

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY

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July 4

## JOSEPH AND HIS COAT OF MANY COLORS

Genesis 37:1-11

J a c o b had eleven boys. One boy was named Joseph. He loved God. Joseph went to the fields with his brothers to take care of the flocks. Joseph was seventeen years old. While Joseph helped his brothers take care of the flocks, they did evil things. Joseph did not do evil things. Joseph told his father about the evil things they did. His brothers hated him for telling, but Joseph felt that his father should know.

One day Jacob gave Joseph a coat of many colors that he had made. Jacob was now getting older, and Joseph was with him a lot. He loved Joseph very much. When Joseph's brothers saw the pretty coat that Jacob gave to him, they hated Joseph all the more. They could not say one kind word to him. This was very wrong. We should be happy when others receive nice things.

Joseph had a dream. He dreamed that he was in a field. There were eleven stacks of corn in the field. Ten of the stacks of corn bowed down to Joseph's stack. When he told his brothers this, they hated him more. Later they did bow before Joseph.

*Memory Verse:* My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18.

## A Queer Little House

"Come here quickly, Mother!" called Janie.

Mother hurried into the back yard.

"There was a spider right here," said Janie, "and it just disappeared! I know it didn't run off anywhere. It must have gone into the ground, but there isn't any hole there."

Mother looked closely where Janie was pointing.

"Let's sit down over here and watch," she said.

Soon a bit of the ground moved, then stood up on edge. Underneath was a hole, and out came a spider. She kept one of her back feet in the hole. She looked all around, then she backed into the hole with just her head out.

"Sh-h-h!" whispered Mother.

Soon a fly came near the spider. He did not see her. He sat down and began to clean his wings. Jump! and the spider had him. She pulled the fly down into her hole and shut the door. Again it looked as if there was no hole there.

"Why does she do that?" asked Janie.

"That is a trap-door spider," said Mother. "She makes her little house under the ground. She lines it with silk that she makes in her body, and makes a door that looks just like the ground around it. She makes a strong hinge of silk, too. Then she sits in her doorway, and waits for her dinner to come to her. She's having fly for dinner now. When she gets

hungry again she'll come out and wait for another insect."

"I'd like to look into her house," said Janie. "May I open her door?"

"You may try," said Mother.

Janie tried and tried, but she could not get the door open.

"She's holding it from the inside," said Mother. "Besides, it fits down very snugly. Did you notice how she always kept one foot in the doorway? If she should leave the hole, and the door should shut behind her, she couldn't get back in again!"

"How does the spider know how to make her house?" asked Janie. "Did she go to a spider school and learn how? Or did her mother show her?"

"The trap-door spider was born, or rather hatched, knowing just how to make her home and catch her food," said Mother. "God made every spider know just how to get along. Other animals know how to live in the way that God planned for them to live."

"I'm glad God made this world," said Janie. "He knew how to do everything just right."

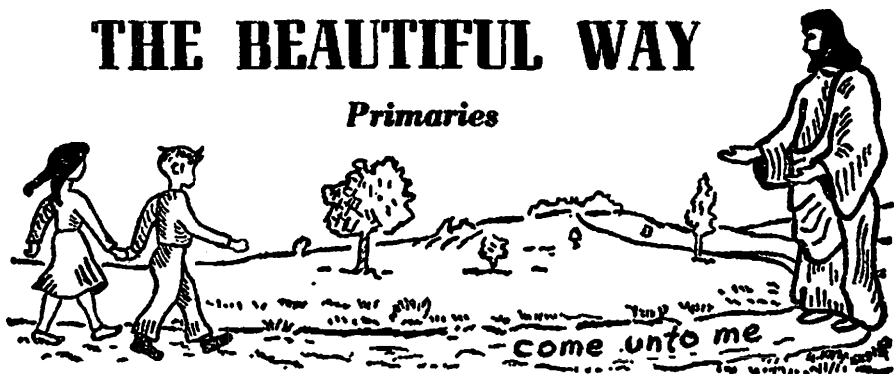
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### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did we study about today?
2. Did Joseph's brothers do evil things?
3. What did Joseph's father make for him?
4. How did Joseph's brothers feel toward him?
5. Are we to be glad when others get nice things?

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July 11

## JOSEPH IN TROUBLE

Genesis 37:12-35

"I want you to go find your brothers and see how they are doing," Jacob said to his son, Joseph.

Joseph started out on a long, long journey. He was wandering around in a field, looking for his brothers. A man told him they were at Dothan.

"Here comes that dreamer," his brothers said. "Let us kill him and see what comes of his dreams." But Reuben told them they should not shed blood, but put him in a pit. Reuben thought he would get Joseph out later. So they put him in a pit. But while Reuben was gone, some men came by on camels, going down to Egypt to sell things. The brothers took Joseph out of the pit and sold him to the men for twenty pieces of silver. How sad for poor Joseph! When Reuben returned and Joseph was gone, he tore his clothes and said, "What shall we do?" The brothers killed a goat. They put blood on Joseph's coat of many colors. They took it to his father, Jacob, who supposed a wild beast had killed his son. Jacob mourned and wept. Hatred causes people to do bad sins.

*Memory Verse:* I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. *Psa. 27:13.*

## What Jealousy Did

Susie watched Trixie and her puppy playing on the lawn. All at once the puppy ran out into the street. A car was coming fast. Trixie ran out and got the puppy.

"Animals always take good care of their babies, don't they, Uncle Fred?" she asked.

"Most animals do," said Uncle Fred. "Mother dogs almost always take good care of their puppies. When I was a boy I had a dog that was jealous of her puppy."

"Tell me about it," begged Susie.

"My dog's name was Queenie," said Uncle Fred. "She had four of the cutest puppies you ever saw. Father told me I could keep one, so I picked out the one I thought was the nicest. I named him Prince. We gave the others away.

"We lived on a ranch in Wyoming. Queenie ran all over the ranch. She chased rabbits and prairie dogs. She helped to drive the cows home in the evening, and back out to the pasture in the morning. With a little puppy to take care of, she couldn't run around so much. I don't think she liked staying home with him.

"I loved Prince very much. Of course I still loved Queenie, too. But I played with Prince more than I did with her. I petted him more. Queenie didn't like it.

"When Prince got big enough to walk well Queenie led him all around the house and barn. Every day she took him a little farther. Then one day he was gone. I looked every-

where I could think of. After a while Mother told me to go for the cows. Queenie wouldn't go with me, so I went by myself.

"There was a big hole in the ground in the pasture. When I came near I heard something crying, and there in the hole was my little puppy. I had to have my father help me get him out.

"When we brought Prince home Queenie put her tail between her legs and went off behind the barn. Father was sure she had gotten him into the hole on purpose."

"What happened then?" asked Susie.

"Father said one dog was enough around our ranch, and we would have to get rid of Queenie," answered Uncle Fred.

"Thank you for telling me about Queenie and Prince," said Susie. "Sometimes I'm jealous because people pay attention to my baby brother, and not to me. I'll try not to be jealous again. I know God doesn't want me to be jealous." —Sel.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Our lesson is about whom today?
2. Did the brothers put Joseph into a pit because they hated him?
3. Which brother wanted to help Joseph?
4. After they sold Joseph, what did they do with his coat of many colors?
5. What did Joseph's father think had happened to him?

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July 18

## JESUS HEALS A BOY

John 4:46-54

A little boy was very, very sick. His father was very sad because his little boy was at the point of death. How glad he was when he heard that Jesus had come to Galilee! If He could get Jesus to come and heal his son, how glad he would be! The little boy's father hurried to the place where Jesus was and begged Him to come and heal his son because he was afraid his boy was going to die. Jesus said, "Go on home now, because your son will live." The father believed the word of Jesus that He had spoken. The father turned around and started home. As he was going home his servants met him and said, "Your son is better." The father asked them, "What hour did he begin to get well?" They said, "Yesterday at the seventh hour his fever left him." The father knew that it was the same time that Jesus had said, "Your son will live," and he had believed Jesus' words. All who lived in the father's house rejoiced and believed Jesus to be the Son of God, the Saviour.

Boys and girls, Jesus will heal you today when you are sick if you ask Him when you pray. Believe that He hears and answers.

*Memory Verse:* Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find. Matthew 7:7.

## God, the Giver of All Good Gifts

Mike was hungry.

He had been playing with his truck.

Mother was busy in the kitchen with her baking.

Mike ran into the kitchen, "Mommy, I'm hungry," he said. Mother took the apple pie from the oven. Then she said: "How would my big boy like jelly bread?"

"Yum, yum," said Mike.

Mother took two slices of bread from the package. She spread one slice with butter, and the other slice with grape jelly. Then pressing the two slices together, she cut it cross-wise and handed both pieces to Mike.

Mike took a bite. "Oh, thank you, Mommy," he said. "It sure is good."

"I thought you would like it," said Mother, "Aunt Kay sent us the grape jelly. She made it."

"Where did she get the grapes?" asked Mike.

"Uncle Jack planted the grape vines for her," said Mother.

"What made the grapes on the vine?" asked Mike.

"God sent the sunshine and the rain," said Mother, "and the grapes grew on the vines. They grew and grew in the bright sunshine. Then Uncle Jack gathered them, and Aunt Kay made the good jelly. She shared it with us. Aren't you glad?"

"Oh yes, ma'am," said Mike, taking another big bite of his bread, "but if God hadn't sent the sunshine

and the rain we wouldn't have this good jelly, would we, Mommy?"

"No, Mike," said Mother. "God is the great Giver of all the good things in life. It is God who gives us the good earth to grow foods in. It is God who gives us everything in life. Without Him, we would have nothing."

Mike had eaten every bite of his bread. He looked up into Mother's face and said, "Mommy, I would like to thank God for that good bread and jelly."

"We will bow our heads, Mike," said Mother, "and you can do that right now."

Then Mike and Mother bowed their heads.

Mike said: "Thank you, God, for good grape jelly that You sent the rain and sunshine to grow grapes for. And thank You for all the other good things You give us, Amen."

Then Mike ran back to play with his blocks. —Sel.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was sick and about to die according to our lesson?
2. When the father heard that Jesus had come to that country, what did he do?
3. Did Jesus go to the boy's house, or did He just speak the words that the boy would live?
4. Who met the father on his way home? What did they say to the father?
5. Does Jesus heal us today?

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## JOSEPH PUT IN PRISON

Genesis 39:7-12; James 1:14, 15

Joseph was a good slave to Potiphar. God was with Joseph and helped him. Potiphar turned all of his money, his houses, and his lands over to Joseph. Potiphar trusted Joseph. But a sad thing happened. Potiphar's wife wanted to love Joseph. Now, boys and girls, this was wicked, and very, very wrong. Wives are to love only their own husbands, and not anyone else. Joseph told her that this was wrong, and he would not return her love. He said, "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" But day after day she followed him and tried to get him to love her. One day when he had business in the house and no one else was there, she came to him and wanted to make love. He ran from her. She caught his coat and he just slid out of it and ran out of the house. Boys and girls, if you are tempted to steal, run from it. If someone wants you to do any wrong, run from it as Joseph did. Potiphar's wife told him a lie about Joseph, so he put Joseph in prison. The Lord was with Joseph even in the prison, and He helped him.

