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Jan. 6

A SAVIOUR PROMISED

1 Peter 1:19, 20; Genesis 3:1-15

Our lessons for this New Year will be about Christ and how God showed the people in old Bible times that Christ would come to be the Saviour of the world.

In the beginning, when God first made man and woman, they were good and pure, just like God. God called them Adam and Eve. He put them in a pretty garden that had all that Adam and Eve needed. There were animals. There were flowers and grass. There were beautiful trees with good fruit to eat. Adam and Eve were happy in the garden, and they had peace with God.

But one day, a serpent, or snake, talked to Eve. It was the devil who was talking through the snake. God had told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit on one of the trees. If they did, they would die, God said. The devil told Eve that if she ate the fruit, she would not die. The devil lied to Eve, and she believed him. She ate the fruit and gave some to Adam. They disobeyed God. They had sinned. Now they were not at peace with God. But God wanted man to be saved from sin. He promised them He would send a Saviour who was Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Memory Verse: Unto you is born . . . a Saviour. Luke 2:11.

Where Did the Devil Come From?

"And that's the story of the first man and woman, of how they sinned and disobeyed God." Mother closed the Bible as she said that.

"If it hadn't been for the old devil, Eve never would have sinned. I wonder why God put that tree that they shouldn't have touched into the garden?" asked Phil.

Mother said, "God wanted to test man and see if he would love and obey him willingly. God likes for us to serve Him because we love Him, not just because we have to. He wanted man to have a choice between obeying Him or not."

"But what I want to know is where the devil came from? Did God make him?" asked Pansy.

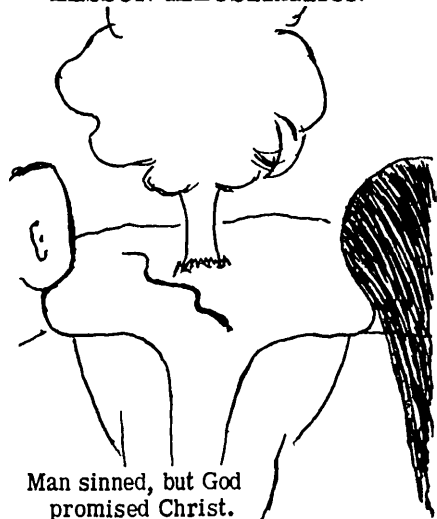
Mother opened her Bible again. "Well, it says that the serpent was more subtle (or tricky) than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. God made the serpent and all the animals, but God didn't make the devil who was talking through the serpent. Over in John 8:44, it says that the devil was a murderer from the beginning; so the devil existed from the beginning like God. Besides, God is all righteousness and goodness; therefore He couldn't create something all evil and wrong. We do not know where the devil came from, neither do we know where God came from. The Bible does not tell us."

"But my friend Tommy said that the devil used to be an angel in heaven, had a war with God, was sent out of heaven by God, and fell down to earth. That's where he came from. He called him Lucifer." said Joe.

"Well, that's false teaching," said Mother. "When the Bible talked about the fall of Lucifer from heaven, it was talking about King Nebuchadnezzar who was proud and lifted up to a high place. God humbled him down until he knew that God was the ruler of the world, not himself."

"The important thing to remember is not to yield to the devil, for Christ died to give us power over sin and him. I'm glad for that," said Anna, who began to get ready to go to bed. — B.L.M.

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Man sinned, but God
promised Christ.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who were the first man and woman?
2. Were they pure and good like God?
3. Who got Adam and Eve to disobey God?
4. What did God promise to send?
5. Who is this Saviour?

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JACOB AND THE LADDER

Genesis 26:1-5; Genesis 28:1-19

God is a loving God. Adam and Eve had sinned, but God promised that He would send a Saviour to save man from his sins. This Saviour would be His Son, Jesus.

God never forgets His promises. Hundreds of years later, God told Abraham that the Saviour would come through his seed or family. Then God told Isaac, Abraham's son, that all people would be blessed through Isaac's son, Jacob. One day, Jacob was going to Haran to find a wife where his kin lived. His parents told him not to marry a wife who did not believe in the true God. Jacob obeyed his parents. That night Jacob lay down on the ground to sleep. His pillow was a stone. God gave Jacob a dream. He saw a ladder, and the top of it went into heaven. God was at the top, and angels were going up and down it. The Lord said, "I am the God of Abraham and Isaac. In thy seed all the earth will be blessed." Jacob called that place the gate of heaven. God was still remembering His promise of a Saviour to man.

Memory Verse: And Jacob . . . said, Surely the Lord is in this place. Genesis 28:16a.

Jody and Obedience

"Mother, why does God want children to obey their parents?" asked Jody. "Sometimes, just when I'm doing something I really like to do, you ask me to come do something else."

"Well Jody," said Mother. "God has given us a will, or something which makes us able to choose right or wrong, good or bad. God wants everyone to serve Him because they love Him. He wants us to use our wills to choose to live for Him. And the way we show whether we love God or not is to obey Him."

"Oh yes!" said Pansy. "My memory verse says: 'If ye love me, keep my commandments.' ""

"So that means, Jody, that obedience to God is very important." Mother said. "The Bible says: 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.' God has given parents special understanding of what is right for their children; and if children will love and obey their parents, they will better know how to love and obey God when they grow up."

Then Phil remembered the lesson and said: "Jacob obeyed his parents. They told him not to marry a wife who did not believe in God, but to go back to where they used to live and find a wife among those who believed in the true God. He was a grown man, but he knew his parents were telling him what was right, so he obeyed them."

"Did Jesus obey His parents?" asked Mother, to see how much the children knew.

"Yes," said Joe. "Once, when he was a boy, his parents were looking for him in Jerusalem. They found him in the temple, talking with the grown men about God and His laws. Jesus knew that he was the Son

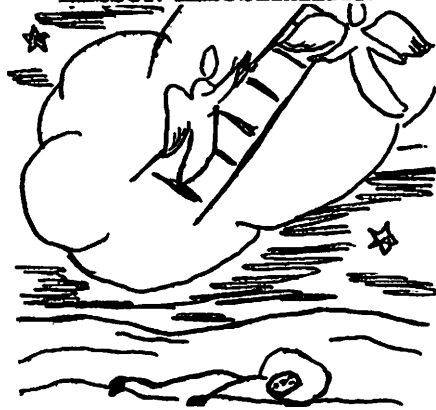
of God; but because his parents were still over him, he obeyed and went on home."

"Do you know anyone else in the Bible who obeyed their parents?" asked Mother.

Anna, who was older than the other children, spoke up. "When Isaac, Jacob's father, was young; he obeyed his father, Abraham. God told Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice, and Isaac was obedient and allowed his father to tie him to the altar. But when God saw Abraham's and Isaac's obedience, he provided a ram to be killed for the sacrifice instead of Isaac."

"Remember, children," said Mother. "It shows love to God to obey Him and your parents." — B.L.M.

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JACOB'S LADDER OF PROMISE

QUESTIONS:

1. Does God forget His promises?
2. What did God promise Abraham and Isaac?
3. What did Jacob see in his dream?
4. What did God tell Jacob?
5. What did Jacob call that place?

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Jan. 20

RUTH AND NAOMI

Ruth 1:5-19; Ruth 4:10-16

There was a famine in the land of Judah where God's people lived. There was not enough food to feed the people. So Naomi went to another land with her husband and two sons. Naomi loved God. While in that land, her two sons married. Naomi loved their wives. Later, Naomi's husband and two sons died. Naomi wanted to go back to the land of Judah, since there was food there now. She told her daughters-in-law to return to their mother's houses because she was going to go back to the land of Judah. One of them kissed Naomi and returned home.

But Ruth loved Naomi too much to leave her. Ruth said, "Do not ask me to leave you. I will go where you go. Your God shall be my God." When Naomi saw that Ruth would not return home, then she let Ruth come with her. God's people were glad to see Naomi, and they came to love Ruth, too. Ruth loved Naomi and God. Ruth married Boaz, one of Naomi's kin. God gave them a son, named Obed. Obed became David's grandfather, and Jesus was of the family of David.

Memory Verse: Thy God shall be my God. Ruth 1:16b.

Where Do You Look?

"Mother, that new boy named Martin has so many toys! And he wears a different pair of pants everyday. He must be a nice boy," said Joe, one day.

"How do you know that he's a nice boy, Joe?" asked Mother. "Just because someone has lots of toys and clothes doesn't tell us about what's on the inside. Remember that our lesson today said that 'man looks on the outside but God looks on the heart.'"

Where do you look?

"Did you see that little girl with her dress all torn?" asked Jody as she talked to Pansy. "I don't think I want to play with her. She never has any toys either. They say her mother is sick, and that's why she looks so shabby."

Pansy had seen the little girl too. But the little girl, whose name was Lillie, always said "Hi" to Pansy when she passed by.

One day, as Pansy and Jody were walking by Lillie's house, she came out. Lillie said to them: "Could you all stay and play with me? Ask your mother."

Jody didn't want to. That little girl was poor and didn't always have nice, clean clothes, and shiny braids, like Jody did.

But Pansy had wanted to play with Lillie. She ran home to ask Mother and said: "Mother, you know that little poor girl who lives in the brown house? She says to ask and see if I can come and play with her. May I, Mother? She seems like a nice little girl."

