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## **He Found The Risen Lord**

A young Brazillian soldier, staying in a hotel of an interior town, had shown much interest in the Christian street meetings. One morning Melva Webb, a missionary, also in that town, felt a special burden to ask the Lord for the opportunity of witnessing to a hungry soul that morning. As she went to breakfast there was the young

soldier! The Holy Spirit prompted her to ask him if he would like to know the way of salvation. He was eager. "I have been told all my life that Christ is dead," he exclaimed. "But this little book (a gospel of John which he had received in the street meeting) says He is alive!" Gladly the missionary told the beautiful story, the Spirit bearing witness, and joyfully the young soldier found the risen Saviour! —Sel.

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## A Change

One of our neighbors had a very large and mean bull cow. He caught a man in the corner of a corral and horned him to death. They were afraid of him so sold him to my father who took delight in breaking wild horses or just such animals.

Father got another man with a horse, and the two of them put a ring in the bull's nose. The man in front had a pole to hold him back, while Father on the rear horse held a rope tied in the ring. In this way they took him home and put his head in the forks of an apple tree, which Father used when dehorning cattle. After the horns were off, he was like Samson with his short hair—conquered. We boys could put a bridle and saddle on him and two or three of us ride him at once.

All of us are by nature born in sin, just like the bull is by nature mean. But when Jesus saves us, we are made a new boy or girl. Our nature changes. We do not stamp our feet and use hard language, nor lie nor steal, but we are kind, meek, and loving. —E. E. F.

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"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life"—Jesus.

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## PRAY

Pray on till the victory's won,  
Pray on till the answer comes.

Don't delay,

Put your burden away  
In Christ Jesus the Lord.

—Bonnie Matthews, age 14.

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## Search Question

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the ——— of the Lord our God."

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Fourteen days. Acts 27:33.

Dear boys and girls,

All of us love the Easter story. We have been talking about how the people had Jesus put in the grave and they thought they were rid of Him but He did not stay there. He arose! Oh, how precious to know that today He is alive forevermore and is sitting on the right hand of God in glory and is asking the Father to help us and bless us. We are rejoicing today because of the great things God has done for us.

I do hope our boys and girls know what Easter means. It seems so many look forward to new clothes, colored

eggs, candy rabbits and chickens, but do not really understand what a wonderful thing it is to know that it is a time when we think about our precious Saviour who arose from the grave and the plan of salvation was completed. If Jesus had not arose we could not be saved today. What if He had not risen? Oh, how sad this world would be! But because He did arise we have some joy that is unspeakable in the world.

If Jesus had not arose those who have died would not arise when Jesus comes bursting through the clouds to take us all home to be with him. Jesus is the firstfruits of the resurrection. Some day this body of ours will put on a new body. Did you ever watch the caterpillar turn into a beautiful butterfly? Isn't that a wonderful change? We are just in an old ugly shell now. Some day we are going to blossom out into a wonderful new body. In that new body there will never be any pain. It will never grow old. It will be beautiful and perfect. This all will come to pass because Jesus arose from the grave.

Our lesson today is a wonderful lesson. I like the verse so much where the disciples said, "Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us by the way?" I'm sure that each of us that is saved has felt some of the same kind of inner glow they did when we are in prayer. We also have felt it when we are in public worship and the Spirit of the Lord draws very close. Sometimes it is when we do a good deed. Or it might be when we are about our work and we are thinking about Jesus and his love to us.

Although Jesus has gone to heaven we must not think he is far away. He is near us all the time. He is watching and he understands all about our needs. Just as he understood the needs of his friends that day walking down the road,

he understands ours today. We want to come to him in prayer with every thing. He will help us. —Aunt Marie.

### Lesson 13, March 29, 1959

#### EASTER

Luke 24:13-17, 28-35

13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures?

Memory Verse: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore. Rev. 1:8.

Central Truth: Jesus is not dead but is alive today.

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Part One

April 5

## God Helps

Samuel, the people led  
To prayer; the Bible said.  
When Satan roared, they cried  
To God, who never lied.

Their foes caused them trouble,  
God began to rumble;  
A miracle they did see—  
Their enemies all did flee.

When you are in trouble,  
And it seems to double,  
Unto the Lord do cry,  
To your side He will fly.

—Marie Miles.

## “Jehovah’s Rain”

“That is Jehovah’s rain! Truly the Jehovah God is fighting for them and helping them. Let us away!” These were the words of the savages on the island of Tanna, just before John G. Paton and two others on the island left.

One night the mission house was surrounded by savages who were bent on setting fire to the chapel and the house close to it and murdering the missionaries. With torches they first

set fire to the chapel all around and to a reed fence connecting it with the house. Missionary Paton rushed out, cut the reed fence and tore it up and threw it back into the flames, and was then surrounded by seven or eight savages with their clubs raised. There was a shout, “Kill him! Kill him!” They yelled in rage and urged each other to strike the first blow, but God restrained them.

We now quote from Missionary Paton’s book what took place from this point on:

“At this dread moment occurred an incident, which my readers may explain as they like, but which I trace directly to the interposition of God. A rushing and roaring sound came from the south, like the noise of a mighty engine or of muttering thunder. Every head was instinctively turned in that direction, and they knew, from previous hard experience, that it was one of their awful tornadoes of wind and rain. Now, mark, the wind bore the flames away from our dwelling house; had it come in the opposite direction, no power on earth could have saved us from being

all consumed! It made the work of destroying the church only that of a few minutes; but it brought with it a heavy and murky cloud, which poured out a perfect torrent of tropical rain.

"It became almost impossible now to set fire to our dwelling house. The mighty roaring of the wind, the black cloud pouring down unceasing torrents, and the whole surroundings, awed those savages into silence. Some began to withdraw from the scene; all lowered their weapons of war; and several, terror-struck exclaimed, 'That is Jehovah's rain! Truly their Jehovah God is fighting for them and helping them. Let us away!'

"A panic seized them: they threw away their remaining torches; in a few moments they had all disappeared in the bush and I was left alone, praising God for His marvelous works."

## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Nine

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us"

"Who will tell me what an acrostic is," asked Mr. Burrows, the teacher. A few hands were raised.

Howard was called on to answer.

"It's a piece of poetry, sir, where the first letter of every line taken together form a word."

"Must an acrostic always be poetry?"

Several answers were given and it was decided that an acrostic could be poetry or prose. Then Mr. Burrows announced, "I want every boy in school who can write to bring an acrostic on his own name for his next composition."

The boys groaned and declared they couldn't do it, but Mr. Burrows

assured them they could and said each one must try.

Tim went home in a tumult. What could he do? He had never written a composition in his life, but had made it a point to run away from school on composition day. Now running away was done away with. It didn't seem possible that he could write anything.

As soon as he could he hurried to the seat under the elm tree by the pond. He wanted to think, to see how to meet this new trouble. He remembered Bro. Holbrook's kind words, "There is no place on the road so dark but this lamp will light you through if you will give it a chance." These words had already proved to be a help to him but how could they help him now? He took his Bible out of his pocket and turned the pages slowly. A thought suddenly came to his mind. Why not find his acrostic in the Bible? But, if he did, what would the boys think?

After a few moments of troubled thought he said with decision, "I do not care. I'll not be ashamed of my Bible. I'll do it." With that he set to work searching out Bible verses that would make an acrostic of his name, Edward Lewis. As he labored some of the beauty of those precious verses crept into his heart. He had been finding as others have found, that reading the Bible and practicing it gives one a greater appetite for reading the Bible.

The following Friday a pile of acrostics lay on Mr. Burrows' desk. The boys listened as the teacher read and spelled out each name. Such a merry time they had. Some were clever, some very funny. The room was quiet again as Mr. Burrows began reading.

### "What Jesus Christ Says"

**E** Even the night shall be light about thee.

**D** Depart from evil and do good.

**W** Whosoever cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out.

**A** A new heart will I give you.

**R** Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**D** Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.

**L** Lo, I am with you alway.

**E** Ever follow that which is good.

**W** Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not.

**I** I will go before thee, and make the crooked paths straight.

**S** So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper.

How astonished the boys were when they spelled out the name, Edward Lewis.

"Who found these verses for you, Edward?" asked the teacher.

"I found them, sir," replied Tim.

"It is a beautiful collection of Bible verses. It was a fine idea. I wish that you, and every scholar of mine, could feel the full meaning of those words."

—To be continued—

### What Makes The Rain Drops Fall

O! one day I was curious,  
I wanted to know why  
That Jesus let the rain drops fall  
From out the stormy sky?  
I figured out my question—  
And Jesus let me know,  
"It's for the food you eat,  
It's for the water you drink,  
And also to make you clean  
From head to foot again."

—By Herma Leen Kelly, age 11.

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### Search Question

How many angels visited Sodom?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Name. Psa. 20:7.

Dear Boys and girls,

Almost a year ago we talked about a woman who prayed for the Lord to give her a son. She told the Lord that if He would give her a son she would give him back to Him. God heard and answered her prayer. She loved this little boy. Do you know what his name is? His name means, "asked of God."

When her little boy grew older she took him up to the house of the Lord and brought him to Eli, the High Priest. Every year she came to see him and brought him a little coat. I'm sure you know this little boy was Samuel.

Do you remember how God called him in the night? He thought it was Eli. He was obedient and ran to Eli's side and asked if he had called him. Three times he ran to Eli in answer to the call. Finally Eli told him to say, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

God did call again and told Samuel many things. He told him He was going to punish Eli because he did not try to keep his boys from doing evil. God expects parents to teach their chil-

dren right and punish them if they do wrong. If children were allowed to grow up doing wrong they would end up in the prison and their soul in hell. Parents who love their children punish them when they do wrong and guide them right.

Trouble came to the Philistines because they had taken the ark of the Lord. When they put it in the house with their great god, an image called Dagon, they found in the morning that Dagon had fallen face down before the ark. They set the image up again but the next morning Dagon's hands were broken off and only the stump of Dagon was left. The people took the ark out of the city because people were dying. God was punishing them every where. Finally they made a new cart and put the ark on it with an offering of gold and other things and hitched two mother cows to it. They shut up their calves. These cows did opposite to nature. They left their calves and went lowing to the land of Israel with the ark. The people rejoiced to see it. They gathered together and Samuel told the people that if they would confess their sins God would deliver them out of the hands of the Philistines. We find in our lesson today how God did it.

—Aunt Marie.

#### Lesson 1, April 5, 1959

### SAMUEL, THE WISE LEADER

1 Sam. 3:19-21; 7:5-12

3:19 And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord.

21 And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

7:5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord: and Samuel cried unto the Lord for Israel; and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mezpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Bethcar.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

Memory Verse: I will teach you the good and the right way. 1 Sam. 12:23.

Central Thought: We should appreciate Samuel and also the wise leaders of today who know God and help people do right.



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Part Two

April 12

## God Provides A King

Saul was their king,  
The crowd did sing,  
"Live long!" they said,  
Since God had led.

Saul was real tall,  
But that was not all;  
In His own sight,  
Had little might.

Samuel told Saul,  
That by God's law  
He should measure;  
This brings pleasure.

—Marie Miles.

## Humility Pays

The music had started and it was time for the graduates to march in and take their places. Their friends and relatives had gathered in to honor them upon their graduation from business college. This was the night that one from the large group would be honored with the silver cup for having the highest average in grades. A number among the graduates thought they would receive it.

Friends and relatives were hoping it would be their loved one who would receive it.

As they came in girl after girl was dressed in evening gowns with all the frills and laces. Most of the girls had bare shoulders and arms showing. Their faces were painted and their hair was short and frilled. But in came a girl who was dressed modestly. She had long sleeves and dress neck high. Her natural curly hair was done up neatly. She had a sweet smile on her face that wasn't painted. She looked very humble and sweet. Remarks were made about her plainness but all could see her sweetness. Bertha felt as happy as any of them that night because she had Jesus in her heart.

The great moment came. Who will receive the cup? Who had the highest average? Was it the queen of the class? Would it be the one who was dressed in the latest fashion and most expensive? Would it be the most popular one? Each one was hoping it would be she. Bertha sat beside the queen and she thought it surely would be she, or maybe one

or two in the class whose grades were high. But to the surprise of most in the class and to Bertha, the most humble, her name was called. She had the highest average of any who had ever graduated from the school, and she received the cup. She was loved by her teachers and class-mates alike. Bertha thanked Jesus because He had helped her.

We read about how Saul who was chosen king was very humble. He even hid himself when called by the people to be acclaimed. He was a humble son who was obedient to his father. He was surprised to be chosen but God chooses humble people to honor.

—M. Miles.

## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Ten

"Enter not into the path of the wicked—avoid it."

The circus was in town. Katie begged Tim to find a way to earn some money so she could go. Tim had managed to slip in, other years, himself. Now it was different. He was trying to please Jesus. What would Jesus have him do? He knew Ellis Holbrook, the minister's son, never went. His father taught him differently. Yet there were some respective people who went. Anyhow, he didn't have the money, so the question would settle itself.

Mr. Dewey stood in the door of his market. "Hello, Tim, you're the boy I must have been looking for. If you'll carry packages for me for one hour I'll give you two circus tickets."