*Memory Verse:* Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Romans 12:9b.

## Johnny's Baby Brother

Johnny Daniels had a new little brother. Johnny broke his piggy bank. He took his money and bought a baseball glove for his baby brother.

Mother said, "It will be a long time before Randy can play baseball with you."

"Babies aren't much good as brothers, then, are they?" Johnny asked.

"I would not say that," Mother said. "When you were born, you were not any bigger or stronger than Randy. Look at you now. You are a big boy. Just give Randy time. He will be able to play baseball with you."

"How long will it be? Next week?"

"Oh, no! It will take much longer than that. It will take years. But, Johnny, Randy can be lots of fun in other ways. Would you like to hold him?"

"Well, I guess so."

"All right, if you want to hold Randy, sit in this chair. I will give him to you," Mother said.

Mother wrapped Randy in a blanket. She handed him over so carefully to Johnny.

"You must be careful!" Mother said. "He cannot hold up his head yet. You must hold it for him. Don't bump the top of his head. The bone has not grown there yet. Feel the top of his head very carefully. See?"

Johnny smiled. He nodded his head.

Randy started crying. "What is the matter with Randy?" Johnny asked.

"Oh, he is hungry," Mother said. "He cannot eat much at a time. Would you like to feed Randy?"

Johnny smiled, and said, "Yes."

Mother heated Randy's bottle. She brought it to Johnny.

"Hold it up like this," Mother said.

"He cannot do anything, can he?" Johnny asked.

"No, he cannot, Johnny. That is why he needs a big brother like you. You can help him."

"Mother," Johnny asked, "was baby Jesus like Randy when He was born?"

"Yes, Johnny. He had to be fed, too."

"He could not walk, or talk, or see anything, could He?"

"Why would Jesus be any different from other babies, Johnny?"

He was God, wasn't He? God can do everything, can't He?"

"Jesus wanted to be a baby, so babies could love Him, too. Jesus was a boy, like you, so He could be your Saviour too. He knew how a boy feels. That is why He understands when you pray, and tell Him your troubles." —Sel.

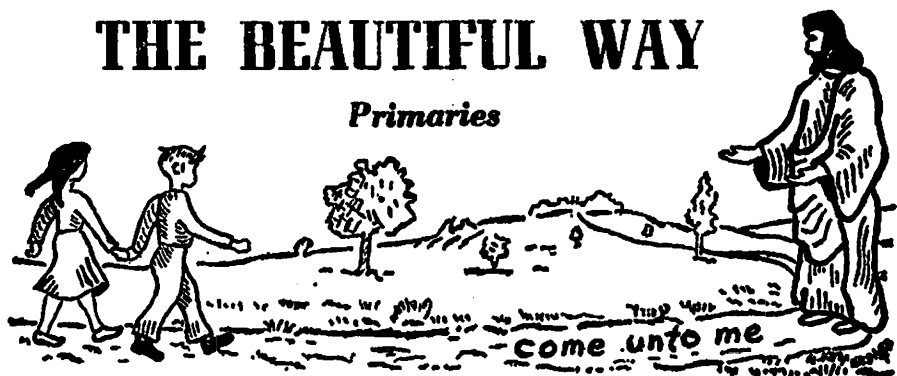
### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom is our lesson about today?
2. Did Joseph return the love of Potiphar's wife?
3. What did he do when she caught hold of him?
4. Are we to run from evil?
5. What happened when Potiphar's wife told him a lie about Joseph?



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## THE BAKER AND THE BUTLER

Genesis 39:22, 23; Genesis 40:1-23

"Why are you so sad today?" Joseph asked the baker and the butler, who were in prison with him. Joseph's duty was to look after all the prisoners. "We dreamed some dreams, and we do not have anyone to tell us what they mean," they said. "God can tell us what it means," Joseph said, so they told him their dreams. The butler said, "I saw a vine that had three branches on it and it had blossoms, and then it bore grapes. I took the king's cup and squeezed juice into it and gave it to him." Joseph said, "God has made me know that in three days you will be back giving the king his juice. But please remember me to the king, because I was stolen from my home and have done nothing to be in this prison." The baker said, "I dreamed I had three white baskets on my head. The birds ate the cakes, biscuits, and other things out of the top basket." Joseph had to be truthful as he always was, and he said, "Within three days you will be hanged." Later Pharaoh, the king, had a birthday, and the butler was restored to waiting on the king, and the baker was hanged.

*Memory Verse:* But to do good . . . forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16.

## How Tommy Was Saved

Tommy's father and mother did not care if he went to Sunday School or not. In fact, they did not care what he did, as long as he did not cause them any trouble.

The Sunday School teacher saw Tommy playing in the park. She asked him to go to Sunday School. He said, "O. K. I'll go," and he did.

The Sunday School teacher told the story of the jailer being saved. "His entire family was saved, too," she said.

"What do you mean, was saved?" Tommy asked.

The teacher said, "All have sinned. All need to be forgiven, or saved from sin. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, He forgives our sins. He also saves us from punishment. Then we are ready for heaven."

"I would like to be saved," Tommy said.

The teacher and Tommy prayed together. Tommy told Jesus how sorry he was for his sins and asked Jesus to forgive him.

"The Bible story says the jailer's whole family was saved," Tommy said.

"Yes, Tommy, that is right," the teacher said.

"I wish my whole family would be saved," Tommy said. "Things would be different around our house if my father and mother had Jesus in their hearts."

"Let's pray for them," the teacher said.

Tommy went home. He said, "I was at Sunday School."

"Sunday School?" Mother said.

"I gave my heart to Jesus and He forgave me of my sins," Tommy said.

Tommy's father did not know what to say. Tommy said, "Jesus loved us enough to die for us. We are all bad and need to be forgiven. Otherwise, we will be punished. I wish you were saved, too."

Father frowned. Mother said, "You know, I think Tommy is right. I think we should go to church, too. We aren't living right. We are sure to get in trouble."

"I guess you are right," Father said.

Next Sunday Tommy took Father and Mother to Sunday School and church services. Both of them were saved, too.

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Jesus has told us to watch. He said that He will come in a moment when you will not know. But if you are always doing what He has told you to do, you will be always ready for His return. So "watch" your words, your actions, and your deeds.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What was wrong with the butler and the baker when Joseph saw them one morning?
2. What was the butler's dream?
3. Did Joseph ask him to remember him when he was back helping the king?
4. What did the baker dream?
5. Did the butler forget all about Joseph?

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## JOSEPH IS OUT OF PRISON

Genesis 41:1-41

Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was troubled. He had dreamed two dreams. He asked his wise men to tell him what they meant; but they could not. Suddenly the butler remembered Joseph, still in prison. After the butler told the king about him, Joseph was called. Joseph shaved and changed his clothes and soon was standing before the king. "I hear you can tell what dreams mean," the king said. "It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace," Joseph answered. "What were your dreams?" The king said, "I was standing on the river bank. I saw seven fat cows come up out of the river and feed in the meadow. Then I saw seven skinny cows come up, and they ate up the seven fat cows. Then I awoke. I went to sleep and dreamed again. I saw seven full ears of corn on a stalk. Then I saw seven thin, withered ears of corn spring up. They ate up the seven full ears of corn."

Joseph told the king his dreams meant seven years of plenty, followed by seven years when food would not grow. The king chose Joseph to save the food during the good years.

*Memory Verse:* The Lord is good unto them that wait for him. Lamentations 3:25a.

## Carl's Bible

"Hi, Carl!" said Ronnie, as he walked up the street. "Come with me. We have Sunday School in our chapel."

"I can't," Carl said. "I don't have nice clothes. I don't have a book."

"You don't need nice clothes to come to Sunday School," said Ronnie. "And, we study the Bible on Sunday."

"The Bible!" said Carl. "What book is that?"

"It's God's Book," said Ronnie. "It tells you how to get to heaven."

"How much does it cost?" asked Carl.

"I got mine for coming to Sunday School for one year without missing a Sunday," said Ronnie.

Carl turned and ran away. Suddenly he stopped. "I want to go to heaven," he said to himself. "The book tells the way. I must get that book."

He walked back to the chapel. No one was outside. He heard singing. He pushed on the door. It was heavy, but it opened. He stepped in, and looked around. A young man came out. He looked at Carl.

"Your class is over here," he said.

He took Carl by the arm and led him to a room. It was a bright room. The teacher smiled at him. She showed him a chair to sit on. Carl was afraid. Then he looked at the boy next to him. He was smiling. It was Ronnie. Carl smiled back.

The children sang songs. Carl had never heard them before. He liked the songs because they were happy songs.

"How many brought your Bibles with you?" asked the teacher. "Let us hold them up as we sing the next song."

Carl wished he had a Bible to hold up. Then the teacher read from the Bible. While she told a story, she held up the Bible in her hand. Carl was surprised. The Bible had stories in it! He liked those stories.

After Sunday School Carl walked up to the teacher.

"I'll come to Sunday School for one year," he said. "I would like a Bible."

The teacher smiled at him.

"You can use this Bible every Sunday here at Sunday School. When you have come to Sunday School for one year, it will be your very own," she said. Carl was happy! —Sel.

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### QUESTIONS:

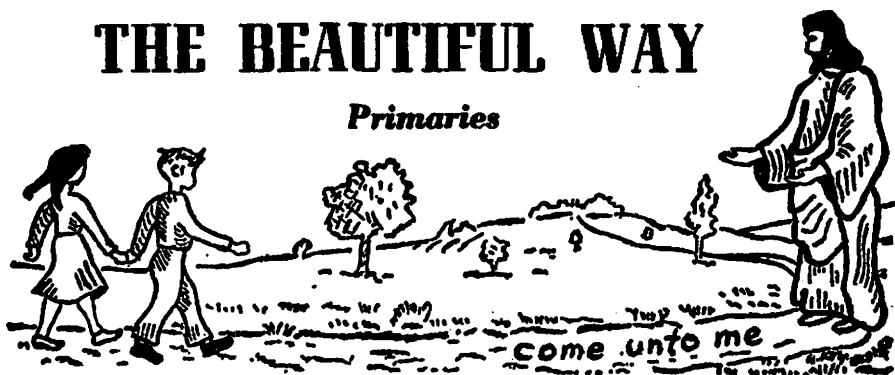
1. Who dreamed some dreams?
2. Did the butler remember that God had helped Joseph tell what dreams meant?
3. What did Joseph do first when the king sent for him?
4. What did the king dream?
5. Did the king tell Joseph that he wanted him to gather up the food to store away so they would have food during the famine?