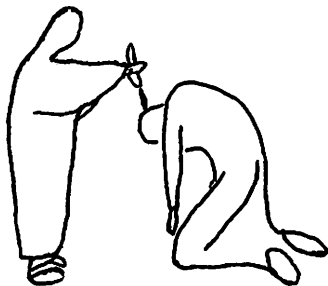
Mother was glad that Pansy wanted to play with Lillie. Mother had noticed how sad and lonely the little girl had looked. Since Lillie seemed friendly, Mother

thought that she would visit their home and see if she could be of help to the sick mother later.

"You know, Mother," said Pansy. "You can't tell what a person is like by looking on the outside. Why Lillie is so nice! She was so glad to have someone to play with."

Where do you look, on the outside or on the inside? Remember God looks on the heart.
— B.L.M.

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SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID

Can you tell how many stars are in the sky? How many drops of water are in the ocean? Or how many sands are on the seashore? No more can you tell how much power there is in God. No matter what God promises in the Bible, He is able to do it, for He has all power.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the man of God?
2. How many sons did Jesse have?
3. Where did Samuel look?
4. Where does God look?
5. Who was made king?

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GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

1 Samuel 16:1-13; 2 Samuel 5:1-4

One day the Lord told Samuel, the man of God, to go to Bethlehem. There he was to find a man named Jesse who had eight sons. God had chosen one of those sons to be the king of Israel. Samuel was to anoint him. The oldest son stood before Samuel. He thought surely this was the son who would be king. God said, "This is not he. Do not look on the outside. Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart." Seven of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel, but God had not chosen any of them. Then Samuel asked if there were more sons. Jesse called in his youngest son, David, who was in the fields keeping the sheep. When he stood before Samuel, the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him: for this is he." And Samuel anointed David, the keeper of sheep, as king of Israel.

Always remember, boys and girls, that God looks into our hearts. We may look very beautiful on the outside, but God is looking at our hearts, words, and actions. God wants us to be beautiful on the inside.

Memory Verse: The Lord looketh on the heart. 1 Sam. 16:7b.

God's New Friend

"Mother, some new people have moved into that brown house down the street!" shouted Phil, as he ran into the house. "And there's a little boy just my size. May I go down there and make friends with him?"

Mother sat down and quietly answered Phil. "I'm glad that you want to make friends with the new boy, Phil. When children move into a new place, many times they are sad because they have had to leave their old friends; and they might be too shy to make new friends at first. Be sure not to get in the way, and stay only a few minutes."

Phil walked down the street slowly. He wondered what the new boy would be like. He hoped that he would make a good friend. He wondered if the little boy's mother would let them play together. The little boy was sitting on the porch, while his daddy and the other men carried in the furniture.

"Hi!" said Phil. "I live down there in the green house. What's your name?"

"Phil. Do you like to play airplane pilot?" Pretending to fly airplanes was Phil's favorite game right now.

"I've got some airplanes we could play with," said John.

Phil and John made friends. And it wasn't long before Phil asked John if he went to church. John said no.

"You mean you don't go anywhere on Sunday?" asked Phil. "Sometimes we go to Aunt Kate's, or to the park, or to a ballgame on Sundays; but we never go to church," said John. "What do you do at church?"

Then Phil told John about church. "We go to church to worship God. We pray and sing, and we listen to the preacher

read out of the Bible and tell us what it means. We have Sunday School, and we learn about Jesus and the Bible. The Bible is God's Word. You can go to church with us next Sunday. Would your mother let you go?"

"Let's go ask her!" said John. He wanted to go with Phil.

"Mother, Phil and his family go to church every Sunday; and they want me to go next Sunday with them. May I?" asked John.

John's mother said that he could go. John really did like going to church. He especially liked all the new things he learned about in Sunday School. Then one day, John gave his heart to the Lord to live for Him. He became God's friend. John was Phil and God's new friend. Are you a friend of the Lord? — B.L.M.

Ruth & Boaz
were parents of
Obed
who was father of
Jesse
who begat
David
in whose family
CHRIST
was born.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who moved to another land?
2. What happened to Naomi's sons and husband?
3. Who wanted to go with Naomi?
4. Did Ruth love Naomi's God?
5. Was Ruth's son in the family line of Jesus?

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THE PEOPLE AGAINST CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS

Acts 4:1-33

Peter and John were two of Christ's followers. They loved the Lord, and went about telling all the people about Him. They told the people how Christ was born to save from sin all who would believe in Him. They told the people about Christ's words and life. They told the people how He was put to death on the cross, but came back to life by God's power.

When some of the people heard Peter and John preach about Christ, they became angry. They did not like Christ nor His word. They told Peter and John not to preach about the Lord anymore. Do you think that stopped Peter and John? No. With some more of Christ's followers, Peter and John prayed to God to help them speak with boldness. They would not fear the people, but would do what God wanted them to do. God heard that prayer and blessed them greatly.

If people do not like you because you live for the Lord, just pray to God and He will give you help and boldness.

Memory Verse: We ought to obey God rather than men.
Acts 5:29b.

Pansy's Boldness

"Hey, Tom! Look at that little girl with that long dress on!" shouted Billy. He and Tom laughed and made fun of Pansy. She didn't say anything back, but she wished that they wouldn't make fun of her. Pansy was almost in tears when she came into the house.

"Mother, why do I have to wear these long dresses? The boys make fun of me and I don't like it," said Pansy.

Mother took Pansy in her arms. This is what she said to Pansy: "We are God's children, Pansy. And because we belong to Him, we live to obey and please Him. The Bible tells us to dress modestly and God is not pleased when we show too much of our bodies. Let's pray that the Lord will give you boldness to stand up for what is right. The Lord wants us to be glad to live for Him. He does not want us to be ashamed of Him. And let's pray for those boys, that the Lord will help them, too."

Mother and Pansy knelt down and prayed. God answered their prayers. He gave Pansy love and happiness in her heart. He helped her not to be ashamed and to be bold to live right even if others did laugh at her. Jesus can help you to be bold for Him, too.

—B. L. M.

Psalms, in the Old Testament, is the longest book in the Bible. The Second Epistle of John, in the New Testament, is the shortest book in the Bible.

They Poked Fun At Him, Too

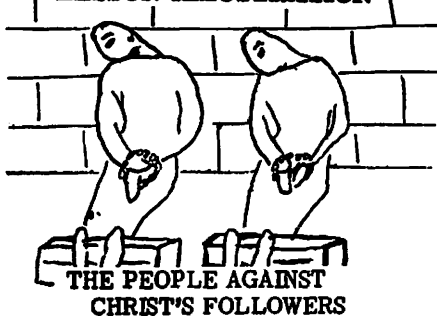
People laughed and pointed at the Precious One,
At the One who came and died for what we had done.
Little did they know it was God's Holy Son,
But they went right on sinning, and poking fun.

If you want to be one of His followers,
He has promised He will take you through.

You will meet things that are rough,
tough, and taller;

But remember, they poked fun at Him, too. —Bob Huskey

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QUESTIONS:

1. Name two of Christ's followers.
2. Who did Peter and John tell about?
3. Did the people want to hear them?
4. What did Christ's followers do?
5. What should you do when people are against you?

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PAUL PREACHES ABOUT CHRIST

Psalms 2:7; Acts 13:16-33

Paul was a great man of God. He was a follower of Christ, but not when Jesus was living. He became a Christian after Jesus had risen from the dead and had gone back to heaven. But Jesus gave Paul a vision of Himself and saved Paul. One day, Paul was preaching to the people. He told how God had chosen the people of Israel a long time before. And when the Israelites were in Egypt, God showed His mighty power and brought them out of Egypt. God brought the children of Israel to the land of Canaan. He gave them King Saul. Then David became king. From David's family, years later, Jesus, our Saviour was born.

Paul told the people that they put Jesus to death on the cross because they did not know He was the Son of God, even though men of God, the prophets, had told about Jesus hundreds of years before. Then they put Jesus in the tomb, but He arose from the dead. Many people saw Jesus after He arose. He is a living Saviour today. Do you love and serve Him?

Memory Verse: But now is Christ risen from the dead. First Corinthians 15:20a.

The Rainy Day Game

It was Saturday. All the children were at home, but it was raining. They couldn't go outside to play.

"Mother, what can we do?" asked Pansy. "I can't find anything and I'm getting tired."

"And I've read all my books," said Joe.

"Let's play a game," said Mother. "A Bible game about Jesus."

All the children were excited. They loved to play games and answer questions about the Bible. Maybe you can answer these questions about Jesus:

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. How many names for Jesus can you think of?
3. Who was Jesus' Father?
4. Who was Jesus' Mother?
5. Is Jesus alive today?
6. Everyone liked Jesus. (True or false.)
7. Where was Jesus before He was born on earth?
8. Why did Jesus come to earth?
9. Will we ever see Jesus again?
10. How many men did Jesus choose for His followers?
11. Can you name some of Jesus' followers?
12. Can Jesus heal people today?
13. Jesus walked on water. (True or false.)
14. Did Jesus have any brothers or sisters? (See Mark 6:3.)
15. Did Jesus love little children?
16. About how many years did Jesus live on earth?
17. Why did Jesus die?
18. Was Jesus just a good man?

19. Did Jesus have any friends?

20. Why did Jesus weep?

Maybe you can think of more questions about Jesus to add to this game.

—B. L. M.

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PAUL PREACHES CHRIST

Then said Jesus, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about?
2. Did Paul know Jesus in person?
3. What was Paul doing before the people?
4. What had the people done to Jesus?
5. Did Jesus stay dead?