Up and down the streets went Tim, busily delivering packages, all the time in a whirl of thought about the circus tickets. When they were placed in his hand he hurried toward home. Passing a bar room of a hotel he saw

some of the circus men busy playing cards and drinking brandy. Should good, respectable people go to see and hear such men as these? The conflict in Tim's mind was great.

He went down to his seat under the elm. Taking out his "lamp" he began turning its leaves. He found his Sunday school verse and then his eyes fell on the words, "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away."

"That means them and me," said Tim. "They are wicked. They were drinking, gambling, and swearing too. I'll take these tickets back to Mr. Dewey."

Mr. Dewey was surprised when Tim handed him the tickets and was more surprised when he gave his Bible reason for not going.

Katie was angry when Tim told her that he could get the tickets but that he couldn't go. He tried to explain why, but she refused to listen.

Tim was comforted though. He knew Jesus was pleased with his decision. After all, what does it matter how others feel and think if His smile is upon us?

—To be continued—

## Hanging on to Sin

A child was one day playing with a valuable vase, when he put his hand into it and could not withdraw it. His father, too, tried to get it out, but all in vain. They were talking of breaking the vase when the father said, "Now my son, make one more try. Open your hand and hold your fingers out straight, as you see me doing, and then pull."

To their astonishment the little fellow said: "Oh, no, I couldn't put

my fingers out like that, for if I did I would drop my penny."

How like people today! They get into trouble, but unless they are willing to "forsake" their sins God cannot help them. But he that confesseth and forsaketh his sins shall find mercy. Prov. 28:13.

### LETTERS

#### Oregon—

Dear Beautiful Way readers,—I want to thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I was reading in the car and I became dizzy when I got out and took some eggs up the street. I began to get very dizzy, but I knew I had to get where I was going. I finally got to the people's house, but I was so dizzy I thought I would fall over. When I told the people I was dizzy they told me to sit down until I felt better. I sat there and wondered what would happen if I would pass out. But I told the Lord if He would take the dizziness away I would testify for Him and it started to go away. Please pray for me.

—Shirley Stice.

#### California—

Dear Aunt Marie, I would like to tell you about things that God has done for me and my mother. I will start with Mother. She has been sick for seven months. I think she had a nervous breakdown. We prayed for her and now she is well. I know that God did it.

In November my teacher checked my eyes. She said I needed glasses. Mother prayed for me. When the nurse came she said I didn't need glasses. We know that God did that for me.

Love,

—Patricia Bunting.

### Search Question

Where did Lot want to live after leaving Sodom?

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### Answer to Last Week's Question

Two. Gen. 19:1

Dear Boys and Girls:

Samuel was now growing old. He had been a faithful judge of the people. The people all loved him but they did not approve of his making his sons judges. His sons were unlike their father. They took bribes and were dishonest.

One day the elders of the people came to Samuel and asked that he give them a king. They had a desire to have a king like other nations. They wanted some one to go before them into battle and be their leader. Samuel did not approve of this move. He prayed unto the Lord. God told Samuel to let them have their desire. He told Samuel that they were not rejecting him, but God. Samuel told the elders how a king would take their sons and make them soldiers. A king would also make them reap his harvest and make instruments of war. A king would take a tenth of their seed and vineyards and give it to his officers and servants. Much sorrow would come because of having a king. The elders would not listen but still wanted one. So God let them have their way. When we pray for things we should always tell

the Lord to give them to us if it is best. We should not contend for our own way.

One day Kish told his son Saul to take a servant and go look for some of his asses that were lost. Saul and the servant went far from home but could not find them. The servant finally said, "Let us go to the seer or prophet and ask him to tell us where they are." The servant told Saul he had a little money they could take to him for a gift. As they were going up the hill where the man of God was, they asked some girls who had come out of the city if he was there. The girls said that the people were going to have a feast and were waiting for Samuel, the prophet, to come to bless the sacrifice and if they would hurry they would find him there.

Now God had told Samuel that about this time of day a man from Benjamin would come whom he was to anoint as king. When Samuel saw Saul coming, the Lord said to him, "Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people." Samuel told Saul that the asses had been found and for him to go up to the feast. At Samuel's direction the cook had reserved a goodly portion for an unknown guest, and now the chief guest of honor arrived just in time. The next morning after the feast Samuel privately anointed Saul as king.

Our lesson tells about the public choosing of Saul as king. Notice how humble Saul was. After he was chosen he went back to his work on the farm.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 2, April 12, 1959

## GOD PROVIDES A KING

1 Sam. 8:4-5; 21-22; 10:20-25

8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he refreshed them in the ears of the Lord.

22 And the Lord said to Samuel, Harken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

10:20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, if the man should yet come thither. And the Lord answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

24 And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

Memory Verse: Serve the Lord with all your heart. 1 Sam. 12:20.

Central Truth: Saul was chosen king because he was strong in body and humble in spirit.

"Thou wast little in thine own sight."

1 Samuel 15:17

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Part Three

April, 19

## Disobedience

"May I go to Terry's?"  
Asked twelve-year-old Larry.  
"For one hour you may stay,  
But don't from his house stray."

"Let's go to the river,  
With Dan in his fliwer,"  
Said Terry to Larry.  
"Let us all be merry."

"Speed up, Dan," said Terry.  
"Please don't," cried poor Larry.  
They did not make the turn;  
A lesson they did learn.

"Lord, if you'll forgive,  
I'll not do it again,  
And take away the pain,  
And make me well again."  
—Marie Miles.

## Living For Jesus

Dura lived with her father, mother, and brother on a ranch in west Texas. Her parents always read the Bible and prayed every day and sang the beautiful songs of Zion; and taught their children to fear God and keep His commandments.

Almost everyone who lived on ranches had to go quite a way to the little village store, to school, or to Sunday school. Dura and her folks had always attended Sunday school before they moved to the ranch and so they tried to after moving to the ranch. But it was not so easy, for only three could ride in the buggy. (There were no cars in the days of this story. People had to ride in buggies, wagons, or on horseback.) So sometimes Dura's parents would stay home and she and her brother, who was six years older, would go alone to Sunday school.

When they did they usually stayed and ate dinner in one of the homes near by where all the young people would gather to sing in the afternoon, and the children would play games.

Now Dura's parents had taught her that Sunday was the Lord's day and they were to spend it in a way to honor God and had not allowed their children to play ball or other games where they would yell or make a lot of noise.

On the first Sunday with the children, Dura met with a strong temp-

tation—they were all going to play croquet. They coaxed her to play. Dura really liked to play croquet so she yielded to the temptation and played with them, but she tried not to be noisy and would not do or say some things the other children did that she knew were wrong, like: saying bad words when the ball didn't go right. She knew one of the commandments of God said, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." They didn't always use God's name but some other words which meant the same thing.

Poor Dura didn't know how the devil was planning to trap her. He sets his traps for all good boys and girls to get them to do wrong. After playing with the children for several Sundays she got used to hearing their bad words, their cheating, and telling lies and saying, "they didn't." Gradually she didn't think so much about these things being wrong. This was just what the devil wanted.

One day when something didn't go right she said one of those bad words just like the devil wanted her to. But as soon as she said it, oh, she felt so terrible! The children all stopped playing and looked at her so surprised. One of them said, "I thought you wouldn't say words like that." Oh, Dura was very ashamed, and wished she could run away and hide. She prayed a little prayer down deep in her heart and asked Jesus to forgive her and help her never to say words like that again. He did forgive her and helped her, and she kept her promise to Jesus.

She didn't understand then, but later God helped her to see that when she played those games on Sunday, she was disobeying her parents. Little by little she had forgotten

Jesus, and hadn't watched and prayed as Jesus had said to do. This was why she had said the bad word and caused the boys and girls to look at her in surprise. They knew she had given her heart to Jesus.

She learned that to live for Jesus we must be different from the bad girls and boys. She did love Jesus and wanted to please Him and then some day to go to Heaven to be with Him always. About this time she learned to play a song on the organ which said, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus; but to trust and obey."

Dura was happy and she did the best she knew how to live for Jesus. Sometimes when the boys and girls were going to do something that was not right, they would say, "No use to ask Dura, she won't do it." And she was glad they knew she would rather obey Jesus than to do wrong.

So children, watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation! Matthew 26:41. —Aunt Vera.

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## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Eleven

"Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away."

Over and over this verse came to Tim's mind. He did not know it but the Spirit of God was warning him to keep him from temptation. Neither did he know that it was the devil suggesting to him that it would do no harm just to go and listen to the music at the circus and see if lots of folks were going.

Pretty soon he came within sight of it and heard the music. Closer and closer he came until he was very near the door, though he didn't mean to go in.

The people were crowding in. Rich Mr. Douglas stood waiting near the door. When he saw Tim and understood that he had no money to go in, he handed a quarter to the door keeper and told him to let Tim in. A moment more and Tim stood inside the tent, hushing the small voice within. Hadn't one of the nicest men in town let him in? There he was now with his wife and little girl. Mrs. Douglas was a Sunday school teacher. If she could go why couldn't he? Tim reasoned. No one had told him that his lamp said, "Everyone of us shall give account of himself unto God."

Tim was too busy listening and looking to keep out of people's way. He stepped back directly in front of a man who was trying to make his way through the crowd to the entrance. Tim knew he was one of the circus men. His face was red with liquor. A dreadful oath came from his lips as he pushed Tim out of the way.

After he heard the name of his Lord taken in vain it seemed as if the Lord himself spoke to Tim asking him what he was doing there. Tim fought his way through the crowd to the entrance saying, "Let me go, let me go."

—To be continued—

## Search Question

Where did Lot and his two daughters live after leaving Zoar?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
Zoar. Gen. 19:22

Dear Boys and Girls:

Our memory verse should be memorized by every one in the class. Not only should it be memorized but should

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always be put in practice. Let us say it together, "All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient." God has told us to obey our parents. Are we careful to do that? If your mother told you you could go to a friend's house and stay until five o'clock, but when five came you decided since you were having such a good time you would stay longer; is that obedience? My father always told us children when we were young that if we did not learn to obey our parents we would not obey the Lord. I have found that to be true. Eternal salvation is only for those who obey. Hebrews 5:9.

Obedience is a lesson we must all learn. We can never get into heaven unless we learn it. Many lives have been wrecked because they did not obey. Stubbornness and rebellion is never admired in others. It is a sin. Why is it so important to obey? Only after we have learned to obey can God trust us with things to do for Him. Only then can we receive some of the great blessings God has for us. Will you, today, decide in your heart to be careful to obey those who are over you? It might be hard but it is a lesson worth learning. Your life will become sweeter and fuller. During the World War 2 a sailor disobeyed the orders for a complete black-

out on a submarine and lit a cigarette. A German submarine captain later told that this gave him the position of the submarine. The great ship with a valuable cargo was sunk and lives lost because someone did not fully obey. Listen to God's words, "What shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?" 1 Peter 4:17.

Saul was called to help the people when an enemy came against them. He gathered the men together and God gave a great victory. Saul was greatly honored by the people and he ruled them as king. But he did not always act wisely. He became proud. He no longer felt his need of obeying God carefully. He became insanely jealous of David whom God blessed. He tried to kill David. Chapter fourteen tells how Saul wanted to kill his son, Jonathan, who had disobeyed an order given by his father that he knew nothing about. The People would not let him. In our lesson today we read about how Saul partly obeyed the Lord and God rejected him as king. He made excuses and today people make excuses when they do wrong. Disobedience did not pay then, and today it will not pay. God bless you.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 3, April 19, 1959

### A KING WHO DISOBEYED

1 Sam. 15:10-12, 17-22, 24

10 Then came the word of the Lord unto Samuel, saying,

11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night.

12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel,

and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

17 And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed thee king over Israel?

18 And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord?

20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and have gone the way which the Lord sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

21 But the people took of the spoil sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal.

22 And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord: Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

24 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.

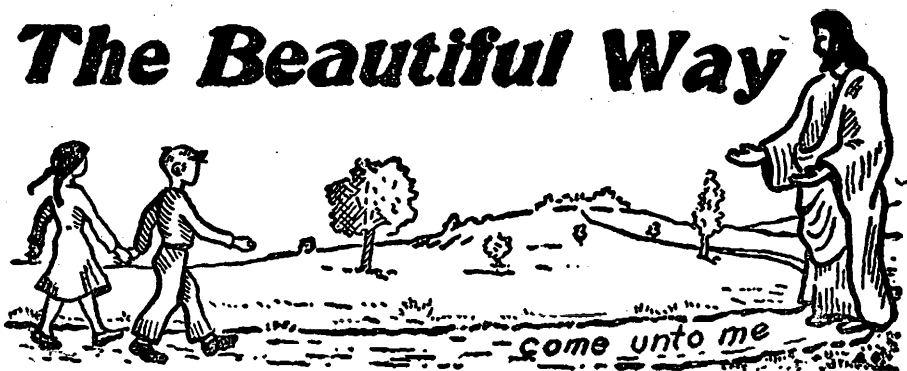
Memory Verse: All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. Exo. 24:7.

