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Jan. 2

OUR BIG WORLD

John 1:1-3; 1 John 5:7; Gen. 1:1-3, 25, 28-31; Gen. 2:1.

Before there was a world and before there were boys and girls, Jesus was in heaven with God, His Father. The Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ and His Father all worked as One person. What a wonderful world God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit made. At first there was no light on the world. It was all dark. God said, "Let there be light: and there was light." God spoke and things were made. God is great and big. We love God. We love Jesus. He is great and strong. God caused the waters to go into certain places. God made the lakes, rivers and oceans. God made the grass to grow. God made the trees to grow. He made the cows, the lions, the cats, the dogs and all the animals. God made everything that you can see. But on His big world there were no people. God made a man and a woman. Now we have a lot of people in the world.

God caused all the creatures He had made to go before Adam so Adam could give them names.

Memory Verse: And God said: Let there be light and there was light. Genesis 1:3.

When Karen Went Away

"How many really love Jesus" asked the Sunday School teacher.

Debbie and most of the others held up their hands.

"Are you really happy because you are saved?" asked the teacher.

Debbie smiled. She could remember how unhappy she had been before she had given her heart to Jesus. It felt so good to know that she was God's child and ready for heaven! Then she stopped smiling. The teacher was talking again.

"If we love Jesus, we should tell others about Him. We should ask our friends to Sunday School, but that is not enough. We should tell them what God has done for us, too. Maybe some of them would like to be saved if they only knew how."

Debbie thought of Karen. Before Christmas, Karen had moved into the apartment next door. Debbie and Karen had played together almost every day. But Debbie had never asked Karen to go to Sunday School. She had never told Karen what Jesus had done for her. I'll talk to her this afternoon, she thought.

But when Debbie and Karen played together that afternoon, Debbie did not know what to say. They did not talk about church or the Bible or God, and it seemed hard to start. I will talk to her tomorrow, Debbie promised herself.

Monday and Tuesday it was the same way, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Then Saturday morning Karen came running over.

"We are going away!" she said. "Daddy has to work in another town. Mother has our things packed, and Daddy is loading them in the station wagon. Mother said I just had time to say 'Good-bye' to you."

"Oh!" said Debbie. "We have had such good times together. I wish you didn't have to go away!"

Karen looked sad. "I wish you had asked me to go to Sunday School with you!" she said. "I wish you had told me what made you so happy!"

"Can't I tell you about it now?" asked Debbie.

"I have to go," said Karen. "Daddy is calling for me."

When she was gone, Debbie cried. Then she prayed, "Dear God, please send someone to tell Karen how to be saved. I wish I had! Help me to tell everyone I can about You, after this!" —Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Was Jesus in heaven with God before the world was made?
2. Who made the world?
3. Name something that God made.
4. Who made a man and a woman?
5. Do you love your great big God?

Unscramble these letters and write the name of the man who lived the longest. "Thsuelaem."

When we make plans to do something in the future, we should remember to say, "If the Lord wills," because we never know what the Lord will permit to happen within a day's time.

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Jan. 9

ANNA SEES JESUS CHRIST

Luke 2:36-40

There was an old, old woman whose name was Anna. She was a prophetess. Her husband had died. She was of the tribe of Aser. She lived in the temple. She was a good woman. She loved God. She fasted and prayed often. She served God all the time. She loved to stay in the temple and there praise God.

One day Mary and Joseph came into the temple. They had the sweet baby Jesus with them. They brought Him to offer an offering unto God. About that time Anna saw them. Oh, how happy she was to see the baby Jesus. The Lord made her know that He was the Christ. She had been looking for Jesus Christ to come. She praised God. She knew that now they could be saved through Christ. She was happy. She told everyone that Jesus Christ had come.

After Jesus' parents offered the sacrifice, they left. They went to Galilee. They went to their own town of Nazareth. There Jesus grew like other boys. God was with Him.

Memory Verse: In him was life; and the life was the light of men. John 1:4.

God Changed the Wind

For a whole hour the bell on the old mission school-house had been ringing. The people in the valley heard the bell. They knew that there was trouble at the school-house. They hurried to the school-house to answer the alarm.

A fire had started in the pump house. A high wind was blowing. The flames were being carried by the wind toward the school-house.

Because the fire had started in the pump house, there was no water to fight the fire. The men formed a long line going from the creek to the school-house. Buckets of water from the creek were passed along the line.

Up on the roof of the school-house were some boys. They were fighting the fire. They would take the buckets of water and pour on the places where the sparks of fire had landed. They were fighting hard to save their school-house from the fire.

Down below, other boys were carrying books out of the school-house to a place of safety. They were also carrying out the maps and the desks.

The boys loved their school-house. It had been built by kind Christians. If this school-house burned, there would be no place for them to receive a Christian education.

The boys on the roof had been working hard for a whole hour. Finally one boy on the roof shouted, "It's no use! The fire is beating us! We can't keep on putting out the

patches of fire! The school-house will go up in flames!"

Another boy shouted, "There is one more thing we can do! We have not prayed yet!" As he ran to the edge of the roof to receive another bucket of water, he cried out, "Oh, God, change the wind! Save our school-house from the fire. We need it so much."

Instantly the wind changed! The flames from the pump house no longer came toward the school-house. The school-house was saved from the flames!

Today the school-house still stands. Within its walls gather hundreds of of boys and girls. They are learning about God's Book, above all other books. —Sel.

QUESTIONS:

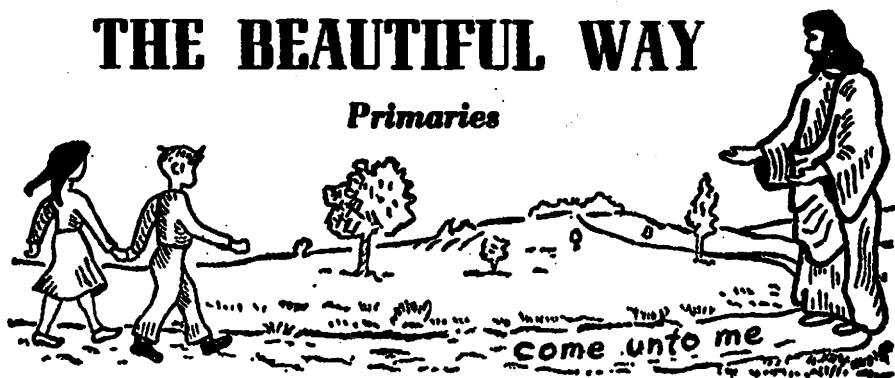
1. Where did Jesus' parents take Him?
2. What did they do at the temple?
3. Who lived at the temple and was very old?
4. What did she do when she saw Jesus?
5. Did Jesus grow like other boys?

"I don't believe there are ghosts in cemeteries," Jack declared, "because my daddy said that there are not any there."

"I don't believe there are either," Jerry agreed. "Jesus takes care of us and we don't have to be afraid. I wish other boys and girls loved Jesus, too."

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Jan. 16

THE COMING OF JOHN

Luke 1:10-13, 18-20, 60-64; Mark 1:6-8

Zacharias went into the temple while the people waited outside. An angel said God was going to give him and his wife a son in their old age and that they should name him John. Zacharias could not believe this. And because he could not believe it, the angel told him that he would not speak again until the baby was born.

The time came and their son was born. "What shall we name him?" they asked. Zacharias made signs and they brought him a pencil and tablet. He wrote the name John. Then he was able to speak.

John grew to be a man. John was a preacher. He dressed in clothes made from camel's hair. He lived in the wilderness and ate locusts and wild honey. He said, "I will baptize you with water but there is one that is greater than I that is to come." That was Christ.

John the Baptist wanted everyone to love Christ.

Memory Verse: There is one mightier than I after me.
Mark 1:7a.

The Naughty Puppies

One time Gipsy, the collie dog, had ten puppies. Father put the puppies in the barn. How excited Marie was when she saw the puppies! She liked to watch them. She liked to play with them when they got older. They were so cute when they would run and bark and wag their little tails.

One night, Father awakened. It had turned cold. Father thought about the puppies. Perhaps they were cold in the barn! He decided to put them in Marie's play room for the night. There they would be warm.

Putting on his slippers and robe, Father went out to the barn. He put all the puppies in a box and carried them to the playroom. He shut the door to the playroom and went back to bed.

The next morning, Marie went out to the barn to see the puppies. They were gone! She ran into the house and told Father about it. He said, "I know where they are. It turned cold in the night so I went out to the barn and brought the puppies to the house. I put them in your playroom where they would be warm!"

Marie ran to her playroom. When she opened the door, what a sight she saw! The puppies were having a wonderful time. Several of them were pulling the legs and arms off of Marie's dolls. One was chewing the hair off of a doll. Marie began to cry. Then she began to laugh. What naughty puppies! What funny puppies! What a mess they had made in Marie's playroom!

Why were the puppies naughty? Why did they chew Marie's dolls and pull off the arms and legs of the dolls? It was because it is the nature of puppies to chew things. It is the nature of puppies to pull things. Puppies could not be different unless their nature could be changed.

Jesus can change our natures. He can make us pure and clean. Then we will live good lives. —Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Zacharias see when he went into the temple?
2. Did Zacharias believe that God would give him a son?
3. What happened to Zacharias after the baby was born?
4. What did John do when he grew to be a man?
5. What did he wear and where did he preach?

One time a family did not have food. They all prayed with their mother to Jesus. They asked Jesus to send them food. Not long after that, Mr. Brown, owner of the store, called their mother. He said, "Could you use some cans of food? I had some cans outside and it began to rain and the paper with the names of the kind of food on it came off."

"Oh, yes, we can use the food, Mr. Brown," answered Mother. "How kind of you, and we do thank you so much. The boys will be right over to get the cans with their wagon."

"Now before you go, let us thank God for answering prayer."

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JESUS WALKS BY WHEN JOHN WAS PREACHING

John 1:29-42

John was preaching, and many people came out to hear him. One day Jesus came and asked John to baptize Him. As they came up out of the water, the Spirit came down from heaven like a dove and sat upon Jesus. John knew then that He truly was the Son of God, or the Christ that was to come.

One day Jesus was walking by. John looked up and saw Jesus. John said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." Oh look at Jesus. He is the One that you have been looking for. The two men who were close to him were so happy to see Jesus. They started right out to following Him. Jesus turned around and asked them, "What seek ye?" They asked, "Master, where do you dwell?" Jesus said, "Come and see." They stayed with Jesus that day. They were so happy to be with Jesus that Andrew told his brother Peter about Him. Peter was happy to see Him too.

John was happy too because these men followed Christ.

Memory Verse: Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." John 1:29b.

An Offering for Fido

James had a dog named Fido. James loved Fido. Fido played with him. Fido slept near his bed.

One day, at dinner, Father noticed that James was not eating his roast beef. The father asked, "Son, why don't you eat your roast beef? It is very good."

James replied, "I know it is very good, Father. That is why I am saving it for Fido. Fido likes meat."

Father said, "James, you eat that roast beef yourself. We will give Fido some of the scraps that are left."

James sorrowfully ate his roast beef. He had wanted very much to give it to Fido.

After dinner was over, Father heaped a plate with scraps for Fido. He gave James the plate of scraps and told him to take it to the dog.

James went out on the back porch and placed the plate of scraps on the floor. He said, "Here Fido. Here is your dinner. I wanted to give you an offering. I wanted to give you some good roast beef, but Father would not let me do it. Now all you have is a collection. You have the scraps that were left!"

God deserves our very best. When we give to God, we should give Him an offering willingly and gladly. We should never give Him just a collection of the "scraps that are left over!" —Sel.

There are 39 books in the Old Testament.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who walked by when John was preaching?
2. What did John call Him and what was He to do?
3. Did some men start to follow Jesus?
4. Did they go home with Jesus?
5. Did they tell others that they had found Jesus?

BE CLOTHED

"Larry, button your shirt quickly," Bill said as he and Larry were dressing by the fire in the kitchen. "Here comes Mrs. Erving and she will see you."

Larry hurried and got his shirt buttoned before Mrs. Erving came in.

"Well, here are my little boys looking so nice and neat," Mrs. Erving said. "I am glad to see you dressed this early in the morning. Some children don't put all their clothes on before half the morning is gone and Mother has to scold them to get them to get dressed."