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THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE WORLD

Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15, 16; Luke 24:46, 47; Acts 1:8

When Jesus, the Son of God, was here on earth, He taught the people about God and His love. He healed the sick. He cast out devils. Jesus helped all who came to Him with faith. Jesus chose twelve men, called disciples. They followed Jesus, and He taught them. Then some of the Jews, who did not believe that Jesus was God's Son, put Jesus to death on the cross. He did not stay dead, but arose again. His disciples and many others saw Jesus alive.

A few days after Jesus arose, He led His disciples outside the city. There He went up into heaven while they watched. But before He went up, He said, "All power is given to me. Go and teach all people the words I have taught you. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." Jesus wanted them to tell others about the gospel. The gospel is the good news of God's love. The gospel is the word of Christ. He wants us to tell others about Him and His love. He wants them to believe and be saved.

Memory Verse: Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel. Mark 16:15a.

Beth's Question

Mother was asking Beth and Cindy what they had learned in Sunday School that morning. "Can you tell me what your lesson was about?" asked Mother.

Cindy said, "It was about Jesus dying on the cross and then coming back to life."

"Did anyone see Jesus after He had risen from the dead?" Mother asked.

"Yes, His disciples did. They saw Him go up into heaven," said Beth.

"Did Jesus say anything to His disciples as He went up?" Mother asked.

Beth spoke up again. "He told them to go into the whole world and tell others about Him. Mother, do you think we should be telling others about Jesus? I know some people who do not know about Jesus."

Mother thought that Beth's question was an important one. She and the girls talked about it, and prayed and asked the Lord to help them know what they could do to help spread the gospel of Jesus' love to others.

One day, Mother and the girls were cleaning up the study room. In one place there were stacks of Beautiful Way papers. They had read all the papers over and over, but Mother still didn't want to throw them away.

"What shall we do with these old papers?" asked Mother.

"I know!" shouted Beth. "Let's give them out to others."

"That's a good idea!" said Cindy. "And we would be telling others about Jesus, too."

"Maybe that's what I could do with our old 'Faith and Victory' papers," said Mother. "Since it's so nice out today, let's plan on giving out these papers to our friends and neighbors."

And so, Mother, Beth, and Cindy began to pass out the papers. They asked God to give them boldness and to bless each person who received one. They enjoyed giving out the gospel to others, for they knew they were obeying Jesus' command. —B. L. M.

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TEACH ALL NATIONS

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus do when here on earth?
2. Did Jesus have followers?
3. Where did Jesus go after He arose?
4. What did Jesus tell His followers to do?
5. Are we to help tell others about Jesus?

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Feb. 24

PHILIP TELLS ABOUT CHRIST

Psalms 2:12; Acts 8:26-39

Philip was a follower of Jesus. He was a man full of the Holy Spirit. One day the angel of the Lord told Philip to go south toward the desert. When he got there, he saw a chariot. In the chariot was a man of Ethiopia, who was a keeper of all the riches of the queen of the Ethiopians. He was sitting in his chariot reading from Isaiah, a book in the Old Testament. The Spirit of the Lord told Philip to go near the chariot. Philip asked the man if he understood what he was reading.* The man did not understand. He wanted Philip to teach him. He was reading in the place where it tells about a sheep being led away to be killed, and a lamb silent before those cutting off its wool. The man wanted to know who this was talking about. Then Philip told him about Jesus. Jesus is the Lamb of God. He was put to death, yet He didn't fight back. Philip told the man that anyone who believed on Jesus and was baptized would be saved. The man believed and was baptized that day.

Memory Verse: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mark 16:16a.

Jackie Wanted To See Jesus

Jackie was a small boy with dark hair and eyes. He lived in a small white house near a small stream. Jackie often ran down the hill and played near the stream.

One day Jackie's mother read him a letter from his aunt. She stated that she would be coming to visit them soon. Jackie was so happy for the news because he loved his aunt very much.

After his aunt arrived, Jackie enjoyed being with her so much that he would hardly take his afternoon nap. One afternoon when Jackie awakened from his nap, he couldn't find his aunt.

His aunt loved to pray outside among the birds and trees. She had crossed the small stream and had worship in a grove of small trees. When Jackie's aunt heard him calling her, she answered him. He came running to meet her. Jackie asked his aunt what she was doing. She told him she had been talking to Jesus. Jackie exclaimed, "I want to see Jesus!"

His aunt took his small hand in hers and they both walked down the stream. "Jackie," said his aunt, would you like for me to tell you why you cannot see Jesus now? A long time ago a baby boy was born. His parents named him Jesus. The boy grew up to be a man. He loved everyone. He was always doing things to help people. He showed God's love to everyone He could.

"But not everyone liked Jesus. Some disliked Him so much they decided to kill Him. They told lies on Him, spit in His face, and whipped Him until the blood ran down His back. Finally, they put Him on a cross to die. But He arose from the dead and went to heaven to be with God. You see, Jackie, those who would live with God must have a spiritual body. God is a spirit; now Jesus is a spirit. That is the reason why we can't see Him, but we can pray to Him and He hears us. One day Jesus is coming back and every eye shall see Him." —Sel.

How to Live in Peace

The Chinese have a saying that goes like this: "If you talk with a soft voice, you do not need a thick stick."

This saying shows us how to live in peace. Fighting boys and girls do not have many friends. If we carry the big stick, it is sure we will use it. Then others will use big sticks too. Then there will be a lot of fighting.

But the soft word can be spoken. No one can fight against soft words. Instead, they make us feel ashamed if we have done wrong things. "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

—Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about?
2. Who did Philip see in the chariot?
3. What did the man want Philip to do?
4. What did Philip tell the man he would have to do to be saved?

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Mar. 8

JESUS, MAN OF SORROWS

Isaiah 53:1-11; Mark 9:12; John 1:11; Luke 22:44

Jesus was human like other men. He was also the Son of God. Jesus was God in man. Many people believe that Jesus was a great teacher, but they do not believe that He was also God from heaven. Today's lesson is about Jesus as a man. Have you seen a picture of Jesus? The pictures of Jesus we see today are just pictures of how someone thought Jesus looked. We do not know exactly how Jesus looked as a man. But we do know that He was a man of sorrows. He suffered much. He had the weight of the sins of the whole world upon Him. Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet, said that if we should see Jesus, there is no beauty about Him. Jesus was hated and rejected. He loved all men, and came to save them from sin, sickness, Satan, and death, but all men did not believe on Jesus. This made Him sad. He even wept for those who hated Him. They put Him to death on the cross and He suffered for our sins. Because He was a man of sorrows He knows how to help us when we are sad.

Memory Verse: It is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things. Mark 9:12b.

Willie Shares Jesus' Sorrow

"Mother, you know what? Ever since I've been saved and living for the Lord, some of my friends don't seem to like me. I treat them nice, but still they would rather play with the other boys than with me. I wonder, why?" said Willie to his Mother.

Mother knew that this was troubling Willie, so she took time to sit down and talk with him. "Well, Willie, let's see what the Word of God says. In John 15:18, Jesus says, 'If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.' You see, Willie, when we live for Jesus, we sometimes have to suffer just like Jesus did. People hated Jesus, and they will hate us, too, when we live like Jesus."

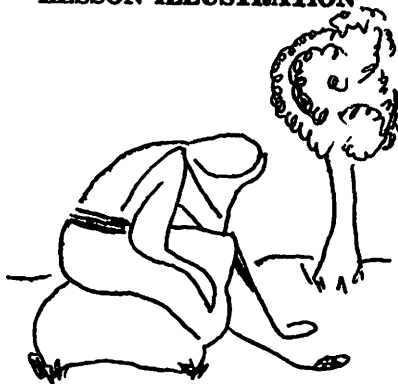
Willie and Mother prayed and asked Jesus to give Willie help to live right even if his friends did not like him. And Jesus did help Willie. Willie was glad that he could share in Jesus' sorrow.

One day, as Willie and his big brother were walking home, two other boys began throwing rocks at them.

"Hey! There's those Sunday School boys!" they shouted at Willie and his brother. Willie knew that his big brother could protect them against the other boys, so Willie picked up a rock. But his big brother said, "Put that down, Willie. Just because some-

one throws rocks at us doesn't mean we have to throw them back. When they made fun of Jesus, He didn't make fun back at them. When we live for Jesus, sometimes we have to suffer like He did. We'll pray for those boys and ask God to forgive them." Willie and his brother walked home with happiness in their hearts because they could share some of Jesus' sorrow. —B. L. M.

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Jesus was a man of sorrows.

CAN YOU DO THIS?

Put lines under the things that come from a good heart.

Love. Kindness. Anger.
Hate. Lying. Forgiveness.

1. Was Jesus just a man?
2. Did Jesus look like the pictures we see today?
3. Did all the people believe in Jesus?
4. What made Jesus a man of sorrows?

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THE DAY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21; Matthew 11:2-5

Jesus Christ grew up in the town of Nazareth. On every Sabbath day, He went into the temple. He would read to the people out of God's Word. One day, He was given the book of Isaiah. He opened the book to the place where it said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has sent me to preach the gospel, to heal broken hearts, to set the prisoners free, to give sight to the blind, to tell all people that this is the day of the Lord." When Jesus finished reading this, He closed the book. All the people's eyes were upon Him. Then He told the people: "This day all these words have come to pass."

