

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY

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## THE CHURCH REACHES OUT

Acts 13:1-3, 42-49

The church at Antioch was a busy church. They wanted others to know about God. One time five brethren who were teachers and prophets became so troubled about others not knowing about Jesus and his power to save that they did without food and prayed much. While they prayed and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." God wanted them to go and tell the good news to others. The church fasted and prayed and laid their hands upon them. They begged God to go with them as they left for the missionary field.

The Jews and Gentiles were glad to hear the good news about Jesus saving them from sin. They wanted to hear it again the next week. Word got around and the whole city came together to hear the gospel message. But some trouble-makers came, too, who spoke against Paul and Barnabas. They turned to the Gentiles who were glad to hear the gospel message of salvation.

*Memory Verse:* I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.  
Acts 13:49.

## What Alice Didn't Know

Alice knew that her eyes were blue and that her hair was brown and wavy. She knew that when Mother called, it was time to eat supper and after supper it was time to climb into bed. She knew where all her toys were and her favorite books. She knew a lot of things but there were some very important things that Alice didn't know.

One day her friend, Bill, said, "I go to Sunday School every Sunday."

Alice didn't know about Sunday School. "What's Sunday School?" she asked.

"Sunday School is where we learn about Jesus. We sing songs and listen to stories about the Bible. Sunday School is where I like to go."

Alice didn't know about Jesus so she said, "I'll ask my father to take me to Sunday School."

The next Sunday Alice went to Sunday school for the first time. The teacher was pleased. "I am glad you came, Alice," she said.

"Bill told me that I could learn about Jesus; that's why I came."

The teacher turned to the other children. "Can you tell Alice about Jesus?"

A boy with freckles said, "He's the One who loves all the children."

A girl with black curls said, "Jesus is God's Son. And He's my Friend. He's my best friend."

A tiny girl said, "Jesus loves me. And he loves you too, Alice."

A boy with big brown eyes said,

"Jesus is with us wherever we go, and He takes care of us."

Alice was glad as she heard all these things about Jesus. She was happy, too, when the children sang their songs about Jesus for her. After that the teacher told a story about Jesus.

When Sunday School was over Alice went to say goodbye to her teacher, and she asked, "Is Jesus my Friend, too?"

"Do you want to be His friend?"

"Oh, I would be happy to be friends with Jesus. But I didn't know about Jesus before."

"I hope you will come again and learn more about our friend, Jesus," the teacher told Alice.

Alice was happy as she ran to her father and asked him if he would take her to Sunday School every Sunday. Bill was also happy that he had told Alice to come to Sunday School.

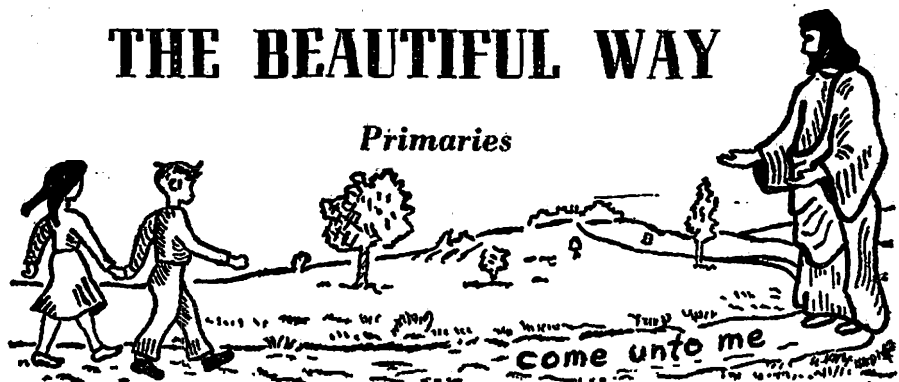
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### QUESTIONS:

1. Did the church at Antioch want others to know about Jesus?
2. What did they do about it?
3. What does it mean to fast and pray?
4. Were the people glad to hear Barnabas and Paul tell about Jesus?
5. Who were the trouble-makers?
6. Were the Gentiles glad that they would hear more about Jesus?

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## PAUL AND BARNABAS

Acts 14:8-18

A crippled man who had never walked was listening to a message by Paul. No doubt Paul was telling about how Jesus was able to heal those who had faith. This crippled man was glad to know that Jesus healed and his faith grew. Paul said to him, "Stand upright on thy feet." The crippled man leaped and walked. When the people saw what had been done, they thought their gods, Jupiter and Mercury, had come down to them in the forms of Paul and Barnabas. They wanted to do sacrifice to them. They called their priests and brought oxen draped with flowers and leaves to the gates of their city. Paul and Barnabas tore their clothes and begged them not to do this. They said, "Sirs, we are men just like you. We have come to tell you of the true and living God which made heaven and earth, the sea and all things therein. He is the One who gives the rain, all the food we eat, and fills our hearts with joy and gladness." By much talking they were able to get the people to understand that they were not gods.

*Memory Verse:* We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God. Acts 14:15.

## Betty Is Brave

The children were always happy when their oldest sister came to visit them. They loved to help take care of her little boy and the sweet little baby girl. They were so happy to be called "aunt" and "uncle" by their little nephew.

One day Mother had the washing all done and on the line. She had cleaned the house and the baby was asleep. She and her oldest daughter, the mother of the two little children, decided to go to town to do some shopping. Mother told the children to play outside and not go in the house for they might wake the baby. They promised not to be gone long.

The children were playing games and enjoying themselves on the other side of the house in the vacant lot. James wanted a drink so he went into the house. He saw a match lying on the table. He had a sudden urge to see it burn, so he lit it. He blew it out, so he thought, and as he went by the trash box he threw it in. He went on outside. Boys and girls, it is dangerous to play with matches. Even though I am grown I try to be very careful with matches. Many times I will run water over a match after blowing it out to be sure it is completely out before I put it in the container for burnt matches. You must not ever play with matches. Many children have been burned and even died from playing with matches.

James went on outside to play with the other children. It wasn't

long until they saw smoke coming out of the roof of the house and then out of the windows. Betty, who was the oldest of the children, thought of the baby inside. She was frightened, but the baby must be saved! Telling the other children to stay outside, she ran into the house, which by this time was full of smoke, and picking up the baby, ran outside. She was very brave to do this. The fire wagons came but the house was burned to the ground and everything in it destroyed.

Many praises were given to Betty for saving the baby's life. But, boys and girls, God gave her strength and wisdom to go in the burning house after the baby. God helped her not to be overcome with the smoke. All the praise and honor go to God for helping her do that wonderful deed.

When you do something nice and are given honor, you must know that it is God who helped you and let Him have the honor as Paul and Barnabas did in our lesson. M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What was wrong with the man who heard Paul's sermon?
2. What did Paul say to him?
3. What did the man do?
4. What were the people going to do to Paul and Barnabas?
5. What did Paul tell them?
6. How are we to act when we are honored?

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## THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

Acts 15:1-11

Paul and Barnabas were busy teaching the people in the city of Antioch about God and Jesus, who had died on the cross for them. They taught them that since Jesus had come they did not have to live by the law of Moses. Some trouble-makers came from Judea and taught differently. They said they should keep parts of the law of Moses. A dispute arose. The church of God at Antioch decided to send Paul and Barnabas back to Jerusalem to have the disciples there settle the question. When they arrived in Jerusalem Peter, James, John, and others came together to settle the matter. They said that the Gentile converts did not have to keep the rite in the law of Moses that some wanted them to keep. Silas and Judas went back to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas to tell the believers there their decision. When the church at Antioch heard that the matter was settled they rejoiced. They were glad that they did not have to try to live under the law of Moses, but could receive salvation through obedience to Jesus Christ.

*Memory Verse:* I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1:16.

## It Worked!

"How do you like your new school, Dottie?" asked Grandmother, who was visiting Dottie's parents for a few days.

"I wish we had not moved here!" said Dottie. "I wish I could go back and be with my old friends. This is such an unfriendly town. The children in school are so unfriendly and selfish. They never let me be first; in fact they don't even seem to want me to be with them. We have lived here for two weeks and I do not have any friends yet!"

Grandmother smiled. "You put me in mind of a story that was in my reading book when I was about your age," she said. "I liked it so well that I have always remembered it."

"Tell it to me!" begged Dottie.

"Everyone talked about a very dark place," said Grandmother. "The birds went there. They came back and told how dark it was there. The wind went there. He came back and told how dark it was there. After a while the sun decided he would go and see this very dark place. When he came back, everyone asked him, 'Did you see the very dark place?' But the sun said, 'I could not find any dark place at all.'"

Dottie laughed, "Of course, a place could not be dark with the sun in it," she said. "The sun would make everything light wherever he went. Why did you think of that story when I said that this is a very unfriendly, selfish town?"

"Oh," said Grandmother, "I just thought that a very friendly, unselfish little girl would not find an unfriendly, selfish town anywhere. She would be so happy, friendly, and kind herself that everyone else would want to be friends with her."

"Maybe it is my own fault that I have not made any friends here," said Dottie slowly. "I have not tried to be friendly, nor real kind, so no one is friendly and kind to me."

The Bible says that if we want to have friends, we must first be a friend," said Grandmother. "I will pray that when you go to school tomorrow you will find some friends because you are going to be kind and sweet to everyone."

The next afternoon Grandmother was waiting on the front porch for Dottie to come home from school. She was walking along with five other girls. "It worked, Grandmother! It worked!" she said. —Selected

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom is our lesson about today?
2. What did the trouble-makers want the people to do?
3. Where did they get help to settle the trouble?
4. What was the advice of the council at Jerusalem?
5. How are we saved and made ready to go to heaven?

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## PAUL HAS A VISION

Acts 15:36-41

"Let us go again and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the Word of the Lord, and see how they do," Paul said to Barnabas. Barnabas thought this was a good idea and wanted to take John Mark with them. Paul didn't want to take him because he had left them once before when they were on a trip. So Barnabas took John Mark with him and they went to Cyprus to work for the Lord. Paul chose Silas to go with him. They wanted to preach the Word in Asia but the Holy Spirit forbade them. They started to go to Bithynia but the Holy Spirit would not let them go there. One night Paul had a vision. In the vision he saw a man standing and saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Paul then felt that God wanted them to go to Macedonia to preach there. It is wonderful how God lets His children know His will. He wants us to follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit instead of making up our own minds about what to do. He wants us to tell others about His great love and salvation.

*Memory Verse:* After he had seen the vision, immediately we ... go into Macedonia, ... to preach the gospel unto them, Acts 16:10.

## Use the Gifts You Have

The teacher closed the blue song book. "I'm sorry, Katy," she said.

Katy went to the door. "Good bye, Teacher." Then Katy hurried home as fast as she could. She was the slowest runner in the third grade but she got home very quickly.

"What's wrong?" Mother asked as she saw Katy's face when she came in the door.

Katy put her head down on the table and began to sob. "Teacher s-s-says," Katy stammered, "Teacher s-s-says," and Katy began to weep aloud.

"Well," Mother asked, "What does she say?" Katy sobbed louder than ever. Finally Katy told her that the teacher said she could not be in the chorus. Then she wept broken-heartedly.

"There, there, Katy. That will be enough crying. You know you can't carry a tune, Katy, so why do you keep asking the teacher to let you be in the chorus?"

"I want to!" Katy said firmly.

"You will just have to be reasonable about it, Katy. Some people can sing, and some people can't, but those who can't can do other things."

"But what can I do?" asked Katy. "Nobody wants me to be in the games at school, because I can't run fast enough. I can't sing, I can't—"

"All of us find many things that we cannot do. You must choose certain things that you can learn and then learn them."

Just then Will spoke up. "I know something you can do, Katy. You

can smile. Everybody says you have a nice smile."

"That's not like being in the chorus and playing games."

"Well, I know something else. You can talk! And you can cry, Katy. You can really cry!"

"Never mind that last part," Mother said. "But it is true, Katy, you do have a nice smile and your speaking voice is pleasant, though you can't sing. God gives so many kinds of gifts. Don't spoil the ones He has given you by worrying about the ones He gave someone else. Make use of the good gifts you have and don't waste them by frowning and crying."

Katy went to school and smiled. Teacher was glad she felt better for she hadn't wanted to hurt her. At recess Katy smiled and asked if some one else could run for her when she played baseball. Days passed and Katy kept cheerful and smiling. The teacher had her to read some poems and quote some verses in the class room. Katy was happy again. As time went on she learned more and more to be thankful for the gifts that God had given her and she used them to honor Him. —Sel.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did Barnabas want to take on the journey he and Paul were planning?
2. Why did Paul not want to take this man?
3. Whom did Paul choose to go with him?
4. What was the vision Paul saw?
5. Was Paul careful to obey the Holy Spirit?