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Some children are proud of their clothes. This is very silly indeed; for the butterflies have much more beautiful clothes than we, and yet they are never proud of their dress.

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## JOSEPH BECOMES A RULER

Genesis 41:42-57

"Who is that riding in the second chariot after the king?" the people asked as they gathered in the streets to watch the parade. Soon they heard a man yelling loudly, "Bow the knee! Joseph is made ruler over all the land of Egypt." What a great change for Joseph! A little time before he was in prison, but now he is dressed in fine clothes and everyone is bowing before him. God answered Joseph's prayers and helped him out.

Now Joseph was given A-se-nath for his wife. He had two sons born to him. He named one Ma-nas-seh, and the other one he named E-phraim. He was happy for his family, and it helped him to forget how he had been treated by his brothers, and all of his troubles. Joseph had a lot of work to do since he was ruler. He had to build cities to store all the grain and food that was grown during the seven years of plenty. Soon the famine came and there was no food. The people cried for bread. Pharaoh sent them to Joseph. He opened up the storehouses and fed them. Thus God used Joseph to keep people from starving.

*Memory Verse:* (Jesus said) "I am that bread of life." John 6:48.

## Karen's Helper

"Karen!" Mother called. "Come here, please!"

Karen Lindsay hurried to Mother's bedside. "Yes, Mother?"

"Karen, you will have to go to the corner grocery store. You will have to buy some food. I am too ill to go. Father won't be home before the store closes. Maybe you'd better ask your girl friend, Louise, to go with you. I think you will need a helper."

"Mother, you seem to think I can't do anything by myself. I can buy food. I don't need Louise to help me."

"Very well, then. Here is the list of the food we need. Please bring my purse to me. It is on the table."

Karen brought Mother's purse. Mother took out a five-dollar bill.

Mother said, "Here is a five-dollar bill. Be careful not to lose the money. Bring all the change back to me."

"Yes, Mother."

Karen went to the store. She gave the list of food Mother needed to Mr. Perkins.

"I will have the food ready for you in a few minutes."

In a few minutes, Mr. Perkins said, "Here you are, Karen. This is a heavy bag for such a small girl. Do you think you can carry it? Don't you think you need some help?"

"I can carry it," Karen said. "I don't need any help."

Karen had not gone very far when the bag tore open. Oranges rolled in every direction. She put the bag down on the sidewalk. She ran after

the oranges. She tried to put the oranges back into the bag. The bag tore some more.

At last, Karen sat down on the curb. She began to cry.

A little old lady walked up to Karen. She saw the trouble Karen was in.

"You poor child," she said. "I will help you. Now you just wait here. I will go to the grocery store. I will get some more bags."

Soon the old lady came back. She said, "I will help you. Everyone needs a helper at times."

All of us need God to help us, too. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would help us in times of trouble. —Sel.

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A good character is the best tombstone; those who will love you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts and not on marble.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the king have Joseph ride in? What did the people do?
2. Did Joseph have two boys born to him?
3. Did Joseph build barns and have men gather all the food they could to put into them?
4. When the food quit growing and the people were hungry, to whom did they go?
5. Did Joseph open up his store-houses and barns and sell food to the people?

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## JOSEPH'S BROTHERS BUY CORN

Genesis 42:1-20

“You know there is corn to buy in Egypt,” Jacob said to his sons, “why don’t you go down and buy it so we will live and not die of hunger?” But Jacob’s sons dreaded to go to Egypt. They remembered that their broken-hearted brother, Joseph, had traveled that road because they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But they became so hungry that all ten of them started on the long journey to Egypt. Benjamin did not go. They saw the governor of Egypt, but they did not know it was their brother, Joseph. They bowed low before him. Remember how, when Joseph was a young boy, he had dreamed this would happen? Joseph wanted to test them to see what kind of men they were, so he spoke roughly to them, and called them spies. They said they were one man’s sons, who had twelve sons. One of them had been left at home, and the other is not. This other one was Joseph. Joseph put them in prison, and after three days he came to them. He told them he feared God. He said all but one could go back home. The next time they came they were to bring their youngest brother, which they did.

*Memory Verse:* Fear God and keep his commandments.  
Eccl. 12:13.

## Fuzzy, the Coon

Jimmy Stoner lived on a farm. He had his own garden. He grew many vegetables. Mother cooked them. He was very happy when Father said, "Jimmy, these vegetables are about the best I ever ate!"

One Saturday morning Father said, "Jimmy, please open the front gate. I will pick you up after you close it."

Jimmy ran out front. He opened the gate, and waited for Father. Then, a big fuzzy coon came sneaking along the fence. Jimmy stood real still. He watched the coon. It walked right by Jimmy, crossed the drive, and climbed the big tree beside the fence.

Soon Father came along. Jim told him about the coon.

"That was a mother coon, Jimmy. She might have a nest of young ones."

"Could I see them?" Jimmy asked.

"Better not hurt the nest," Father said. "If we watch, we may see them when they are old enough to crawl outside."

"Why did God make coons?" Jimmy asked.

"He made coons, and everything, and everyone, you, too, because He wanted someone to love," Father said. "If you ever got to know a coon, you would love it, too."

One day a big truck went off the road. It hit the big tree with the coon nest. The tree fell over. Jim and Father ran to the tree. The mother coon had been killed. Three little baby coons were dead, too. But one little coon was still alive.

"Jimmy," Father said, "we will take this little coon into the kitchen. We will feed her milk from a bottle. She has no mother now."

The little coon grew very fast. Jimmy named her "Fuzzy." She liked Jimmy very much. Everywhere Jimmy went, Fuzzy followed him.

When Fuzzy grew up, Father said, "Jimmy, don't you think you should let Fuzzy go back to the woods? Then she can live with her own animal friends. She would be happier."

"But I like her. I don't want to give her up."

"Why not let Fuzzy decide what she wants to do?"

Jimmy turned Fuzzy loose. She went to the woods, but she came back again. She came often to see Jimmy. One day she did not come back. Jimmy did not see her for many days.

"I wonder where Fuzzy is?" Jimmy said.

"I am sure she will be back some day," Father said.

She did come home, one evening. Guess what! She brought three little coons with her! —Sel.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jacob and his sons in Canaan hear about corn being for sale in Egypt?
2. Did they go to buy corn, and there bow down before the ruler?
3. The ruler was Joseph, their brother whom they had sold, but did they know him?
4. Did Joseph talk roughly to them and put them in prison to see if they were good men now?



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## JOSEPH'S BROTHERS ARE SORRY

Genesis 42:21-38

The governor of Egypt (who was Joseph) had the brothers put in jail for three days. They did not know he was Joseph. Later he told them that all of them could go home but Simeon. When they came back for more corn, they were to bring Benjamin with them. This brought trouble to them. They remembered their wicked deed to Joseph. He heard them talk about it. They said, "Oh, why didn't we listen to the lad's pleading when he begged us not to sell him! Now this trouble has come to us." Reuben said, "I asked you not to sin against the child, but you would not hear me, so now we are all in trouble." Joseph had to leave them and weep. He knew they were truly sorry. He knew they were different. Soon they left on their asses with their sacks of corn. When they arrived home they told their father all that had happened. When they emptied their sacks they saw each man's bag of money was in his sack. They were afraid. Their father was afraid. He said, "I will lose all my children. Joseph is not. Simeon is not, and now you want to take Benjamin. You cannot take him. If anything happens to him it will bring me to my grave."

*Memory Verse:* Make a joyful noise unto God. Psa. 66:1

## Saved Twice

Patty's mother had told her not to play near the old well. But Patty played there anyway. The well was covered with boards. She stood on them and jumped up and down. Then a board broke! Patty fell into the dark well.

"Help!" she screamed.

There was no water in the well. It had been partly filled with dirt. Rain water had run in, and turned the dirt into black, sticky mud. Patty went down, down, down in it.

Mother heard her call and came running. She pulled some more boards off, and tried to reach Patty, but Patty was too far down. She was going down more and more into the mud.

"Help! Help!" called Patty's mother. She broke up some of the boards and dropped them down beside Patty. Patty took hold of the boards and tried to pull herself out of the mud, but she could not. So Mother jumped down with her. She stayed on the boards and tried to pull Patty out of the mud. Patty was too far in, and they had to wait until some men came to help them both out.

Patty was not hurt, but she had mud all over her. Mother gave her a warm bath and put her to bed. Then she sat beside her.

"I felt so much better when you got down there with me," said Patty. "But I'm glad you didn't get into the mud, too."

"If I had I couldn't have helped you," said Mother.

"I know something worse than black sticky mud. It is sin. Sin is like the mud. It keeps pulling down more and more. We cannot get out of it by ourselves. So Jesus came down from heaven. He did not sin Himself, but He came down where He could help us. He took the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross. Because of that, we can ask God to save us from sin."

"I'd like to ask Him to save me right now," said Patty. Then she prayed, "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help me out of sin. I'm sorry I played on the well. I'm sorry for the other bad things I've done. Please forgive me and save me, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

When she opened her eyes Patty was happy.

"I've been saved twice today!" she said. —Sel.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Joseph's brothers remember how they had mistreated him?
2. Were they sorry about it?
3. Did Reuben remind them that he had tried to keep them from doing wrong to Joseph?
4. Did Joseph weep as he heard them talking and saw they were sorry?
5. What was put in each man's sack?
6. Was Jacob sorry about Simeon not coming back and all the trouble they had?

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## **BENJAMIN GOES WITH HIS BROTHERS**

Genesis 43:8-17; 27-34

Benjamin was just a baby, one year old, when Joseph saw him last. Oh, how Joseph longed to see him! He told the brothers not to come again unless they brought Benjamin. Jacob, his father, felt he could not let him go. He thought Joseph had been killed, and his youngest son was very dear to him. Jacob prayed. God helped Jacob to be willing. Soon the brothers arrived in Egypt to buy more corn, as they were hungry. When the governor, who was Joseph although the brothers did not know it, saw Benjamin, he told his servants to make a big dinner for the men. When they all arrived for dinner, Joseph asked about their father. When he saw Benjamin he longed to put his arms around him, but he must wait. He had to leave the room to weep. He washed his face and returned. He told his servants to set on the food. He put the brothers at a table by themselves in the order of their ages. The brothers wondered just how the governor knew their ages. Joseph wanted to know if they were jealous of Benjamin as they had been of him. He sent five times as much food to be served to Benjamin as to the others. They ate and enjoyed it.

*Memory Verse:* My son give me thine heart. Prov. 24:26a

## Love One Another

"Mother! Jack tripped me!" Betty screamed.

"I didn't either!" called Jack. "She fell down when she tried to kick me!"

"Children," said Mother, "the Bible says to love one another. You don't know how glad you should be to have each other. I didn't have a brother or a sister, and I wanted one so much. It's no fun being the only child."

"I wish I were an only child!" said Betty crossly.