Do you know Jesus was reading about Himself? God sent Jesus, His Son, to save and help all people. Jesus preached the Word of God to the people. Jesus healed many who were sick. He opened the blind eyes and deaf ears. He raised the dead. He set those who believed on Him free from their sins, by shedding His blood on the cross for them. He will set us free, too.

Memory Verse: Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Hebrews 3:7b, 8a.

Angela Gets Saved

One night, before she put Angela to bed, Mother read about Samuel when he was a little boy. God had spoken to Samuel and given him a message to tell the priest Eli. After having prayer, Angela asked Mother, "Does God speak to little children today?"

"Yes, He does," said Mother. "He may not talk in a loud voice like I'm talking now, but He gives you understanding. He speaks to our minds and hearts. When the minister is preaching and the Spirit of God is anointing the message, that is God speaking. The Bible is God's Word and when we read it, that is God speaking."

When Angela awoke the next morning, it was Sunday. In family worship, Father read out of the Bible. He read the scripture which says, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Angela was taught to pay close attention in family worship. When Father read out of the Bible, that was God speaking to them. She did not want to miss anything God said. Angela thought about herself as Father read. She didn't always obey her parents like the Bible said to do. What should she do?

In Sunday School, the lesson was about the day of the Lord. Her teacher told the class that since Jesus had come, anyone who wanted to be saved and live for the Lord could come to Him. Angela knew that the Word of God was speaking to her.

"Teacher, how can someone be saved?" asked a little boy. "The Bible says that if we ask God to forgive us of the wrong things we do, He will forgive us and make us His children. If we repent and believe that God forgives us, then we will be saved," said the teacher.

"Can little children be saved?" asked Angela. The teacher said, "Yes, Jesus is glad to forgive and save all who come to Him, even little children. Do any of you children want to be saved this morning?"

Do you know who raised her hand? Angela. Right there in the Sunday School class, Angela, the teacher, and the other children knelt down and prayed. Angela asked Jesus to forgive her for disobeying her parents and for all the wrong things she had done. And Jesus saved Angela that day. Are you saved? Jesus can save you, too.

—B. L. M.

The Day
of the
Lord

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jesus grow up?
2. What would Jesus do every Sabbath day?
3. Who was Jesus reading about?
4. Name some of the things Jesus did.
5. Does Jesus still save and heal today?

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JESUS, THE ENSIGN

Isaiah 11:1-12; Ephesians 2:16-18

Do you know what an ensign is? It is like a flag or banner. It stands for something. The flag of our country is red, white, and blue. It stands for our country. Jesus is our ensign. God sent Jesus to all people. Christ is our salvation. He stands for all of God's goodness to man. We are to look to Jesus for forgiveness from sin. We look to Jesus for healing when we are sick. We look to Jesus for comfort when we are sad. We look to Jesus to supply our food, clothes, and a place to stay. We look to Jesus for everything. All people can come to Jesus and receive help. Jesus loves everyone and leaves no one out. Mean and hateful people can be made loving and kind by Jesus. Even if we are poor, Jesus still loves us and cares for us. All who look to Jesus and believe in Him become brothers in the Lord. All nations of people are made one people by believing in Jesus Christ. I am glad we have Jesus, our ensign, to look to for all things. If we will follow Him, He will lead us to Heaven.

Memory Verse: Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:2a.

Blackie Comes Home

Jackie's Father was a truck driver. One morning when he was getting ready to leave for his day's travel, Blackie began to bounce up and down and bark. This was Blackie's way of telling Jackie's father he wanted to go along.

Jackie's father opened the truck door and Blackie jumped in and sat down on the seat. As the truck rolled along on the highway, Blackie took a nap. When he awoke, he sat up tall in the seat and watched the traffic, enjoying the scenery.

The truck came to a stop. When the door opened, Blackie jumped off the seat and went nosing around the warehouse. When Jackie's father got ready to go on the highway again, he couldn't find Blackie anywhere. Poor Blackie was lost. Jackie was so sad when his father came home and Blackie wasn't with him. Several weeks went by and almost every day Jackie looked for Blackie.

One bright summer morning, Jackie's mother put Jackie in his little red wagon and went to his grandmother's house and left him while she did some errands downtown. Jackie was still asleep when they arrived at his grandmother's house, so his mother laid Jackie on the bed. He was still wearing his sleepers.

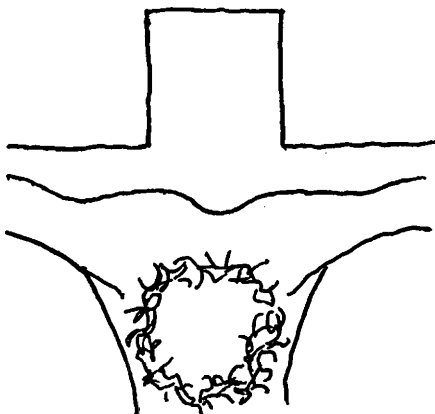
A little while later Grandmother heard Jackie saying, "Blackie! Blackie!" Grandmother, thinking he was dreaming, tiptoed to the bedroom. She saw Blackie on the bed with Jackie, licking his face and Jackie had his

arms around Blackie's neck, while tears of joy were streaming down his cheeks.

Blackie was lost, but he had found his way home. We all have been lost in sin at some time or another, but as Jackie was sad when Blackie was lost, so Jesus is sad when we are lost. Jesus wants us to look to Him and be saved. Then Jesus and the angels in heaven will be happy when we come to Him and be saved. In Matt. 11: 28a, Jesus said, "Come unto me."

—Selected

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JESUS, OUR ENSIGN

QUESTIONS:

1. What is an ensign?
2. Who is our ensign?
3. What does Christ stand for?
4. What do we look to Jesus for?
5. Does Jesus only love a few people?

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THE ROSE OF SHARON

Song of Solomon 2:1; Isaiah 35:1-7; Colossians 3:8-14

Have you ever seen a desert? A desert is a big, dry place, where hardly anything grows. Deserts get very hot and there is very little water there. The heart and life of a person who does not live for Jesus is like a desert. That person's life is dry and empty. He is not really happy. There is anger and unkind words and selfishness and lying and disobedience in that heart. But if that person will let the Lord Jesus come into their hearts, there will be a change.

Jesus is called the Rose of Sharon. When we feel sorry for our wrongs and ask Him to forgive us, we believe that Jesus saves us. His blood washes all the sin from our hearts. Then we are happy and joyful. Good things come from our lives like water in the desert. The love, peace, kindness, and goodness of Jesus in our hearts are like beautiful flowers blooming. We all want the Rose of Sharon to bloom in our lives, don't we? If you are not living for Jesus, let Him come into your heart now.

Memory Verse: And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. Isaiah 35:1b.

Bessie's Flower

One day Bessie went over to visit Granny Weatherall. Granny's house was a favorite place for all the children in the neighborhood. Every child who entered her door always came out with something in their pocket. Today, after a nice visit with Granny Bessie came out the door tightly clutching something in her hand. Granny Weatherall had given Bessie a tiny flower seed, and she was hurrying home to plant it in her flower box outside the window.

Every day Bessie watered her seed, and soon it began to grow. Bessie could hardly wait for her plant to bloom into a beautiful flower.

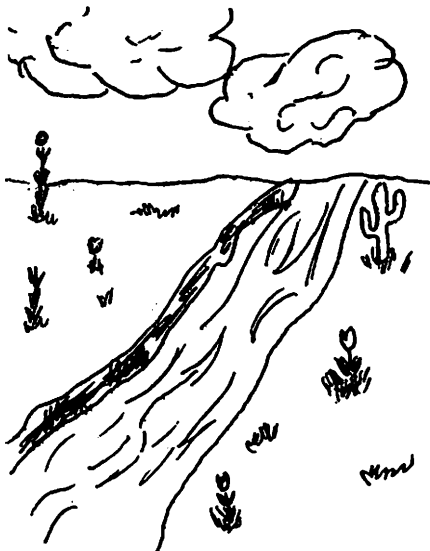
One day while Bessie was playing with her toys, she heard someone knock at the door. When she ran to open it, there stood grandma, who had come to take her to the farm for a week. Bessie was overjoyed and ran to get her things ready.

A week later, when Bessie returned home, she eagerly ran to the flower box to see if her plant had bloomed. To her surprise and dismay, the plant was all wilted over and dry looking. "Oh my, I wonder what happened to my plant?" cried Bessie, with tears in her eyes. She ran to ask Mother what had happened. "Why, I believe it just needs water, Bessie," explained Mother.

In a few days, after careful watering, Bessie's plant had a beautiful bloom on it. "That is just like our heart," said Mother. "If we neglect to water our heart by living for Jesus,

our lives will not bloom out with joy and gladness. We will be ugly and unattractive like your plant was when it was dry. When Jesus comes into our hearts, He makes them beautiful like your flower." —M. S.

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Jesus makes the desert blossom.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is a desert like?
2. If a person does not live for Jesus, what is his heart like?
3. Who is the Rose of Sharon?
4. What will happen to your heart when Jesus comes in?
5. How do we let Jesus come into our hearts?

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PAUL GETS ON THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS

Isaiah 35:8-10; John 14:6; Acts 9:1-19

You know what a highway is. It is a place to travel on. While we are living, we are all traveling on our way to the end of our lives. There are two ways: the highway of holiness, and the broad way. Those who do not live for Jesus, and who have sin in their lives are on the broad way. But those who are saved and have their sins cleansed away in Jesus' blood, are on the highway of holiness. They are holy, pure people. Do you know how to get on the highway of holiness? By repenting and believing in Jesus. Jesus is the way.