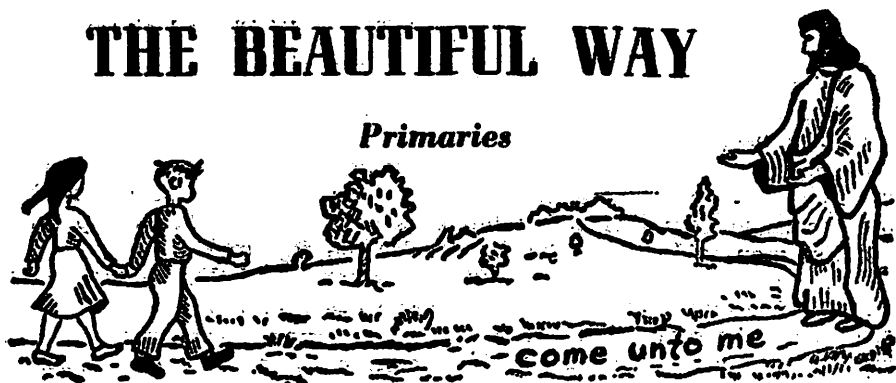
"I don't think it is nice to let others see me undressed. Our preacher said people were going to hell because they go around without being clothed. I don't want to do anything that would cause me to miss heaven and have to go to hell," Bill said.

"Well, I am glad to hear that your preacher tells folks the truth about hell," Mrs. Erving said. "Not many preachers are telling the people about it today." —M. M.

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Jan. 30

FINDING JESUS

John 1:43-51

How happy Philip was to see Jesus, the Son of God. This news was too good to keep. He wanted his friend Nathanael to know about this. He went to hunt for him. When he found him, he said, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth." Nathanael couldn't believe it. Philip said, "Come and see him." When Jesus saw Nathanael and Philip coming, He said, "Here comes a man who is a good man." Now Nathanael knew that he was good because he had lived for God. But he wondered just how Jesus would know because he had never seen Him before. This was a puzzle to Nathanael. Jesus told him that He saw him under the fig tree. Nathanael knew that he was praying and thinking about God under the fig tree and only a prophet would know this. This caused Nathanael to believe that truly this was Jesus, the Son of God. Nathanael said, "You are the Son of God, the King of Israel."

Memory Verse: Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7.

Feathers

There was once a woman who had a bad habit. She went about her village telling unkind, untrue tales about her neighbors.

One day the woman went to a wise man in her village. She asked him how she could stop this bad habit. The wise man said, "Get a big bag of feathers. Go all over the village and put a few feathers in everybody's yard. Then she returned to the wise man. She said, "I have finished."

The wise man said, "Oh, no, you have not finished. You must now go back and gather up all the feathers you have scattered."

The woman said, "I can't do that. By this time the wind has blown the feathers in every direction."

The wise man said, "I know you can't do it. I want you to know that every time you say unkind, untrue things about your neighbors, you are doing a terrible sin. You can never take back the unkind, untrue things you have said."

How careful we should be not to say unkind, untrue things about others. Long ago God gave this command to His people, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." (Exodus 20:16).

A poet said:

"Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds,
You can't do that when you are flying words!"

—Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did Philip look for to tell about Jesus?
2. When Jesus saw Nathanael, what did He say about him?
3. Was Nathanael surprised that Jesus knew that he was a good man?
4. Was Nathanael surprised that Jesus knew that he was praying under the fig tree?
5. What did Nathanael say he believed Jesus to be?

Comfort In God's Word

In the year of 1969, we were keeping little Jeannie Busbee in our home. Her mother had been ill for some time and Jeannie was troubled about her. One day after Jeannie had been there for several days my sister put a record on the record-player, and the song that came out was something about going to church with Mama. When Jeannie heard this song, she burst into tears. Mother asked her, "What's wrong, Jeannie?"

"I want my Mama to get well," Jeannie said.

As soon as she had said this, the Lord gave Jeannie a Scripture which was a great comfort to her. The Scripture was, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

That was Jeannie's memory verse that Sunday in Sunday-school. She was a happy little girl after the Lord comforted her heart with that Scripture.

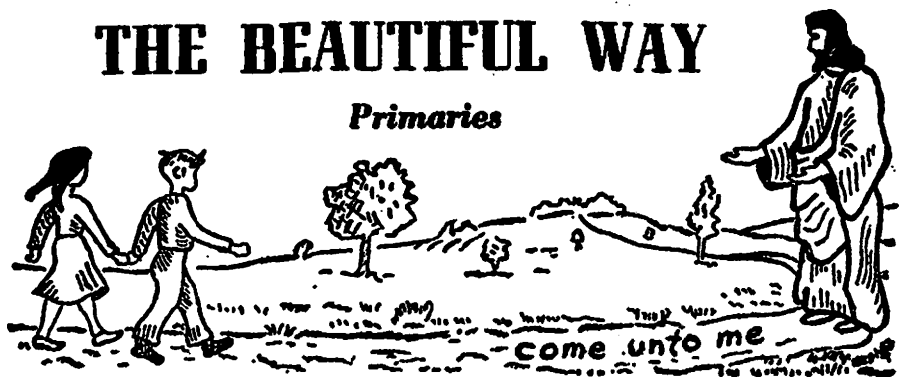
—Joan McIntosh

Great men are generally prepared for great deeds by great trials.

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Feb. 6

JESUS GOES TO A WEDDING

John 2:1-11

The mother of Jesus went to a wedding. Jesus and His disciples were invited too. There were so many there that they did not have enough drink to go around. The mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus answered, "Why do you ask me. My time has not come for others to know about me." But His mother believed that He could help them. She said to the servants, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." The servants set out six waterpots. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots full with water." They filled the waterpots. Then Jesus said, "Pour out now and take it to the governor of the feast." They poured it out. The water had turned into good wine. When the governor of the feast tasted it, he thought it was better than they had served before. He asked why they saved the best to serve at the last.

This was the beginning of the miracles that Jesus did. Many believed on Jesus as being the Son of God.

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

The Little Angel

Jake, the miner, was a wicked man. He hated the church. He hated Christians. He drank and swore. One day Jake was taken sick. He was such a bad man that no one wanted to care for him. Day by day, he lay in bed in his little shack. A neighbor brought him food. No one else came near him.

Mrs. Jones heard about Jake. She was a sweet Christian lady. She felt that Jesus wanted her to go and see Jake.

The next day Mrs. Jones went to the little shack. Jake looked terrible. Mrs. Jones had brought clean towels, and food. She cleaned up the little shack. She helped Jake wash his face and hands. She gave him a good dinner.

Jake did not even thank Mrs. Jones for her kindness. He just cursed and said mean things. Mrs. Jones decided that she would keep on helping Jake. She prayed that God would touch Jake's heart and save him from his sins before he died.

One day Mrs. Jones started on her way to the shack. During the night she had prayed for poor Jake. A neighbor woman, with her little girl Mary, walked along with Mrs. Jones. They waited outside the shack while Mrs. Jones went in to see how Jake was.

Mrs. Jones saw that Jake needed a few things. While she was busy helping him, little Mary laughed outside. Jake heard the laughter. He asked, "What was that?"

Mrs. Jones replied, "A little girl, named Mary, came with me this morning. She is waiting with her mother outside."

Jake said, "Bring the little girl in."

Mrs. Jones went to the door and called Mary. Mary came in. She looked like an angel with her golden hair and blue eyes and sweet smile. In here hand she held some flowers that she had picked.

Mary went over to the poor sick man. She handed him the flowers. She said, "I am sorry you are so sick!"

Jake began to cry. It was the first time he had cried for many years. He said, "I once had a little girl, but she died. She is in Heaven. I wish I could see her."

Jake's hard heart was touched. Now he listened to the story of Jesus and His love. Mrs. Jones urged Jake to come to Jesus and prepare to go to Heaven. In Heaven he could again see his little girl.

Then Mrs. Jones prayed. Jake also prayed. He asked the Lord Jesus to forgive his sins.

Jake was saved. Mary, the little "angel," had led him to Jesus!

—Sel.

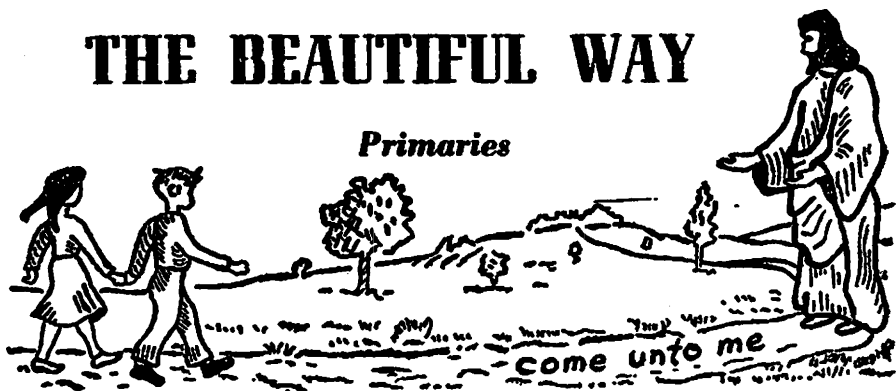
QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus go?
2. What did His mother ask Him to do?
3. What did the servants put in the six waterpots?
4. What did they pour out of the same waterpots?
5. Can Jesus do everything?

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JESUS CLEANS THE TEMPLE

John 2:13-15

Jesus went down to Jerusalem. He went into the temple where prayer was offered. There He saw men selling oxen. They also sold sheep and doves. Other men were sitting around giving change for money. This made Jesus feel sad. This was a house of prayer. They should not be selling things in the house of prayer. Jesus picked up some bulrushes and made a cord. He told the men to take their animals and leave. He turned over the tables with the money on them. He told all of them to leave the house of prayer. They left. In God's house we are to worship God. We are not to sell and do wrong.

When Jesus died on the cross, God's Spirit moved out of the temple. Today God's Spirit dwells in our bodies when we are saved. We are to take care of our bodies. We are not to drink strong drinks that will harm our bodies. Jesus will clean out all sin if we will let Him. Jesus wants a clean heart to live in. Do you tell lies? Then you need to ask Jesus to make your heart clean.

Memory Verse: If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. . . ." I Corinthians 3:17a.

The Sheep With the Broken Leg

A lady was spending the summer in Switzerland. She stayed in a beautiful hotel near a lake. Often she took long walks. She liked to see the beautiful country.

One morning the lady climbed up a mountain side. She came to a shepherd's humble home. She went to the door and knocked. She saw the shepherd inside. He invited her to enter.

Over in a corner of the humble home, a sheep was lying on a pile of straw. The sheep was suffering. The lady said, "Poor sheep! He has a broken leg. How did it happen?"

The shepherd said, "Madam, I broke that sheep's leg. I had to do it. He was the most wayward sheep in my flock. He would not obey my voice. He would not follow the path where I led my sheep. He would wander to the edge of steep cliffs. He was not only disobedient, but he tried to lead my other sheep astray. I broke his leg. It was the only thing to do. When I went near him the first day, he tried to bite me. I left him alone for two days. Then I went back to him with some food. This time he licked my hand and ate all the food. Lady, I want to tell you something. When this sheep gets well, he will be the best sheep in my flock. No other sheep in my flock will obey my voice so quickly!"

Sometimes we disobey God. We do not follow where He leads. When we do this, God may send sorrow or

trouble to us. He does this because He wants to bring us to Him. He wants us to love Him and obey Him. —Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus go when He went down to Jerusalem?
2. What were bad men doing in the temple?
3. What did Jesus do to them?
4. Are our bodies the temple of God?
5. Will Jesus cleanse our hearts of sin if we let Him?

God's Purpose

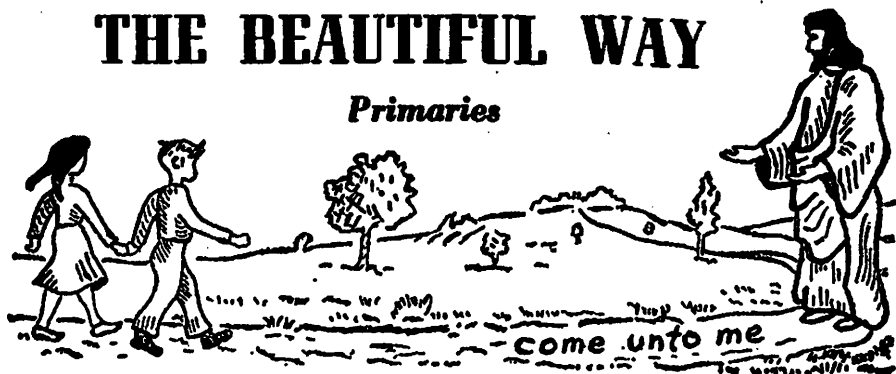
A young man was trying to establish himself as a peach-grower. He had worked for years, and invested his all in a peach orchard, which at last bloomed bounteously—and then came a frost. He didn't go to church the next Sunday, nor the next. His minister went to hunt him up, and inquired the reason. The discouraged young fellow exclaimed: "No, and what is more, I'm not coming any more. Do you think I can worship God who loves me so little that He will let a frost kill all my peaches?"