"Me, too!" said Jack.

"Well, then, you may be an only child for two weeks each," said Mother. "Grandfather and Grandmother want you to visit them on the farm for two weeks. We'll let each of you go for one week. Jack may go first, because he is older."

"Oh, goody!" cried both children together.

Jack didn't have as much fun on the farm as he thought he would. He didn't have to share anything with Betty, but there was no one to play with.

Betty had a good time by herself at home for a day or two. She could play whatever she wished. She always got to ride in the front seat of the car. She didn't have to wait for a turn in the swing. After three or four days Betty missed Jack all the time. It was no fun to play by herself. She was glad when the week was over. Now she could go to the farm.

Jack wasn't happy at home by himself. He wanted Betty to come back.

Betty didn't have much fun at the farm either. She didn't like to do things by herself. At last the week was over. Grandfather and Grandmother brought Betty home.

"Who would like to be an only child?" asked Mother.

"Not I!" said Jack and Betty together.

"I didn't have a good time at home or at the farm either," said Betty.

"I didn't either," said Jack.

"I didn't like having just one at a time as well as when they both come," said Grandmother.

"Why not let them both come back to the farm for a week?" asked Grandfather.

So Jack and Betty both went back to the farm. This time they had a good time. When they went back home, they still remembered to be nice to each other.

"It's better to love each other, as the Bible says," said Betty. "We have a much better time that way."

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jacob let his son Benjamin go with their brothers to Egypt?
2. Did Jacob ask God to take care of them on their trip?
3. Joseph was the governor, but the brothers did not know this. Did Joseph ask about their father?
4. What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin, his brother, who was only a year old when he last saw him?

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Sept. 19

## THE CUP

Genesis 44:1-14

Joseph, who was governor of Egypt, had a pretty silver cup. He thought of a plan. He wanted to know if his brothers would treat Benjamin as they had treated him years ago. Of course the brothers did not know that the governor was Joseph. So Joseph told the steward to put his silver cup in the top of the sack of Benjamin's corn. The brothers loaded their sacks on their asses. They were happy as they left that morning early. Benjamin was with them and also Simcon, and soon they would be with their father and together they would thank God for His mercy to them. But trouble came to them. Someone was after them. The steward came up to them and asked why they took the governor's cup. They were sure he was wrong. They said, "You can search us, and the one in whose sack the silver cup is, he will die, and we will be your slaves." The search was made. The silver cup was in Benjamin's sack. The brothers tore their clothes they were so troubled. All of them went back and fell down before the governor and begged for mercy. Joseph was testing their feelings for Benjamin.

*Memory Verse:* If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed. 1 Peter 4:16a.

## **The Biggest Cooky**

"I want the biggest cooky," said Ricky when the plate was passed to him. Before anyone had time to say anything else, he had it.

"Ricky always gets the biggest!" said Donnie. He liked big cookies, too.

Mother tried to talk to Ricky. She told him that such a big boy should not be greedy. She told him that Jesus was not pleased with him when he always got the biggest and best of everything for himself. Ricky listened, but he didn't do anything about it. He just kept on grabbing for what he wanted.

"I will have to teach Ricky a lesson," thought Mother. "I'll play a trick on him, and see if I can help him not to be so greedy."

Next day Bill, Tom, and Dennis came home with Ricky and Donnie. On the kitchen table was a big plate of fresh cookies. Some had white frosting on them, and some had yellow. One cooky was much bigger than the rest. Ricky had it before anyone else could get near the plate.

"Have a cooky, boys," said his mother. Donnie wondered why she was smiling. He thought she should look cross because Ricky was so greedy.

Ricky started to take a big bite. Then a funny look came on his face. He didn't say anything, but just ate around the edge of his cooky.

"When you've finished these, you may each have another if you want

it," said Mother. It didn't take long for Bill, Tom, Donnie, and Dennis to get another. Then Tom looked at Ricky.

"What's the matter, Ricky?" he asked. "Don't you like your mother's cookies today?"

"Yes," said Ricky, but his face got red, and all the boys knew something was wrong.

"Let me look at that cooky," said Dennis, taking it from him. Then he held it up for the others to see, and they all began to laugh. Mother had cut the middle out of the cooky. She had put a piece of cardboard over the hole and put frosting over it. She had put a piece of cardboard on the bottom and stuck it on with frosting. Ricky's cookie was the biggest around, but he didn't have very much cooky.

"I didn't really mean to play that trick on you when your friends were here," said Mother. "I didn't know they were coming."

"I asked for it," said Ricky. "I'll try not to be so greedy again."

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### **QUESTIONS:**

1. Who had a silver cup?
2. What did Joseph tell the steward to do with this cup?
3. When the brothers were overtaken on their way home, were they surprised that the cup was in Benjamin's sack?
4. Did they all go back to see the governor, or did they let the steward take Benjamin back alone?

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## THE BROTHERS PLEAD WITH THE GOVERNOR

Genesis 44:15; 45:1-3

The brothers fell down before Joseph. Judah spoke for all of them. He said, "Oh! what can we do? God has found out our sins and is punishing us. All of us will be your servants, even if the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. We cannot go back to our father without Benjamin. You asked us when we came about our father Jacob. We told you that our father was an old man and had a child of his old age, whom he loves dearly, and his brother, whom our father also loved, is dead. We told you we could not bring this child, Benjamin, but you told us unless we brought him we could not see you again and we would starve for food. We begged our father Jacob to let us bring Benjamin and come again. He said it would bring him down in sorrow to his grave if anything happened to Benjamin. Can't you see how our father loves Benjamin? If we return without him, our father will surely die. I beg you to let me stay and be your servant, and let the lad go up to his father with his brothers. How can I go home to my father without the lad?" This touched Joseph's heart.

*Memory Verse:* The Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Psa. 1:6.

## Warren's Different Likes

"I like to hear Eddie cry," said Warren when his mother scolded him for teasing his little brother.

"You need a set of different likes, then," said Mother. "You need to let God change you, so you will like the things He likes."

"Different likes," sounded funny. Warren went off laughing about it.

Next day in Sunday School the Bible story was about Jesus on the cross. Warren didn't like to hear how badly the soldiers treated Jesus.

"Why did He let them do that?" he asked angrily. "He was God's Son. He didn't have to let them nail Him to that old cross!"

"It wasn't the nails that held Jesus on the cross," the teacher explained. "It was His love for us. You see, if Jesus had not died on the cross, all of us would have to be punished for the wrong things we have done. By hanging there on the cross, Jesus took our punishment. It was as if all the bad things we have ever done had been done by Jesus. Think of it! Jesus, who never did anything wrong, taking all our sins as if they were His own! Since He did this for us, we can come to Him, and ask Him to forgive the wrong things we have done. We become God's children and Jesus will help us to live for Him."

Warren thought about how he had teased Eddie. He thought about the times he had acted silly in Sunday School. He thought how often he had

run away when his mother wanted him to help her. Those things did not seem funny when he thought about Jesus being punished for them!

"Who would like to ask Jesus to forgive your sins right now?" asked the teacher. "Would you like to be a different boy, one who wants to please God?"

Warren was the first on his knees. He didn't pray out loud, but in his heart he said, "Jesus, I'm sorry I've been so mean. Please forgive me and make me different. Please give me a different set of likes."

When Warren met his father and mother after Sunday School, they wondered why he looked so happy. Then he told them, "I asked Jesus to make me His boy. I have a different set of likes, now."

When grandmother came into the room Susan or Bill always saw that grandmother had the best chair. They knew that grandmothers have lived a long time and they need to be taken care of. Jesus blessed Susan and Bill for doing this and others saw it and they were made glad.

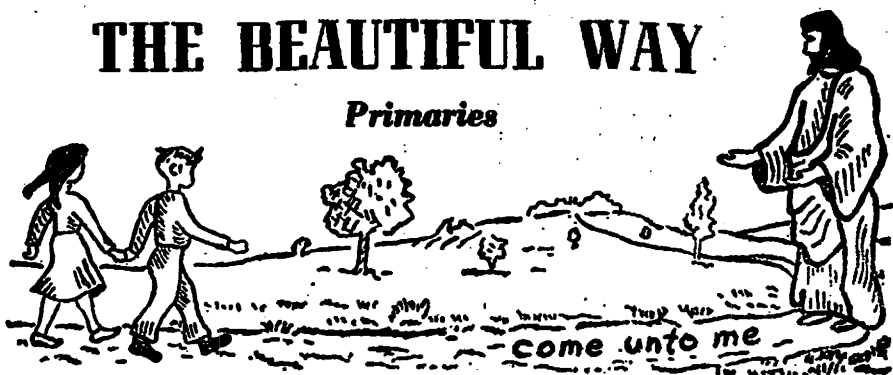
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about today?
2. What did Judah say to the governor?
3. Did Judah love his brother, Benjamin?
4. How did the governor feel about it all after Judah talked to him?
5. How did the brothers feel after Joseph made them know who he was?



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## GOD HAD SENT JOSEPH TO EGYPT

Genesis 45:1-11

The brothers were pleading with Joseph, the governor, to let Benjamin go home with them. This touched Joseph. He could not hold back any longer. He wept and said, "I am Joseph." Oh how happy the brothers were. They thought of what they had done to Joseph. They had sold him into Egypt. What would he do to them since he was governor? They were afraid. They drew away from him. Joseph said, "Come near to me, I pray you. I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Don't be sad or angry with yourselves that you sold me. God did send me before you to preserve life." Joseph knew that they could not have sold him unless God had let them. God wanted Joseph to be a ruler but he went through hard things so he would be ready to be a ruler. God knew there would be a famine so he wanted Joseph to take care of the food during the years of plenty. God wanted Joseph to help those who would have starved in the famine. God sent him to Egypt then moved his family to him during the famine.

*Memory Verse:* "... All things work together for good to them that love God ..." Romans 8:28.

## Who Can Work in the Dark?

It was storming outside. The wind blew. The rain came down. Thunder made a big noise. All at once the lights went out.

"Oh," said Mother, "I was going to buy some candles, but I kept forgetting."

"What shall we do?" asked Philip.

"I guess we might as well go to bed," said Mother. "We can't do anything in the dark."

"But I can't see to go to bed!" Susan cried. "I can't find my pajamas in the dark. I can't undress without a light!"

"That is too bad!" said Father. "So many of the creatures God has made work in the dark. It is too bad you cannot even undress!"

"Tell us about the creatures that work in the dark!" begged Susan.

So they all sat down.

"Do you remember Grandfather's beehive?" asked Daddy. "There are no lights in there! There is only a little hole for a door, where the bees go in and out. Not much light can get in there. But the bees make the little six-sided rooms where the eggs are laid. They put eggs in them and later they feed the little wormlike things that hatch out. They keep the hive clean. They do all the work of the hive in the dark.

"Ants live down in the ground. It is dark down there. But they build wonderful homes and store away food for the winter. Some of them even

raise a kind of food that is like mushrooms, down there in the dark.