Paul was not saved, but he thought he was right. He hated Christ and all the Christians. One day Paul was going to Damascus. He was going to find the Christians and put them in prison. But a light shined on him from heaven. A voice said, "Paul, why do you want to hurt me? I am Jesus whom you are disobeying." Paul was sorry. He believed on Jesus. His sins were forgiven. He got on this highway of holiness.

Memory Verse: And an highway shall be there . . . and it shall be called the way of holiness. Isaiah 35:8.

The Two Paths

Nellie, Pete, and Mother were up early one crisp, fall morning. They were preparing to walk all the way to Aunt Sally's. She lived two miles away from them. After each child had buttoned coat and hat, Mother took them by the hand and they started down the path that led toward Aunt Sally's.

Soon they came to a fork in the path, or a place where it divided and made two roads. One path was trampled down with many footprints. It looked like many people had traveled on it before. The other path was narrow, and overgrown here and there with bushes. Pete wanted to walk down the wide path. Since it had just recently rained, Mother thought it would be wiser for him to walk with her and Nellie on the narrow path which was on higher ground. However, since both paths led to Aunt Sally's house, Mother agreed to let Pete walk the way he wanted.

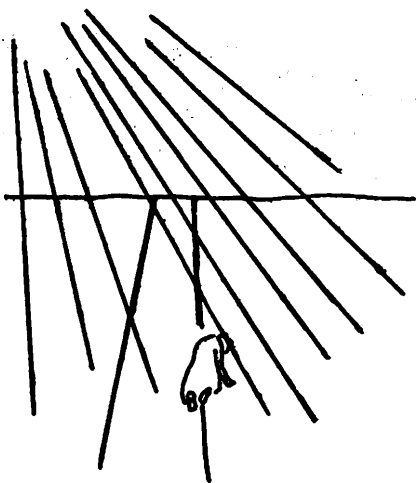
After continuing on their way, Mother and Nellie arrived at the end of their path and stood waiting for Pete. Several moments later, a muddy, red-faced little Pete came slowly walking toward them. He had slipped in the mud.

"Pete," said Mother, "can you guess what these two paths remind me of? One is like the highway of holiness, and the other is like the way to hell. The narrow path is on higher ground, and Nellie and I didn't slip and fall in the miry mud. When we are walking on the highway of holiness, the

Lord has lifted us out of the traps of sin. There is joy and peace on the holy way, but in the broad path which leads to hell, there are troubles and pain."

—M. S.

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Paul gets on the holy highway.

After Jesus went to heaven, the Holy Spirit was free to enter the hearts of those who would receive Him.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is on the highway of holiness?
2. Who is on the broad way?
3. How do we get on the highway of holiness?
4. What was Paul doing to the Christians?
5. Did Paul get on the highway of holiness?

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JESUS DIED FOR ME

John 18:1-3; 19:1-4, 16-19, 38-42

"Why are you so sad?" asked Jackie. "Don't you know they killed Jesus?" answered Lillie. "Tell me about it," Jackie said.

"Judas took the soldiers to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was with His disciples. Judas kissed Jesus so they would know which one was Him. The soldiers took Jesus and the bad men whipped Jesus. Poor Jesus was hurt so badly. But Pilate wanted to let Jesus go free. The people began to yell for Him to be crucified. Finally Pilate let them take Jesus. Poor Jesus was so weak that He couldn't carry His cross up the hill. They got another man to carry it for Him. When they got to the hill they laid Jesus down on the cross. They drove big nails into His feet and hands. They lifted up the cross. They let it fall into the hole. Poor Jesus suffered so much before He died. Joseph, the rich man, took Jesus' body down and put it in his tomb. They rolled a big stone in front of His tomb. Pilate put soldiers around His grave. They were afraid that someone would steal His body."

Memory Verse: For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. John 3:16a.

Warren's Different Likes

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

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

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

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

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

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

Warren thought about how he had teased Eddie. He thought about the times he had acted silly in Sunday School. He thought how often he had run away when his mother wanted him to help her. Those things didn't seem funny when he thought about Jesus being punished for them!

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

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

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

—Sel.

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Jesus died
for me.

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did they find Jesus to take Him?
2. What did they do with poor Jesus?
3. Could Jesus carry His cross?
4. Why did Jesus let them put Him on the cross and die?
5. Who took Jesus and put His body in His tomb?

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JESUS IS ALIVE

Mark 16:1-13

The sun was peeking out from behind darkness and the rays of light shone down upon three women. Mary, Mary Magdalene, and Salome were on their way to the tomb of Jesus. They were talking about the big stone that was rolled up against His tomb. "Who will roll away the stone for us?" they asked. But soon they were in sight of the tomb and one of them cried, "The stone is rolled away!" Slowly they entered the sepulchre where Jesus had lain. They were carrying spices to put upon His body. What do you think they saw? Not Jesus' body, but an angel sitting on the right side. He was clothed in a long, white garment. They were afraid. But quickly the angel said, "If you are seeking Jesus whom was crucified; he is not here, he is risen. Look where they laid him." As they looked and saw that He was gone, the angel continued, "Tell His disciples and Peter that He will see them in Galilee." Quickly they left the tomb. They were amazed. Two of them hurried away but Mary lingered and wept. Jesus came and spoke to her. She told others that she had seen the Lord.

Memory Verse: He is risen; He is not here. Mark 16:6b.

The Rooster

Roosters are odd birds, but roosters do some things which boys and girls should do.

The rooster gets up early in the morning to begin crowing. God taught the rooster to crow. The rooster is never slow about doing his God-given task. He never sleeps when he should be crowing.

The rooster does not refuse to crow. His crowing is not beautiful like the singing of a canary, but the rooster does not care. He does the best he can do. He crows.

The rooster does not crow to be praised. In fact nobody ever praises the rooster for crowing so well. Lack of praise does not keep him from crowing.

The rooster's crowing brings good news. He tells us that a new day has begun in which we may do good and serve our Lord. Every day the rooster tells his good news.

The rooster also tells about the good things which are happening in the barnyard. He tells when the hens lay the eggs.

The rooster never complains because he must do the same thing over and over.

Boys and girls, let us learn many good lessons from the rooster!

—Sel.

There is a story about a hen that sat on her nest in some dry grass. Ten baby chicks were under her wings. The grass was burning all around her. The hen could have flown away and saved herself, but then her baby chicks would have burned. So the hen stayed on the nest. Her feathers burned, and she died, but under

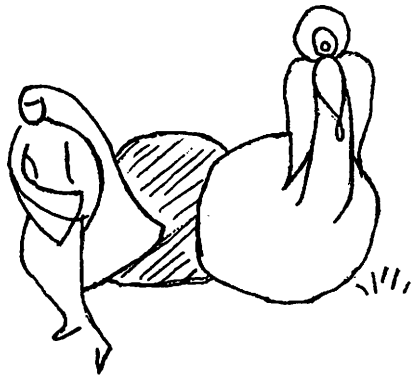
her were the chicks, safe and alive. She had saved them. That's why she could not save herself.

The Bible says that our Lord Jesus died for us in order to save us. That's why it was true what His enemies said in fun, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save."

—Sel.

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He is not here: He
has risen.



QUESTIONS:

1. What happened on that first Sunday which was Easter?
2. Who went to put spices upon his body?
3. What did the three women see when they arrived?
4. Who did the angel tell them to tell that they had seen Jesus?
5. Is Jesus alive today?

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JESUS RIDING ON A DONKEY

Matt. 21:1-8; Mark 11:9, 10

Jesus had come near to Jerusalem to the mount of Olives with His disciples. He said to two of His disciples, "Go to the village that is close by and you will see an ass with her colt tied up. Loose them and bring them to me. If any man asks you why you are taking them say, 'The Lord has need of them.' The man then will let you have them." The disciples then brought the ass and colt to Jesus. The disciples put their clothes on the colt that had never been ridden before, and put Jesus on it. A multitude of people gathered. They were wanting to see Jesus. When they saw Him riding into the city, they became very happy. They cried, "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest." The boys and girls shouted too. Many cut down branches and threw them down before the colt with Jesus riding upon him. That was a great day in Jerusalem as Jesus rode in as their King. Today He is our wonderful King and we love Him. We praise Him for His love for us.

Memory Verse: Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Mark 11:9b.

Jesus Loves You

"You are bad," Bobby declared.
"God doesn't love bad people."

"Yes He does too," Mary said with tears in her eyes.

"No He doesn't," Bobby said.

About that time Mother came up and Mary said, "Doesn't Jesus love me?"

"Why yes, dear," Mother said.

"Why do you ask?"

"Bobby said God doesn't love bad people," Mary paused and then said, "I didn't mean to hurt my kitty."

"Well, dear, you must be more careful. God does love bad people, but He doesn't love the naughty things that they do. They must be sorry for them and ask Him to forgive them. Then He will take them to heaven when they die."

"Jesus knows I'm sorry," Mary said.

"I believe He does," Mother said as she loved up her tearful Mary.

—M. Miles

Prayers Answered

"Did you like to go to Sunday School?" Mother asked Betty as she came into the house.

"Oh yes, Mother," Betty exclaimed.
"The pastor wants you and Daddy to go next Sunday. Won't you go? Please do! Just to please me, won't you?"

"We will see about it," Mother said.
"Since we have seen such a change in you and Larry since you have started we have thought that we should get started again."

