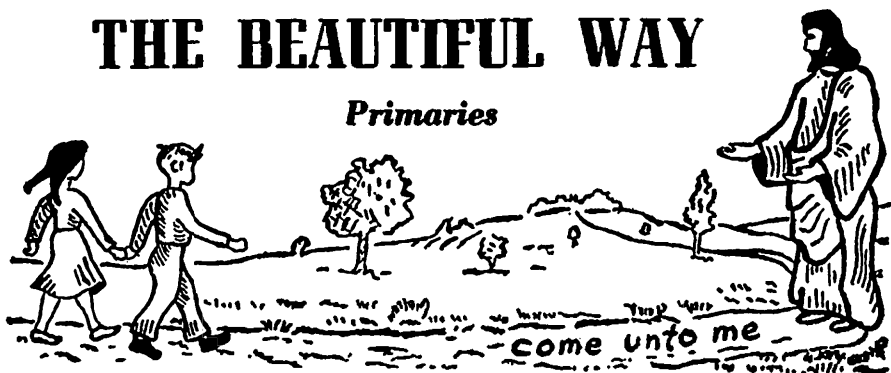


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Jan. 7

## GOD TALKS TO MOSES

Exodus 3:4, 9, 10; 4:1-5, 10-15

God called to Moses out of the burning bush. God said, "I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring my people out of Egypt. I have seen them being mistreated." Moses said, "They will not believe me." God said unto Moses, "What is that in your hand?" And he said, "A rod." God said to Moses, "Cast it down on the ground." And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. And the Lord said to Moses, "Put forth your hand, and take it by the tail." Moses obeyed even though he was afraid. He trusted God. Moses caught it by the tail and it became a rod in his hand. God said that when the elders of his people saw this, that they would believe that the Lord God of their fathers had sent him to them to bring them out of Egypt. Moses told God he was slow of speech. God said that his brother, Aaron, was on his way to meet him. Aaron would speak for him. God said, "I will put words in your mouth and will teach you what to do."

*Memory Verse:* The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me. Hebrews 13:6b.

## Manuello's Bible

Manuello lived in a bamboo hut on an island in the Philippines. Manuello was a smart boy. He knew how to read. His favorite book was the Bible. He hid his Bible where no one could find it. He wanted a safe place. He hid it in a hole behind a large rock at the edge of the river. Manuello's Bible was the only Bible in the whole village. Some in the village did not want the people to have Bibles in their homes. They burned all the Bibles they could find.

One day a man came to the bamboo hut where Manuello lived. He said, "Manuello, I have been told that you have a Bible. You must give it to me!" Manuello answered, "Yes, I have a Bible. I love it very much. It cannot be wrong for me to read the stories of Jesus for myself."

The man did not want Manuello to read the Bible for himself. He said, "You must either give that Bible to me, or you must destroy it. If you don't, you will have trouble!"

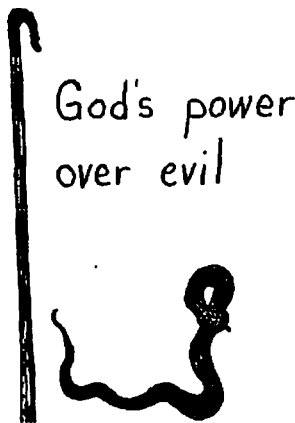
That was why Manuello hid his Bible in the hole behind the big rock at the edge of the river. When no one was looking, he would go to the rock, take out his Bible and read the stories about Jesus.

One night there was a big rain. The river rose rapidly. Before Manuello could get his precious Bible, the river bank was covered with water. When the river fell again, the Bible was gone. How sad Manuello was! He wanted his Bible so very much.

In another village down the river, there lived a famous storyteller. He told people exciting stories about fairies and giants. On the morning after the big rain,

he was crossing the river on a little raft. Suddenly he saw something black floating on the water. He fished it out, and found that it was a Book. He dried the pages, and began to read. He began to tell new stories to the people. He told them about a good Samaritan. He told them about David and Joseph, and about Jesus. His fame as a storyteller grew and grew.  
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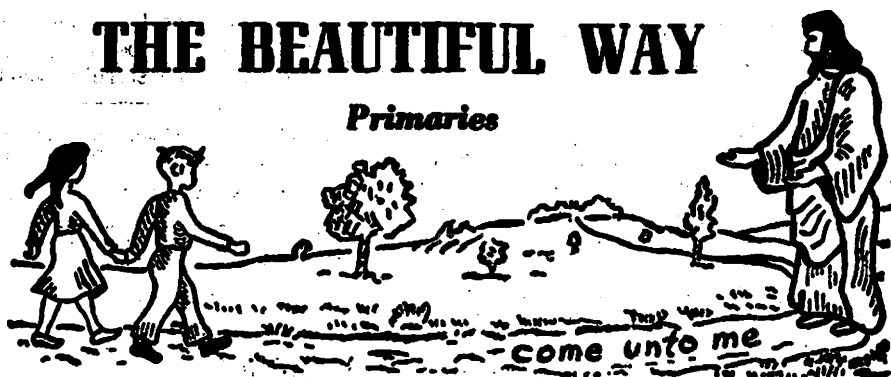


### QUESTIONS:

1. What did God tell Moses when he talked to him from the burning bush?
2. When Moses told God that the people would not believe him, what did God ask him?
3. What happened when he threw down the rod?
4. Did Moses do what God told him to do even though he was afraid?
5. Who was going with Moses to his people to tell them God would bring them out of Egypt where they were mistreated?

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Jan. 14

## GOD HEARS THEIR PRAYERS

Exodus 4:18-20, 27-31

Moses worked for his father-in-law, Jethro. He asked him if he could go back to Egypt and see his brethren. Jethro said, "Go in peace." Moses took his wife, Zipporah, and his two sons and started out. But Moses' wife went back home and Moses went on toward Egypt. God spoke to Aaron, Moses' brother, and said, "Go into the wilderness to meet Moses." When he met him in the mount of the Lord, he kissed him. Moses told Aaron all that God had told him to do. They went on to Egypt together. When they arrived, they had a meeting with all the elders of the children of Israel. Moses told them that God was going to deliver them from being slaves to Pharaoh. He showed them the three signs that God gave him. One was the rod turning into a snake. Another was his hand being white with leprosy when he put it into his coat, and when he put it back again, it was healed. The other sign was the water turning into blood when he poured it on the ground.

*Memory Verse:* For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers. 1 Pet. 3:12.

# Manuello's Bible

## (Part 2)

Times changed in the Phillippine Islands. The United States took over the Islands. Many American missionaries came to the Islands. They gave Bibles to the people. Now the people were not afraid to keep the Bible when they wished.

One day a native preacher came to the village where the storyteller lived. He began to tell the people stories from the Bible. The people said, "We know those stories. Our storyteller has been telling them to us for a long time. Do you know them too? Are they really true stories?"

"Of course, they are true," said the preacher. "Where did your storyteller get them from?" The people ran to get the storyteller. When he came, he told about finding the black Book on the water.

One day, the preacher told Manuello about the storyteller in the other village down the river. Manuello was excited. He said, "Maybe, that was my Bible he found." Manuello went with the preacher to see the storyteller. Sure enough, it was his Bible. The storyteller gave the boy back his Bible, and Manuello was very happy. —Sel.

## Too Busy

A little boy stood at the window. He looked at the starry heavens. Then he would say his good-night prayer.

"Mother, may I go to heaven, sometime?" he asked.

"Yes, dear, if you love and serve Jesus."

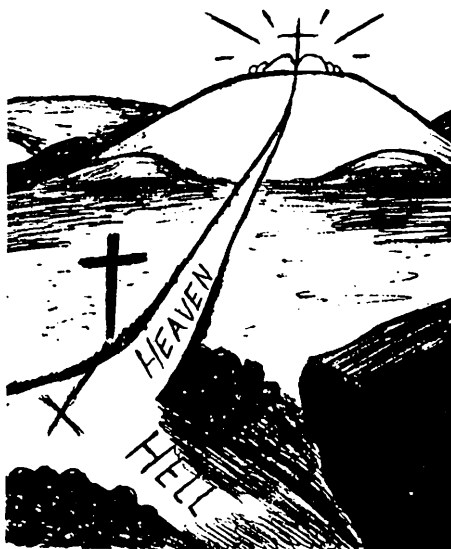
"And will you be there?" he asked.

"Yes. Father will be there, too."

The little fellow shook his head. He said, "No, Daddy won't be there. He is too busy to leave the store!" —Sel.

"God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5.

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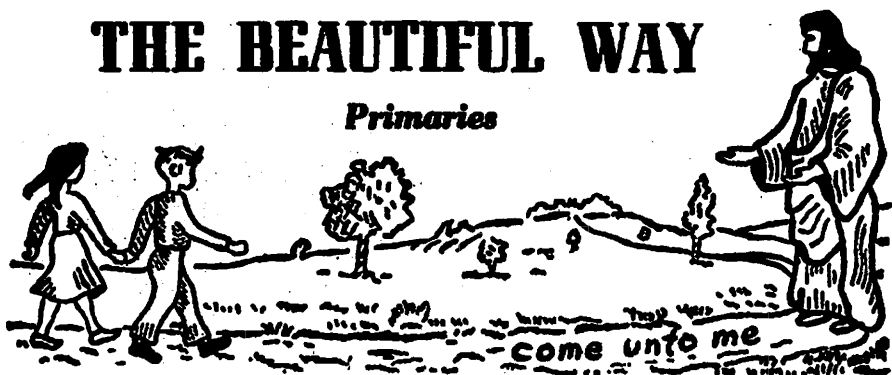


## QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jethro tell Moses when he asked if he could visit his brethren?
2. Zipporah and their sons went back. True or false.
3. Who did God tell to meet Moses in the wilderness?
4. What did Aaron and Moses do before the elders of Israel?
5. Were the elders happy that God had heard their prayers?

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Jan. 21

## MOSES PRAYS FOR THE PEOPLE

Exodus 5:14-23; Exodus 6:1-8

The poor Israelites worked real hard to make brick. They could not make the same number of brick. They had to hunt for straw. When the taskmasters checked their work, they were angry. They beat the Israelite overseers. How sad! The overseers cried to Pharaoh. Pharaoh said, "Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the Lord. Get to work. No straw will be given to you." As they left, they met Aaron and Moses. They were troubled. They said, "The Lord be your judge. You have caused Pharaoh to be hard upon us." Moses then cried to the Lord. Moses did not understand why God would not cause Pharaoh to let the people go. He had become more wicked. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "You will see what I will do to Pharaoh. He will be glad to let them go. I will redeem them. I made a promise to their fathers. I will give them the Canaan land. I have heard their groanings."

*Memory Verse:* Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Matt. 7:7.

## The Merry Go Round

Tim lived in the country. He went to visit his grandmother who lived in the city. Grandmother wanted to show Tim a good time. She took Tim to visit the big stores. She took Tim riding on the buses. She took Tim to a park where there was a merry-go-round. Tim begged for a ride on the merry-go-round. Grandmother gave him the money. He got on one of the wooden horses and went round and round while the music played.

On the way home, Grandmother said, "Tim, you had a ride on the merry-go-round. You went round and round and round. But where did you go? Nowhere. When the merry-go-round stopped you got off just where you got on!"

Lots of people live a "merry-go-round" sort of life. They go round and round, having fun, but getting nowhere. God wants us to get somewhere. He wants us to fill our lives with worthwhile, good things. How we please God when we live for Jesus. How we please God when we love Him and serve Him day by day. The Bible says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:4). —Sel.

## Be True

Be true to Jesus, little one,  
No matter what the test;  
If you will love and trust in Him,  
You'll happy be, and blest.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above." James 1:17.