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## PAUL AND SILAS SUFFER FOR GOD

Acts 16:12b-23

One sabbath day Paul and Silas went down by the river in the city of Philippi. There was a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, and other women who met by the river and had prayer. They worshipped God and as Paul spoke to them God opened their understanding and they believed. Lydia wanted to be baptized and then she said to Paul and Silas, "Come to my house and stay."

One day as Paul and Silas went to prayer a damsel who was possessed with an evil spirit met them. This girl brought her masters much money through her evil works. She followed Paul and Silas and cried saying, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation." This she did many days and Paul was grieved. He commanded the evil spirit to come out of her. Her masters were angry because she could no longer make them money. They stirred up the people who brought Paul and Silas before the rulers. They commanded them to be beaten and put in jail. God sent an earthquake and let them out.

*Memory Verse:* Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:31.

## BELIEVE

"What is the memory verse?" Sis. Brown asked her little class. Jerry, the first grader, took his paper and began to read, with Sister Brown's help, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

"What does 'believe' mean?" asked Lily.

"First, tell me whom our verse says we are to believe on," Sister Brown said.

"The Lord Jesus Christ," the class quickly answered.

"That's right. Now let me explain what 'believe' means. Let us think of a time when you believed something your mother told you. Perhaps you were real hungry. You came into the house and told your mother that you were hungry. Mother told you to run on outside and play while she fixed dinner. Off you go to play. You believe that your mother is going to do just as she said. While you are playing, you again think about being hungry but you go on about your playing because you know that your mother is in the house fixing dinner. You believe what she said. You expect her to call you when it is ready. That is believing your mother. Another word for it is faith; or you could use trust. Did your mother ever tell you to go and play while she fixed dinner and you believed her?"

"Yes," spoke up several in the class.

"Now our memory verse tells us to 'believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.' Saved means saved from your sins and saved from

hell. When you tell a lie, that is sin. You need to ask Jesus to forgive you for telling a lie. When you pray and ask him to forgive you, you must believe he does forgive you just as you believe your mother when she tells you that she will get you some dinner. You are real glad when your mother calls you for dinner and after you have eaten, you are not hungry any more. That is the way you feel when Jesus forgives you of your sins. You are real happy and glad that your sins are all gone. You believed that Jesus took your sins all away. Jesus will save you from your sins and from hell."

"My uncle told me that he would take me riding on his horse one time," spoke up Bill.

"Did you believe him?" asked Sister Brown.

"Yes, and he did, too," answered Bill. "We rode way up into the mountains. I want to ride the horse again some time."

"I asked Jesus to heal me and He did," Betty said with her little face shining with joy.

"Yes, Jesus will save us from our sins and heal our bodies if we will believe him," Sister Brown told the class.

—M. Miles

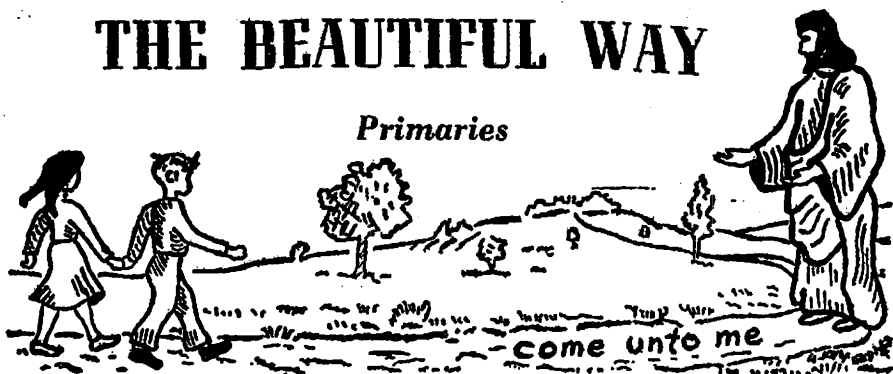
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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Paul and Silas do beside the river?
2. What work did Lydia do?
3. Did the women listen when Paul and Silas preached to them?
4. What did Paul do for the girl who had a bad spirit?

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## THE ONE TRUE GOD

Acts 17:22-31

One day Paul talked to the men of Athens. He said, "I passed by and saw an altar to the UNKNOWN GOD. I want to tell you about this God, whom you ignorantly worship, who made the world and everything in it, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth. God does not dwell in houses made with hands, neither is he worshipped with men's hands. He wants you to worship him from your heart, because he has given you life. This God made of one blood, all the people of the earth. God has told them where to live. If you will seek after God you will be found of him. God is close to all of you. It is God who gives us our life because we are his offspring. You should not think that God is made of gold, silver, or stone, or something made by man. Since Jesus has come into the world, now God requires all men everywhere to repent and believe the gospel." Boys and girls, God is real and He loves you. Can you name some of the things that God has made and that God does for you?

*Memory Verse:* God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. Acts 17:24, 25.

## Jesus, Our Friend

"Why do we call this God's house?" Danny asked his Sunday School teacher one Sunday morning.

"This is the place where God's people meet to worship Him," the teacher answered.

"I don't see God in here," Danny stated.

"You won't find God in His house unless you bring Him in with you. You must first have God in your heart."

Danny thought about this when he went home. He wanted to be sure to have God in his heart. One night in his bedroom he prayed to God and said, "Dear God, I open my heart's door. I want you to come into my heart. I want you to live in my heart. Forgive me of all my sins. I am sorry I have sinned. Come into my heart." As Danny waited, he felt good inside. He knew that Jesus had come into his heart. Then Danny said, "I thank you, Jesus, for coming into my heart."

"Why are you so happy this morning, Danny?" Mother asked.

"I opened my heart and let Jesus come in," Danny happily told his mother. "Jesus makes me happy because He lives in my heart. Now I can take Jesus with me when I go to God's house."

Danny was happy with his new Friend. He sang all the day long and when Mother asked him to empty the trash can he knew that Jesus would go with him and it was so much easier to do it. When his Father told him to go and lock the chicken house he was not afraid of the dark because

his new Friend went with him. Jesus made Danny know that He would take care of Him because He lived in His heart.

One Sunday morning he was standing on the sidewalk in front of the chapel. A little boy came up and asked Bro. Jones, who was also standing there, "Is God in there?"

"Oh, yes, my son, this is God's house," Bro. Jones said.

"I never saw God in any church," the little boy persisted.

"You won't find God in His house unless you bring Him in with you," spoke up Danny. "My teacher says first you have to have God in your heart."

"That's right," Bro. Jones agreed. "Do you want God to come into your heart?"

"God is too far away from me," the little boy said as he looked up into the sky.

"No, God isn't far away," Danny insisted. "Jesus brought God down here to us. He died on the cross and arose again. Jesus is alive and He lives in my heart."

"You can't see God for He is a spirit, just as you can't see the wind, but God is real," Bro. Jones explained.

"I would like for God to come into my heart, too," the little boy said.

—M. Miles

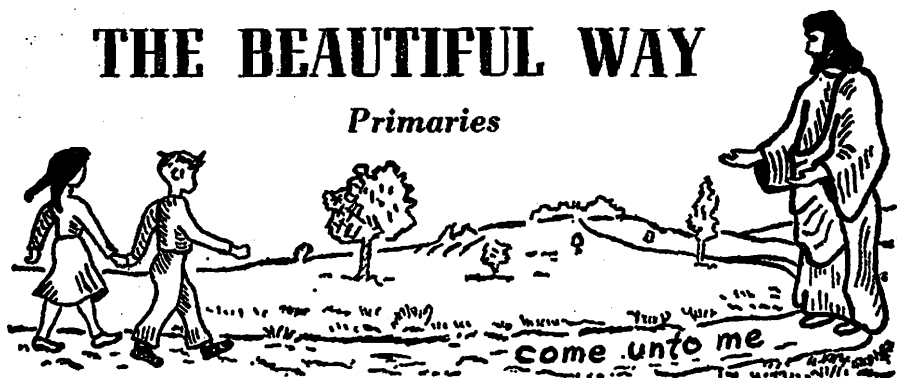
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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who preached to the men of Athens?
2. What was written on the altar that Paul saw?
3. What did Paul tell the people?

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## PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

Acts 18:18-28

Paul sailed in a ship from Corinth to Syria. He took with him Priscilla and Aquila. They were tent makers and Paul had lived with them for a while. Paul was on a missionary trip. He left Aquila and Priscilla at Ephesus and he sailed for Jerusalem to be there for the feast. He stopped at Galatia and Phrygia and visited the brethren there. He told them to live true to God. Aquila and Priscilla were busy in Ephesus for God. They helped others to love God more. One day Apollos, a Jew, came to Ephesus. He loved God and had studied much in the Old Testament. He preached to them and was "fervent in the spirit." But he knew only about the baptism of John. One day Aquila and Priscilla had a talk with Apollos. They explained to him about Jesus and how he had already come to the earth and died for our sins. They no doubt told Apollos that Jesus had told the disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel, baptizing those who believe in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Apollos rejoiced to hear this and he went forth convincing others about Jesus.

*Memory Verse:* I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 1 Corinthians 3:6.

## Heaven is Wonderful

"Billy, why did you go to the altar last night?" Rod asked as the boys lay on a blanket in the back yard. Rod and his folks were visiting with Billy and his family. Billy and Rod were out in the back yard, talking. Rod had wondered all day why Billy had gone to the altar after hearing Bro. P— preach. Rod liked to hear about heaven and wanted to go there. He didn't want to go to hell. He would never choose to go there and he had heard Bro. P— say that you got your choice. Rod wondered if Billy had chosen to go to hell and then had changed his mind and if that was the reason he went to the altar when the preacher said if anyone wanted to go to heaven to come to the altar and he would pray with them.

"I wanted to be saved," Billy told Rod. "I had sinned and Bro. P— said that if you sinned you couldn't go to heaven. But now I am ready because all my sins are gone."

"Then you hadn't chosen to go to hell and then changed your mind?" asked Rod.

"No, I didn't choose to go to hell, but sin will cause you to go there," answered Billy. "If you choose to sin rather than do right, you will be choosing to go to hell."

"Oh, I see how it works, now," Rod answered. "What kind of sin did you do?"

"I told my mother a lie," answered Billy. "But I have asked God to forgive me and then I asked Mother to.

I am ready to go to heaven if I die. You know that Bro. P— said that a girl asked her mother at what ages people die. She gave her a string and told her to go to the graveyard and measure the graves. As she measured each one she was to tie a knot in the string to show how long the grave was. When she came back she had measured many different sizes of graves, both big and little. Her mother then explained to her that people die at all ages. So I didn't want to die and not be ready, because children die, too."

"I want to be ready, too," agreed Rod. "Heaven must be wonderful. I think of it as a great big city hanging up in the sky and so far away that no one can go there unless he dies."

"I have heard that it has streets of gold; not really gold, but something better than gold," explained Billy. "Jesus will be there and will shine brighter than the sun. Everything will be really pretty."

"I wonder if that is God looking at us through the moon," Rod said as he looked at the bright, full moon.

"God doesn't need the moon to see us by, He can see us with His all-seeing eye," Billy declared.

Heaven must be farther away than the moon, and I want to be sure I am ready to go there with you and Billy when I die.

—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did Paul take with him to Ephesus?
2. Did Paul stay in Ephesus very long?

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## PAUL AT EPHESUS

Acts 19:23-28; 35-39

There was once a man named Demetrius who was a silver-smith. He made silver images of the goddess, Diana, who was an idol the people in Ephesus worshipped. They believed that the image of this goddess had fallen down from heaven which was not true. One day Paul came to the town of Ephesus preaching that there was one true God whom they should worship. Demetrius was troubled because some were believing Paul and he was afraid that his business of making silver images would end. He called other silver shrine-makers together and talked to them. He told them that Paul was turning away many people from the goddess Diana and that they must do something about it. This caused the shrine-makers to be angry and they cried out, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." Others began to cry out and a big mob gathered. They grabbed two men who loved the true God and rushed into a theatre. For two hours they cried and shouted. Finally the townclerk got them to listen to him. He told them to bring their charges according to the law. Many believed in God there.

*Memory Verse:* No man can serve two masters . . . Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Matthew 6:24.

## The Ball\*

"Oh, here is Ruthie's ball," Mary exclaimed as she picked up a little red ball in her yard. "Ruthie looked and looked for it. She must have lost it out of her pocket when she chased that mean dog away."