Central Truth: Disobeying God brought evil results in Saul's life and will in ours today.

Obedience brings blessings!



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Part Four

April, 26

## David Serves The King

David loved the good Lord;  
His mountains he adored.  
Before Him he did sing  
With harp; the hills did ring.

To the king he did play  
His harp, day after day,  
Doing well all his tasks,  
Whatever he was asked.

Be like David today,  
Whether at work or at play—  
Always doing the right;  
You'll be blessed in God's sight.  
—Marie Miles.

## Things To Remember

When you rise in the morning, remember Who kept you from danger during the night. Remember Who watched over you while you slept, and Whose sun shines around you, and gives you the sweet light of day.

Let God have the thanks of your heart, for his kindness and His care; and pray for His protection during the wakeful hours of day.

Remember that God made all creatures to be happy, and will do nothing that may prevent their being so, without good reason for it.

When you are at the table, do not eat in a greedy manner, like a pig. Eat quietly, and do not reach forth your hand for the food, but ask some one to help you.

Do not become peevish and pout, because you do not get a part of everything, be satisfied with what is given you.

Avoid a pouting face, angry looks, and angry words. Do not slam the doors. Go quietly up and down stairs; and never make a loud noise about the house.

Be kind and gentle in your manners; not like the howling winter storm, but like the bright summer morning.

Do always as your parents bid you. Obey them with a ready mind, and with a pleasant face.

Never do anything that you would be afraid or ashamed that your parents should know. Remember, if no one else sees you, God does, from

whom you can not hide even your most secret thought.

At night, before you go to sleep, think whether you have done anything that was wrong during the day, and if so, pray to God to forgive you. If any one has done you wrong, forgive him in your heart.

If you have not learned something useful, or been in some way useful, during the past day, think that it is a day lost, and be very sorry for it.

Trust in the Lord, and He will guide you in the way of good men. The path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

We must do all the good we can to all men, for this is well pleasing in the sight of God. He delights to see his children walk in love, and do good one to another.

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## Tim And His Lamp

Continuation of part eleven

He sought the quiet place under the big tree at the bottom of the hill. What had he done? He had been tempted and had fallen. It didn't help him now to think that there were many church members there. Perhaps God had not shown them the wrong so plainly. What would Katie say if she knew, or Mr. Dewey? What did Jesus think? This brought tears but he got on his knees and poured out his heart to God in repentance. "Oh, Jesus, won't you forgive me and let me try again?" He knelt there until the comforting Spirit of God spoke a verse he had recently learned, "Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness."

In his great trouble Tim's lamp did not fail him.

## Part Twelve

"He honoreth them that fear the Lord"

Slowly but surely, Tim was growing into a better place in the school room. Though his spelling was not always perfect, his average grade was much higher. He was not yet a good reader but his blunders were growing less and less. Now when he was accused of breaking the rules, instead of being punished without question, his teacher gave him a chance to speak for himself and was learning to believe him.

Oh, yes, things were different. But Tim was sometimes tempted to give up his salvation and fall back in the old rut again. Sometimes he felt discouraged.

His arithmetic was hardest. He was still in a class that was constantly being put back to addition. One winter morning Tim was working hard on a problem but was unable to solve it. Though he worked and worked he couldn't understand one part of it. He thought of his sick father. He had been a carpenter and had used numbers. Tim went to the bedroom door and inquired of him about the problem. His father's mind went back to his workshop as he explained the part to Tim that he didn't understand. Quickly Tim went back to his slate. "That's it," he called out in a grateful voice, "I got it and I've been at work on it this whole morning."

"Thomas," said the teacher to a boy in Tim's arithmetic class, "You may take the twenty-third problem to the board."

"Can't do it," answered Thomas promptly.

"Henry may do it then."

"I couldn't get it either," was

Henry's answer.

And so on down the class went the teacher, but none could do it.

"Edward, can you do this?"

"Yes sir," said Tim. Mr. Burrows always called him by his real name.

Tim immediately worked the troublesome problem on the board.

"Do you know anything about the lesson, any of you?"

"I'm sure I don't," answered Bob.

Mr. Burrows was growing out of patience. This had happened many times. He turned back to the first pages in the book.

"Very well, you may take the first page in addition tomorrow morning," was Mr. Burrows' answer.

Tim's hopes fell and his heart was heavy. None of the others cared.

"Wait a minute." Mr. Burrows looked at Tim and then at the neatly worked problem on the board. "Charlie, on what page is your arithmetic lesson for tomorrow?"

"We begin multiplication, sir," replied Charlie.

"Edward, you have done well today. You mean to study after this, I think. You may take your place in the third class and remain there as long as you can keep up with it."

Tim said not a word. He didn't even raise his eyes but he was thinking to himself, "Things are different; they're surely different." Those words of encouragement from the teacher were going to help Tim become a man.

—To be continued—

## Search Question

Why did Abimelech wish Isaac and his herdsmen to move from them?

Answer to Last Week's Question

They dwelt in a cave. Gen. 19:30

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"Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The Lord Jesus may come for us today. Let us be sure we love everybody—and Him best of all. Then we shall be ready to go with Him.

Dear Boys and girls,

We had two lessons about Saul and now we will have three lessons about David. David is one of the most important men who lived before Christ, and the one whom the Old Testament tells the most about.

I'm sure most of you remember what David did when he was young and at home. He took care of his father's sheep. I'm sure you remember when Samuel visited Bethlehem, the home-town of Jessie, David's father, and had asked him to bring all of his sons to the feast, and that David, being the youngest, was left at home to care for the sheep. After seven sons passed before Samuel he asked if that was all of his sons because the Lord had not chosen any of them to be anointed king. I'm sure all were as surprised as David when he was brought from the field and was anointed king. David went back to his sheep to care for them as Saul was still king. Saul had been rejected by God though.

Then all of you love the story about

how David took his sling and stone, then in the name of the Lord went out to kill the great big giant who came down in the valley every morning and night for forty days and asked the Israelites to send a man to fight against him. This giant was 9 feet and 9 inches tall. His armor weighed 272 pounds and 13 ounces. An ordinary armor weighed only 60 pounds. But David did not fear him. Why? God had prepared him for the giant by giving him strength to kill a lion and a bear that had taken a lamb out of his flock. David boldly told king Saul, "The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." (1 Sam. 17:37.) God went with David and he killed the giant and there was a great victory in Israel that day.

Part of our lesson goes on from this point. Saul called David to him and after he finished talking to him, Jonathan, the son of Saul began to love David as his own soul. David married Jonathan's sister who loved him very much.

David acted very wisely and was successful in doing whatever the king required of him, so the king made him captain over a thousand men.

All of us have tasks to do. They vary according to what is to be done but we want to do them well. My mother used to tell me that if anything is worth doing at all it is worth doing well. Train yourself to do things well. Don't let yourself be pleased with things half done. This will be a great asset to you in the future.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 4, April 26, 1959

## DAVID SERVES THE KING

1 Sam. 16:19-23; 18:1-5

16:19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy

son, which is with the sheep.

20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favor in my sight.

23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

Memory Verse: Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart. Ps. 27:14.

Central Truth: As David did things well in Saul's household, just so, boys and girls should do well their tasks at home and other places.

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## David's Harp And King Saul's Sword

Two men one time sat in a room.  
The heart of one was filled with gloom;  
The other's joy shone in a smile  
As on his harp he played a while.  
The one was king of Israel's host;  
The harpist, just a young man—most  
Noted as the shepherd lad,  
Who only recently had  
So quickly slain the giant bold—  
To everyone the deed was told.

King Saul sat in a royal chair  
And watched the young man playing  
there;

The king's dark eyes grew darker still  
And hate spread o'er his face until  
His hand it trembled terribly  
As he reached for his sword. You see  
Saul also had an instrument,  
But he in no wise ever lent  
It for an act of love; He had  
It there to use when he was mad.

Young David's harp was soft and low,  
And soothed where'er its tones would go;  
But Saul's sharp sword brought grief  
and pain—

It always bore the mark of Cain.  
The harp would lift the heart clear up  
And let it drink of mercy's cup.  
The sword Saul used to end his life,  
But David's harp brought peace from  
strife.

You know which brought the best re-  
ward,  
Young David's harp or King Saul's sword.

## The Alarm Clock

A lady, who found it not easy to  
wake in the morning as early as she  
wished, bought an alarm clock. These  
clocks are so made as to strike with  
a loud whirring noise, at any hour  
the owner pleases to set them.

The lady placed her clock at the  
head of the bed, and at the right  
time she found herself roused by the  
long, rattling sound.

She arose at once, and felt better  
all day for her early rising. This  
lasted for some weeks. The alarm  
clock faithfully did its duty, and was  
plainly heard so long as it was  
obeyed.

But, after a time, the lady grew

tired of early rising. When she was waked by the noise, she merely turned over in bed, and slept again.

In a few days, the clock ceased to rouse her from her sleep. It spoke just as loudly as ever; but she did not hear it, because she had been in the habit of not obeying it.

Finding that she might as well be without it, she resolved that when she heard the sound she would jump up.

Just so it is with conscience. If we will obey its voice, even in the most trifling things, we can always hear it, clear and strong.

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## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Thirteen

"Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

Tim was surprised when Howard Minturn invited him to his birthday party. He didn't know that Howard's father had encouraged him to invite him, desiring to help Tim. When Tim remarked to Howard that he would look like a rag bag beside him, Howard had replied, "Never mind, you be there."

The boys enjoyed their afternoon together, coasting, snowballing, building forts, and rolling in the snow. Finally, as Ellis Holbrook guided his sled around the curve and came to a stop, Howard told the boys they would go in to warm by the fire before the evening meal. The boys agreed, then someone called out, "Howard, where are your skates?"

"Oh, they're at the top of that awful hill. Never mind, you walk on slowly, and I'll run back and get them." The boys obeyed and Ellis was just swinging open the little gate

that led to Mr. Minturn's grounds when Howard called as he ran toward them, "Hold on, don't go through that way, it will lead you through the deepest snow there is; take the big gate." By the time he reached them they were at the big gate.

"This feels good," said Will as he sat in a chair in front of the glowing fire. "I feel like a snowball."

"You would have felt like an icicle if you had gone the way Ellis was leading you; the snow is so high," said Howard, raising his hand almost on a level with his head.

Ellis laughed. "I'm sure I thought I was going right. I must have been thinking of yesterday's Sunday school lesson: 'Enter ye in at the strait gate.' He spoke lightly of the sacred Word.

Several light remarks followed as the boys laughed. Tim stood back, flushed and silent. He remembered the solemn talk which Bro. Holbrook gave them and how he urged them while young to enter into that strait gate. He felt shocked and troubled at Ellis' careless words.

Then Tim spoke up, "If I were a minister's son, I wouldn't make fun of the Bible."

Ellis' face turned red. "Do you mean to say that I made fun of the Bible?"

"Didn't I hear you?"

"No," replied Ellis in a heat, "you didn't, and I'd thank you not to say so."

Several remarks followed by the boys and they were growing cross when the bell rang announcing the evening meal.

Howard sprang up, "That's something I, for one, am ready for; come on boys." He led the way to the dining room, not knowing that some-

one in the next room had heard the whole conversation. Howard's father had listened carefully, and his heart had been made sad by the light remarks but glad for Tim's reproof. The heavenly Father looking down upon them had also heard.

—To Be continued—

## Could This Have Been You?

Did you come in tired from the toils of the day?

Did you think that nobody cared whether you lived or died that day?

Did you think of the God Almighty who gave you the breath to breathe, Or did you think of Him?

Did you know that He cared for you and does know you?

Did you hear some cheerful words or old harsh words like, "Get to work!"

If you did have to work a little more, did you do it griping around, or did you do it singing?

Did you kneel down on your knees to pray and did you get up saying, "Blessed be His name"?

—Patsy Murphey, age 10.

## THINK ON THESE THINGS

Unscramble

Whatsoever things are:

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FI YAN SAREIP .....

(Answer in Phil. 4:8)

## Search Question

What happened to the wells that Isaac's father Abraham digged?

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### Answer to Last Week's Question

Because Isaac was mightier than they were. Gen. 26:16

Dear Boys and girls,

Much happened between our lesson today and the lesson for last Sunday. Saul became insanely jealous of David because God blessed him and he was mighty in battle. He knew God's hand was upon him and he knew he was the one to be king. David had to flee from Saul for his life. But David never used any weapon against Saul only flight.

One time Saul came out to hunt David and kill him with three thousand chosen men. (1 Sam. 24) Saul became very weary from the hunt through the rocks. He went into a cave and lay down to sleep. He did not know that David and his men were hid in the sides of this cave. The men told David that this was the day that the Lord had delivered his enemy into his hands. David went to Saul and cut off a piece of his skirt. He told his men he could not touch the Lord's anointed. He would not let them touch him either. After awhile Saul arose and went out of the cave on his way. David later followed out after him and called to him. He showed him the piece of skirt and told him that he could

have killed him as some wanted him to, but he would not touch him. He told him that he had not sinned against him. The Lord judge between thee and me and deliver me out of thine hand. This so touched Saul that he wept. He said, "Thou art more righteous than I, for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil. I know well that thou shalt surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand."

