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Jan. 5

## THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS CAME

Mark 1:1-15

If the heavens should open today and God should speak to you, what do you think He would say? Do you know that happened one time? God spoke and everyone there heard Him. Now let us talk about the time that happened. One day John the Baptist was preaching by the river Jordan. He told the people to repent and confess their sins. He said, "There is a great Person coming to this world who is so wonderful that I am not worthy to stoop down and untie his shoes. He will baptize you with the Holy Ghost which will make you happy." As John was preaching, Jesus, our wonderful Saviour, came walking up to him. He wanted to be baptized. As He came up out of the water, suddenly the heavens opened. A lovely dove came floating down from heaven, which was the Spirit and then God spoke and said, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Today all of us need to listen to that message from God. Boys and girls who do wrong need to repent and let Jesus come into their hearts. The devil didn't like Jesus. He tried to get Him to do wrong, but Jesus refused.

*Memory Verse:* For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. John 3:16.

# The Story of Johnny

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Johnny Franklin was two and a half years of age when we brought him in our car on August 15, 1939 from the childrens' home from which we adopted him. Johnny was a lively child, sweet and loving. He had no fear of strangers and made many new and dear friends. He liked to have a good time. He liked to play with other children, but most of the time he had to entertain himself with his little car and truck. At times he played with his hammer and nails, or with his make-believe bus made with chairs from the dining room or played in the mountain of sand out in the patio from the farmhouse where he passed many happy hours.

As we lived on a ranch, Johnny was around many animals which he could love: the baby chicks, kittens, calves, and "my two ducklings" which were his new friends. Sometimes he helped to milk the cow, which he called "my cow," and he could always tell her from the others. Also, he liked to be helped to get on the horse, Bob, and walk him. Each day, on awakening, he loved to hear the birds sing. He liked to see the bird's eggs, and later to watch the little birdies in the nest in a pine tree close to the house. He liked very much to see the beautiful butterflies. One day he saw a frog for the first time. He asked, "What's that? Why is it brown? Paint it red sometime." Many times he called us to see a beautiful sunset, the clouds, or a rainbow. He loved the

flowers; even the tiny wild flowers were pretty to him. Many times he came to the house with some flowers "for Mother."

Sometimes when I went with him to look for flowers, he would ask, "What is this called?" or, "What is that, Mother?" As he learned the names and colors of each flower and how to count them, he also liked to learn of our "Heavenly Father who made all things," and of His great love for us.

By the time he was three and a half years old he had learned all the alphabet, and a few months later he knew how to read a little in the first-grade book.

This precious child came to be a true ray of light in our home. He loved us a lot, and many times when he would see either of us he would say, "How are you?" or, "I love you," or, "Johnny will help you." He would say to his big brother, Daniel, "Take my hand," when they were walking together over the ranch. When we bought his boots for winter, he said, "They are just like Daddy's."

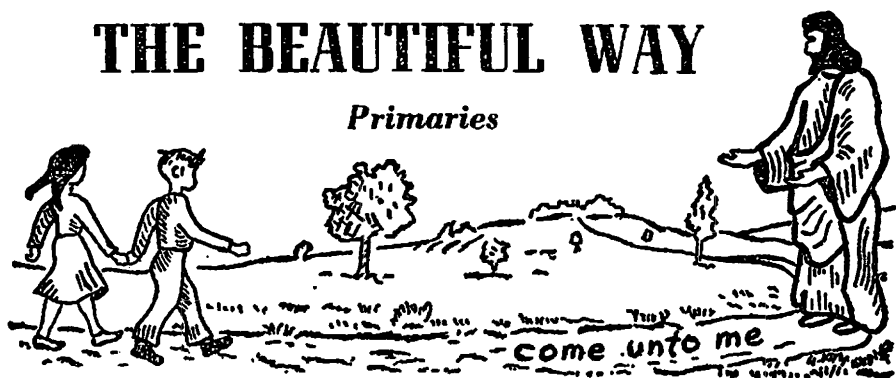
## QUESTIONS:

1. Where was John the Baptist baptizing the people?
2. Who did John say was so great that he didn't feel worthy to untie His shoes?
3. What happened when He came up out of the water?
4. What came down upon Him like a white dove?
5. What were the words God spoke to the people from heaven?

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## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

Mark 1:21-34

Jesus went into the synagogue and taught the people. They were so surprised that He knew so much about God and how to live right. While he was talking, a man shrieked out. No doubt many were afraid, but Jesus was not afraid. He was greater than the devil. The devil talked through the man and said, "Let us alone; what have we to do with you, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the Holy One of God." Jesus had power over that devil and He said, "Be still and come out of the man." The devil tore the man and yelled, then he came out of the man. Everyone was surprised. They said, "Who is this great man? He has brought us a new doctrine and also the evil spirits obey Him." The news of Jesus spread. Jesus then went down to Peter's house. His wife's mother was sick with a fever. Jesus took her by the hand and lifted her up. Right away the fever left her. She got up and fixed them something to eat. Now many gathered at the door and brought the sick and those who were possessed with devils. Jesus helped them all.

*Memory Verse:* Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8.

## The Story of Johnny

Johnny was quick to learn that the Lord Jesus was his best Friend, and that He loved Johnny more than anyone else did. To him it was real that Jesus lives in heaven, that He sees us, knows us, loves us, always cares for us, and hears us when we pray. Johnny quickly learned to love Jesus and talk to Him in prayer just as he did to us, his human parents. He learned many little songs about Jesus and His love. While he played alone he often sang whatever came to his mind of these little songs. He had a sweet voice and learned new tunes easily. One of his favorites was, "The Ninety and Nine." It gave him much pleasure to know that Johnny was one of Jesus' little lambs. To the tune of "Jesus Loves Me," he sang: "I am one of Jesus' lambs,/ Always happy all the day./ He will guard me, this I know/Because I'm in his flock./ Yes, Jesus guards me,/ Yes, Jesus guards me;/ Surely He guards me,/ For I'm His little lamb."

This little song and the others he knew helped little Johnny to have a true faith in the Lord Jesus as his own Savior, and a love for the Bible which tells us of His great love for us.

After going to Vacation Bible School for the children of the neighborhood, Johnny would say every day: "Mother, let's have Bible school;" or he would bring me the Bible or his own little Testament or the Bible Story Book and would say: "Please, Mother, read to me about dear Jesus." I am glad that there were very few

times that I was too tired or busy to do it, even though I had many duties. For Johnny this Bible school in the home consisted of singing a hymn or chorus, listening to Bible Story, having prayer, and later coloring a drawing of the cross, a heart, a lamb, or other object, and learning from memory a verse from the Bible. It touched him to see and speak of the cross, because it was dear to him to remember that Jesus died on the cross of Calvary for him. He always painted the cross red because, as he said, "Jesus' blood is red."

His favorite memory verses were: "Christ died for our sins . . . was buried. . . he rose again the third day" (1 Cor. 15:3, 4), "We love him, because he first loved us (1 John 4:19), The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want (Psalm 23:1), For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (St. John 3:16.) Let not your heart be troubled . . . I go to prepare a place for you; . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also (St. John 14:1-3)." While he was learning this last verse Johnny would say: "I wish that He would come for us today."

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Were the people surprised that Jesus knew all about God?
2. What happened at the synagogue?
3. What did the devil say to Jesus?

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## JESUS HEALS A SICK MAN

Mark 2:1-12

“Jesus is in town!” Many were glad to hear these words. They hurried to the house where He was. Many wanted to see some miracle, others brought their loved ones to be healed. Some came just to hear His wonderful sermons. The crowd grew and grew. The house was so full of people that others had to stand outside. There were four men who had a friend who was sick with palsy. They wanted to get him to Jesus to be healed. They put him on a cot and carried him to the house. No one would move back so they could get him to Jesus. The four men carried the friend up on the roof of the house. They removed the tile roof so they could let him down before Jesus. Imagine their surprise when they saw a cot coming down in front of Jesus! Jesus saw the faith of the four friends. Jesus knows everyone’s thoughts. He knew the man was sorry for his sins, so He told him, “Thy sins are forgiven thee. Arise and take up thy bed and walk.” The man jumped up and was healed. He was a happy man. Those around him were surprised. The four friends were happy, too.

*Memory Verse:* I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.  
Mark 2:17.

## The Story of Johnny

Our little boy learned from memory some verses from the Holy Bible by listening to the family repeat one or more together before giving thanks for the food, as is our custom. It always made him happy to sing the following words to the tune of the Doxology:

"Thank you, Lord, for the food,  
But more for the blood of Jesus:  
Which gives manna to our souls,  
The bread of heavenly Life."

Johnny never tired of hearing Bible stories repeated time after time; some from the Old Testament and more from those of the New. He listened to the stories of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem's manger, the visits of the shepherds and the Wise Men, the angel who spoke to Joseph by night, and the trip to Egypt to escape King Herod.

All of these stories were of much interest to Johnny, but it also pleased him to hear of Jesus when He was a man and went about doing good, healing the sick, the deaf, dumb, blind, and lame. He liked very much to hear of the tender love of Jesus to the little children which were brought to Him "that He should touch them," and how He took them in His arms and "put his hands upon them, and blessed them" (Mark 10:16). Our little Johnny liked to know that Jesus loved the black children, the red, the eskimos, the white, and all the children in all parts of the world.

When Johnny heard the story of the boy giving his lunch of bread and fish to Jesus and that Jesus blessed

it and used it to feed so many people, he would say, "I wish Johnny had a lunch to give to Jesus!" A short time later Johnny gave abundantly, more than a lunch, that is to say, his little life, in a manner which was very acceptable to Jesus.

It pleased our little boy to hear the story of Mary and Martha, and he would say, "Johnny would like to sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary and hear His words. The story of "The Last Supper" really impressed him. He learned the names of the twelve disciples and when asked which one betrayed Jesus, he would say sadly, "Judas betrayed Him."

Of all the Bible Stories he heard, the one which made the deepest impression on our dear little Johnny was that of the crucifixion. There was always sadness in his face and voice when we spoke of the cruel treatment of "dear Jesus" by the wicked men, and how He had to carry the heavy cross. Johnny began to be happy on learning that Simon, a Cyrenian, carried Jesus' cross part of the way. It grieved him to know that "dear Jesus" had to suffer so much for our sins. Nevertheless, he loved to hear that Jesus loved us so much that he wanted to die on the cross for us.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who did the people say had come to town?
2. Did many people go to the house where Jesus was?
3. Who was brought to the house by four of his friends?
4. How did they get the man to Jesus?