"That surely is a nice ball to play jacks with, isn't it?" Della remarked as she took the ball and looked at it. "I wish I had a ball like that." Now the devil was at work, and seeing that Della liked the ball so well, he suggested that she keep it. Ruthie had given it up as lost. But the Lord spoke to Della and let her know that would be just like stealing; besides, what would Mary think? She just couldn't do that. Then another idea was suggested to Della by the devil. "Say, Mary, let us hide this ball again and not tell Ruthie anything about it. I don't like Ruthie very well anyway. She tries to be so goody-goody. She talks about God and about not telling lies. Oh, you know how she is."

"It is all right to talk about God," Mary quickly spoke up.

"Yes, but you can say too much sometimes," Della said. "Come and let us hide the ball. I think I see Ruthie coming around the corner of the house." As Mary went to meet Ruthie, Della quickly threw the ball and watched it roll under a piece of wood in the back yard close to the alley. She then turned and rushed over to the girls and suggested that they play a game of tag. The girls

played for some time. The ball was forgotten by Mary but Della watched her chance to get it and put it in her pocket. She went home and tried to play jacks with it but it didn't seem to work right; anyway she blamed her failures on the ball. She threw it over at the hedge and watched it roll under some leaves. When bedtime came and all was quiet, Della began to think back over the day and how she got the ball. She felt bad. Turning over and trying to put it out of her mind didn't help. She got up and looked out the window, but she looked right at the hedge where the ball was lying. She tried to tell herself how silly it was to be bothered with such a small thing, but in her heart she knew it was wrong to take the ball instead of giving it to Ruthie. Finally she decided she would give it to Ruthie the next day, which she did.

Della had learned a lesson. She now understood why Ruthie loved God and talked about him. She, too, gave her heart to God and was happy because she did the right things instead of wrong. —M. Miles

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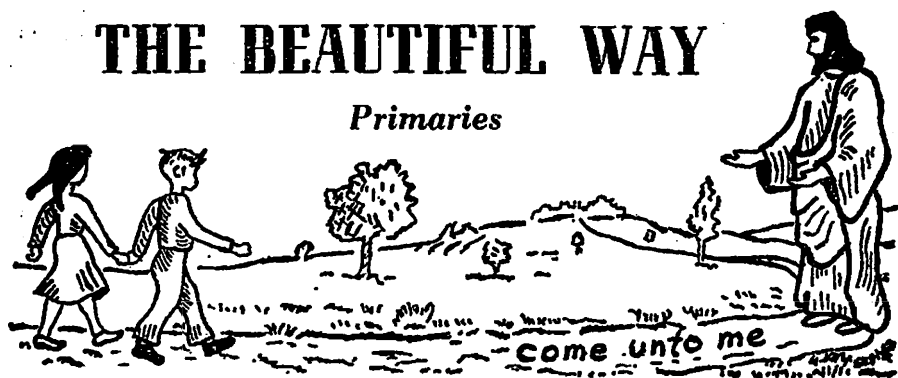
1. What did Demetrius make?
2. What did Paul preach about?
3. Did the people love God or did they love their idol?
4. Whom are we to love best in the whole world?
5. Did many in the city of Ephesus love the only true God?

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## PAUL READY TO DIE

Acts 21:7-14

Paul was on a missionary trip. He stayed one day with the brethren at Ptolemais. The next day Luke, who wrote this account, with others, went with Paul to Caesarea. When they arrived in that city they went to the home of Philip the evangelist and visited him. Philip had four daughters who were not married and they were workers for God. They preached the gospel. After being there a few days a prophet came to see them. His name was Agabus. When he entered the room he walked right over to Paul. He took off Paul's sash or belt and bound his own hands and feet with it. Agabus said, "The Holy Ghost says that the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this sash and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles." Everyone who heard these words began to weep. They begged Paul not to go to Jerusalem. Paul said, "Why break my heart by weeping? I am ready to be bound and even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." When Paul would not be persuaded the saints said, "The will of the Lord be done."

*Memory Verse:* I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 21:13.

## A Happy Boy

"Billy, you surely are doing a good job of cleaning out that hedge," Mr. Jones remarked as he stopped by on his way to the store. "What is Mrs. Brown paying you?"

"Nothing," answered Billy. "She has already paid me."

"What did she give you?" asked Mr. Jones, wondering.

"She has given me cookies; one time she gave me a jar to put a bug in; and one day she took me with her to town. She has done lots of things for me. Anyway, she is sick and I wanted to do something nice for her so I thought I would pull the weeds out of the hedge for her."

"Well, now, that is nice of you," Mr. Jones smiled. "I thought you were like most other boys who would not do anything unless they got paid for it. I am going to see if there is something I can do for you because I would like for you to be my friend, too."

"I want to be a friend to everybody," Billy remarked as he pulled up another weed with a big tug. "My memory verse for Sunday School last Sunday was 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' Some day I might want Mrs. Brown to do something for me when she gets well so I want to show my love to her now."

"That's right, Billy," agreed Mr. Jones. "You are a fine boy and there is another verse in the Bible that says, 'As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.' In other words, do unto others as you want them to do to you. Mrs.

Brown has been nice to you and you are being nice to her. If every boy and girl in the world would live by the golden rule this world would be a nice place to live in."

"It makes me feel good inside to do something for someone," Billy said as he stood up straight, with a big smile on his face and wiped the sweat off his forehead.

"That's right, Billy," Mr. Jones said as he patted the boy on the head. "You are on the right track. When you do anything for others you are doing it for Jesus. He is the One who makes you feel good inside. And I notice that you are doing such good work, too. You are not leaving any grass at all. I think you will grow up and be a fine worker if you keep going this way. You will find much happiness in living and God will bless you, too. I do hope Mrs. Brown gets well soon."

"I do, too, and I'm praying that she will," Billy said as he turned back to his work, happy. —M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the daughters of Philip do?
2. What did Agabus tell Paul when he took his sash?
3. Did the saints beg Paul not to go to Jerusalem?
4. What did Paul tell them?
5. Who said, "The will of the Lord be done?"

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## PAUL IN COURT

Acts 24:10-21

Paul was glad to arrive in Jerusalem and visit his friends. Then he went up to the temple to worship. Some bad men shouted, "There is the trouble-maker! Let's kill him!" Some soldiers came to keep them from killing Paul. They took him away to prison. Paul was brought before the governor. Some men told the governor that Paul was a trouble-maker. The governor asked Paul to explain his actions since he had been in Jerusalem. He told the governor, "I have been in Jerusalem only twelve days. I went up to the temple to pray and tell God I was glad he had been with me on my missionary trip. I did not cause any trouble nor dispute with any man. I love God very much and I believe all that is written in the Bible. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for me and that he is alive forevermore. I try to live so that no one can prove that I have done wrong. I want God to be pleased with my life. I have done no wrong and God knows I am clear." The prophecy of Agabus was being fulfilled since Paul was a prisoner.

*Memory Verse:* Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. Acts 24:16.

## The Call of Alex

Alex was a little Scotch boy. Alex loved to roam the fields and climb the mountains. One day Alex lay down in the meadow beside a mountain stream. It was a beautiful, warm summer day. The birds were singing. Alex looked up at the fleecy white clouds. Soon he fell asleep.

As Alex slept he had a dream. In his dream he saw a bright light up in the sky. From it came a golden chariot, drawn by horses of fire. The chariot quickly came down from the sky. It moved faster than lightning. It stopped beside Alex. Alex saw no one in the chariot, but he heard a voice say to him, "Come, I have work for you to do!"

Alex jumped up to follow the golden chariot. As soon as he stood on his feet he was awake. Then he knew that it had been a dream.

Sometimes God speaks in dreams, but not always. Sometimes dreams are caused by eating too much, or it is just the mind working while one is asleep, but Alex never forgot his dream. It seemed so different from any other dream he had ever had. He never forgot the call from the golden chariot, "Come, I have work for you to do!"

One day Alex knelt down beside his bed and prayed to God, saying, "Oh, Lord, I do not have any silver or gold to give to the missionaries. What I do have, I will give. I offer myself to You. I will go as a missionary, myself. Will you accept the gift?"

God did accept the gift. Alex, who had heard the voice calling from the golden chariot, found his work for God. He became a missionary. He went to India. He was the great missionary, Alexander Duff. Adapted

### NOT JUST A GUEST

Jane was five years old. She liked to say "grace" at the table. One night Mother said, "Jane, will you say grace for us?" Jane bowed her head and prayed a little prayer she had just learned. She said, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest!" Suddenly Jane said to her mother, "Mother, I do not want Jesus to be our Guest!" Mother was surprised. She asked, "Why not?" Little Jane replied, "Mother, a guest is one who comes to our house sometimes. I want Jesus to be here ALL THE TIME!"

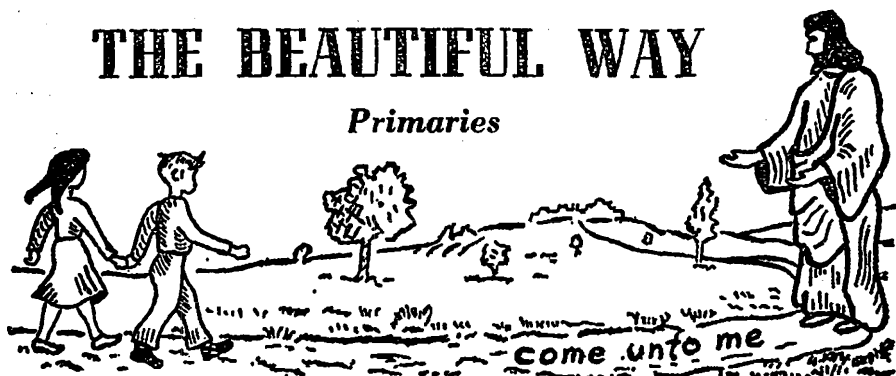
### QUESTIONS:

1. What happened when Paul arrived in Jerusalem?
2. Where did the soldiers take Paul to keep the people from killing him?
3. What did the people call Paul?
4. What did Paul tell the governor in court about what he had done?
5. Did Paul tell them he believed that Jesus had arisen from the grave?

When we disobey God and turn away from Him we open ourselves for the devil to come in and bring us much trouble.

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## PAUL TALKS TO KING AGRIPPA

Acts 26:24-32

The governor did not know what to do with Paul. So he put him back in prison and told them to be kind to him and let his friends come to see him and bring him food. Felix could not believe that Paul was a bad man as they said he was. One day King Agrippa and his sister, Berniece, came to visit the governor. The governor wanted the king to hear Paul's case. King Agrippa, his sister, and many others listened to Paul. He was glad to speak to so many who needed to know about the love of God. He told how at one time he did not love Jesus and was mean to the Christians. He wanted to hurt them and put them in prison. He told how he had met Jesus one day and learned to love Him. Paul wanted the king to love Jesus, too. The governor said, "Paul, you are crazy! You have been studying too much." Paul said he was not crazy but wanted everyone to love Jesus. King Agrippa was almost persuaded to be a Christian, too. They decided that Paul had not done anything wrong and that he should not be in prison. Since he had appealed to Ceasar, they could not set him free.

*Memory Verse:* Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee. Acts 18:9, 10.

## Why Jack Was Glad

All week long Jack had been waiting for Saturday to come. On Saturday there would be no school. Jack and the boys were going to play baseball in the lot next to his house. Early Saturday morning Jack was out of bed and dressed and ready for breakfast. Then he got his ball and bat and went off to get the other boys. Soon they were playing ball.

Jack was up to bat, ready to hit the ball, when he heard his father calling him. He saw his father standing on the porch. Jack hated to leave the ball game, but he loved his father. He always listened to his father and obeyed him. Quickly dropping the bat, he ran over to the porch to see what his father wanted.

Father said, "Jack, will you go to the store and get something for me? I don't feel too well this morning or I would not call you." Jack did not grumble. He said, cheerfully, "Yes, sir!" Jack started down the walk. Then his father called him back. He said, "Jack, I want to thank you for being such a good, obedient boy. I know you were playing ball. I know how hard it is to leave a game. But, Jack, you came instantly when I called you, and you have not complained. Thank you, Son!"