Saul was not satisfied but he again hunted for David to kill him. Poor David had many troubles. God was preparing him to be king. David lived in the Philistine country in the town of Ziklag for 16 months. This is where he lived when Saul was killed in battle which is recorded in our lesson.

After Saul was dead David was in battle with the Amalekites and he sent part of the spoil to the elders of Judah who had previously befriended him. (1 Sam. 30:26-31). This good will caused them to be friendly to David. He then went to live in Hebron among his own people. Finally the elders of Judah anointed him as their king. He ruled there for two years. Abner, the commander-in-chief and cousin of Saul took Saul's son and made him king, but he was assassinated within two years. Then for five years nothing was recorded. Then the northern tribes came to anoint David as their king also. David was then king over Israel. —Aunt Marie.

Lesson 5, May 3, 1959

## DAVID, THE KING

2 Sam. 5:1-7, 10-12; 8:15

5:1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that ledest

out and broughtest in Israel: and the Lord said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron: and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years.

5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither.

7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.

10 And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him.

11 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.

12 And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

2 Sam. 8:15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

Memory Verse: Teach me thy way, O Lord, lead me in a plain path. Psalms 27:11.

Central Thought: David became a great king, yet was not proud, but gave God the Glory.



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Part Six

May 10

## A Tribute To Mother

Who went to the door of death for me,  
Who held me long upon her knee,  
Who sat for hours beside my bed,  
Who soothed my pain and stroked  
my head?

"Twas Mother.

Who worked from early morn till  
night,  
Who always taught me wrong from  
right,  
Who pointed me to Christ the Lord,  
Who led me to His holy Word?

"Twas Mother.

Who listened to my childish woe,  
To whom with troubles could I go,  
Who sympathized and understood,  
As no one else but Mother could?

"Twas Mother.

And so we pause in deep respect,  
Nor could we ever dare forget,  
Our love and honor give to her,  
Like sweetest frankincense and  
myrrh.

Our mother.

William J. Kerr.

## George's Feast

George's mother was very poor. Instead of having bright blazing fires in winter, she had nothing to burn but dry sticks, which George picked up from under the trees and hedges.

One fine day in July, she sent George to the woods, which were about two miles from the village in which she lived. He was to stay there all day, to get as much wood as he could collect.

It was a bright, sunny day, and George worked very hard; so that by the time the sun was high, he was hot, and wished for a cool place where he might rest and eat his dinner.

While he hunted about the bank, he saw among the moss some fine, wild strawberries, which were a bright scarlet with ripeness.

"How good these will be with my bread and butter!" thought George; and lining his cap with leaves, he set to work eagerly to gather all he could find, and then seated himself by the brook.

It was a pleasant place, and George

felt happy and contented. He thought how much his mother would like to see him there, and to be there herself, instead of in her dark, close room in the village. George thought of all this, and just as he was lifting the first strawberry to his mouth, he said to himself, "How much mother would like these;" and he stopped, and put the strawberry back again.

"Shall I save them for her?" said he, thinking how much they would refresh her, yet still looking at them with a longing eye. "I will eat half, and take the other half to her," said he at last; and he divided them into two heaps. But each heap looked so small that he put them together again. "I will only taste one," thought he; but, as he again lifted it to his mouth, he saw that he had taken the finest, and he put it back. "I will keep them all for her," said he, and he covered them up nicely, till he should go home.

When the sun was beginning to sink, George set out for home. How happy he felt, then, that he had all his strawberries for his sick mother. The nearer he came to his home, the less he wished to taste them. Just as he had thrown down his wood, he heard his mother's faint voice calling him from the next room. "Is that you, George? I am glad you have come, for I am thirsty, and am longing for a drink."

George ran in to her, and joyfully offered his wild strawberries. "And you saved them for your sick mother, did you?" said she, laying her hand fondly on his head, while the tears stood in her eyes. "God will bless you for all this, my child."

Could the eating of the strawberries have given George half the happiness he felt at this moment?

## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Fourteen

It was a very nice birthday supper. Tim had never seen such a sight in his life nor eaten so many fine foods.

It was almost nine o'clock when Mr. Minturn opened the door where the boys were gathered. There was a sudden quietness. At the questioning look on his face Howard explained, "Ellis was telling a story, that's what we were all laughing at when you came in. Go on Ellis, never mind father, he likes to hear stories."

"No," replied Ellis, blushing, "I think I'll be excused."

"Go ahead," urged Mr. Minturn, "I am fond of stories."

"I was only telling, sir, how Joe Barnes talked to his father when I was down there this morning."

"Yes, and father, you'd be perfectly astonished to hear him," chimed in Howard. "He makes fun of every single thing his father says. When his father is talking to him real soberly he mimics him and laughs right in his face."

"Do you think there is anything surprising about that?" asked Mr. Minturn.

The boys looked puzzled. "Why, Mr. Minturn, wouldn't you think it strange if Howard should do so?" questioned Ellis.

"Well, no; I don't know as I should have any reason to be astonished."

Howard looked surprised and hurt. "You never have been so to me, Howard, but I have no reason to be surprised if you and Ellis and Will Bailey and others all go to making fun of what your fathers say to you after this," said Mr. Minturn.

"Father, what do you mean," asked Howard in an earnest anxious tone.

"Why, I mean that I was in that room just over there before supper and heard the discussion between you boys. I concluded that boys who thought it such a small matter to make fun of solemn words which God has said to them, need not be expected to show much respect for what their father or anybody else said."

A perfect stillness settled over the boys. At last Howard said stammeringly, "But, Father, — I don't think — Ellis and the rest of us meant to make fun of what God said. Don't you think that makes a difference?"

"Perhaps, but how do you know Joe Barnes means to make fun of what his father says?"

"He acts like it," replied Howard.

"Exactly; and so do you, every one of you except Tim. I don't say, boys, that you are all going to be disrespectful to your elders after this; I only say I don't see why your earthly friends should expect more reverence from you than you give to God."

All were silent. Then Mr. Minturn broke the stillness by repeating reverently, "Enter ye in at the strait gate." I would like to know if there is a boy here who thinks he has?"

Tim's voice finally broke the stillness, "I do, sir."

"What makes you think so, Tim?"

"Because I love Jesus and have given him my heart and I'm trying to do what he says."

"God bless you, my boy; try to get all the rest to go through the same gate," said Mr. Minturn.

The town clock struck nine and the boys made a move to separate. Tim felt glad in his heart as he walked home. God had helped him to be faithful.

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### Search Question

Whom did Abraham send to find a wife for Isaac?

Answer to Last Week's Question  
The Philistines had filled them up.  
Gen. 26:18

Dear Boys and girls,

Did you know that God sees you all the time? The Bible says that "all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." (Heb. 4:13) If "all things" are seen by God then nothing is done or said or covered from God. Sometimes boys or girls will try to get you to do something by saying, "Your mother won't see you, or your teacher won't know." But be sure to know one thing, God sees you.

There was a little boy who just could not understand how God could see him all the time. He was told to make a house out of blocks. Then he was told to shut his eyes and the question was asked, "Do you know just how the house looks?" "Yes," he replied.

"But you are not looking at it with your eyes," said the teacher.

"I can see it with my inside eyes," the little fellow said quickly.

"That is the way God sees. He sees everything all the time with His great inside eyes."

God saw David all the time. He knew

David loved Him. David proved he wanted to do right by his love for his enemy. When King Saul and Jonathan died he mourned greatly for them. David also loved God's people. He strongly believed God had given the land of Canaan to the Israelites. He felt that the enemies should not take it from them. God blessed him as king and used him to punish the people of the then known world who were wicked. David became the head of a strong nation.

David committed a terrible sin one time and God saw it. He sent a man off to battle to be killed and took his wife for his own. God was much displeased. When the prophet told David how terrible his sin was he was deeply sorry and repented with all of his heart. God forgave him but he punished him. He had trouble in his own household. One time his own son tried to take the throne from him and he had to flee. The result of it all, was a civil war with much loss of life, and his son being killed. David mourned many days for his rebellious son. We can't do wrong and get by.

We who are permitted to go to a chapel to worship the Lord should be thankful. How we would miss it greatly if we could not go. David longed to build a house for the Lord. He lived in a house of cedar but the tabernacle was still in a tent. It had been in this tent for 450 years. Because David was a man of war God would not let him build the temple. (1 Chron. 28:3.) God promised to establish David's kingdom for ever. Jesus is a descendent of David and we are in the Kingdom of God with Jesus as our king.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 6, May 10, 1959

## NATHAN SPEAKS FOR GOD

2 Sam. 7:1-6, 12-17

1 And it came to pass, when the king

sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies;

2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains.

3 And Nathan said to the king, Go do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee.

4 And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying,

5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in:

6 Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever.

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David:

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

Central Truth: David loved to worship God.

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Part Seven

May 17

## Grandma

When Grandma puts her glasses on  
And looks at me—just so—  
If I have done a naughty thing,  
She's sure, somehow, to know,  
How is it she can always tell  
So very, very, very well?

She says to me, "Yes, Little one,  
'Tis written in your eye!"  
And if I look the other way  
And turn, and seem to try  
To hunt for something on the floor  
She's sure to know it all the more.

If I should put the glasses on  
And look in Grandma's eyes,  
Do you suppose that I should be  
So very, very wise?

Now, what if I should find it true  
That Grandma had been naughty, too?  
But, ah! what am I thinking of,

To dream that Grandma could  
Be anything in all her life  
But sweet and kind and good?  
I'd better try myself to be  
So good that when she looks at me  
With eyes so loving all the day,  
I'll never want to turn away.

—Sel. by Effie Miller.

## Charlie and Rob

"Don't you hate splitting wood?"  
asked Charlie, as he sat down on a  
log to hinder Rob for a while.

"No, I rather like it. When I get  
hold of a tough old fellow, I say, 'See  
here, now, you think you're the  
stronger, and are going to beat me; so  
I'll split you up into kindling wood.'"

"Pshaw!" said Charlie, laughing;  
"and it's only a stick of wood."

"Yes, but you see I pretend it's a  
lesson, or a tough job of any kind,  
and it's nice to conquer it."

"I don't want to conquer such  
things; I don't care what becomes of  
them. I wish I were a man, and a  
rich one."

"Well, Charlie, if you live long  
enough you'll be a man, without wish-  
ing for it; and as for the rich part,  
I mean to be that myself."

"You do? How do you expect to  
get your money? By sawing wood?"

"May be—some of it; that's as good  
a way as any, so long as it lasts. I  
don't care how I get rich, you know,  
so that it's in an honest and useful  
way."

"I'd like to sleep over the next ten years, and wake up to find myself a young man with a splendid education and plenty of money."

"Humph! I am not sleepy—a night at a time is enough for me. I mean to work the next ten years. You see there are things that you've got to work out—you can't sleep them out."

"I hate work," said Charlie, "that is, such work as sawing and splitting wood, and doing chores. I'd like to do some big work, like being a clerk in a bank or something of that sort."

"Wood has to be sawed and split before it can be burned," said Rob. "I don't know but I'll be a clerk in a bank some time; I'm working towards it. I'm keeping Father's accounts for him."

How Charlie laughed! "I should think that was a long way from being a bank clerk. I suppose your father sells two tables and six chairs, some days, doesn't he?"

"Sometimes more than that, and sometimes not so much," said Rob, in perfect good humor.

"I didn't say I was a bank clerk now. I said I was working towards it. Am I not nearer it by keeping a little bit of a book than I should be if I didn't keep any book at all?"

"Not a whit—such things happen," said Charlie, as he started to go.

Now, which of these boys, do you think, grew up to be a prosperous and useful man, and which of them joined a party of tramps before he was thirty years old?

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## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Fifteen

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Tim had not forgotten to pray for Katie, yet his prayers seemed thus far in vain. The Sunday school lesson one Sunday morning was on "God's answers to prayer." Tim listened closely.

"Bro. Holbrook," he said after the rest had gone, "Is there time for one question?"

"Yes, Tim."

"I want to know why God don't answer folks' prayers right away?"

Bro. Holbrook smiled. "Sometimes God doesn't answer at once to try our faith; to see if we are willing to believe His Word and keep on asking until he is ready to give. Sometimes we pray and don't work at it; then sometimes we don't believe we shall get what we are praying for." He paused. "What are you praying for, Edward?"

"For Katie, but it doesn't seem to do any good."

"It is possible that you are not working while you pray. Did you ever read what the Bible says about such praying; about saying, 'Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled,' and not doing anything?"

"No," replied Tim.

"Let me find it for you. Read it when you go home and see if you are like that man in praying for Katie by not saying a word to her to help her yield to God. Then there is another thing. Do you really believe God will do what you ask him? You are asking God to save Katie and yet wouldn't you be surprised if she would come to you today and say, 'I want to be a Christian'?"

Tim admitted that was so. "I think if you begin to pray and work together and then ask God to help you believe, that He will surely do as He promised."

"Edward," why don't you come to our Thursday night prayer meeting?"

Tim looked astonished. "I never thought of it."