"Oh Mother, I must go right now and get Larry. We want to kneel down and thank God for answering our prayers."

—M. Miles

God Loved Us

God showed how much He loved us by sending Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus paid for our sins so that we could have forgiveness and a wonderful life with God. We want to love Him for His great love

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QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus tell two of His disciples to do when they came near Jerusalem?
2. What did He tell them to tell anyone if they asked why He was taking the ass and her colt?
3. What did the people do when they saw Jesus riding in the city as their King?
4. Is Jesus still our King today?
5. Can we praise Him today as they did that day?

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PETER SPEAKS

Matthew 16:13-18

One day Jesus was talking to His disciples. He asked them a question. Jesus said, "Whom do people say that I am?" They said, "Some say that you are John the Baptist." Now John had been dead for some time, but some thought that Jesus was John the Baptist who had come back alive. Then they said, "Some say that you are Elijah." Now Elijah lived many, many years before. He was a prophet. One time he prayed seven times and it rained for the first time in over three years. People thought Jesus was Elijah who had come back alive. Then they said that others thought Jesus was Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, who had come back alive. Now Jesus said, "But whom do you say that I am?" Peter spoke for all of them. Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus was very happy about this. He wanted to build His church and He needed believers like this in it. Jesus was the rock upon which the church was to be built. The evil ones from hell cannot destroy this church.

Memory Verse: Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matthew 16:16b.

Fuzzy, The Coon

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

Jimmy ran out front and opened the gate. Soon, a big, fuzzy coon came sneaking along the fence. Jimmy watched the coon. It walked right by Jimmy, crossed the drive, and climbed the big tree beside the fence.

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

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

"Could I see them?" Jimmy asked.

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

One day a big truck went off the road. It hit the big tree with the coon nest. The tree fell over. Jimmy and Father ran to the tree. The mother coon had been killed. Only one little coon was still alive.

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

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

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

Jimmy turned Fuzzy loose. She went to the woods, but she came back again. She came often to see Jimmy. One day

she did not come back. Jimmy did not see her for many days.

"I wonder where Fuzzy is?" Jimmy said.

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

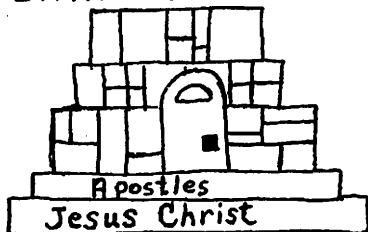
She did come home, one evening. Guess what! She brought three little coons with her!

—Sel.

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*"Upon this rock I
build my church."*

Living Stones

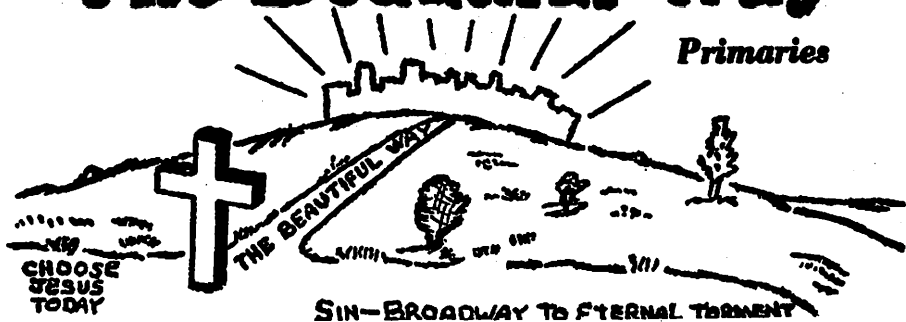


QUESTIONS:

1. What question did Jesus ask His disciples one day?
2. Who did the people say that Jesus was?
3. Who was John the Baptist?
4. Who was Elijah?
5. Whom did Peter say Jesus was?
6. Who will be in the church that Jesus built?

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THE NAME OF THE CHURCH

1 Cor. 1:1, 2; Eph. 3:14, 15; Rom. 8:16, 17

Whose name did you take when you were born into your father and mother's family? If your father's name was Mister Brown and the name they gave to you was Jack, then your name would be Jack Brown. You were born into the Brown family so you took that name. When we are forgiven of our sins, we are born into the family of God. So whose name do we take? We take God's name. The word church means congregation. When you are saved you become "children of God." So you are in the church of God. That is the name of the church. Paul wrote to us that he bowed his "knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Who is the father of Jesus Christ? It's God. So, boys and girls, the family here on earth and in heaven are the church of God.

One time the Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the saints at the town of Corinth. God had called them out of sin to be in His family. Paul addressed his letter to the church of God at Corinth.

Memory Verse: Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me. John 17:11b.

The Boy and the Puppy

There was a poor little brown and white puppy running down the street. Oh, he felt so bad! His fur was dirty, his tummy was as empty as it could be. He was so lonesome for a nice little boy to play with. He would be just as happy as he could be, if only he had a home and someone to love him and feed him.

Just then he ran around a corner, and right between a little boy's legs. The little boy called softly, "Here, Puppy! Come see me."

So the little puppy stopped long enough to sniff the hand the little boy held down. My, he seemed like such a nice little boy, just the kind he was looking for! So he decided to tag along and see where the little boy was going.

The boy stopped in front of a white house with a nice big yard. It was just the right kind for a boy and a puppy to play in. The little boy stooped down and patted the puppy's head. He pulled part of a sandwich out of his bright red dinner pail.

"There, Puppy, that'll help a little," he said. "Come on in with me. I'll see if Mother will let us keep you for my very own."

Now the boy's mother was a kind lady. When she saw the poor little hungry puppy without a home, she agreed to let her little boy have him.

So the little brown and white puppy had a home and a little boy to love him. He had so much milk to drink! He had so many bones to chew! He felt like bursting, he was so happy.

Now just as there was someone to love and take care of the little puppy, so there is Someone to love and take

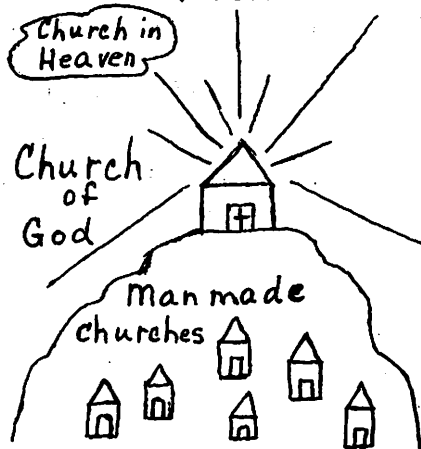
care of you. It is the Lord Jesus. He is making a home for every one who loves Him—a much nicer home than the little boy made for the puppy. Jesus' home is called heaven. Some day we will be with Jesus, if we love Him today.

—Sel.

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

"A city set on a hill."



QUESTIONS:

1. Whose name did you take when you were born?
2. Who is the father of the Lord Jesus Christ?
3. What is the name of the true church?
4. Who did Paul write to in Corinth?
5. How did the saints in the Church of God in Corinth live?

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JESUS IS THE DOOR

John 10:9; Matt. 11:28, 29; Luke 10:20b

In a big house there is one, main door. But inside that big house there are smaller doors. God has a big house. There is only one, main, big door. God's house has a doorkeeper. Can you guess who He is? Yes, it's Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the door." A sinner can't go through that door. He has a great big bag of sins on his back. As that sinner comes to the Door, he is weeping. He is bowed over with that big bag of sins. He is "heavy laden" down with them. He asks Jesus to forgive him of his sins and to take them away. Jesus sees his sorrow and does this for him. Now Jesus lets him come into the big house through the door. The first smaller door inside is called Joy. He enters that room and is so happy. In this room is a big book. He sees his name written in it. Then he sees another door called Peace. As he enters that door, he feels so peaceful and calm. Oh, there are so many more rooms in this big house. Can you name some more of them?

Memory Verse: Rejoice because your names are written in heaven. Luke 10:20b.

Seeing God's Fingerprints

"How beautiful the countryside is today!" said Mother. "God's fingerprints are everywhere!"

"God's fingerprints!" exclaimed Mike, as Daddy brought the car to a stop off the highway. Now Daddy and Mother and Mike could see the beauties all about them. "I don't see any fingerprints. Where are they?"

"They are everywhere," said Mother. "Just look all about us."

"Where?" asked Mike again, looking round and round and up and down. "Come show me!"

"That's just what Daddy is trying to do, Mike," said Mother. "That is why he stopped the car here so we could really see them. Come, let's walk over there. I will show you many of God's fingerprints."

Just then a redbird flew from the limb of a tree nearby to a tree with bright leaves. He sat there on the limb, you could hardly tell him from one of the leaves. He was so red.

"There," said Mother, "see that pretty redbird. He is one of God's fingerprints in the woods today. And all those beautiful colored leaves on the trees. And look, Mike, at the green carpet of grass at your feet. So velvety and soft, the grasses are God's fingerprints. Those wild flowers, everything here in these woods today show God's fingerprints."

Mike was very quiet for a long time.

Then looking all about him again, he said, "Our Sunday School teacher taught us a song about God's fingerprints. Only she called it God's handiwork. Want me to sing it for you and Daddy?"

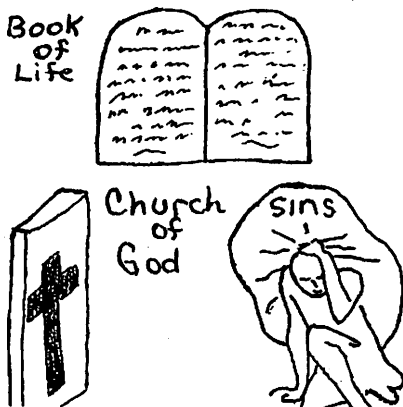
"Why, yes," said Daddy and Mother, "This is just the place and the time to sing a song like that."

