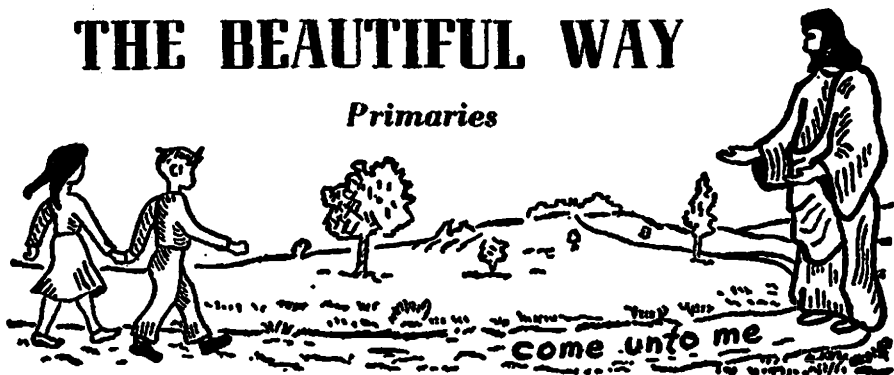


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IN THE BEGINNING

Genesis 1:1-24; John 5:46, 47.

God has told us in the Bible just how He made the big heavens with all the stars, and this big earth that we live in. One time the earth was without shape and water and darkness covered it. The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. God divided the water and dry land appeared. God said, "Let there be light and there was light." He put the sun in the sky to rule the day and the moon to rule the night. But he had a world without anything in it. So God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the tree yielding fruit after his kind . . . and it was so." God's plan is wonderful. He made everything have seeds so when the first ones died, some more came to take their places. On the fifth day God created, or made, all the animals, fishes, and birds, and many other things. He told each to bring forth little ones. Isn't God great! The flowers He made are so pretty! God's plan is beautiful. God saw that it was all good. God made man out of the dust of the earth and breathed the breath of life into him. He became a living soul.

Memory Verse: O Lord, . . . the earth is full of thy riches.
Psalm 104:24.

The Big Falls

"Grandma, tell us a story," Marlene said.

"Well, one time your grandfather and I took a trip. It was for our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. We had a little car we called "The Met." It was roomy, but it had only one seat. We visited a lot of places on the way to see the great Niagara Falls. One place we visited was at Battle Creek, Michigan, where Kellogg's Cereal is made."

"Do they make Corn Flakes there?" Marlene asked.

"Yes, and a lot of other cereals. They took us through the plant and let us see a lot of things. Then at the end of the tour they gave us a bowl of good ice cream with Rice Krispies sprinkled on it. We were anxious to see the great Falls that God had made so we hurried on our trip. We crossed the big bridge at Detroit, Michigan, and soon were in Canada. We traveled for a long time and just before dark we arrived at Niagara where we got a motel just seven miles from the Falls. After we got a motel room, we hurried on to see the Falls. Soon we were looking at the huge American Falls and the Horseshoe Falls. It was a great sight to see. What a mighty roar it made as the water came pouring over the side of that high cliff. Hundreds and hundreds of gallons of water poured over it every minute. As I looked at it I thought how God, in the beginning, looked on the earth and it was all covered with water. Then God spoke and divided the land from the water.

God made the water to flow in certain places. He made oceans, rivers, lakes, and ponds, and He made this huge water falls which was beautiful."

"Did God make gallons and gallons of water to fall over that mountain?" asked Marlene.

"Yes, God made the world and everything in it. That night we saw a beautiful sight. Different colored lights were turned on the huge falls. It was a wonderful sight to behold. We hated to leave, but we had to go back to our motel and go to bed, planning to see the falls the next day."

"What else did you see on your trip?" asked Marlene.

"Well, we saw the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pa.," Grandmother said as she thought about the fourth of July which had just passed.

"How big is it?"

"It is a great big bell with a crack in it. One time it was rung so hard that it cracked. The big bell is a symbol of the liberty of the United States from the bondage of another nation. But I like to think of another liberty we have. When we are saved we are freed from being a slave to Satan. We are freed from him by Jesus and we can do right. I like that kind of liberty, don't you?"

"When you love Jesus, you don't obey the devil. I'm glad I love Jesus."

—M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was from the beginning and made the earth?
2. What did God do about the world full of darkness?
3. What did He put in the sky?

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GOD MADE MAN

Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:7; 2 Cor. 4:16; 1 Peter 3:4a; Gen. 2:9, 16-20

God said, "Let us make man after our likeness." And God formed a man out of the dust of the ground. He just lay there until God "breathed" into his nose "the breath of life; and man became a living soul." These are the two parts of man—soul and body. His house of dirt is put in the grave when a man dies, but his soul lives forever. If he is saved, his soul goes to be with Jesus.

God made a beautiful garden home for Adam and Eve to live in. It had beautiful trees, flowers, shrubs, and everything that would make man happy. It had a river to water it. God made man to rule over the animals and all creeping things. Adam named all the animals as they passed by him. In this garden were two important trees. One was the Tree of Life and the other was the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil. He told them if they did they would die. They only had one commandment to keep and they disobeyed it. God put them out of the beautiful garden home because they had disobeyed Him.

Memory Verse: And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground. Genesis 2:7.

The Mud Man*

"Jerry, what are you going to do with that water?" Mother asked as she came out on the porch and saw Jerry filling a bucket at the water faucet.

"We are going to make something," Jerry said as he turned off the water and started around to the back of the house. Just then Mrs. Jones who lived next door called to Jerry's mother and they talked for a while. Mother forgot about the children as she went back into the house. Soon she looked out the window as she was watchful over her children. When she saw what they were doing, she hurried outside. Jerry was stirring vigorously as Linda poured in dirt. Both were being splashed with mud.

"Children, what are you doing?" Mother called. "Just look at your clean clothes."

"We're going to make a man," Jerry called as he continued to stir.

"A what?" asked Mother. "Stop this minute! Look at your clothes!"

"Oh, Mother," Jerry said as he dropped his stick. "We have to hurry. We want our man to get dry before dark."

"Mother, we are going to make another Adam," Linda said. "That is what you read to us in worship this morning. We wanted to get him dry so he could—maybe, well-I-I, I thought he could be up and walking around by tomorrow but Jerry said he won't do it. Mother, couldn't God make him walk just as He did Adam?"

*parable

"Yes, God could make him walk, but why is it necessary to do that? God doesn't do unnecessary things. When God made Adam there were no people in the great big world that God had made. Now we have millions of people in the world."

"I told Linda a mud man we made wouldn't walk, but she said he would, so I told her we would make one and I would show her he wouldn't walk around," Jerry said as he poured out the muddy water.

"When we die will we make that much dirt?" Linda asked as she pointed to another box of dirt she had filled.

"It will depend on how big you are when you die," Jerry commented.

"We must never forget that none of us amount to very much. We all were made from dirt and will go back to dust when we die, but the main thing is to be sure that we love Jesus and obey Him so we will be ready to go to heaven. You had better go wash as it is almost time for dinner."

—M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. Who made man?
2. Of what was the first man made?
3. Are there two parts to man? Name them.
4. What did God put in their garden home?
5. Of what tree were they not to eat?

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"Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalms 106:1.

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OUR DAY OF WORSHIP

Hebrews 4:4, 10; John 5:7-11, 18; Mark 16:2, 6b; Acts 20:7a

In six days God made the world and the many beautiful things for man to enjoy. But on the seventh day He rested. God wanted us to understand that when we are saved and belong to God we can rest or cease from doing as we please and do all the good things that God wants us to do. We are set free from the unrest and turmoil of soul that sin brings. We can have real rest to our souls.

Some people did not like it because Jesus broke the Sabbath. That was a day when the people were forbidden to do any work. But what God wanted to teach us was what He meant when He told us to cease from going our way so we could have soul rest. Jesus told the sick man to "rise, take up thy bed, and walk." How happy the man was to do that! Jesus had healed him. Some people said, "You are not to carry your bed on the Sabbath day." The man said, "The Man who healed me told me to take up my bed and walk." Jesus wanted them to know that He came to give them rest in their souls. Soul rest is far more important than bodily rest. After the resurrection the disciples met together on Sunday.

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

Four-Day Weekend

"Hey, Bill," yelled Danny. "Daddy does not have to go to work next Monday. Tuesday is the Fourth of July, so we get a four-day weekend. We are going camping up at Spring Lake. We can fish all the time if we want!" Then Danny ran into the house to help his mother get ready.

Saturday morning the family drove to Spring Lake and put up the tent. After they ate dinner, they went fishing. But no one caught a fish.

"Maybe they will be biting better tomorrow," said Daddy.

"Tomorrow is Sunday!" Mother told him. We should worship the Lord with His people on Sunday. There is a little chapel just on the other side of that hill where the saints meet."

Daddy was not a Christian. He said, "But this is a holiday trip! We should not have to go to church on a camping trip. I want to fish!"

"Let's vote on it," said Mother. "There are three in this family. I want to go to church. You want to go fishing. Will you go if Danny wants to go to church?"

Danny loved to fish. But he loved Jesus more. "Go to church with us, Daddy," he said. We can fish all day Monday. Mother will fish with us then. She wants to go to meeting on Sunday."

So on Sunday morning they went to Sunday school. Danny was glad Mother had brought Sunday clothes along. There were not many people in the little chapel, but they loved the Lord.

Daddy listened carefully to the preacher. He looked as if he wanted to cry. "I am a sinner," he said when the sermon was over. "I want to be saved."

"You can kneel right here and give your heart to God," the preacher said. Mother and Danny and the preacher prayed with him.

"This is much better than going fishing!" said Danny afterward.

Mother smiled. "You did some very good fishing," she said. "Jesus told His friends that if they would follow Him, He would make them fishers of men. You were following Jesus when you said we should come to church, and you helped to catch Daddy for Jesus."

"I am glad Danny followed Jesus," said Daddy. "I needed to be caught."

QUESTIONS:

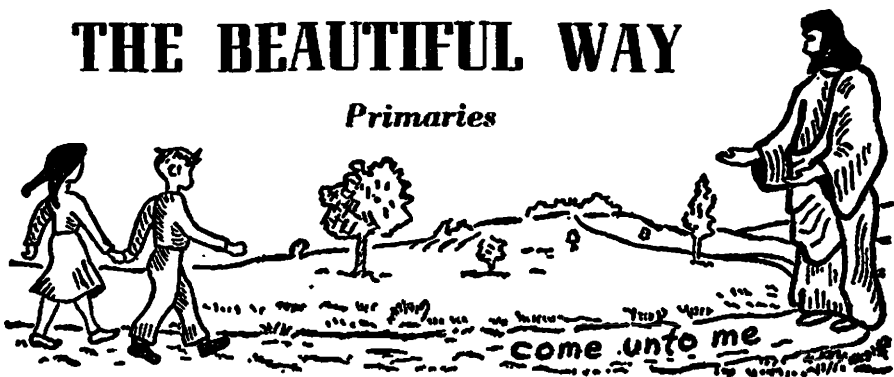
1. What day did God rest from His work?
2. What kind of rest do we have in our souls?
3. Did Jesus break the Sabbath?
4. What was the Sabbath day?
5. Did Jesus come to give us soul-rest?
6. After the resurrection, what day did the disciples choose to meet together for worship?

"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalms 107:1.

"They cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses." Psalms 107:13.

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JESUS GOES TO A WEDDING

Genesis 2:21-24; Mark 10:9; 1 Cor. 7:39; John 2:1-10

God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. He took a rib from him and made a woman. When God gave Eve to Adam he loved her and said that she was flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone. This was the first wedding. God said that when a man marries he is to leave his father and mother and stay with his wife until death separates them. One day Jesus, His mother, and His disciples were invited to a wedding. The mother of Jesus said to Him that they had no drink to offer the people. She then told the servants to do whatsoever Jesus told them to do. Jesus saw the six waterpots of stone. He told the servants, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the top. Then he said, "Pour out some and take it to the governor of the feast." And they did as He told them. The governor did not know where the delicious drink came from so he called the bridegroom and asked him why he had saved the best for the last. Jesus performed His first miracle that day. God approves of marriage. But each one should be careful to marry as He directs. God wants people to have happy homes where He is the Head of all.