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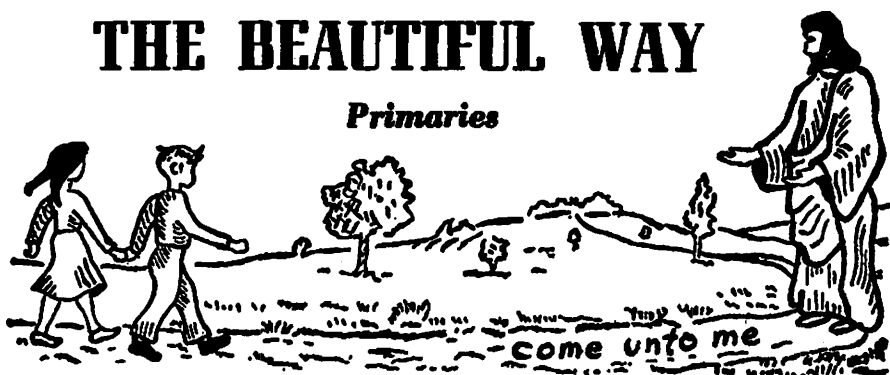
Ask Jesus to set you free. He will do it.

### QUESTIONS:

1. Why couldn't the Israelites make enough brick?
2. What did the taskmasters do to the bosses?
3. Who did the bosses tell their troubles to?
4. What did Pharaoh tell them?
5. What did Moses do when they told him their troubles?
6. What did God tell Moses?

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Jan. 28

## GOD'S GREAT POWER

Exodus 7:1, 2, 10-12, 20-25; Exodus 8:6-10

The Lord said to Moses, "Aaron, your brother, will be your prophet and will speak for you to Pharaoh. He will ask him to send the children of Israel out of his land." They went to see the king. Pharaoh said, "Show me a miracle." Aaron threw down his rod, and it turned into a snake. Pharaoh called his wise men. They threw down their rods, and they turned into snakes. Moses' rod swallowed up their rods. God's power is greater than the power of the devil. Pharaoh would not let the people go. God told Moses to smite the waters in the land of Egypt. The water turned into blood. The fish died and the waters smelled bad. Pharaoh would not let the people go. God told Moses that He would smite the land. It was filled with frogs. Frogs were in their beds, ovens, and in all the land. Pharaoh asked Moses to take them away. God did this, but Pharaoh still would not let the people go.

*Memory Verse:* If it had not been for the Lord on our side, when men rose up against us; Then they had swallowed us up quick. Psalms 124:1, 2a.

## 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 playroom 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? 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.

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God's Power is the Greatest



Mose's rod swallowed up the magician's rods.

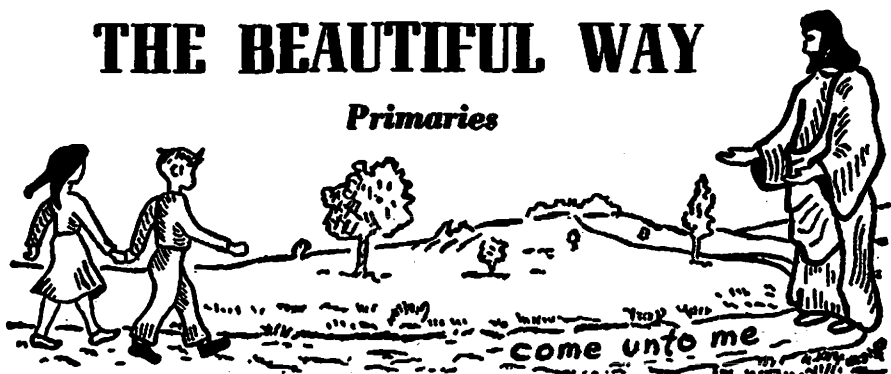
### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Aaron and Moses ask the king to do?
2. What did Moses and Aaron do when Pharaoh asked them to show him a miracle?
3. Whose rod swallowed up the other rods that had turned into snakes?
4. What did God tell Moses to do to the water in Egypt?
5. What did God send to the Egyptians that got into their houses?



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Feb. 4

## PHARAOH'S HEART IS HARD

Exodus 8:16-32

"Let my people go," Moses asked Pharaoh. But Pharaoh would not let them go and worship the Lord in the wilderness. Moses obeyed the Lord. Aaron took Moses' rod and hit the dust. What do you suppose happened? The dust turned into lice. The lice got on the animals, and on all the people. The magicians or witches tried to make lice out of dust, but they could not. They told Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh would not let the people go. God told Moses to meet Pharaoh as he came out early in the morning by the river. Moses said, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. If you do not, God will send swarms of flies upon all the people, and in all the land." But there will not be one fly in the land where my people live. You will then know that God is real and is mighty." When the flies came, Pharaoh asked Moses to pray to the Lord to take them away, and he would let them go. But after they were gone, he refused to let them go.

*Memory Verse:* Turn you at my reproof; behold I will pour out my spirit unto you. Proverbs 1:23a.

## Daddy and the Worship Hour

Tommy came into the room from the kitchen and went to the bookcase for the Bible. He looked first at one shelf, then at another, but could not find the Bible among the books. He had to have that Bible, for it was worship hour and time for daddy to read from its pages. Worship time was a wonderful time to Tommy for daddy made the texts so clear.

"Oh, I know," he said to himself, "it's on the desk." And as he looked in the corner toward the desk, he spied the large family Bible lying near the phone.

"Come on, Elaine," he called to his younger sister as he made himself comfortable on the davenport. Soon Elaine, mother, and daddy had joined him in the living room.

"Well, what would my two children like to have me read about this evening?" asked daddy as Elaine and Tommy sat at either side of him.

"About the lions and Daniel," urged Tommy. "I like that."

"But we have had the story of Daniel two nights in a row already. I think tonight I will start a continued story for worship."

"Oh, do, daddy, do," urged both Tommy and Elaine.

Tommy handed daddy the Bible, and he turned its pages to Philipplians the fourth chapter and began reading the eighth verse.

"Finally, brethren," he read in his rich voice, "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there

be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

"What does all that mean?"

"That's why we are going to make the worship continuous," answered daddy, "because the verse is long. Tonight we will take only the first part."

"The apostle Paul, who writes these words to us, says, 'Finally, brethren.' You see, that is another way of saying, 'Now, Tommy,' or 'Now, Elaine.' Then he gives us the next part, 'Whatsoever things are true;' and tells us that we should think about them."

"There are several ways that we can be true. First, we can be true to ourselves. If we are not true to ourselves, how can we be true to anyone else?"

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Heart of Stone.



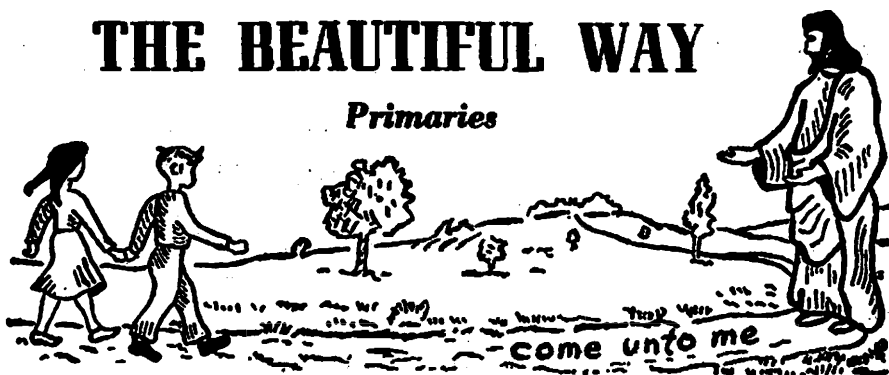
Heart of Flesh.

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Moses ask Pharaoh to do?
2. Did Pharaoh let them go?
3. What did God send upon the land and the people?
4. Could the witches or magicians do this?
5. What did Moses say to Pharaoh when he met him early one morning by the water?
6. After Moses prayed and the flies were gone did Pharaoh say the people could go?

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Feb. 11

## **"LET MY PEOPLE GO"**

Exodus 9:1-12

The king would not let the people go. He held them as his slaves. They prayed to God. Moses and Aaron obeyed God. They went again to the king. Moses said, "Let my people go." The king said he would not let them go. The hand of the Lord was raised against them again. Moses' rod was not used in this plague. The horses, cattle, asses, oxen, camels, and sheep got sick. All the cattle died in one day. The king sent someone to see if the cattle in Israel had died, but they were all right. Pharaoh still would not let the people go. God told Moses to take some ashes from the furnace where the Israelites made brick. He told him to stand before Pharaoh and sprinkle the ashes out toward the sky. The wind caught them and blew them in all directions. The people broke out with boils and blains. This was the sixth plague. The magicians could not do this. They also were sick with boils. We do not know if they died, but we do not hear of them again.

*Memory Verse:* Thou believest there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe and tremble. James 2:19.

# Daddy and the Worship Hour

## (Part 2)

"How can we not be true to ourselves?" interrupted Tommy.

"Oh, like a little boy I know who once promised his mother he would come straight home from school, and then didn't. He made his mother worry because he was late and hadn't been true to his word," said daddy, looking up at the ceiling as if he thought he might see something up there. He was trying not to look at Tommy, whose face was a little red.

"I won't do that again. I want to be true," said Tommy in a low voice, almost a whisper.

"Then we must be true to each other and to our friends," continued daddy. "Like the wonderful friendship of David and Jonathan, and Ruth and Naomi. It isn't right to talk unkindly about our friends or treat them mean, for that is being untrue."

"Another way to be true is to live like Jesus. He was our true example, and boys and girls who are not like Him in their actions and words are not true followers of Him."

"Is that what that song means that we sing so often, daddy, 'I Would Be True'?"

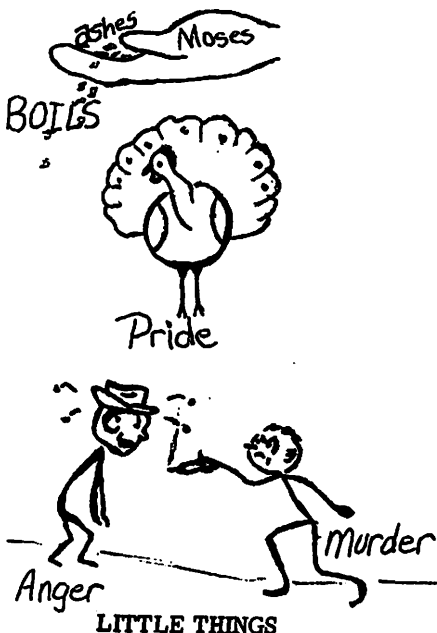
"Yes, I am sure it means that. Let's have mother play it on the piano while we sing it."

—W.T.R.

When you die you will go to heaven if you love Jesus and obey Him.

God is Jesus' Father. Mary was his mother. Joseph was his step-father.

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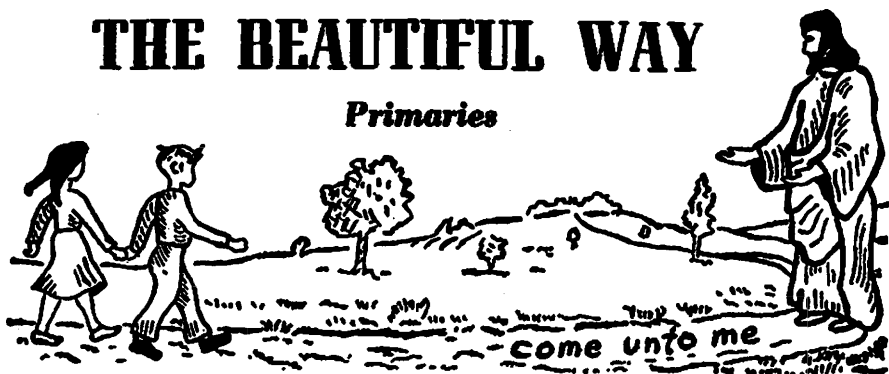


## QUESTIONS:

1. What did Moses ask the king?
2. What did God permit to come upon the people because they held the Israelites as slaves?
3. What did God tell Moses to do after Pharaoh still would not let them go?
4. Does the devil make people do wrong when they serve him?
5. Who will take boys and girls away from the devil when they ask Him?

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Feb. 18

## IT PAYS TO OBEY GOD

Exodus 9:13-26

"Let my people go," Moses said as he met Pharaoh early one morning. "If you do not let my people go, God will send more plagues upon you. God wants you to see His great power. God wants all the people in the world to see His great power. You are stubborn. You will not let God's people go. Now tomorrow about this time, God will send an awful thunder and hail, and fire will run along the ground. Every beast or man found in the field will be killed. Tell your people to stay in their houses and take their animals into their barns." The next day Moses stretched forth his rod unto the heavens. The thunder rolled. The hail began to fall. Fire ran along the ground. All who believed God and obeyed Him were not killed. But those who did not obey and were in the field were killed. All the animals that were not brought in were killed. All the trees were broken. All the herbs in the field were ruined. It pays to obey God.