The old minister looked at him a moment in silence, and then replied kindly: "Young man, God loves you better than He does your peaches. He knows that, while peaches do better without frosts, it is impossible to grow the men without frosts. His object is to grow men, not peaches."

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NICODEMUS VISITS JESUS

John 3:1-13

Jesus had a visitor one night. This man's name was Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a ruler of the Jews. Nicodemus had heard about Jesus. He wanted to see Jesus. Nicodemus said, "We know that you are a teacher who has come from God. We know that no man could heal the sick and do all the great things that you have done." Jesus was glad that Nicodemus came to see Him. Jesus was glad that Nicodemus wanted to know how to get to heaven. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." Now this puzzled Nicodemus. He said, "How can this be? I was born once." Jesus told him that he needed to be born twice. He must be born by the Spirit and the Word. This is a work of God. You can't see it just as you can't see the wind. Boys and girls, how do you know the wind is blowing? You can see the trees move and the grass wavering in the breeze. So you know the wind is blowing. When you are born again, you live better. You love Jesus and do right.

Memory Verse: Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:7.

Tommy's Lesson

Tommy was very fond of playing under a big oak tree, in the meadow near his home. He often took his blocks there and built bridges under the spreading boughs.

After the long months indoors, the first spring day found him at this favorite spot. Right away he noticed some pretty vines clinging to the big oak. When Tommy told his father about the shiny leaves on the vines, he was cautioned to keep away from it. Tommy's father said it was "poison ivy," and he must not touch it or even play under the tree where it was.

This was hard for the active little boy. The next day when Tommy thought no one was looking (but God was), he went real close to the big oak and looked at the pretty leaves. Then without notice of his parents, he played and lingered there for quite a while. However by the next morning, mother had a very sick little boy.

Tommy's disobedience had found him out, and he would have to suffer from the result of it. The Bible tells us, "Be sure your sin will find you out." (Num. 32:23). How true it is that our hidden wrongs always do trip us up; God's all-seeing eyes miss nothing.

The poisonous air around the leaves and vines made Tommy sick, even though he did not touch them. It is always best to listen to your parents, they know what is right for boys and girls to do.

Things which look nice are not always good to have. Children who fight and do naughty tricks cause others to be poisoned by their bad company. The only way to keep from sin is to let the Lord Jesus rule your hearts. He is the only One who can take away those naughty, wrong desires which so quickly creep into lives. As you trust Him more and more, He will give you joy and happiness. He will never forsake you. —Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who came to see Jesus at night?
2. What did he say about Jesus?
3. What did Jesus say to Nicodemus?
4. Can you see the wind?
5. Can you tell that people live better and different when they are saved?

Prayer brought one man from the bottom of the sea—Jonah. Prayer carried another man in a chariot of fire to heaven—Elijah. What has prayer not done?

Others are watching you and they know how you treat your mother or daddy. Some day someone might need someone to go with them to a place that you would love to go. If you have been helpful to your parents they would know you would be just the one that they could trust to take along with them. It pays to train ourselves to be helpful.

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LOOK TO JESUS TO BE FREE FROM SIN

Numbers 21:5-9; John 3:14-17

It is a sin to tell lies. It is a sin to steal. Many people talk against God. That is a sin. God hates sin. We should all hate sin. Sin is like snakes. Sin will hurt us. Sin will keep us out of heaven. If we live and die in sin, we will suffer now and after death.

One time the people talked against God and Moses. The people did not want to obey God. God sent snakes into the camp to punish them. They were sorry. They said, "We have sinned. Pray to God for us." God told Moses to put a brass snake on a pole. All who looked at it would live and not die. Jesus said that God loves all who have sinned. God sent Jesus into the world. God let Jesus be put upon the cross. He died for our sins. Then He arose from the grave. Jesus today is in heaven. If we have sinned we must look up. We must look up to Jesus. Jesus will forgive us of our sins.

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish. John 3:16a.

Dishonest Jason

Many years ago in our country there lived a man named Jason. Jason wanted to make a lot of money. He wanted to make the money in a hurry, and he did not want to work hard. So Jason went into the wilderness and started a trading post for the Indians. He took with him a lot of shiny glass beads, and some cheap dolls, and a lot of poor cloth.

The Indians came to the trading post. They saw the shiny beads, and the dolls, and the cloth. They were excited! They traded fine blankets for the poor cloth. They traded good furs for the dolls. They traded leather saddles for the beads.

Jason was very happy! He said to the Indians, "You Indians are doing all right. You will like these things."

The Indians thought that Jason was a good friend to them. They believed everything that he told them. When Jason said the cloth was strong and would wear a long time, they believed that. When he said that the dolls were well made and cost a lot, they believed that.

Soon the Indians found that Jason was dishonest. He was cheating them. The cloth was not strong. The clothes made from the cloth were no good. The beads were not precious jewels. The glass in them broke. The dolls came apart.

The Indians were angry. They went to Jason and said, "You have not told us the truth. You are not honest. You are cheating us." They

asked Jason to give them back their blankets, furs and saddles. Jason only laughed at them.

One day a boat came up the river and stopped near the trading post. A government officer got off. He went to the trading post. He said to Jason, "The government has heard how dishonest you are. You must return everything to the Indians that you have taken from them, then you must go to jail." How sorry Jason was that he had been dishonest with the Indians. He gave back the blankets and furs and saddles. Then Jason was taken to jail.

The Indians gathered about the government officer. "You are our true friend," they said. "We want to thank you for helping us."

Dishonesty never pays. God's children should always be honest. The Bible says, "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." (Romans 12:17).

—Sel.

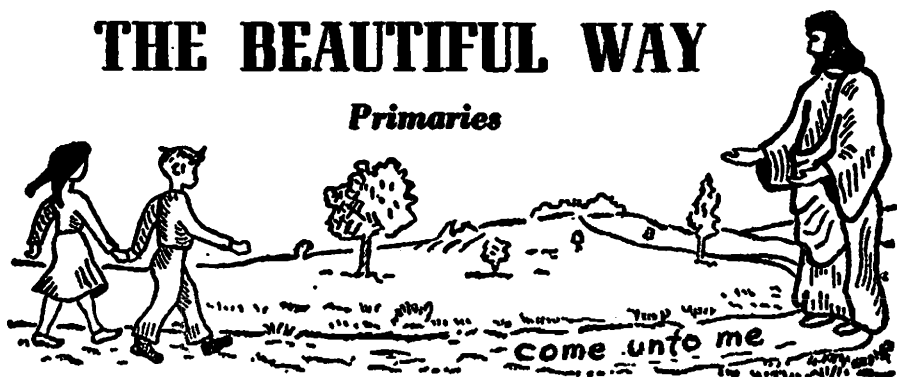
QUESTIONS:

1. What is sin?
2. What did the people do that was a sin?
3. If they looked up at the brass snake on the pole, would they live?
4. Today if we sin, will we go to heaven if we will look to Jesus and ask Him to forgive us?
5. When Jesus forgives us, we do not want to sin anymore, do we?

One day a little boy gave his lunch to Jesus and He made it grow and grow until it got so big that 5,000 people ate all they wanted from it. Isn't Jesus wonderful?

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THE PEOPLE HEAR JESUS

John 3:23-36

Did you ever get up early in the morning and see a star in the sky? Then the sun comes up. The star fades away. John the Baptist was like a star. He preached. He baptized. He told others that Jesus was coming. People flocked to hear him. Finally Jesus came. Many people left John. They went to hear Jesus. Some people asked John about this. They did not understand. John told them that Jesus was the Bridegroom and He had come to get a bride. John told them that he was just a friend of the Bridegroom. John came to get things ready for the Bridegroom. Now that Jesus had come, John was happy. His work was finished. Jesus now was the One to be honored. Jesus was the Sun and when the sun rises, the stars go away. Jesus came from heaven and could tell them about heaven. John did not know much about heaven as he had not been there.

John wanted the people to love and follow Jesus because he knew that Jesus would lead them to heaven.

Memory Verse: He must increase, but I must decrease.
John 3:30.

The Little Engine

Once upon a time there was a little freight car, loaded with coal. It stood on a sidetrack at the foot of a big hill. In the little town in the valley beyond the hill were people who needed the coal to keep them warm.

The little freight car was waiting for an engine to come and pull it up the hill, and over the hill, and down into the valley on the other side.

By and by a great big engine came along. It was puffing smoke. Its bell was ringing, "Ding! Ding! Ding!"

"Oh, stop, big engine," said the little freight car. "Pull me up the hill, and over the hill, and down into the valley. The people in the valley need this coal." But the big engine said, "I can't stop. I'm too busy," and away the big engine went.

The little freight car waited a long time. After awhile, a middle-sized engine came puffing by. "Oh, stop. Please stop," said the little freight car. "The people who live in the valley beyond the hill need this coal. Please, take me up the hill, and over the hill, and down into the valley." But the middle-sized engine gave a big puff and said, "I can't. You are too heavy for me to pull." Then it went on by.

The little freight car waited a much longer time. After awhile, a little engine came along. It was puffing just as hard as a little engine could puff. "Oh, stop! Please, stop, little engine. Take me up the hill, and over the hill and down into the valley.

The people in the valley need this coal."

The little engine stopped right away. It said, "You are very heavy and I am not very big, but I think I can pull you. I will try. Hitch on."

Soon the little engine started up the hill, pulling the little freight car full of coal. All the way up the hill the little engine said, "I think I can! I think I can! I think I can!" As the hill got steeper, the little engine had to pull harder and go slower. But all the time, it kept on saying, "I—think—I—can! I—think—I—can!"

Finally the little engine and the little freight car full of coal reached the top of the hill. It was easy to go over the hill, and down the hill on the other side. As the little engine went faster and faster down the hill, it said, "I thought I could! I thought I could! I thought I could!"

This is just a make-believe-story, but it teaches us a good lesson. When God gives us work to do, we must never give up. Even if the work is hard, we can do it, for God will help us. The apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil. 4:13).

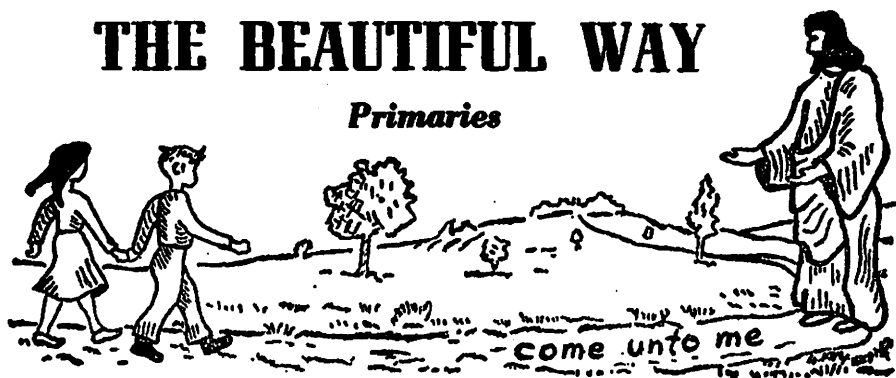
—Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. When the sun arises the stars go away don't they?
2. If John was like a star, then who was the Sun?
3. When Jesus came, did the people go to hear Him instead of hearing John?
4. Was John glad about this?

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JESUS TALKS TO A WOMAN

John 4:6-18

Jesus was very tired. He came to Jacob's well. There was a wall around the edge of the well. Jesus sat down upon the wall. His disciples went into the city to buy some food. Soon a woman came to the well. She had a waterpot to draw water up out of the well. Jesus said to her, "Give me to drink." The woman looked at Jesus. She knew that He was a Jew. She was surprised that He asked her for a drink. She knew that the Jews hated her race of people. But Jesus loves everybody. We want to be like Jesus. Jesus talked to the woman and told her about "living water." Living water is a gift from God. This water washes away your sins and you are happy. The woman said, "Give me this water." Jesus told her to call her husband. She said she did not have a husband but Jesus told her she had had five. Jesus knows everything. He knows all that we do in the day time. He knows all that we do even during the night. We cannot hide anything from Him.