Memory Verse: Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. John 2:5b

The Miracle

In China lived a family who had a little boy named Goh Hood Keng. They worshipped the Sun-god. One day they heard about a Christian school not too far away and that their little six-year-old boy would be welcomed. Although Keng's parents were not Christians they were willing to send their boy to the school. While there he was won to Christ. This grieved his parents but Keng began to pray and try to win his parents to Christ. Keng suffered much from his parents and relatives as the years went by but he stood firm in his new-found faith in the true God. Keng lived such a life of purity that he finally won his parents to the Lord. His mother told him that his life had been wonderfully changed since he became a Christian.

Keng started teaching Malayan lads after he finished his school and brought many of them to Christ. He also became a pastor of a congregation and labored for God.

One day the government doctor was examining the students at his school and he saw a bright red spot on Keng's ear. He asked him to come for a blood test. What a severe blow it was when he was told he had leprosy. He no longer could live with his family or teach school. He was an outcast. He could not go near anyone. This so affected his wife that she had a complete nervous breakdown that took her to her grave. At her graveside he stood alone with his children, his relatives and friends a great dis-

tance away. God had so helped him face his severe trial that someone remarked that his face shone like an angel's. He had said that he could never have faced this if he had not been a Christian and knew God.

Leprosy is so easily taken from others that the one who has it can't be near anyone else. But it is wonderful that Keng could have God with him. Jesus will never leave nor forsake those who love Him. Keng loved Jesus more than ever for being faithful and good to him. He did not understand why all the trouble had come to him, but he knew God knew all about it so he trusted in Him and waited and prayed. He also sent out requests to all the Christians that he knew to pray. He knew God could heal him. Doctors can't heal leprosy, but God can. For three years Keng had leprosy, but still held his faith in God.

One day after being examined by a doctor the good news came to him. They said, "Goh Hood Keng is healed!" Oh, how happy Keng was and all of his loved ones and friends rejoiced with him. It was a great day. He was able to be with others again and to give out the good news of salvation.

He was asked, "Was the price of leprosy which you paid too great for this glory?" He said, "A thousand times no." Through his labors in the Lord many were saved and he rejoiced.

—Rewritten by M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God use to make the first woman?

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THE FIRST LIE EVER TOLD

Genesis 3:1-5; John 8:44; Matthew 25:41

Satan did not like to see Adam and Eve happy in the beautiful garden of Eden. He wanted to get them to sin so they would be unhappy. He tries to get everyone to do wrong. Satan came to Eve, talking through a serpent. He asked her a question. He said, "Has God told you not to eat of every tree in the garden?" The woman said, "We may eat of the fruit of all the trees in the garden except of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden. God told us not to eat of it, neither shall we touch it, or we will die." The devil said through the serpent, "You shall not surely die." Wasn't that awful? Satan told Eve a lie. He denied that God's Word was true and they would be punished if they disobeyed Him. Jesus also told us that the devil was a liar from the beginning and that he never tells the truth. He also said that Satan is a murderer. Satan is terrible. When he tells you to do wrong, such as tell lies, don't listen to him. He knows he is going to hell and he wants to take all the souls with him he can. You don't want to let him take your soul to hell, do you? You must live for Jesus.

Memory Verse: For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8.

How Wi-Yu Gave her Heart To God

Wi-Yu's father and mother were pagans. She never heard a word about Jesus Christ till she came to the Mission Station. One day Wi-Yu walked up to me and said, "I want to give myself away to you."

I was much surprised and looked into the little girl's black eyes, and said, "Why does Wi-Yu wish to give herself to me?"

"Because," she said simply, "I love you." After this they called Wi-Yu my little girl.

One day while Wi-Yu sat by me I asked her if she loved Jesus.

"No," she said, "I do not. I want to be a Christian, but I am too little."

"But Jesus says, 'Suffer the little children to come unto Me.' "

"I don't know what to do."

"Wi-Yu," said I, "you must give yourself away to Him."

She looked at me in surprise.

"How did you give yourself to me?"

"I came and asked you to take me because I loved you."

"Why do you love me, dear?"

She hesitated a moment, and then answered, "I think it must be because you love me."

"Yes, Wi-Yu, that is just the reason. Now Jesus has been loving you all this time, while you have not been caring the least for Him."

"Would Jesus be willing for me to give myself away to Him just as I did to you?"

"Certainly, my dear child, that is exactly what He wants you to do. He

wants all of you, too."

After some quiet thinking, Wi-Yu knelt by my side and said, "My Jesus, I give myself to You. I give my hands, my feet, my mouth, my tongue, and my heart. I give You all of myself. Please take me, dear Jesus."

She arose and said, "Do you think He will take me?"

"I am sure of it," said I, "and you will find His promise in your little Testament."

Together we found these precious words, "Anyone that cometh unto Me I will not thrust aside." —Selected

QUESTIONS

1. What did the devil talk through to Eve?
2. Of what tree did God forbid Adam and Eve to eat?
3. Did Eve tell the devil that they would die if they ate of that one tree?
4. What did the devil tell her?
5. Did Jesus tell us that the devil is a liar?

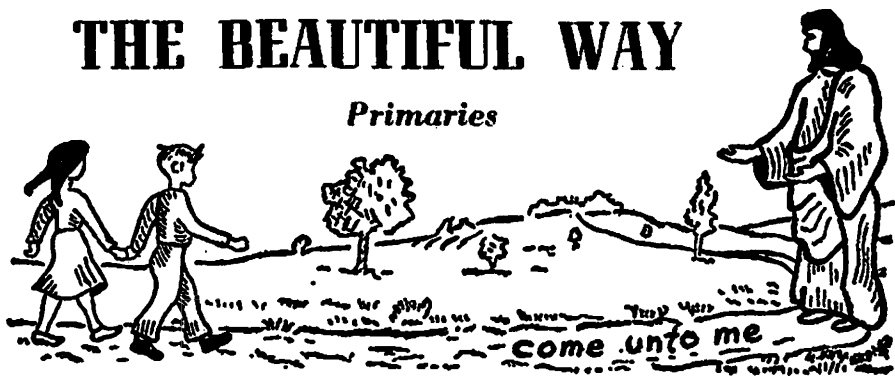
I ENJOY MY PIECE OF BREAD

When I came in from playing my mommie gave me a piece of bread with butter on. I was so hungry I was afraid I could not take my nap. But now I know I shall sleep and have sweet dreams. If you are hungry, I'll ask Mommie for a piece of bread for you, too. Mommie says the Lord Jesus is the Bread of Life to the souls of those who love Him. I love Him.

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ADAM AND EVE HIDE

Genesis 3:6-13; James 4:17; 4:7

Eve looked at the tree of which God had forbidden them to eat the fruit. She thought it had nice fruit on it. She must have been hungry as she wanted to eat some of it. Satan told her it would make her wise and she thought how nice it would be to be wise. So she disobeyed God and reached out and took some fruit off the forbidden tree and gave it to Adam and they ate it. Oh, how terrible! They had disobeyed God. That was sin. They were no longer pure and their sin made them ashamed. So they sewed some fig leaves together and made some aprons to cover themselves. When they heard God walking in the garden they did not want to see Him. They were afraid. Sin makes you afraid. They ran and hid, but God called to Adam, "Where art thou?" A whole forest of trees could not hide them from God. God asked Adam, "Have you eaten of the tree which I commanded you not to eat?" Adam blamed Eve for it and Eve blamed the serpent. Boys and girls, we cannot blame someone else for our wrongdoing. If we know what is right, we must do it. We must resist Satan.

Memory Verse: Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
James 4:7b.

When I Grow Up

"I am going to be a real good Christian when I grow up," said Larry. He said it just the same way he said that he wanted to be a fireman.

"Why do you wait until you grow up?" asked Mother.

Larry looked surprised. "I can't be a Christian now, can I? I cannot do the things that the big Christians do. I cannot read the Bible yet. I cannot give lots of money to the church. Lots of times I cannot understand what the preacher says, either."

"But you can do the things that little Christians do," said Mother. "You can listen when the Bible is read. You can listen to your teacher in Sunday school. You can learn your Bible verses. You can listen to the preacher in church and understand what you can. You can give what money you can for God's work. You can even tell people about God and His love."

"If I do those things, will I be a Christian?" asked Larry.

"No," said Mother. "Doing those things will not make you a Christian. Being a Christian would make you want to do those things. To become a Christian you must tell God that you want to belong to Him. You want Him to help you so that you can live to please Him. You want Him to forgive you for the wrong things that you have done. Jesus took the punishment for all those wrong things. So God can forgive you and make you His child."

"Why, I can do that right now!" said Larry. He got down on his knees.

"Dear God," he prayed, "I am sorry that I did not come when Mother called me yesterday. I am sorry I hit Jane. I am sorry for all the other bad things I did. Please forgive me and help me not to do them any more. I want to be Your boy, and belong to You. For Jesus' sake. Amen."

Larry got up. He said to Mother, "Did God make me to be His boy? I asked Him to!"

"Yes," said Mother. "God made you to be His boy when you asked Him to. Now you can always have Jesus right with you to help you."

When Daddy came home Mother heard Larry say, "Daddy, I'm going to be a real good big Christian when I grow up. I can be, can't I, if God helps me to be a good little Christian now?"

"You surely can!" said Daddy.

QUESTIONS:

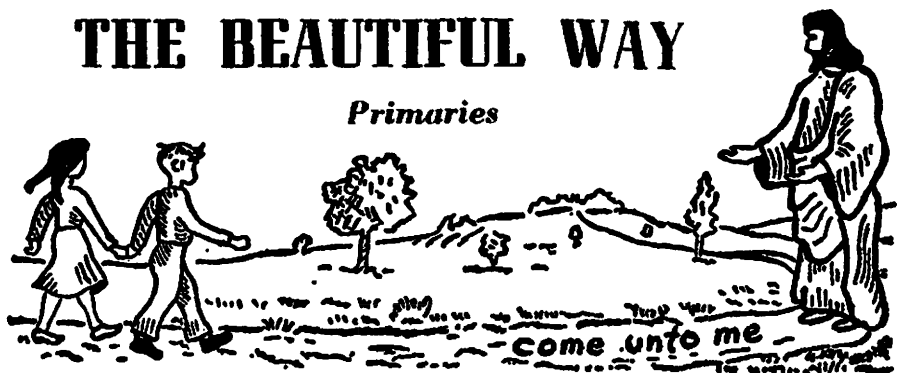
1. Why did Eve take fruit from the tree that God had commanded her to leave alone?
2. What did she do by taking the fruit?
3. Who persuaded Adam to eat of the fruit?
4. What did God say when He came into the garden?
5. Did Adam blame Eve?

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"O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise, even with my glory." Ps. 108:1.

"Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men." Ps. 107:32.

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THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOUR

Genesis 3:14, 15; Luke 1:35; 2:21-39

Adam and Eve had sinned. They had listened to Satan who talked through the serpent. This made God very unhappy. Adam and Eve were unhappy. But God gave them a promise of a Saviour who would help people overcome Satan. Jesus was born of Mary. God is His Father. The angel explained this to Joseph. How happy Mary was when Baby Jesus was born! She and Joseph took Him to the temple. A man named Simeon was in the temple. He was waiting for God to send a Saviour to give people power over Satan. When Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus into the temple Simeon was very happy. Simeon walked over and took the baby in his arms. Simeon blessed God and said, "Now let me depart in peace. My eyes have seen thy salvation." Simeon knew that the Saviour, who had been promised many, many years before to Adam and Eve, had come. We are glad that Jesus came to this world to live. He died on the cross for our sins. He is now alive and will hear us when we pray. He will give us power over sin.

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Doris Is Injured

"Doris," Mother called, "come and help me. I have so much to do and Daddy will soon be home from work. I want to have supper ready when he comes."

Doris didn't like to help in the kitchen, so she went in with a frown on her face.