*Memory Verse:* Man that . . . understandeth not is like the beasts that perish. Psalms 49:20.

## Running Errands For Jesus

Mother had just told little Jim how Jesus blessed the little children long ago. When she had finished telling the story, Jim looked at her and said, "Mother, I wish that Jesus lived on earth now."

Mother asked, "Why, Jim? Would you like for Jesus to bless you like He blessed the little children long ago?"

Little Jim said, "Mother, that would be nice, but the main reason I would like for Him to live on earth now is because I would like so much to do something for Him."

"What could a little boy like you do for Him?" asked Mother.

Little Jim said, "Mother, I could run errands for Him!"

Mother said, "Jim, you are right. You could run errands for Jesus, and you shall run errands for Jesus. Here are some oranges and apples. You can take them to poor Mrs. Brown. She is sick in bed. That will be running an errand for Jesus!"

Whenever we do a kind deed for any one because we love Jesus, it is just the same as doing it for Jesus. Every day we can run errands for Him. —Sel.

## The Balky Horse

Robby was one day looking out of the window, watching a balky horse. The load was not heavy, but the horse was stubborn and would not go. The driver first coaxed and then whipped him, but the horse would not move one step, and there he stood for

hours. Robby at last said: "Aunty, I think the reason why there are bad horses now is because they were not trained when they were colts." Then he thought a little and added: "I see now the reason why you are always telling me not to do things. It is because you want me to be a good man; good boys make good men." I think Robby has it about right; don't you?

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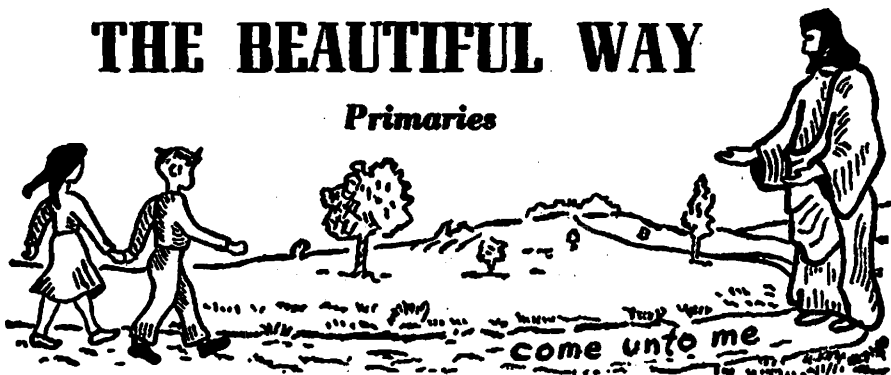
"Fire ran along the ground...smote every herb in the field and brake every tree in the field...upon the beast and every man in the field...they shall die."

### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Moses say to Pharaoh?
2. Did God want everyone in the earth to see His great power?
3. What did God let happen to show His power?
4. Were the people who stayed in the house and obeyed God killed?
5. What happened to the animals and people who were out in the field and did not obey God?
6. What happened to the trees and the fields?

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Feb. 25

## PHARAOH SENDS FOR MOSES

Exodus 9:27-35

Pharaoh was afraid. He called for Moses and Aaron. Pharaoh said, "I have sinned. The Lord is good and I and my people are wicked. Please ask the Lord to take away this mighty thunder and hail. I will let you go." Moses said, "As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the Lord and the thunder will stop. God will do this so you will know that the earth is the Lord's. I know that you still do not fear the Lord." Moses went out of the city and spread abroad his hands unto the Lord and the thunders, hail, and rain, stopped. When Pharaoh saw that all had stopped, he sinned yet more. He would not let the people go. Pharaoh was like boys and girls today who get afraid and pray to God. God wants us to pray to Him when we are not afraid of lightning, thunder, wind, and other dangers. If we have been praying before, then God will hear us and help us. If we truly are sorry that we have been naughty, God will forgive us.

*Memory Verse:* He maketh the storm calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Psalms 107:28.

# The Little Angel

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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 her 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.

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Jesus will be your helper today as he helped others when he lived here on earth.

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We know that the Bible is true because every bit of it comes from God.

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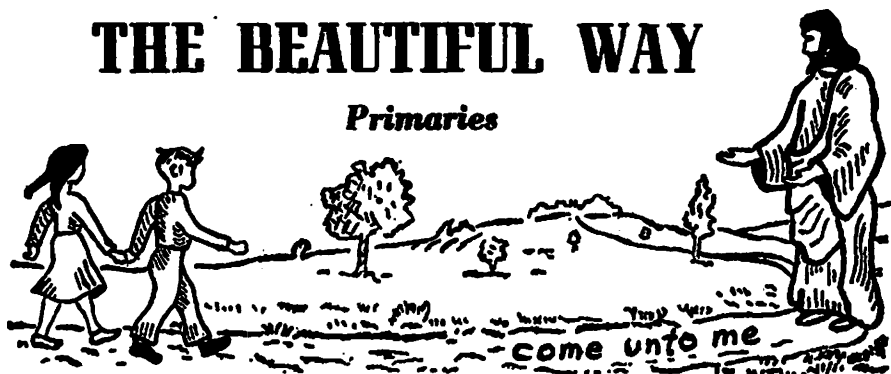
## QUESTIONS:

1. Why was Pharaoh scared?
2. Who did he call for?
3. What did he want Moses and Aaron to do?
4. Did God answer Moses' and Aaron's prayer?
5. Should we pray before we are in a storm?



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Mar. 4

## HOW LONG WILL YOU REFUSE?

Exodus 10:1-19

The Lord said to Moses, "Go to see Pharaoh. I will show more signs of My power. Your sons are to be told all the things that I have done in Egypt. I want you and them to know that I am the Lord." Moses said to Pharaoh, "How long will you refuse to humble yourself before God? If you refuse to let my people go, I will send locusts tomorrow and they will cover the whole land. They will eat everything that the hail did not destroy." Moses turned and went out of Pharaoh's presence. Pharaoh's servants said, "Let their men go or Egypt will be destroyed." Pharaoh called for Moses. He said, "Leave the children and women, and go and serve the Lord." Moses said that they all had to go. Pharaoh drove them out of the palace. God sent the locusts. They covered the ground and ate everything green. Pharaoh called for Moses to take them away. God heard Moses' prayer and sent a strong west wind that carried all the locusts away and cast them into the Red Sea.

*Memory Verse:* I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations. Psalms 45:17.

# Lisa In God's House

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Lisa scooted over to the end of the bench at the chapel. Dean was still sitting close to their mother. Lisa rolled a pencil to him along the bench, and Dean rolled it back. It made a noise. Mother shook her head at Lisa.

Lisa scooted back by Dean, and they played a game with a piece of paper. Lisa would guess in which hand Dean held the paper. If she was right, she took the paper, and Dean had to guess. Mother was listening to the sermon. When she looked at the children, they stopped playing until she looked away again.

On the way home Father said, "I was so glad to see Mr. Brownfield in church with his wife."

Mother looked sad. "I heard him tell his wife that he didn't get much out of church. He didn't think he would come again," she said. "I wonder why."

Lisa's face got very red. "I know why!" she said. "He was watching Dean and me playing. He was not listening to the preacher."

"That is too bad!" said Mother. "We have prayed for Mr. Brownfield for so long. We hoped he would come to church and give his heart to God. But now he says he is not coming back!"

"Oh!" said Lisa. "If he doesn't go to heaven, maybe it will be my fault! Do you think it would help if I went to him and told him I am sorry?"

"It might," her mother said.

So after dinner Lisa went to the Brownfields' house. She was afraid. She almost went back home without knocking at the door. And when she saw Mr. Brownfield, she began to cry.

"Mr. Brownfield," she said, "I am sorry I played in church this morning. I know what the preacher said would have helped you. But I kept you from listening. Won't you please come back to church? I will listen to the preacher after this and not play."

"Well, I might try it one more time," said Mr. Brownfield.

That night Mr. Brownfield went to church again. He sat right behind Lisa. This time Lisa did not play. She listened to the preacher. She prayed that Mr. Brownfield would give his heart to God. Sure enough, after the sermon, he did! —Sel.

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## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



The Plague of the Locusts

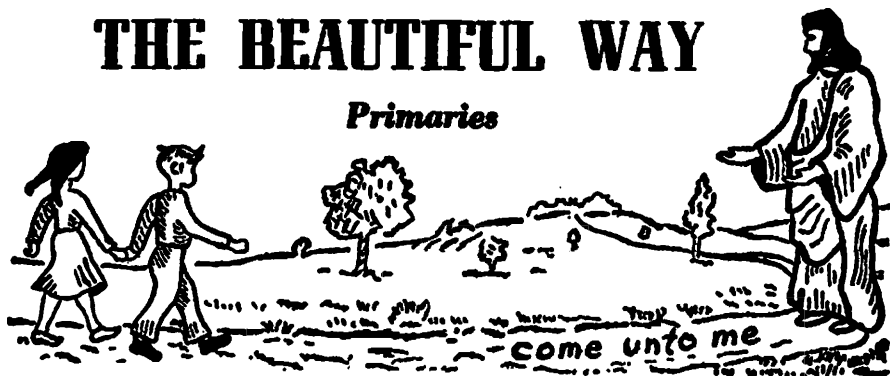
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## QUESTIONS:

1. What did God tell Moses to do?
2. When Moses talked to Pharaoh, what did he tell him God would do if he refused to let the people go?
3. What did Pharaoh's servants want him to do?
4. When the locust came what did Pharaoh do?
5. Did God answer Moses' prayer and send the locusts away?

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Mar. 11

## THICK DARKNESS

Genesis 10:21-29

Can you count to nine? Today we are going to talk about the ninth plague that came upon the Egyptians because they would not let the Israelites go. Pharaoh made them work hard and build big cities for him. They were his slaves. Pharaoh was still stubborn though Moses talked to him many times. God told Moses to stretch out his hand toward heaven. God caused a thick darkness to come over the land of Egypt. This darkness could be felt. Every one stayed right where they were when the darkness fell upon them. This darkness chained them to their place. They were so afraid. No doubt any stirring sounded like the hissing of snakes. Maybe a noise would echo and make all kinds of scary noises. It was terrible. This lasted for three days, but the Israelites had light. Pharaoh called for Moses. He told him they could all go, but leave their flocks and herds. Moses said, "All has to go." Pharaoh said Moses would die if he saw him again.

*Memory Verse:* God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5b.

## Christian's Prayer

Christian was almost six years old. He knew how to pray. That was why Mama said to him one morning, "Christian, you must pray. We have no food. Ask God to send us some food."

On the way to school Christian prayed. He asked God to send some food to his home. Christian knew that God heard his prayer. He was sure that God would send the needed food.

When Christian came home from school he saw milk and bread and eggs on the table. Joyfully he said, "God be praised! He has answered my prayer. Tell me, Mama, did an angel bring us this food?"

"No, dear," said Mama. "God heard your prayer and told a kind lady to answer it with the food."

## Who Wants A Dollar?

Lois May was a very small girl. One day she asked her father for a penny and he handed her a dollar instead. "I don't want that!" she said. "You can buy candy with a penny, but what can you do with an old dollar?" She was too little to know that the dollar was much better than the penny.

Sometimes little boys and girls do not know what is the best way to spend their time. "I could have a good time playing," they say. "I would rather do that than go to Sunday School or church."

God wants boys and girls to play. Playing helps them to grow strong. They learn many things when they play. But God wants boys and girls to take time to love Him too. They can have the very

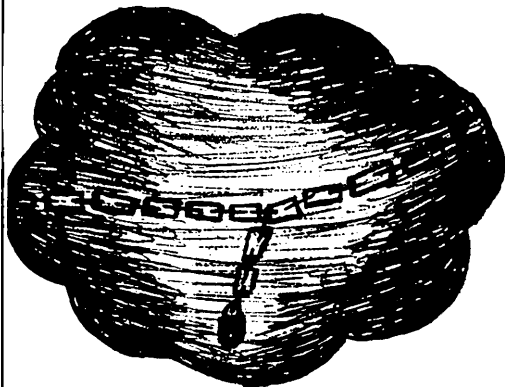
best time thinking about God and loving Him.