Jack went off to the store, whistling. He was happy because of his father's words. When he returned he found a group of people gathered on the front porch of his home. One of the neighbors said to him, "Jack, your father just dropped dead!" Jack was

surprised and the tears flowed quickly. Then he remembered the last words of his father. He thought, Oh, I am so glad that I came quickly and cheerfully when he called me from the game. I am so glad that I did not complain. —Selected

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## CHRIST HAS NO HANDS

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Christ has no hands but our hands,  
To do His work today!  
He has no feet but our feet,  
To lead men in His way.  
He has no tongue but our tongue,  
To tell men how He died:  
He has no help but our help,  
To bring others to His side!"

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## QUESTIONS:

1. How was Paul treated while he was in prison?
2. Did God take care of him?
3. Whom did he get to tell about Jesus?
4. Did the king believe Paul?
5. Did the king think Paul should be in prison?

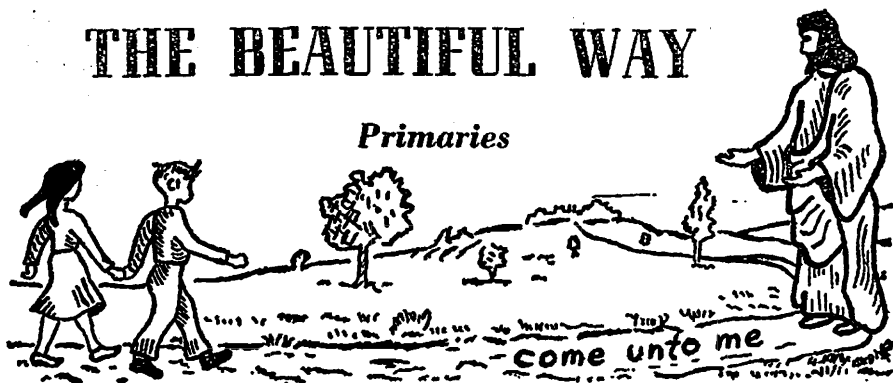
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We love the heav'nly Father  
Who sent his only Son,  
Here to live upon the earth  
To save us, every one.

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## JOURNEY TO ROME

Acts 27:21-26, 33-38

Paul said he wanted to see Ceasar, the most important man in the land. He was put on a ship as a prisoner and sent to Rome. The wind blew and the ship came to a port where Paul saw some of his friends. He then sailed again, but the wind was strong. When they came to land once more Paul said that they should stay there all winter. He thought they might have a shipwreck. But the captain would not listen. The wind blew stronger and stronger. Day after day it was so dark they did not see the sun. Would they all be lost? Everyone was troubled. One day Paul told the men, An angel appeared to me and said that we would be saved but we will lose the ship. "Be of good cheer; for I believe God," Paul said. He told them to eat. He took bread and gave thanks and ate. Others ate, too. The waves broke the ship but they all swam to shore and were saved. Paul believed God and it helped others to believe, also. When God speaks, whether by His written Word or by His Spirit, we can believe Him for it will be as He says. Let us believe and trust in God with all our hearts.

*Memory Verse:* Be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. Acts 27:25.

## In Mother's Heart

Little Susie was sitting on her mother's lap. She was very fond of her mother. She often called her "My very own Mother." As Susie sat on Mother's lap, she touched her mother's face with her little fingers. She touched Mother's lips, her cheeks, and her hair. After awhile Susie asked, "Mummy, may I see your heart?" Mother replied, "Look in my eyes and see if you can see anything." Susie looked into her mother's eyes. Then she cried out joyfully, "Oh, Mummy, I can see your heart! In it there is a little girl. That little girl is me!"

A mother loves her boy and her girl. A mother helps her boy and her girl. Each day she works for them. She cooks their meals. She washes and irons their clothes and mends the rips and tears. She comforts them when they are hurt. She helps them when they are naughty or bad. She loves them when they are sad. She teaches them many things they should know. Best of all, she tells them about Jesus, the Saviour. How we thank God for a kind, loving mother! It was God who gave us a mother.

How kind are you to your mother?  
Do you love her? Do you help her?

Little John once said, "I love my mother with all my strength." Someone asked, "What do you mean, John?" Little John replied, "Well, we live in an apartment. It is a long way up there. Every day I carry up the groceries for Mother. It takes all my strength to do this. Isn't that

loving Mother with all my strength?"

How wrong it is to talk about loving Mother if we fail to show her that we love her! When we really love Mother, we will show our love for her. Day by day we will help her with the work. It is selfish to run off to play and leave all the work for Mother to do. It is easy to make play out of work. When Mother does not feel well, you should help her dust, empty the trash and keep your toys in the box. Then keep real quiet when she lies down to rest. You should prove your love to Mother by being kind and thoughtful to her. That is the way she treats you. She shares everything with you and you should share everything with her. Love Jesus best and then Mother and Daddy next.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. How did Paul get to Rome?
2. Was he still a prisoner?
3. What did he say about sailing when they did?
4. Did they have a storm at sea?
5. Who told Paul they would all be saved?
6. Did Paul believe God?

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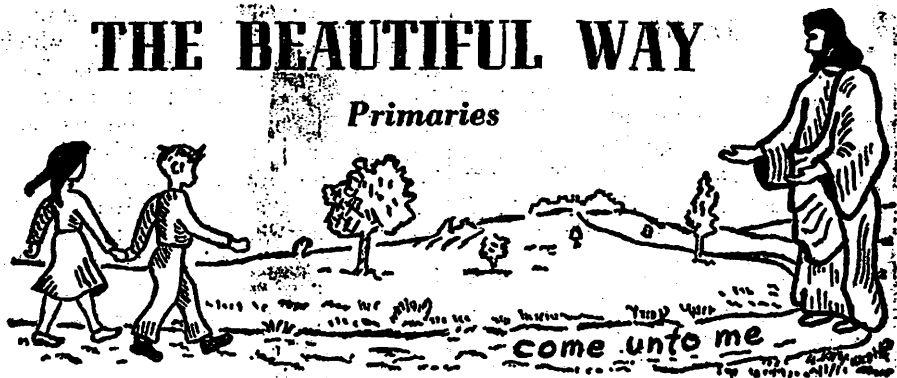
Jesus came a tiny baby  
But grew both strong and tall,  
Helping everyone to know  
He loved them, one and all.

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Sept. 24

## PAUL IN ROME

Acts 28:23-31

Paul had not done anything wrong but some in Jerusalem called him a trouble-maker. He wanted to see Ceasar in a faraway city, called Rome. He wanted him to hear his case. On the way to Rome they had a ship wreck but all got to shore safely. They were all put on another ship and sailed for Rome. At last Paul was in Rome. He was allowed to live in a house and a soldier stayed with him. One day Paul asked the Jewish leaders living in Rome to come to his house. He told them the story of Jesus. All day long Paul talked about Jesus and explained that he was the Christ. Some believed and others did not. Paul told them that Jesus died for all the people of the world. For two years he lived in this house and everyone was welcome to visit him. He read from the Old Testament about Jesus who was to come and then told them that it had all come to pass. Paul loved Jesus and he wanted others to love him, too. Will you help to carry on the story that Paul spent his life telling others about? Jesus still needs those who will be like Paul and give their lives for the gospel's sake.

*Memory Verse:* I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. Romans 1:15.

## BARRY

A traveler in the Alps mountains lost his way in a blinding snow storm. He wandered through the deep snow until he fell down. He was very tired and could not get up again. The snow soon covered his body as he lay half asleep and half frozen. In less than an hour he was found by a great Saint Bernard dog. The dog crouched over the half-frozen man. He warmed the man with his furry body. Soon the man awakened. He saw a package fastened to the dog's collar. He removed the package and found food and drink in it. Then the dog seized the man's cap and ran off with it. He carried it to the inn which was located on a high mountain in the Alps. In this place there lived men who wanted to help weary, tired, lost travelers. When the dog came in with the man's cap, a rescue party was formed. Soon the dog returned to the fallen man, leading the rescue party. The man was carried to the inn and cared for.

The hero of our story was the great St. Bernard dog named Barry. When Barry was just a puppy he was trained for rescue work in the mountains. For twelve years Barry helped to rescue lost travelers in the Alps. He saved at least forty lives.

A monument was erected to Barry's memory in the dog cemetery in Paris, France. His figure is also seen in the Museum of Natural History in Berne, Switzerland.

The Lord Jesus came to this world to seek and to save the lost. The

Bible says, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). The Lord Jesus wants each of His followers to seek the lost ones. All about us there are boys and girls who are lost in sin. Will you help to find these lost ones, just as the big dog hunted for the men who were lost in the snow storm, and bring them to Jesus? By being kind to them, as the dog was kind to the lost man, you can help them to want to love Jesus.

There is a song we sing sometimes which says, "Rescue the perishing, Care for the dying, Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave; Weep o'er the erring one, Lift up the fallen, Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save."

—M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Was Paul in prison because he had done wrong?
2. Why did he want to go to Rome?
3. Were they put on another ship after their ship was wrecked?
4. What did Paul do in Rome?
5. What did he tell others about Jesus' love?

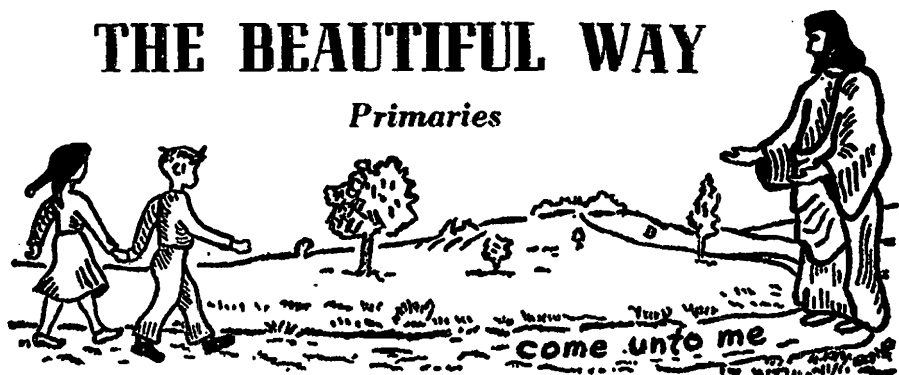
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Be kind to your grandmother and grandfather. They are not as well as they once were and all older people need your kindness and help.

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Oct. 1

## THE PROPHET AMOS SPEAKS

2 Kings 14:23-35; Amos 8:4-7, 11

God was displeased with Jeroboam the king. Jeroboam made two golden calves and the people worshipped them instead of worshipping God. The Bible said that Jeroboam "made Israel to sin." That was bad. God told the prophet Amos to tell them about their sins. Amos was a good man and a prophet from God. Amos knew that God hated sin. Amos knew that if the people continued to sin and do wrong that God would punish them. Amos prayed for the people. Today boys and girls need to be sorry they have sinned.

One day Amos talked to the rich merchants of Israel. We do not know where these business men had gathered but Amos told them about their sins. He told them that they were robbing the poor by taking what they had by cheating. Cheating is wrong. You can cheat at games or by taking more than your share and leaving less for someone else to have to take. The rich merchants would take a widow's land and perhaps sell her sons for slaves if she could not pay what she owed. This displeased God.

*Memory Verse:* Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. Amos 3:7

## Bill Displeases God

"Now, children, I will give you four cents for every basket of berries you pick," Grandmother told her two grandsons. She had gone with Mrs. Martin and her son Bill to pick berries. Mrs. Martin promised Bill four cents a box for all the berries he picked, too.

"Oh boy! I'm going to pick the most berries," Bill said as he started off in a run for the first row. Andy and Sid followed.

"How many boxes of berries have you picked?" Bill asked Andy as they met at the gate to put up their full boxes and get empty ones to pick in.

"I have picked six boxes," Andy replied. "How many have you done?"

"Only five," Bill replied as he hurried over to get busy. As Bill picked he thought that picking just five boxes would not be very much money. He wanted to make more than that and then he hated to let Andy make more money than he did. The devil brought a thought to Bill's mind. "Put some clods of dirt in your basket and then cover them with berries and your boxes will fill up faster." Without thinking the matter over and seeing how wrong it was, Bill quickly put in some clods of dirt. He put berries over it and laughed about his idea. The thought came to him that someone would find out but the devil was there to tell him that no one would ever know he did it. Bill felt guilty but he wanted to make as much money as Andy who was a fast picker. He took his box up and got more

boxes to fill but his conscience made him feel bad.

"All right now, we have paid you boys for the boxes of berries you picked, so I will empty these little boxes into my big one and leave these here as Mr. Brown wants them for the next pickers." Mother began to empty the boxes of berries. Bill knew that he would be caught and he was greatly ashamed of himself. As his mother picked up the boxes with the dirt in them Bill ran down between the rows of berries to hide his face.