Mike sang out loudly in the cool morning air:

"For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
We thank You, God, for Your
handiwork
That shows in the bright sunrise."

—Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

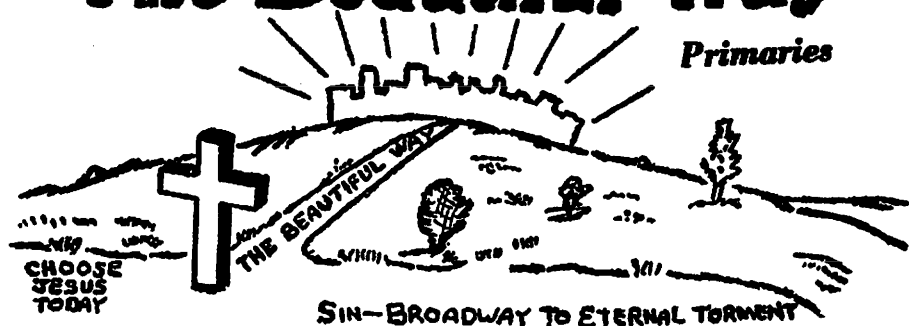


QUESTIONS:

1. Does God have a big house with a big door?
2. Who stands at the door and says, "I am the door?"
3. Why can't a sinner go into that big house?
4. How does the sinner get rid of his sins?
5. What does he find inside the big house which is the Church of God?
6. Is your name written in the book of life?

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ZACCHEUS, COME DOWN

Luke 19:1-10

Zaccheus was a rich man. He was a tax collector. Sometimes he took more taxes than he should. No doubt at times Zaccheus felt bad because he did wrong. Zaccheus had heard of Jesus. He wanted to see Jesus. He went to where Jesus was to pass by. Lots and lots of people were there. Zaccheus was a short man. He could not see over the crowd. He climbed up in a tree. Now when we want to see Jesus, we can be sure that Jesus is looking for us. So when Jesus came by, He looked up in the tree and said, "Zaccheus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." Zaccheus did this and received Jesus joyfully. The crowd was surprised. They knew that Zaccheus was a sinner. But Zaccheus felt the great love of Jesus. It touched his heart and made it soft. He said, "The half of my goods will I give to the poor and if I have taken anything from any man falsely I will give it back to him and three times more." Jesus told him that he was saved and would be happy.

Memory Verse: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper.
Proverbs 28:13.

Cross My Heart

Daddy called the three children into the den. Mother came in and sat down, too. Daddy said, "This morning just before Sunday School, Mother went into the kitchen to look at her roast. One of the lemon pies she had made yesterday was upside down on the floor. I mean part of a lemon pie. The cat was in there, and Mother thought he had knocked it down. Then she found a spoon in the sink. There was lemon pie on the spoon. Bill, did you eat some of Mother's lemon pie?"

"No," Bill said. He was looking right at Daddy.

"No," Lisa said. She looked at Daddy too.

Then Daddy looked at Freddie. "What about you?" he asked.

"Cross my heart and hope to die, I didn't do it!" Freddie said. He did not look at Daddy while he said it.

"Bill and Lisa, you may go," Daddy said.

Then he turned to Freddie. "Didn't you know it was wrong to help yourself to that pie?" Daddy asked.

"What makes you think it wasn't the cat?" Freddie asked.

"Cats don't eat with spoons," Mother said.

"How do you know I was the one?" Freddie asked.

"By the way you answered when I asked you," Daddy said. "The Bible says, 'Let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay.' That means that we need to say only 'yes' or 'no'. We do not need to use other words to make people more sure that we are telling the truth. Remember this little verse—

Cross my heart and hope to die
Are words that often hide a lie."

"I did it, and I am sorry," Freddie said. "Please forgive me. I will ask God to forgive me too."

"There are two pieces of lemon pie left," Mother said. "What do you think I should do with them?"

"Give them to Bill and Lisa!" Freddie said. "And the next time you make lemon pie, I will leave it alone until you give me my piece."

—Sel.

How To Live in Peace

The Chinese have a saying that goes like this: "If you talk with a soft voice, you do not need a thick stick."

This saying shows us how to live in peace. Fighting boys and girls do not have many friends. If we carry the big stick, it is sure we will use it. Then others will use big sticks too. Then there will be a lot of fighting.

But the soft word can be spoken. No one can fight against soft words. Instead, it makes us feel ashamed if we have done wrong things.

If you want to make friends with a cross dog, don't stir him up with a stick!

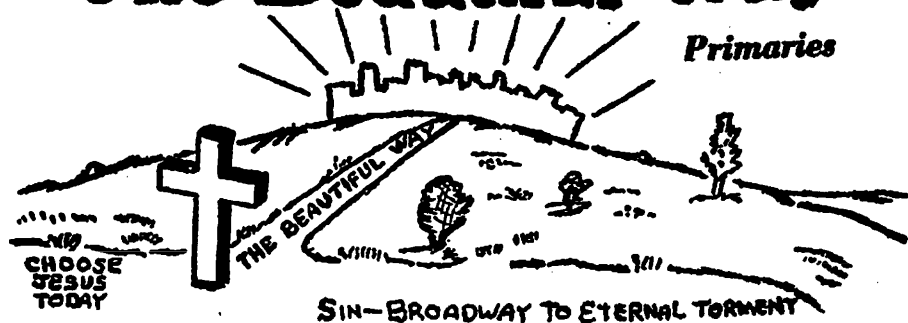
—Sel.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about today?
2. What did Zacchaeus do when he wanted to see Jesus?
3. What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus when He saw Him up in the tree?
4. What did the people say about Jesus going to Zacchaeus' house?
5. What did Zacchaeus tell Jesus He would do after He got saved?

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THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 1:8, 9, 13-15; 2:1-6

Jesus arose from the grave. He talked to His disciples one day. He told them to wait in Jerusalem until they were filled with the Holy Spirit. After He told them this He arose right up through the clouds to heaven. All the disciples, some of the women, and others did as Jesus told them. They went to an upper room. There they waited. Suddenly, there came a sound from heaven like a mighty wind. The noise filled the whole room. There appeared two little fires that appeared like tongues which sat upon each one. They were all filled with Holy Spirit. This was a great day. They rejoiced and praised God. Now God wanted everyone in the world to know about Jesus and about the Holy Spirit's coming. At that time God had some people in Jerusalem that were from every nation. The disciples spoke to them in their own language about Jesus and the Holy Spirit. They went home and told others about it. Today we can be filled with the Holy Spirit, too.

Memory Verse: Your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you. 1 Corinthians 6:19a.

Saved Twice

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

"Help!" she screamed.

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

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

"Help! Help!" called Patty's mother as she jumped down with her. She stayed on the boards and tried to pull Patty out of the mud. Patty was too far in, and they had to wait until some men came to help them both out.

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

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

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

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

died on the cross. Because of that, we can ask God to save us from sin."

"I'd like to ask Him to save me right now," said Patty. Then she prayed.

When she opened her eyes, Patty was happy.

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

—Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

"Holy spirit filled each heart."

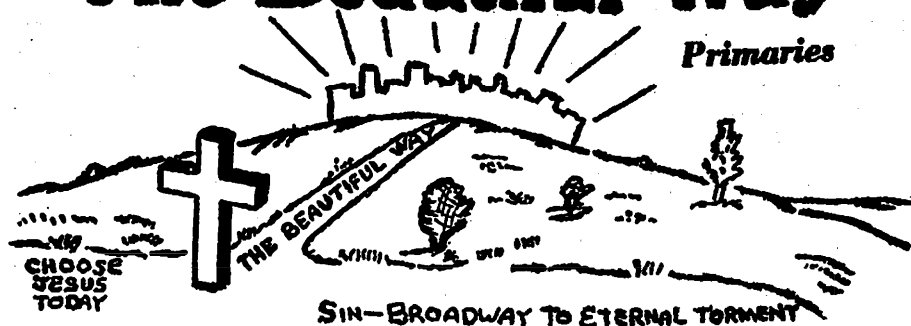


QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?
2. Where did He go after He talked to His disciples?
3. Where did they wait for the Holy Spirit to come?
4. What did they see and hear when He came?
5. What did they do after they were filled with the Holy Spirit?

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DORCAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD

Acts 9:36-42

In the city of Joppa lived a woman whose name was Dorcas. She loved Jesus. She loved boys and girls, men and women, too. She gave money to help those in need. She also gave money to help in God's work. She would make new clothes for a little boy or girl that needed them. She helped the widows, too.

One day Dorcas became very sick and then she died. Her friends were very sad. They wept. Her friends sent two men to tell Peter who was at the town of Lydda. They asked Peter to come quickly. Peter went with them. They took him to the upper bedroom where Dorcas lay. The widows stood by weeping. They showed Peter the clothes Dorcas had made for them. Oh, they were so sad to think that their good friend had died. Peter told them to leave the room so he could pray. After he prayed, he called to her and said, "Arise." She opened her eyes and when she saw Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then he called the saints and widows. They were happy.

Memory Verse: And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord. Acts 9:42.