Playing is like the candy that Lois May wanted to buy with the penny. Worshipping God is better than the things she could have bought with the dollar!

## A Child's Prayer

"Help me do the things I should,  
To be to others kind and good;  
In all I do in work or play,  
To be more loving every day."

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



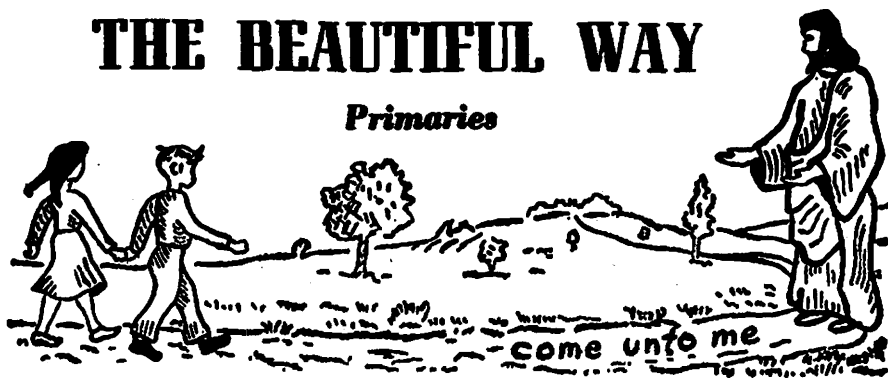
Wicked People are in Chains of Darkness

## QUESTIONS:

1. How many plagues did God send to Egypt?
2. What kind of a plague did we talk about today?
3. Was this darkness different than our nights which are dark?
4. Who did Pharaoh send for?
5. What did he tell Moses?

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## JESUS IS THE PASSEOVER LAMB

Exodus 12:3-12, 21--27

God told Moses to tell the Israelites to take a pretty little lamb, which was their very best lamb, and keep it up in a pen, and feed it good. This was to be a real special Lamb. Now, in the evening of a certain day this lamb was to be killed. The Israelites were to take a straw brush and dip it into the blood of that lamb and put the blood on the doorposts of their houses. They were then to roast this lamb, and all the family was to eat of this lamb. They were not to sit down, but to stand around all ready to leave their homes. They were to eat unleavened bread and bitter herbs with it. If any of the lamb was left, it was to be burned. At midnight the death angel was to pass over their houses and would kill the firstborn of every family if the blood was not there.

Jesus is the Lamb that was slain for us. If we have His blood upon our hearts we are clean from our sins and the death angel will pass over us. Do let Jesus come into your heart.

*Memory Verse:* Behold the Lamb of God (*Jesus*) which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29.

# The New Doll

Of all the gifts that Marie received for her birthday the one she liked most was the new doll. The doll was beautiful. She had long curls and eyes that went to sleep. She wore a beautiful blue silk dress, and white slippers and socks. The doll sat in a buggy and the moment that Marie saw her she loved her.

One day Marie took the doll for a ride in the buggy. When she returned home, she left the doll in the buggy near the front steps. She went into the house to get a drink of water.

In a few moments, Ralph came out of the house. Ralph was Marie's little brother. When he saw the doll in the buggy, he decided to take the doll for a ride. In a moment, the doll buggy turned over, and the beautiful doll fell out on the sidewalk. The doll broke into many pieces.

When Marie came out of the house, she saw what had happened. Her beautiful doll was broken! Marie began to cry. Then she decided to go and tell Father what had happened.

Marie's Father was a minister. He was in his study. When Marie entered the study crying, Father knew something terrible must have happened. He took Marie in his arms and asked, "What is the matter?" Marie told him about the broken doll.

How kind Father was! He understood why his little girl was broken hearted. He dried her tears. Then he said, "You wait here in my study for me. I will be back in a short time."

Father left the study. Marie sat in Father's big chair and waited for him to return. In a short time, Father came in

with a big box under his arms. He handed the box to Marie. When she opened it, she found a new doll! The new doll was big and beautiful.

Marie threw both arms around Father. She kissed him on his cheek. Then she said, "You are the best Father in all the world! Thank you for the new doll!"

The Lord Jesus loves us. He cares for us. He knows when we are sad. He knows when we are glad. He understands about everything that happens to us.

How thankful we are for this wonderful Friend!

We like to sing this song about Jesus:  
"Does Jesus care when my heart is pained

Too deeply for mirth or song;  
As the burdens press, and the cares distress,  
And the way grows weary and long?

"O yes, He cares; I know He cares,  
His heart is touched with my grief;  
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary,  
I KNOW my Saviour cares!"

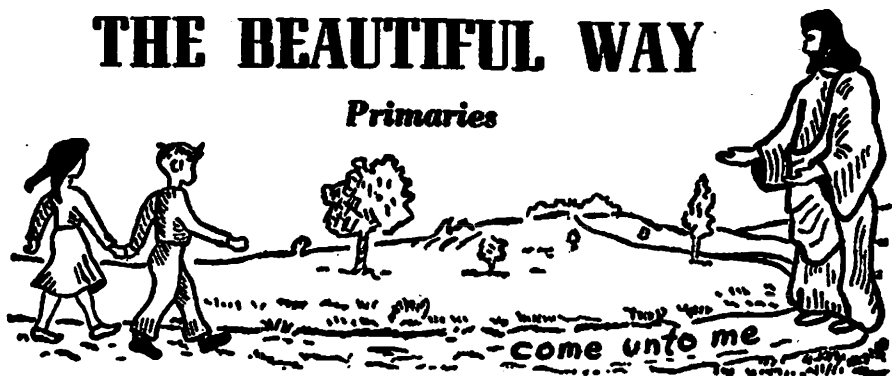
--Sel.

## QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of a lamb was to be put up into a pen?
2. What time was that lamb to be killed?
3. What were the Israelites to do with the blood?
4. They were to roast the lamb and what were they to do with any that was left over?
5. Who was to pass over their houses that night?
6. Is Jesus the Lamb and where must we have His blood?

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## THE MIDNIGHT CRY

Exodus 12:29-40; Exodus 13:4, 5, 19-22

There was a midnight cry that went up from every house in Egypt. The Israelites had the blood on their doorposts, so they were all right. But in Egypt the firstborn in every family died. Pharaoh sent word to Moses to leave at once and take everything with him. He wanted Moses to bless him also. The Israelites were all ready. They started on the march. Thousands and thousands of them went out on foot. They took their cattle with them. It was 450 years before this that God had said that this would happen. What God says will come to pass. The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud and by night in a pillar of fire. How happy they were to be free. No longer did they have to be slaves for Pharaoh. They took the silver, gold, and raiment that they had asked the Egyptians to give them. They took their kneading bowls bound up in their cloths on their shoulders. They also took the bones of their fathers. Now they were marching to a new land.

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

## How To Rub Out Mistakes

Mike hurried off the school bus.

"Mom! Mom!" Mike yelled out, as he ran into the kitchen. Mother was paring some apples for a pie. "Mom, do you know what?"

"Why, no, dear," said Mother, smiling. "What?"

"I learned to 'rub out' today at school. It won't come back," said Mike.

Mother put the apple and knife down. "Now, Mike," said Mother, "come, let's sit down over here. You tell me just what you mean by 'rubbing out'."

"You see, Mom, he said, "today at school the teacher said, 'Now, children, you will learn to print your name.'"

"Did you print yours, Mike?" asked Mother.

"Well, at first I did not know if I could," said Mike, slowly.

"It is always a little hard when you are learning to do things right," said Mother. "I am sure you did your printing right."

"Not until after I tried and tried," said Mike. "Do you know what, Mom? I made many mistakes trying to print my name right. The teacher gave me an eraser. She told me to 'rub out' my mistakes. She showed me how to do it. I rubbed them out, and they did not come back. Look!"

Mike held up the sheet of paper for Mother to see.

Mother took the sheet of paper. "Why Mike," Mother said, hugging her little boy close to her, "you have done very nice work. I know you are happy that the mistakes you made at first are all rubbed out. Do you know something, Mike? That is

just the way with our lives. When Jesus forgives us for doing something wrong, He 'rubs out' that wrong thing. It never shows again. God's Word tells us in Acts 3:19, 'Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be **BLOTTED** out.'" —Sel.

## Carrying Badness to Jesus

A little boy asked his mother: "How am I to be saved mother?"

"By coming to Jesus."

"But I have heard that I must be good, or else God will not save me," rejoined the boy.

"My boy, Jesus died to save the bad, not the good. It is your badness, not your goodness, you must carry to Jesus."

"That's good news," cried the boy. "How cruel it was to tell me God would have nothing to do with me unless I was good."

"Yes, it was. You can't be good until you have carried your badness to Jesus."

Then the little boy carried his badness to Jesus, and was made good through faith in Jesus's blood and obedience to His spirit in the heart.

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

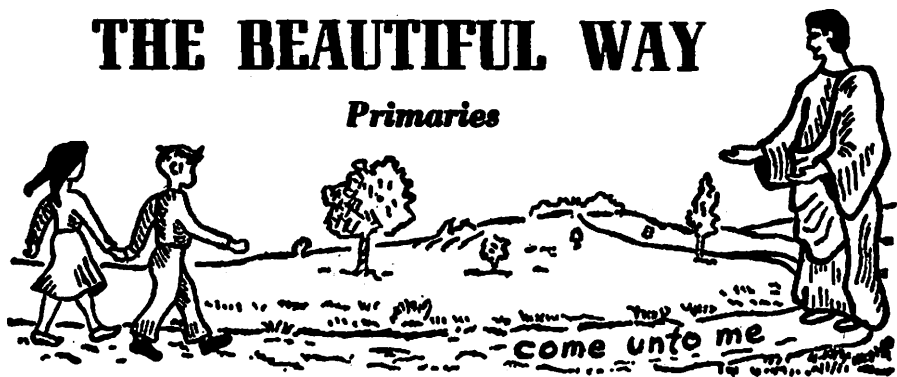
### QUESTIONS:

1. What happened at midnight?
2. What did Pharaoh do?
3. What did the Israelites ask the Egyptians to give them?
4. What kind of a land were they going to?
5. What did they take with them?



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## PHARAOH FOLLOWS ISRAELITES

Exodus 14:1-14

"I was over to Goshen and the Israelites have taken everything that they own with them," a servant told Pharaoh. "Why have we let them go?" cried Pharaoh. "Bring my chariot," commanded Pharaoh. "We will overtake them." Pharaoh took 600 chariots, and soldiers and hurried after the Israelites. He found them where Moses had led them by the word of the Lord. They were camped by the Red Sea. The people saw Pharaoh's army coming and they were afraid. They saw the mountains on either side of them and the Red Sea in front of them. They cried out to the Lord in their fear. They told Moses that he dealt evilly with them by bringing them into the wilderness to die. Moses said, "Stand still and see God deliver you. The Lord shall fight for you today. God will be honored and you will see the Egyptians no more. Be not afraid." Boys and girls, when we are afraid we are not pleasing God. God wants us to trust Him. God will take care of us.

*Memory Verse:* The Lord shall fight for you. Exodus 14:14a.

## Empty Shells

A man once lived alone in a little hut in a great forest, because he wanted to get away from the wicked world. And every day he prayed often, saying the same prayers over and over again.

It got to be a habit, and he seldom thought of what he was saying. And he became proud, thinking himself very holy because he prayed so often. Then he decided to keep count of the number of times he prayed, and did this by putting a walnut in a glass jar every time he repeated a prayer.

This went on month after month and year after year until he had long rows of glass jars filled with walnuts. And he became prouder of his goodness as the number of jars increased.

Then he had a strange dream. He dreamed that Jesus stood before him with this question, "What mean all these jars of nuts?" He answered, "Each stands for a prayer that I have prayed to thee." Jesus said, "Take a hammer and crack these nuts one by one." He did so and found that the kernel of each nut had dried up. Before him lay a pile of empty shells. And Jesus said, "Like that were your prayers — empty shells. You spoke the words but your heart was not in them; they are nothing to me. Prayers are only prayers when the heart prays as well as the lips."

Then the man awoke. It was all only a dream, but the dream teaches a good lesson on prayer.