"You come, Edward, and remember there is work for you to do. I don't know of another boy in town your age who loves the Lord."

Tim walked toward home, his mind full of new thoughts. He went as far as the elm tree and sat down and read the scriptures Bro. Holbrook had found for him. Yes, that was just the way in which he had been praying for Katie and it was certainly true that he would be greatly surprised if she would really and truly come to Jesus. Before he left the elm tree he prayed, "Oh, God, teach me to believe that you will save Katie and show me how to help her."

—To be continued—

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### OUR BODIES

This frail shell in which I dwell,  
Will grow very old, I know quite well.  
But I am not the shell.

"This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize."  
Another house not made with hands  
Awaits me in the glory land.

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### Search Question

How long did Joseph keep his ten brothers in ward?

Answer to Last Week's Question

His eldest servant. Gen. 24:2-3

Dear Boys and girls,

I hope you have learned some lessons through our talks about David. David was a great man. He wrote many Psalms which are a blessing to all who read them. He came down to his last days loving God. Before he passed away he appointed Solomon, his son, to be king.

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He gave Solomon some good advice before he died. He encouraged him to always love the Lord and be obedient to the law of Moses. He also talked to him about building the house of the Lord. David had got together much material that was to be used.

Solomon felt his great lack in ruling such a great nation. He came before the Lord and offered upon the altar a thousand burnt offerings. He loved the Lord and prayed to Him for help. He reminded the Lord how he had shown great kindness to David and now he begged God to help him. He told the Lord that he was but a little child. He told him that he didn't know how to come in or go out. He begged for an understanding heart to judge such a great multitude of people that could not be numbered. He said, "Help me that I might be able to discern between good and bad." (1 Kings 3) What a wonderful prayer. Boys and girls, it would be good for you to pray the Lord to help you to know what is good and what is bad. When something arises you want to just stop and think and then ask the question, "What would Jesus do?" God will help you as you seek him to know what is the right thing to do.

God was pleased with Solomon's prayer. God had told Solomon to ask what he wanted and he would give it to him. Because he did not ask for riches, long life, nor the life of his enemies, but for an understanding heart to know the difference between good and evil, God told him he would give him all these things in addition. Therefore Solomon was the wisest man that ever lived because God gave it to him. His wisdom excelled all the wisdom of the then-known world. (1 Kings 4:30) He spake 3000 proverbs and 1005 songs. (4:32) People came far and near to hear his words of wisdom.

When Solomon had built the temple for the Lord to dwell in, God's glory filled the house. Solomon felt so unworthy of God's love shown to them. He told God that he knew that "the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house I have builded." He was so glad that he let a little of His presence be seen before them.

Today our body is the temple of God. (1 Cor. 6:19-20) When we give our bodies and all to God He will send His glory, the Holy Spirit to dwell within this earthen temple. —Aunt Marie.

Lesson 7, May 17, 1959

## SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE

1 Kings 5:1-2; 5-6; 7:51; 8:22-23, 65-66

5:1 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David:

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

5 And, behold, I purpose to build a house unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will

set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build a house unto my name.

6 Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians.

7:51 So was ended all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the Lord. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the Lord.

8:22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

23 And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

65 And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the Lord our God, seven days even fourteen days.

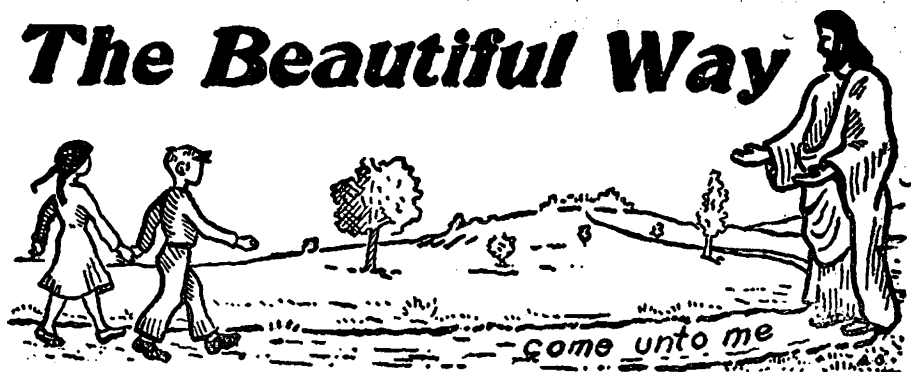
66 On the eighth day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the Lord had done for David his servant, and for Israel his people.

Memory Verse: Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory. 1 Chron. 29:11.

Central Truth: If we will open our hearts, God will live in our bodies as he did in the temple then.



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Part Eight

May 24

## Our God

Oh, God, our gracious Lord on high,  
We know your love is always nigh.  
Your love is with us, near and far,  
In a train, a ship, or a car.

You guard the world with the greatest  
of care,

And we know that you are always  
there.

You gave the deer a graceful leap,  
You gave the bird a cheerful peep.  
And, God, You are so good to me;  
And that is why I love Thee.

—Neal Powers, 10 years.

## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Sixteen

After Tim had prayed for God to help him to believe and to show him how to help Katie, his sister, he watched for his chances. One came that very day. After dinner Katie wandered off by herself, taking the road leading to the cemetery. God put it in Tim's heart to hurry after her. His heart was beating fast at the thought of the great work he had

to do and he silently prayed to God for help. Katie sat down on a large stone near little Johnny's grave.

"What did you come for?" asked Katie.

Tim hesitated and then replied, "I came to see you."

"Well, look at me and then go off. I don't want you here."

Tim saw he must speak quickly and said tenderly, "I came to ask you if you would like to get saved. I do want you to so much."

Katie looked at him gaavely, then asked, "What do you mean?"

"I mean to repent of your sins and pray and ask God to forgive you. He will, Katie, and make you his child."

Katie looked thoughtful as Tim continued, "Then you must pray and ask God to help you every day to be good."

"I can't be good. Mother is cross and I have to work, work, work and never have anything. I'm cross and get mad. I can't help it."

"But, Katie, Jesus will help you. Whenever you are tempted to feel cross and bad, just run and kneel

down somewhere and tell Him all about it and He'll help you. If you can't find a place to kneel down right then you can pray right where you are and He will hear you and help you. If you ever fail you can always go to Him and tell Him you are sorry and He will forgive you. Then when you die you can go to heaven where little Johnny is and they never get cross or scold up there. I'm going and I want you to."

Katie's face had been growing graver and when he stopped, Katie began to cry.

"Tim didn't know what to say next. At last he stooped down and said, "Oh, Katie, if you would only pray and give your heart to Jesus he would make you happy."

"I want to," sobbed Katie, "if I only knew how."

Tim's heart leaped for joy. "It's easy, Katie, just tell God you are sorry for the wrong things you've done and ask him to forgive you. Ask Him to give you a new heart. He hears every word that you say. I'll go off and leave you alone if you want me to."

Tim turned to go away when Katie said, "Stop, wait, I don't know what to say."

"Why, you just talk to God like you do to me. Though you can't see Him He hears you as plainly as I do."

Tim went away praying in his heart and left Katie alone in the spot where he had first found the Saviour.

—To be continued—

## Our Family Hour

"Come, children, it's getting a little late," said Mother," but I want to once again impress upon your little

minds the necessity of 'remembering thy Creator in the days of thy youth.' "Here in a paper I read today is an account of a man who failed to do so. Let me read it to you."

James and Janice sat quietly as their mother read:

"A young man arrested for swindling his employer out of \$30,000 sat in his cell. Lying on his hard bed he pictured himself with the world outside, full of warmth and comfort. The question came to him sharply, 'How came you here? Was it really the stealing of this great sum of money?' Yes, and no.

"Looking back twenty years he saw himself a school boy, ten years old. He remembered his Uncle John, a queer, kind, forgetful, old man. That very morning his uncle had sent him to pay a bill at the country store and there were seventy-two cents left and Uncle John did not ask for it. When they met, this little boy, ten years old then, was faced with a great temptation. 'Shall I give it back or shall I wait until he asks for it?' Sad to say he never gave his uncle the seventy-two cents.

"A theft of \$30,000 brought this young man to a prison door, but it didn't begin there. It was in his youth. That night he sat disgraced and an open criminal in his chilly cell.

"If he had only remembered his Creator in his youth the Lord would have kept him from all this evil. Children, that is why I am so dutiful in reminding you of the importance of really serving the Lord while you are young. The snares of the enemy will be easier overcome if you resist him steadfastly while you are young.

"Good-night, James and Janice."

—O. A. D.

Virginia—

Dear Sister Miles and all the little boys and girls everywhere,—It is with pleasure we send these lines to you. Nancy, Patty, Kathy, Jimmie, and Billy I'm sure would love to see all the little boys and girls from everywhere! They love to play and make friends with other children. One way of meeting with you is by the Beautiful Way papers, and what a good little paper to read!

Patty, who is nine, is out of school today. She is almost well now but has been very sick. Each time we have offered prayer she has improved, but it surely was a test. We feel she will be back in school tomorrow, as Jesus has almost completely healed her. About a month ago she was suffering from a bad tooth ache and it seemed it affected her nerves until she could not study very well at school. Bro. Gibson stopped by here on his way to Charleston, W. Va., and he had a special prayer for her. Patty has never had a tooth ache since, for Jesus healed her.

Kathy, six years old, says, "Mother, we want to live good, and not be worldly." Bless little children's hearts that want to obey Jesus and parents, and go dressed modest and play nice, clean games.

Bye for now, Sister Miles, and children; also the workers in the print shop.

—Sister Edith Melvin.

P. S. Pray for boys and girls to come to our Sunday school in the home. We are praying for you.

Boys and girls, you will honor and glorify God by writing what He has done for you. Won't you now?

## Search Question

Which of Joseph's ten brothers was kept as a prisoner?

Answer to Last Week's Question

For three days. Gen. 42:17

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Dear Boys and girls,

Solomon did not always do the right. He did not always go to the house of God to worship. When he grew older he began to go after strange gods. He had a thousand wives and they led him astray. Most of these wives or in fact 700 of them were foreign princesses. (11:1-3) These marriages were made to help keep peace around him. God was displeased with him. These wives brought their gods and wanted houses built for them. Surely in his last days he did not act wisely. He did not recognize the wrong in having so many wives. Because Solomon did wrong God told him he was going to divide the kingdom.

One day the prophet Ahijah put on a new garment. During that day he met Jeroboam, an Ephraimite and a young man of great ability. When they were alone, Ahijah took his garment off and tore it into twelve pieces. He gave ten of them to Jeroboam, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee." (1 Kings 11:31) Of course this was to be an enduring kingdom if Jeroboam would obey the Lord but we find that he did not do that.

Solomon heard about what had taken place. This caused him to try to kill

**Jeroboam.** Jeroboam escaped into Egypt and stayed there until Solomon was dead. Solomon was king over Israel for forty years and then he died. He was buried in the city of David, his father, and his son, Rehoboam, reigned in his stead.

Now Jeroboam came back from Israel and appeared on the scene as leader of the northern tribes. One day Jeroboam and some of the leaders went to Rehoboam and asked that the grievous service which Solomon had required of them be made lighter. It was a heavy yoke to bear. They even promised if this would be done they would serve Rehoboam. King Rehoboam told them to let him think about it for three days. He went to the older men and asked their advice about what he should do. These men advised him to do as the people asked. But he forsook the advice and counsel of the older men and took counsel with the young men that he had grown up with. These young men told him to make their burdens heavier. When the people came again after three days we find the king Rehoboam even treated them roughly and told them he was going to make their burdens heavier. The result was that they refused to serve him and made Jeroboam king of the ten tribes.

It will pay boys and girls to take advice from some one older instead of from their own group. —Aunt Marie.

**Lesson 8, May 24, 1959**

## **THE KINGDOM DIVIDED**

### **1 Kings 12:12-20**

12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's coun-

sel; that they gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father also chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions

15 Wherefore the king harkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the Lord, that he might perform his saying, which the Lord spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel departed unto their own tents.

17 But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem.

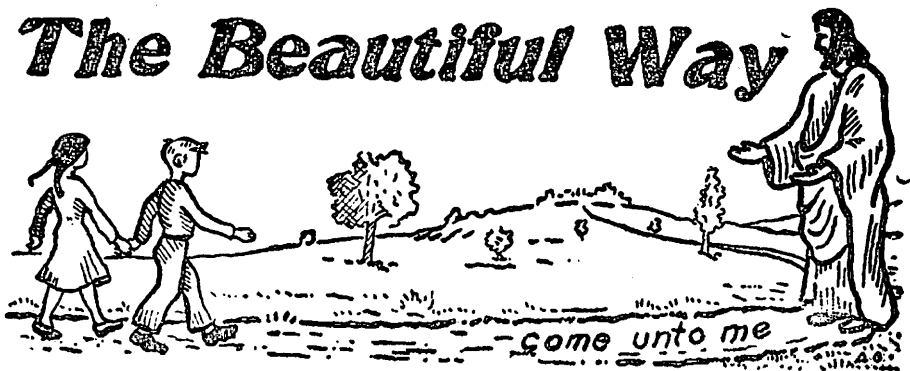
19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

**Memory Verse:** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33.

**Central Truth:** We should take the advice of those who are older and have had more experience.

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Part Nine

May 31

## God Made The Dark

The Dark is kind and cosy;  
The Dark is soft and deep,  
The Dark will pat my pillow,  
And love me as I sleep.