"Bill!" called Mrs. Martin. "Come here, Son. I am sorry to see what you have done. Didn't you know that was cheating and stealing to take more money than you earned? You can't do wrong and get by. God saw you all the time and He is grieved. Now I am sorry, too, to find out that you are dishonest. The Bible says, 'Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.' (2 Cor. 8:21.) You will have to be punished for doing this so you will learn never to cheat again."

Bill learned his lesson that day. He did not like to feel that he was a cheater. He wanted his mother to feel that she could trust him. And he wanted God to be able to trust him, too.

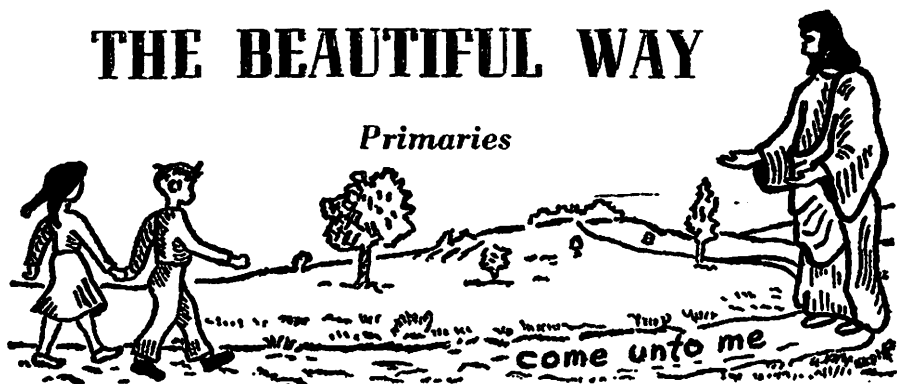
—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Amos?
2. Was King Jeroboam a good or bad king?
3. What did he ask the people to worship instead of God?

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Oct. 8

## AMOS SPEAKS FOR GOD

Amos 1:1; 7:7-15

One day while Amos was watching his sheep, God said, "I want you to take a message to my people." Amos replied, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I will go." How wonderful it is that Amos was willing to go and say all that God had spoken to him. God said to Amos, "What do you see?" Amos answered, I see a plumbline which is a long string with a piece of metal on the end of it. It is hanging straight down right among the people of Israel. The prophet Amos knew that God was seeing that the people were not obeying His rules. It was bad that they were not living right. They had left the straight way of living and were living crooked lives. God said he was going to punish them. He said he was going to punish the king and his family for leading the people away from God. They were worshipping idols and God was displeased. The priest Amaziah told Amos to leave and quit his preaching. But Amos feared God and obeyed him instead of listening to the priest. We should never be afraid to obey God regardless of what others may say or do.

*Memory Verse:* The lion hath roared, who will fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy? Amos 3:8.

## The Plumbline\*

"Mother, do you have any string?" asked Darrell. "I need a piece."

"What is that black stuff you have on your hands, Son?" Mother asked. "Where have you been?"

"Betty and I are going to make a plumbline. We got a piece of metal out of Daddy's shop. You know, that's what the Bible said the prophet Amos saw God hold up when He was measuring the Israelites."

Mother looked at Darrell, pleased that he remembered so well his Sunday School lesson. "Here is a piece you may have," she said as she gave him a piece of string she had taken out of the cabinet drawer. She watched through the window as he went out into the yard. There he had a number of bricks piled up. One stack was in a neat row and the other one was not very straight. As she looked again she saw the children holding the string with the piece of metal tied to one end beside the two stacks of bricks. Mother had an idea so she picked up a piece of chalk and went out to talk to them. She wanted to teach them a lesson from their ideas. "Did you learn at Sunday School what causes boys and girls to build crooked lives?" Mother asked as she picked up a brick. On the brick she wrote the word, "devil."

"Sister Brown said that when we disobey our parents it makes our lives crooked," Betty said. Mother picked up another brick and wrote "disobedience" on it with the chalk

and put it on the brick with the word "devil" on it. Darrell read the words she had written.

"Looks like we are going to start with the devil because he is the one who makes us disobey our parents."

"That's right!" Mother agreed. "All bad things start with the devil but now we want to write the word, 'Jesus' on the bottom brick of your straight neat stack of bricks. All straight and right things start with Jesus. You see, if you have Jesus in your hearts you can make your lives straight, but if you have the devil building your life and ruling your heart he will tell you crooked things to do and you just can't possibly build a straight life," Mother said as she finished writing the words—hatred, lying, quarreling—on the crooked pile and the words—love, truthfulness, forgiveness, peace—on the pile of straight bricks. "Bring your plumbline now, which in your own life will be the Word of God, and see which one of these stacks is straight. We must live straight lives by God's Bible."

Darrell and Betty learned a lesson that day that was useful to them all through their lives. —M. Miles

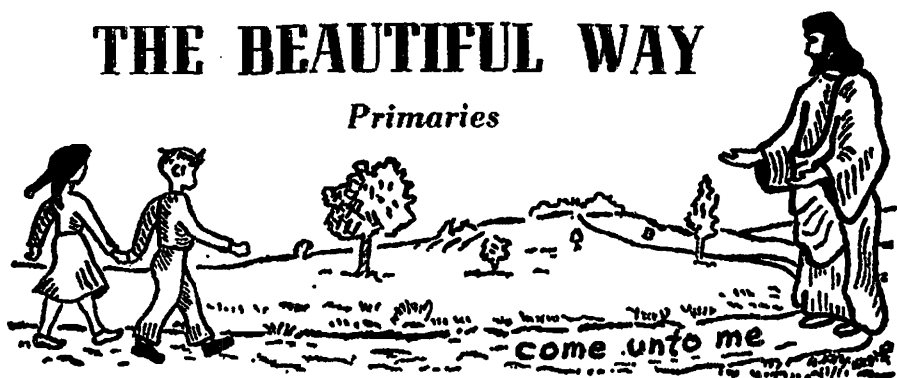
### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Amos do before he was called to be a prophet?
2. What did God show him?
3. What is a plumbline?
4. What kind of life is built upon Jesus?
5. What kind of life is built upon the devil?
6. What did the plumbline mean the Israelites were being measured by?

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Oct. 15

## THE LORD OF HISTORY

Amos 1:3-5; 2:4-8; 9:7, 8

One time 42 children made fun of Elisha because he was bald-headed. They were torn by two bears. (2 Kings 2:23, 24). Boys and girls, you can't do wrong and get by. People in a city will be punished when they do wrong; also people in a nation.

Our lesson tells about three nations that did wrong. Damascus, Syria ran over people with big threshing instruments of iron. God was displeased because they did wicked things. He punished them. A big army came into their country and carried away a lot of the people into captivity, far from their homes. (2 Kings 16:9) The two nations called Judah and Israel knew that they should obey God's laws but they did not keep them. Can you name some of God's commandments? We will be punished if we do not obey God's laws even as Judah and Israel were punished. God let the city of Jerusalem be burned. God did not utterly destroy them because it was through them that Jesus was to come to the world. Jesus came to help us live for God and be ready to die. Every boy, girl, man, and woman would be blessed if they will live for God.

*Memory Verse:* God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. Isaiah 47:8.

## A Prince Is Punished

( 2 Samuel 15-19)

Absalom was a very handsome prince who lived in the palace at Jerusalem. He often thought about when his father would die and there would need to be a new king. He wanted very much to be that king. Perhaps he did not know that God had already chosen his younger brother Solomon to become king when his father died.

As time passed by Absalom grew tired of waiting. He planned to steal the kingdom away from his father. This was a wicked thought. First he acted very friendly to the people. He won their hearts by doing many nice things for them. Because he was young and handsome they liked him very much. When he treated them kindly they thought he would make a great king.

King David, the father of Absalom, was very busy with his duties as king. He did not notice his son's wickedness. So when Absalom wanted to go to another place to worship God, he let him go and was glad that he wanted to worship God. But Absalom did not want to worship God at all because he had already planned to meet the people there and become their king.

A messenger hurried to Jerusalem and told King David what his son had done and they fled from the city because they feared for their lives. That was a sad hour for King David. His son, whom he had loved from birth, had risen up against him and was ready to take his life. He and his faithful followers hurried away from

the city and the palace, weeping. They hid themselves. When Absalom returned to the palace he was surprised to find that King David and his friends had escaped. He wanted to send an army after them and have them killed immediately. One of David's counselors who had stayed behind to learn what Absalom was planning to do advised him not to do that. He reminded Absalom that David was a brave and mighty soldier. This wise man wished to give David more time to get farther away and safely hidden.

The wise man sent messengers to tell King David his son's plans and to flee across the river Jordan. The plot to warn David was discovered and told to Absalom. He sent soldiers to catch them but they hid in a well until the soldiers went back to the city. Then they ran to David.

Absalom took an army and started after King David. David also had an army and they fought. As Absalom was riding through the woods his mule ran under the boughs of a great oak tree and Absalom was caught by his head in the thick boughs. His mule ran off, leaving him there hanging alone. After he died King David came back to his throne.

Boys and girls, you can't do wrong and get by. —M. Miles

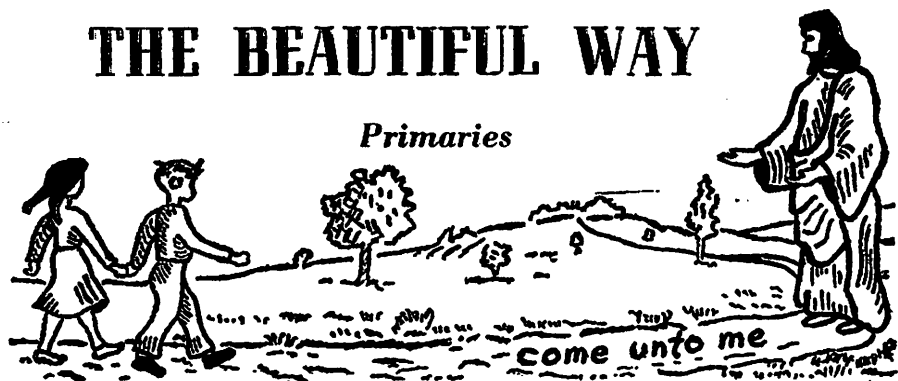
### QUESTIONS:

1. What happened one time to some children who made fun of a prophet of God?
2. Can you do wrong and get by?
3. Were the nations in our lesson punished when they did wrong?



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Oct. 22

## HATE EVIL, LOVE GOOD

Amos 5:5; 12-15; Acts 5:1-11

The prophet Amos preached to the people. He said, "Your sins are many. You should do good and not evil. You will be punished." But the people did not listen to the prophet.

In the days of the early church there were two hypocrites. They pretended to love God and to do good. They saw others selling their possessions and giving the money to the Apostles. They decided to sell theirs but the devil told them to keep part of the money but say they were giving it all. This was wrong. They were not hating evil and loving good.

Ananias brought the bag of money and laid it down at the apostles feet saying that he was giving all. Peter said, "Ananias, why has the tempter filled your heart with the thought to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price? While the money was in your hands it belonged to you. Why have you thought to deceive us by pretending to bring all? You are not lying to men, but to God." Ananias fell backward and died when he heard the words. His wife told the same story and died, too.

*Memory Verse:* Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord . . . shall be with you. Amos 5:14

## Stella Is Sorry\*

"Stella, did you eat some of these cookies?" Mother asked as she looked in the cookie pan. She knew that some of them were gone.

"No! Perhaps Johnny did," Stella said with a guilty feeling.

"Johnny, did you get into them after I told you to wait until after supper?" asked Mother.

"Not me, but I wanted one; I'm hungry," said Johnny.

"Now children, one of you is telling a falsehood. That makes me feel real bad. That is worse than taking the cookies after I told you to wait. How do you think Jesus feels? He saw you take them and He knows that one of you is not telling the truth. We can't hide anything from God. I don't know how you can treat Jesus that way. Both of you were real sick the other day with that virus and after we prayed, you were healed. I wonder if you were to get sick now if Jesus would heal the one who told me a falsehood. I am sure I would not be able to ask Him if I had not kept all His commandments, would you, Stella?"