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## JESUS IS A STRONG MAN

Mark 3:20-27; 31-35

Many, many people flocked around Jesus. He was so busy that He didn't have time to eat. Some of Jesus' friends heard about it and they went to see about Him. They thought He was losing His health. There were some though who did not care whether Jesus ate or not. They came to find fault with Him. They did not believe that He was doing all the good works by the power of God. They said that the devil was helping Him do it. Jesus asked them a question and then told them a story. He said, "If a strong man went to a house to take it, he would have to bind the strong man who lived there before he could take his house and his goods." Now, Jesus is stronger than the devil. When you come to Jesus and tell Him you are sorry that you obeyed the devil and ask Him to be your master, and promise to obey Him, Jesus will help you. He binds the bad master, the devil, and throws his goods out of your heart. All the bad ways must go, such as lying and stealing. Jesus wants a clean heart to live in. You can be happy when Jesus is your master and lives in your heart.

*Memory Verse:* I give you power . . . over all the power of the enemy. Luke 10:19.

## The Story of Johnny

It interested him to know that Jesus' cross on Mount Calvary was set between the crosses of two thieves. At times Johnny painted a drawing of the three crosses; one black for the thief who was condemned, one gold for the thief who said, "Remember me," and who went to heaven, and the other cross red for the color of Jesus' blood. It was easy for Johnny to remember that had Jesus not died, we would never be able to get rid of our sins. In this manner, daily, he loved to give thanks for Jesus having died for us.

The resurrection was good news, indeed. Johnny rejoiced to know that Jesus arose the third day to live again and that after forty days He ascended to heaven. He also knew for sure that Jesus now lives to love and care for us, and that He is in heaven preparing a place for us.

Tiny though he was, Johnny liked to help in services. He liked to hear the hymns and in silence listened to the minister. When the little fellow would hear something which he had learned at home he would look up at me with a smile to see if I had heard it. One time when different ones were giving testimonies in service, he listened to some, then said to me: "Johnny say one, Mother." It made him happy to tell of his love for Jesus. He stood up and said, "Johnny loves Jesus."

Johnny not only showed a true Christian spirit, but a missionary spirit also. On one occasion he was talking about when he would be grown and I asked him, "What do you think

you will do when you are grown? Would you like to speak to people about dear Jesus?" Johnny answered, "Yes, the Indians." (Our oldest son and his wife are missionaries to the Indians, working as Bible translators.) One time Johnny gave all the money he had in his bank to a missionary to help the Indian children to learn about Jesus. The next time he gave it to help extend the gospel among the Indians again. It made him feel sad to think that there are people who do not love Jesus and do not want to please Him. With this thought in his mind, he would ask several questions, such as, "Does Richard love Jesus? Will Irene go to heaven?" On one occasion he said, "It makes me happy that William loves Jesus and that he does not fight nor use bad words.

He liked to give out gospel tracts. One time when we were traveling on the train Johnny walked alone from one end of the car full of people to the other and gave nearly every person a tract.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Did lots and lots of people come to Jesus?
2. Did some find fault with Him?
3. Will Jesus and the devil live in your heart or home together?
4. Can the devil destroy Jesus? Which one is stronger?
5. How can you be a child for Jesus?



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Feb. 2

## LEARNING FROM JESUS

Mark 4:1-34

Did you ever plant a seed and then watch it as it broke the ground and came up? There is life in each little seed. Did you know that God's Word is like that? Jesus is standing at your heart's door and He wants to come in and plant a seed in your heart. (Rev. 3:20) When He plants His seed in your heart, you won't have sin in your heart. He will clean it all out first. Jesus and sin do not live in the same heart.

Our lesson tells about a sower who was planting seeds. Some fell on a hard path and the birds took it away. When Jesus plants a seed in your heart, if you do not guard it, the devil will take it away. Jesus tells about the seed falling on stony ground but it does not have any soil so the sun causes it to wither. He tells about it falling among thorns and they choke it out. But we are glad some fell on good ground. That is when a boy or girl opens his or her heart and lets Jesus come in. They love to be like Jesus and bring forth good fruit. They are kind and always tell the truth. They listen to good things and live for God.

*Memory Verse:* Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only. James 1:22.

## The Story of Johnny

Johnny's first prayer was after he had only been with us a week. He could not talk plainly as yet. He said, "Dear Jesus, I thank you because you love me. I love you. Amen." Later he added, "Thank you for dying on the cross for me and for caring for me." Afterward he learned how to give thanks for the Bible, other books, his home, the bed in which he slept, his food and clothing, the cows that gave milk, the hens that laid eggs, the horses that worked for Daddy, and for his toys. He named each member of the family daily in his prayer, also his little friends. He especially prayed, "Bless my big brother and help him to teach the Indians to love Jesus so that they can go to glory." And he would say, "Bless my brother Charles wherever he is and help him to be a good boy. Help him with his lessons." In family worship sometimes he would stay on his knees "to pray more," as he said. Even in a game it was common to hear him say, "Thank the Lord!" or "Praise the Lord!"

One day during the last month of his short life, with hugs and kisses, he said, "Johnny loves his dear mother a whole lot!" I told him I loved him, too, and asked, "What would you do if you didn't have a mother to love?" "I would love Jesus! I would pray!" were his answers.

He did not get angry when we corrected him, because we would do it with prayer and love, remembering that we would be at fault before God, otherwise. Very soon afterward, receiving a kiss and having his tears

wiped away, he was as content and happy as before it had happened. He was quick to know the difference between good and evil and in this way we could correct him through prayer and counsel. When he would misbehave, he learned to say, "Johnny is sorry; please forgive me;" and he would ask pardon from God and plead that God would help him never to do it again.

We taught him that lying is a very bad sin. Only three days before God took him to glory we heard him say something that didn't seem entirely true. I told him, "Johnny, you know that we must be very careful not to say one thing that isn't the truth, because the Bible says that no liar can enter heaven," then extending my hand to him, I said, "Come here, and we will ask dear Jesus to forgive you." Immediately he came and fell on his knees at the side of my chair. With his head bowed and his eyes closed, he prayed, "Dear Jesus, please forgive Johnny. Help me to be a good boy, and not to tell lies. Thank you, dear Jesus. Amen."

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Does a seed have life in it?
2. What happened when the sower planted his seed on the hard ground?
3. What happened to the seed sown on the stony ground?
4. What happened to the seed sown on the good ground?
5. Are you going to open your heart and let Jesus plant good seed there?

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## THE WONDERFUL POWER OF JESUS

Mark 4:35-41; 5:25-28, 34

"Let us go to the other side of the sea," Jesus said to His disciples as He finished talking to the people on the seashore. There were also other little ships that went with them. A great storm arose and the waves beat against the ship and nearly filled it with water. Now Jesus was very weary and he was asleep in the back part of the ship. The disciples awoke Him and said, "Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Jesus arose and spoke to the waves and said, "Peace, be still." The wind ceased and the waves quit rolling. Then He said to the disciples, "Why were you so afraid? Why don't you have faith in God?" The disciples were so surprised that they said to each other, "What kind of a man is He that even the wind and sea obey Him?"

A poor sick woman who had spent all of her money going to doctors trying to be healed, pressed through the crowd. She knew that she would be made well if only she could touch His clothes. When she did, Jesus said, "Who touched me?" Right then the woman was healed. Jesus said, "Daughter, thy faith has made you well." That meant that she had believed Jesus could help her.

*Memory Verse:* Do not fear, only believe. Mark 5:36.

## The Story of Johnny

One day I was telling Johnny about that beautiful home where no sin can ever enter, where there will be no night, where the streets are of pure gold, the gates of pearl, and where God will dry all tears. He exclaimed, with great rejoicing, "Oh, I wish we could go now, Mother! Right now!" During the last day that he was well he showed much affection to all of us, more than common, and used the word "dear" with all our names.

During the afternoon, in the last hour that he was awake, our little boy took two pieces of wood of four to six inches each and nailed them together. Happy for that which he had done, he brought it to me. Raising it with both pieces parallel, in a way that I could not tell what it was, he said, "Dear Mother, look! I made it by myself." Then he said, in order to be entirely truthful, "Daniel helped me some." Daniel had helped him put the nail in it. Then he turned the piece above to form the cross and said, "Look, Mother, this is a cross! Dear Jesus died on the cross for us!" Then he put it in my hand and went to play for some minutes before going to bed for the last time.

At four o'clock the next morning he was very ill with croup. He suffered a great deal for two hours. After prayer he felt a little better for a short time. I covered him and told him, "We will pray again." As I began to pray again, he began also, saying slowly, "De-ar Je-sus—" Hearing the hoarseness of his voice I said, "Johnny, you don't need to pray now.

Mother will do it." But, difficult as it was for him to speak, he said, "I w-a-nt t-o d-o i-t." And he prayed, giving thanks to the Lord for His love and care, and saying, "Please help Johnny now." Evidently he felt secure in the hands of the Lord Jesus. Johnny had learned to love Him tenderly and had desired to go to glory. He didn't show any fear at all during the twenty-seven hours of suffering before the Lord took him to Himself on February 7, 1941.

Although we sadly miss him, we say as Job: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21). We know that the way of the Lord is perfect. He makes no mistakes. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28.)

We treasure highly the sacred memories of this "precious jewel" and we praise God because He left him with us for one and a half years.

God has used Johnny's testimony to help children and adults to live sincerely for the Lord who died for them, and we are grateful to God that his life could be so used.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Wonderly

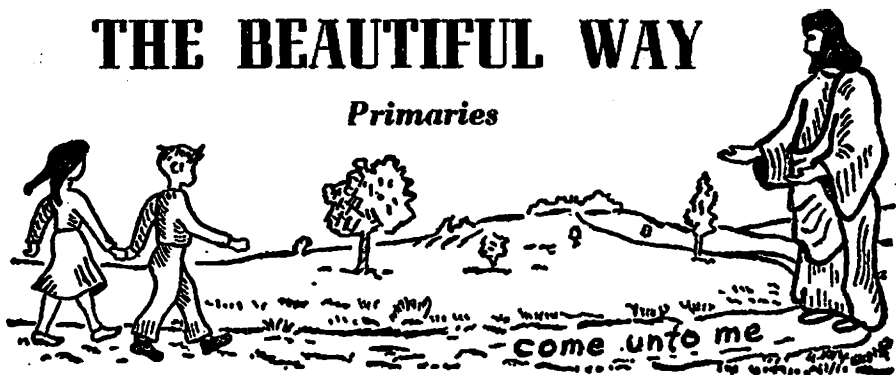
### QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Jesus in the ship?
2. What happened on the sea?
3. What did Jesus do about the big storm?
4. Who touched Jesus?
5. What did Jesus tell the woman?