The Dark is smooth as velvet,  
And gentle as the air,  
And he is good to children  
And people everywhere.

The Dark can see and love me  
Without a bit of light.  
He gives me dreams and resting,  
He brings the gentle Night.

God made the Dark, so Daytime  
Could close its tired eyes  
And sleep a while in comfort  
Beneath the starry skies.

The Daytime, just like children,  
Needs rest from work and play,  
So it can give us children  
Another happy day.

God made the Dark for children  
And birdies in their nest.  
All in the Dark He watches  
And guards us while we rest.

Sel.

## "Children, I Think We Need To Pray"

Sister Johnson and her small children had been picking cotton all day. The cotton was so full of worms. These worms would eat on the leaves and the cotton bowls. It was a torment to the children to have to pick cotton with so many worms around. Just before they went to the house one evening Sister Johnson said, "Children, let's pray and ask God to make these worms leave, before we go home." So the family knelt on the ground and asked the Lord to cause the worm to leave. The next morning as they returned to the cotton field, Sister Johnson looked out across the field, and said, "It looks like there are more worms than yesterday." "Well, I don't see the worms staying, but I see them leaving!" exclaimed Margaret, her small child. In just a short time the worms were all gone. The family was very thankful to God for hearing and answering their prayer.

Boys and girls we are serving a

great God. He is a God of miracles. There is nothing impossible with Him. He is the one who caused water to be turned into wine. One day Sister Joiner needed one more egg to fill up a crate of eggs. She had looked in every nest, but hadn't found one. She felt impressed to go out to the pasture and there she found only one egg setting on a little mound. Jesus showed her just where it was, and that was all she needed to fill up the crate.

Another time we think how God answered prayer. It was a hot and dry season. Rain was needed very much. Sister Marler and her children were hoeing cotton. Just after dinner, before returning to the field, she said, "Children, I think we need to pray and ask the Lord to send us a rain. It looks like the crops are going to burn up." The family fell on their knees and asked God, earnestly, to send some rain. The family went to the field watching the sky for a cloud. It wasn't very long until they noticed a large rain cloud coming up, and soon it was pouring down rain. Oh, how happy the family was! They began to rejoice and thank God for the rain.

Remember children, Jesus still does miracles today. All things are possible with Him. —Malinda Penner

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## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Seventeen

"Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find."

Tim had left Katie alone. She felt very strange. She had been left there to pray her first prayer. Katie had not been taught to kneel and pray each night as many children are taught. She sat still for a long time.

At last she got down on her knees and said, "Jesus, I'm sorry I'm such a naughty girl. Please forgive me. I want what Tim tells me about. He says you will help me."

Though not beautifully worded, the prayer was sincere. She stayed on her knees a long while until she felt in her heart that God indeed had heard her prayer. She arose to her feet feeling like a heavy load had been lifted from her heart. She skipped toward home.

In the meantime, Tim had been earnestly praying and felt assured God had heard.

Katie was preparing supper when he saw her again, stirring some pudding on the stove. "Katie, let me do this," taking the spoon from her hand. Tim stirred and stirred. By and by she leaned over the kettle to put some salt in and caught his eager look. She nodded her head saying softly, "I believe that He heard."

"I know He did," Tim answered, his eyes very bright while his heart sang with joy. The angels in heaven rejoiced for another soul had been born into the kingdom.

—To Be continued—

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## God's Creation

"And God created . . . every winged fowl after his kind." Gen. 1:21.

Have you really thought of some of the wonderful things that God created? Let me tell you something about it.

There is a duck called the Pintail, and he is a very fast traveler. Someone put a leg band on its leg in the state of Utah and released him. Eighty-two days later he was found on the Palmyra Island which is 1,100 miles south of Hawaii. In that time he had traveled over 3,000 miles. Can

you imagine a duck as strong as that?

It is also said that a bird banded in Maine was found in the Niger River delta of Africa. That was many miles away from his starting place.

People interested in the wonders of wildlife, band different types of fowls for various reasons. A water bird, called the Caspion Tern holds the record for the longest life. It was 26 years when the band was recovered. A red-winged black bird was 14 when shot. That is quite a number of years for a fowl, isn't it?

There are many wonders in God's creation that we will never know about, but let us reverence Him for His great wisdom and power.

O. A. D.

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## The Greatest Thing

Dear children near and far away,  
Oh, listen to the words I say,  
Please give your hearts to Jesus now,  
And live for Him; He'll show you how.

The gift He wants is all your heart,  
To live and reign in from the start;  
He'll make you happy all the way  
And show you heaven some sweet day.

—Leslie Busbee.

## Search Question

Who wanted to be a servant in the place of Benjamin?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Simeon. Gen. 42:34

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Dear Boys and girls,

We pass over the reigns of five kings in the northern Israel and come to King Ahab and the prophet Elijah. Elijah later was regarded by the Jews as the greatest of all Hebrew prophets. I am sure you will enjoy reading about Elijah.

King Ahab let his wife bring her god

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called Baal into the land of Israel. God was displeased with this. He sent Elijah to him and told him there would not be rain nor dew upon the earth for three years. Then you remember how Elijah went to live by the brook Cherith and God commanded the ravens to feed him there. When the brook dried up he went to the widow's house and lived. While there her son died but God restored him to life in answer to prayer of Elijah.

One day God told Elijah to go show himself to Ahab and he would send rain upon the earth. When King Ahab met Elijah he said, "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" But Elijah was quick to tell him that it wasn't he but Ahab's sins that had brought that famine.

Elijah sent word for all the people to gather unto mount Carmel. There he had two altars made. He told the prophets of Baal if they could bring fire down from heaven and burn up the sacrifice they would worship the god, Baal. The prophets of Baal killed a bullock and put it on the one altar. They called from morning until noon for their god Baal to send fire down from heaven but none came. In the afternoon Elijah told them that maybe their god had gone on a long journey and they were not calling loud enough. They cut themselves and called loudly but at the

evening no fire came down.

Now Elijah put an offering on his altar and had twelve barrels of water poured over it which ran down into a ditch. He prayed a simple prayer and God sent fire down and burned it up. It even licked up the water. When the people saw this they fell down on their faces and said, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord he is the God." Then Elijah had the 450 prophets of Baal killed. God then sent rain upon the earth.

The killing of the prophets made the queen Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab very angry. She sent word to Elijah that he would be as one of them by tomorrow at this time. Our lesson tells how Elijah went out of the country as fast as he could.

Elijah was tired and discouraged. He felt all alone. But God comforted him and even sent him angel food to eat. When the devil tries to make you feel that no one cares and you are all alone, look up to God. God is always our helper. God has others who care also.

—Aunt Marie.

## Lesson 9, May 31, 1959

### ELIJAH FINDS HELP

#### 1 Kings 19:1-12

1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he re-

quested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7 And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

Memory Verse: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalms 27:1.

Central Truth: God will help us today as He did Elijah.



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Part Ten

June 7

## The "Letting" Game

Two little girls can play a game  
In just the sweetest way,  
If each will let the other have  
One half of all the say.

If one must be the boss today,  
And then tomorrow, too,  
She's just as selfish as can be—  
I think, now do not you?

But it is lovely when we share,  
And play the "letting" game;  
That is, you *let* her take her turn,  
And she *lets* you, the same.

## "Learn To Do Well"

"Mother, did you get that material for my new dress?" asked Darlene anxiously.

"No, dear, I didn't have the money to get it," answered Mother firmly. She felt she had explained it very thoroughly to Darlene that she didn't feel it was necessary, to the point of doing without other needed things, as they were very pressed to pay some necessary bills.

"What do you expect me to do? All the other girls who will sing before the school will have new dresses. They told me they would. I'll just be an odd ball. I have to have a new dress! You just have to get me one! I don't care about bills. I don't care if Jerry is nearly barefooted. I don't care if you wear the same dress every Sunday! I don't care! I have to have a new one. I just have to have it. I don't want that dress fixed over. Everyone will know it is fixed over." Darlene then burst into tears.

"Mother, did you get that material for my new dress?" asked Betty.

"No, dear, I didn't have the money to get it," answered Mother firmly, because she felt she had explained it very thoroughly to Betty that she didn't feel it was necessary, to the point of doing without other needed things as they were very pressed to pay some necessary bills.

"That's all right, Mother. I just thought that maybe you thought of somehow you could get it. I would like to have a new one as all the other girls say they will. I know I'll be

different, but I feel badly because James' shoes look so badly worn. He does need some new shoes and it would please me very much if you had a new dress for Sunday. I have been thinking about how we might change the dress you want to make a little different for me and it will look almost new. Not too many of the girls have seen me wear it since I have only worn it for good and Sundays," said Betty, feeling even much better than she had when she began to talk. Then she had a good feeling too, way down deep inside.

"Oh, Betty, you are a dear to be so understanding. I know the Lord will bless you and even does now. You don't know how much Mothers love to do things for their girls, but there is a limit to all things.

What do you think about these two girls? Which one is spoiled? Which one is selfish? Which one would you want to be like? Which one do you think God will bless? Which one will know how to take care of money? Which one has obeyed the Bible verse, "Cease to do evil; learn to do well." Isaiah 1:16, 17.

—M. Miles.

## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Eighteen

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, Him will I confess also, before my Father."

Tim was undecided what to do. He went outside for a while, then came in. He turned to Katie who was washing dishes and asked:

"Katie, don't you want to go to prayer meeting?"

She dropped the cup she was washing and looked at him in surprise, then said, "I'd like to, but I don't look decent to go anywhere."

"Don't mind that. I've only this

awful jacket, but I mean to go. Hurry up with the dishes and let's go."

"Well, I guess I will, but what will Mother say?"

"I'll fix that." Tim stepped softly into the bedroom. "Mother, may Katie go with me to prayer meeting tonight?"

Mrs. Lewis looked up from her work basket looking surprised. "She can if she likes but I doubt if she will."

Ten minutes later the two were walking toward the little church. As they walked along Tim said suddenly, "Katie, let's pray for Father and Mother. I've been praying for a long time by myself. You help me."

Now they were seated in the church listening to Bro. Holbrook reading the verses, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32, 33.) Then he made the meaning very plain.

Tim's struggle began. People around him were offering prayers or saying a few words. Ought he to? Could he? Oh, he couldn't. It would not do any good. Then there was Mr. Burrows in front of him and he would be ashamed of him, perhaps. But ought he not to own his Saviour? Mr. Minturn prayed that no one there would be ashamed of Christ. So Tim began praying out loud, "Dear Father, show me how to pray. Help me not to deny Christ. I want to love Him. I want the boys in our school and my mother and father to love Him, too. I'll try to work for Jesus. Help me every day for Jesus' sake, Amen."

The words were faltering, but soon he heard Bro. Holbrook praying for the young disciple who had early taken up his cross. He felt the bless-

ings of God upon his soul.

Katie felt very timid but she, too, felt she must not deny her Saviour and rose to say a few words. "I thank God He has saved me. I want to live for Jesus. Please pray for me."

It wasn't much but little did she realize the encouragement that her words were to the older ones—the words of a new-born soul. The Lord looked down upon these two children and His smile was upon them because they had not denied Him in the presence of others.

—To Be continued—

## When You Pray, Believe

Little Sugar was not yet school age but she believed God would answer prayer. One day she said, "Sister Edwards, I want you to pray that my mama and daddy will get a home for us. "All right, Sugar," said Sister Edwards, "but when we pray you will have to believe." Sugar said, "I know."

Within five days a sign was on a house for sale. They got the home for much less than the dealer wanted at first. Sugar is now about twelve and still lives in that home.

Annie B. Allen.

## Search Question

How many changes of raiment were given to Benjamin? To his brothers?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Judah. Gen. 44:33

Dear Boys and girls,

I am glad for our boys and girls who love the Lord and pray to Him often. You need the Lord to help you in this life. The devil is an enemy of your soul. He will try to get you to think wrong thoughts or to desire things that are

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not good for you. He might try to get you to desire to go to the picture show or wear immodest clothing or even take things that do not belong to you. He might try to get you to tell lies or be hateful to others. We cannot do the right unless we have the Lord to help us. We do know that some refrain from doing wrong things because they use their will power, but they can not always do the right.

Let us talk a little about the movies. Did you know that the people who play the parts in the movies are mostly evil people? Just think how awful it is for a married man kissing and loving another man's wife. That is what those people do when they take the pictures. How would you feel for your daddy or mother to do that? I'm sure you would think it is awful. It is awful and against God's laws. What you see on the screen is actually being performed by men and women who are husbands and wives of others. Many of those movie stars have been married a number of times. How awful. Then just think of all the pictures of crime and shootings that are seen. Boys and girls are taught how to lie, cheat, kill, and get away from the law. God is not pleased with all of this and he doesn't want his people to have anything to do with it. Many boys and girls have done wrong

and said that they saw it done in the movies or on television.