Stella had taken the cookies and she didn't know why she had so hastily denied taking them. She knew that Mother would not have been very hard on her just for eating the cookies. Mother knew it was best to wait until after supper to eat sweets and had told them not to get any. But for her to tell a falsehood was a bad thing. This brought grief to her mother's

heart and Stella did not want to hurt her mother. She loved her very much. What should she do now? She was ashamed to admit that she had been untrue to her mother. She knew that her mother was only doing what was best for her when she told her not to get into the cookies but she was hungry and tempted. If she told now that she had taken them Johnny and her mother both would be ashamed of her, she thought. And Jesus knew all about it and He was ashamed of her, too, she thought. At this Stella began to cry. Then she turned quickly and ran down the hall to her bedroom and shut the door. She was so ashamed that she wanted to hide. Her mother waited a little and then went to her. She found Stella on her knees, sobbing and praying. Mother knelt beside her penitent little girl and they both prayed together. Stella asked Jesus to forgive her and then asked her mother and Johnny to forgive her. She was glad when it was all fixed up again and she could look her mother in the face with a clear conscience. She promised herself that she would live from then on so that her mother would never need to be ashamed of her again. Stella learned a lesson that day that she never forgot.

—Aunt Marie

### QUESTIONS:

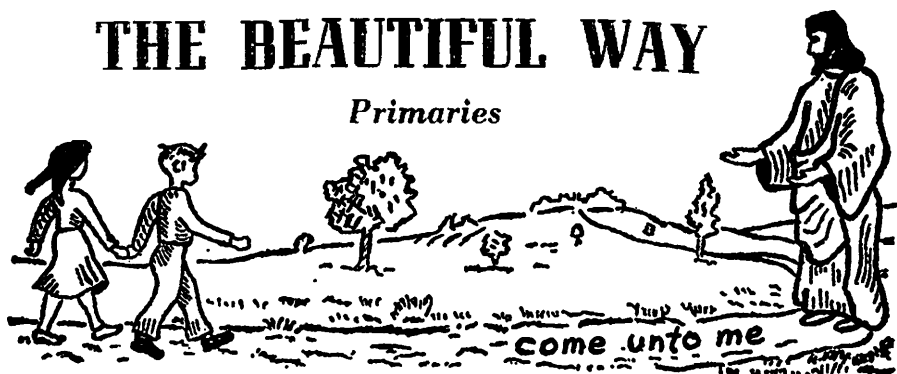
1. What did the prophet Amos tell the people in his day?
2. How can we hate evil and love good?
3. What man and his wife told the Apostle Peter a lie?
4. What happened to them?
5. Does it pay to do wrong?

\*parable

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Oct. 29

## GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

Amos 5:21-24; 1 Sam. 16:1-13

The people in the days of the prophet Amos worshipped God by bringing sacrifices to be burned on the altar but on other days they did wrong. Their hearts were not right with God. God said, "I hate your feast days and I will not accept your peace offerings." God wants boys and girls to love him with all their hearts.

One day the prophet went to the house of Jesse. God had told him to anoint one of his eight sons as king because the old king had sinned against God. The sons of Jesse passed before Samuel one by one. When the eldest son stood before him he was pleased with him. He was tall and handsome, but God said, "This is not the man. You are judging by the outward looks; I am looking at the heart." One by one the other six sons passed before Samuel but God did not choose any of them. Samuel asked Jesse, "Have you no other son?" Jesse replied, "I have a young son who is caring for the sheep." When Samuel saw him God told him he was the chosen one. Boys and girls, let us love God with all our hearts by keeping his words. Think right and you will do right.

*Memory Verse:* For man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Samuel 16:7b

## What Is True Worship?

After you finish reading the two following stories, I want you to decide which one you think is worshipping God from the heart.

### BETTY

Betty went to services as usual. She chewed her gum while she looked in her mirror at her hair. When they had prayer she wrote a note to Jimmy. The Sunday School teacher told her class about Jesus dying on the cross for their sins and arising again. Betty did not listen because she was thinking about the fishing trip that she was planning to take with her cousins. She did not like to touch the fish but she thought it was fun to watch her uncle catch them. And she did like to ride in the boat.

During the sermon while the minister begged everyone to live each day for God and to love Him with all their hearts, Betty thought about the fun she had had at school the past week. She also kept talking about it to Sue who was sitting beside her. Finally Sue's mother had to ask Sue to sit beside her when it was Betty who did all the talking.

That night before she went to bed she said her prayers because her mother reminded her to. She said a few words by memory that she had been saying since she was a small child. Then she tumbled into bed without giving God another thought.

### ALICE

Alice went to Sunday School and while the teacher told about how much God loved us and sent His only

Son to die on the cross for our sins, she was almost in tears because of His great love. She thought about how Jesus left his happy home in heaven to come to the earth to be mistreated and killed just because he loved her. Alice loved Him very much as she thought of this. When the Sunday School was over and the main service started, as the congregation knelt to pray, Alice told Jesus how much she loved him because he first loved her. She did not answer or even look up when Della tried to talk to her during prayer.

While the minister was delivering his message, she listened. She wanted to know more about Jesus. The more she knew about Him, the better she could love and serve Him.

That night when she knelt to pray she closed her eyes and prayed to Jesus. She told Him that she wanted him to help her to be a good girl and to be kind and loving as He was. She asked him to bless her parents and to help the poor and needy. She felt such a blessing in her soul and Jesus seemed near to her. She knew that He would care for her while she slept. She was careful to please Jesus each day.

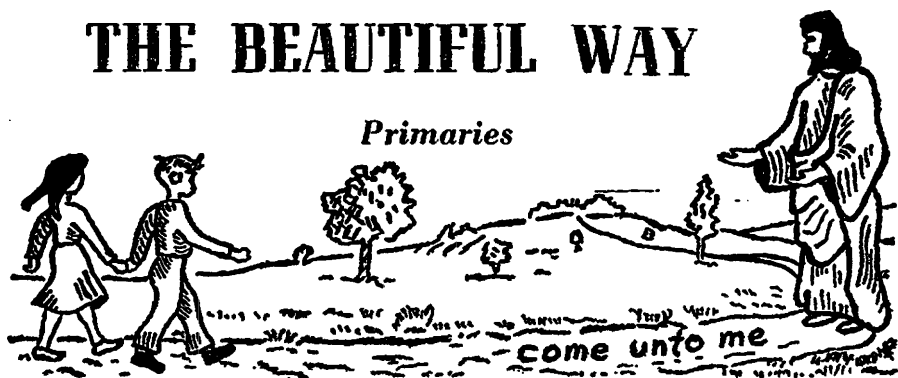
—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did the people in the days of Amos the prophet worship God from the heart?
2. What did God say he thought of their feasts and their religion?
3. Why did Samuel want to make Jesse's eldest son king?
4. Does God look at our outward appearance or on the heart?

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Nov. 5

## DAVID KILLS THE GIANT

1 Samuel 17:4-10; 37-51

The big giant Goliath roared saying, "I defy the armies of Israel today; give me a man that we may fight together." The Israelites were afraid. The shepherd boy David came to visit his brothers in the army. When he heard the giant roar he said he would fight him. The king heard about David. He called him to his side. He put his armor on him and his helmet on his head. David did not feel comfortable in these. He said that he had not proved them, so he took them off. David told the king that the Lord had helped him kill a bear and a lion when they tried to kill his sheep and he knew God would help him kill the giant.

David took five smooth stones from beside the brook. He strode out in the the name of the Lord to face the giant. The giant was angry when he saw David. He said, "Come to me and I will give your flesh to the birds and the beasts." David said, "You come with spear and sword but I come in the name of the Lord who will deliver you into my hand."

*Memory Verse:* This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand . . . that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

1 Samuel 17:46ab

## GIANTS

Did you ever see a giant? Goliath, the giant that David faced, was over eleven feet tall. That was a great big giant to face but David trusted in the Lord to help him. He was not afraid. He had God on his side. King Saul was afraid and so were all the strong men in the army. They trembled when the giant roared.

Boys and girls, you face many big giants every day. There is that big giant called "Selfishness." He will come right into your life and cause you to bow down to him if you are not careful. He is right there when Mother asks you to pick up your playthings off the floor. You don't want to do it. You want your brother or sister to do it. You think only of yourself. Then there is a giant called "Laziness" who stalks right in and tries to sit on your lap so you will feel too tired to move. They both try to rule over you. You should be like David. Rise up in the name of the Lord and fight them. Kill both of them and do as your mother asked you to do without further delay. You will be glad you did. The smiles that Mother gives you for making the room look nicer will make you happy.

Giant "Selfishness" might try to get you to take the biggest piece of candy for yourself or he might suggest that you take two or three pieces without thinking if there is enough for others. He is a mean old giant and works in many ways to get you to do selfish things.

There are many other giants that you face daily. Giant "Fight Back"

almost takes your arm and makes you hit someone but you must resist that giant. Tell him that he can't run over you. Refuse to let him make you hit anyone. Don't obey that giant. Pray and God will help you to kill him with a stone just as David did. The stone is the word of God that says to love our neighbor as we do ourself.

Of course you never want those mean giants called "Liar" and "Thief" to tell you what to do. They will get you into lots and lots of trouble. They will ruin your life and bring lots of tears if you listen to them. Chase them right out of your mind and overcome them in the name of God.

Boys and girls, you need Jesus in your life so you can do right each day. Pray often to Him and he will help you to overcome the devil as he comes hard against you. —M. M.

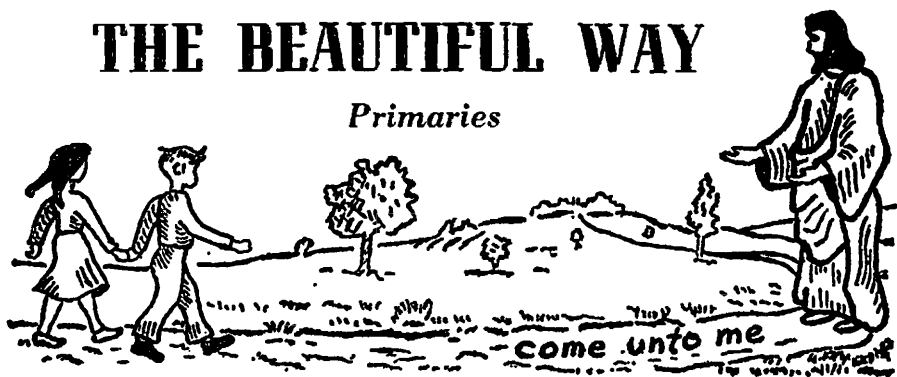
### QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the giant that David killed?
2. Who helped him kill the giant?
3. How many stones did he carry in his shepherd's bag?
4. Name some of the giants that you face each day.
5. How do you overcome them?

Boys and girls who love Jesus may gather sweetness each morning. This is received as you read the Bible and ask Jesus to guide you through the day. He will fill you with His Spirit if you ask Him. The joy of His life in you can then flow over in blessing to others.

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Nov. 12

## THE LURE OF OTHER GODS

I Kings 18:17-40

The people of Israel were worshipping an image called Baal. The king of Israel had married a woman named Jezebel and she brought 450 priests of Baal into the land. God was displeased. God told his prophet Elijah to tell King Ahab that it would not rain upon the earth for three years.

After three years Elijah appeared. He told King Ahab to call all the people up to Mount Carmel, also the 450 priests of Baal. He wanted the people to choose whom they were going to serve. Elijah said to the people, "If the Lord be the true God, why not follow him? But if Baal be the true God, then do not turn again to follow the Lord." The people were not ready to answer Elijah so he told them that he had come to prove which is the true God.

The priests of Baal built an altar and put a sacrifice upon it. They called loudly to Baal to send fire down and burn up the sacrifice but he did not answer because he was stone.

Elijah built an altar and poured 12 barrels of water over it. God sent fire down and burned the sacrifice and dried the water.

*Memory Verse:* Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:3.

## God Is Good\*

"What do you know about God?" Rita asked as she rocked her doll in her rocking chair. She was the new girl who had moved into the neighborhood. Claudia had asked her over to play with her that afternoon.

"What do you mean?" Claudia asked as she quietly walked over and put her doll in its bed. "Don't you know who God is?"

"Well-I-I, yes, I heard that he lives up in the sky, but that's about all I know," answered Rita slowly. "But you said God looked at us all the time."

"Oh, yes, He does," Claudia answered as her face brightened. "And I am so glad. Don't your mother and daddy tell you about God?"

"No, but when they get real mad at me or at anybody, or when they get drunk and stay up real late, they talk about God a lot," Rita said with a shudder. "It scares me and I don't like God. I don't want him looking at me."

"Oh, how terrible for your mother and daddy to curse God! Don't they know that will cause them to go to hell?"

"I guess they do 'cause sometimes they tell people to go to hell," Rita explained, feeling frightened.

"Oh, but the Bible tells us if we curse or swear that it is a sin," Claudia said as she looked at Rita.