Mother said, "Please peel those potatoes for me and we will soon have everything ready to eat." After Doris peeled the potatoes Mother told her to take the peeling and the other scraps of food and give them to the chickens. Doris didn't like to go out to the chicken pen. So she put it off and soon Mother had other jobs for her to do. The scraps were forgotten.

Soon Daddy came home and all were ready to eat. Just then Mother saw the scraps and said, "Doris, as soon as we thank the Lord for the food you take the scraps out just as I told you to do."

Doris was a hungry girl. She knew they were having fried chicken for supper and she wanted to be there to get her favorite piece. As soon as the blessing was asked, she took the scraps and ran to the chicken-yard. Opening the gate she threw the scraps and ran back out the gate. In her hurry she got too close to a big nail which cut a big gash about an inch long and half an inch deep in her leg. Oh, how it did hurt! She went hopping and crying back to the house. Mother came to see what was the trouble.

She washed and dressed Doris' wound and asked God to heal it for her.

Doris didn't get her favorite piece of chicken as it was gone by the time she got her wound dressed and was ready to eat again. She was real sorry she had not obeyed her mother when she was first told to do something. She had to eat a cold supper because of her disobedience. Today Doris has a scar on her left leg about an inch long which reminds her of the day she didn't obey her mother.

Many children today learn obedience through the things they suffer—things they never would have to suffer if they would obey Mother and Daddy and Jesus. —Doris Brown

QUESTIONS:

1. What sin did Adam and Eve commit?
2. Did God promise to send a Saviour to save from sin?
3. What was the Saviour's name?
4. Who were Jesus' father and mother?
5. Who was at the temple waiting for the Saviour to come?

I want to go to heaven, don't you? Heaven is so wonderful that it can't be described. The Bible tells us a little about it. One time the Apostle Paul got to look inside heaven and he said it was so wonderful that he could not describe it. But, boys and girls, we can't go to heaven only when we have been washed in the blood of Jesus. I love Jesus, don't you?

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ADAM AND EVE ARE PUNISHED

Genesis 3:16-19, 22-24; Galatians 6:7, 8; Revelation 21:8

You can't do wrong and get by. Adam and Eve had sinned. They had to be punished. God told them they would have to leave their beautiful garden home. He told Eve that she would have great sorrow and many troubles in life. God told Adam that he, too, would have many troubles. God said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate of the forbidden tree, the ground will bring forth weeds, thorns, and thistles. In hard work you will eat of the food that you find. Then one day you will die and go back to dust." God drove them out of the garden because He did not want them to eat of the Tree of Life and live forever in a sinful state. He put cherubims at the east of the garden and a flaming sword that turned every direction to keep them away from the Tree of Life.

Children, obey God's Word. If you do wrong you will be punished. If you do right, you will be blessed. God sees everything that you do. You will reap what you sow. Sin brings great heart-ache and grief. Obedience to God and His Word will bring much happiness in this life and eternal life in the end.

Memory Verse: Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

Henry's Toe

The summer day seemed hot and long as four little children played under the shade of a big tree in the yard. Henry played that he was the daddy and Doris was the mother and the other two were the children. All went well for awhile until Henry took one of the children's toys and that started a fuss. Mother came to the door to see what was causing the trouble. "Henry," called Mother, "come here."

"Yes, Mother," answered Henry as he slowly started to her.

"Now, Henry, you know I have not been well," said Mother, "and I don't feel like punishing you. If you don't play nice, the Lord will punish you for me. Do you understand?"

In a low voice Henry said, "Yes, Mother."

He went out to the shade again to play, but something made Henry very unhappy and he soon started trouble again. He picked up a big block of wood that had been used as a chair in the playhouse. It was too heavy and he dropped it on his big toe. "Oh! Oh!" Henry began to cry. Mother came again to see what was going on.

Henry was crying, "Mother, I hurt my big toe," he said.

Mother washed and cleaned the hurt member and set Henry down in a big chair. "Now, Son," Mother said, "You didn't play nice and the Lord had to punish you, didn't He?"

"Yes," answered Henry with a sob. "I'm sorry."

"Now," said Mother, "you must sit on the big chair until your toe stops bleeding."

Henry sat there a long time. Do you know what he was thinking? He remembered how nice it had been out under the shade tree with the other children. And about how he had to sit in the chair with his toe hurting him. He wished he had been a good boy and played nicely with the others. After a while he called to Mother, "May I go and play now?"

"Yes," said Mother, "if you will be a good boy."

Henry was nice for the rest of the day.

Jesus is not pleased with children who do not obey. You should ask Jesus every day to help you obey your parents.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." —D. Brown

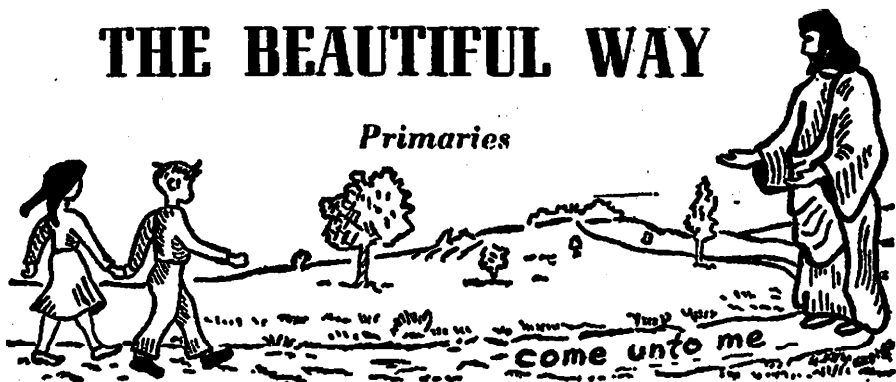
QUESTIONS:

1. Can you do wrong and get by?
2. Why did Adam and Eve have to leave their garden home?
3. How was Eve punished?
4. Why did Adam have to work hard?
5. What kept Adam and Eve away from the tree of life?

Boys and girls, don't forget; your mother and father love you. They are very busy and may not show it very much, but they love you dearly. You must love and obey them. They think of you all the time. Mother sees that you have clothes to wear and food to eat. Father works so she can buy the food and clothes. Let them know you love them by being nice.

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GOD MADE ADAM AND EVE COATS OF SKIN

Genesis 3:7, 21; 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 20, 24-28; 2:18, 19

After Adam and Eve had sinned they knew it was wrong to be naked. They took some fig leaves and made some aprons. God wanted them better covered than that, so He made them coats of skins to wear. God wanted their bodies to be covered. God still wants us to cover our bodies.

I will tell you about a mother who made a little coat for her boy every year and brought it to him when he lived in the temple. This mother was very sad before she had her little boy. One day she and her husband went to the town of Shiloh to the feast. But her heart was very sad. She went over by the post of the temple where the High Priest sat. There she knelt and prayed earnestly to the Lord to give her a son. She promised to give him to the Lord. When the high priest, Eli, knew what she desired, he told her to go in peace for God would give her a son. Oh, how happy she was when Samuel was born! After he became old enough, she took him to the temple to help Eli take care of the work of God there. This mother's name was Hannah and her son was Samuel.

Memory Verse: When pride cometh, then cometh shame.
Proverbs 11:2a.

Denna's Problem

"Mother, Della wants to go with us to the dining hall tonight," Denna said. Is it all right? Her mother and daddy are gone and her grandmother doesn't care."

"I don't know, Denna, whether we should take her," Mother said, hesitatingly. "You know she wears shorts all the time and I don't feel she ought to wear them if she goes with us."

"Oh, she won't," Denna said. "I'll tell her not to."

Later Denna came running into the house. "Mother, I told her that she shouldn't wear shorts tonight because the dining hall belonged to the church. And, Mother, she said, 'Oh, no, I wouldn't wear them there.' She said she knew how we believed and she wouldn't want to go to our church grounds with shorts on. She is going to wear a dress."

"Well, I am glad, because I don't feel that I would want to take her if she wore shorts."

"I don't see why she wears them any way, but I guess her mother just buys her shorts and that is all she has to wear. I wouldn't want to wear them. I would feel awful in them," Denna said.

"It grieves Mother so much to see so many wearing such short dresses. I know God is grieved, too. People don't have much of the fear of God upon their hearts today, it seems. Each one will have to meet God one of these days and be punished for being disobedient. God clothed Adam and Eve in the beginning. He meant for the body to be covered."

"Mother, you look so sad," Denna said as she hugged her mother's neck.

"Yes, Mother is sad to see our precious women being so immodest. It causes many sins to be committed. Sin is an awful thing and will keep souls out of heaven. We need to keep praying for people."

"Why do women wear such short dresses if God doesn't want them to?" asked Denna.

"People whose minds are evil designed dresses that way and then those who make the dresses followed the new designs. Some dear women who do not know how to sew for themselves are sorry they can't buy longer dresses. Of course, many of the women want to be in style regardless of what the style may be. I am thankful that we are not bound by style but are free to dress as we feel God wants us to. It is wonderful to be free." —M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. Did God like the aprons that Adam and Eve made?
2. What did God make for them?
3. Whose mother made him a little coat every year and brought it to him?
4. Where did Samuel live?
5. Did God give Samuel to his mother after she prayed for a child?

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"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes." Psalm 118:8, 9.

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ABEL OFFERS AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE

Genesis 4:2-14; Hebrews 11:4; 12:24

Cain and Abel were brothers. One day they came to worship God. Abel brought an offering from his flocks. He was sorry for his sins. The lamb was a type of Jesus who died on the cross for our sins. Cain knew that he should also bring an offering from the flocks, but he was not careful to please the Lord. He brought the fruit of the ground. God did not accept Cain's offering. Cain was displeased. God talked to Cain. God said, "If you do right, you will be accepted, but if you do wrong, sin lies at your door." Cain was angry with his brother Abel because God accepted Abel's offering. Cain let that anger grow into jealousy. Jealousy grew into a terrible sin. One day Cain was in the field with Abel. As they talked, Cain rose up and killed Abel. How terrible! God was looking and saw it all. God said to Cain, "Where is Abel, thy brother?" God sees everything. God punished Cain for killing Abel. He told him that when he worked in the field it would not bring forth food for him and he would just be a vagabond on the face of the earth. Cain was sorry about his punishment.

Memory Verse: By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain. Hebrews 11:4a.

Show-Off

Sammy liked to do things that would make people look at him. He wanted to make them laugh. He wanted them to think he was smart. He made funny faces in school. He made funny noises in Sunday school class.

One Sunday the teacher looked right at Sammy as she told the story.

"Satan wanted to get Jesus to show off," she said. "He took Jesus to the very tiptop of the Temple, the highest building. He told Jesus to jump off. Of course, Jesus would not get hurt, Satan told Him. But many people would see Him. Then they would know that He was God's Son."

"Did He do it?" asked Jerry.

"No," said the teacher. "Jesus could do anything. He was always doing wonderful things to help people. But He never did one thing to show off. He knew that would not please God."

"I am not like Jesus," thought Sammy. "I like to show off."

Next day after school a little girl was walking by Sammy. She had a nickel in her hand. She dropped it. The nickel fell down a hole in the sidewalk and was lost. The little girl cried.

"I have three nickels in my pocket," thought Sammy. "I could give her one. She would stop crying. That is what Jesus would do." But he did not do it.

There were many people on the sidewalk. Soon Sammy saw a high fence. "If I would walk on that fence, everyone would look at me,"

thought Sammy. So he got up on the fence.

"Oh, look at that boy!" said a girl.

"He will fall," said a woman.

Sammy just laughed. But then his foot slipped and he did fall! Oh, how he hurt all over. Someone called his mother. Sammy will be all right but he will have to stay in bed for a week.

"I will miss the school picnic," thought Sammy. "Serves me right." Then he prayed. "Dear Jesus, I am sorry I wanted to show off," he said. "I am sorry I did not help the little girl. Please help me to be like You. Amen."

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the first two boys?
2. What did Cain bring to offer to God?
3. What did Abel offer?
4. Who offered the right offering?
5. What caused Cain to kill Abel?