Memory Verse: Whosoever drinketh of this water shall never thirst again. John 4:13a.

The Wrong Choice

Earl and Jake were good friends. They lived next door to each other. Every day they were together. They went to the same school. They sat side by side. They played on the same ball team. They went to the same Boy's Club. In fact, Earl and Jake were almost like brothers. Earl and Jake even went to the same Sunday School. One day the Sunday School teacher urged the boys in her class to make the choice to become a Christian and enter God's service. Earl said, "I will!" Jake refused to come to Jesus, the Saviour.

From that day, the lives of Earl and Jake were different. Earl loved Jesus. He went to church. He had Christian friends. Jake loved the sinful things of the world. He went into evil ways. Finally, Earl became a happy and honored minister of the Gospel. Jake became a criminal.

Years passed by. One day, Earl, the minister of the Gospel, went to preach in a prison. He wanted to help the poor prisoners. He told them about Jesus, the only Saviour from sin. While he was talking to them, he saw a familiar face. At the close of the service, he went to that prisoner. He asked, "Don't I know you?" The prisoner replied, "Of course, you know me, Earl. I am Jake! You and I were boyhood friends. We went to the same school. We played on the same ball team. We did many things together. My future was as bright as yours. But at the age of fourteen, you chose to become a Christian and to enter God's

service. I chose the ways of sin. Now, you are a minister of the Gospel, and I am a poor convict. I have been in this prison for ten years. I expect to remain here as a prisoner the rest of my life!"

How careful we should be to make the right choice. Every boy and girl should choose to come to Jesus, the Saviour. Every boy and girl should choose to walk in the Christian way. How happy you will be if you can say:

"I have made my choice forever,

I will walk with Christ, my Lord,
Naught from Him my soul shall sever,
While I am trusting in His Word!"
—Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jesus get tired and weary when He was here on earth?
2. Who came to get water while He sat by the well?
3. Did Jesus tell her about the living water?
4. Did Jesus say that this water would be in your heart and give you heavenly life?
5. Did Jesus know that the woman had five husbands?

"Jesus is with us all the time, so we never have to be afraid," said Mother.

"I know a Bible verse to say when I am afraid," spoke up Judy.

"What is the verse?" asked Jack.

"When I am afraid, I will trust in God," answered Judy.

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THE WOMAN ASKS QUESTIONS

John 4:19-27, 31-34

The woman who talked with Jesus at the well asked Him a question. She knew that He was from God. She knew He could answer her question. She looked up at the mountain above her. There she saw a beautiful temple. There she had gone to worship God. She also knew about the beautiful temple in Jerusalem. She could not go there. She wanted to worship God in the right way and in the right place so she asked, "Where are we really to worship God?" Jesus looked at her. Jesus had come to change this kind of worship. Jesus wanted to live in our bodies, which is the temple. There in our hearts, which is our bodies, we can love God and worship Him. Jesus said, "The hour has come and now is that all true worshippers will worship Me with clean hearts. God is a spirit." She said, "I know you are the Christ." The disciples came and wanted Him to eat. He said, "My food is to help people love God." Jesus came to show people how to worship God in the right way.

Memory Verse: God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24.

Alice's Heavy Burden

When Alice was a little girl she often did naughty things. She would lie to her parents. She would steal little things that did not belong to her. She would disobey her parents.

One day Alice learned that being naughty was sin. She learned that sin keeps us out of Heaven. Sin separates us from God forever. Alice wanted to get rid of her sins. The burden of her sins was very heavy in Alice's heart.

One night Alice could not sleep. She kept thinking about her bad sins. She began to cry. Father heard Alice crying. He went into Alice's room and asked her why she was crying. Then Alice told Father about the burden of her sins.

Father told Alice that Jesus could take away her sins. Jesus died on the Cross to save us from our sins.

Father and Alice knelt down and prayed. Alice asked Jesus to come into her heart, and take away her sins.

The Lord Jesus came into Alice's heart. He forgave her sins and took the burden of her sins away. Today Alice is a grown lady. She is serving the Lord Jesus faithfully.

Alice knows that some day she will go to God's beautiful Heaven. Sin will never keep her out of Heaven, because Jesus has forgiven her sins. Jesus has taken away her sins.

—Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was talking to Jesus at the well?

2. Did she have a question to ask Him?

3. Did she want to know if she was to worship God at the mountain, or at Jerusalem?

4. Are we to worship God in our hearts by loving and obeying Him?

5. Did the disciples want Jesus to eat?

FAITH

A little girl asked her father to explain to her the meaning of faith. He sought to do so, but she still seemed puzzled. So he took her to a shed which had no light except when the door was open. Along one side was a shelf onto which he lifted her, telling her to do exactly as he said.

After shutting the door, which made the shed quite dark, he said, "Jump!" and without hesitating, she jumped, and he caught her in his arms.

He then asked her why she dared to jump when she could not see where she was jumping.

She answered, "Oh, I knew you would catch me in your arms!"

So her father said, "Yes, you had faith in me."

At last she seemed to understand the meaning of faith, for she said, "Oh, yes, I know what faith is. I can't see Jesus, but I know He is with me all the time, and I know He died for my sins, and I know He is coming again to take all who love Him to be with Him forever."

"Whom having not seen, ye love."

—Sel.

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MANY BELIEVED ON JESUS

John 4:27-30; 39-42

The woman at the well was happy. She was happy because she had found Jesus Christ who was the Saviour of the world. This good news was too good to keep. She wanted others to know this good news. She left her waterpot at the well. She ran into the city. She said, "Come and see the Christ, who is the Saviour of the world. He told me all that I had ever done." The people believed her word. They went out and talked to Jesus. They believed Him to be the Christ. They were happy too. They begged Him to stay with them and teach them more. Jesus stayed with them for two days and told them about God, their Father and how to please Him. They told the woman, "Now we know for ourselves that he is indeed the Saviour of the world." The disciples rejoiced because they helped Jesus tell them. Jesus came to bring joy to us and to make us happy. The disciples helped Jesus. We can help Jesus too. We can tell others about Him. Jesus will be happy and others will be happy too.

Memory Verse: Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest. John 4:35a.

Nuisance

A nurse came and knelt at the feet of a Chinese father. She held in her arms a small bundle. She said, "Master, it is a little daughter. Will you accept her?"

The father frowned and said, "A girl? Just a worthless girl! Just a nuisance!"

The father did not look at the small bundle. He thought, "Oh, if it were only a boy! Girls are such a nuisance! Just another mouth to fill with rice!"

"Nuisance," was repeated so often that it became the name of the poor little baby girl.

Nuisance was not thrown in the river like many Chinese baby girls are. But Nuisance had a hard life. She learned to work hard when she was very small. Often she was scolded. Often she was punished. Then one day, while she was still a little girl, her father decided to sell her as a slave.

How frightened Nuisance was when her father took her to the slave market. Rough men came to handle and feel of her to see if she was strong and would make a good slave. Nuisance kept her eyes down. She would not look at the men. She tried hard not to cry.

Nuisance did not see the kind face of the man who finally bought her and led her away. Her heart was filled with terror as she thought of what might happen.

How surprised Nuisance was when she heard her new master speak kindly to her! The new master took

Nuisance to a good home. He told her that he had bought her because he wanted a little daughter. He did not want a slave. He set her free!

Nuisance found herself loved and cared for. She had never known such love before. The kind man was good to her. Soon Nuisance loved him.

One day the kind man told Nuisance about Someone else who loved her. He told her about Jesus, the Saviour. Jesus had seen her in the bondage of sin. Because He loved her so much, He had died on the Cross to save her. Jesus wanted to set her free from the power of sin and Satan.

Little Nuisance wept with joy! She said, "Truly, I am loved. You loved me and saved me from the slave market. The Lord Jesus loves me, and He saves me from sin and Satan."

When Nuisance grew up she told other poor girls in China about the great love of Jesus for them. She was a faithful missionary for many years.

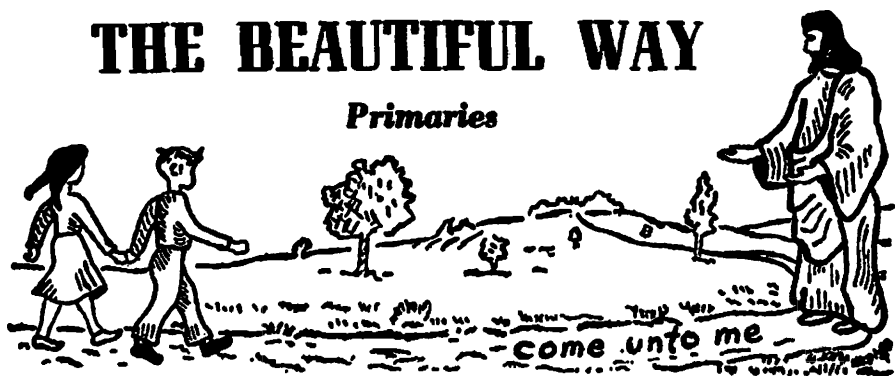
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QUESTIONS:

1. Was the woman happy that she found Jesus?
2. Was Jesus happy that she told others about Him?
3. Did many come out to see Jesus from the city?
4. Did they believe that He was the Saviour of the world?
5. How can we be workers for Jesus?

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Jesus Comes Out of the Grave

Luke 24:1-12








Jesus had died on the cross. Jesus was put into the grave. Mary, Joanna and some other women went to His grave. It was early on Sunday morning. The stone had already been rolled away. They went down into the tomb. They did not see the body of Jesus. They were troubled. Suddenly, they saw two angels. They were afraid. The angels said, "He is not here, but is risen. Don't you remember what He said to you? He told you that the Son of man would be put into the hands of sinful men. These men would put Him on the cross. Jesus would die on the cross. They put Him into a tomb, but He would not stay there. On the third day He would come up out of the tomb. Jesus would come back to life. He would be changed." The women remembered what Jesus had told them. Jesus was alive. The women told the disciples. Peter ran to the tomb. Stooping down, he saw the grave clothes. Peter believed also that Jesus arose.

Memory Verse: O death, where is thy sting? 1 Corinthians 15:55.



HE IS RISEN

Mark 16:1-6

The body of Jesus was laid in a . Early Sunday morning some  came to the . They had spices to put on Jesus' body. When they reached the , they found the stone of the  rolled away. Jesus' body was gone! An  said to the , "Don't be afraid. He is not here. He is risen!"

A DOG

In Africa in 1957, a missionary's boy, Dennis, heard his dog barking furiously. He looked and saw it fighting with a huge mamba snake, which is very poisonous. The dog protected Dennis, and another boy who was playing with him, from the snake until the father could come with a gun and shoot it. When the parents had time to look at the dog they found two little marks on the end of its nose which were bleeding. In spite of all they could do for the dog it died in forty-five minutes. How do you think Dennis felt? That dog gave up its life in protecting those boys from death. And likewise Christ in giving up His life for many in a far more wonderful way protected us from eternal death. Surely He deserves our love and service as long as we live.

AWAKE! BE OF CHEER!

Awake! awake! and be of cheer!
For joyous Easter Day is here!
Away with frowns! take spring's gay style,
Begin to wear your brightest smile!
Awake! arise! be glad, we say,
For Jesus Christ arose today!
Away with doubts, away with grief,
For faith in Jesus brings relief!
Awake! for Jesus lives again!
Awake! arise and say, "Amen!"

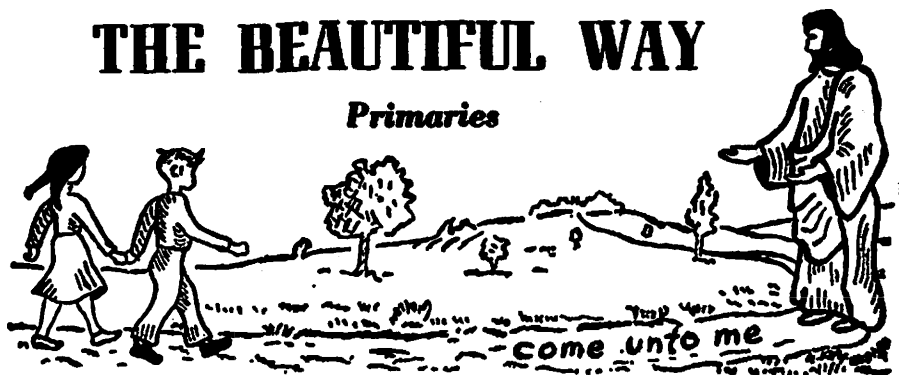
QUESTIONS:

1. Who was put in the grave?
2. Who rolled the stone away?
3. Did Jesus arise from the grave?
4. Whom did the women tell about Jesus arising from the grave?
5. What did Peter do?