"Rita," began Claudia, "you must not ever be afraid of God. God is good and he loves everybody in the

whole wide world. But there are a lot of people who do not love him. The devil hates God. Now the devil is that ugly, mean spirit that whispers in your ear and tells you to do bad things like cursing God when you get mad. The devil hates God and he wants everybody else to hate God. But don't listen to the devil. He is going to hell and he wants to take everybody with him that he can. Now God is good. Jesus is his Son. He wants to save us from the devil and hell so he died on the cross for our sins. When we pray and ask Jesus to forgive us for sins, like lying, cursing, disobeying our parents, and promise not to do that anymore by his help, he forgives us. Then when we die we go to heaven and they just bury the house we lived in. I love God and want to go to his wonderful heaven. I want him to watch over me and take care of me. He's not watching to see if I am mean, but He is watching so he can help me to escape the devil's traps. You aren't afraid of God, now, are you?"

"No, I guess not, and I want you to tell me more about him so I can love him, too. I need someone to help me."  
—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did God stop the rain for three years?
2. Why did the god of the people whom they called Baal not answer the priests' prayers?
3. How many barrels of water did Elijah have poured over the sacrifice?
4. How did the true and living God answer Elijah's prayers?
5. What did the people say?

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## GOD YEARNS FOR HIS WAYWARD PEOPLE

Hosea 11:1-4, 8, 9; 14:1-4

The Israelites as a nation lived in Egypt. Some cruel taskmasters made them work hard. Many of them died from the cruel treatment. God loved them and told Moses to lead them out of Egypt. God caused the waters of the Red Sea to part when they came to it. He led them through the wilderness. He fed them food from heaven. He led them into a new country. He protected them from their enemies. God loved them and wanted them to love him.

How sad that the Israelites turned away from God who was so good to them. God longed for them to return to Him. He called to them and showed them love but they still loved other gods instead of the true and living God. God said he would have to punish them like naughty children. It made God sad. He sent the prophet Hosea to tell them how to pray. Hosea told them to ask God to forgive them of their sins. He told them about God's great love, mercy, and pity toward them. God promised to forgive them if they would repent of their evil ways and turn and serve Him again. He promised to punish them if they did not.

*Memory Verse:* I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn thee. Jer. 31:3.

## The Sailboat

Joe had looked at the sailboat in the window of the store many times. He wanted it very much. It had a big white sail with a red cross on it. The name "SALVATION" was written on it in gold letters.

One day Joe emptied his piggy bank and ran to the store. Tossing all his money on the counter, he said, "Do I have enough money to buy that boat, Mr. Brown?"

Mr. Brown did not even count the money but smiled and shook his head, "No, Joe, you don't have enough money to buy that boat."

"Maybe Daddy could buy it for me. How much do you want for it?"

"No, your daddy could not buy that boat, either."

"Why not?" Joe asked. "My daddy has lots of money."

Mr. Brown shook his head. "Joe, all the money in the whole world could not buy that boat."

"Oh," Joe said, looking sad, "I wish I could buy that boat. I want it more than anything else in the world."

"Well, Joe," Mr. Brown said with a twinkle in his eyes, "there is a way you can have the boat. It is not for sale, but I will give it to you as a gift if you will only ask me."

"You will? May I have the boat?" Without a word Mr. Brown went to the window and got the boat and gave it to Joe. Oh, thank you, Mr. Brown, thank you! Is it all mine?"

"Do you know why the boat was not for sale?" Mr. Brown said as

Joe shook his head. "Because it is named **SALVATION**. Do you know what salvation is? It is a free gift from God. It cannot be bought. But God will give it to anyone who will ask for it. Did you ever ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and receive salvation?"

"No," Joe said.

"Would you like to step back here in my office room and kneel with me and ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and to make you His child?"

Joe was real happy when Jesus came into his heart, bringing real salvation. As he started to leave, Mr. Brown said, "I have some other boats just like that one. Any boy or girl who will come in and ask for one will get it free. You may tell them for me."

The boys and girls at school did not believe Mr. Brown would really give them a boat. They thought it was a trick.

That is the way with God's salvation, too. Boys and girls won't believe that Jesus will give it to them free. They think they must work for it. But it is a free gift. —Sel.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Were the Israelites treated well in Egypt?
2. What good things did God do for them in the wilderness?
3. Did he let their enemies kill them?
4. Did they always love God for being good to them?
5. What did the prophet Hosea tell them to do so they would not be punished?

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Nov. 26

## GOD'S PURPOSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Numbers 21:4-9; Hosea 3:5

The Israelites came into the desert. They felt tired and unhappy. They began to complain and said that the manna that God sent for them to eat no longer tasted good. God was displeased because they were not thankful for the blessings they had. While they were being naughty God caused snakes to crawl into their camp. Many of them were bitten and died. They were sorry that they had not been thankful. They came to Moses and said, "We have sinned for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. We want you to pray for us that God will take these fiery snakes away." Moses prayed and God told him to make a brass snake and hang it upon the pole. All who looked toward it were healed of the snake bites.

Many long years after this souls were dying in their sins. God sent Jesus to die on the cross. God said whosoever looked at Him would live. Sin is like a fiery snake bite. It will sting the soul of every boy or girl. But Jesus will take away the sting.

*Memory Verse:* My son, . . . whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth. Hebrews 15:5, 6.

## Daddy's Glasses

"Look, Mommy! It's all dark outside," called Jane.

Mother hurried to the door of the tent. "No, Jane dear," she corrected, "the sun is shining brightly." Then she laughed. "Oh, Janie, where did you find Daddy's sunglasses?"

"On the table, Mommy," Jane replied. "And they make everything look dark."

Mother took the sunglasses that were balanced on Jane's nose. "They are too big for you. You might drop them."

Jane and her parents were camping beside the river. Their tent was pitched beneath shady trees and the grass formed a soft, green carpet that sloped gently down to the water's edge. Jane was thankful to God for making such a beautiful earth. Daddy spent the vacation fishing, but Jane stayed close to the camp with her mother. She liked to eat the fish and she also liked to return thanks to the Lord at the table before they ate. Jane thanked God for many, many things.

During the day Jane liked to play around the tent and watch the squirrels but she did not like the nights. She missed the street lights and her soft bed at home.

When the lantern was turned out at night the tent was plunged into darkness.

"I don't like the dark," she said. "I want to go home."

"We are right here with you," Mother said. "And didn't we ask

God to take care of us?"

"Yes, but why must it be so dark every night?"

"God made the night time for sleeping," said Mother. "And if you could see outdoors you would see the stars blinking like little street lights."

"I know what I'll do. I'll pretend I'm wearing Daddy's sunglasses," said Jane. "I wonder if the little squirrels are sleeping. Does God take care of them, too?"

"Yes; and the Bible says He even watches over the sparrows," Mother replied.

"I guess I won't be afraid, then Mommy," said Jane with a yawn.

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### WE THANK YOU

We thank Thee, kind Father,  
For thy care and Thy love,  
And for this food  
From thy bounty above.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the people complain?
  2. What did God send to punish them?
  3. Were they sorry they had disobeyed God?
  4. What did God tell Moses to do?
  5. Who hung on a cross that we are to look to?
  6. What will save us from the sting of sin?
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It is true that you and I can never repay Christ for what he has done for us but we can show our gratitude by telling others about him and bring them to Him.

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Dec. 3

## THE DONKEY SPEAKS

Micah 6:5; Numbers 22:20-35; 23:6-12

The prophet Micah reminded the Israelites about Balaam, the prophet a king tried to hire to curse them. God caused him to bless them. Balaam did not wait for the men to call him to arise as God told him to do. He wanted the money that the king had offered if he would curse the people of Israel. God was displeased with Balaam. He sent an angel to stand in the road with a sword. The donkey that Balaam was riding saw the angel and turned off the road. Balaam struck the donkey a blow. Two other times the donkey saw the angel and was frightened. The last time he could not turn off the road so he sank down on the ground beneath Balaam. Balaam struck her a painful blow. God gave a voice to the donkey and she said, "What have I done that you should strike me these three times?" God caused Balaam to see the angel in the road. He was more frightened than the donkey had been. The angel told him to speak only God's words. The king was displeased with Balaam because he blessed Israel instead of cursing them.

*Memory Verse:* What doth the Lord require of thee, But to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

## The Voice of a Stranger

One day Joel called, "Mother, may I get my ball and play with Tommy?"

"Be careful not to chase the ball across the street," she said.

"We'll be safe in his big back yard," he told Mother.

Mother watched the boys cross the street. Suddenly a speeding car turned the corner and came toward them.

"Look out, boys," she cried.

Joel sensed the alarm in his mother's voice. He grabbed the arm of his new friend and jumped back to safety. Joel dragged the surprised Tommy out of the path of the car.

Poor Tommy. Mud splattered into his face and all over the front of his clothing! Then, he fell and bumped the back of his head.

"Ouch!" he said, looking surprised. He sat up on the soft green grass. He rubbed the sore spot.

"Thank you for grabbing me."

"You are welcome," said Joel. "But why didn't you jump when you heard my mother call?"

"I don't know. Perhaps it was because I didn't know her voice. I would have jumped if my mother had called."

"Say, you know this reminds me of a Bible story," said Joel.

"The Bible says that sheep only listen to and obey the voice of their shepherd (John 10:5). You know, we are just like sheep because we go from right things and get into sin. The Lord Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins. When we receive

Him as our Saviour, we know His voice and we want to follow Him," explained Joel.

"Say, let's read the story. I need a Saviour like Jesus. Do you think He would save me?" asked Tommy.

"Yes, Jesus will save anyone. You just need to ask Him. Read John 6:37," smiled Joel, taking a small red Gospel of John from his pocket.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did the prophet Micah remind the people what Balaam told the king who wanted him to curse them?
2. Why did God send the angel to trouble Balaam?
3. How many times did the donkey see the angel in the road before Balaam did?
4. What did the donkey say when Balaam hit him?
5. Did Balaam speak the words of God?
6. Was the king angry with Balaam?

### "UNLEARNING"

A little boy had to be punished for saying bad words. His sister said that Mother was "unlearning" Freddie the bad words. I should think that was a great deal harder than learning them. There is a better way to "unlearn." It is the squirrel's way. When he gets a bad nut he does not fill his mouth with it, and then make a wry face and spit it out. He just throws it away without tasting it. It is easier to keep sin out of the heart than to put it out.

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Dec. 10

## THERE CAN BE PEACE ON EARTH

Micah 4:3, 4; Mark 5:24-34

The prophet Micah prophesied that when Jesus came there would be peace in the hearts of those who received him as their Saviour. He also said Jesus would be our healer.

Among the crowd that was gathered around Jesus was a poor woman who had been sick for twelve years. She had spent all of her money on doctors but was not cured. She heard of Jesus' power to heal. This sick woman pressed her way through the crowd. She thought in her heart, "I will not ask him to make me well; I will only touch the hem of his garment and I know I will be healed." So she edged her way closer until she could reach her hand out and touch Jesus' clothes. Immediately she felt the healing power go through her body and she stepped backward. Jesus knows all things but he said, "Who touched me?" The disciples were amazed at the question. "I felt healing virtue go from my body." The trembling woman came forward and fell at his feet and told him all. He said, "Go in peace."

*Memory Verse:* He shall judge among many people, . . . nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Micah 4:3.

## A Woman Who Helped

"Some of the members of our congregation are going to have a service in the jail this afternoon," said Daddy one Sunday morning. "Billy, would you like to stay with Grandmother while Mother and I go to the jail service?"

"No," said Billy, "I would rather go with you."

After they left the jail, Billy said, "That was a horrible place."

"It was really quite clean," said Daddy, "and the men there have plenty of food. Jails have not always been that nice. Many years ago jails were hardly ever cleaned, and many prisoners starved to death."

"Tell me about it," begged Billy. "What made them change?"

"About a hundred and fifty years ago in England," said Daddy, "there lived a woman named Elizabeth Fry. She visited a jail and saw how horrible it was.

"The prisons were terribly dirty. Even the smell of them made some people sick. There was nothing for the prisoners to do. Many of them fought with each other, and they had to sleep on the floor with no bedding.

"Elizabeth Fry helped the women to be clean and to behave better. She started a school for the children of the women who were in prison. Her friends helped her make clothes for those who needed them. She helped the women to earn money by sewing and knitting so that they could buy food.

"Elizabeth Fry helped to make the prisoners better, too. She told them about God's love. She read the Bible to them and prayed with them. She helped them want to live for God."