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Feb. 16

## JESUS SENDS OUT HIS DISCIPLES

Mark 6:7-13; 30-34

Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "I want you to go out two by two and tell the people how to get ready for heaven. I will give you power over the devil. Do not take any money, or bread. Take just one coat and a staff. When you come to a house stay in that house until you leave the city. If they do not receive you, it will be better for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for them." Do you remember how God sent fire down from heaven and burned up those two cities because the people were so wicked? God told Lot and his family to leave the city before He destroyed it. As they left, Lot's wife looked back after God had told them not to, and she was turned to a pillar of salt. The disciples were glad to tell others about Jesus. They wanted them to be saved, too. They anointed the sick with oil and many were healed. Devils were cast out, too.

The disciples and Jesus went into the desert to rest for awhile, but the people saw them go and followed them out of the cities. He felt sorry for the people.

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

## Be Ready

"Where is Mrs. Smith?" asked little Jannie. Mr. Smith was sitting on his porch and Jannie stopped to talk to him as she usually did when she came by his house from the store. Mrs. Smith usually was sitting on the porch with him.

"Mrs. Smith died, Jannie," Mr. Smith said as he got his handkerchief and wiped his eyes.

"Died? Do you mean she is dead?" asked Jannie puzzled.

"Yes," answered Mr. Smith.

Jannie thought for a moment and then she asked, "Did she go to heaven?"

"Oh, yes," said Mr. Smith. "She lived for the Lord. I will miss her so much. I don't know what I will ever do without her. It's so lonely."

"I am sorry for you, Mr. Smith. Did they put her in the ground and put dirt over her?"

"Yes, they put her body in the ground, but her soul went to heaven. You see, there are two parts of us. We have a soul that does not die and then we have a body or a house we live in that was made out of the dirt. When our soul leaves, the body or house goes back to dirt. That's the reason we put it down in the ground to stay and after a long time it goes back to dirt. But your soul lives and goes to heaven."

"Did you see Mrs. Smith's soul go to heaven?" asked Jannie.

"No, you can't see the soul, nor can you see God, but you know there

is a God and you know there is a soul. You know the soul has left the body because the body doesn't breathe any more, nor can it move any more. It just lies there."

"Will you ever see Mrs. Smith again?" asked Jannie.

"Yes, Jannie, I want to live for God so I can see her again over in heaven. Some day my soul will leave my body and I can go to heaven, too. Sometimes I wish I could go real soon."

"Could I go with you, Mr. Smith? My aunt said heaven was very pretty. She said that it is prettier than anything I have ever seen in my whole life. She said there are pretty angels up there and that Jesus makes the whole heavens full of light. May I go with you? When are you going?"

"No, Jannie, I don't think you will go with me, but you can go sometime after I go. You see, we have to wait until God calls us. We don't know when that will be, but we should always be ready."

"I am ready to go. I had better go home now. Goodbye." —M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. How many disciples did Jesus send in each group?
2. What did He tell them to take with them?
3. Did they anoint the sick with oil? Were they healed?
4. Did the people follow them when they wanted to rest?
5. What did Jesus call the people?

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Feb. 23

## JESUS IS CONCERNED FOR ALL

Mark 7:1-7, 9-15

One day some Pharisees came to Jesus from Jerusalem. They wanted to ask Him a question. The Pharisees thought that washing their hands would make them clean. They washed their hands when they came from the market place because they had touched sinners. They asked Jesus why His disciples did not wash their hands often. Jesus knew that washing their hands would not make their hearts clean and holy before God. It takes more than that. The heart has to be washed in the blood of Jesus to be made clean. Your sins are not on your hands. They are in your heart. If you use your hands to steal, you do it because your heart is evil. To be clean from that you would have to ask Jesus to forgive you and tell Him that you are sorry you did it. You would have to take back what you stole and make it right.

Some people say they love Jesus but they do not obey Him. He said that if we loved Him we would obey Him. Loving Jesus with your lips and not your heart is vain worship.

*Memory Verse:* God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power; . . . he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed. Acts 10:38.

## Chester's Shadow

Chester Slider was afraid of everything. He was afraid to go to bed at night unless someone was in the room. He was afraid of lightning and thunder. Whenever there was a storm, he would run to his mother. He was afraid to answer a question in school.

Chester was afraid most of all of Billy Watson, the school bully. Billy knew this. He would make Chester carry his books. Then he made fun of him for doing so. He made Chester's life very unhappy.

One day Billy threatened to beat Chester up if he would not steal some candy for him. Chester trembled with fear.

"What's the matter, Chester?" his father asked.

"Billy said he would beat me up if I didn't steal him some candy and I won't steal for that would be wrong. What will I do?"

"Chester, look behind you," father said. "What do you see?"

"Nothing."

"Look again. See your shadow? It goes with you everywhere you go. Try to run away from it and see if you can."

Chester ran and watched his shadow. "I can't get away from it," he said.

"Chester, there is someone who is always with you. You can never get away from Him."

"Who is that?" Chester asked.

"Jesus. He promised He would never leave you nor forsake you. He

said He would go with you to the end of the world."

The next day Chester's father did not come to walk home with him from school. So Chester prayed, "Jesus, please protect me."

Billy came running to Chester and said, "Now I've got you! I'm going to beat you up."

"You better not try," Chester said. "I've got someone with me who is stronger than my dad. You better leave me alone."

"Who?" Billy asked. "I don't see anyone."

"Just the same He is here. Don't start anything or you will wish you hadn't."

Billy looked around. Chester stood unafraid. He did not run as Billy expected. Billy became afraid. Now that Chester was not afraid he didn't know what to do.

"Let's be friends," Billy said. "I don't want to fight with you."

After that, Chester was never again afraid. He knew that Jesus was with him.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. If you wash your hands will it take sin out of your heart?
2. What will wash your heart clean?
3. If you steal and then wash your hands, will that make you right?
4. If you say you love Jesus and do not obey Him, will you be saved?
5. If you disobey your parents and do not ask forgiveness, will you be saved?



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## JESUS FORETELLS HIS SUFFERING

Mark 8:27-38

As Jesus walked along the road to Philippi with His disciples, He asked them a question—"Whom do men say that I am?" They answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist, and some say Elias, and others just say you are one of the prophets." Then Jesus asked them another question, "But whom do you say that I am?" Peter said, "Thou art the Christ." Then Jesus began to tell them that He was going to suffer many things. He said that the elders would not accept Him as the Christ, and neither would the chief priests. He said they would take Him and kill Him, but after three days He would rise again from the dead. This hurt Peter and he told Him that this could not happen. Jesus was human and it was going to be hard to suffer, so he rebuked Peter and told him he didn't understand the things of God. Jesus then told them that they would have to deny themselves and take up their crosses and follow Him. He told the people He would come back with His holy angels for those who were not ashamed of Him here in this life. We want to go back with Him when He comes, don't we?

*Memory Verse:* If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34.

## Patty's Problem

One mild March morning Patty Parsons was ready for school—yellow hair smooth, blue dress neat, brown shoes shining. But still she didn't start. She felt too unhappy about Janie. She was her friend who lived down the street. She usually went to school with her.

"Better hurry, Patty, or Janie will go on without you," Mother said.

"I'm not walking with her to school today," said Patty. She could scarcely keep back the tears.

"Why?"

"Because she doesn't like me!"

"Doesn't like you? She liked you yesterday. What's wrong?"

Patty was so ashamed that she could not say a word.

"Tell me," Mother coaxed.

"Well, yesterday Janie had three pieces of candy. She wouldn't give me one. 'They're for my mother and little brother,' she said. I—" Patty couldn't go on.

"Then what happened?" Mother's voice was very kind.

"I pushed her. The candy fell in the dirt."

"Oh!" Mother looked as if she could not believe that Patty would do such a thing.

"Patty, if you want to be loved, you must give love. What you did to Janie was anything but loving. Love one another are three good words to remember. Run along to school. I'll see what we can do about your problem."

But Patty didn't run. She slowly walked every step of the way—all alone!

At lunch time, Patty had a chance to be kind to Janie. Janie slipped and fell hard on the lunchroom floor. Of course Janie cried, and she couldn't find her handkerchief to wipe away the tears. So Patty offered Janie hers—the one with pictures of little pink butterflies on it. Janie had always liked it.

"Take this. Keep it forever!" she said. Janie was so pleased that she stopped crying.

That afternoon Janie and Patty again walked home together from school.

Mother wouldn't need to do anything about the problem, Patty happily thought. She had solved it herself.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus ask the disciples as they walked along the road?
2. Whom did the people say Jesus was?
3. What was Jesus going to suffer? How?
4. What do we do when we take up our cross?
5. Who will meet Jesus in the air at His coming?

Repentance is being sorry enough to try to stop, sorry enough to keep trying till you stop, sorry enough to receive all God's power to make you stop sinning.

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## FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

Mark 10:17-31

"Good Master, what shall I do to inherit life?" asked a young man who came and knelt down before Jesus. Jesus looked at the young man and loved him. He said, "You know the commandments: Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not tell lies, Do not cheat, Honour your father and mother." The young man said, "All of these have I kept from my youth up." Jesus said tenderly, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell all you have and give to the poor. You will then have treasures in heaven. Then come and take up your cross and follow me." The young man went away sad. He had great riches and didn't want to give them up to follow Jesus. Then Jesus looked around and said, "Not many people who have riches will enter into the kingdom of God." The disciples were surprised and said, "Who then can be saved?" Peter asked Jesus what his reward would be since he had left all to follow Him. Jesus told him that all who followed Him would be taken care of in this life and in the end receive eternal life.

*Memory Verse:* For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it. Mark 8:35.

## **Lola's Broken Doll**

Lola saw some dolls on a table in a store. She took one into her hands. Someone bumped Lola's arm hard. This knocked the doll from her hand, and it broke near another girl's feet.

A clerk looked around. "So you broke a doll. You will have to pay for it," the clerk told the girl.

"But I did not break the doll," the girl answered.

"I broke the doll," Lola told the clerk. Then she told just how it happened and paid for the broken doll.

Lola went to her mother. Her face beamed with happiness. "What makes you so happy?" her mother asked.

"I did not let someone else suffer for my mistake," Lola explained. Then she told her mother all about the doll.

"Jesus loves honest children," Lola's mother told her.

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### **GOD'S CARE**

God's care is precious to me,  
It follows me each day,  
No matter where I'm going,  
It, too, is on the way.

No place too high for God's care  
To follow as I go;  
No place too dark to find me,  
No place for it too low.

Just think, in any trouble,  
Alone I will not be,  
For anywhere, at all times,  
I have God's care with me!

## **For Jesus**

Little hands can work for Jesus,  
Glad to do His holy will;  
Helping playmates, serving Mother,  
They are serving Jesus still.  
Let your hands be quick and true,  
God will give them work to do.