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April 9

A Boy Healed

John 4:46-54

Jesus went again into Cana of Galilee. While He was there, a nobleman came to see Him. The nobleman had a son who was very, very sick. He wanted Jesus to heal his sick son. The nobleman said to Jesus, "Please come down and heal my son. He is at the point of death." Jesus said, "Won't you believe that I am the Son of God unless you see signs and wonders?" The nobleman continued to beg Jesus to come and heal his son. He was afraid his son might die. Jesus said to the nobleman, "Go thy way; thy son liveth." What wonderful words! The nobleman believed the words of Jesus. To-day, we want to believe the words of Jesus that are written to us in the Bible. The nobleman went back home. As the nobleman was on his way home, some servants from his home met him. They said, "Thy son liveth." The nobleman asked them at what hour he began to amend. When they told him, he knew that was the time that Jesus had spoken.

Memory Verse: Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever. Hebrews 13:8.

THE PENCIL AND ERASER

The lesson in children's meeting this day was about the very sinful woman who was to be, according to the law, punished by being stoned to death. Every sinner is doomed to die, but the glad news the teacher told the children this day, was that Jesus forgives our sins, and instead of death, we can have eternal life. He told her to go and sin no more. Only with Jesus' help can we live without sin. There is a tempter who will do anything he can to get us to do wrong. What, oh, what does one do if he is caught off guard and yields to the tempter? Yes, he may ask Jesus to forgive him, and the blood of Jesus just covers that sin so that it cannot be seen any more.

By this time the hand of six-year-old Gary was raised in the air, so the teacher gave him permission to speak.

"One day I was naughty and played with matches. My mama asked me about it, but I told her a lie. Afterwards, I felt very bad about it. I knew I must ask Jesus to forgive me, and my mama, or I could not go to heaven. So I prayed to Him. As I prayed I could just see a big pencil in Jesus' hand. On one end was an eraser, and from that eraser dripped great drops of blood. When I asked Him to forgive me, I could just see that eraser go right through that sin, and the blood covered it until it could not be seen any more."

There were tears in the teacher's eyes when Gary finished. Could it have been explained any simpler? It is just this easy for Jesus to forgive you of your sins. Will you not believe it and ask him now?

A kind deed is never lost, even though you may not be able to see its results.

THE HARDEST WORD

I remember when a boy, I asked my father once which, to his mind, was the hardest word in the English language. Without a moment's hesitation, he answered, "No!"

"No?" I echoed in surprise.

"Exactly," he answered. "Not in spelling, as I suppose you mean. But you will find as you go along that it is the hardest word in the English language."

I did. It was curious that I should be led into the profession—that of the editor—in which the use of this little adverb is so frequently necessary. And difficult it was at times to say, as my father predicted. Yet few would choose this word, if asked, as the most difficult word in the language. —Sel.



Jesus loves the little children.

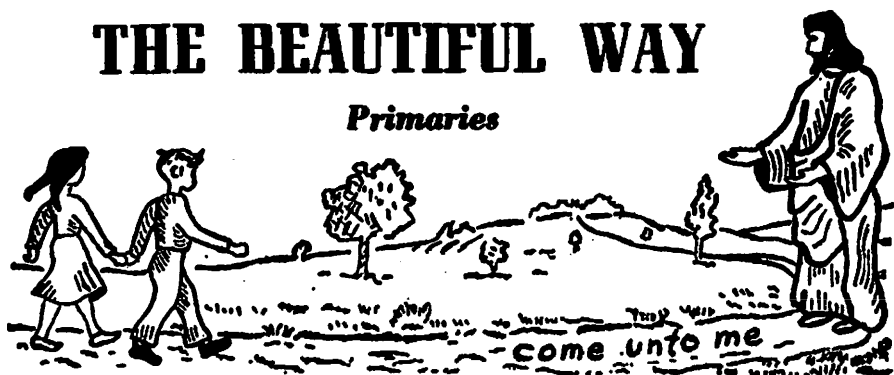
We want to always forgive others. Sometimes we have to forgive others again and again.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was sick?
2. Whom did the father want to see when he knew his boy was so sick?
3. What did Jesus tell the nobleman?
4. What did the servants tell him when they met the nobleman?
5. Did the boy get well at the time Jesus had spoken?

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Rise, Take Up Thy Bed

John 5:1-9

There was a great feast in Jerusalem. Jesus went to the feast. Now in Jerusalem, there was a pool of water. Around this pool there were five porches. This pool was close to a sheep market. It was called Bethesda. At certain times, an angel came down and troubled the water. If anyone who had a bad disease stepped into the pool first, he was healed. Many people were at the pool anxiously waiting for the water to move. There were blind people there and crippled people. Many very sick people were lying around on the porches. While Jesus was in Jerusalem, He walked by the pool. Jesus looked at these poor people. He felt sorry for them. He saw a man who had been crippled for 38 years. This poor man was so sad. Jesus said, "Do you want to be made well?" The man said, "There is no one to put me into the pool." Jesus said, "Rise, take up thy bed and walk." At that moment, the man was healed. He took up his bed and walked.

Memory Verse: Jesus . . . was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." Matt. 14:14.

MAXINE LEARNED TO CARE

Maxine could smell ginger cookies as she came up the garden path toward grandma's back door.

"Oh, they smell so good, Grandma," said Maxine as she sat on a stool by the table.

"Would you like to have a cookie?" asked Grandma, as she placed another pan of cookies in the oven.

"I don't care," said Maxine.

She chatted gaily about many things as she watched Grandma place the cookies neatly in a big cookie jar. Then when the last pan full was taken out and cooled and put into the jar, Grandma asked, "Would you like to have another cookie, Maxine?"

"I don't care," said Maxine again, and started to reach out her hand; but to her great surprise, Grandma said, "Well, I don't care either," and took the cookie jar and put it upon the shelf.

Maxine looked so different. She hardly heard anything else that her Grandma had said. All she could hear was, "Well, I don't care either." While she was cleaning up the baking dishes Maxine took a towel to wipe them. Grandma was so jolly she even made her laugh, just a little.

When the dishes were put away and the towel hung up to dry, Grandma went to the pantry shelf, took down the big cookie jar and asked, "Would you like to have a cookie now, Maxine?"

"—Er— If you please," said Maxine timidly as she reached into the jar. "Thank you, Grandma."

"That is much better, don't you think so?" asked Grandma, putting some of the larger ones on a little plate. You may

take these home with you for your supper, because we both do care now, don't we?"

"Yes, Grandma, and thank you so much," said Maxine as she went out the back door and down the garden path toward home.

—Sel.

CHILD'S PRAYER

Savior, bless a little child;

Teach my heart the way to thee;

Make it gentle, good and mild;

Loving Savior, care for me.

I would never go astray,

Never turn aside from Thee;

Keep me in the heavenly way;

Loving Savior, care for me.

I am young, but Thou hast said—

All who will may come to Thee;

Feed my soul with living Bread;

Loving Savior, care for me.

A blizzard day—not much fun, Tom thought. But that day he had a long talk with his mother. Stormy days are part of God's plan and can be used for pleasant things which we might otherwise miss. Let's never complain about the weather.

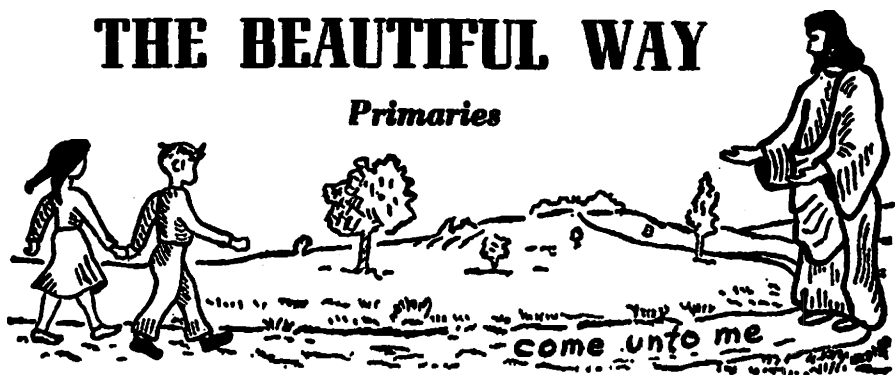
We cannot run away from God.

QUESTIONS:

1. What happened to the water in the pool at times?
2. What did the people around the pool do when the water was troubled?
3. Whom did Jesus see at the well?
4. What did Jesus tell the man at the well?
5. What did the man do?

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Jesus Does Good

John 5:9-18

Jesus had healed the sick man. The man did as Jesus had told him to do. The man picked up his bed and walked. The Jews said, "It is the sabbath day. It is not lawful for you to carry your bed." The man answered them, "The one who made me well told me to take up my bed and walk." They asked the man, "What is his name?" The man who was healed did not know that it was Jesus who had healed him. There were lots and lots of people there that day and Jesus soon was out among them. Later, Jesus found the man, who was healed, in the temple. Jesus said to the man, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you." The man later told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. The Jews then hated Jesus. They wanted to kill Him because He had done this on the sabbath. Jesus said to them, "My father, who is God, works and tells me to work." The Jews were more angry with Him then because He called God His Father.

Memory Verse: In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. Luke 1:75.

DON'T TELL MOTHER

Herbert and Hugh were twin brothers. They were on their way home from school one hot day, and were stopped by some of their chums who were going swimming.

"Come along, Herbert; come along, Hugh. Have a swim with us."

"No, Mother said not to go in today."

"Come on. It's so hot, and she won't know the difference."

Herbert refused, but Hugh listened and turned aside. Poor Herbert tried to stop him, but he must have just one little swim, so Herbert decided to stay and wait for him, but refused to go in and be disobedient.

Hugh was a good swimmer, but the current was strong, and in a short time his friends saw him struggling to get back to shore. He seemed to be shouting too. Yes, he was calling for help, and he was going farther out into the river. With a great cry he called, "Don't tell mother!"

Those were his last words. When they found him down the river, he was gone! His friends could not help him. Herbert could do nothing, and his mother at home didn't even know what was going on. But of course she found out, for they brought her the sad news that her disobedient boy was drowned.

If Hugh had not been drowned, I suppose his mother might never have found out about his disobedience. But God knows our every deed, whether mother and father find out or not. Not only does God know all about your disobedience and mine, but He is able and ready to forgive.

Oh, how much better it is to tell Him all, and have it all forgiven. Others may know nothing about those sins of yours. Perhaps father and mother may

tell you what a good boy or girl you are. But God is Light! Yes, God who sees in the dark and who knows all about you, has said in His Word, "All have sinned." Romans 5:12.

But this is only part of what the Bible has to say. Let us never forget the wonderful news that we read in Acts 13, verse 38. "Be it known unto you. . . that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins."

Do come to Jesus now, tell Him all about it, and accept His forgiveness. He went to the cross and here was made sin for us, bearing all the judgment our sins deserved in those hours of darkness in order that He might be able to offer a full and free pardon to "whosoever will." It cost Him more than we shall ever know to put away sin, but He offers salvation freely to you. Have you received it?

A WISE ANSWER

Once a skeptic was arguing with a Christian girl about her faith in Jesus. He asked her, "Which Jesus do you believe in? There have been different people with that name?"

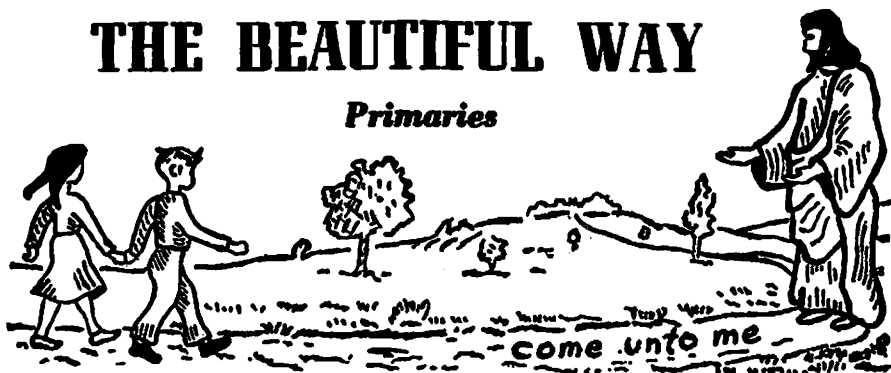
The girl replied, "I believe in the one who died and arose from the dead." Is your belief in that One too?