What do you think about the way King Ahab acted when he could not have what he wanted? Did you ever act that way? I'm sure you did not feel good about it later when you thought it all over. It is not good for us to always have our way. We must learn in life that we have to take some things as they come. If you do not expect too much you won't be disappointed.

Ahab and Jezebel, his wife, did an awful thing. God punished them severely for it. Because King Ahab repented with tears his punishment was delayed. Jezebel was punished. She was thrown out of a window and killed and the dogs ate her body. (2 Kings 9:35.) Oh, it doesn't pay to do wrong. It doesn't pay to be determined to have our own way. We must be willing to let others have things and live also. Today, people rob banks, stores, and people's homes and are ready to commit murder just because they desire to have the things of others. May the Lord bless our boys and girls and help them to desire to please the Lord. —Aunt Marie.

#### Lesson 10, June 7, 1959

#### A KING WHO POUTED

##### 1 Kings 21:1-7, 17-20

1 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for a better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the in-

heritance of my fathers unto thee.

4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

5 But Jezebel his wife came to him and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.

7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

17 And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it.

19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the Lord, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.

Memory Verse: Thou shalt not covet ... anything that is thy neighbor's. Exodus 20:17.

Practical Truth: You can't do wrong and get by.

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## Jesus' Helpers

Who will work for Jesus?  
The teacher asked one day.  
He's the one that sees us,  
Whether at work or play.

A kind word you can speak,  
Or help a stumbling child;  
For you are sure to reap,  
For being kind and mild.

—Marie Miles.

## Tim And His Lamp

### Part Nineteen

Bro. Holbrook hurried to speak to Tim and Katie at the close of the service. "Good evening, Edward. This is Katie, I believe. How do you do, my little girl. Edward, do you know such a verse as this: 'I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplication?' "

"No, sir," answered Tim, "Is there such a verse?"

"Yes, somewhere in the Psalms you will find it. Can you feel the truth of it when you think of your sister?"

"Yes, sir, I can. God did hear me."

"And you love Jesus tonight, Katie?"

Katie felt a great awe for the minister and answered timidly, "Yes, sir."

"I am glad that you do, Katie. Now almost the first thing which people think of after they are saved is something to do for Jesus. They begin to look around and see what they can find. What are you going to do?"

"I don't know, sir. I haven't got anything that I can do."

"Oh, that's a mistake. You can find plenty to do if you pray and look for it. Only don't look too far, because it is the little things that come your way that Jesus wants you to do. When you sweep the room, set the table neatly, brighten the fire (add wood) and do little thoughtful things to help your Mother; then you are pleasing Jesus and doing work for him. Isn't it pleasant to think that in all those little things He is watching over you and that you make Him glad when you do them well?"

Do you know that one of God's commandments is, 'Honor thy father and mother'?"

"No," answered Katie.

"It is; Edward can find those words in the Bible for you—and 'honor' means more than obey. It means to try to please them in the very smallest things."

As they walked home the two were silent for a while. Then Katie spoke, "I guess Bro. Holbrook doesn't know just how Mother is, or he wouldn't talk so."

"Yes, but God knew all about it. He spoke those words, 'Honor thy father and Mother'."

"So He did," answered Katie gravely. "I'm going to ask Him to help me do it. You pray for me, too, Tim."

Watch for more of "Tim and His Lamp" in later issues

## The Fairest One

Those who now love Jesus, and know Him, think He is lovely. But when they see His beautiful face, they will admire Him. They will then see Him in all His beauty. Read 2 Thess. 1:10. We admire Jesus even now because of what He is, and what He has done for us. He is the fairest among ten thousand, and altogether lovely. But, how sweet it will be to see His beautiful face! —Sel.

### PSALM 19:7-9

Fill in the space:

The law of the Lord is .....  
The testimony of the Lord is .....  
The statutes of the Lord are .....  
The commandment of the Lord is .....

The fear of the Lord is .....  
The judgments of the Lord are .....

## Old Man Finds Help

"Do you know dat de Lord loves you?" Jackie asked as he and his mother stood talking to an old man, bent with age.

"No," said the old man.

"Well, He does," said little four year old Jackie, so firm and sure.

After Jackie and his mother went on down the street the old man went into the house. As he began to think of the sweet little child's words which were spoken so full of confidence, tears began to flow down his cheeks. He had not cried for many years. His heart had been hardened because of sin and his thoughts of being mistreated by those who should have loved him.

"I wonder if God does love me," the dear old man spoke out loud. There seemed to come the answer that "He did" as the child's words again came to his mind, "Well, He does."

The old man began to talk to God and God began to talk to him. He remembered the old familiar story his mother told many, many years ago about Jesus dying on the cross. "Surely he did die for me," thought the old man. He began to pray and God heard his cry and saved him. Oh, how happy he was now. His life became new and many praises went up to God for saving him.

How glad the old man was that God had used a child to cause him to come to God. —M. Miles.

Draw lines to match sentences:

and righteous altogether  
rejoicing the heart  
converting the soul  
enduring for ever

enlightening the eyes  
making wise the simple

## Oh, To Be Nothing

There is a story of a little daughter who began receiving piano lessons from her mother. She had been free to roam the farm with her older brothers, and under the instruction was very restless. Finally she could stand the lesson no longer and flatly stated, "I don't want to take lessons, Mother; I just want to live a good Christian life."

It is to be feared that there are too many grown people merely wanting to live "good Christian lives." They do not want to bear responsibilities. They do not feel it obligatory upon them to accomplish anything worth while for God. They can comfortably sing the old song, "Oh, to be nothing, nothing." And they are.

## Honoring God

Charlie was going home with his uncle. All night they were on a boat that was furnished with tiny beds on each side of the cabin, called berths. When it was time to go to bed, his uncle said:

"Hurry and jump into your berth."

"May I first kneel and ask God to care for us?" asked Charlie.

"We'll be taken care of," said his uncle.

"Yes, but Mother always told me not to ever take anything without first asking for it."

Charlie's uncle had nothing to say to that, so Charlie knelt down, just as he did at his bed at home, and asked God to care for them through the night. That was honoring God. It took courage, but Charlie set a good example. —Sel.

## Search Question

Who embalmed Joseph's father?

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### Answer to Last Week's Question

Five changes to Benjamin, one to his brothers. Gen. 45:22

Dear Boys and girls,

Last Sunday we talked about Elijah and how he rebuked king Ahab for his wickedness. We find that Elijah continued to tell the people what God wanted them to know. There was another prophet who loved Elijah very much. His name was Elisha. One day he followed Elijah. Elijah told him to stay there but he would not because he loved him greatly. Finally Elijah told Elisha to ask what he wanted of him. Elisha said, "Let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." Elijah told him that he had asked a hard thing but he said if you see me taken up, you will have it. While they talked a chariot of fire and horses of fire came down out of the sky and Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind. Elisha cried, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof." And Elisha saw Elijah no more. Elisha picked up the mantle of Elijah's and went back to Jericho.

One day as this dear aged prophet was going up the road some children came running out to him and began to make fun of him. They said, "Go up, bald head; go up thou bald head." Was

not that an awful thing to do? It is terrible to ever make fun of anyone. Elisha couldn't help it if his hair had all come out. Do you ever make fun of anyone who has strange features or is crippled or sickly? I hope you haven't. Oh, may the Lord help you to feel a kindness in your heart for them. You never know, but you might be just like them some day. My mother told me one time that some girls made fun of an old woman who didn't have any hair and she said that when these girls grew older they didn't have any hair either. Be careful or you will reap what you sow.

God was displeased with these children and he sent two she bears out of the woods and they tore 42 children up. I'm sure this was a lesson to all the other children around there. It should be a lesson for children today, also.

In our lesson we read about the little maid who had been taken from Israel to a foreign land by companies or bands of men who had invaded the land. This little girl did not forget what she had been taught. She still loved God and knew He would help those who would pray to Him. She was glad to tell Naaman's wife about the prophet Elisha who prayed for people or helped them. How glad she must have been when her master came back home well. Can you tell about someone you were able to help? God wants us to help others.

—Aunt Marie.

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## A LIFE OF HELPFULNESS

2 Kings 5:1-3, 9-15b

1 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

2 And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.

11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?

14 Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

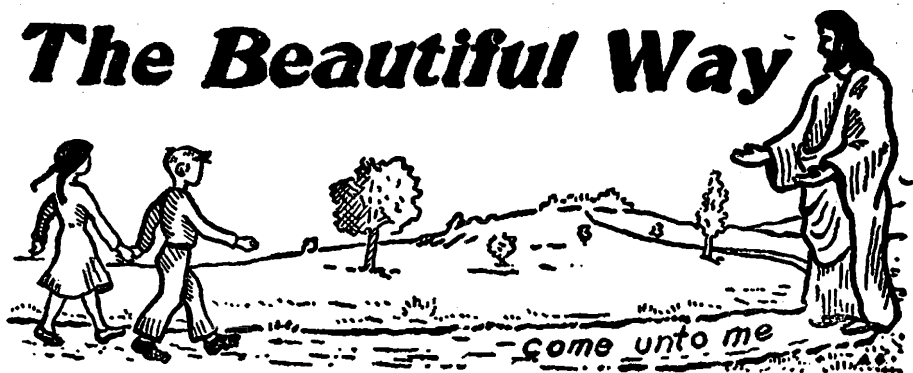
15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel.

Memory Verse: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Ps. 33:5.

Practical Truth: Be like this maid and help others.



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## Somebody's Dad

Did you ever meet a man, decrepit  
and old,

With a pack on his back, shivering  
out in the cold?

He's somebody's Dad.

Did he look tired and worn  
By the care he had borne?

He's somebody's Dad.

Did he appear to be hungry, without  
any home?

Would you like to share with him and  
be called a bum?

He's somebody's Dad.

Did you ever try sleeping in the  
straw, thinly clad,

Where hardly straw could be found,  
Like somebody's Dad?

Should I give him a dime or a quar-  
ter?—No!

I'll make it a dollar, 'twill cheer his  
heart so—

He's somebody's Dad.

But most of all, what of his soul?  
Might I help him attain to that goal—

Prepared for everybody's Dad?

—Erle E. Forbes.

## What If It Were Your Father?

Old Peter Wright walked home wearily. He did not feel too well today, for his rheumatism which had bothered him more than usual during the winter had settled in his feet. The pain was always worse after he had worked hard all day.

As he went in at the gate, he sighed. It was not so very long ago that a warm supper had awaited him. But now his daughter and her husband who had lived with him, had gone off on a long trip and he was left to do for himself until they got back. So he would have to get supper for himself now.

He had just started a fire in the stove when he heard a light step on the porch. He opened the door and there on the threshold stood Mary, the little girl who lived next door. She had a covered plate in one hand and carried a glass jar in the other.

"Good evening, Mr. Wright," she began. "We had such a nice supper tonight, I asked Mother if I might

not bring some of it over to you." She uncovered the plate as she spoke, revealing two pieces of fried chicken, some flaky biscuits, and a dish of preserved pears.

"I put the milk in this jar," she went on brightly. "Now, Mr. Wright, sit down and eat your supper while it is warm. Here—let me fix the table." In just a jiffy she had spread a white cloth on the table, polished a glass into which she poured the cold milk, and had found a knife and fork. "Ready," she said, smiling at him.

Old Peter Wright forced back the tears. He was tired and try as he would he could not cook very well. He forgot the pain in his shoulder and his rheumatic old joints. What a good supper it was! Then he sat down and ate the last crumb.

As Mary took the empty plate, she smiled. "If it were my father I would like someone to do that for him," she whispered softly. —Sel.

## God Sends Out Workers

Today, boys and girls, our lesson is about King Jehoshaphat. The king sent many teachers throughout many villages of Judah to teach them the Word of God. In those days they did not have literature to hand out but had to go from village to village teaching the people. Today we have different ways in which the gospel can be taught. God has provided so that the gospel can be put in printed page. We have books, papers, and tracts to send in the mail and to hand out.

The Lord is still sending out workers today. He sent a number of workers to Oklahoma City, Kingfisher, Enid, Drummond, Crescent, Orlando, and Meridian handing out the gospel in paper and tract form.

One day as Aunt Lou was in the

little village of Orlando, handing out papers, she noticed an old German lady, who was sitting on her front porch. Aunt Lou saw the sad and lonely look on her face. As she approached the house, the lady asked her to sit down and stay a while. They began to talk about their loving friend, Jesus. Aunt Lou read an article from the "Faith and Victory" paper, which brought many tears to the German lady's eyes. She was so happy and rejoiced at the good news. She was very thankful that God had sent Aunt Lou to her. Before Aunt Lou left, she asked if she could have prayer with her. Yes, the dear old lady was happy for someone to pray with her.

Several different times as Aunt Lou was going from house to house, handing out literature, little children would be playing in the yard. Aunt Lou would hand them a paper, and they would run in the house telling their mothers about it. One day Aunt Lou gave a little girl some "Beautiful Way" papers. She soon sat down and read one right after another until she had them all read. The next day Aunt Lou was in the yard and she heard the little girl say to Nell, her friend next door, "Here, would you like to read some of my papers? They have good stories in them!" "Yes, I would," replied Nell. She soon found her way into the house, telling her mother about them.