Boys and girls, the devil will whisper that no one loves you. That will make you feel sad if you believe him. But remember that Jesus is your best Friend. You can pray to Him just like you talk to your mother. He will hear your prayers and comfort your hearts. Make Jesus your real pal and friend. Tell Him about everything.

"Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart." Psa. 119:34.

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PETER IS SORRY

John 18:15-17; Matthew 26:71-75

The soldiers took Jesus to the palace to try Him. Peter and John followed. John knew the high priest and he let John go in, too, but Peter stood at the door. Later John spoke to the one who kept the door to let Peter come in. The girl asked Peter if he was one of Jesus' disciples, but Peter was afraid they would kill him, so he told a lie. He said he was not. Later Peter went out on the porch and another maid saw him. This maid said to those around her that Peter was also with Jesus. Again Peter denied knowing Jesus. Wasn't that awful? But Peter was afraid. It is wrong to let fear prompt you to tell a lie. Later someone said that Peter surely was one of Jesus' disciples because he talked like Him. Now Peter really did wrong. He cursed and swore, saying, "I know not the man." Immediately the rooster crowed. Peter remembered that Jesus had told him he would deny Him three times before the rooster crowed in the morning. He went out and wept bitterly. He asked God to forgive him. Peter repented of his sins. Peter was sorry and God forgave him.

Memory Verse: God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power. 1 Timothy 1:7a.

WANTED—A Dog

Billy had always wanted a dog. So, when a friendly little dog followed him home, Billy wanted to keep him.

"He is a nice dog," said Mother. "But he must belong to someone. Give him a drink of water and see if he has a collar. We can read his license number and find out whose dog he is."

Billy took the dog around by the back porch. He got him a pan of water. Then he felt under the long hair around his neck. Sure enough, there was a collar. Now Billy would have to give him up. He took the collar off, and threw it out of sight under the porch. If they could not find out who the dog belonged to, maybe he would get to keep him.

"I'll call you Skippy," he said.

To his mother Billy said, "He does not seem to have a collar on."

Billy played with Skippy until his father came home. Then he told him how the dog had followed him. Daddy felt the dog's neck. Then he sat down on the porch, and pulled Billy down beside him.

"Can you say the Ten Commandments for me, son?" Daddy asked.

Billy was glad that he could say all of them.

"You said them very well," said Daddy. "Do you know what they all mean?"

"What does 'covet' mean?" asked Billy.

"It means to want something that belongs to someone else," said Daddy.

"Is it wrong to want a dog?" asked Billy.

"It is all right to want a dog," said Daddy, "but not a dog that belongs to someone else. Some other boy or girl loves this dog more than you do."

Billy ran and got the collar.

"I wanted to keep him, Daddy," Billy said. "I hid the collar. I am sorry, Daddy."

Daddy took the collar and went to the telephone. Soon he said, "The dog belongs to a little girl who has to sit in a wheel chair. She cannot run and play. She is crying because he is lost."

They took the dog to the little girl. "I am glad she has her dog back," Billy said. "I would like to have a dog, but I do not want one that belongs to someone else. I would rather not have a dog at all."

Daddy smiled. "I think we can get you a dog soon, son," he said.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about today?
2. What did Peter do that was wrong?
3. How many times did Peter deny that he knew Jesus?
4. Did Peter say bad words, too?
5. Was Peter sorry?
6. Did God forgive him?

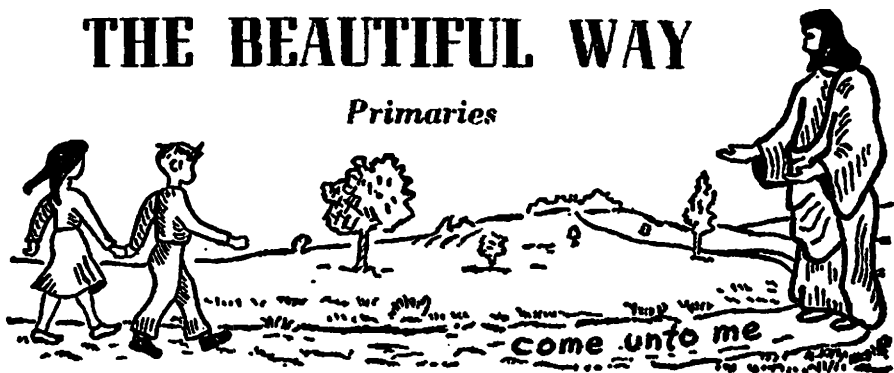
"How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!" Psa. 140:17.

"Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds."

"For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation." Psa. 149:4.

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Peter Preaches to Wicked Men

Acts 2:1-4, 14, 21-26, 36-41

Peter needed to be bold for Jesus. While he and others waited on the day of Pentecost, God sent the Holy Spirit into their hearts. Oh, how happy they were! They rejoiced and praised the Lord. They had power and were not afraid to tell others about Jesus. Many, many people gathered around when they heard them rejoice. Peter, who had been afraid of the people before, stood up and preached to them. He said, "Ye men of Judea and everyone else, listen to what I say and do it. Jesus was a great man and God loved him. He lived here among you and did great and wonderful miracles. But you have wicked hearts and you took Him and killed Him. But He arose from the grave. All of you here know this to be true. You saw Him. Today He is at the right hand of God and has given us the Holy Ghost which is the promise of the Father to us. He is the same one David spoke of years ago. And you crucified Him." When the people heard Peter tell about Jesus they were pricked in their hearts and asked what they should do to be saved. Peter told them to repent.

Memory Verse: There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12.

Judy's Secret

Judy Correy had a secret. But she was not very happy with her secret.

Judy had a special hiding place where she kept her treasures. Far back in the corner of her hiding place was a tiny doll. It was no taller than her hand. That was Judy's secret.

Why was Judy so unhappy about such a pretty little doll? Let us see where it came from.

Mary Jane Dennis was Judy's best girl friend. The two girls loved playing together. One day Mary Jane was eating dinner when Judy came to play. Her mother asked Judy to sit down and wait in the playroom. There, tossed in a box with other toys, Judy saw the most beautiful baby doll. She took it and held it.

Then Judy slipped the doll under her coat and ran home!

Now that was stealing, wasn't it? At first Judy did not care. She hurried straight home to her room. She put the doll in the secret hiding place. Every once in awhile, when no one was around, Judy would get the doll and look at it.

Then Judy's Sunday school teacher taught the class a new verse: "Thou shalt not steal." She said that stealing was sin. God does not want us to steal.

Judy went to her room. She took the doll from its hiding place and stared at it. When she thought of being found out, she grew cold all over. Mother did not know, nor did Mary Jane, but Jesus knew she had the doll.

Then Judy thought, "Maybe if I burned the doll everything would be all right again." She threw the doll into the furnace. Soon nothing was left of Judy's secret. But she felt even worse than before. All at once Judy burst into tears.

"What's the matter, Judy?" Mother asked.

Then Judy told Mother all about her secret. Mother asked, "Have you told Jesus about this?"

"No, Mother. I am sure He does not love me any more."

"Jesus still loves you, but He hates your sin. He will forgive you if you ask Him. Would you like to pray now?"

Judy prayed. She felt as though a great weight were lifted from her heart. Then Mother and Judy went to Mary Jane's home. They told the story to Mary Jane and her mother. Judy asked them to forgive her and she paid for the doll.

Judy said on the way home, "I feel so good inside now, Mother. Jesus has made everything turn out all right."

"If the wicked . . . give again that he had robbed, . . . he shall surely live, he shall not die." Ezek. 33:15.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God give to Peter and others?
2. Was Peter bold after he received the Holy Spirit?
3. What did Peter tell the wicked men they had done to the Holy One?
4. What did the people ask Peter?
5. What did Peter tell them?

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BE READY WHEN JESUS COMES

Matthew 25:1-13

One time there was going to be a marriage. Ten virgins were going to that wedding. Five of those virgins were very wise, but five of them were foolish. The bridegroom was coming some time in the night and they were all to go in to the wedding when he came. Since it was dark they all had lamps with them. While they waited they became tired and sleepy. While they slept the bridegroom came. At midnight the cry went out, "Behold the bridegroom cometh; go out to meet him." The five wise virgins awoke and took care of their lamps. They had brought oil along with them. The five foolish virgins said, "Give us of your oil; for our lamps have gone out." But the five wise virgins said they did not have enough oil to spare, but the foolish virgins must go and buy some oil. While they were gone, the bridegroom came. The five wise virgins were ready and waiting. They went in with the bridegroom to the marriage and the door was shut. When the foolish virgins returned they could not get in. When Jesus comes only those who are ready will go to heaven with Him.

Memory Verse: Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor hour when the Son of man cometh. Matthew 25:13.

Black and White

One day Miss Louise Riggs, a Sunday school teacher, saw something which made her very sad. Some of the boys and girls of her class were throwing rocks at a little Negro boy and yelling hateful things to him.

The next Sunday morning, when the children came into the classroom, there were two vases on the table. One was a beautiful shiny black one, with bright red and snowy-white roses on it. The other one was once white, but now it was battered and cracked, and had turned a dingy yellow.

When the children were all seated and quiet, she said, "I am going to send one of these vases to my mother for a birthday gift. I am going to let you children choose the one you think she would like best."

"She wouldn't want that old dirty white one," said Jack, and all the children laughed.

"Let's pretend these vases are children," said Miss Louise. "Some day Jesus wants to present us to His Father, but first we must be like clay. We must let Him mold us and shape us like the potter did these vases. If we let Him make us kind and loving, then He can use us; but if we do wicked, mean little things, we become marred and broken like this vase and He has no more use for us, and we are not fit for anything except the rubbish heap."

"He loves little black boys that keep their hearts clean and shiny just as much as He does the whitest boy or girl."

The children looked at each other and then hung their heads in shame, for they realized that she must have found out about the little Negro boy.

Miss Louise picked up the battered vase and said, "I had another vase just like this one, just as battered and broken, too. I took some china cement and patched the holes so it wouldn't leak. Then I covered it with some pretty red paint, and then I painted some pretty flowers on it. Now I can use it again." She took the red vase out of her bag and set it beside the others.

"If little children are very sorry for their sins and come to Jesus and confess them, His precious blood that He shed when He died for us will wash away every sin. Then when He decorates us with a meek and quiet spirit, we are nice enough to be used anywhere, even to be presented to His Father."

QUESTIONS:

1. How many virgins were there in our lesson?
2. What did the five wise virgins have with them?
3. What happened while the five foolish virgins went to buy oil?
4. Did they leave the door open or was it shut?
5. Did the five foolish virgins get in the door to the marriage?

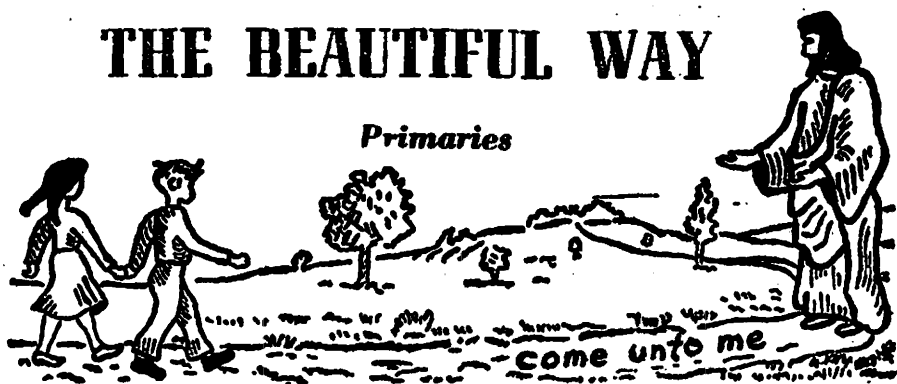
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"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalms 133:1.

"Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

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ENOCH WALKS WITH GOD

Genesis 5:24

Our lesson today tells us that the world God had made had lots and lots of people in it. The people lived to be real old. Some lived to be almost a thousand years old. There was one man whose name was Enoch. Enoch was a good man. He loved God. He prayed to God and thanked God for being so good to him. God loved Enoch, too. God was happy when Enoch would talk to Him and tell Him how much he loved Him. God wants us to tell Him that we love Him. We can't tell God too often how thankful we are for all He does for us.