QUESTIONS:

1. Why were the people upset at Jesus?
2. Did the man who was healed know who had healed him?
3. What did Jesus tell the man when he saw him in the temple?
4. Who did Jesus tell the Jews told him to heal on the sabbath day?
5. Were the Jews unhappy because Jesus said God was his Father?

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A Little Boy Brought to Life

John 5:17, 21; 1 Kings 17:17-24

The Jews were angry with Jesus because He healed the sick man. Jesus said, "God has given Me power to raise the dead." The Bible tells about Elijah at the widow's house. Her son had died. The widow was very sad. She told Elijah about her son. Elijah said, "Give me your son." Elijah took the son upstairs into his room. He laid the dead boy on his bed. Elijah prayed earnestly to God. The Bible says that Elijah stretched himself upon the child three times and prayed, "O Lord my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again." "And the Lord heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived." The child was alive now. Elijah took the little boy by the hand and brought him down from his bedroom to his mother. Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." The mother was happy. She said that she knew he was a man of God. She knew that no man could do miracles like that without God's help.

Memory Verse: All men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. John 5:23.

NED AND JANE

"Tomorrow is Sunday, so come on, children, stop your game and let us learn a verse to say in Sunday School," said Mother, as she picked up her Bible and sat down to rest awhile from her regular Saturday's house-cleaning.

Mother had found a verse for Jane and Ned to learn when they returned from putting their game away and things were tidied up where they had been playing. "Jane, here is your verse: 'None of these things move me,' (Acts 20:24)" repeated Mother, slowly. Mother told Jane that Paul said this when the Holy Spirit made him to know that he would have trouble in every city where he went to preach about Jesus, but that Paul would not be like the wicked people in the cities even though they did cause him lots and lots of trouble. The trouble did not MOVE him to do wrong. Soon Jane could say her verse, also Ned.

"Now, Ned, here is your verse: 'Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong' (1 Cor. 16:13.)"

Ned soon learned his verse and was telling Mother what the teacher had told them about a lizard-like snake that could change its color to any log, stump, or vine it was against so it could not be seen easily. Mother said, "Oh, yes, that is called a Chameleon."

"A what?" asked Jane.

"Ka-me'le-on," said Mother.

"I would like to see one," said Ned.

"There is one thing that I would not want: that is, for my children to be like one. I would not want you to be changing from the old Bible way when you happen to be with someone that does not believe as the Bible teaches. Some people say that they do not want to be different from those

whom they are with, so they just change to suit the desire of the majority. Some boys and girls do wrong because the group they are with do wrong. They change their color from clean, pure, and holy to uncleanness and sin. They are just like the Chameleon, aren't they?"

"Yes, but I want to be like what my verse says, 'Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong,' " said Ned, meaning every word of the verse.

"That's good! Noah wasn't wicked just because everyone else was. His life was spared and he was blessed for his bold stand. So God will bless you," said Mother.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did God give Jesus power to heal the sick and raise the dead?
2. What happened to the widow's son?
3. What did Elijah do?
4. What did Elijah do when God brought life back into the child?
5. What did the mother think about Elijah?

DON'T LOOK

"Oh, you should not do that," Elmer said. "Didn't you know that is stealing."

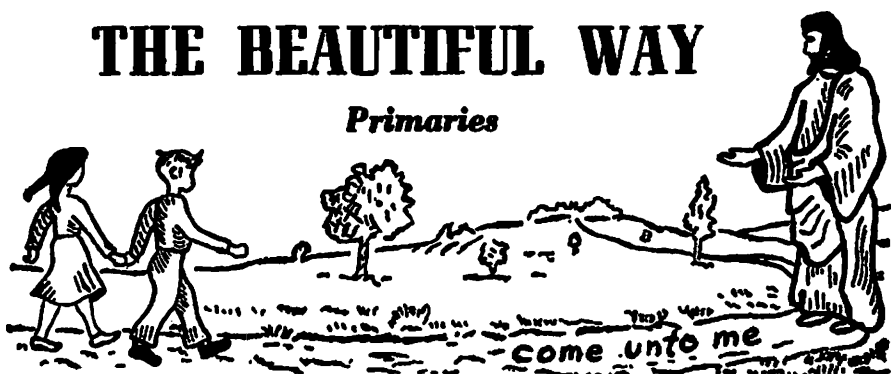
Quickly Billy pulled his arm back through the fence. He had reached in to get an apple that had fell from the tree. "Oh, I was just going to look at it," Billy said. "That's not stealing to look."

"If you look at it you might be tempted to take a bite and that would be wrong," Elmer said. "It's better to stay away from anything that would be wrong."

"You are right Elmer," Billy said.

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May 7

Adam and Eve Sinned

John 5:47; Gen. 3:1-15, 24

Jesus told the Jews that if they did not believe what Moses wrote in the first five books of our Bible, they would not believe Him. Let me tell you what Moses wrote.

God put Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He told them they could eat of all the trees in the garden but one. It was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The devil told Eve to eat of the tree. She told the devil if she ate of it she would be punished. The devil finally got her to eat of it. She gave some to Adam and he ate of the tree also. Oh, how sad to disobey God! God came to talk to them in the evening. They hid from God. They were ashamed. God knew what they had done. God put them out of the garden. He told Adam that he would have to work hard to get food for him and his family to eat. Eve was punished also. People suffer today because Adam and Eve sinned. God sent Christ to the world to free people from sin.

Memory Verse: For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. John 5:46.

MILDRED DID NOT MIND

"Go tell Fred to come home," said Mother to her youngest daughter. Mildred started down the street toward the neighbor's house where her brother, Fred, had gone to play.

"I will not tell him immediately," thought Mildred as she saw her brother playing. "I will wait a while and then tell him." With those thoughts Mildred joined in the playing. Several hours passed. Mildred completely forgot Mother's instruction. Finally Fred got hungry and went home, while Mildred stayed to play longer. When her brother never returned, Mildred went home too.

The next morning Mother began questioning the two children. Fred claimed that his sister hadn't told him to go home, while Mildred insisted that she had. She had really forgotten about her decision to wait and tell him later. Suddenly the truth of the matter flashed upon Mildred's mind. She hadn't told Fred. She had decided to wait and tell him later and then had completely forgotten.

Mildred then told her mother to punish her, but she never explained that she remembered that she was at fault. Mother was perplexed to know whom to punish for she did not want to punish one unjustly.

Mildred is no longer a little girl. The mother is now gone to her eternal home. But Mildred has never forgotten the time when she failed to mind her mother promptly and forgot. Nor has she forgotten now, when she remembered that she was to blame that she did not humbly confess her wrong to her mother.

Let us obey promptly, then we shall not forget. Let us not be ashamed nor afraid to own up to a thing when we are in the wrong.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Pro. 28:13.

PRAISE JESUS

"I love Jesus," Mary said as she loved her mother. "He was so good to me. "I could have broke my arm when I fell off of the wagon. Jimmie was pulling me so fast."

"Yes, dear," Mother agreed. "You could have been hurt very badly. We are so thankful to Jesus for taking care of you. Why don't we kneel and thank Jesus for all He has done for you."

After they had prayed Mother said to Mary. I just read in the Bible where a man said that "seven times a day do I praise the Lord." (Psa. 119:164).

"Oh, that is alot of times," said Mary. "Are we to do that?"

"We should praise the Lord seven times and even more," said Mother. "Jesus loves for us to praise Him. He knows then that we love him."

"I'm going to praise Jesus a hundred times," said little Mary with love showing in her eyes for Jesus.

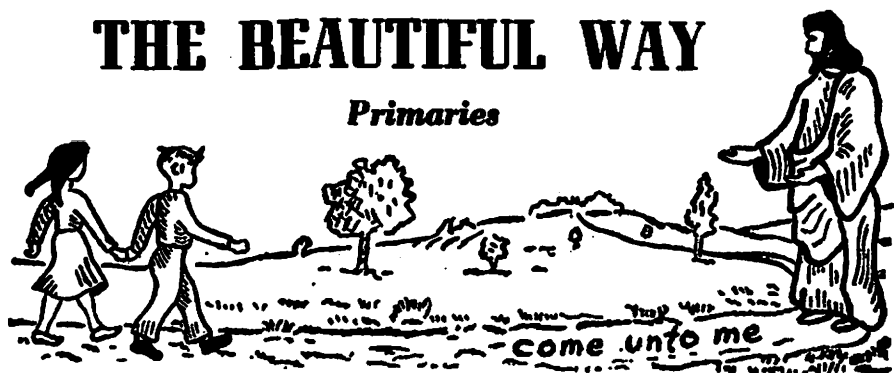
Jesus is everywhere. Jesus is by your bed even in the dark. So you must never be afraid.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who wrote the first five books in the Bible?
2. What did God tell Adam and Eve when he put them in the garden?
3. What did the devil tell Eve?
4. Did Eve obey God or the devil?
5. What did God do to Eve and Adam?

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Jesus Feeds the People

John 6:1-15

One day Jesus and His disciples went up into a mountain. Many people followed them. Jesus knew the people were hungry. He felt sorry for them. He said to Philip, "Where can we buy bread for the people to eat?" He said, "Two hundred penny worth of bread would not be enough for each to have a very little." Andrew said to Jesus, "There is a lad here, which has five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?" Jesus said, "Make the men sit down." So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. Jesus took the loaves and fishes. and when He had given thanks, He gave to the disciples, and they gave to them that were sat down. When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftovers that remain so that nothing be lost." They gathered up 12 baskets of bread leftovers. The people said, "Jesus is a prophet who was to come into the world."

Memory Verse: Take no thought for the morrow; for the morrow will take thought for the things of itself. Matt. 6:34a.

TONY AND THE PEAR

Tony was a dirty, ragged little boy. One day he stopped for awhile in one of the city's playgrounds to watch a game of ball between some boys. Some visitors in the park noticed Tony. They had stopped to watch the game too. One of the visitors reached over Tony's shoulder, as he sat on the ground, and gave him a golden pear.

Tony smiled. His eyes shone with joy. He looked over his shoulder at the one who had given him the gift. He was too shy to speak, so he turned his face away quickly.

After that, Tony would watch the game for awhile, and then he would look at his pear. He kept patting the pear. At last, he lifted it carefully to his mouth. Cautiously he bit out a tiny piece near the stem. A happy sigh followed. Then Tony hid the pear inside his shirt.

The kind visitor kept watching Tony. Finally he leaned over and asked, "Why don't you eat it? Don't you like pears?"

Now Tony spoke. He said, "Eat it? All by myself? Why, I am saving it for my mother. I want her to have it! She is always so good to me."

Our mothers are always good to us. Do we love them? Do we do nice things for them? Let us thank God for giving us kind, loving mothers!

BETTY UNDERSTANDS

"Mother, I don't want to give Stella anything for her birthday this year," said Betty. "She never gives me anything."

"My dear," said Betty's mother. "Her parents are very poor. But do you give presents so you can get some back?"

"Well—I guess so," said Betty, feeling a little ashamed.

"Look, Honey," said Betty's mother, putting her arm around her. "You'll never be happy if you give to get. Listen to what the Bible says. It is a safe guide. It says 'God loves a cheerful giver.'"

"Oh, I know now what I will give her," Betty said with joy. "I know Jesus will be pleased too."

PRAY TO JESUS

"Now how often did our memory verse from the Bible tell us to pray to the Lord?" asked Sis. Brown who was the Sunday School teacher.

"Evening, morning and at noon," the class recited together. (Psa. 55:17).

"That is right," said Sis. Brown with pleasure. "I hope that all of you will remember that. We must never forget to pray. We need to ask Jesus in the evening to take care of us through the night. Then the next morning we need to ask Jesus to take care of us all morning. And at noon we need to ask Jesus to take care of us all afternoon. The devil would try to get us to do wrong if we do not ask Jesus to help us."