Boys and girls, you, too, can work for Jesus by telling others about him and by handing your little papers to others. He may also have you to hand someone a tract or a "Faith and Victory" paper. God has much work for us to do and we want to do all we can to help spread the good gospel.

—Malinda Penner.

## God's Grace Bestowed on A Japanese Girl

One night a girl came to meeting out of pure curiosity. Her father was a very strong Buddhist. The longer she listened to the message of salvation through God's grace the more interested and hungry she became. She remained after service with the seekers. A missionary explained to her the way of salvation. She read 1 John 1:9 and was then asked to pray and confess her sins to God, which she did. She asked God for forgiveness and peace of soul.

After she had finished she still seemed unsatisfied. Then, at the missionary's suggestion she read again out loud 1 John 1:9: "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." She read it aloud four times and then asked, "Is that all I need to do?" When assured that if she would confess and believe on Christ she would be saved, in a moment her faith reached through and she was filled with the joy of the Lord. She was so happy that for a time she could do nothing but cry for joy. After that she came back every night of the meeting with victory in her soul, and without objection from her father, for whom she is praying much. —Sel.

If we belong to the Lord Jesus, our real home is in Heaven. We are only "strangers and pilgrims" on earth. We are going to be with Jesus forever in the place He has gone to prepare for us.

### Search Question

Who did Joseph tell to not fear, otherwise he would punish them?

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### Answer to Last Week's Question

The physicians. Gen. 50:2

Dear Boys and girls,

I am going to give you two examples and I want you to tell me which girl you think is richest.

Bell lived in Russia and her parents taught her before she ate to thank Stalin for her food. She was taught to love her country more than anyone or any thing else. She was taught to obey quickly any order given her by the police or government. She was taught that the government did not want her to say any thing against it, and that if she did, she would be killed. One day she heard that there was a God in heaven and when she asked her parents about it they told her that God did not exist. There wasn't any such person as God. When she grew up the more she heard about the God of heaven the more she hated Him and spoke against Him. She was not ready to live with God but would be doomed throughout eternity in hell when she died if she continued to hate God.

Lela lived in America. Her parents loved the true God of heaven. When they sat down at the table to eat they thanked God for the food, knowing that all things come from Him because He

gave rain and sunshine that food could grow. Lela was taught about Jesus and that he would bless her if she would obey the Bible and His commandments. She was taught to be kind to all people and to say those things that were good to them and about them because Jesus wanted her to do that. As she grew older she gave her heart to Jesus and he blessed her greatly as she continued to love Him. She told others about Jesus and how he filled the longing of every heart. She was a kind, loving, tender-hearted girl. She knew God would supply all her needs because he "owned the cattle on a thousand hills." Her parents were very poor and did not leave her much when they died, but they left her faith in God. She was ready to live with God in happiness throughout eternity.

I'm sure you have decided that Lela is the richest girl. We need not go to Russia to find people who do not love God but they are right here in our United States. You who know about Jesus and are saved, are more blessed than the richest person in this world. You need not feel inferior to any other boy or girl that does not love Jesus, but greater. You have something to give and that is Jesus.

Our lesson tells about the king whose "heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord." The king went throughout his kingdom telling others to worship God. He also appointed others to help. In those days very few could read but today we can read and have many Bibles. Name other advantages we have over them.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 12, June 21, 1959

## TEACHERS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

2 Chronicles 17:3-7, 9-11: 19:4

17:3 And the Lord was with Jehosh-

aphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David and sought not unto Baalim;

4 But sought to the Lord God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

5 Therefore the Lord stablished the kingdom in his hand: and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents, and he had riches and honour in abundance.

6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, even to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michariah, to teach in the cities of Judah.

9 And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of the Lord with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

10 And the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat.

11 Also some of the Philistines brought Jehosaphat presents, and tribute silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he goats.

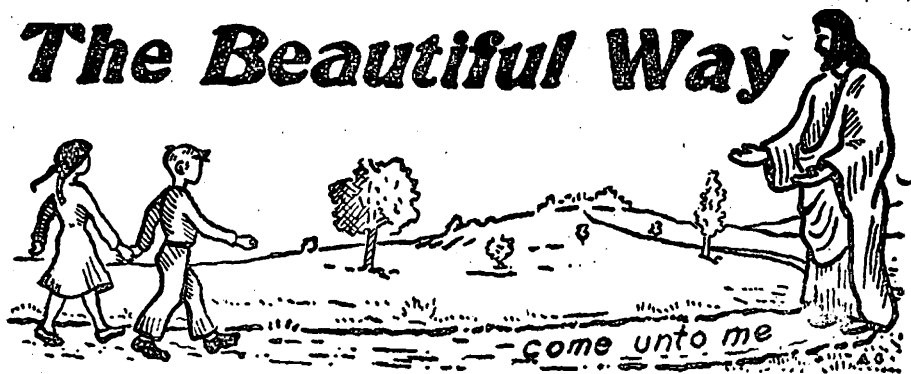
19:4 And Jehosaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people from Beersheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the Lord God of their fathers.

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Memory Verse: Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth.  
Psalms 86:11.

Practical Truth: We are thankful we have the Bible today and can read it ourselves.

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## At The Judgment Gate

Steal not this book

For fear of shame,

'Cause Anna Smith is

Not your name.

And on that day the

Lord will say,

"Where is that book

You stole that day?"

And when you say,

"I do not know,"

The Lord will say,

"Just step **BELOW**."

Sel. by Anna Marie Smith, age 10

## No Laughter, No Joy

"What was your memory verse in Sunday school today?" Aunt Nellie asked Linda.

"The joy of the Lord is your strength," quickly replied Linda.

"Oh, what a good verse you had! To have joy means to be happy, does it not?"

"I'm happy, but yet, Aunt Nellie, I have been kinda sad today," said Linda with a sad look on her face.

"Oh, my dear, tell Aunt Nellie all about it. What has made you sad?"

I'm sure it must not be anything very bad. Your mother and father are so good to you and love you very much. They teach you to love Jesus and protect you from any danger. You have plenty to eat and a good home. What could my girlie be sad about?"

"Oh, yes, I'm happy and love Mother and Daddy very much but our Sunday school teacher told us today about some children across the ocean that are hungry. She said that they never laugh and play. They don't have joy like we do. They do not know about Jesus, and their parents worship cows, stones, tools, and a big river."

"I guess she was telling you about the children in India," said Aunt Nellie.

"Yes, that is the place and she said that while a girl is very little she might be married to a man older than herself and become a slave to him and his other wives. Then if he dies she becomes a widow and is an out-cast and has to give up everything she has and go out by herself from the village and hunt for something to eat. Oh, Aunt Nellie, that is so sad!"

Why do they treat the girls that way?"

"My dear, that is very sad but it is true. You have much to be thankful for that you were not born in India. The reason they treat girls in that way is because they do not know about Jesus. They think that women do not have a soul. They do not have the privilege to go to school like you do and learn. Millions of them have not heard about Jesus and the joy a person has in their soul when they love Jesus. They are very poor and on the streets one sees many begging. They believe the animals are sacred and therefore very few are killed. These animals eat much of the food that is planted, causing a shortage of food. No wonder there isn't much laughter or joy in India. We need to pray for India's suffering and pray the Lord to send some one to tell them about Jesus."

"I wish they knew my memory verse and could have some joy and be happy," said Linda.

"Only in Jesus can we find joy and happiness. Thinking about these things makes us very thankful to the Lord for what He has done for us."  
—M. Miles.

## THE ECHO

As Robert was one day rambling about, he happened to cry out, "Ho, ho!" He instantly heard coming back from a hill near by, the same words, "Ho, ho!"

In great surprise, he said with a loud voice, "Who are you?" Upon this, the same words came back, "Who are you?"

Robert now cried out harshly, "You must be a very foolish fellow." "Foolish fellow!" came back from the hill.

Robert became angry, and with loud and fierce words went toward the spot whence the sounds came. The words all came back to him in the same angry tone.

He then went into the thicket, and looked for the boy who, as he thought, was mocking him; but he could find nobody anywhere.

When he went home, he told his mother that some boy had hid himself in the wood, for the purpose of mocking him.

"Robert," said his mother, "you are angry with yourself alone. You heard nothing but your own words."

"Why, mother, how can that be?" said Robert. "Did you never hear an echo?" asked his mother. "An echo, dear mother? No, ma'am. What is it?"

"I will tell you," said his mother. "You know, when you play with your ball, and throw it against the side of a house, it bounces back to you." "Yes, mother," said he, "and I catch it again."

"Well," said his mother, "if I were in the open air, by the side of a hill or a large barn, and should speak very loudly, my voice would be sent back, so that I could hear again the very words which I spoke."

"That, my son, is an echo. When you thought some one was mocking you, it was only the hill before you, echoing, or sending back, your own voice. The bad boy, as you thought it was, spoke no more angrily than yourself. If you had spoken kindly, you would have heard a kind reply."

"Had you spoken in a low, sweet, gentle voice, the voice that came back would have been as low, sweet, and gentle as your own."

"The Bible says, 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' Remember this when you are at play with your

schoolmates. If any of them should be offended, and speak in a loud, angry tone, remember the echo, and let your words be soft and kind.

"When you come home from school, and find your little brother cross and peevish, speak mildly to him. You will soon see a smile on his lips, and find that his tones will become mild and sweet.

"Whether you are in the fields or in the woods, at school or at play, at home or abroad, remember,

The good and the kind,  
By kindness their love ever proving,  
Will dwell with the pure and the loving."

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## Iceland's Geyser

Did you ever read about the geyser in Iceland? It is said that a geyser throws up a spout of boiling water every hour. It never fails to be on the right time. For ten minutes before the hour there is a gurgling sound, but right on the minute a column of water is thrown into the air some twenty feet. The people of the neighborhood check their clocks by that geyser as it is always so accurate.

It is certainly wonderful that God created such things but it is more wonderful that he can put his very Spirit within you and me and cause us to so live a Christian example that if others acted as we did their lives would be just as accurate (Christ-like) as the clocks are of those who set them by the geyser. —O.A.D.

## Search Question

How old was Joseph at his death?

Answer to Last Week's Question

His brothers who were afraid he would punish them. Gen. 50:21

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Dear Boys and girls,

Do you know what a coward is? To me a coward is a person who is afraid to go against the group and stand for that which is right. If you refuse to do wrong because a group of boys and girls are trying to get you to do wrong, I think you are real brave. They may call you a coward, but they just don't know what a coward is.

In our lesson today we have a man who was very brave. He was the high priest called Jehoiada. He did not fear the queen who ruled at that time. She was a murderous woman. She was angry when she found out her own son was dead so she killed all the heirs to the throne except one. She would have killed Joash also but Jehoiada's wife stole him and hid him and his nurse so she could not kill him. Joash was just a baby. When he was six years old, Jehoiada did a very brave thing. He could have made excuses but he was brave. He did not fear the queen although he knew that one word from her and his head would be cut off. Jehoiada knew God was with him and it was God's will that Joash rule.

The time had come now for action. Jehoiada called the rulers and captains, without the counsel of the queen. He showed them Joash who was rightfully

the king. How surprised they must have been. I'm sure they were glad because they did not approve of the wicked queen ruling. Plans were carefully made to crown Joash as king. The guard was appointed to be at every place in the city and also around the new king. This was to be a great surprise to all but most of all to the wicked queen who thought that she had killed all heirs to the throne.

The day arrived. Little six year-old Joash was brought forth to the temple of the Lord. I'm sure he enjoyed the attention but was too young to realize that his own life was in danger, unless the Lord helped him. He had been taught to love the Lord.

How brave Jehoiada was! He was risking his own life and the lives of others but he was brave because God was with him. Do not fear when you are doing the right. God will stand by you.

Little Joash was crowned king. The wicked queen heard the rejoicing. She came down to the temple and saw the little crowned king. Her voice was drowned in the cry of, "Long live the king," as she shouted, "Treason, treason." She was followed out of the temple and killed.

King Joash loved the Lord and repaired the temple. We trust that all of our boys and girls will love the Lord and grow up to do worth while things for God.

—Aunt Marie.

Lesson 13, June 28, 1959

YOUNG KING JOASH

2 Kings 11:9-12, 17-21

9 And the captains over the hundreds did according to all things that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to

Jehoiada the priest.

10 And to the captains over hundreds did the priest give king David's spears and shields, that were in the temple of the Lord.

11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, along by the altar and the temple.

12 And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony, and they made him king, and anointed him, and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.

17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the Lord and the king and the people, that they should be the Lord's people, between the king also and the people.

18 And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down, his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the Lord.

19 And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land, and they brought down the king from the house of the Lord, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet, and they slew Athaliah with the sword beside the king's house.

21 Seven years old was Jehoash when he began to reign.

Memory Verse: We will serve the Lord; for he is our God. Joshua 24:18.

Practical Truth: God wants boys and girls to love Him while they are young.