Little lips can move for Jesus,  
Saying nothing that is vile  
Making other people happy  
With a loving word and smile.  
Let your speech in kindness fall  
Jesus listens to it all.

Little feet can run for Jesus,  
From His Word sweet comfort take  
To the heart bowed low in sorrow,  
Blessing all for His dear sake.  
Let your footsteps gladness bring,  
Doing errands for your King.

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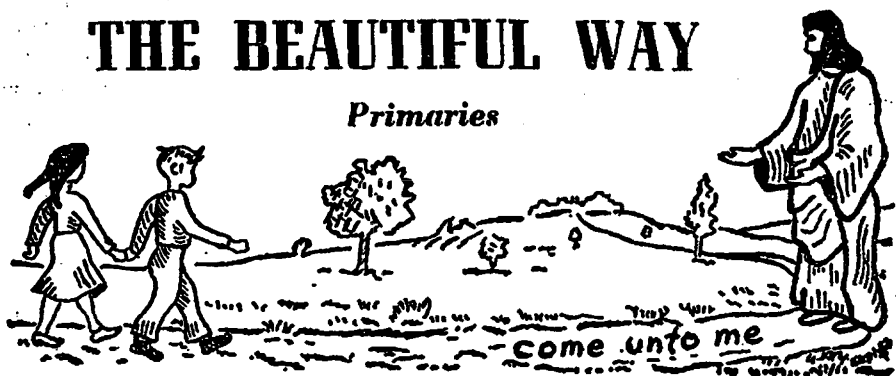
### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Who came running to Jesus?
2. What did he ask Jesus?
3. Name some of the things Jesus told him he would have to do.
4. Did he do them all?
5. How can boys and girls be ready for heaven?

Many boys and girls expect God to allow them to have their own way and do as they ask Him. This is the old sin of selfishness.

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## JESUS LORD OF ALL

Mark 11:1-10; 14-17; 12:13-17

Jesus sent two of His disciples to get a young colt that was tied in a certain village. He told them to bring it to Him. When they brought it to Him, He rode it into the city of Jerusalem. Children ran along with their parents. They were praising God. They said, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!" They threw olive branches and their garments down before Him. They honored Him as their King. Truly, Jesus is our King and we adore and love Him today.

Some men came to Him and wanted to get Him into trouble by causing Him to say something against Caesar, the king of that day. They brought Him a coin with Caesar's picture on it and asked Him if they should pay taxes. Jesus asked them whose image was on it and they told Him. He said, Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. God gave us our hearts and we want to give Him our hearts so He can wash away all sin. We can then give Him our lives for He gave His life for us.

*Memory Verse:* Render . . . to God the things that are God's.  
Mark 12:17.

## The Haunted House

Penny did not like to walk home from school. She did not mind walking three of the blocks, but she did not like one block. In that one block there was a haunted house. It was scary looking and dark on the inside. No one lived there, and it was falling apart. The windows were broken out and the door was gone.

One day a friend named Jackie walked home with Penny. Penny knew that the haunted house was in the next block. She said, "Let's run the rest of the way home, Jackie."

"I don't want to run," said Jackie. "I can't run with all these books. That's a silly idea. Why do you want to run?"

"I don't like to walk in the next block," said Penny. "That big old house is there."

"What is the matter with the big old house?" asked Jackie. "No one even lives there. The house can't hurt anyone."

"I think it is haunted," whispered Penny. "It is so dark and ugly."

"Haunted!" cried Jackie. "There is no such thing as a ghost. How can it be haunted?"

"I just think it is," said Penny.

"You sure are funny," said Jackie. "You and I go to Sunday School every Sunday, and the teacher tells us about Jesus. She tells us that He is with us every day and every place we go. Why are you afraid? You know Jesus is with us."

"I can't see Jesus," said Penny. "But I can see that scary old house."

"Well, you love Jesus, and He lives in your heart," said Jackie. "And even if you can't see Him, He is here."

"I guess Jesus would not be very happy with me," said Penny sadly. "I forgot He takes care of me."

Penny and Jackie turned the corner. There was the house in front of them. Penny said a prayer, but not aloud so Jackie could hear. Penny said, "Jesus help me not to be afraid."

Penny and Jackie walked past the old house. Penny looked at it and waved. "Hello, Mr. House," Penny called. "You know, Jackie, now that I look at the house, it doesn't look scary at all. I know Jesus is helping me to be brave."

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus ride as He went into the city?
2. What did the people do and say?
3. Is Jesus our King?
4. Did Jesus give us our hearts?
5. Should we not give Him our hearts so He can take away all sin?

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The Lord Jesus understands all about your trials and troubles. Be sure to tell Him about them.

The best time to be saved is when you are young and have a tender heart.

Repentance means being so sorry for doing wrong and hating it as much that you don't do it again.

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## JESUS PREPARES FOR HIS DEATH

Mark 14:22-26, 32-41

Jesus and His disciples were in a large room that had divans in it and a large table. Jesus was going to eat the Passover Supper with His disciples. After they finished eating, He took some bread and broke it. He told the disciples that His body would be broken and that the broken piece of bread stood for that broken body. Then He took a cup with grape juice in it. He said that this cup stood for the blood that He was to shed on the cross for their salvation. He told them to eat of the bread and to drink of the cup. That is what we do today when we keep the Lord's Supper. We do it in memory of Jesus. After He finished eating the supper with them, He sang a song with them and then went out to the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane. He took three of the disciples and went on a little farther and there He told them to pray with Him but they went to sleep. Jesus knew that soon some men would come to take Him and kill Him by putting Him on the cross. He did not have to let them take Him, but He did it because He loved us. He prayed for God to help Him. Then He said, "Not my will, but thine be done."

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

## The Cat and the Piano

In Margery's house there were a father and a mother and Margery and a cat and a piano.

One night Margery awoke when everyone else was asleep. It was dark, but she heard someone playing the piano. Plink, plank, plunk. Plunk, plank, plink. Margery felt afraid. She ran and climbed into bed with her mother and father.

"Margery! Why are you awake?"

"I was afraid!"

"Afraid of what?"

"I heard someone playing the piano."

"Impossible!" said her father and her mother. "But if you're awake at night always remember that the Lord is with you. He loves you. Many times in the Bible the Lord says that He loves you and that He is with you."

Margery went to sleep in her parents' bed. After she had gone to sleep they carried her to her own bed.

The next night Margery again awoke in the dark. She was sure she heard someone playing the piano. Plink, plank, plunk. Plunk, plank, plink. For a moment Margery felt afraid. Then she remembered that the Lord Jesus was with her and that He loved her. She went and climbed into bed with her father and mother.

"Why are you awake?"

"I'm sure I heard someone playing the piano!"

"Impossible! We don't hear anyone playing the piano!"

Margery went to sleep in her par-

ents' bed. Afterward they carried her to her own bed.

The next night Margery again awoke. She could hear the piano playing, so she hurried to her parents' bed. "Can't you hear someone playing the piano now, Father and Mother?"

Father and Mother woke up. Father said, "The cat!"

Mother said, "The cat!"

Father and Mother and Margery ran out to the living room and turned on the lights. There on the piano keys was the cat, walking up and down. Plink, plank, plunk! Plunk, plank, plink!

"After this," said Mother, "we'd better close up the piano at night so our kitty cat can't make music."

"After this," said Father, "we'll have to pay more attention when Margery says she hears someone playing the piano."

After that, when Margery awoke at night, she always remembered the cat and the piano. And she also remembered that the Lord Jesus was with her and that He loved her.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Jesus take some bread and break it?
2. Why did He ask the disciples to drink of the cup He passed them?
3. Did Jesus pray in the garden?
4. Did He know He was soon to be put on the cross?
5. Did the disciples go to sleep?



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## JESUS GIVES HIS LIFE

Mark 14:55, 56, 58, 60-65; 15:25, 26, 37-39

Judas stepped up to Jesus and kissed Him. This was the sign by which the enemies of Jesus would know which one He was. They took Him away. They brought Him to trial before a group of men and the chief priests. They had other men tell lies on Him, but Jesus would not say anything. Finally the High Priest asked Him, "Are you the Christ?" Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of man coming in the clouds from heaven." They were His judges then, but some day in the end of the world, He will be their judge.

They led Jesus away to put Him on the cross. Some hit Him and others spit upon Him. They put Him on the cross. They drove nails through His hands and feet. Why did Jesus let them do this? He could have called twelve legions of angels to help Him. He did this because He loved you and me. He died for us. Sin has to be punished. Jesus took our punishment for us. We love Him, don't we? They put Him between two robbers and there He died for our sins. Truly He was the Son of God.

*Memory Verse:* I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20.

## The Secret of the Talking Bible

Skippety-skip! Into the kitchen ran Amy and Harold. "We know a secret!" they cried. "And we want you to know the secret," they both told their mother and father.

Mother wondered what the secret was, and Father wondered what the secret was.

"Shall we wait until we go to bed to tell you?" they asked. But Mother and Father couldn't wait. "We want to know right now," they said.

"First we want you to guess what it's about. We'll give you a little hint," Amy said.

"Yes, we'll give you a little hint," echoed Harold. "Can you guess what special day will soon be here?"

Harold and Amy told them that on Bible Sunday their Sunday School class would go to visit blind Mr. Parker and listen to his talking Bible.

"He's been blind only a short time," Harold said.

"So he can't even read with his fingers, like some blind people can," added Amy.

"Because he can't read his Bible any more, someone bought him a talkingbook machine. It's just like a phonograph, and the records have parts of the Bible on them," Harold explained.

"And, Daddy and Mother, it takes 169 records to have the whole Bible, but Mr. Parker doesn't have all the records yet," Amy told them.

Then Harold said, "Now we're ready

to tell you the best part of the secret."

"We don't want Mr. Parker to know," whispered Amy.

"But we do want you to know," said Harold.

"We are going to buy Mr. Parker some more records. They cost only twenty-five cents a piece," announced Amy.

"Yes, Amy has a quarter and I have a quarter, and each of the others in the class has a quarter. We will buy six records in all.

"We are happy that you can help Mr. Parker get his talking Bible," smiled Father and Mother. "We know he will appreciate it."

That night when Amy and Harold got out their Bibles and quarterlies to study their Sunday School lesson, Harold said, "I am glad that we have Bibles of our own." And Amy said, "I am glad that Mr. Parker will soon have a whole talking Bible of his own."

Before they went to bed they prayed "Bless Mr. Parker, and thank You, God, for giving us the Bible. May every boy and girl and every man and woman learn to love it. Amen."