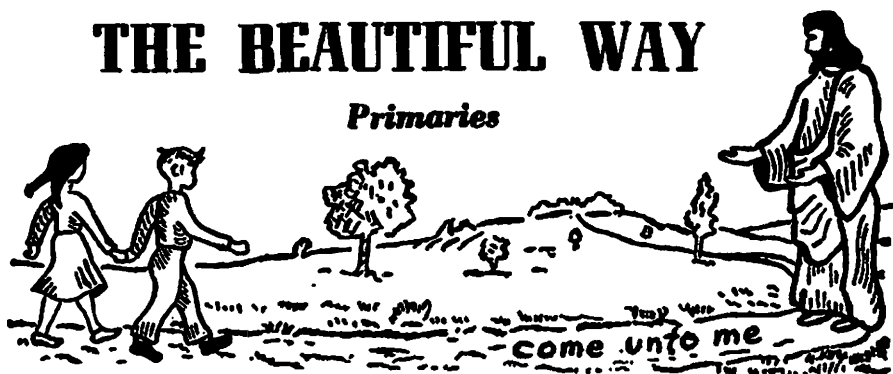
If your mother always does everything for you how will you ever know how to help others.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jesus feel sorry for the people because they were hungry?
2. Did Philip think they could feed them?
3. How many loaves and fishes did the little boy have in his lunch?
4. What did Jesus do with it?
5. Did Jesus tell them to save the left-overs?

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Jesus Walks on the Water

John 6:15-20; Matt. 14:28-33

Jesus went up into the mountain to pray. The disciples went down to the seashore. They got into a boat and rowed away. All of a sudden, a storm came up. The winds blew. The waves rose high. They caused the boat to be tossed about. The disciples were afraid. Then they saw someone out on the waves. There was Jesus. He was walking on the waves. Jesus said, "It is I; be not afraid." The disciples were so glad to see Jesus. Peter said, "Ask me to come to you, walking on the water." Jesus answered Peter and said, "Come." Peter stepped out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. For a while, he looked only at Jesus, then he began to look at the waves. He became afraid. He began to sink. He cried, "Lord, help me!" Jesus reached over and took him by the hand and caught him. Jesus said, "Why did you doubt? Oh, ye of little faith." When they all got into the boat, the wind ceased and the sea became calm.

Memory Verse: Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.
Matthew 14:27a.

MRS. FLANNIGAN'S PIG

Once there was an Irish lady named Mrs. Flannigan. Mrs. Flannigan had a pet pig. She was very proud of her pet pig. She wanted her pig different from other pigs.

One day Mrs. Flannigan gave her pig a good scrubbing. She used warm water and soap suds and a brush. She scrubbed him until he was clean and shining. She tied a blue ribbon around his neck and made a big bow. What a lovely pig he was!

Mrs. Flannigan put a rope around the pig's neck to lead him. She started off to show all the people in the village what a fine pig she had. She thought, "Won't the neighbors talk about my clean pig! There was never a pig as good and as fine as my pig!"

Mrs. Flannigan and the pig went on their way. All went well for a while. Then suddenly the pig saw a puddle of mud. The pig broke loose from the rope and ran straight to the puddle and wallowed in the mud.

Mrs. Flannigan had made the pig clean and beautiful on the OUTSIDE. Mrs. Flannigan had not changed the inside of the pig. He still had a pig's nature. All pigs like to wallow in the mud.

Once there was a boy named Tom. Tom heard that no one could live in Heaven with God unless he is good. God hates all sin and wrong. Tom decided to be a good boy. He wanted to go to Heaven and live with God.

Every day Tom took a bath. He kept his clothes clean. He tried very hard to be good. He obeyed his mother most of the time, but sometimes he was bad and disobedient. He tried to be kind.

He was kind most of the time, but sometimes he was unkind.

Tom became cross with himself. He became discouraged. He said, "How can I be good like God wants me to be?"

One day Tom told his trouble to his Sunday School teacher. The teacher said, "Tom, you try to be good on the OUTSIDE. But the trouble is on the inside. You have a sinful heart. You have a sinful nature. You cannot always be good when you have a sinful heart and nature."

Tom began to cry. He could not get inside and make his heart good.

The teacher said, "Tom, I will tell you how you can get a new heart. Jesus loves you. Jesus died on the Cross to save you from sin. He rose again to keep you from sin. The Bible says, 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners' (1 Timothy 1:15); 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31).

Tom asked the Lord Jesus to save him from sin and to give him a NEW heart. Now Tom is different. The Lord Jesus helps him each day to live a good life.

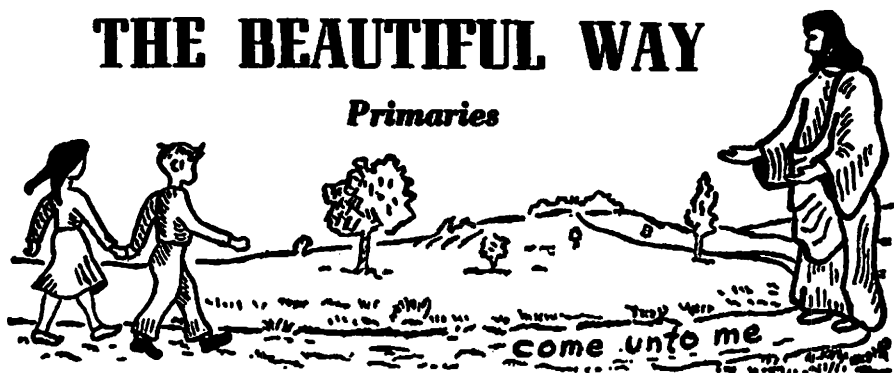
The Bible says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

QUESTIONS:

1. Where were the disciples when a storm came against them?
2. While the boat was being tossed by the waves whom did the disciples see walking on the water?
3. Were the disciples afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water?
4. What did Jesus say to the disciples?
5. Why did Peter begin to sink when he walked to Jesus on the water?

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Mary Loves Jesus

Luke 10:38-42

One day Jesus visited in the home of Martha and Mary. They were so happy to see Jesus. Martha thought about fixing Jesus a good meal. She went to her kitchen and was working hard. She wanted everything to taste just right. She wanted everything looking nice. When Mary saw Jesus, she did not think about fixing food. Oh, here was Jesus, the Saviour of the world! Jesus knew everything. She loved Jesus so dearly and she wanted to be like Him. She wanted Him to tell her more about how to live so she could go to heaven. She sat at His feet and listened to His words. She forgot about everything else. Martha came in and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister left me to serve alone?" Jesus said, "Martha, Martha you are so troubled about many things. One thing is needful. Mary has chosen the best thing. It shall not be taken away from her." We should love Jesus best.

Memory Verse: Mary hath chosen that good part. Luke 10:42.

EDWIN'S SHARE

Edwin and his friends waited outside the chapel, for Bro. Dobbs, the care-taker, was going on a vacation.

"Good-by, Bro. Dobbs!" the children called, when he got into his car.

"Good-by, children," Bro. Dobbs answered. "Take good care of our chapel."

"We will, Bro. Dobbs—We will!" But when the car was out of sight the children looked at one another.

"What can we do?" Ralph asked.

"Bro. Dobbs cleans the inside of the chapel and cuts the grass," Joan said. "But we can't do those things."

"There must be something we can do," Edwin said. "What can we do?"

So they thought and thought.

"I know!" Edwin yelled, jumping up and down. "I will put away the books!"

But the next Sunday, before he had a chance to tell the teacher how he planned to help, Ralph said, "Miss Ruth, I will pick up the books."

Edwin was disappointed. He saw that Joan had brought a lovely plant. When Sunday School was over, Edwin knew what he would do. Each week he would give the plant a drink of water. Just then he saw Howard get a glass of water to pour on the plant.

"I'm going to do this every Sunday," Howard told the teacher.

Again Edwin was disappointed. He saw Ralph put away the books. There was one on a chair that Ralph over-looked. So Edwin picked it up and put it on the shelf. Then he noticed Howard had spilled a little water on the table, near the Bible. So Edwin quickly took out his handkerchief and mopped up the water before it could damage the Bible.

All week Edwin tried to think of something he could do to help take care of God's

house. But he couldn't think of a single thing.

Next Sunday Linda brought a new Bible marker. She dropped the paper wrapping on the floor. Edwin carried it to the waste basket. A little later he hurriedly picked up a piece of crayon that Howard nearly stepped on.

When Bro. Dobbs came back he visited the children's room. He admired the plant and Bible marker and praised Ralph for taking care of the books.

Edwin hung his head. He wondered if God knew how much he longed to have a share in taking care of the chapel.

He heard Miss Ruth speak his name. "Edwin," she told Bro. Dobbs, "watches for little things that need to be done, such as putting away a forgotten book, wiping up spilled water, and picking up paper and crayon from the floor."

Edwin looked up with wide eyes. Were those things important? Miss Ruth and Bro. Dobbs were smiling their approval.

"Oh," Edwin cried happily, "I love to take care of the chapel for God."

Rejoice in the Lord always. Phil. 4:4.

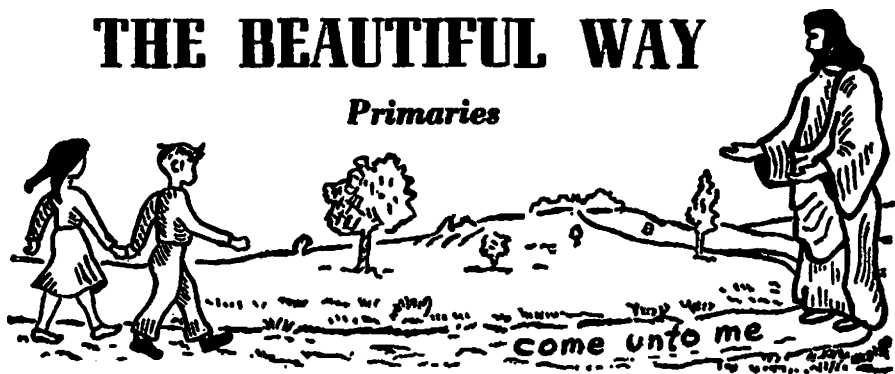
Are you walking like a Christian? Then don't forget that Jesus is walking along with you. You can ask, "What would Jesus do?"

QUESTIONS:

1. To whose house did Jesus go?
2. What did Martha do while Jesus was there?
3. What did Mary do?
4. Who did Jesus say chose the best thing to do?
5. Should we love Jesus more than anything else?

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Jesus Is the Bread of Life

John 6:51, 58-69

Jesus preached a sermon to the Jews. They were in the synagogue. Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven." Do you like bread? All the boys and girls all over the world eat bread. Look in a little hut on the desert at mealtime. The boys and girls are eating bread. Go to the castle or big house at mealtime and they are eating bread. Bread is the staff of life. You have to have bread to feed your body. Now you have a soul living in your body. Your soul must be fed.

Some people did not like Jesus' sermon about being the Bread of Life. They said, "This is a hard saying, who can hear it?" They went away. They did not follow Him anymore. Jesus was sad. He looked at His disciples. He asked, "Will you also go away?" Peter spoke for all the twelve. He said, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Memory Verse: I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever. John 6:51a.

TASTE AND SEE

One day Mother and Ruth went to the grocery store. When they entered the store, they saw a lady standing near a counter. She was giving free samples of cookies. She wanted Mother and Ruth to taste her samples. She felt sure that Mother and Ruth would buy some cookies when they found out how good they were.

Mother and Ruth tasted the cookies. They bought a big bag of them. Then they went to the meat counter. Near the meat counter was another lady giving away free samples. She had samples of cheese which she had placed on crackers. She wanted Mother and Ruth to taste her samples. She felt sure that they would buy some cheese when they found out how good it was. Mother and Ruth tasted the samples. The cheese was good. They bought a pound of the cheese.

Long ago David wrote in in one of the Psalms, "O taste and see that the Lord is good!" Have you found how good the Lord Jesus Christ is? "Taste and see!"

Maybe you ask, "How can I taste and see that the Lord Jesus is good?"

Jesus is standing at your heart's door. He wants you to open the door and let Him come in. He wants to show you all the good things He has for you. If you will let the Lord Jesus come into your heart as your Saviour, then you can taste and see that He is good. Will you not open your heart to Him right now?

TAKE TURNS

"I don't like this day," Randy growled. "Everything is going wrong."

"Well, son," Mother said. "Did you know that the Bible said, 'This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.'" (Psa. 119:24).

"Does Jesus make everything go wrong?" asked Randy.

"Many times the wrong is in us," Mother said gently as she put her arm around her son. "I watched you in the yard and you were wanting to ride in the wagon all the time. You should take turns and then Jimmy would be happy. Jimmy would have stayed longer to play with you."

"I'll tell Jimmy that I'll pull him if he will come back and play with me," Randy said with a smile.

"I am sure that you will find that things will go better." Mother said as Randy ran out the door.