I am sure that Enoch always told the truth. He would never think of stealing because that would displease God. Enoch was kind and good to everyone. Even if someone did him wrong, Enoch forgave them and prayed for them. Enoch was a good man. The Bible tells us that Enoch walked with God. Enoch walked so close to God that he did not have to die. Enoch walked right into heaven. That is wonderful, isn't it? You and I can walk with God, too. Let us try hard to please Him in all that we do or say.

Memory Verse: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Psalm 90:12.

Walk in the Right Way*

"Mother, who says things behind you?" asked little Jane.

"What do you mean, dear?" asked Mother.

"Well, my Sunday School teacher read in the Bible about your ears hearing words behind your back, and I listened carefully and I didn't hear any words behind my back."

"You say she read it out of the Bible?" asked Daddy, as he came in the door just in time to hear Jane telling Mother what the teacher had read.

"Yes; and she said the voice would tell us which way to go so we can get to heaven. I want to go to heaven, but I don't hear any words behind my back," Jane said, with tears in her eyes. She had been thinking hard about it and then she would sit down and listen, but she didn't hear any words.

"Come with me, Janie," Daddy said.

Daddy went in the living room to the bookcase and got a book (concordance) and looked in it for awhile. Finally he found a verse in this book that had the words "shall hear a word behind thee." He looked in Isaiah 30:21 and then he took his Bible and read to Janie this verse, "And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left."

*parable

"That's what my teacher read," Jane said as her face brightened. "It does say you would hear words behind your back."

"Jane, God is telling us that when we don't know which way to turn or what to do when we are facing a problem that we are to listen to what God has to say about it. For instance, if you were real hungry and Mother told you not to eat any candy as it would ruin your dinner, if you stood there and looked at the candy, wondering if you should eat it or not, you would be in this place. You are real hungry and want the candy, but Mother said not to eat it. Now what is the right thing to do? If you will turn your head away and look behind you and think, "What would Jesus do? What does the Bible say?" and be willing to do the right thing, you would think of the word from the Bible, 'Children obey your parents,' and this verse says, 'This is the (right) way (now) walk ye in it.' Just walk away from the candy and obey Mother and you will do right. You will be ready to go to heaven if you will always do the right and live like this."

"Oh, I am so glad I know now!" Jane said as she hugged her daddy.

—M. Miles

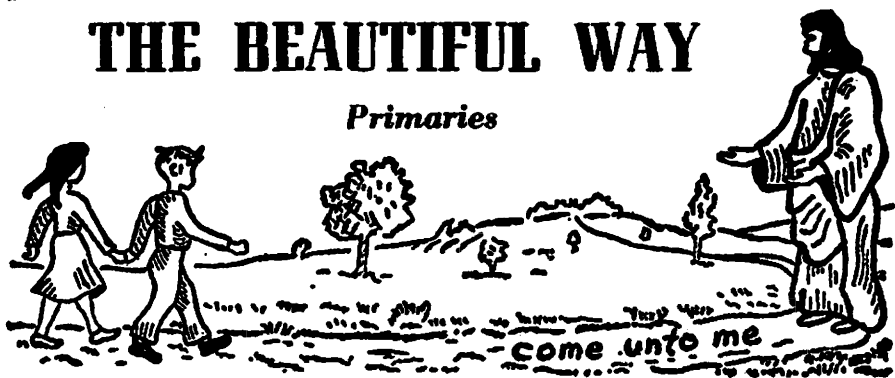
QUESTIONS:

1. Does our lesson tell us about some old people?
2. How old did some of them live to be?
3. What man is our lesson about?
4. Did Enoch lie and steal?
5. What happened to Enoch?

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Oct. 12

THE FOOLISH MAN

Luke 12:15-24

Once upon a time there was a rich man. He had a big farm. When he planted his seed it grew and he had lots and lots of corn, wheat, and vegetables. His fruit trees had bushels and bushels of apples, peaches, and other fruits on them. His grapevines bore lots of grapes. He was rich. God had been good to him in letting him have so much. One would think he would love God and want to help others. But he was proud and selfish. He wanted to keep everything for himself. Did you ever see a little boy with his hands full of candy eating it as fast as he could and his little sister crying for some of it? He is selfish, is he not? Well, this rich man was selfish, too, and very foolish. He wanted to keep all his goods, so he said he would tear down his barns and build greater ones and put all his goods in his bigger barns. Then he would say to his soul, "Soul, take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." All of a sudden death appeared. God said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast prepared?" Children, live for Jesus and be prepared for death.

Memory Verse: Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Luke 18:8b.

Jack Does Right*

"Billy, wait up!" yelled Jack. "I want to walk with you."

"Where are you going, Jack?" asked Billy as Jack caught up with him.

"I'm going down to Mrs. Brown's to take her this piece of cake that Mother is sending her. She said she liked applesauce cake."

"I like applesauce cake, too," Billy said as he looked at the sack Jack had in his hand. "Is it a big piece of cake?"

"Well, yes, it is enough for her dinner and supper, too. That is what I heard Mother tell her on the phone."

"Do you like applesauce cake?" Billy asked Jack.

"Yes, I surely do. But Mother let me have a big piece not too long ago, as I was hungry. I cut a big piece, too. It surely is good."

"I wish I had a piece of applesauce cake. If that is such a big piece you are taking to Mrs. Brown, why can't I have part of it? She would never know the difference. Let me take a look at it."

"Oh, we better not do that!" Mother would really get me if I let you have any of this," Jack said as he thought about what Mother would say if he did such a thing. He wished he had not caught up with Billy. So he began to walk faster to get ahead of Billy.

"Selfish, stingy, mean old _____" Billy began calling Jack. "You had

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a big piece of cake and now you are stingy with what you have in that sack. You think you are going to heaven, but you aren't because you are so stingy and selfish."

Jack started to run. He was afraid Billy would try to grab the sack of cake. He hurried to Mrs. Brown's house. He thought about what Billy said about his being selfish and not going to heaven. He didn't want to miss heaven. When Mrs. Brown saw the troubled look on Jack's face she asked him what he was thinking about. He told her all that Billy had said, then asked, "Was I stingy and selfish?"

"No, dear," said Mrs. Brown. "The cake was not yours to give away because it belonged to me. Your mother just let you bring the cake that she had given to me. If you had given any of it to Billy that would have been the same as stealing. You did right."
—M. Miles

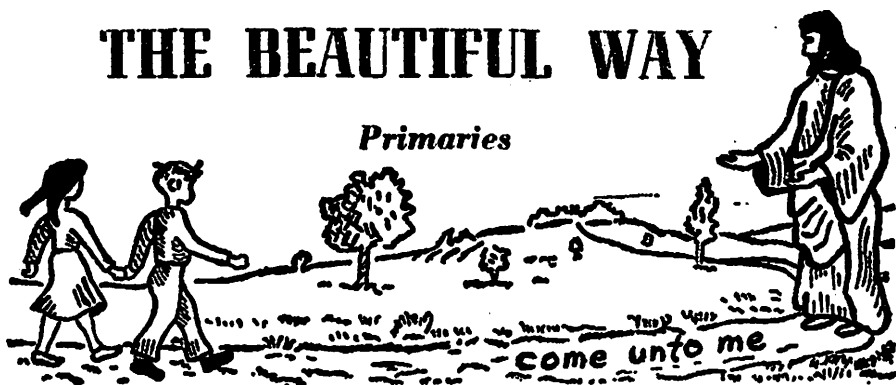
QUESTIONS:

1. Whom was our lesson about?
2. Tell about his big farm.
3. Where did he intend to put all his goods?
4. Who appeared before him?
5. How can we be ready to meet God?

God has a plan for all of us, but He leaves it up to you and me to decide whether we want to carry out His plan for us or not. He never forces us. We may refuse His way and choose our own. To do this is to spoil our lives and to hinder His plan for us.

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NOAH WAS A GOOD MAN

Genesis 6:9-17; Genesis 7:1-17

God looked down upon the wicked people and He saw a good man. This man's name was Noah. God told Noah that He was going to destroy all the wicked people. He told Noah to build a big Ark. Noah obeyed God. He preached to the people and told them to repent and love God, but they only laughed at him.

One day God told Noah to bring two of every kind of the animals and birds on the earth into the ark. God told Noah to bring seven of some of the animals into the ark. Now God told Noah and his wife and his three sons and their wives to go into the ark. They obeyed God. Then God shut the door.

It began to rain. It rained and it rained. No doubt the people began to be afraid, but it was too late. How they wished they had believed God! The people must have run to the tops of the mountains to get away from the water, but the water went over the mountain tops. It pays to believe God, doesn't it?

Christ is our Ark. When we repent and ask Jesus to forgive our sins, we get in the ark. All who are in the ark will go to heaven.

Memory Verse: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13.

Noah's Animals

"How do you like that giraffe?" Uncle Carl asked Donnie. "Doesn't he have a long neck?"

Donnie looked at the giraffe for a while and then asked, "How did he get into Noah's ark?"

"Well, I just imagine that Noah had to make a special room for the giraffes. See how he likes to eat his food from way up on the shelf. I am sure the giraffes were in Noah's ark," Uncle Carl said firmly. "There were two animals of each kind and seven of some kinds."

"Say, there's the elephant! Let's go see him," Marvin said as he ran and the others followed.

"Where did he stand in the ark, Daddy?" asked Marvin.

"Well, now that must have been a big problem for Noah and his two sons. And to think there were two of those big animals in the ark!"

"Did he have to put one on each end of the ark to keep it from turning over?" Connie asked as she thought about how big they were.

"I am sure Noah was given much wisdom from God to know just how to place each animal. Noah must have done much praying and talking to God to know how to take care of the animals. You see, they were in the ark for a whole year, 365 days, so they needed lots of food for all the animals and also for themselves. God is all-wise and He tells us to ask Him to give us wisdom to know how to do things today."

"That must have been a big-big ark," Garyld said as he gave his arms a big swing around in the air.

"How big was the ark?" Donnie asked.

"Well the ark was about as long as two city blocks," Uncle Carl said. "When we leave the park we will look down the street from the entrance of the park to that school house and you can see just about how long it was. It was a big ark. It was over 91 feet wide, 54½ feet high, and 547 feet long."

"I imagine Noah loved all those animals," little Jan spoke up as she climbed up on the bench close by.

"I would like to have a monkey to play with," Lonnie said.

"Did the animals bite Noah?" Cindy asked.

"I am sure that God took care of that and helped Noah with them," Uncle Carl explained. "Look over there. See the man feeding the lions? He keeps his eyes right on them and they stay away from him. Noah knew just how to handle the animals, too."

—M. Miles

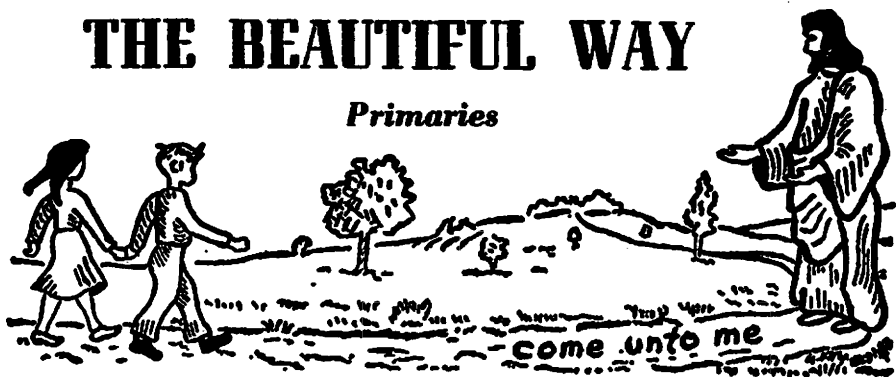
QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of man was Noah?
2. What did God tell Noah to build?
3. What kinds of animals went into the ark?
4. How many people went into the ark?
5. Who is our Ark today to save us from the flood of sin?