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who kissed Jesus so His enemies would know who He was?
2. What did Jesus say when the high priest asked Him if He was the Christ?
3. Did they put Him on the cross to die?
4. Why did He die on the cross?
5. What did the man standing by say about Him?

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April 6

## JESUS CAME OUT OF THE GRAVE

Mark 15:42-47; 16:1-7

A man asked for the body of Jesus after He had died on the cross. He tenderly wrapped it in long fine linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb.

"He is risen: He is not here," said the angel in white clothing to the three women. The angel was sitting on the big stone that had been at the mouth of the grave where Jesus' body had been laid. "Look, see the place where they had laid him!" the angel said. Mary, the mother of James, and Mary Magdalene and Salome had arisen early, at sunrise, and hurried to the tomb. They carried sweet spices to put on the body of Jesus. As they hurried along the path, they wondered who would roll away the big stone. But God had sent an earthquake and had broken the seal the governor had put on the grave. The soldiers standing around guarding the grave had fallen as dead men. An angel from God rolled away the stone and sat upon it. The body of Jesus was gone. The angel said, "Go and tell Jesus' disciples and Peter that He will see them in Galilee." Jesus was alive. He was not dead.

*Memory Verse:* Be not frightened: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen: He is not here. Mark. 16:6

## A New Body

"Catch that butterfly!" cried Bill, as the butterfly flew past him and headed toward Jane. Jane tried to catch it, but it flew on over and settled down on a bush. The children ran over and looked at it.

"Isn't it pretty!" Jane exclaimed. Look at all those pretty colors on it."

"I wonder where butterflies come from," said Bill, just as Pastor Jenkins came walking up the sidewalk. "Oh, let's show Pastor Jenkins our pretty butterfly!"

"That is a pretty butterfly you see there," commented Pastor Jenkins.

"Where do they come from?" asked Bill, following Pastor Jenkins up to the porch. The pastor sat down in the swing and the children sat on either side of him. They loved Pastor Jenkins for he always took time to visit with them when he came to call at their home.

"Well, the life of a butterfly can be divided into three stages. The eggs are laid on leaves of plants. The eggs hatch out in the hot sun into caterpillars. Did you ever see those little worms crawling around?"

"Yes, but they are worms, not butterflies!" Jane said quickly. "I don't like them."

"Well, dear, if you will watch those worms that are called caterpillars you will see them wrap up in a hard outer case. Sometimes they stay in this stage for weeks. Then, soon, they will break this case and out comes the beautiful butterfly. If you had a microscope you could see that the

butterfly has tiny, tiny scales, or feathers, on its wings. There are several thousand of them per square inch. They are very beautiful."

"I think they are, too," said Bill.

"But let me tell you that God has caused the butterfly to change from an ugly worm to a butterfly. Now, that is a miracle. Man could not do that. But God can do anything. It was a miracle that Jesus came out of the grave with a new body. He had what we call a 'glorified' body. Some day you and I will die. We will be put in a grave. Our bodies will go back to dirt. But, then in the resurrection morning, or when Jesus comes bursting through the clouds, we will arise and have a new body. God can do that for us just like He can make the caterpillar into a butterfly."

"In heaven we will be prettier than the butterfly, won't we?" asked Jane.

"Oh, yes! and it will be wonderful to be there."

M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who put Jesus' body in the grave?
2. Did He stay there?
3. What did the angel who was sitting on the stone when the women arrived say to them?
4. Where is Jesus now?
5. Will we arise from the grave some day?

Put yourself in the place of others and I am sure you will look at things differently.

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April 13

## GOD'S WRITTEN WORD

Hebrews 1:1-4; 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:30, 31

God spoke to the people through prophets many years before Jesus came to the earth. Moses told the people that God did not want them to tell lies, nor steal, nor love anyone more than they loved Him. Then one day God sent His Son, Jesus, to the world to tell the people how to live. Jesus was pure and holy, just like God. He was greater than the angels. Jesus was so pure and holy that the glory of God shone through all His deeds. He had power to heal the sick and forgive sins. There were many people who saw Jesus. They heard Him tell about heaven and about hell. Part of the things that Jesus did and said are written in our Bible. It is God's will that we know about Jesus and what He said. He taught the people how to live so they could go to heaven. Jesus said He wanted us to read about Him so we would believe that He is the Son of God. It is through Him that our sins are forgiven. If we don't believe in Him, we can't be saved. Perhaps you can get your mother to read the words of Jesus to you from the Bible. Learn some of them by heart. They are good words to know.

*Memory Verse:* He hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son. Hebrews 1:2.

## FIRE

"Daddy, will you build a fire in the fireplace?" begged Billy. "We still have some of those pretty things to put on it. I like to see the pretty colors in the flames."

"It is a little chilly in here," agreed Daddy. "Perhaps we will build a fire once more before we clean out the fireplace for the summer. We won't be able to use it much longer this season, anyway."

"Aren't those flames pretty!" Jane exclaimed. "Red, blue, pink—all colors!"

Billy sat looking at the fire. He thought about fire and how it burned. He had stood too close one time when Daddy was stirring up the coals, and one popped out on his arm. He had danced around crying because it hurt so badly. He surely didn't like to get burned. Now Billy was thinking about what he had heard the preacher say. He knew for sure that there is a burning hell, because the preacher read it right out of the Bible. Billy knew that the Bible is true. He was sure about that. He remembered clearly how he had taken a little car that belonged to George and brought it home and had hidden it. He knew how guilty he had felt. When Billy told his daddy about it, his daddy read in the Bible how he must take things back that he had stolen, and then ask Jesus to forgive him. He had done all of this and he had felt real good, just as Daddy said he would when he obeyed the Bible.

"Daddy, will hell be like the fireplace?" Billy asked, as he thought

how he wouldn't want to be in there with that fire.

"Son, hell will be much, much bigger than the fireplace. It is sad to say it, but there are millions of people who will not go to heaven because they are choosing the pleasures of this world that the devil offers them. They would rather have people here love them than to have Jesus love them. They want to do as they please and not obey the Bible. God says that all murderers, liars, and all people who sin will "have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone." (Rev. 21:8.)

"What is brimstone?" asked Billy.

"Brimstone is a mineral substance which is easily melted and catches fire easily. It is the same as sulphur and when burned it has a choking fume or odor. That, mixed with the burning fire which the Bible says can't be put out, will be terrible. I want to live for God. I don't want to go to hell. It would be terrible to be separated from God. I love Him.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. How did God talk to the people in early days?
2. How does God talk to us today?
3. Did John see Jesus and touch Him when He was here on the earth?
4. Where do we read the story of Jesus?
5. Do you believe that Jesus came to earth, died on the cross, rose again, and is now with God?

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## **GOD'S BOOK—THE BIBLE**

Luke 1:1-4; 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-17; Exodus 2:3-10

Do you love the Bible? It tells so many wonderful things. Luke knew about Jesus and he wrote a book telling what he knew about Him. Later Paul told Timothy not to forget all that his grandmother and his mother had told him about God sending His son Jesus here to the world. I am sure that little Timothy sat and listened as his mother read to him from the Bible. She probably read about a little baby boy. The wicked king had said that all the baby boys were to be killed. This mother loved God and asked Him to help her. She made a little basket and put her baby in it. Then she hid the basket in the tall weeds and flags around the river bank. His sister Miriam watched the little basket. One day the king's daughter and her maids came down to the river to bathe. They saw the basket. When they opened it, they loved the little baby. Miriam stepped up and asked, "Shall I get one of the Hebrew women to nurse it for you?" The princess said, "Go." Miriam ran and got her mother who took care of the baby until he was big enough to go live in the palace. The princess named him "Moses."

*Memory Verse:* All Scripture is given by inspiration of God.  
2 Timothy 3:16

## She Loved Her Bible

"Are you gospel workers?" asked the man in Spanish as he guarded the big gate that stands between the United States and Mexico. Sister Virginia and Bro. Barney Wittenborn were on their way to tell others in Mexico that Jesus loved them. The guard did not search their car, but he seemed to be in trouble. He seemed to think that surely these people knew about God. This guard had a mother who was not well. She was real old and sometimes she would run off as her mind was weak. She would act real naughty at times. The guard wanted Bro. Barney and Sister Virginia to go and see his mother. He seemed to know that surely God could help his dear mother.

They drove to the street where the guard said his mother lived. They knocked on the door. A man came to the door. They told him who sent them and the man was glad to let them come in. This man was a brother to the guard and he was taking care of their mother. He needed to go to work, but he couldn't leave their mother alone.

Bro. and Sister Wittenborn went in and talked to the woman. They prayed with her and gave her a Bible. They read to her from the Bible. She took the Bible and loved it and hugged it. She was very happy to have a Bible. She seemed glad to hear about Jesus.

Bro. Barney and Sister Virginia went on their way, and later stopped by to see the mother again. She was

a changed woman. She had been nice and had not run off anymore. The son had been able to leave her alone while he worked. She continued to love her Bible and hug it to herself. The Lord had made a change in her. How happy the two sons were! Bro. and Sister Wittenborn were happy, too, that God had blessed this dear woman and that she loved her Bible.

Boys and girls, we love the Bible, too. We are living in a country where there are lots of Bibles. There are not many Bibles in Mexico. We love to hear about Jesus and His great love for us. How glad we are that He was willing to take our punishment for us. Sin had to be punished, and we had sinned. Jesus took our punishment for us. —Aunt Marie

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Luke write about?
2. Who read the Bible to Timothy?
3. How did Moses' mother hide her baby from the wicked king?
4. How do we know the princess loved Baby Moses?
5. Who took care of Moses until he was big enough to live with the princess?

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Just as your daddy and mother are planting seeds in the garden, they are also planting them in your lives by teaching you to live for God. Don't you want to be a beautiful plant in God's garden?



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### PETER HEARD GOD SPEAK

2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

One day Peter, James, and John went with Jesus up into a high mountain. As the disciples looked at Jesus, they saw a change come over Him. A light appeared around Him, and His face shone like the sun. His clothes became snowy white. The glory of God shone all around Him. As they continued to look, they saw Moses and Elias standing talking to Jesus. Peter, James, and John were overcome with surprise and delight. They loved Moses, Elias, and Jesus. Peter hastily said, "Let us build three great houses—one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elias." He thought they all needed to be honored. God was displeased with this. Suddenly a cloud from heaven fell over them. God's voice spoke and said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." The disciples fell to the ground afraid. Jesus touched them and said, "Arise, and be not afraid." When they arose, they saw no one but Jesus. God wanted them and the world to know that Jesus is the one whom we must follow. He is the one we should worship.

*Memory Verse:* All Scripture is given . . . for correction.  
2 Timothy 3:16.