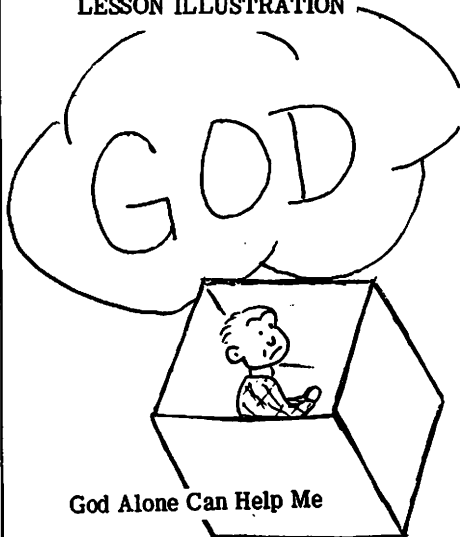
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Above all, taking the shield of faith... ye shall quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph. 6:16.

God who made the sunshine  
And drops of pearly dew,  
Who made the bright blue heaven,  
Takes care of me and you.

And God who made the starlight,  
The grass and flowers so fair,  
Who gives the golden moonbeams,  
Gives us His tender care.

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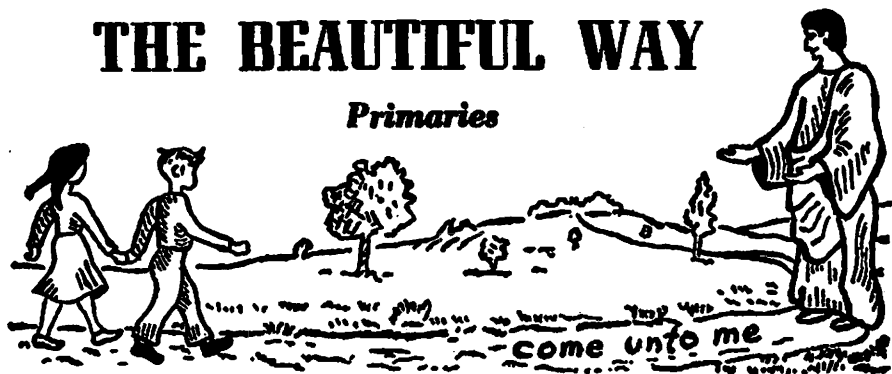


### QUESTIONS:

1. What did a servant tell Pharaoh about the Israelites?
2. What did Pharaoh say?
3. Where had the Israelites camped?
4. What did they do when they saw the Egyptians coming after them?
5. What did Moses tell them to do and what would God do for them?

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## CROSSING THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:15-31

God told Moses to tell the Israelites to "Go forward." Moses held his rod over the Red Sea. The Lord caused the sea to part. Walls of water stood up on either side of a path right down through the sea. The Bible says they were congealed, like Jello. What a wonderful miracle! God sent a hot wind to dry out the ground. The Israelites marched down between the walls of water on dry ground. The angel of God moved behind them in a pillar of the cloud. To the Israelites it was light, but to the Egyptians, their enemies, it was darkness. The Egyptians followed them right down into the dry path through the sea. The Lord looked down at them, through the cloud, and caused their chariot wheels to come off. They had a lot of trouble. They said, "The Lord fighteth for them." When all the Israelites got over on the land, Moses held out his rod and the waters came together and drowned all of the Egyptians. The Israelites were freed.

*Memory Verse:* By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land. Hebrews 11:29.

## If We Confess

There once lived a young prince on his lordly estate, one part of which was reserved for some favorite ducks. In the course of time he adopted a little boy, and, as any loving parent might do, he presented him with a little gun.

"Now, son, you may shoot anywhere on the place, but keep away from the ducks unless you accidentally kill one of them." Then he left.

The boy started out to hunt, and because he had been told not to do so, he very soon killed a duck. The servant happened to see it. Wood carrying time came, and the servant called commandingly to the boy, "Bring me some wood." When the child hesitated, he promptly said, "I'll tell the prince on you," and the wood was immediately brought by the frightened child. Water was brought by the same method; and more water. Even after the master returned, the servant still had his hard tasks done for him by the little boy. But the end came at last. The boy grew tired of the threats and the enforced labor, and going to the prince he confessed everything and was freely forgiven. That evening the servant tried his old tactics, but was met with the unexpected response: "I don't carry any more wood for you, nor any more water, either. I have told the prince myself that I killed the duck, and it is forgiven."

The best way to handle our accusing enemy is to make our own confessions.

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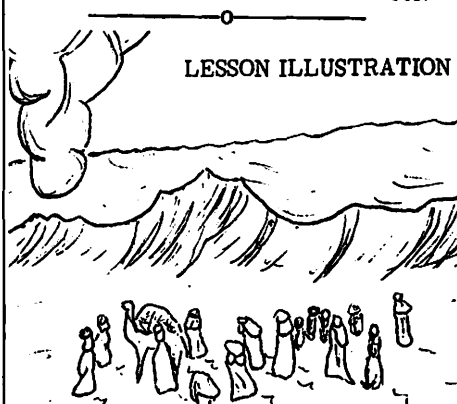
## The Part of the Listener

I was sorry I had been up so late

Saturday night," said a woman. "I got so sleepy in church, and I didn't want our minister to see me looking sleepy while he was preaching. He is such an earnest man, and I think it must be discouraging to a man to see his hearers look sleepy during his sermon."

What inspiration are we giving to our minister each Sunday? Let us keep awake, be alert, and listen to each word he says. It will help him get his thought across easier, and will surely help us live better lives because it is a message from God.

—Sel.



The Children of Israel Crossed On Dry Land

### QUESTIONS:

1. What happened when Moses held his rod over the Red Sea?
2. Did the Israelites go through the Red Sea in the mud or was the ground dry?
3. Who followed the Israelites?
4. When all of the Israelites were through the Red Sea what did God tell Moses to do?
5. What happened to Pharaoh and the Egyptians who followed him?

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April 15

## PRAISING GOD

Acts 2:1-6, 22-26, 41

After Jesus arose from the grave and went back up to heaven, one hundred and twenty of His disciples were together. They were praying. They were waiting for the Holy Spirit to come and dwell in their hearts. Their sins were forgiven. They were ready. They believed Jesus when He told them to wait and the Holy Spirit would come upon them. All of a sudden, a sound came from heaven. It was just like a rushing, mighty wind. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. They were happy. The Holy Spirit had come into their hearts. As they looked at one another, they saw divided tongues, like fire, sitting on each of them. The Holy Spirit had come and they rejoiced. They wanted others to know about it. They began to tell the people around the house. There were people from many other countries in that town that day. They heard the wonderful story of Jesus and about the Holy Spirit. Many believed on Jesus. Many were filled with the Holy Spirit.

*Memory Verse:* Know ye not that ye are the temple of God? 1 Corinthians 3:16a.

# Why Jack Was Glad

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

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

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

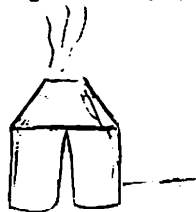
Jack went off to the store, whistling. He was happy because of his father's words. When he returned he found a group of people gathered on the front porch of his home. One of the neighbors said to him, "Jack, your father just dropped dead!" Jack was surprised and the tears flowed quickly. Then he remembered the last words of his father. He thought, Oh, I am so glad that I came quickly and

cheerfully when he called me from the game. I am so glad that I did not complain.

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### Dwelling Place of God



Moses' Tent - 1491 B.C.



Solomon's Temple - 1004 B.C.



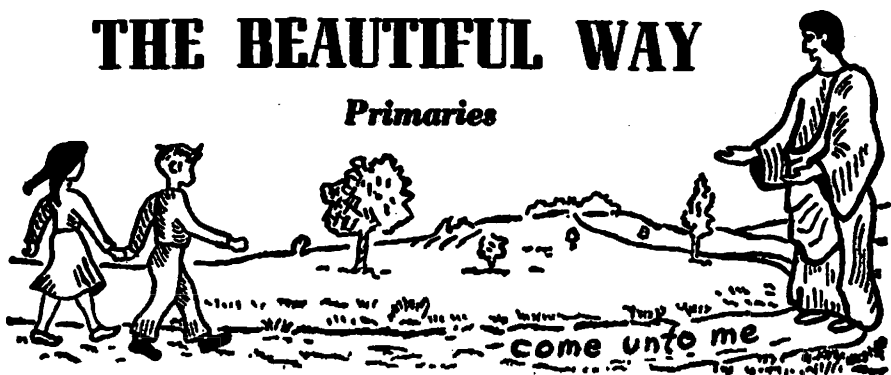
Clean Hearts - 33 A.D.

## QUESTIONS:

1. How many were waiting for the Holy Spirit to come into their hearts?
2. What kind of a sound did they hear?
3. What sat upon each of them?
4. Were they happy?
5. Who did they tell about Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

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## JESUS AROSE FROM THE GRAVE

Mark 16:1-13

Three women were walking down the path one morning when the sun first arose. They were carrying some sweet-smelling spices. They wanted to put them on the body of Jesus, who had been buried in a tomb. One woman said to the others, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the tomb?" Just then they came in sight of the tomb. They looked and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulchre or tomb. Slowly they went into the cave or tomb. What do you think they saw? There was a young man, clothed in a long white garment, sitting on the right side. They were afraid. "Don't be afraid: You seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen: he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he will see them in Galilee." They went out quickly. Later Jesus appeared unto two of them as they walked along a country road. Jesus also appeared to all the disciples and many others. Jesus lives today.

*Memory Verse:* He is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. Mark 16:6.

# Florrie Had the Best Time

There is a vacant lot on the corner of East Avenue and Caldwell St., with two spreading oak trees on it. My, but it is a lovely play ground for the children from far and near!

Two little girls passed Mrs. Allen's house almost every day. On their way home sometimes she would ask, "Hey, girlies, have you had a fine time?"

Now Mrs. Allen often noticed that Florrie Bryan seemed to have had a better time and she looked happier somehow than Mary Carter. Mrs. Allen wondered about why this was but she found out.

For some reason Florrie passed by herself one time, and Mrs. Allen called her to come in and hold a hank of yarn for the socks she was making. Mrs. Allen also had a big red apple for her.

"What have you been playing today?" Mrs. Allen asked.

"Oh, we most always play house-keeping," Florrie answered.

"And what is the little white thing on your head?"

"Why, don't you see?" Florrie said in surprise. "That's a maid's cap."

"Oh I see; so you are the maid, and Mary is the mistress?"

"Yes, Ma'am," answered the dear little girl with a sigh, "I would love to be mistress sometimes, but Mary says she won't be the maid, and when she says she won't, she won't."

"But Mary ought to give up sometimes," Mrs. Allen insisted sternly.

"Yes, Ma'am," answered her little yarn winder, "but I'm so used to giving up to Mary that I don't mind much, and

somebody has to be a giver-up to make us have good times, you know."

"No, child!" Mrs. Allen exclaimed. "I didn't know that being a giver-up would bring me good times, but if it makes me have a face as bright as the morning, like yours, I am surely going to try it."

Florrie didn't know quite what Mrs. Allen meant but Mrs. Allen was sure after she thanked her for the apple that she went off to hunt up the little sour-faced Mary to give her half of her red apple.

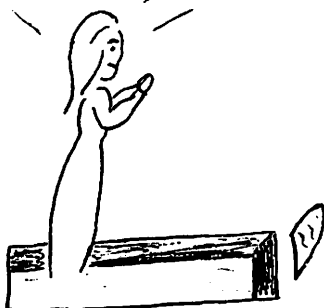
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Pray without ceasing.

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We will Arise in the Last Day

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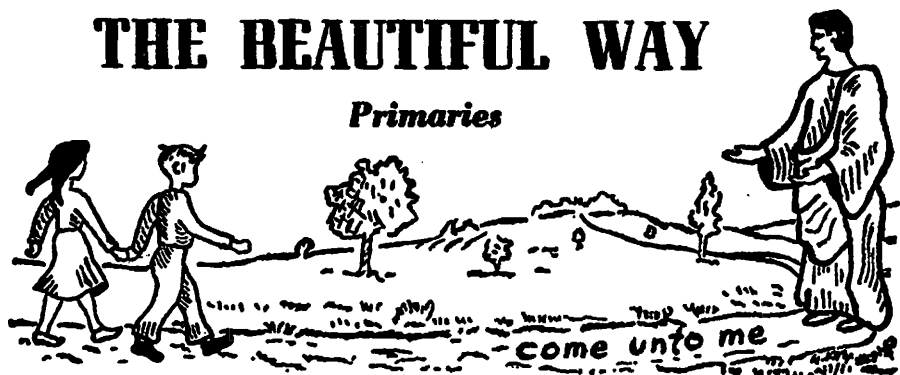
## QUESTIONS:

1. How many women went to the tomb of Jesus one morning?
2. What did they talk about on the way?
3. What did they see when they went into the tomb?
4. What did the man or angel say to them?
5. Later Jesus appeared to how many of the disciples?