What you do for others will always be noticed whether you know it or not.

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NOAH OFFERS A SACRIFICE

Genesis 8:4, 15-22; 9:2-4; Lev. 17:11; 1 Pet. 1:18a-21

The water on the earth rose higher and higher until it covered all the mountains. But Noah and his family were safe in the ark. Finally the ark came to rest on the top of a mountain. God sent a wind to dry up the waters. Noah sent out a raven and a dove. The dove returned. Later he sent it out again and she brought back a leaf in her mouth. He waited awhile and sent it out again and she did not return as she had found a place to build a nest. Finally God told Noah and all the animals to come out of the ark. He lifted the covering off the ark, and I am sure the birds all flew out. As Noah looked out upon the earth he was thankful in his heart to God for sparing his life. The first thing he did was to build an altar and kill a lamb and offer it as a sacrifice to God. This pleased God. He promised Noah He would never again destroy the earth with a flood. He put a rainbow in the sky to remind us of that promise. God gave the animals to man for meat but they were not to eat the blood. The blood is the life and is to remind us of Jesus' blood that was shed for our sins.

Memory Verse: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins. 1 John 1:9.

Harry's Altar*

"What are you making, Harry?" asked Betty as she opened the gate and came into Harry's back yard. She saw some stones stacked up in a pile.

"Just something," Harry answered as he put another stone on the pile.

"Well, it looks something like the altar in the picture we had in our Sunday School chart last Sunday," Betty said.

"That's what I'm trying to make. Would you like to help?"

"Perhaps I will," answered Betty as she picked up a stone and looked at it. "Where did you get these stones?"

"Daddy hauled them in as he plans to make a stone walk."

"What are you going to use for a sacrifice on your altar?" Betty asked as she thought about Noah making an altar and offering a sacrifice when he left the ark.

"I don't know. I was thinking about your old cat that's about to die. Maybe we could kill him."

"No you can't! Besides, they did not put cats on the altar to sacrifice. They killed a lamb. Don't you remember? It was to help the people know about the Lamb, Jesus, who was going to die for their sins as well as for ours."

"Where could we get a lamb?" Harry asked, as he looked around.

*parable

"I don't know. We don't have an ark like Noah did that had lots of lambs in it."

"I guess I can't really make an altar anyway, that will stand up and hold anything on it," Harry said as his pile of stones collapsed.

"Well, you would need to have a rainbow in the sky, too," Betty reminded Harry. "Don't you remember how God put a rainbow in the sky to remind Noah that He would never again send a flood to cover the whole earth?"

"If it would cloud up and rain we would have a rainbow," Harry said as he scanned the sky to see if there were any rain clouds to be seen.

"I am glad we won't ever have a flood like that again," said Betty.

"I am, too, but the next time God is going to destroy the whole earth with fire. That will be the end of time. I am glad that Jesus will come right at that moment and take us way up in the sky out of that big fire. Aren't you glad about that, too, Betty?"

"I want to be ready to meet Him in the clouds in that day." —M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Noah do when he first came out of the ark?
2. Was God pleased with Noah?
3. How did God seal His promise that He would not again destroy the earth with a flood?
4. Why must we not eat blood?
5. Who spilled His blood for our sins?

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Nov. 2

SHEM IS BLESSED

Gen. 9:20-28; Prov. 20:1; Gen. 10:2, 5, 19, 20; 11:10, 27;
Ephesians 2:14, 15; Matt. 1:1

Noah and his sons began to build homes and plant fields of grain for food. Noah had been a builder and now he was a planter. He planted a vineyard. One day he drank too much of the wine and his son Ham made fun of him. How sad for Noah to be in this condition! This made Noah very sick. Because Ham made fun of Noah he was told that his people would have many troubles. In later years some of his people served other nations. Shem and Japheth helped their father. Japheth became the father of those people who live in Europe and America. Shem was blessed of God. Through his family Jesus was to come to the world. Abraham was of his family and so was David. Later Jesus was born.

Jesus came to help all peoples. He came to forgive the sins of all the families of Ham, Shem, and Japheth. When we are in the family of God we love one another. No unkindness is shown to anyone. Some day Jesus is coming back for all those who are saved. They are His family.

Memory Verse: For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13.

Don't Use Bad Words

"Mother," Harry said, "Benny said something today. He said, Oh, Gee! Was that swearing?"

"No, Harry, that wasn't exactly swearing. It is a naughty by-word, but it is not nice for him to say it," said Mother. "I am sorry, but I will tell him something that will help him the next time he feels like saying such words. Some people would like to swear and take the name of God in vain, but they have been taught that it is wrong. Still they so desire to swear that they use such words as 'Gee.' It doesn't sound as bad as swearing, and it seems a relief to them to say something."

"Is that what it means, Mother? I will never say it again if that is what it means," said Benny.

"No, dear, I don't think you will ever say it again, for you did not know its real meaning. We must be careful with our words," said Mother. "This brings to my mind two little boys whose mother wanted to train them right. She wanted to bring them up for God. One day they were playing and the younger boy swore with a dreadful oath. Oh, how grieved that mother felt! But she knew that the child did not know what the words meant. He had heard a neighbor boy use them. Instead of punishing the child for the oath, she took him on her lap and explained just what he had said. First she took the word, 'God.' She told him how great and good God is, and that He was able to do anything He wanted to do. Next

she told him the meaning of 'damn,' how that it meant to send people to hell. Then she said that 'you' meant his brother, that he had told God to send his brother to hell. The little boy promised never to say the words again and said he was sorry. The boys were both small, and the mother was worried; for the boy who swore before her children lived close and liked to come and play with them. She was tempted to tell him never to come again, but then she thought that the other boy's soul was precious in God's sight. He simply lacked early training. The next time he came to play, instead of sending him home she asked him a favor. 'Willie, I have a favor to ask of you. I am teaching my boys that it is wrong to swear or use slang-words. Now, there are some boys living around here who swear, and some of them don't know any better. Now, you listen, and when you hear my boys saying words they ought not to, you tell them to stop. Will you do this?' He promised and was careful that he never said bad words again in front of the little boys. —Bedtime Stories

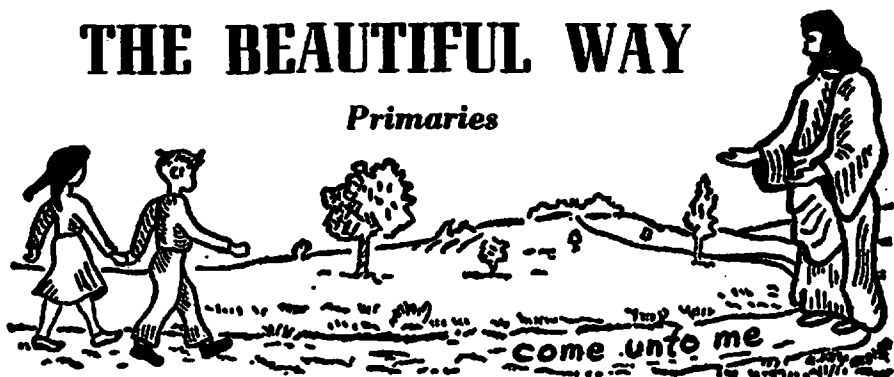
QUESTIONS:

1. What was the names of Noah's sons?
2. Did Noah drink too much wine?
3. Did Ham make fun of him?
4. What did Jesus come to do for us?
5. Are we to love everyone?

Half-hearted, lazy people are finding themselves out of work.

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GOD LOOKS AT THE HIGH TOWER

Genesis 10:6, 8-10; 11:1-9; Heb. 6:10

Nimrod was the grandson of Ham. He was a mighty man and a hunter. He built a city named Babel. All the people of the whole earth at that time spoke one language. They all wanted to stay together, so they decided to build a big tower that would reach up to the heavens. They started to make bricks to build their tower. They put mortar between the bricks. They worked hard. They were proud and wanted to make a name for themselves. God saw what they were doing. He saw the sin in their hearts. He wanted them to scatter all over the big earth He had made. So He caused them to speak different languages. Did you ever hear anyone speak Chinese, German, or Spanish? The man who made the bricks could not understand what the man who laid bricks was saying. The work on the tower stopped. Those who spoke the same languages moved away to another part to themselves. This way the people scattered abroad over the earth. God does not want us to do things to bring honor to ourselves. We must give God the honor.

Memory Verse: How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only? John 5:44.

Mary Obeys Jesus*

"What is the matter, dear?" Mother asked Mary. "You look as if you had lost your last friend."

"I have lost all of my friends," Mary replied, with tears streaming down her face. "Nobody likes me. Della makes faces at me and Raymond kicks me every chance he gets. Lula told Nancy that I was stuck up and thought I was pretty. Richard pulled Alta back when she started to help me up when Billy pushed me down. They all hate me."

"Well, my dear, you are in trouble, aren't you?" Mother said as she sat down and took Mary on her lap. "Just cry awhile and then I want to talk to you."

Now let us talk about each person and see if there is any reason for their feeling as they do. What do you do when Della makes a face at you? Do you make one at her?"

"Of course. She made one at me!"

"What do you do when Raymond kicks you? Kick him back?" Mother continued to question the little girl.

"I'm not going to let him get by with kicking me. I'm going to teach him not to kick."

"Now what about Lula who thinks you are stuck up and think yourself pretty?"

"Well, I don't think I am the prettiest girl, but I am not bad looking, do you think so?"

"I feel that a lot of the trouble is you, my dear," Mother said as she

kissed her little girl. "It seems you think you need to do unto others as they do unto you, but that is not what the Bible tells us to do. Jesus wants us to 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that spitefully use you, and persecute you.' (Matt. 5:44.) Now, just think about it. You have a big job to do. You must obey Jesus so you will feel good in your heart. You need to ask Him to forgive you because you have not been obeying Him. Then you must do good to all of them and pray for them. You must love them. Can you see where the trouble is now? Don't you want to pray now?"

After prayer Mother and Mary talked about how she could do good to all the children. The next day Mary walked out in her yard eating a popcorn ball. She had a sackful of them in her hand. She stood where the children could see her from the other yard where they were playing. They looked and Nancy said, "Hello, Mary." Then Mary asked if she would like to have a popcorn ball. Soon all the children were over in her yard eating popcorn balls and playing together nicely.

"Mother, it works when you obey Jesus, doesn't it?" Mary said as she kissed her mother good night.

—M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Nimrod?
2. What city did he build?
3. Why did the people build a high tower?

*parable

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THE CALL OF ABRAHAM

Genesis 12:1-7; Heb. 11:8, 15, 16; Gal. 3:8, 9, 28, 29

The Lord said to Abraham, "I want you to leave your country and all of your relatives and go to a land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. Through you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Abraham might not have understood all that God meant, but today we know that hundreds of years later Jesus was born of Abraham's family, and through Christ all the people in all the world are blessed when they confess their sins and accept Him as their Saviour.

Abraham obeyed God. He had faith to believe that God would do as He had said and would take care of him. He left his home. He took his father and Lot, his nephew, and his wife with him. He took all his possessions and started out. He traveled through the country and came to Canaan. On the way his father died and they buried him.

God is kind to you so you can be kind to others. God forgives you so you can forgive others. Share God's blessings with others.

Memory Verse: And if Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29

Obeying Mother

A little girl lived on the outskirts of a large city with her father, mother, two sisters, and brother. In front of the house was a wicket fence. Just outside the fence was a sidewalk, and on the other side was a deep ditch. The ditch was usually nearly full of water, but in the summer time there was but little water in it, and it was very dirty.

The little girl and her family were going to the park for the day. The good dinner was packed in a large basket. The little girl was dressed in her best white dress and had been sent out on the porch to wait until the rest of the family were ready.

The boy next door knew the little girl was going. He wanted to go, too, but her mother had said he could not. He was feeling sad about that. When he came downstairs that morning and saw the little girl sitting on the porch all ready to go, he felt more lonely. He called for her to come and play with him, but she replied that her mother told her not to go off the porch for fear of getting dirty. "You can be careful," said the little boy, "and it would be fun to jump around down here."