## Lela Calls for Prayer

"Hello," Grandmother said, as she answered the phone.

"Grandma, Mother is very sick," Lela said. "She lost her food and is in bed."

"Grandmother is so sorry. Do you want me to come over?"

"Oh, I don't think so, but I want you to pray for Mother," Lela said.

"Did your mother tell you to call?" Grandmother asked.

"No, I just called," Lela answered. "The boys were playing basketball and they would hit the house and it made Mother's head hurt worse. She called Bill in and thought they would stop, but they didn't."

"Have you had your supper?" Grandmother asked.

"We are eating now," answered Lela. "I am taking care of things."

"Grandmother will pray, and you children be nice and quiet and let Mother rest. I believe the Lord will heal her." Grandmother told Lela goodbye and hung up the phone. Grandfather wanted to know about it.

Grandmother did pray for Lela's mother. She was glad that Lela believed in prayer, and that God can heal us when we get sick. She was also glad that Lela was taking care of things and helping her mother. Her brothers and sisters were helping, too, because they were all so sorry for Mother who didn't feel well. They felt better when they knew that Grandmother would pray.

The next day Grandmother was glad to hear that Jesus had touched

Lela's mother. She was up and busy with the washing, ironing, and cooking for her sweet family. She was a good mother. Sometimes she had to correct her children, and they felt hurt at her for awhile, but they soon forgot because she would love them so much and do so many nice things for them. They knew that she loved them and punished them because she wanted them to be nice.

Grandmother took Lela, her mother, brothers and sisters to prayer meeting. Their father worked at night and could not go with them. Lela's mother was so thankful that Jesus had healed her that she stood up and told others about it. Lela was so glad that she called Grandmother for prayer. —M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Peter, James, John, and Jesus go?
2. What happened to Jesus' clothing and face as they watched Him?
3. Who came to talk to Jesus?
4. What did Peter want to do for Jesus, Moses, and Elias?
5. What did God say to them from heaven?

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God is Alpha and Omega. These are the first and last letters in the Greek alphabet. It means God is the beginning and end, from A to Z. It is as though God is saying, I am from start to finish; I am everything you will ever need.

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## HOW OUR BIBLE WAS WRITTEN

Jeremiah 36:27, 28, 32; John 21:24, 25; 2 Peter 3:15b-18

The people of Israel did evil. They worshiped an image called Baal. (Jer. 32:28, 29) God was not happy about this. He told the prophet Jeremiah that He was going to punish them for doing evil. He said He was going to let a big army take them away to a strange land and that their city would be burned. Jeremiah wrote all of these words from God in a book. The king burned the book after he read them. God told Jeremiah to write it again. He obeyed and God added more words this time. As the prophets wrote down the things that God spoke to them, our Bible was made. John tells us that he wrote the things that Jesus did and said. He told us that they were true because he saw Jesus and heard Him speak. He said the world would not hold all the books if all that Jesus did and said had been written. We are glad our Bible tells us about Jesus. Peter also tells us about Paul writing part of the Scriptures, or Bible. Peter said that many people did not believe what Paul had written and they would miss heaven because they didn't. He told us to be careful to love and obey all the Bible.

*Memory Verse:* Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. Mark 13:31.

## Deaf Ears

In Psalm 115:6 we read, "They have ears, but they hear not." This is said of the idols of silver and gold that the people worshipped. When they were spoken to, they could not hear because they had no life. Did you ever hear of boys and girls (real live ones) who did not hear when they were called? That is, they did not heed, nor obey the call. They did not want to do the thing they were called to do. So they pretended not to hear. One might have thought they were deaf.

Daddy and Mother are grieved when their little boys and girls do not hear and obey their call! But it is even sadder not to hear the call when Jesus says, "Come unto Me." He will save all who call upon Him and believe His Word.

Dear children, be sure you are not one of those who have ears to hear, but hear not.

## Little Things

"Where did you get those beans?" asked Grandmother to her little Dot who lived with her. Dot went on errands for Grandma many times. This day she had been to the grocery store and had come home with a handful of small white beans.

"Oh, I took them out of the barrel in the store. The children at school are playing with beans, and I wanted some, so I took these."

"Did you ask for them?" Grandma wanted to know.

"No, I just took them. I thought the man wouldn't care."

Grandma looked at little Dot with a serious face and said, "You must take them back to the store and tell the man you took them, and ask him to forgive you. That is stealing, for those beans do not belong to you."

Poor little Dot had a cross to take up, but she ran to the grocery store, and with a heavy heart went in and told the man just what her grandmother had told her to say. It was a life-long lesson that was a blessing to Dot.

Many people think such little things need not be made right, but that is the way thieves start in. The little girl did not think she was stealing. She was very small. We must never take anything without asking, because that is stealing.

The Bible says, "Ye should do that which is honest." 2 Cor. 13:7.

## QUESTIONS:

1. What did the king do with the words that Jeremiah had written?
2. Did Jeremiah write them again?
3. Whom did the Apostle John write about?
4. Could the world hold all the books if all that Jesus did and said was written?
5. Did Peter tell about the writings of Paul?

Pray that you will practice obedience until it becomes a happy habit.

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## THE BIBLE IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE PEOPLE

Acts 2:1-11

"Wait in Jerusalem," Jesus told the disciples just before He went back up through the clouds to heaven, "and you will receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Many of the disciples were in an upstairs room, praying and waiting. Suddenly they heard the sound of a mighty wind. As they looked, they saw two bright tongues of fire sit upon the head of each one. They were very happy as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The promise that Jesus had made to them had come true. They rejoiced and wanted to tell others all about Jesus. Not only could they have their sins forgiven, but now they could be filled with the Holy Spirit, also. This was the day of Pentecost, and people from every nation were there. Of course, the disciples did not know all their languages, but God caused them to speak in the different languages so everyone could understand. That was a great miracle. More people came, and heard all about Jesus in their own language. The Bible was written so all could know about Jesus and the things He has done for us. This helps us to know how to live for God.

*Memory Verse:* We do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. Acts 2:11.

## A Miracle

"Mother, there is a little girl in our class at Sunday-school who can't talk like we do," Bill said as he came into the house.

"You mean she can't talk plain?" asked Mother.

"No, she speaks Spanish, the teacher said," Bill explained. "Can you speak Spanish?"

"I learned a few words of Spanish when I was in high school," Mother answered.

"Tell me one so I can say it to her next Sunday." Bill's face brightened as he thought about how surprised the little girl would be.

"Well, you could say, 'Buenos días niña' (pronounced bwa-nos deus nen-ya) Mother said. "That means, 'hello, little girl.'"

Bill repeated it several times and then through the week he asked his mother to help him again. The next Sunday when they all gathered into their Sunday-school class, Bill said, "Buenos días, niña." The little girl looked up, surprised, and said right back, "Buenos días, niño." The Sunday-school teacher looked at them in surprise. Then she asked, "Do you know what our lesson is about?"

"No," they said in unison.

"It is about speaking in other languages, and we already have an example of it today. Bill, how did you know those Spanish words?" asked the teacher.

"Mother taught them to me," Bill said. "I wanted to say something to the little girl."

"What if there were 17 people in this room and each spoke a different language?" the teacher asked. "It would be a problem to speak to all of them so they could understand what you said, wouldn't it? But on the day of Pentecost there were many there that day. The disciples talked to them and each one heard the gospel in his own language. God caused them to be able to speak it, and they didn't go to school to learn it, nor did anyone teach them. That was a great miracle. God is a great big God, and He can perform miracles. God gives people today the gift of tongues, when they need it, as they seek Him for it. We have missionaries who go to foreign lands and can't speak the language, but the Lord soon helps them to be able to speak so they can tell the gospel story.

—M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was in the big room when the Holy Spirit came?
2. What sat upon each of their heads?
3. What people gathered to hear them?
4. Did they hear the story of Jesus in their own language?
5. Will God still give the gift of tongues or languages today?

Only those who are brave and strong will serve God in these evil days.

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### KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

John 16:12-15; Acts 17:10-12; James 1:22-25

Does your mother sometimes let you take the key and open the door? When you do that, you can walk right in. Did you know there are some keys that will open the Bible, too? Paul and Silas went to Berea. The people there were glad to hear about Jesus. They got their Bibles and began to search in them to find out more about Jesus. That was the key they used to find out what the Bible teaches. The name of that key is "search." They used their "search" key and looked up many Scriptures to see what they said about Jesus. James tells us about some more keys. One key is called "hear." You must listen when anyone teaches about Jesus and heaven and how to get there. Another key James tells us about is called "do." These two keys work together—"hear" and "do." When Jesus tells us to love everyone, we must hear it and then do it, just as when Mother tells you something to do, then you must do it. James compares the Bible to a looking glass. Some people look in a mirror to see if their hair is combed, and then go away and forget to comb it. God does not want us to forget how we look.

*Memory Verse:* Search the scriptures . . . they testify of me.  
John 5:39.

## The Three Keys

"Ellen, what are you doing?" asked Mother as she went over to the desk where Ellen was looking through the drawers.

"I am looking for some keys," she announced.

"What do you want keys for?" asked Mother.

"Well, in our Sunday-school lesson we talked about keys, and I want to draw one. I saw Daddy put a key in one of these drawers. I want it."

"My dear, you must not take keys that you have seen us put away," Mother cautioned. "Those keys are important, and it would be real bad to lose them."

"My Sunday-school teacher said the keys we talked about were real important, too," Ellen said. "That is the reason I want an important key."

"Yes, dear," Mother agreed, "I am sure they were important. Let me get you a key to look at while you draw it."

"Is it an important key?" Ellen asked. "You know that I want to draw three keys. One is called 'search,' and one 'hear,' and one 'do.'"

"Search, hear, and do," repeated Mother. "Now, tell me just what those keys are used for."

"Don't you know?" questioned Ellen. "Those are the keys that you use when you look into your Bible. The Bereans got their Bibles and looked and looked to find out all they could about Jesus. They used the important key search. Then James told us to use the two keys called

hear and do. After you have looked and looked in the Bible and hear what Jesus did, then you are to do as He did."

"Well, my dear, that is such a good lesson," Mother said. "You surely do need some real important keys to copy for your keys. These three keys are real important. If you will always carry them with you, you will surely go to heaven. And we all want to see Jesus some day, 'face to face,' don't we?"

"I am real happy when I do what I hear that Jesus wants me to do," Ellen said, with a glow on her face. "When He tells me to be nice to baby brother, even when baby brother hits me, I feel good and baby just smiles so sweetly. When I carry the newspaper to Mr. Brown after he has been so grouchy, I feel good and, Mother, sometimes he will smile at me."