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## BITTER WATERS MADE SWEET

Exodus 15:22-27

It was now time for the Israelites to move. They were free. The Egyptians that had followed them had been drowned. They took down their tents and went for three days into the wilderness of Shur. But they did not find any water. It would take a lot of water to give to their animals as well as for thousands of people to drink. How glad they were when they finally came to Marah. Water was there. When they tasted it, it was bitter. They were so disappointed. The people all cried to Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" Moses cried to the Lord. The Lord showed him a tree. He told him to take the tree and throw it into the waters. When Moses obeyed, the waters became sweet. What a wonderful miracle God did perform for the Israelites that day! The Lord told the Israelites that if they would obey His commandments and do right that He would not let any diseases come upon them. Today Jesus does miracles. He will heal our bodies.

*Memory Verse:* I am the Lord that healeth thee. Exodus 15:26.

# The Finger Stories

Cathy was a little girl in Puerto Rico. Cathy wanted to go to Sunday School.

"Oh, Mother," she said, "please let me go for a little while. I have been there twice already. It has not hurt me. Please let me go today."

Cathy's mother hated Sunday school. She said, "No, no, Cathy."

Tears dropped down Cathy's face. She went out into the sunshine where Father was sitting.

Cathy said, "Father, I cannot go to Sunday school. I want to go so very much."

Cathy's father heard her words. He saw her tears. He said, "Am I not your father? I will let you go. Run along and listen to the stories, little one. You may go ten times until you have a new story for every one of your ten fingers."

Cathy skipped over to the crowd of the boys and girls under the palm tree. There she listened with both of her ears, as the teacher told the stories. Sunday after Sunday Cathy went to listen. Soon she had heard nine stories. There was only one little finger waiting for a new story.

Then one day Cathy and her family moved to a distant village. This was a sad day indeed for little Cathy. Cathy asked her new friends about Sunday school. But not one of them had ever heard of such a thing. Cathy and her new friends sat under a palm tree. Cathy told them the story for the first finger. It was the story of the shepherds on the hill, and of the angels who announced the birth of Jesus.

"We like the finger stories," said the children. So every day Cathy told them stories.

Before long the children could tell which story belonged to which finger. The first finger was the angel finger. The second finger was the wise men finger. The third finger was the lunch basket finger. The fourth was the sick finger and so on. There were nine stories for nine fingers, but the tenth little finger had no story.

One day a missionary came to the little village. She started telling Bible stories. She was surprised that the children already knew some of the stories. They told her it was Cathy. The missionary told Cathy that before Jesus went to heaven he told them to go into all the world and preach the gospel. Cathy, you have been doing that. Let's call your tenth finger the "go" finger.

—Sel.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



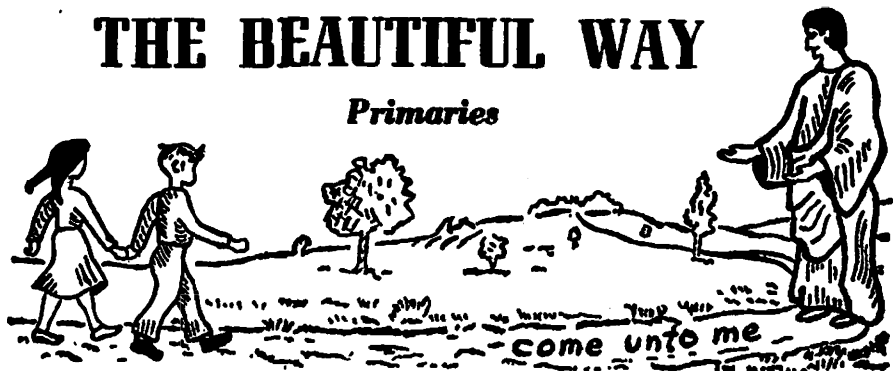
Waters Healed

## QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Moses lead the Israelites?
2. How many days did they travel?
3. When they found water, what was wrong with it?
4. What did the Lord tell Moses to do?
5. What did God promise he would do for them if they would obey him?

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May 6

## THE PEOPLE GRUMBLE

Exodus 16:1-5, 8

The children of Israel are on their way to the promised land which was Canaan. They were to first stop at Mt. Sinai. Now they are in the wilderness. They acted like naughty children. They were unhappy. They grumbled about not having meat and enough bread. They looked back to Egypt. They said to Moses and Aaron, "We wish God had taken our lives in Egypt. There we sat by the fleshpots. We had enough bread and were full. But now you have brought us out here into this wilderness to let us all die of hunger." This made Moses and Aaron feel bad. They prayed to God. God said that they did not murmur just against them, but against Him. It's just like when you talk ugly to your mother: you are talking ugly to God. God told Moses that for his sake he would send them bread from heaven every day. He would prove them to see if they would keep His law. They were to gather the manna every day but Saturday.

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

## When Danny Took Sick

Danny grinned from ear to ear when his Sunday school teacher gave him a poem to read on Easter Sunday. "Oh, good!" he exclaimed. "Now maybe Mama and Daddy will come to church. They'll want to hear me say my poem."

"I'm sure they will," agreed his teacher, "and we'll all pray that God will save them when they come."

Danny folded the paper and slipped it into his pocket. He was a Christian and went to church with his grandmother, but his parents always refused to go with him. But surely they would go on Easter, especially now that he was going to read his poem! And if they went to church, then maybe they would be saved, he thought hopefully.

But Danny's hopes were dashed when he arrived home. "I would love to hear your poem, Danny boy, but we're planning to visit out-of-town friends that day," his mother said. Then she noticed how disappointed he looked and added, "But you won't have to go. You can stay with Grandma, so go ahead and learn your poem."

"But I wanted you to hear it," said Danny.

"You can say it to us here at home," Mother replied.

But that wasn't what Danny wanted. He wanted his parents to go to church, and then maybe get saved.

Then something happened that finished Danny's chance to talk his parents into going to church altogether. Just four days before Easter, he got sick. It started with a cold, but before the day was over, he could hardly breathe, and his face was so hot that his mother became frightened. For a week Danny's life hung by a

thread. Everyone could see that Danny didn't seem to even want to live.

Danny's Sunday school teacher found out why during one of his visits. "I want to go to heaven," Danny said. "Then Mama and Daddy will go to church when they go to my funeral."

His mother overheard what Danny said. "Danny, would you be willing to die for that?" she asked tearfully.

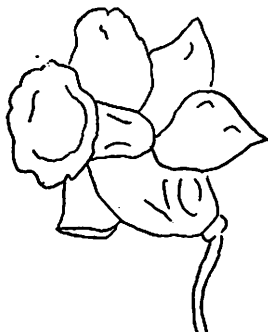
"Oh yes, Mommy. Jesus did. He died for you and me so that we could be saved and go to heaven," said Danny.

"Honey, you get well, and we'll go to church. We promise," said his mother. And they did!

—Sel.

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### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



"Consider the Lilies"

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### QUESTIONS:

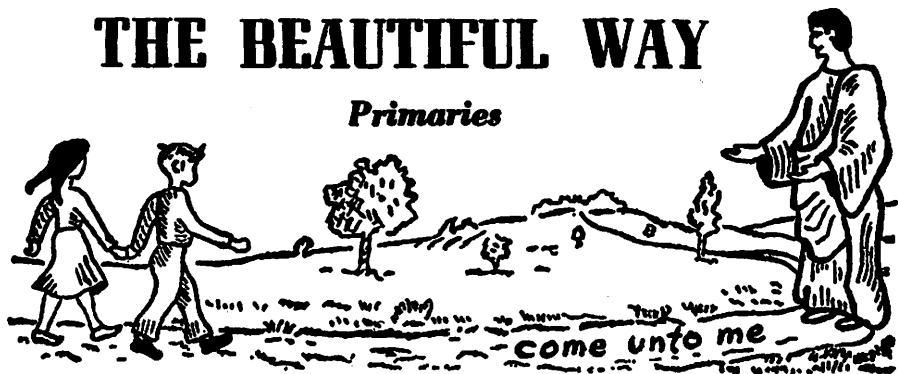
1. Where did Moses lead the Israelites?
2. What did they say when they were in the wilderness?
3. Does God hear us grumble?
4. What did God do for Moses when he prayed for bread for them?
5. Did they gather it from the ground every day?

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## THE ISRAELITES ARE FED

Exodus 16:9-16, 31-35

God told Moses to tell the Israelites to come near. They looked toward the wilderness. They saw the glory of the Lord in the cloud. God spoke to them. He told them He would send them flesh in the evening and bread in the morning. "I want you to know I am the Lord your God." "What is that cloud we see?" they cried. All of a sudden, the ground was covered with quails. "Catch them! Those birds are good to eat." The Israelites enjoyed a good meal of meat. The next morning, they looked out of their tents and said, "Where are the loaves of bread?" Soon the dew went away and there lay little tiny seeds. They tasted like wafers made with honey. They said, "What is it?" So it was called "manna." They gathered just enough for one day. If they disobeyed and gathered more than enough for one day, it would spoil. God told Moses to take a pot of it and put it up before the Lord. This did not spoil. They had manna for forty years.

*Memory Verse:* Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. John 6:33a.

## The Lost Quarter

Mother laid the children's lunch money on the edge of the kitchen stove, as she always did on school mornings.

"Mother, where is my money?" asked Bert, who was last to leave that morning. "There isn't any more here." Mother got out some more money for Bert.

After school Mother asked, "Who took that other quarter off the stove this morning?"

"I didn't get it!" said Tom.

Jean said, "I don't have it." She did not look at her mother when she said it.

"I may not know who took that money, but God knows," said Mother. "It is a bad thing to take what does not belong to you. It is bad to lie."

That night Jean could not sleep. In the middle of the night she got up and went to Mother's room. "Mother, I took that quarter," she said. "I didn't lie about it. I lost the quarter before I got to school. Oh, Mother, I don't want to be bad!"

"You know, Jesus died on the cross to take the punishment for the wrong things we have done. He wants to change us so we can always want to do right things. Would you like God to make you over right now? It is called being born again."

"Oh yes!" said Jean. "How can I be born again?"

"Tell God that you are sorry for the bad things you have done," said Mother.

"Tell Him that you want to belong to Him, and that you want Him to change you, so that you will love the right and hate the bad. Just talk to God as you talk to me."

"Dear God," prayed Jean, "I am sorry I took Mother's quarter. I am sorry for all the bad things I have done. Please forgive me and make me over so I won't want to do bad things any more. I want to belong to You forever and ever. Amen."

Then Jean kissed her mother. "I can go to sleep now because I am God's child," she said.

—Sel.

The song says: "Who but the Christian is happy and free." If we live for Jesus, we will be happy.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Manna was sent in the morning and Quail in the evening.

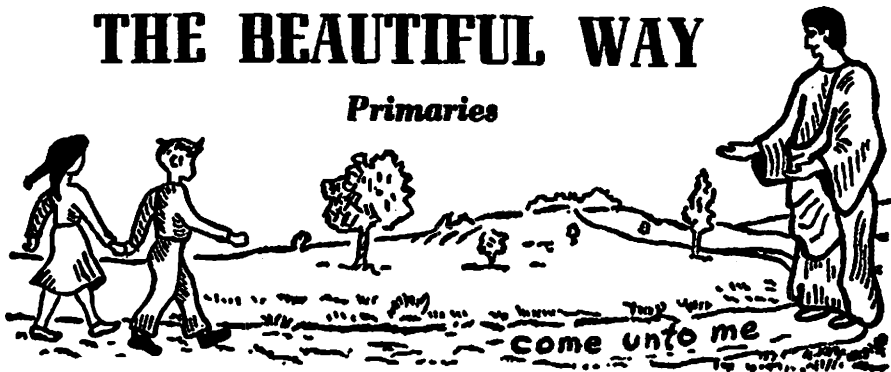


### QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Israelites see in the cloud?
2. What did God say He would send to them so they would know He was the Lord their God?
3. What did they see flying into their camp in the evening?
4. What lay on the ground in the morning after the dew went away?
5. The manna spoiled if kept over night, but what pot of manna did not spoil?