"I am glad our jail is not like those old prisons over in England," said Billy. "And I am glad that the people from our church go to the jail and tell the people there how to be saved."

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did the prophet Micah teach that Jesus would bring peace?
2. Did a woman spend all of her money for doctors, yet was not made well?
3. What was she pressing through the crowd for?
4. Was the woman healed immediately?
5. What did Jesus say to her?

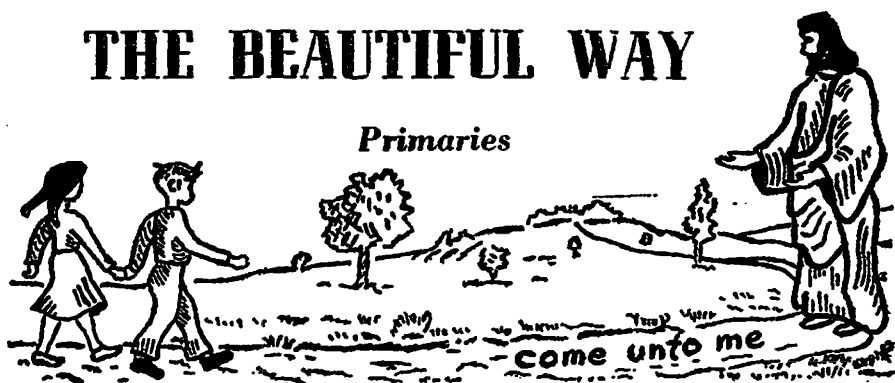
### GREAT NEWS

Here is great space news! News in which everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ should be interested. Every believer is going to take that trip through space. No blasting off! No count down! Only born-again people will believe this news, and will be looking forward to this flight! Listening! They'll hear the sound of a trumpet. They will hear a voice shout! And, the Bible says, they shall be "caught up" (1st Thess. 4:17). Remember this flight is unscheduled! "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" Matthew 24:44.



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## Primaries



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## DAVID'S WIFE SAVES HIS LIFE

1 Samuel 19:9-23

King Saul was jealous of David because everybody seemed to love him. One day when David was playing his harp for King Saul, Saul threw his javelin at David, intending to strike him to the wall with the sharp point. David stepped aside and then ran away. Saul sent men to guard David's house. David's wife heard about it and urged him to escape. She let him down from a window and he crept past the guards and ran out into the country. When morning came the soldiers told Michal her father wanted to see David. She told them he was sick. She put an image in his bed and covered it up. Saul commanded him to be brought in his bed. When they came with the bed Saul only found the image in it. He knew he had been tricked.

Jealousy is a terrible sin. Boys and girls, be happy when others are praised. Jealousy will make you miserable and cause you to be hurt and to hurt others. You should never allow jealous feelings to grow in your heart.

*Memory Verse:* Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal (evil) every man against his brother? Malachi 2:10.

## The Tree House

Dickie's eyes were as round as saucers when he saw that their tree house had been torn down.

"Do you suppose Hank did it?" he said to Stevie Wilson.

"I suppose so. We'll have to do something about him."

Dickie nodded, and began to help Stevie. When through, they sat on the pile of boards to think things over.

"Mother says Hank acts the way he does because he's lonesome," Stevie said.

"He wouldn't be lonesome if he'd play fair!" exclaimed Dickie. "Every time we've been nice to him he's done something mean!"

Stevie sighed. "Maybe he doesn't know how to play fair!" Then suddenly he saw something red on the ground. With a leap he picked it up. A pocketknife! On it, in gold letters, was the name HANK. "Look! Hank did pull down our house floor."

Dickie stared. "Now, what are we going to do?"

Stevie thought a moment, and then said, "Jesus prayed for His friends, and for His enemies, too. I guess Hank is more of an enemy than a friend, but maybe we can make him a friend. Whenever we think of him, let's pray that he'll change his bad ways. Let's begin right now."

After they prayed, Dickie asked, "What about the knife?"

"We'll take it to Hank. If we wish our prayer to be answered, we must be fair."

Stevie and Dickie rushed over to Hank's. He was sitting on the back porch step, arms on his knees, head on his arms. He looked very lonely.

"Here's your knife, Hank," Stevie said kindly.

Hank didn't look up. He acted as if he didn't wish to see them. Stevie laid the knife on the step beside him and asked, "Why don't you come over? Three of us can build a much better tree house than two."

Hank jumped to his feet. "I'm sorry about the house," he said. "I'd like to come, and I'll try to be as kind and fair as you from now on."

As the boys, friends now, hurried to the old apple tree, Stevie thought, "What a quick change!" —Sel.

### QUESTIONS:

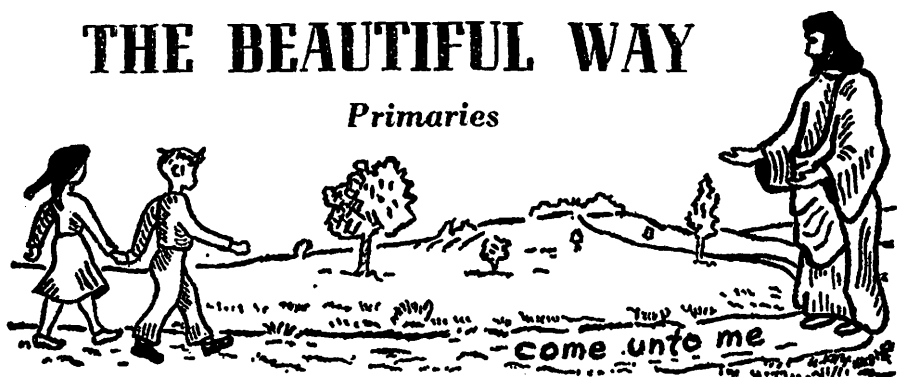
1. What does being jealous mean?
2. Why was King Saul jealous of David?
3. What did he do to him?
4. How did David's wife fool her father?
5. What did the men do who were sent to bring David back from the House of God?

### DOUG STOPPED TELLING FIBS

Doug told part truths. In class he acted as if he knew the answers and bluffed his way through. That is, until a written exam came up! Then black and white showed up right and wrong. Doug resolved he would come clean. He asked his new-found Saviour to help him, not only with his lessons, but also to stop acting lies. Jesus gave him the victory.

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## JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

Micah 5:2; Matthew 2:1-23

Some wise men in the east studied stars. When they saw a new star they knew that a King had been born. They wanted to see this King who was the Saviour of the world. They followed the star many, many miles and finally came to Jerusalem. They hurried to Herod and asked, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him." Herod was troubled. He had heard nothing about Jesus. He called the scribes and priests and they took down the books written long ago and in the book of Micah they found that Jesus was to be born in Bethlehem. The wise men hurried away to see the little Babe. They gave him wonderful gifts. They rejoiced to see the Saviour of the world.

God spoke to the wise men in a dream and told them not to tell Herod where Jesus was, but to go back another way. Then God warned Joseph in a dream that he should flee to Egypt with the Babe and his mother because Herod wanted to kill the baby Jesus. God will take care of us as He did Baby Jesus.

*Memory Verse:* But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings. Malachi 4:2.

## The Small Wise Man

Jeff and his parents were the only ones in their big family of aunts, uncles, and cousins who lived near enough to walk over to Grandfather Riber's big farmhouse. That's why Jeff was the first cousin to arrive for the big Christmastime reunion.

There was one small worry that Jeff kept thinking about. Would his cousins be nice to him this time? They teased him because he was slow with his schoolwork.

When the first car rolled in, the five cousins said, "Come on, Jeff, let's go to the barn."

Jeff showed them the animals. He told them how the baby goats sniffed and sneezed just after they'd been born. He told them that old Bessie's calf didn't like her milk the day she ate the bitter weeds. The cousins wanted to hear more and more about animals.

That evening all the relatives gathered together into the big living room.

They sang carols and opened their gifts. And then Grandfather Riber read from the Bible about the wise men. Grandmother told how Jesus had died for people's sin. Uncle John talked about how Jesus had risen from the dead.

Now it was late. Some of the little cousins were asleep in their parents' arms. Grandfather asked, "Is there anything else we should do before going to bed?"

Jeff thought of something. Something everyone else had forgotten.

"Grandfather," he asked, "aren't we going to pray?"

Grandfather said, "Yes, we must do that, Jeff. It isn't enough just to sing about Jesus and to tell about him. We must kneel together and worship Him."

It was not till the next day that Jeff got over his worry. It happened late in the afternoon. Most people were ready to go home. But the boy cousin who had called, "Hi, Dumb Dodo!!" got angry. He shouted, "Jeff, you are so dumb!"

One of the cousins said, "It is true that Jeff should try to read and spell better. But look how he can help Grandmother and Grandfather."

"And last night," said a girl cousin, "we were all ready to go to bed without even thinking of worshipping Jesus. We were ready to forget all about telling Jesus—on His very own birthday—that we love Him. But Jeff didn't forget. He's not dumb. I think he's like the wise men."

After a few months Jeff did learn to read and to spell better. But he never forgot that happy Christmas reunion. Nor did he ever forget to worship his Friend, the wonderful Lord Jesus.

—Selected

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the wise men see the new star?
2. Did they think that Herod would be glad to know about the new Star?
3. Where did the scribes look to find where Jesus was to be born?
4. Did the wise men worship Baby Jesus?

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Dec. 31

## PEOPLE ROBBING GOD

Malachi 3:5-10; Matthew 6:9-21; Malachi 3:16, 17

God said, I am going to punish those who tell lies, cheat, mistreat women whose husbands are dead, and those who do not fear to disobey me. I am the Lord, I change not. God told the people that they and their fathers had done wrong and disobeyed him. He begged them to do right. God said, You have robbed me. The people did not bring their offerings to the big temple where they worshiped God. He said if they would put their offerings in the treasury box that he would open the windows of heaven and pour out upon them a great blessing. God wanted the people to have treasures in heaven. He knew that where our treasure is, there will our heart be. He wants our heart to be in heaven and then some day we will go where our treasure is. God has a "book of remembrance." In this book he writes down those who love him and speak of him to others. Some day God is going to make up his jewels. Don't you want to be one of his jewels? What things is God writing about you in his book? Does He have many good deeds that you have done written in his book? Be a worker for Jesus by being kind and doing good to others.

*Memory Verse:* Serve the Lord with gladness. Psa. 100:2

## Lucy Forgives

"What is the matter, Lucy?" Grandmother asked. "You look very unhappy."

Lucy didn't answer for a while, then she said, "Grandmother, you said that if I asked Jesus to come into my heart He would make me fond of Billy, and send away the bad thoughts about him. Last week it was all right, but now when I see my doll with broken legs, all those bad thoughts about Billy come back."

"Yes," said Grandmother, "I expect they do. Every day of your life ugly, angry, selfish thoughts will knock at the door and try to get in again. Don't try to push them back yourself; ask the Lord Jesus to meet them with His love. Love always melts bad thoughts about others. Try to think about the love of Jesus all you can. If you keep your heart full of love, there won't be any room for those ugly thoughts to stay."

"I'll start today, and every morning when I wake up I'll think about how Jesus loved everybody, even Billy," Lucy said. "I know Billy said he was sorry and that he would fix my doll, but I know he can't fix it." Lucy thought about it all as she walked slowly home. Again she remembered what Sam, the man who cleaned up their yard last week, had said. He said something about opening a door to Jesus and about mercy and forgiveness. Perhaps when you "opened the door," whatever that meant, mercy and forgiveness came in as well as love like Grandmother had said.

As Lucy neared her home, she saw Billy waiting for her. She began to pray and ask Jesus to meet those bad thoughts at the door of her heart. She began to feel better and to really understand what mercy and forgiveness meant.

"I have something for you," Billy said as he ran to meet her. She knew Billy had been sorry for what he had done and he said he would buy her another doll if he couldn't fix the broken one. But she knew that he didn't have any money and his mother worked hard just to have enough for them to eat.

"What do you have?" Lucy casually asked.

"Look at this!" Billy said as he pulled a tiny doll out of his pocket. Lucy looked at the doll and it had such a sweet face on it that she loved it immediately. She began to feel that perhaps she could be happy again without her precious doll.

"Oh, thank you, Billy," Lucy said earnestly. "It has such a pretty face on it and I know I will love it as much as I did the other one." They talked awhile and parted as friends again. Jesus had helped Lucy to forgive. —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why was God going to punish the people?
2. What does it mean to "fear" God?
3. How were the people robbing God?
4. How can you rob God?
5. Where are we to lay up our treasures?