"Moles live down in the ground, too. They hardly ever come out in the light. But they dig long tunnels and hunt for their food.

"The kingfisher is a bird that lives on fish. It makes a tunnel in the bank along a river or lake and makes its nest at the end of the tunnel. Very little light comes in through the tunnel, but the birds make a nest of fishbones. They feed their babies there in the dark until the little birds are big enough to come out."

Just then the lights came on. "I think I will undress in the dark anyway, just for fun," said Susan. "If so many of God's creatures can work in the dark, I can, too!"

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Joseph weep?
2. Were his brothers afraid?
3. Did Joseph tell his brothers who had sent him to Egypt? Who was it?
4. Did he tell them to come and live in Egypt?
5. Why did Joseph want them to live in Egypt?

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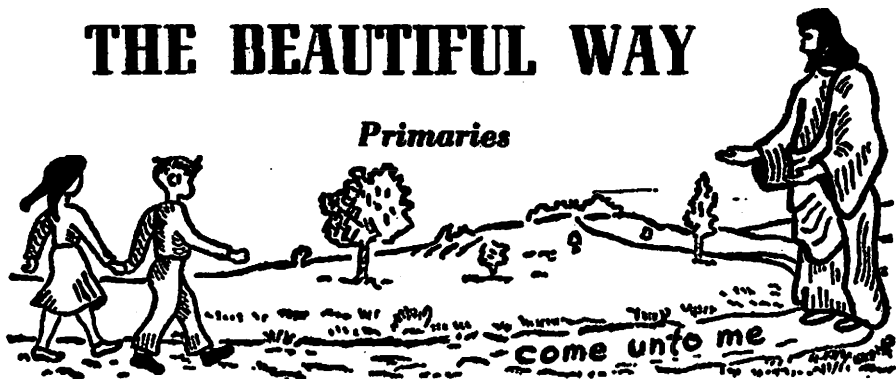
Prayer shouldn't be in a selfish attitude of asking and getting. But we should first thank God for what He has already done for us and then ask Him to answer our requests according to His will.

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"We needn't merely hope there is a God. We know there is a God. We enjoy His blessings every day."

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Oct. 10

## JACOB HEARS SOME GOOD NEWS

Genesis 45:12-28

Joseph fell upon his brother's neck and wept. He was so glad to see them and had forgiven them. They were not afraid now. The king heard about Joseph's brothers arriving. He was pleased. He told Joseph to have them come and live in Egypt. The king wanted him to send wagons back with the brothers to bring their father and families to Egypt. Soon the brothers were on their way home. Joseph had given them many gifts and some for his father.

Day after day Jacob looked for them to come home. How happy he was when he saw all of his sons returning. "We have some good news," they said. "Joseph is alive and he is governor over all the land of Egypt." Jacob was surprised. He could not believe them, until he saw the wagons. Then he said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive; I will go and see him before I die."

God wants us to believe Him when He speaks to us.

*Memory Verse:* Thomas . . . said, "My Lord and my God." John 20:28.

## Donald's Lazy Neighbors

"See if you can hit their doorbell with your ball!" said Jim.

"All right!" said Donald. "It is after eight o'clock, and it's time everyone was up. I don't like to have such lazy neighbors!"

Donald threw the ball three times before he hit the doorbell button. Each time it hit the screen door with a bump. Then they heard the doorbell, and the ball bounced off beside the door.

Donald was about to pick up his ball when Jim said, "Good-by, Donald," and Jim ran home. Donald looked up. Mrs. Patterson had come to the door in her robe and slippers. She looked angry. "What were you trying to do?" she asked.

"I was trying to hit your doorbell with my ball. I thought it was time everyone was up," said Donald. He wished he had played somewhere else.

Mrs. Patterson almost smiled. "What time does your father get home from work?" she asked.

"At four o'clock," Donald told her. "He goes to work at seven."

"Then you can go to bed early," Mrs. Patterson said. "But my husband goes to work at the same time your father gets off. My husband does not get home until after one o'clock in the night. I stay up until he gets home. Then we have to sleep late in the morning to get enough sleep."

"Oh!" said Donald. "Then you are not lazy after all. I am sorry I woke you up. Thank you for telling me

why you sleep so late. I love Jesus, and I want to please Him. But I know I did not please Him by throwing my ball at your house."

"I love Jesus, too," said Mrs. Patterson. "That is why I did not scold you. I am glad you waited to talk to me, instead of running away like your friend did."

"I will tell the other boys and girls why you sleep late," said Donald. "We will try to be quiet until you put your window shades up. I am glad we have Christian neighbors."

"Get your friends and come back this afternoon," Mrs. Patterson told him as he went down the walk. "There is a good place to play ball in our back yard."

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Were the brothers afraid after Joseph kissed them?
2. Did Pharaoh, the king, ask them to come and live in Egypt?
3. How did Joseph plan to bring his father and family to Egypt?
4. Did Jacob at first believe that Joseph was alive?
5. What did he say when he saw all the wagons?

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Do you know why God permits us to have troubles and difficulties? It is because He wants us to learn to depend upon Him and realize our strength comes from Him.

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This is a frightening age in which we live. But we need not be afraid if we have Jesus to be our Protector.

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Oct. 17

## JOSEPH WEEPS FOR JOY

Genesis 46:1-7, 26-30

Did you ever move from one place to another? Well, it was moving day for Jacob and his family. Joseph had many wagons to be used for them to move to Egypt. They packed the wagons with their belongings. The children, mothers, Jacob and the older people rode in the wagons. The men and older boys drove the herds of cattle, horses and sheep. It was a great day and I am sure the children enjoyed it. They stopped at Beer-sheba and Jacob offered a sacrifice to God. He loved God and wanted God to help him on his trip. God told him He would make of his family a great nation. God told Jacob that they would return again to the Canaan land.

Joseph heard that his father and family had arrived in the land of Goshen. Joseph asked for his chariot. He went to meet his father. He fell on his neck and wept tears of joy. Jacob said, "Now let me die since I have seen you and know you are alive."

*Memory Verse:* Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find. Matthew 7:7.

## She Climbed the Volcano

There is a story told on the islands of Hawaii about a brave woman who lived long ago.

Almost a hundred and fifty years ago, missionaries from the United States went to Hawaii to tell the people about God. Some of the people of Hawaii had become tired of the idols they had prayed to for so long. They knew that the idols did not help them. They were glad to hear about the true God. But others were afraid of the gods they had always worshiped. They thought these gods could hurt them if they gave their hearts to Jesus.

On one of the islands there is a great volcano, a mountain with a lake of melted rock in the top. Sometimes it shoots out fire and smoke. The people thought that a great fire goddess named Pele lived in this mountain. They thought she liked to take a bath in the melted rock. Some men were called priests of Pele, and they kept telling the people what a great and strong goddess she was. They tried to make everyone afraid of her.

On the sides of the mountain grew bushes with berries on them. The priests said that no woman should touch those berries. If a woman climbed the mountain and threw some of the berries into the volcano, Pele would be so angry she would shake the whole island to pieces!

Many people wanted to give their hearts to God, but were afraid of Pele. At last, a woman named Kapiolani said she would show them that there

was no real fire goddess who could hurt them. She climbed the mountain, picking the berries as she went. She ate some of them, then climbed to where she could throw the rest into the lake of melted rock. She threw stones in, too.

"If Pele is really a goddess," she said, "she will kill me right here!" But nothing happened. Kapiolani came down from the volcano safely. Then the people knew that Pele was not a real goddess. She was only make-believe. The priests of Pele had been fooling the people all those years.

Now people were not afraid to give themselves to God. They knew that He was the only real God.

Because of what brave Kapiolani did, many people began to love and serve Jesus.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jacob and his family go to Egypt?
2. Did Jacob offer sacrifices to God?
3. What did God tell him?
4. What did Joseph ride in to go to meet his father?
5. What did Jacob say after Joseph fell on his neck and wept for joy?

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Ask the Lord to help you to be able to say, "No" when you are tempted to do wrong. Remember if you do yield, it will be found out later on. Then you will be embarrassed and will not have favor with God unless you repent.

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Oct. 21

## JACOB AND HIS SONS MEET PHARAOH

Genesis 46:31-34; Genesis 47:1-12

God had a plan for the family of Jacob. He did not want them to live close to the Egyptians. God did not want them to worship idols like they did. He did not want them to marry the Egyptian men and women. When the time came for them to meet Pharaoh they told him that from their youth they had been shepherds. They wanted to live in the land of Goshen. Pharaoh told Joseph that the land was before him, so they moved to the land of Goshen. There they were not real close to the Egyptians.

Today, God wants boys and girls to love Him and not do wrong. God wants you to do right and tell the truth always. God wants you to not go with other boys and girls who want to destroy other's things. God wants you to obey Him so you will be His sheep. You will then hear His voice. Jesus is the good shepherd. He dearly loves His sheep and they will obey Him because they feel His love and care.

*Memory Verse:* I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11.

## A Rabbit For Dale

"May I keep him, Mother?" begged Dale. "I found him over by the schoolyard."

His mother looked at the little black rabbit.

"He must belong to someone, Dale," she said. "You may keep him until you find out who owns him."

Dale let the rabbit eat grass in the front yard while he cut holes in a box. Billy came by. "Say, that looks like Ed Doan's rabbit," he said.

Maybe he is, but I think I will keep him anyway, thought Dale. He put the rabbit into the box with a carrot and a dish of water.

At bedtime Dale prayed, "Please, God, help me keep the rabbit." He knew that was not right. He went to bed, but could not sleep. After a while he prayed, "Dear God, please help me to do the right thing." Then he went to sleep.

Next morning Dale took the rabbit and went to Ed Doan's house. "Is this your rabbit?" he asked.

"Yes, he is mine," said Ed. He took the rabbit and put him in his cage.

Dale went home. He felt like crying. He wanted a rabbit so much! He did not want to play. All he could think about was a little black rabbit.

"Maybe you can save up enough money to buy a rabbit," his mother told him. "But you would have to have a good cage or pen for it, too."

I did not have to take the rabbit back to Ed, thought Dale. I could have kept him, and Ed would not have known. But God would not have been

pleased if I had done that. I would not have been happy, either. I am glad I took it back.

After lunch Ed came to the door. He had the rabbit. "You can have him if you want him, Dale," he said. I do not want to keep a rabbit any more. It is too much work to feed him and take care of him. You can have the cage, too, if you will come and get it."

"Thank you!" said Dale. "I really like that little rabbit. Father will help me get the cage when he comes home from work."

When Ed had gone, Dale prayed, "Thank You, God, for giving me the rabbit after all."

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did God want the family of Joseph to live?
2. Were they to be like the Egyptians?
3. What did they tell Pharaoh, the king, that they did?
4. Are we to be like other boys and girls who want to do wrong?
5. Who is the greatest and best Shepherd?