"You are a little 'doer,'" Mother said with a smile. —M. Miles

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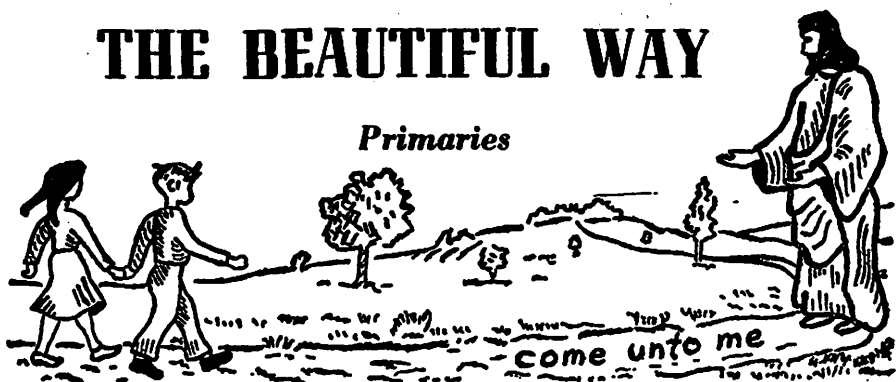
### QUESTIONS:

1. Name some keys that you have seen.
2. Why do we need the key "search" when we look into our Bibles?
3. How can we use the key "hear"?
4. What other key goes with the key "hear"?
5. What did the man who looked in the looking glass do after he had seen himself?



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May 25

## THE WELL OF WATER

John 4:3-10, 14, 19-26

In the days of Jesus, the people did not have cars, buses, airplanes, or trains. They had to walk everywhere they went. Jesus had left Judea and stopped in Samaria. He was very, very tired, so He sat down on Jacob's well to rest. His disciples walked on into the city to buy some food. A woman from the city came to draw some water. "Give me a drink," said Jesus to the woman. "Why do you ask me to give you a drink? I thought the Jews did not like us," the woman said. Jesus told her, "If you knew who I am, you would ask me for living water. For whosoever drinks of the water I give shall never thirst, and it shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." "I know you are a prophet," the woman said. Then she wanted to know where to worship God. Jesus told her that God is a Spirit and He seeks those who will worship Him in spirit, or from their hearts. The woman said she knew when Christ came He would tell them all things. Jesus said to her, "I that speak to you am the Christ." She was so happy that she ran to tell others. Many believed that day.

*Memory Verse:* I will also give thee a light to the Gentiles.  
Isaiah 49:6.

## Randy Forgot

It was a dark morning and the owl in the pine tree was still awake.

"Whoo, tu-whoo," he called.

Randy jumped out of bed and ran to the window. "Go to sleep, Mr. Owl."

Randy felt wide awake. Today Mr. Joe was going to give him a kitten!

Randy dressed and then looked all around. Had he forgotten anything? He had washed his face, brushed his teeth, hung up his pajamas, and pulled up his bedcovers. But he still felt like he had forgotten something.

"I wonder what I have forgotten to do?" he said aloud.

"Whoo-whoo," the owl insisted.

Randy ran back to the window and shouted, "No who, you silly old owl, I said, What did I forget?"

At breakfast he said, "That silly old owl only knows one word."

"He's a wise bird," Mother said. "He listens more than he talks."

"That's because he has two ears and only one mouth," Randy said, laughing. Then he hurried and got his coat.

"Randy," Mother said, "will you please take this spool of red thread to Mrs. Nelson before you get your kitten? Here, I'll put it in your coat pocket."

Randy ran all the way to Mr. Joe's, chose a wee gray kitten, and started home. Once kitty got away from him. When he ran to catch her, he fell, and out of Randy's pocket fell the spool of red thread. Kitty jumped on it. Randy giggled, watching Kitty try to catch the spool. Her sharp

claws loosened the thread and it rolled. Kitty rolled, too, and soon she was all tangled up in the red thread. Randy tried to untangle the thread, but Kitty wiggled and soon he gave up. "Oh, I wish I had listened and taken this thread by Mrs. Nelson's first." Crying, he carried kitty and thread to Mother. She had to cut the thread away. She put a band-aid on Randy's scratch and cleaned his shoes and sewed up the rip in his coat from his struggles with kitty.

"I thought it would be a happy day," Randy said, as he went to his room that night.

"Whoo-whoo?" asked the owl, his big round eyes staring at Randy.

Randy stared back. Suddenly he cried, "Oh! I did forget something this morning. I forgot to pray!"

Quickly he knelt and prayed beside his bed.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. How did Jesus go from city to city?
2. What was the name of the well on which He sat to rest?
3. What did He tell the woman about living water?
4. Is God a Spirit?
5. Did Jesus tell the woman that He was the Christ, the Saviour of the world?

God's church is built upon a rock. It will never fall, because that rock is Christ Jesus.

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June 1

### STORIES AND SONGS IN THE BIBLE

Exodus 14:30-15:2; Luke 15:3-10

The children of Israel stood on the banks of the Red Sea. They saw the waters close on their enemies who had followed them. How happy they were that they were free from their enemies! They worshiped God and sang a song of thanks to Him.

Jesus told a story about a shepherd who had brought all his sheep into the barns. He noticed that one little lamb was not there. It must have been lost in the wilderness. He went back out and looked and looked. How happy he was when he found the little lamb! He brought it home in his arms. Jesus said that boys and girls who are not saved are like the little lamb—lost! They are far away from the shepherd. The old wolf, the devil, is after them. Jesus looks and looks for those boys and girls. He wants them to come to Him and be His little lambs. What if some little boy or girl would say he or she did not want to be Jesus' lamb! That would be awful. But Jesus is real happy when they come to Him. He takes them in His arms and brings them home. The saints and angels are glad when the little ones are found.

*Memory Verse:* There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke 15:10.

## The Little Lambs

Last winter in Oregon was a cold winter. It snowed and snowed. One farmer tried to get to his barn to see about his sheep. He had a time digging away the snow so he could feed his sheep and lambs. The next day it snowed some more. The farmer looked out of his window and saw the snow piling higher and higher on his barn roof. When he got to the barn again after shoveling more snow, he noticed the barn roof sagging. "I do hope all that snow doesn't cave the roof in," the farmer said. Early the next morning he looked out and saw that the roof had caved in. He called to his family to get up as they had to rescue the little lambs. All of the family went out and dug away the snow so they could get to the barn. They brought the little lambs, one by one, into the house—all twenty of them. The lambs were so wet, the farmer was afraid they would die. They also let the two big collie dogs in, and they began to lick the little lambs. The mother and children fixed bottles with milk in them to feed the little wet lambs. All of them worked hard so they could help the little baby lambs live. One by one they fed them and finally got them all dry. They loved the little lambs and didn't want them to die. I am sure they were soon asleep.

Did you know there are many boys and girls who are out in the cold, far away from God's big house? They are like these little lambs. They are in trouble. They have sinned and

done wrong. They have told lies and are afraid they will be discovered. Some have taken things that did not belong to them. They know that people who steal are sent to jail. They are afraid. How unhappy they are! Jesus is like the kind farmer and his family. He is a good shepherd. He wants to get you out of trouble. He wants to bring you into His house where it is warm. He will feed you and love you. But you must want to come to God's big house to receive His care. The first thing you must do is to ask Jesus to forgive you for telling lies. Then ask Him to forgive you for taking things that didn't belong to you and tell Him you will make it right. Jesus will help you because He loves you. Your mother, father, pastor, or Sunday-school teacher will be glad to pray with you and help you make your wrongs right if you will ask them. How happy you will be then! You will be like the little lambs after they were dried, fed, and loved. —M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the Israelites rejoice as they stood on the bank of the Red Sea?
2. For whom did the shepherd go looking?
3. Did the little lamb want to stay out in the cold and dark?
4. Who rejoices when a boy or girl is sorry for sin and takes Jesus as his or her shepherd?
5. Did the woman look real hard for her lost coin?

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June 8

## PAUL DISCUSSES THE HAIR

I Corinthians 11:3-15

In the beginning of time when Adam was made, he was lonely. He did not have any helper. So God put him to sleep. He took a rib out of Adam's side and made a woman. When Adam awoke he loved the beautiful woman God had made. She was made as a helper to her husband. Today wives are to be helpers to their husbands. But God is their judge and the one they are to worship. Husbands are to be kind to their wives, just as Jesus is kind to us. We are called the bride of Christ.

God made the woman's hair to grow real long. Some women have hair that is down past their knees. But a man's hair will not grow very long. Now, God knows how He wants our hair to be. He wants girls to have long hair and let it grow, but boys hair won't grow very long. They are to cut theirs and keep it short. The Bible does not tell us that woman's hair is to be cut. Her long hair is her glory. She does not need to wear a veil when she prays or talks about the good things of God. Her long hair is her covering. That is the way we wear our hair in the churches of God.

*Memory Verse:* But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only. James 1:22.

## What Would Jesus Do?\*

"Harry, wait for me!" called Jack. "Mother said I could go with you."

"I don't want you to go!" Harry said as he began to run. Jack ran, too, trying to catch Harry. Finally, Harry dodged into an alley and when Jack got there he could not see him. Jack began to cry and walked slowly back home and sat on the porch. Finally, his eyes fell upon the kite that Harry had been making on the porch. The devil came to talk to Jack. He told him how mean Harry was and that Jack ought to get even with him. He said, "Why don't you just tear up Harry's kite?" A feeling of ill-will against Harry came over Jack, with an urge to tear the kite into small pieces and throw it under the porch. Jack got up and went over and picked up the partly-made kite. Just as he stooped to pick up the kite, a still small voice spoke to him. The voice said, "What would Jesus do?" Jack laid the kite down, and went and sat back down. Just then his uncle drove up in front of the house.

"Hello, Jack," his uncle said. "What are you doing?" Just then his mother came to the door and was surprised to find Jack there. She thought he had gone with Harry.

"Say, fellow, come with me to the farm," Uncle Ralph said. Jack was delighted. He enjoyed seeing the baby chickens and calves. He liked to play in the hay. But then he re-

\*parable

membered that Harry liked to go, too.

"Can we wait so Harry can go, too?" asked Jack.

"No son, I can't," said Uncle Ralph. "After he ran off and left you, do you still want to wait for him?"

"Yes, Uncle Ralph, I want to do what Jesus would do," Jack said. "I think Jesus would want him to go, don't you?"

"Yes, I think so," Uncle Ralph said. "Let's see if we can find him and give him a ride home with the things he bought, then he can go, too."

Soon they were back and then off to Uncle Harry's!

"Say, Harry, did you feel bad about running off from your little brother?" asked Uncle Ralph.