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## MOSES STRIKES THE ROCK

Exodus 17:1-7

Moses led the children of Israel from the wilderness of Sin and now they pitched their tents in Rephidim. They were tired and thirsty after their long march. They looked and looked for water. When they did not find any, they said to Moses, "Give us water to drink. Did you bring us from Egypt to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" Moses did not have power to give them water. He cried unto the Lord. He prayed, "Oh, Lord what shall I do for this people? They are about ready to stone me." The Lord answered Moses' prayer. He said, "Take with thee the elders of Israel and go before the people. Take the rod that you smote the Red Sea with in your hand. I will stand with you upon the rock in Horeb. You hit the rock and I will cause water to flow out from the rock." Moses obeyed God. Out flowed clear, pure water. It ran down into the valley. The people and their cattle drank of that water. Again God showed them His love and power.

*Memory Verse:* They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4.

## Holy God

"What does 'holy' mean?" Rebecca asked her Sunday School teacher.

"What do you think it means?"

"I guess it means good," said Rebecca.

"Whom did our lesson say was holy?" asked the teacher. "Donnie, you tell me."

"God is holy; that's what the elders said and those animals with eyes and wings," said Donnie. Donnie wished that he could see those creatures. "Why did they have so many eyes?"

"Well, Donnie, don't you think that God needs to be praised continually and looked upon with great honor?" said the teacher. "Those creatures stand for those who have been saved by the blood of Jesus and they are continually praising God for it. Did you not know that every sin has to be punished? Jesus took that punishment for us. Wasn't that wonderful? Oh, we can never praise Him enough for that. Those creatures did not rest day nor night but continually praised God. We too, should join with them in praise to God for God is great and wonderful."

"The elders fell down before God too, and laid their crowns down before God," said Larry. "They praised God, too."

"Yes, they felt that God was great, mighty, and holy," said the teacher. "But what does 'holy' mean? Let us think about that for awhile. It means someone who is sacred or special or pure, or very, very dear, or innocent. Now God is all of that. Glory and honor belong to God. No one in this world can compare with God. He is so great and mighty. We can only just bow

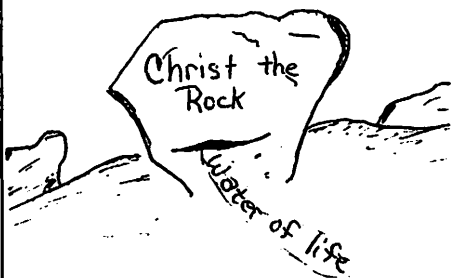
before him and love and praise Him continually."

"I love God and I praise Him, too," said Rebecca.

"We want to all praise him and come often into His throne room and bow before Him in prayer," said the teacher. "Do you remember the story of Queen Esther who wanted to ask the king to do something for her and she knew that if he didn't hold out his sceptre or long golden rod to her when she came before him that she would be killed? (Dan. 4). She asked others to fast and pray for her. When she came, he held it out and granted her request. When we come into the throne room before God, He always has the sceptre of mercy held out to us. But we want to always praise Him for all He has done."

—M. Miles

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



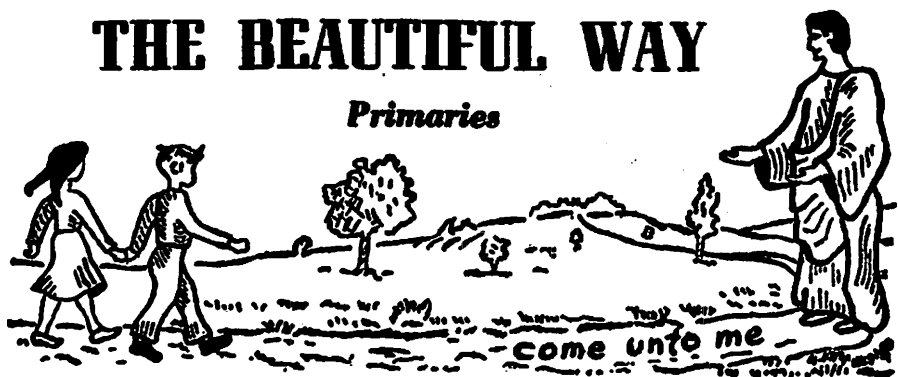
### QUESTIONS:

1. What trouble came to the Israelites after their long march?
2. What did they say to Moses?
3. Who did Moses tell about the troubles?
4. What did God tell him to do?
5. What happened?



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## FACING AN ENEMY

Exodus 17:8-16

The Israelites were surprised when the Amaleks came to fight against them. Moses told Joshua to choose some men and go out to war against them. Moses took Aaron and Hur with him up on a high hill so he could watch the battle. He took the rod in his hand that he smote the rock with. As long as he held up the rod, they would win, but when his arms got tired and he let them down to rest, they would lose. Aaron and Hur got a rock for Moses to sit on. Then they stood beside him and held up his arms with the rod. When the sun was going down, they won the battle. The Lord told Moses to write all of this in a book. He did not want it to be forgotten. Moses built an altar. There he thanked God for giving them the victory over their enemies.

Boys and girls, we are facing the devil. If we will obey God's Word, we will win the battle. If you get weak like Moses did, ask someone else to help you by praying for you.

*Memory Verse:* Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Matthew 26:41a.

## A Different Kind Of House

"We have new neighbors out in our woods," said Daddy. "Some beavers are making a pond. Soon they will build a house."

The next week Ronnie and his father went to the woods. There was a new dam across the creek. There was a pond behind it. In the middle of the pond was a pile of sticks and stones and mud.

"What is that?" asked Ronnie.

"That is the beginning of the beavers' house," said Daddy. "It is the foundation and the floor. Now the beavers will build walls and a roof, but they will be round, like half of a ball. There will be a little hole in the top to let in fresh air."

"Where will the door be?" Ronnie wanted to know.

Daddy laughed. "It will be a hole down through the floor. When the house is finished, the only way the beavers can get in will be to dive down to the bottom of the pond and come up through that hole. Do you know why they build their houses like that?"

"I guess they are safer that way," said Ronnie. "Our dog could swim out to the beaver house, but he could not get inside. But where are the beavers now? And how do they do so much work?"

"The beavers work at night," his father told him. "They do not want anyone to see them. They work with their strong teeth and their front paws. They cut down trees with their teeth. Then they cut them up just the way they want them. A beaver house is very strong."

"How do the beavers learn to make such good houses?" asked Ronnie. "It

takes people a long time to learn how to build houses, doesn't it?"

"People use many different kinds of houses, and it takes a man some time to learn to build one," said Daddy. "But the beavers only build one kind of house, and they are born knowing how to do that. God has made them so that they know just what to do."

"I am glad the beavers know how to build the best houses for themselves, but I am glad that I don't have to live in a beaver house!" laughed Ronnie.

—Sel.

You should live your best, and act your best, and think your best today; for today is the sure preparation for tomorrow and all the other tomorrows that follow.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION

#### FACING THE FIERCE ENEMY



SATAN  
(Amaleks)

WORD OF GOD (ROD)  
Watch (Eyes)

Prayer and Faith (2 arms of Moses)

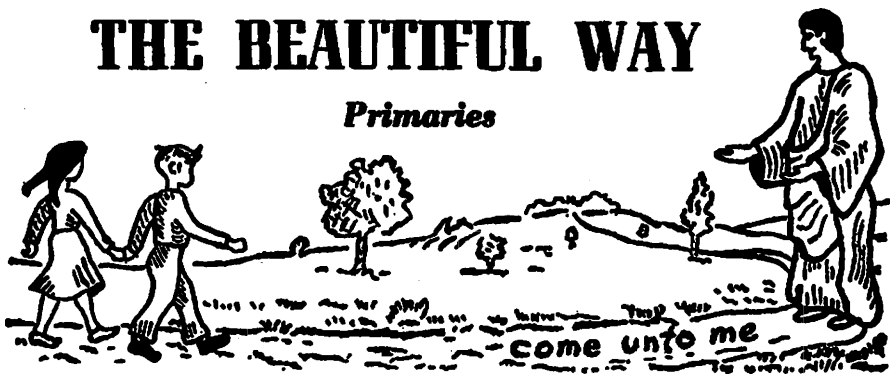
#### QUESTIONS:

1. Who came to fight against the Israelites?
2. What did Moses tell Joshua to do?
3. Where did Moses go and what did he do?
4. What happened when he got weak and let down the rod?
5. Who won the battle?

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## A FAMILY REUNION

Exodus 18:1-12

"I am so glad to see you," Moses said as he kissed his wife, his two sons, Gershom and Eliezer, and Jethro, his father-in-law. It had been a number of months since Moses had left them for Egypt. Many things had happened since then. As Moses took them into his tent, he began to tell them about the plagues that God sent to the Egyptians before Pharaoh would let them leave the country. Can you tell something else that Moses told them that had happened? Yes, he surely told them about the Amaleks trying to kill them on the way. Jethro rejoiced when he knew about the goodness of the Lord and all that He had done. He was so glad they had been brought out of slavery. Jethro said, "I know that the Lord is greater than all gods. He has shown His power greater than them." Jethro took a burnt offering and sacrificed it unto the Lord. Aaron and all the elders of Israel came to eat bread with Jethro. Jethro soon went to his home while Moses and the Israelites traveled toward Canaan.

*Memory Verse:* There is no God else besides me; a just God and a Saviour. Isaiah 45:21b.

## That Slippery Rug

Mother had been to the store. Her arms were full. When she came in the front door, the rug slid from under her, and she almost fell down. "We will have to get that rug out of here!" she said. She could not pick it up, so she kicked it over by the wall.

Donna looked at the rug. She was glad Mother had not fallen down, but it had been funny when she slid. I would like to see Peter slide on that rug, she thought. It would not hurt him to fall down like it would Mother. He is always playing tricks on me.

Donna put the rug back in front of the door. She thought Peter would come running in as he always did.

But the next one to come in that door was Daddy! He slipped on the rug and fell down. "Oh, my back!" he said. Mother had to help him up. Then he had to lie down.

"That rug should not be there!" he said.

"I know it!" said Mother. "I slipped on it a little while ago. Then I kicked it over by the wall. I don't know who put it back by the door."

"It must have been Peter," said Father. "He is always playing tricks. But he has played one trick too many

this time. He wanted me to fix his bicycle tomorrow, but he will just have to get along without it until he can act better."

Donna had been listening. She had been afraid she would be punished. She was glad when Daddy and Mother blamed Peter. Now they would not punish her.

Daddy felt better soon. He did not say anything about his fall when Peter came in. Soon it was time to eat, but Donna was not hungry. Daddy and Mother did not know who had put that rug back by the door. But Someone knew! That Someone was God.

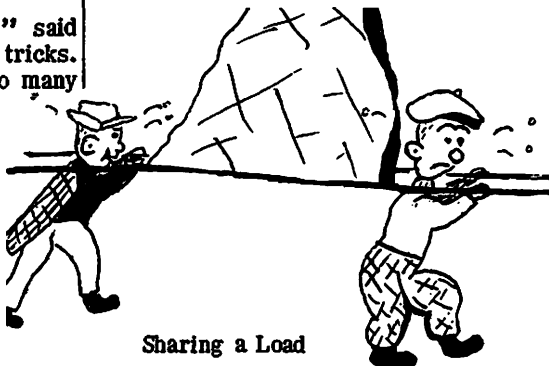
So Donna said, "Daddy, it was not Peter who put that rug there. I did it. I wanted Peter to slide on it. I did not mean that you should get hurt. Please forgive me. And please fix Peter's bicycle tomorrow."

"I'll forgive you," said Daddy. "I am glad you were brave enough to tell me it was your fault. Jesus is surely pleased with you now."

Now Donna could eat. What a good supper Mother had cooked!

—Sel.