Then something whispered to the little girl, "You could go for a few minutes. You could be careful and your mother wouldn't know about it." The temptation was hard to resist. Again the little boy said, "Come on down. You won't get dirty." So she slowly left her seat and went down to join the little boy.

Being careful was soon forgotten and they were jumping around, having great fun. Closer and closer they whirled toward the edge of the walk near the ditch. Each time they went round they became dizzy and dizzy. Suddenly the little girl saw her danger, but it was too late, and she and the little boy plunged into the dirty greenish water.

The poor little girl now wished she had obeyed her mother. Do you know who it was that told her to disobey her mother? Yes, it was the devil. He always gets you into trouble but never helps you out. The little girl had to stay at home that day with her auntie and she didn't get to go to the park and eat the nice dinner. It pays to obey the Bible when it says, "Children, obey your parents."

—Bedtime Stories

QUESTIONS:

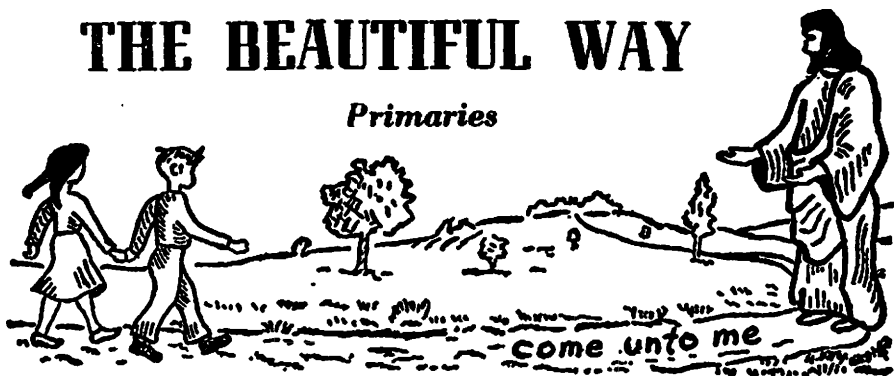
1. Whom did God call to leave his country?
2. Did Abraham obey God's call?
3. Whom did he take with him?
4. Why did God bless Abraham?
5. Someone was born many years later in Abraham's family whom we love dearly? Who was He?

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Many times other boys and girls would not have done wrong if someone in the crowd had had the backbone or courage to stand up for the right. What a pity we do not have more strong boys and girls who will help others!

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ABRAHAM FACES TROUBLE

Genesis 12:9-20; Isaiah 30:1-3; Prov. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:14, 15

What was Abraham going to do? Day after day there had been no rain and there was no food. He and his family, his servants and flocks were hungry. Abraham decided he would go down to Egypt to live while the famine was in the Canaan land. He did not ask God, but used his own wisdom. As Abraham and his family traveled a long he thought about the wickedness in Egypt and the many sins that the bad people there committed. He was afraid they would kill him and take his beautiful wife from him so he told her to tell the people she was his sister. She was his half-sister, but also his wife. It was not right for him to do this. No doubt Abraham prayed to God when he saw them lead his wife away to Pharaoh's house. Even though he was treated well because of her, still, he wanted his wife. God heard his cries and helped him out. He caused sickness to come upon the house of Pharaoh because they had Abraham's wife. After he found out the truth, Pharaoh called Abraham to him and told him to take his wife and leave the country. They led him out of the country.

Memory Verse: If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God. . . . James 1:5

Praise the Lord*

"What did you talk about in Sunday School this morning?" Mother asked as they drove home from services at the chapel.

"Praising the Lord," spoke up little Beatrice.

"We all praised the Lord, too," added Billy.

"What do you have to be thankful for?" asked Daddy.

"Well, I am thankful for a car to ride in, for my Mama and my Daddy, a good bed to sleep in, chocolate cake to eat for dinner, and lots of things," Beatrice said as she named her blessings.

"I named lots of things when our teacher asked me," Billy said.

"Did your teacher read the 148th Psalm that tells about all things that should praise the Lord and those who do?" asked Mother.

"She read something about children praising the name of the Lord," Billy said.

"I like that Psalm," said Daddy. It tells about the stars, moon, and all the hosts of heaven, also the snow, hail, stormy winds, all fulfilling His Word, which means they praise Him by obeying Him. In the beginning God said, 'Let there be light' and the light appeared. He put the sun in the sky for light by day and to warm the earth and the moon to be a light by night. They have been obeying Him ever since. By doing this they praise the Lord. The trees

*parable

and all things praise the Lord by being fruitful. Even the cattle, the beasts, and flying fowls praise the Lord. Then in the same Psalm it says, for 'young men, maidens: old men, and children, Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is excellent: his glory is above the earth and heaven.' (Psalm 148)

"Yes, we all must praise and thank the Lord continually for all His many blessings to us. We do that by telling the Lord in our prayers and at other times that we are thankful for all He does and then when we live right and obey His Word that is praising Him. The Bible says, 'Children obey your parents,' and when you do that you are praising God," Mother said.

"I like to praise the Lord by being good and loving Him," Billy said.

"I do, too. My cat praises the Lord when he does what I tell him," Beatrice added.

"Well, our Psalm said that the animals praise the Lord," Daddy said with a smile.

—M. Miles

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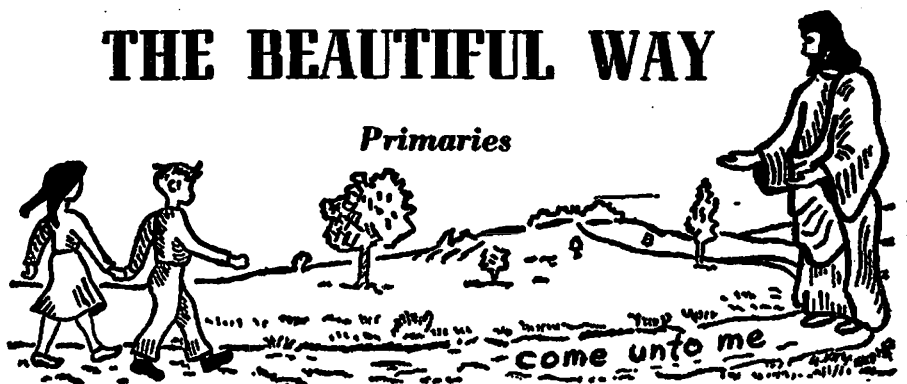
1. Why did Abraham go to Egypt?
2. Did he have a beautiful wife?
3. Did Pharaoh take her from Abraham?
4. Who helped him get her back?
5. Did Abraham leave the country of Egypt and go back to the promised land, which was Canaan?

We must never leave God out of any of our plans, regardless of how small or large they may be.

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LOT CHOOSES THE BEST LAND

Genesis 13:5-15; Luke 12:15; 1 Tim. 6:7, 8, 10

God blessed Abraham and Lot. He gave them herds of cattle, flocks, many tents, silver and gold. They were very rich. Each day the servants took their herds out to find pasture. They had so many cows, sheep, and other animals, that they had to go far away from their tents to find pasture. There arose a quarrel between the servants. Each wanted the best. This made Abraham sad. One day he said to Lot, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and you, and between my herdmen and your herdmen; for we are relatives. Is not the whole land before us? Let us separate. If you take the land on the left hand, I will go to the right hand, or if you take the right hand, I will go to the left."

Lot looked over the whole land. He saw the well-watered plains of Jordan. He chose that land which was best. He was very selfish. Abraham had been good to Lot and had given him a home when his father died. Now Lot did not offer Abraham the best. But God spoke to Abraham and blessed him again. Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom. Wicked people lived there.

Memory Verse: But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6.

Selfishness Does Not Pay*

"Mother, Allen took the biggest apple," yelled Donald.

"Give that back to me!" Allen called as he ran after Donald who had taken the big apple away from him.

Donald, you and Allen come to me," Mother said firmly. "Give me that apple and both of you sit on these chairs here. I want to talk to you.

"Don't you remember how Lot chose the best land when Abraham gave him the choice, and how he got into trouble? Selfishness always brings trouble.

"Let me tell you about a boy who was so selfish that his mother did not know how to help him. She would talk to him and try to get him to see how he was losing his friends and he was making his mother feel sad and his brothers and sisters were ashamed of him. One day his aunt said she would try a plan that she had to try to help this boy see how awful it was to be selfish and to always take the biggest of everything offered to him.

"This boy was real glad when he was invited to his aunt's house where a number of other children would be for the evening. His aunt wanted to make everyone happy, so she planned to give them some nice things to eat. She worked hard and made cookies, candy, and had some nice pears for them to eat.

*parable

"After they had played some games she passed the pears around. This boy was offered the pears first. Of course he looked them over and took the biggest one. He bit down on it and then he began to frown. His aunt didn't even look his way, but continued to pass the pears. Others ate theirs, but this boy got up and went to the kitchen. He put his pear down on the drainboard. He got a glass and washed out his mouth with water. His aunt had purposely picked out a big pear that was rotten on the inside just to teach the boy a lesson.

"Later his aunt passed around the cookies. One was larger than the others. This boy took it and it was so salty that he could not eat it so he put it in the kitchen on the drainboard. When his aunt passed around the candy he again took the biggest piece, but it was bitter inside. Everyone else enjoyed their treats but this boy who was selfish learned his lesson that it didn't pay to take the biggest, and he changed."

"You can have that apple, Mother, I'll take this small one," Allen said. Donald took a smaller one, too.

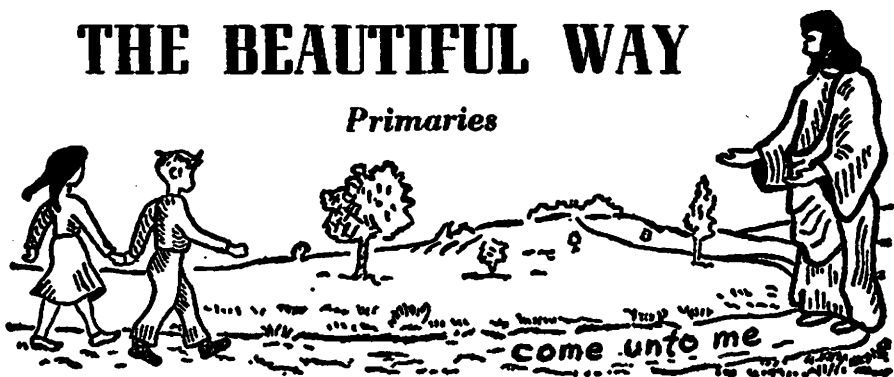
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QUESTIONS:

1. Were Lot and Abram rich or poor?
2. What caused the quarrel among their servants?
3. Who was the peacemaker?
4. Did Lot choose the best land?
5. Did God bless and comfort Abram?

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Dec. 7

ABRAM RESCUES LOT FROM CAPTIVITY

Genesis 14:2a, 11-24; Hebrews 7:1-3

"Lot and all his family have been taken captive," said one of the soldiers who had escaped. Abraham was made sad even though Lot had chosen the best land when he left him. Abraham had forgiven him. Abraham did not hold grudges. Soon he was on his way to rescue Lot and the people from the soldiers who had taken them and all of their goods. Abraham divided his 318 servants whom he had trained and they hurried after the soldiers. He overtook them in the night and smote them and took Lot, his family, and all the people who had been captured, and their goods. He took them back to their town of Sodom. The King of Sodom and Mel-chiz-e-dek, the king of Salem, who was a priest, went out to meet them. The king of Sodom wanted Abraham to keep all the goods and just let him have the people, but Abraham would not take any of the spoils. He said God had helped him. But he gave some of it to the king of Salem who was a priest of God. Not much is known about this priest. The Apostle Paul likens him to the Son of God, Jesus. Abraham held up his hand and blessed God.

Memory Verse: I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the most high God; the possessor of heaven and earth. Gen. 14:22b.

Sandy, A Shepherd Boy

Sandy was a shepherd boy. He lived in Scotland, in the country among the hills. There was no church nearby for Sandy to attend. Once a month, a visiting minister came to his home.