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Unscramble these letters and write the name of the man who was the strongest. "msnaso."

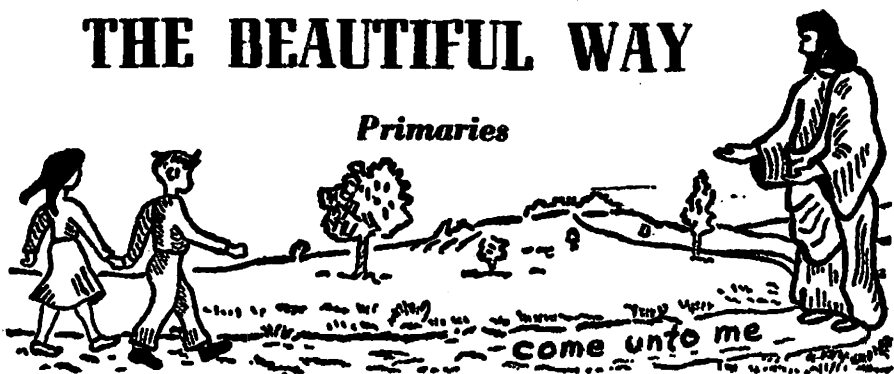
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Do you know of someone who is sick today? Why don't you take them some flowers, or take your songbook and sing to them? It will bring cheer to them and a great blessing to your heart!



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## JACOB'S LAST WORDS

Genesis 47:27-29; Genesis 48:1, 15, 16, 22; Genesis 49:1-7

Jacob, whose name had been changed to Israel, lived in Egypt during the famine and afterwards. He saw his family grow to be great and very rich. Now his time came when he knew he would die. When Joseph heard that he was sick, he took his two boys, Manasseh and Ephraim to see him. Jacob was so happy to see them. He kissed the lads and told Joseph that he had thought he would never see him again, but now he had seen his sons. Jacob blessed Joseph's sons. They each would become a head of a great people. Jacob called all of his sons to him. He told Reuben, who was his eldest, that he would not be the leader of the brethren because he had sinned a great sin. Reuben was "unstable as water." Levi and Simeon also had done wrong. They killed the people in a city because they had harmed their sister. Their anger was cruel.

Boys and girls, it does not pay to sin. God will help you live without sinning if you will pray to Him.

*Memory Verse:* Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin. 1 John 3:9.

## The Biggest Creatures

Randy had never been to the zoo before. "Look at that elephant! He must be the biggest thing there is!" he said.

"Huh! A mountain is much bigger than that!" Becky told him.

"I mean the biggest thing that is alive," Randy explained. "Elephants are the biggest, aren't they, Uncle Jerry?"

"They are the biggest creatures that live on the land," Uncle Jerry said. "But there are much bigger things living in the water. Many kinds of fish are bigger than elephants. Whales are even bigger yet."

"How big?" asked Randy.

"Well, blue whales are the biggest," Uncle Jerry told him. "If you could stand that elephant beside a blue whale, with his trunk held out even with the end of the whales nose, the elephant's tail would not even reach as far back as the whales eye! Some blue whales are more than a hundred feet long."

"Don't some whales live in the water near the North and South Poles?" asked Becky. "How do they keep warm where it is so cold? Whales don't have a thick coat of fur, do they?"

"No," said Uncle Jerry, "whales do not have any fur at all. But they have coats, all right. You could not guess where! Under their skins! Every whale has a thick coat of fat under his skin. The fat keeps the the cold out."

"Why did God make whales?" asked Randy.

"We cannot understand everything God does," said Uncle Jerry. "But when God made the animals, He was getting the earth ready for people. There are many things in a whale's body that people can use. Don't you think God had a good time making the birds and fish and animals? He made so many kinds, I think He must have enjoyed it!"

"Is a whale an animal?" asked Randy. "I thought whales were fish. They live in the water."

"Fish breathe while under water," said Uncle Jerry. "Whales have to come up for air. All animals must have air. Mother whales feed their babies milk. Fish do not do that. Fish are hatched from eggs, but whale babies are not. Whales stay warm, even in cold water while fish are as cold as the water in which they live."

"God planned for everything to be made just right, didn't He?" asked Becky. "Whales, too!"

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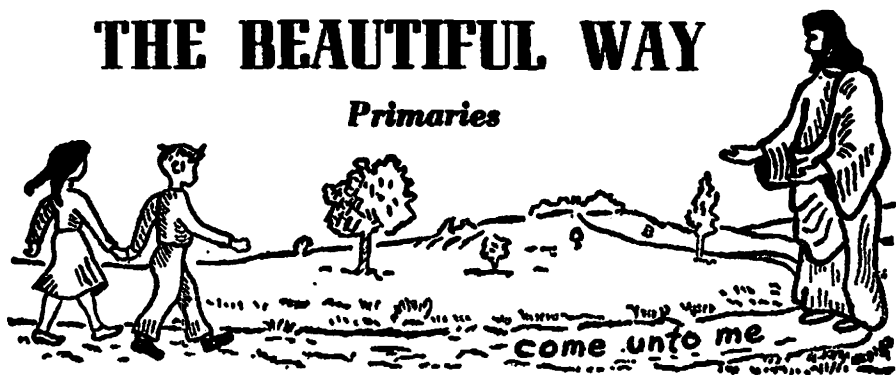
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who said he was going to die?
2. Did Joseph take his two boys to see his father when he heard he was was sick?
3. Why wasn't Rueben, Jacob's oldest son, going to be great?
4. Will boys and girls do naughty things when they get mad?
5. Was Joseph blessed greatly because he always loved God?

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## JESUS RIDING ON A COLT

Genesis 49:8-13; Matthew 21:4-11

Jacob talked to his son Judah when he knew he was going to die. Jacob was given by God something to tell Judah that happened years and years after he spoke it. He said that Jesus would come to this world.

The multitudes were happy to see Jesus. The disciples brought a young colt to Him, called an ass. Jesus rode down the street of Jerusalem. The people ran along and spread their clothes before Him on the street. They cut down branches and threw them down along the way. They cried, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the Highest." The children ran along and threw palms on the road. They praised our precious Jesus Christ as he rode along. Wouldn't you have enjoyed being there? Some asked, "Who is this?" The people cried, "This is Jesus, the prophet." Oh today we can praise our Lord and Saviour with our lips and voice from our hearts.

*Memory Verse:* Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. Matthew 21:9.

## When Terry Ran Away

"They treat me like a baby!" Terry grumbled to himself as he walked home from school. They say I am too little to do anything that is fun. I wish that I could show them I am a big boy now. I know! I will run away and never come back! Then they will be sorry!

Terry was unhappy because his father and mother had been invited to his cousin's wedding. He was not invited. Mrs. Brown from the next farm, would stay with him until his parents got back.

After supper Terry said, "I am tired. I think I will go to bed right now."

Mrs. Brown just nodded. Terry knew she would crochet, with the window shades down, until his parents got home. That would be late, maybe midnight.

Terry got some clothes and took the fifty-five cents out of his bank. He went out the back door very quietly. He tied his dog, Skipper, to the dog house. He did not want Skipper following him. Then he went down the road that ran behind the farm. He walked for a long time. Every time he came to a crossroad he turned right.

After a while it got dark, and Terry was tired. He wanted to go home. He wanted his father and mother. "Please, dear God, help me find the way back home tomorrow!" he prayed.

Soon Terry came to the back of another farm. In the dark, it looked

like his own home. Why would there be a farm that looks so much like ours so far away? he thought. But he was very tired, so he slipped into the barn, lay down his head on a sack of chicken feed, and went to sleep.

Terry woke up with a cold nose on his face. Then he heard a quick bark. "Skipper!" he cried. "How did you get here?"

Then he heard his father say, "Here he is! Skipper found him!" and his mother asking, "Terry, why did you go to sleep out here in the barn?"

"Why, I must have walked in a big circle and come back home!" Terry said. Then he told his father and mother about running away. "I just thought I was a big boy and could take care of myself," he said, "but you were right about me being just a little boy. I forgot about that Bible verse that says, 'Children, obey your parents.' I will try to do that after this."

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom was Jacob talking to?
2. Through Judah's family who, very, very important, was to be born?
3. What did the disciples bring to Jesus to ride down the street?
4. What did the people say and do as he rode along?
5. Can we praise Jesus today?

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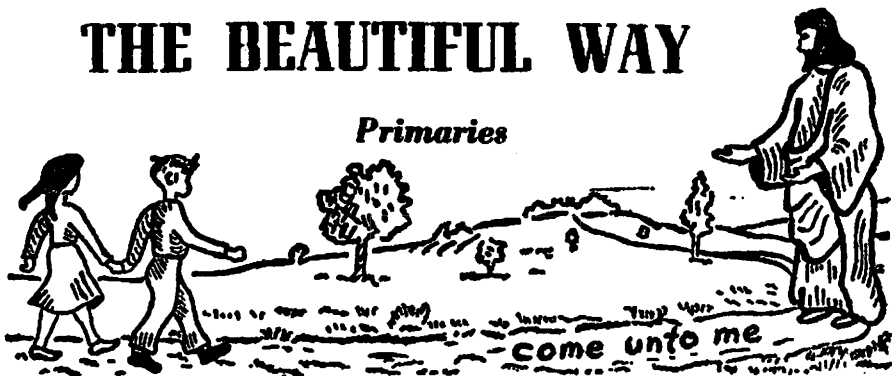
God loves those who will put Him first in their lives. In death we will stand before God and Jesus alone, so we need to have them for our friends.

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## JOSEPH WAS BLESSED

Genesis 49:22-26; Galatians 5:22, 23

Jacob knew he was going to die. He called his sons before him and talked to them. He looked at Joseph. Jacob remembered how Joseph's brothers had hated him. He said hatred was like a man with a bow and arrow. When he shot the arrow, called hatred, into him it hurt him. But Jacob knew that Joseph had God to help him. When you hate other boys and girls it hurts them. If they hate you it hurts like an arrow hitting you. Only God can heal the hurt. You can be like Joseph. You can be like a climbing rose bush that has beautiful roses on it. You can have a rose named love, another one named peace, joy, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, faith, meekness and patience. A rose smells sweetest when it is bruised. When someone does you wrong you can forgive him and still be sweet, can't you? God blessed Joseph and helped him. He was like a vine that had branches which ran over the wall.

*Memory Verse:* Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8.

## A New Little Girl In Heaven

"Oh, what do you think the angels say?"

Said the children up in Heaven;

"There's a dear little girl coming Home today,

She's almost ready to fly away  
From the earth we used to live in;  
Let us go and open the gates of pearl,  
Open them wide for the new little girl,"

Said the children up in Heaven!

"God wanted her here, where His little ones meet,"

Said the children up in Heaven;

"She will play with us in the golden street!