WORK WON'T HURT YOU

"I don't like to take out the trash," Bill said.

"Is that all you have to do before you go to school?" asked Jack.

"Yes, why?" asked Bill.

"I have to get up and go get the cows from the pasture and then help do the milking," Jack said. "I wish I didn't have to do anything but take out the trash."

"Boys," Mr. Bailey said, "each of you need to know that work will not hurt you. Did you ever think about that?"

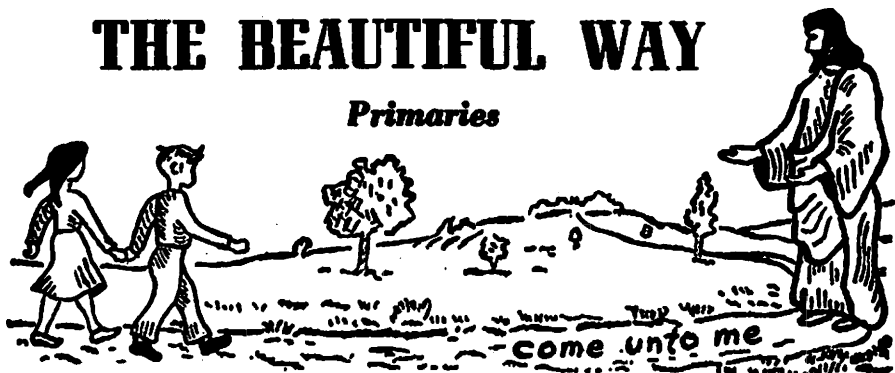
"Well, really it doesn't," they agreed.

QUESTIONS:

1. Tell about who eats bread?
2. What did Jesus say about Himself?
3. What kind of bread do we eat to feed the body?
4. Do we need bread for the soul and is Jesus that bread?
5. Did some leave Jesus?
6. Who stayed with Jesus and loved Him?

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Daniel in the Lion's Den

Daniel 6:9-24

Daniel prayed three times every day to God with his windows open. The bad men, who did not like Daniel, heard him praying. They told the king. The king was sorry that he had signed the law that no one was to ask God or man for anything, except him, for thirty days. The king tried to change the law to save Daniel, but he could not. Daniel was put in the lion's den. The king said to Daniel, "The God, whom you serve continually, will deliver you." Daniel prayed to God. The king could not sleep that night. He arose early. He went to the lion's den. He called, "Oh, Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God able to deliver thee from the lions?" The king listened. He heard a voice. Daniel was alive. Daniel said, "Oh king, live forever. God has sent an angel and has shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me. I have not done you any wrong." Isn't that wonderful? The king was happy to have Daniel brought up out of the lion's den.

Memory Verse: My God has sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths. Daniel 6:22a.

THE SPOT

How excited Jack was the day the new living room rug arrived! He watched the strong men carry the big roll, wrapped all around with paper, into the house.

"Would you like to help me, Jack?" asked Daddy.

Jack did want to. He helped Daddy straighten the rug so that it would look just right. Then he handed daddy the tacks to fasten the rug down. Everybody helped put the furniture back and then stood and looked. How nice the room looked!

"We must be careful not to spill anything on the rug," said Mother. "We want to keep it nice."

"Yes, we really do," said everybody.

"I'm going to the store," Mother told Jack. "Play outside the house until I come back."

Outside Jack found Charlie, his friend, with his bubble pipe, his bowl of water, and his bubble soap. He was making beautiful bubbles that floated way up into the air, full of lovely colors.

Just then the sun went under the clouds. A few drops of rain fell.

"Let's go into the house and blow bubbles," shouted Jack excitedly.

So they went into Jack's living room and sat down on the floor near the window and blew more pretty bubbles. Charlie blew a big one, almost bigger than an egg.

"Now it's my turn," said Jack. He started to grab the pipe from Charlie.

All at once, over went the bowl of water on the lovely new rug!

Charlie's eyes got very wide. He grabbed his bubble pipe and bowl and ran out the door. "I have to go home," Charlie shouted as he ran off.

Mother was coming up the walk. For a minute Jack didn't know what to do. He wanted to hide or pretend he didn't know about the spot on the rug. Maybe Mother wouldn't see it.

"But Jesus sees it," said Jack to himself. And then he thought of the verse he had learned in Sunday School, "Help me, O Lord my God." He went out to meet Mother.

Quickly he told her everything. Mother set her groceries down as fast as she could. She got two sponges from the kitchen. Both of them got down on their knees to soak up the water into the sponges. They worked hard.

"I'm sorry, Mother," said Jack in a little voice.

"I am happy because you do not hide things from me," she replied. "I'm sure God is pleased too when we tell Him right away when we do wrong. He is always ready to forgive us if we are sorry."

When they got up and looked at the place where the big water spot had been on the new rug, it was all gone!

"God did help me!" said Jack.

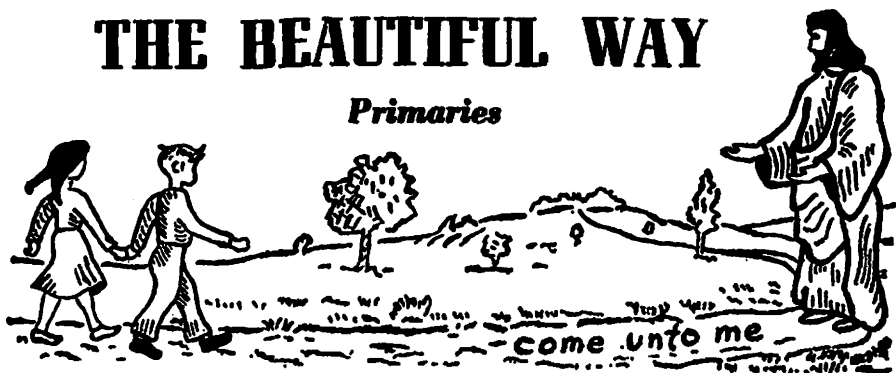
The Bible says we should serve one another. That means we should always be ready to help others.

QUESTIONS:

1. How often a day did Daniel pray to God?
2. Who disliked Daniel?
3. Was the king sorry that he had made a law which Daniel could not obey?
4. What did the lions do when Daniel was put in the den?
5. Was the king happy that Daniel's God had spared his life?

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Jesus Speaks to the People

John 7:2; Lev. 23:40; Exodus 17:6, 7; John 7:37-40

Many people had come to Jerusalem. It was the time to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. They cut down palm branches and made huts to live in. They went to the temple for special services. They offered many sacrifices.

On the last great day, they had a special service. The people all gathered in the temple. Jesus was there also. Each was carrying in his hand a bunch of twigs. One of the priests went to the pool of Siloam with a golden vessel, which he filled with water. The priest poured out the water on one side of the altar. This was to remind the people of the time when their fathers were thirsty in the desert. Moses obeyed God who told him to hit the rock at Horeb and he did. Out flowed water. The people drank the water. Just as the priest was pouring out the water by the altar, Jesus cried out, "If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink. Out of his heart will flow living water."

Memory Verse: Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28.

IN THE BOAT

Dick wished his father had time to play with him. His friends always went places with their fathers. He wondered if their fathers loved them more.

One day Dick's father had to go to the country to help a man build a porch. "Want to come along?" he asked Dick.

"Oh, yes!" Dick clapped his hands.

"I want to go, too!" Sister begged.

Dick pretended they were going on a picnic. But when they arrived Father began hammering in back of the house. All he said was, "Take care of Sister."

Down below the hill was a small lake. Dick and Sister ran to look at it. Some children were playing in a boat.

"Want to play?" they called.

"Sure," Dick answered. "What's your name?"

"I'm Sam," the boy said. "Come on. Climb in the boat."

"Don't be afraid," the girl said. "It's tied to that tree. We often play in it."

So Dick and Sister climbed in. Little waves washed toward the shore. They rocked the boat gently up and down, up and down. The children laughed and jumped to make it rock more.

After a while Norma, the girl, cried, "Look! We're drifting away from the shore! Somebody untied the boat!"

"How-how can we get back?" Dick asked, holding Sister's hand.

"Maybe the wind will blow us back," Sam said, in a trembly voice.

But the boat kept drifting out more. Norma and Sister were crying. Then Sam began to whimper. Dick was scared, too. But he put his arm around Sister and said, "Remember our Sunday School song?" Then he began to sing, "Every day God

cares for me, All around His love I see . . . He cared for Elijah, He cares for me."

"What about me?" Sister whimpered.

"And me?" the others cried.

So Dick sang, "Every day God cares for me, All around His love I see, He cares for Sister, He cares for Sam, He cares for Norma, He cares for me."

Soon all the children were singing loudly. They didn't see a man run down the hill and kick off his shoes. But when he waded out into the water, Sister screamed, "Look! There's Father!"

Sure enough! Father waded out through the water till it came to his knees. Then he took the rope and towed the boat back to shore.

"How did you know, Father?" Dick asked. "You were in back of the house!"

"Oh, I was watching," Father said. "I saw you playing in the sand. Then I heard you singing and I looked again. There you were out in the lake!"

So Father was watching too—just as God was watching! Only Father had to come around the house to see. God must have told him to look again when they were in danger.

Dick smiled and smuggled into Father's arms. Father did love them a great deal!

QUESTIONS:

1. Why were the people in Jerusalem?
2. What did they live in?
3. Why did the priest pour out water beside the altar?
4. Was Jesus there watching?
5. What did Jesus say?
6. Did many believe Him to be the Christ who was to come?

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A Woman Is Brought to Jesus

John 8:1-11

One night Jesus went up into the mountain to pray. The next morning, He came down to the temple. He sat down to teach the people. All of a sudden, there was a noise and a stir. Some men brought in a poor woman. This woman was so afraid. The men sat her down in front of Jesus. The men said, "This woman was taken in the very act of a great sin. Moses' law has said that she should be stoned. What do You say should be done to her?" Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with His finger. They kept asking Him. Finally He said, "He that is without sin cast the first stone at her." He again wrote on the ground. The men that heard Him began to go out one by one. They were sure Jesus knew their sins. Jesus asked the woman, "Where are the men?" She said, "They are gone." Jesus said to the woman, "Go, and sin no more." The woman was sorry and Jesus forgave her. The men were not sorry and were not forgiven.

Memory Verse: Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. John 8:11.

GOD'S DELIGHT IN US

It is wonderful truth that we may so fully belong to the Lord that he will delight in us. Not only so, but he will himself bring to our souls a consciousness of his favor.

A minister was calling in the home of some of his members where there was a little girl who had given evidence of being truly saved. For a few minutes he talked to her alone. She said, "I'm very sure I am a Christian." Then he asked, "How do you know you are?" She replied, "Jesus tells me so in my heart." That is the way both boys and girls, and older people too, know that they belong to God.

That same minister was calling upon an aged grandmother who was sick and could not live much longer. But she, too, was happy. She talked with the minister in a jovial way about the happy days to come and with a beaming countenance said, "I am just waiting for the time to come for me to go to a better home." She did not wait long, for that very day Jesus called her home.

OBEY YOUR PARENTS

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6:1-3. As you love and obey your parents, it will be a help to you in obeying your heavenly Father in the coming years, which will mean eternal life to you. Loving and kissing your parents is right and good, but that is not all you should do. Obeying is better. I used to tell my daughter that for her to obey me meant more than all

the kisses, although the kisses meant much. Obeying is better than sacrifice. When we get saved we must obey the Word of God to gain that everlasting life.

Children, ask the dear Lord to help you to obey your parents. The devil will keep you from obeying if you listen to him. God can help you to overcome and you can be a real blessing to your parents.

I remember back when I was a small girl, I wanted to always obey my dear parents. A few times I was not as good as I should have been and I became so troubled until I told my mother. She would be so pleased to know that I was sorry and wanted to obey her.

Dear boys and girls, Jesus loves you each one and wants to take you to heaven when you leave this world. Do remember to pray to Jesus and ask him to help you.

With love and prayers to all the dear children,
Cassie Irvin

Little Mary was crying softly. She was looking at a picture of Jesus on the cross.

"Why are you crying?" ask Daddy.

"They put nails through His hands and feet," said Mary. "Sis. Brown said that He let them do it because He loved me."

"Yes, that is right, Mary," Daddy said as he drew her to himself. "We want to always love Him for it."

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus go after praying one night?
2. Who did the men bring to Jesus?
3. What did they say she had done?
4. What did Jesus tell the men who wanted to stone her?
5. What did Jesus tell the woman?