"Sandy," said the minister, "I am going to tell you about a Shepherd I know. He is called, 'The Good Shepherd.' He gave His life for His sheep!" Then the minister told Sandy all about the Lord Jesus. He told how Jesus died on the Cross. He told how men and women are His sheep, and children are His lambs. When he had finished the story, the minister told Sandy what David, the shepherd boy, said: "The Lord is my Shepherd."

Sandy wanted to remember David's words, "The Lord is my Shepherd." So the minister showed him how. He said, "Sandy, first hold up your left hand. Now touch the thumb of the left hand for the word, 'The.' Touch the forefinger for the word 'Lord.' Touch the middle finger for the word, 'is.' Touch the next finger for the word, 'my,' and the little finger for the word, 'Shepherd.' Now, Sandy, I want you to come back to the finger which says, 'my.' Sandy, I want you to hold that finger tightly. Remember always that Jesus is your Shepherd. Remember the word, 'my.' Tomorrow, I will be gone. You will be watching your sheep again. I want you to say David's words over and over, touching each finger. Then I want you to hold tightly the finger

which says, 'my,' because the Lord is your Shepherd, Sandy. Now, Sandy, I will see you again in a month."

But the minister never saw Sandy again! When he returned four weeks later, Sandy's mother told the minister what had happened. One day Sandy had gone out with his sheep. The weather had suddenly become very stormy. A terrible blizzard swept over the valley. The snow came so thick and fast that no one could see ten feet before him. Sandy had not come home. The next day, Sandy's father and some neighbors searched for Sandy. They finally found him. He was lying almost covered by the snow. When they removed the clinging snow, they noticed that Sandy was lying with his right hand tightly holding the finger which said, "The Lord is MY Shepherd!"

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QUESTIONS:

1. How did Abram know that Lot and his family had been taken captive?

2. Did Abram forgive Lot and go to help him?

3. Tell about Abram going after the army that had captured Lot.

4. How much pay would Abram take for bringing Lot and all the people and their goods back?

5. What was the name of the priest who came out to meet them?

Some boys and girls never learn much because they are not good listeners. Learn to fix your mind on the one who is talking and listen to what is being said.

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OUR SHIELD AND REWARDER

Gen. 15:1; Eph. 6:16; Gal. 2:20; 2 Cor. 5:1, 2, 6; Psalms. 5:12; Psalm. 57:1; Psalm. 47:9; Psalm. 107:8, 9; Heb. 11:6; Matt. 5:12; Psalm. 58:11

After Abram went home from the war, God talked to him. He was a little fearful, but God spoke to him and said, "Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." Sometimes when you are afraid and Mother or Daddy tells you not to be, it makes you feel good, doesn't it? Well, Abram felt good. A shield is a great big piece of wood covered with leather or metal that the soldier carried with him when he went out to battle. It protected him. God is our shield when the devil tries to hurt us or get us to do wrong. God steps right between us and the devil. The devil is afraid of God. We would be afraid to die if God were not our shield. We know if we are saved God will take our souls to be with Him. Just our dirt house that we live in is put in the grave. If we love God He will shield us from selfishness. When we pray to Him he rewards us by helping us to be good. Then we know that storms, floods, fires, and other things come. When we belong to God we need not be afraid. God is our shield.

Memory Verse: For the Lord God is a sun and shield. Psalm. 84:11.

A Doll For Jesus

One Sunday morning at church service, the minister said, "Next Sunday I want the boys and girls to bring a very special offering. I want them to bring some toys of their own to send to the boys and girls in faraway China. They have so few toys!"

All week Lucy thought about what the minister had said. She wanted to send some toy of her own to a little girl in faraway China. She thought about sending a game or a book. Then she thought about sending a doll. "Oh, yes, a doll would be just the thing to send! All little girls love dolls!"

Lucy had one doll which she especially loved. She was a big doll and had blue eyes and long, golden curls. She wore a pretty pink dress and pink shoes and pink socks. She shut her eyes when you put her to bed. And she said, "Mamma!" The doll's name was Sue. Little Lucy loved Sue very much!

When Lucy thought about sending a doll to faraway China, she said, "I will give one of my other dolls to the little girl in China." Lucy was not happy about the thought. Finally she decided that she must send her best doll to the little girl in China.

When Sunday morning came, little Lucy took Sue to church. All the time Lucy hugged Sue close to her heart. Finally the time came for the boys and girls to walk up front and place their toys in a big box. Little Lucy began to cry. She felt that her heart would break. She held Sue

tightly in her arms. Everyone could see that it was hard for Lucy to give up her doll. At last, it was time for her to walk up front with her gift. Suddenly the tears stopped. A smile came to her face. Lucy ran down the aisle with Sue. She put Sue in the box, and said out loud, "I forgot that I was doing it for Jesus!"

When we do anything for Jesus, we are happy. He deserves the best that we have. —Selected

AN EVENING PRAYER

Lord, I thank Thee for today,
For my food and home and play,
Keep me safe through all the night
Help to make tomorrow bright.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God tell Abram when he was afraid?
2. What is a shield?
3. How is God our shield against the devil?
4. When we die, what will happen to us if we are saved?
5. Will God take care of us in the storms?

Never live on the praise of others,
live on the blessings received in your
heart by pleasing the Lord and being
a blessing.

Pay no attention to knockers; stick
to your job, do your best, and to-
morrow do better than your best of
today.

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JESUS IS BORN

Luke 2:1-20

There was no room in the inn or hotel for Mary and Joseph to stay the night they arrived in Bethlehem. But Mary was so tired she could go no further. She needed a place to stay, so the man told them they could stay out in the stable. That night God gave Mary her expected child. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. He was the Saviour of the world, whom God had promised to Mary before she married Joseph.

That same night the shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly the heavens lighted up and an angel appeared before them. They were afraid, but he said, "Fear not, I bring you good news of great joy. In Bethlehem this day a Saviour is born, which is Christ the Lord. For a sign you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Then suddenly the whole heavens were full of angels. They had a wonderful message. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." The shepherds went to Bethlehem and there saw the wonderful baby lying in a manger just as the angel had said.

Memory Verse: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

Larry's Gift

Mother was packing a box to be sent to India. Larry, standing near watching, asked, "Mother, why are you sending that box to India?"

Mother replied, "Larry, in India there are millions of people who have never heard about Jesus, our Saviour. They will listen when the missionary tells them about Jesus if she gives them clothing."

Larry thought about what his mother said. He, too, wanted to send something to India. What could he send? He was only five years old. In a moment he had an idea. He went to his room and came back with a little tract. The name of the tract was, "Come to Jesus!"

The box reached India. The missionary was so glad to have the clothes. Larry's little tract was kept for awhile. Finally the missionary gave the tract to the Hindu priest who was helping her to learn the language of the people in India.

The Hindu priest took the tract without looking at it. On his way back to his mountain home, he remembered the tract. He took it out and looked at it. He read the words on the back. He read Larry's name. Then he read, "May the one who gets this tract learn to love Jesus." Larry's message touched the heart of the Hindu priest. He began to read the tract.

The tract told about Jesus the Saviour. As the Hindu priest read the tract, he made up his mind to do what the tract said, "Come to Jesus!"

He trusted in Jesus. He gave up his idols. He became a missionary to his own people up in the mountains.

Fifteen years passed by. Finally some American missionaries visited the mountain village where the converted Hindu priest lived. How surprised they were to find that the Hindu priest had won many people to Jesus! The Hindu priest and the people were meeting every week to worship the Lord Jesus. All of these people had been won to Jesus because of Larry's gift! God had answered his little prayer written on the back of a tract.

—Selected

QUESTIONS:

1. What was the name of the town where Mary and Joseph went?
2. Where did Mary lay her baby that night?
3. What did the shepherds see?
4. What did the angels say?
5. Did they find the Baby, the Saviour of the world?

ANSWERS TO OUR PRAYERS

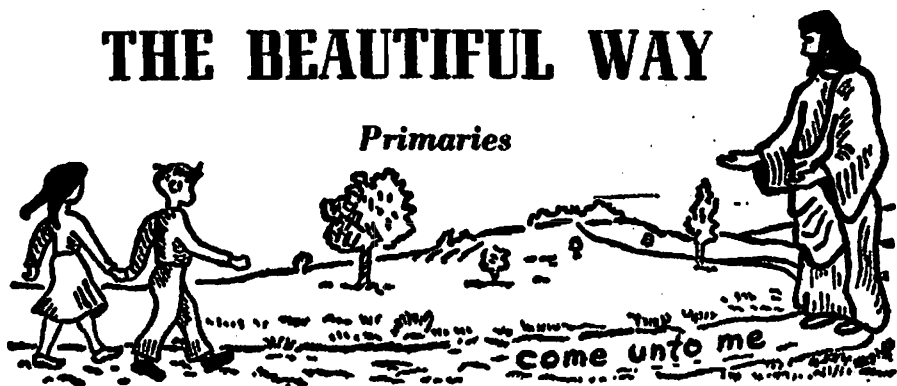
"Mother, why isn't David good?" asked Lou. "He prays for the Lord to make him good, but he is always doing unkind things."

"We can find many answers to our prayers in the Bible," Mother answered. "David doesn't try to find out how to be good and obey God. He expects God to do it for him. Only as we obey God's Word can He help us to be good. After we give God our hearts and love and serve Him, then He will make us good."

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THE WISE MEN FIND JESUS

Matthew 2:1-14

When Jesus was born wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and asked for the king who had been born. They had seen His star in the east. Herod, the king, was troubled. He gathered all the wise men together and asked them about it. They told him that He was to be born in Bethlehem. Herod told this to the wise men. Then he asked them to come and tell him where He was so he could worship Him. Herod wanted to kill Baby Jesus so He could not be king. The wise men followed the star. It stood still over the house where Mary and Jesus were. The wise men fell down and worshipped Jesus. They opened up their treasure box and gave Him gifts of gold and other precious things. That night God warned them in a dream not to go back and tell Herod where Jesus was. They went back another way. God told Joseph to take Mary and the baby Jesus down to Egypt until he had heard that Herod was dead because Herod sought to kill Jesus. God protected His Son who had come to save lost souls.

Memory Verse: And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21.

Telltale Signs

You have often read in your story books how the Indians used to follow the white settlers through the forests. Many hours after a man had passed, the Indians could follow his trail, or tracks, and learn from them many things about him. They could find marks on the dry leaves underfoot, among the bushes and along the streams of water, and learn much about the strange white man.

These Indians who could follow people through the wilderness make us think about the tracks we leave behind us every day for others to see.

When Father came home the other night he said, "Jack has been over to play! I am sure he has because the gate is unlatched and there are some boards left in the back yard."

Wasn't it too bad for Jack to leave a track like that for people to read?

Another night Father said, "Cousin Roy has been here today; I am sure he has, because Betty has some new paper dolls, the walk is swept, and there is plenty of wood for the fire."

Don't you think Roy was glad he had left pleasant trails?

Every day of our lives we leave tracks for folks around us to see. Don't you wish to be strong in right doing; that no boy or girl may be led into temptation by walking in the tracks that you left behind you? Sometimes a boy or a girl learns to drink wine by following the tracks of another. Let us be careful to always make the right tracks.

A MORNING PRAYER

Father, hear me as I pray;
Guard and keep me all the day;
Help me feel Thy tender care
All the time and everywhere.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. Where did the wise men come from?
3. Did Herod want to worship Jesus?
4. What did the wise men do when they saw Jesus?
5. Where did Joseph take Mary and the baby Jesus to get away from Herod?

THE HANDS OF THE CLOCK

A native in South Africa bought a clock. It ran awhile. Then it stopped. The hands didn't move.

The native decided that something was wrong with the hands of the clock. He took them off and carried them to a man who fixed clocks. The man said, "There is nothing wrong with the hands of the clock. The trouble is inside the clock. Bring me the clock and I will look inside and see what the trouble is."

When people do wrong, the trouble is inside. Sin comes from the heart. The Bible says, "The heart is ... desperately wicked."

Jesus can fix our hearts. He can take away the sin.