"I just hid around the corner and thought he would come on, but he didn't. Then I was sorry, but it was getting late and Mother was in a hurry for these groceries, so I went on without him," Harry explained. "Jack, I am sorry, and I won't do it again."

"Now that is the way for fine boys to act," Uncle Ralph said with pleasure. "They forgive and forget."

—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Was Adam lonely?
2. Why did God make a woman for him?
3. How should boys wear their hair?
4. What does the Bible say a girl's long hair is to her?
5. Are we to be doers of the Word and not just hearers? Why?

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June 15

## THE BIBLE IN THE CHURCH

I Timothy 4:11-16; Eph. 3:7-10; Col. 3:16

Paul was a preacher. He wanted everyone to know about Jesus. He wanted everyone to have Jesus as their best Friend and Saviour. Paul went from town to town and preached to the people. He was glad when some listened to him. He wondered if they remembered all that he had told them about salvation. He wrote letters to them so they could remember. He wrote to the saints at Colosse, "Do remember what Jesus taught. If you obey His words, you can live happy lives." Then he told them to sing songs of praise to the Lord. Paul had a young friend named Timothy. He wrote Timothy, "Read the Scriptures to the people. Explain to them what they mean. Preach God's Word." From the time Timothy was a little boy he had heard his mother and grandmother read the Bible. Now he read it to others. Paul told Timothy to live like the Bible teaches so others could see how much he loved God. Today we go to meeting and sing songs, read the Bible, and praise God. Then we obey what the Word of God teaches us to do. This proves our love to God.

*Memory Verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psalm 103:2.

## Jesus Heals

"Papa, I want you to pray for me," Marie said as she looked up at him from her bed. She had a high fever, and felt almost like she was flying away. Her mother was also very ill. Mother had smallpox and some of the children were sick. There was a big red sign on the front door which said, "SMALLPOX." No one was allowed to come to see them. Smallpox was catching, and the health department didn't want anyone else to take them.

"I don't want those sores all over me," Marie said as she thought how her mother looked. Her mother had sores all over her face and body. Her arms and hands were covered with them.

Marie's father prayed earnestly for her. She felt the Lord heard and would heal her. The next morning she felt well enough to get up. A few days later some red sores broke out, but there were only three or four of them. She was glad she didn't have any more.

Neither Marie's father nor any of the family could leave the place. Friends came to the yard fence to find out what the family needed. They bought it for them at the store. One day when the neighbors came with the groceries, some of the neighbor girls stood close to the fence. Marie's brother went over to the fence to speak to the girls and they ran away, screaming. They had been told they would catch the small pox and they were afraid. Marie and her brothers thought that was funny at that time.

They didn't really know just how bad small pox were because none of them except Mother had been real sick. The children felt sorry for Mother, but they were so small they did not realize how much she suffered.

The Lord helped Marie and her mother, her brothers and sisters, and father. Soon, they were all well. One day her father and mother told them they were all going on a fishing trip. They were all glad to get out of the yard. Her father bought some candles and put them in little metal cases. They were placed in the house and lit after the family was all outside. Those candles were to kill the small pox germs so no one else would catch them. After this the health man came and took the sign off their house. How happy everyone was to be able to come and go and have company again! God was good to them. They did not take any medicine, nor send for a doctor. The Lord healed all of them.

—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who did we study about today?
2. What did he tell the people?
3. What did he do when he could not see them?
4. What was the name of his young friend?
5. Did Timothy hear about Jesus when he was a little child?

"Trust in the Lord and do good."

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## GOD WITH JOSEPH IN THE PIT

Genesis 37:13, 18-34

"Joseph!" called his father, and Joseph answered, "Here am I." Then his father told him to go see how his brothers were getting along with the flocks. Joseph started out on a long journey, walking. His brothers saw him coming. They hated Joseph because his father loved him and God blessed him. "Here comes that dreamer," they said. "Let us kill him and put him in a pit." Reuben said, "No, don't kill him; just put him in the deep pit in the wilderness." Reuben meant to help Joseph out after the other brothers were gone. They stripped Joseph of his coat of many colors and put him in the pit. There was no water in the pit. Joseph loved God. He could look up out of the pit straight up to heaven. No one could take God away from him. Boys and girls, when you are in deep trouble, always remember that if you love God, He will be right there with you to comfort you. Soon some Ishmaelites came along. The brothers took Joseph out of the pit and sold him to them for twenty pieces of silver. He was taken to a strange land, but God went with him and helped him.

*Memory Verse:* He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5.

## Marge Confesses

"What is the matter, Marge?" asked Mother as she came into Marge's bedroom in the middle of the night. She had been awakened by the sound of Marge crying.

"I want to get saved," sobbed Marge, as she tried hard to quit crying.

"I am real glad that you want to give your heart to the Lord," said Mother. Let us get down upon our knees now and pray."

Marge slid out of bed and knelt beside her mother. Her mother prayed to Jesus and asked Him to forgive Marge for all that she had done that was wrong and to save her from her sins. She prayed for the Lord to create within her a clean heart just as God has done for all who have confessed their sins and begged for forgiveness with a broken heart. After Mother finished praying, Marge kept crying. Mother told her to pray, and she did, but still she didn't get saved. Something was in the way. After Marge's mother prayed again, she asked Marge if she had something she needed to confess. She told Marge that even if she had done something that no one in this world knew about, that God knew about it. God knows everything, and we have to make things right and clear them up before God will save us. All of a sudden, Marge threw her arms around her mother's neck and sobbed out that she had taken some money out of the Lord's money and bought some gum with it. Marge knew it was wrong

to steal. The family had a box where they put the money they set aside to use for the Lord's work. They called it the Lord's money. When they would get a certain amount they would send it to some missionary or give it to some worker for the Lord. Sometimes they would give it to help print the gospel. Marge asked her mother to forgive her and said she was sorry.

Marge's mother was very surprised to find out that she would dare to take some of the Lord's money. But her mother knew how the devil gets boys and girls to do awful things if they do not watch and be careful. Of course, Marge's mother forgave her, but she told Marge that she must also ask the Lord to forgive her. She told her that she would have to work and save her money and pay it all back. They prayed again and the Lord forgave Marge, and she felt real happy. Now she could go to sleep with a clear conscience.

—M. Miles

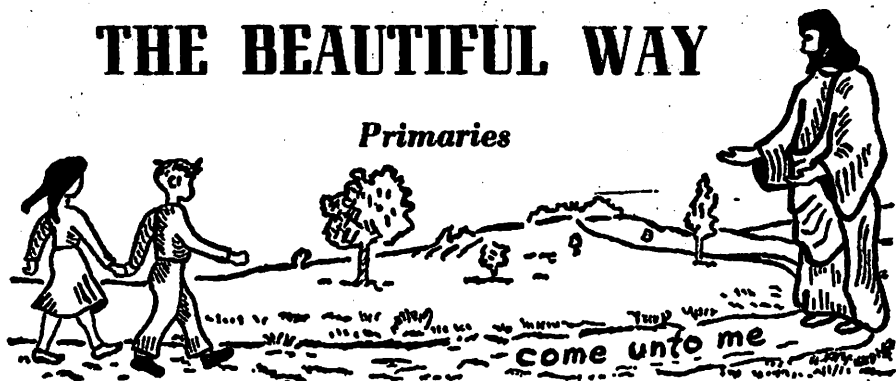
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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Joseph say when his father called him?
2. What proved that Joseph's brothers hated him?
3. What did they do to him?
4. Was God in the pit with him?
5. How did the brothers try to cover up their awful deed?

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## GOD'S CALL TO MANKIND

Luke 4:16-18, 21; Isaiah 5:14, 16, 18, 20-23; James 2:2, 3, 9, 10

When Jesus was a little boy, He went with His parents to worship God. One day after He was grown, He went back to the town of Nazareth where He had been brought up, and went to the synagogue. He stood up to read. They brought him a scroll. In that scroll was written the same book of Isaiah that we have in our Bibles. He took it and read about Himself. He had come to save poor sinners and help them to go to heaven. He had come to set free poor men and women who had been bound by drink. He came to heal the broken-hearted boys and girls whose poor parents were bound by sin. He came to save poor sinners. Hell has been made larger because so many are going there. Jesus came to save people from hell.

Jesus wants us to love everyone alike. If someone came into your classroom who was dressed real nice, would you be nicer to her than to someone who was poor and had to wear old, patched clothes? Jesus tells us that we are to love everyone and treat everyone just the same. That is the way Jesus did.

*Memory Verse:* But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin. James 2:9.

## Helen Learns Her Lesson\*

"I don't like Debbie," Helen said with a frown. "Just look at her dress! It is ragged and has patches on it. She doesn't look very neat."

"Yes, but look at her face," Marie said. She looks sweet and kind."

"My mother wouldn't let me wear a dress like hers," continued Helen. "She would put it in the rag bag."

"Well, sometimes my dresses get torn and Mother puts a little patch under it so I can wear it around the house for every day," said Marie.

"She is coming here," Helen said, as Debbie turned into the path toward Helen's house where Marie and Helen were sitting on the porch. "I think I will go inside the house. I don't want to have anything to do with that ragbag!" As Debbie came up the path, Helen got up and ran into the house.

Marie felt sorry for Debbie. She had heard her mother praying that very morning for Debbie's mother, and for her father, who had been out drinking all night. He had spent his whole week's paycheck on whiskey and gambling. Debbie's mother didn't have much money to spend for food and clothes for her family. Marie's mother was looking over Marie's dresses as she thought Debbie could wear some of them.

"Hello, Debbie," Marie called cheerfully to her as she came up to the porch.

"Hi!" answered Debbie. "What are you doing?"

\*parable

"Oh, not much. Would you like to go over to my house and play?" asked Marie.

"Yes, but doesn't Helen want to go, too?" Debbie asked as she saw the curtain moving. She had seen Helen look out.

"No, I guess not this time," Marie said as she and Debbie started down the path.

The two girls had a good time playing in Marie's yard. Helen watched them. She wanted to go over, but she felt ashamed of the things she had said. She wished she had not said them. As she was thinking of the way she had acted, she remembered the words of her Sunday-school teacher telling them that Jesus was not a respecter of persons. Then she remembered her teacher reading to them out of the Bible that it is a sin to show respect of persons and be nice to only those who wore nice clothes. She felt miserable. "Oh, what shall I do?" she groaned aloud. Her mother heard her and helped Helen to repent and ask forgiveness for what she had done. She had learned her lesson and treated Debbie nice after that.

—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. When Jesus was a little boy, did He go to church?
2. From what book did He read that day?
3. Does Jesus want people to drink strong drinks?
4. How are we to treat those who are poorly dressed?
5. Does God love everybody?