She has grown too fair, she has grown too sweet,

For the world we used to live in.  
She needs the sunshine, this dear little girl

That gilds this side of the gates of pearl,"

Said the children up in Heaven!

"Far down on the earth do you hear them weep?"

Said the children up in Heaven;

"For the dear little girl has gone to sleep;

The shadows fall and the night clouds sweep

O'er the earth we used to live in;

But we'll go and open the gates of pearl,

Oh, why do they weep for their dear little girl,"

Said the children up in Heaven!

"Fly with her quickly, O angels dear,"  
Said the children up in Heaven;

"See, she's coming! Look there! Look there!

At the jasper light on her sunny hair,

Where the veiling clouds are riven!

Ah, hush-hush-hush; all the swift wings furl!

For the King Himself at the gates of pearl

Is taking her hand, dear, tired little girl,

And leading her into Heaven!

—Author Unknown

## QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about today?
2. Did Joseph's brothers hate him?
3. Did hate hurt Joseph like an arrow shot at him?

4. What did we name the roses on the rose bush we talked about?

5. A rose smells sweetest when it is bruised. How can we be sweet if someone does us wrong?

## PURE IN HEART

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matt. 5:8).

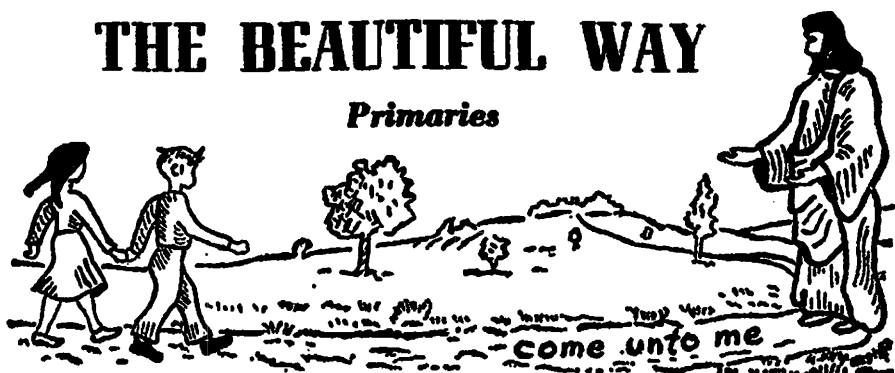
Jesus makes a promise in this verse. He tells us that all who keep their hearts clean and full of goodness will see God someday. This is a wonderful promise.

Decide which words belong in a pure heart. Draw a heart and write these good things on the heart.

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| love     | joy      |
| kindness | jealousy |
| anger    | peace    |
|          | hate     |

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Nov. 21

## JACOB DIES AND IS BURIED

Genesis 49:18, 29-33; 50:1-12

Jacob knew that his time had come to die. He told his sons to bury him in the cave that Abraham had bought. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah were buried there. Did you ever see a cemetery where people had been buried? The people's bodies only are put there. The soul goes to a waiting place to await the judgment. Your body is just your house that you live in here. You will leave your body someday and go to be with Jesus in heaven. Jesus is so wonderful and sweet and heaven is beautiful. Jacob was glad to go and be with God. He had been waiting and longing for that time. He loved God.

When Jacob died, Joseph wept, and kissed him. He knew he would not see him here but he would live so he could see him in heaven. Others wept and they took his body and buried it as he wanted them to. It was many miles to travel but a large company of people went along. The people wept and mourned for Jacob many days.

*Memory Verse:* We have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Corinthians 5:1.

## Judy's Alaska Thanksgiving

Judy was getting ready to attend her first Thanksgiving feast in Alaska. Her father was a missionary preacher who had come to Alaska to tell the Eskimo people about Jesus.

Judy pushed her head up into her parka, a fur-lined coat with a hood.

Then she flip-flapped the sleeves like bird wings. In went her arms and then pull. The parka was on.

"Hurry, Debbie," she shouted as she was leaving, "we mustn't be late to the Thanksgiving feast." Her sister was helping Robby dress.

As she hurried across the soft Arctic snow, she wondered what the Thanksgiving feast in Alaska would be like. She knew it would be different from any she had attended in her old home in Ohio.

Then she hurried up the steps of the community hall. Mother had baby brother on her back inside her parka, as the Eskimo women carry their babies. Debbie had little Robby by the hand.

People were sitting all over the room. Each family sat together. In the middle of the hall was a large stack of boxes with food inside. Everyone had brought something for the feast. It was according to what they had in their cellars, or could buy from the store, not a great variety, but what the Eskimo people liked.

"Father brought a box of frozen fish. See," whispered Judy to Debbie, "the people are getting ready to pass the food out."

Before the food was passed, Father gave thanks to God for all the food and the many other blessings that they had received.

Then the servers began to pass out the frozen caribou meat, and the frozen fish. They carried it in cardboard boxes, lifting out pieces for each family.

Judy hurried back to where her mother sat. She took off her parka and sat on it. The floor was cold, and her parka was soft!

A server put a piece of meat and fish into their dish. It looked good. Judy was hungry, and wanted to eat.

Mother took an ooloo from her purse. It was a rounded knife, with a handle at the top. She cut off pieces of meat for each one.

Judy began to eat the caribou and fish. There were rice and canned vegetables, and even canned fruit for desert—plenty for all.

As Judy stood up and slipped on her parka to go home, she thought, "I'm thankful for the good Thanksgiving feast. It was different, but I enjoyed it, and hope everyone remembers to say 'thank you' to God for such good food."

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who are buried in a cemetery?
2. Did Jacob long to go to heaven where there would never be any more trouble?
3. Where did he want them to bury his body?
4. When Jacob died, what did Joseph do?



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## JOSEPH'S BROTHERS ARE AFRAID

Genesis 50:15-26

Joseph's brothers felt afraid now since their father had died. They remembered how they had sold their brother Joseph years before into Egypt to be a slave. Now they thought he had loved them just for their father's sake, but this was not so. God will help you, as He did Joseph, to love other boys and girls who do you wrong.

"Please forgive us for our father's sake and for God's sake?" Joseph's brothers asked, falling on their knees. Joseph said, "Don't be afraid. Am I to take the place of God?" God punishes people when they do wrong and man should not. Joseph said, "You meant to do wrong to me but God turned it around and brought good out of it. God wanted me to be here to keep people from starving. Don't be afraid. I will take care of you and all of your little children." Later, Joseph's time came to die. He wanted them to put his bones in a coffin and take them back to Canaan to bury them.

*Memory Verse:* Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21.

## The First Thanksgiving

Tim Carter heard quiet footsteps. He stopped still. Then he stooped to the ground. He hid in the brush. **Thump!** Looking up, Tim saw an arrow sticking in the tree in front of him. "That was an Indian," he said to himself. "I must get back home as soon as I can."

Tim lived in Massachusetts. He had come to the new world with Father and Mother on the ship called the **Mayflower**. It was in the year 1620. Tim had heard stories of the Indians that lived in this new land. He was afraid of them.

This was the first time Tim had met up with one. He lay quietly for sometime. His heart beat so loudly he was afraid the Indian would hear it. Then he crawled as softly as he could, through the brush, to the house where he lived.

"There are Indians nearby," Tim said to Mother. "One shot an arrow at me."

"You must stay inside the fence," said Mother.

Tim helped to plant corn and wheat. He picked wild strawberries and blueberries in the woods close to his house. He watched the corn grow.

"We will have a large harvest," said Father one day.

"I'm so glad," said Tim.

"Governor Bradford is arranging for a Thanksgiving Day," continued Father. "We shall give thanks to God for this harvest. We shall have a good feast."

Tim was happy. The whole colony

would be together. He ran to tell David, his friend, about the plans.

"The men are going hunting for wild turkeys," said David. "Let's go with them."

"I am afraid of the Indians," said Tim.

"The Indians are our friends," said David. "They told us how to plant corn."

Thanksgiving Day was bright and cool. Tim smelled the fresh bread the women were baking. The wild turkeys and deer the men had killed were roasting over the open fire.

All at once Tim saw Indian Chief **Massasoit**. Behind him were his warriors.

The Indians sat down. They listened as Gov. Bradford read the Bible and prayed. Then the women put the food on the tables. Everybody ate. Afterward, everyone played games. Tim watched the Indians. Then he went closer to them. One of them showed him how to shoot an arrow.

"The Indians are our friends," said Tim to David. "I am thankful for that."

—Sel.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was afraid that they would be punished?
2. When boys and girls do wrong, are they afraid?
3. What did Joseph tell his brothers when he saw they were sorry?
4. Did God send Joseph to Egypt to help keep boys and girls and big people from starving?
5. What did Joseph want to be done with his bones when he died?

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Dec. 5

## THE BABY HID IN A BASKET

Exodus 1:8-22; 2:1-10

A new king ruled Egypt. When he saw that hard work made the children of Israel grow stronger, he decided to have all the new-born boy babies killed. Oh, how sad!

When Jochebed looked at her new beautiful son, she was afraid. She hid him in the house for three months. Finally she was afraid someone from the king's court would hear him and come and kill him. She thought of a plan. She made a little basket or ark so it would float on water. She took it down to the Nile River and hid it among the tall bulrushes. She told his sister, Miriam, to watch the little basket. What if she had not obeyed? One day the king's daughter and her maidens came down to the river to bathe. They saw the basket. She had the maidens bring it to her. When she opened it, the baby cried. She loved it. Miriam asked her if she wanted her to get a nurse to take care of the baby. When she told her to go, she ran for his mother. She paid his mother to take care of Moses until he grew older. Then she took him to her house to live.

*Memory Verse:* By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents. Hebrews 11:23a.

## Not Good Enough

Judy came running into the house. "Guess what, Mother!" she cried. "Susie's father hasn't been drunk all week, and he's worked and bought them plenty to eat, and they're all coming to church tomorrow, and Susie has a new dress!"

"What a long sentence!" laughed Mother. "That is good news, but what happened?"

"Susie's father was in jail last Sunday, and our preacher went there and told the men about Jesus," said Judy. "Susie's father asked God to save him and help him not to drink any more. He got out of jail Monday morning, and he's lived right all week. He doesn't hit Susie and her mother like he used to."

"God can change lives," said Mother. "But we have to ask Him to take us for His own and make what He wants to out of our lives. You have never done that, have you, Judy?"

"But Mother, I don't get drunk and hit people like Susie's father did!" said Judy. "I'm pretty good most of the time. Don't you think I am good enough?"

Mother could not answer right then because the telephone rang.

Sunday morning Susie and her father and mother were at Sunday School and church. After the sermon, the minister asked Susie's father to tell what God had done for him. Then he asked if there were others who would like to give their lives to God. Judy was surprised to

see Susie and her mother pray for God to save them.

"They have always been so good, and so nice to Susie's father when he was mean," Judy whispered to her mother. "Why do they need to be saved?"