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Sharing a Load

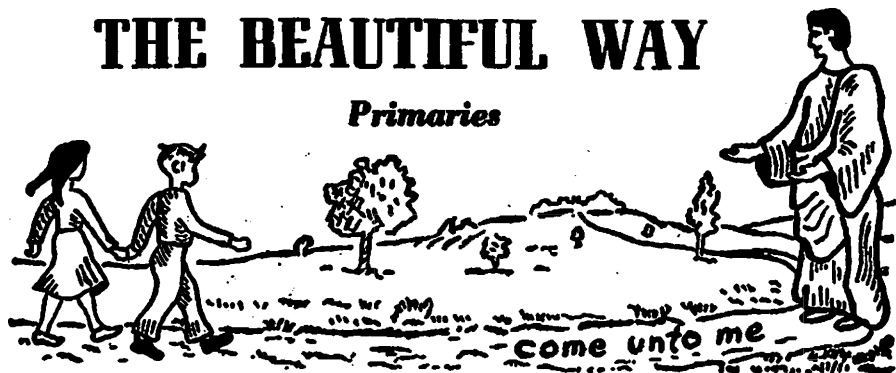
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who came to meet Moses in the wilderness?
2. What did Moses do when he saw them?
3. What did he tell them?
4. What did Jethro say?
5. What did Jethro do?

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## GOD'S EAGLE WINGS

Exodus 19:2-5

Moses went up into the mountain at Sinai. God talked to him. God said, "You have seen what I did to the Egyptians. You saw how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. If you will obey My voice and keep your promise to Me, you will be a special treasure of Mine. The earth is Mine." How wonderful for God to talk to the people. Did you ever see an eagle? He is the strongest bird. He has great big strong wings. God is strong. He did great things for the Israelites. Can you name some? Yes, He made Pharaoh let the people go when they were slaves. God bore them on His great big, eagle wings. Today when we are in trouble we want to think about those big wings of God's. He will take us out of it. Maybe He will cover us with His wings. God is great and mighty. But we want to obey Him. What does He want us to do? Yes, He wants us to love everybody, and be kind. All the earth is the Lord's.

*Memory Verse:* He will cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust. Psalms 91:4a.

## David's Rescue

My name is David. I would like to tell you about the two exciting times in my life when I was rescued.

The first rescue happened when I rode my sled down a steep hill. It was a thrilling ride until the sled stopped under a wire fence. I was caught and unable to move. It was getting darker and colder by the minute. As my dog Rusty came over the hill, I knew he was my only hope. Rusty took the mitten I offered and ran home. Daddy followed Rusty back to the fence and freed me.

The next rescue happened in Sunday school. I discovered sin in my life. I knew I could never be happy or go to heaven with a sinful heart. Then I prayed, and Jesus took away all my sins and rescued me. Jesus saved me from sin.

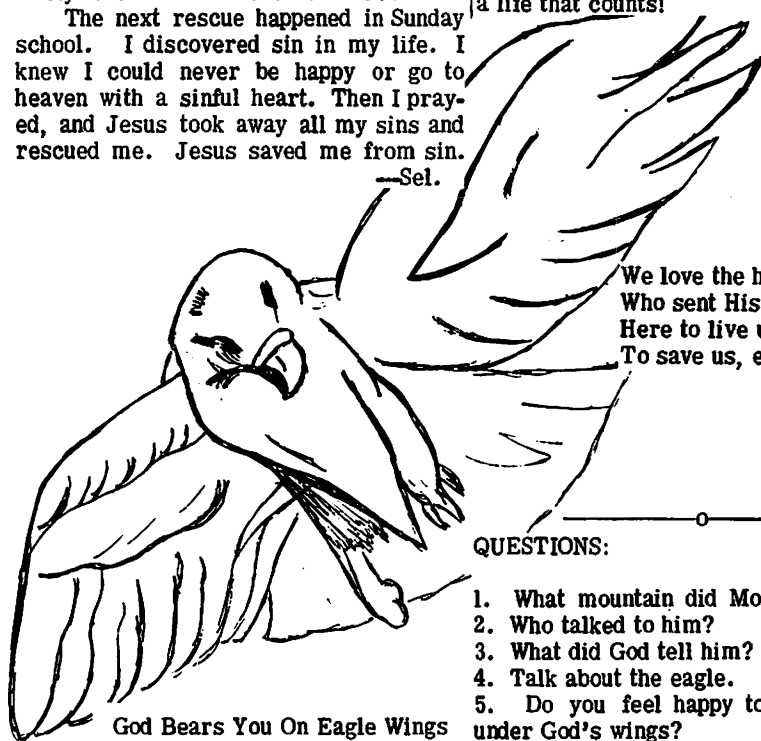
—Sel.

## Only One To Spend

The small boy walked slowly around the candy store. Finally his mother said, "Hurry up, Son. Pick out some candy."

"But, Mother," he answered. "I have only one nickel to spend, and I want to spend it the best way I can."

He was a wise boy. Each of us has only one of something else to spend, too: our lives! And the best way to spend a life is to spend it for Jesus. Ask Him into your heart today, if you haven't already done so, and then spend each day serving Jesus. If you do that, you have a life that counts!



We love the heavenly Father  
Who sent His only Son,  
Here to live upon the earth  
To save us, every one.

### QUESTIONS:

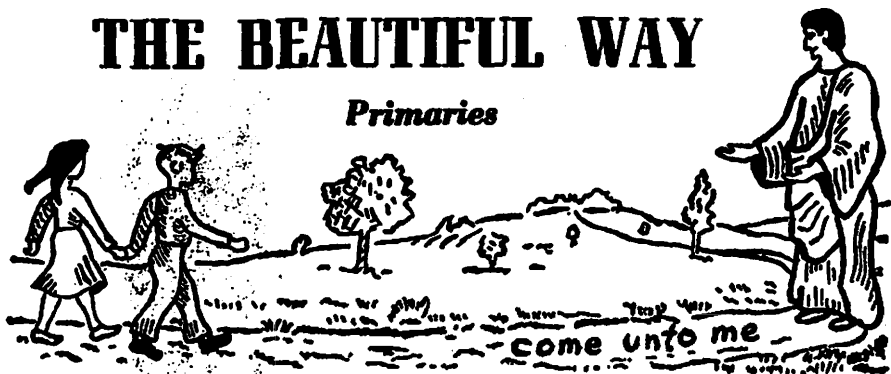
1. What mountain did Moses go up into?
2. Who talked to him?
3. What did God tell him?
4. Talk about the eagle.
5. Do you feel happy to know you are under God's wings?

God Bears You On Eagle Wings

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## ISRAELITES AT MOUNT SINAI

Exodus 19:10-25

God said to Moses, "Go, tell the people to wash their clothes, and be ready to meet Me on the third day. I will come down upon the mountain and talk to them. Set bounds all around the mountain. If anyone touches the mountain, he will surely be stoned. When the trumpet sounds long, you are to bring all the thousands of people up before the mountain." Moses went down from the mountain and told the people all the words of God. With eager hearts the people began to get ready to meet God. Finally the day arrived. Fathers, mothers, boys and girls were ready. As they looked toward the mountain they saw lightnings, smoke and fire, and heard the thunder roll. Suddenly the trumpet sounded. Moses called the people and they came near the mountain. Louder and louder the trumpet sounded. Moses spoke to God. God spoke to Moses. The people heard the voice of God, the God who had brought them out of Egypt and bondage.

*Memory Verse:* For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:29.

# Cloudsmoke

"Oh, Jim, look at the cloudsmoke!" my little brother said. We were driving through the mountains with my father and mother.

"That's not cloudsmoke," I told him, "that is just fog, fog, fog."

"But it looks like smoke, Jim," he said.

"Well, what something looks like doesn't always prove what it is," I said, "does it, Mother?"

"No," Mother said. "The Bible says, 'Man looketh on the outward appearance but the Lord looketh on the heart.'"

Mother always thinks of scripture at times like this.

"You know fog has nothing to do with smoke," she went on. "In fact, fog is composed of tiny drops of water. Smoke is just the opposite because it comes from fire."

"Where there's smoke, there's fire," I laughed.

"Right," Dad said. "You can tell whether smoke is smoke by what it is like; it burns your eyes, has a particular smell and makes things hard to see. Fog makes everything dim and hard to see too, but it has no smell and instead of drying things up, it makes things damp and wet."

"You can tell whether a person belongs to Christ or not, by what he is like, can't you Dad?" I asked.

"Yes, he wants to do good to others and all that he does or thinks is governed by what his Lord and Savior wants him to do."

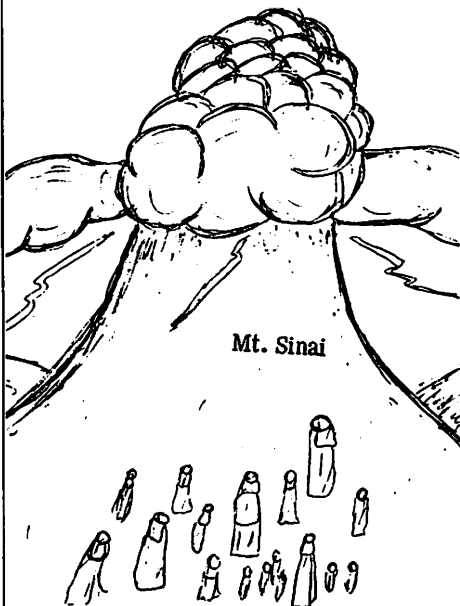
"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and

whether it be right.' That's from Proverbs 20:11," mother said to us.

—Sel.

"But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." Luke 12:7.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



## QUESTIONS:

1. Who talked to Moses?
2. What did the Lord tell Moses?
3. Why were the people to wash their clothes?
4. What did the mountain look like?
5. Who answered Moses when he spoke?



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY

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## THE CITY OF GOD

Hebrews 12:14-29

Last Sunday we studied about the people coming to Mount Sinai. But today we come to a city on the mountain. This is a city that we cannot see, but the Bible tells us about it. It is called the city of God. In this city are thousands and thousands of angels. It's a beautiful city where God is the Judge of all. All the saved people live in this city of God. There is a place where the names of all who are saved are written down. It's called the "Book of Life." Jesus is in this city. When anyone needs something, they go to Jesus and tell Him about it. Jesus is the mediator between them and God. Then Jesus goes and tells God about what that person needs. Isn't that wonderful? God is great and can give to the people of the city anything they need. Jesus also keeps the gate to this city and only through His blood can you get into it. This city can never be moved. So we are to serve the Lord with godly fear so He will be pleased with our lives.

*Memory Verse:* But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we. Hebrews 3:6a.

# What Tommy Took

"Tommy, did you take my knife?" asked Uncle Jim, in a hurry to sharpen a pencil.

"Oh, I did borrow it yesterday! I'll get it," said Tommy readily.

But several minutes of Uncle Jim's time had been wasted in hunting for the knife. He had missed his bus and was fifteen minutes late in getting to his office.

"Tommy, have you seen the book I was reading?" asked Mother, the next day.

Tommy thought for a moment, then said, "I was reading it, and I left it upstairs - I'll get it."

"No, never mind. I had a minute or two, and thought I'd read a little before the baby woke, but there would be no time for it now," said Mother.

"Tommy, did you take my arithmetic book?" asked Lucille.

Tommy had taken it, he remembered because he had been just too lazy to go and find his own. He ran to get it, feeling sorry, for Lucille was in a hurry.

"I don't mind your borrowing it, if you'd put it back with my books," she said, as he brought it. "You are too fond of taking other people's things, Tommy."

"Taking!" cried Tommy. "Don't I always bring them back? Anybody'd think I stole them!"

"You don't steal them, but you do steal a lot of other people's time in hunting for them, and their time is valuable," replied Lucille as she rushed off.

After that, Tommy decided just to break himself of the bad habit of taking other people's time to search for their

own belongings which he had borrowed, and forgotten to return. Jesus gave us every minute to use for Him, not to waste.

—Sel.

God blesses those who are not selfish and then others are blessed and helped when following their example.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION CITY OF GOD



### Just Men Made Perfect

#### QUESTIONS:

1. What are we studying about today?
2. Who is in this city?
3. Who is the Judge of this city?
4. Who is it we talk to, who then tells the judge?
5. Do they have a book where they keep the names of the saved people?