"None of us is 'good enough,' Judy," her mother told her. "The Bible says that 'all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.' That does not mean just men who get drunk and hit their wives and children. It means everyone."

Judy began to cry. "I need to be saved too, then," she said. She went to the front of the church and got on her knees by Susie. "Dear God," she prayed, "please forgive me for the bad things I have done and make me Your child. For Jesus' sake."

"God did it!" Judy said when she got up. —Sel.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Did the new king make the Israelites work hard?
2. Why did Moses' mother hide him?
3. Who found him?
4. Did Miriam obey her mother and watch the little basket?
5. Who took care of baby Moses until he was big enough to live with the princess?

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### GOD IS LOVE

Kindness is a loving guide  
That shows us how to live—  
A treasure which the more we spend.  
The more we have to give.

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## MOSES LEAVES EGYPT

Exodus 2:11-13, 22; Acts 7:25

Moses lived in the palace with the princess. He went to school. He soon grew to be a man. One day he saw two of the Israelites quarreling. This grieved Moses and he asked, "Why do you strike your fellow-worker?" Moses thought the people knew that God intended to free them from bondage. But the man asked, "Who made you a judge or prince over us? Are you going to harm us as you did the Egyptian yesterday who was striking one of us?" Moses was afraid because his deed was known. Moses fled from Egypt so Pharaoh could not find him.

Moses was lonely as he sat down by a well. He had left a palace and a life of ease. The king sought to kill him. Where would he go and what would he do? About that time some young women came to the well to draw water for their father's sheep. Some shepherds came up and drove them away and watered their sheep. But Moses helped the women. Their father invited Moses to live with him. Moses married one of his girls and they had a baby boy.

*Memory Verse:* The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord. Psa. 37:23a.

## The Twins Kept on Praying

The twins, Mary and Larry, were at school when it happened. A man came to the door and called their teacher out into the hall. She came back soon with a very sad face. After school she called Mary and Larry to her. "Your father and mother had an accident," she said. "A big truck ran into their car. They are in the hospital."

Mary and Larry went to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Kinney. The Kinneys had a boy and a girl, Ronnie and Sue. They were older than the twins.

When they sat down to eat, Mary and Larry closed their eyes and bowed their heads. But no one prayed. So they both thanked God for their food, but did not pray aloud.

"Why did you do that?" asked Sue.

"We were thanking God for our food," said Larry.

"That is silly!" Sue told him. "Mother bought that food at the store!"

At bedtime Mary and Larry prayed. "Why do you get down on your knees like that?" Sue asked Mary.

"I am asking God to make my father and mother well," Mary told her.

"Well, He isn't going to do it!" Sue said. "I heard Daddy tell Mother that they are hurt so badly they can't get well! Maybe you will have to stay with us always!"

When she was in bed Mary prayed some more. She prayed until she went to sleep.

Again, the next morning, the twins thanked God for their food at the breakfast table.

"Do you think we should stop praying when we are around them?" Mary asked Larry on the way to school.

"No!" said Larry. "God says in the Bible to pray without stopping. Why should we stop praying because people want us to? We must mind God!"

So the twins prayed more than ever. They prayed when they walked to school. They prayed after they were in bed. They did not pray aloud, but they knew God could hear them.

Then one day Mrs. Kinney said, "Your father and mother are much better. They will soon be well enough to leave the hospital. The doctors say they never saw anyone who was hurt so badly get better so quickly."

"God answered the twins' prayers after all!" said Sue. —Sel.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did Moses go to see when he became a man?

2. What did he see two men doing?

3. Did they understand that God wanted him to help them to be freed from the king who made them work so hard?

4. Moses fled to Midian. What did he do when he sat down by a well?

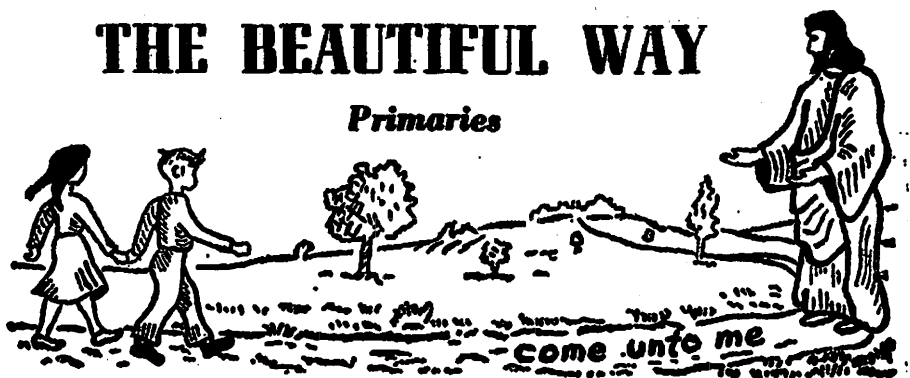
5. Did he marry? Did they have a baby boy or a baby girl?

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God wants us to work and not be lazy. He gives us health and strength each day to do our daily chores. We should thank Him for this and work for Him or else He might show us how weak we can become.

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Dec. 19

## MOSES SEES A BURNING BUSH

Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:30-34

Moses was out in the wilderness by the mountain caring for the sheep. He was about 80 years old. Moses thought about his people in Egypt. He longed to help them out of their trouble. All of a sudden Moses saw a fire. He looked and there a bush was burning. He "turned aside" to see it, but the bush did not burn up. A voice called out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses answered, "Here am I." God said, "Come near, but take off your shoes. You are on holy ground. I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I have seen the troubles and heard the cries of the Israelites. I want to bring them out of Egypt, and bring them into a good land. I want to send you down to Egypt. I want you to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let my people go." Moses was afraid. He said, "Who am I that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" The angel of the Lord said, "I will be with you, and when you bring them forth you will bring them to this mountain." The name of this mountain was Horeb. God was with Moses according to His promise.

*Memory Verse:* If God be for us, who can be against us?  
Romans 8:31b.

## Christmas Spirit

Philip knew it was almost Christmas. Every time he walked into the kitchen, Mother was making cookies. Father was bringing home gifts when he came from work. Father put up Christmas lights on the outside of the house. But in his heart, Philip did not feel like it was Christmas.

"Stan is not my friend anymore," said Philip to Mother. "I am not giving him a Christmas present. He always fights with me."

Philip tried playing by himself. That was not much fun. Then he rode his bicycle down the street. He saw a store window full of toys. He stopped to look in.

"I like those soldiers," said Stan.

Philip jumped. He thought he was alone. He had not seen Stan come to the store window.

Philip got on his bicycle. He rode away. He did not want to talk to Stan.

The next day, Stan was not at school. Philip did not care. But when Philip got home, he missed Stan.

"Here is a Christmas card for you," said Mother.

Philip opened the envelope. "It is a card from Stan," he said.

Philip felt bad. He had not sent a card to Stan. Well, Philip did not care about Christmas, anyway.

"Did you see Stan today?" asked Mother.

"He was not in school," said Philip. All at once, Philip put on his coat and cap. He said, "Mother, I am going to Stan's house now."

He ran to Stan's house. He knocked on the door.

"Stan is very sick," said Mrs. Brown. "He must stay in bed for a few days."

Philip was sorry he had been cross with Stan. There were tears in his eyes as he walked home. He thought of the Christmas card Stan had sent him. Philip was ashamed of himself.

What could he do for Stan? Then he knew. He ran into his house. He emptied his bank, and put the money in his pocket and walked to the store.

"I want to buy that set of toy soldiers in the window," Philip said to the clerk.

The package was wrapped in pretty Christmas paper. Philip hurried to Stan's house.

"This is for Stan," said Philip. "I hope he will get well real soon. I want to play with him again."

All at once Philip was happy. There was a big smile on his face. He began singing a Christmas hymn.

—Sel.

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Whom is our lesson about today?
2. What did Moses see in the desert?
3. What did God tell Moses from the burning bush?
4. Did God say He would go with him to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?

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Jesus has graciously invited you to come to Him and find rest to your soul—a rest from the guilt of sin.



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## JESUS, THE BABE IN A MANGER

Luke 2:4-16

One night the baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a stable. Mary, his mother, wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, as there was no room for them in the inn.

Some shepherds were watching their sheep in the field that same night. Suddenly the sky lit up. An angel appeared to the shepherds and the glory of the Lord shone all around them. The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Today a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord, is born. For a sign, you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." The angels in the sky began to shout, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Then all the angels went away. The shepherds said, "Let us go now and see the Babe in Bethlehem which the Lord has told us about." They made haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. When they had seen the Baby, they made known abroad the saying that the angels told them concerning this child.

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

## Danny's Song

Little Danny couldn't talk plainly. He was singing loudly. He sang, "Praise Him, praise Him, all ye liddle children." Then he sang, "Lub Him, lub Him, all ye liddle children." Danny had a heart full of love for everybody. Mother had fixed him a good breakfast. Daddy had kissed him and loved him before he had gone to work. Big sister had tied his shoes for him. Now he was out in the yard riding on his tricycle. He looked up in the tree. There he saw a bird fly from her nest. So he rode again down the sidewalk and sang, "Lub Him, lub Him, all ye liddle children. Praise Him, praise Him, all ye liddle children."

Do you know what Danny was singing? Surely you do. God knew, too. He knew Danny was praising Him and He was pleased.

We should always praise God. Long time ago Mary sang a song. Mary was happy. Mary knew she was to be the Mother of Jesus, God's Son. Mary praised God. When Jesus was born Mary was very, very happy.

The angels in heaven were happy when Jesus was born. They were so happy because they knew that Jesus was born that they couldn't stay in heaven. The angels came from heaven and the shepherds saw them in the sky. Wouldn't that be wonderful to look up in the sky and see lots of angels? They are beautiful. They were so happy about the good news that they could not keep it. They saw some shepherds watching their

sheep so they told them about Jesus being born. They shouted, "Glory to God in the highest."

Today we are happy, aren't we? We can sing with Danny. We love Jesus, too. We want to always praise Him. Jesus loves us, too.

Danny rode down the sidewalk singing, "Praise Him, praise Him, all ye liddle children." Then he sang, "Lub Him, lub Him, all ye liddle children."

"Well, well, if Danny isn't out early this cold morning riding his tricycle," Grandma Brown said as she met him on the sidewalk. "What are you so happy about today?" Are you thinking about all the gifts you received?"

"Oh, yes, Grandma Brown. Most of all I was thinking of Jesus, the best Gift. That's what Mother said was the best gift. Did you get Jesus for a gift?" asked Danny.

"Oh, yes, Danny, I got Jesus for a Gift and He is the very best Gift."

—M. Miles

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### QUESTIONS:

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. Who was Jesus' Mother?
3. What did the angels tell the shepherds that night?
4. Were the angels happy?
5. Did the shepherds find the babe lying in a manger?

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### LIKE JESUS

I want to be like Jesus  
When He was a little boy,  
Making everybody happy,  
Full of helpful love and joy.