The Biggest Cooky

"I want the biggest cooky," said Ricky when the plate was passed to him.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"When you've finished these, you may each have another if you want it," said Mother. It didn't take long for Bill, Tom, Donnie, and Dennis to get another. Then Tom looked at Ricky.

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

"Yes," said Ricky, but his face got

red, and all the boys knew something was wrong.

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

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

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

—Sel.

"Who is the oldest man that ever lived?" asked Della.

"Oldest man that ever lived," repeated Sammie. "I don't know where you would be able to find out."

"I know," declared Della.

"Where?" asked Sammie.

"In the Bible," said Della. "It was Methuselah and he lived to be 969 years old. You can find that in Genesis 5:27. We learned that in Sunday School."

—M. Miles

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about today?
2. What kind of a woman was Dorcas?
3. What happened to Dorcas?
4. Who did the people call when Dorcas died?
5. What did Peter do and what happened to Dorcas?

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CHRISTIANS LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Acts 4:1-9, 21-32

The disciples preached to others after He had gone back to heaven. They told people to repent and believe on the name of Jesus and be saved. The rulers, priests, and others did not like for the disciples to preach about Jesus. One day they put the disciples in prison. The rulers thought they would stop the disciples from preaching. But the disciples prayed. The next day the rulers brought the disciples before them. They told them not to preach anymore. The disciples would not promise. The rulers told them that if they were caught again, greater harm would be done to them. Then the rulers let them go. Well, where do you think they went? Do you think they went to a hide-out? No, they went to where a company of Christians were together. They loved each other. They were of one mind and one heart. They worshipped God together. When the Christians saw them, they rejoiced. Then they prayed to God. They asked God to make them bolder than before, and God blessed them.

Memory Verse: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalm 133:1.

Love One Another

"Mother! Jack tripped me!" screamed Betty.

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

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

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

"Me, too!" said Jack.

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

"Oh, goody!" cried both children together.

Jack didn't have as much fun on the farm as he thought he would. Betty had a good time by herself at home for a day or two. But soon she began to miss Jack, and when the week was over, she was glad. Now she could go to the farm.

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

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

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

"Not I!" said Jack and Betty together.

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

"I didn't either," said Jack.

"I didn't like having just one at a

time as well as when they both come," said Grandmother.

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

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

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

"Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Matthew 5:44.

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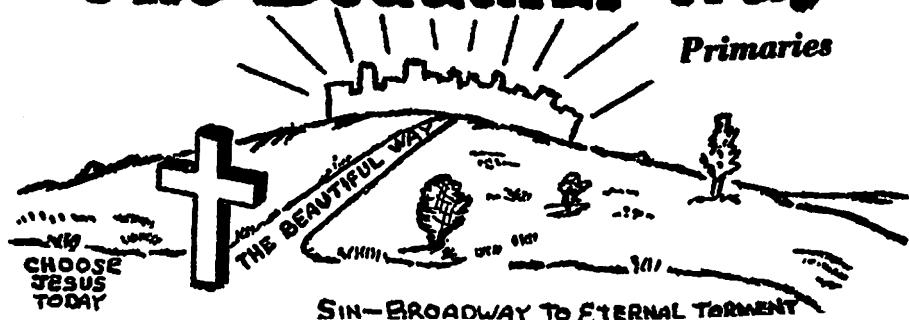


QUESTIONS:

1. What happened to the disciples?
2. Why were they put in prison?
3. Did they promise to not preach about Jesus again?
4. Where did they go when they were out of prison?
5. What did they do when they were with the Christians?

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LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Matt. 5:38-47; John 6:60, 66-68

One day Jesus was talking to His disciples. He wanted them to do right. He said, "You have heard that it has been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." In other words, if someone knocked out your tooth, then you would knock out his tooth. But Jesus said that we are not to do that. Jesus said for us to do good to those who do us wrong. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall smite (or hit) you on your right cheek, turn to him the other cheek also." Jesus said for us to love our enemies, to bless them that curse us, and pray for them that do us wrong. If someone asks you to walk with them a mile, you are to go with them two miles. You are to do more than he asks of you. Jesus said that He sent the rain on the good and the evil, and let the sun shine on the good and evil. We want to be like Jesus. Some heard the things that Jesus taught and they went away. Jesus asked the disciples, "Will you go away also?" They said, "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Memory Verse: I say unto you, Love your enemies. Matthew 5:44a.

Johnny's Dream

One day Johnny asked Daddy, "Why is it wrong to steal?" Johnny wanted to take some candy when he went to the store.

Daddy said, "Johnny, God knows what is best for everyone. That is why He said, 'Thou shalt not steal.'"

That night Johnny dreamed that it wasn't wrong to steal. In his dream, he went to the store. He took some candy. The next day he went to the store again. He wanted to get some more candy. But the store was empty. People had stolen everything.

Johnny went home. He asked his mother for some ice cream. Mother said, "We can't get any ice cream. People stole all the ice cream."

Johnny went out to get his bicycle. His bicycle was gone. A boy had stolen it.

Johnny started to cry. Just then he woke up. He said to himself, "I am glad that dream isn't true. I am glad that God said, 'Thou shalt not steal.' I am going to obey God's rule."

—Sel.

He Could Not Save Himself

Once there was a big flood. A family was sitting on the roof of a house, waiting to be rescued. A man came by with a little boat. There was no room in the boat for all. One would have to stay as the boat would sink. "Save my family and leave me here," said the father. To save the others, he couldn't save himself.

That is the way with Jesus. If He had saved Himself from going to the cross, He couldn't have saved others. We do love Him for doing this for us. —M. Miles

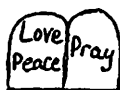
God Loved Us

God showed how much He loved us by sending Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus paid for our sins so that we could have forgiveness and a wonderful life with God. We want to love Him for His great love for us. —M. Miles

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Matthew 9:37.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

"Will you go away too?"

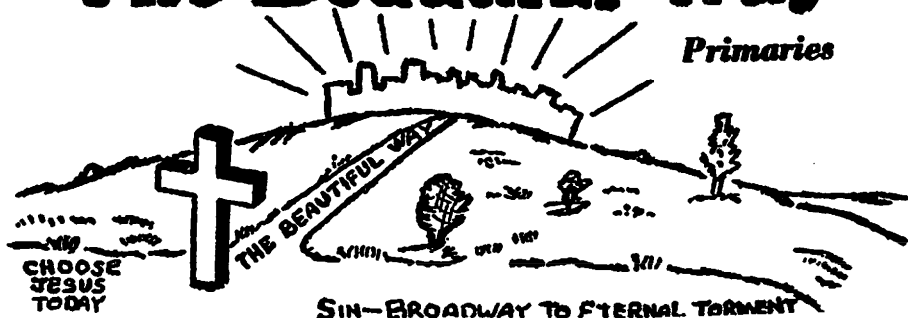


QUESTIONS:

1. If someone knocks out our tooth, are we to knock out theirs?
2. If someone hits us on the cheek, what are we to do?
3. Are we to hate our enemies?
4. Is Jesus good to the wicked people?
5. Who will give us eternal life?

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JESUS IS BAPTIZED

Matt. 3:13-17; John 1:30-33

John came preaching. He told the people that Jesus was coming. God had told him that when he baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit would sit upon Him in the shape of a dove. One day, Jesus came to John and wanted to be baptized. John felt so humble before Jesus. John said that Jesus ought to be the one who would baptize him (John). Jesus said, "Let it be done so we can fulfill righteousness." Jesus went down into the water. John went with Him. When Jesus was brought up out of the water, something wonderful happened. The heavens opened. The Spirit of God came right down out of heaven in the shape of a pure white dove. It sat upon Jesus' head. God also was happy. God had to speak. God spoke right out of heaven and said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." How wonderful! Later, Jesus was passing by John and others. John said, "Behold the Lamb of God," because he had seen the Spirit of God come out of heaven and sit upon Him just like God had told him.

Memory Verse: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mark 16:16a.

The Story of a Little Black Bug

Uncle Jack had a new sail boat. Uncle Jack and Chris were going sailing in the new boat.

Chris was real excited. "Will we really sail on the water?" said Chris.

"Yes," said Uncle Jack. "That is, our boat will sail, and we will be in it."

Soon Uncle Jack and Chris were out on the beautiful lake. The water was smooth. It was like a big mirror. Chris could see the tall trees shining in the water.

The boat was passing some rushes growing in the lake.

"Oh look! Uncle Jack, look!" said Chris. "What an ugly black bug! What kind of a bug is it?"

"It is an ugly bug," said Uncle Jack. "If you will just sit quietly and watch, you will see it has a job to do."

"Why, what could such a bug do?" said Chris, surprised.

Now Chris sat very still and waited. Just then the little bug darted here and there on the smooth water. With each move it would catch a fly or a mosquito. Chris could see that it had six legs, too.

"Why it's catching flies and mosquitoes," said Chris.

"That is its job," said Uncle Jack. "God put it here to destroy these pests, and it is doing its job."

Chris was very quiet as he watched the black bug. Then after a little while he said, "Do you know, Uncle Jack, I'll never call that bug ugly again."

"Chris," said Uncle Jack, "Everything God has put on our earth, has something to do, some place to fill, and

even though that bug is horned and ugly, it is doing what it is supposed to do. It is really a dragonfly, if you want to know its name. It teaches us a great lesson, even as ugly as it is.

"I know," said Chris, "to take care of whatever we have to do."

"That's right," smiled Uncle Jack. "We have our place to fill, and it is important that we fill it."

—Sel.

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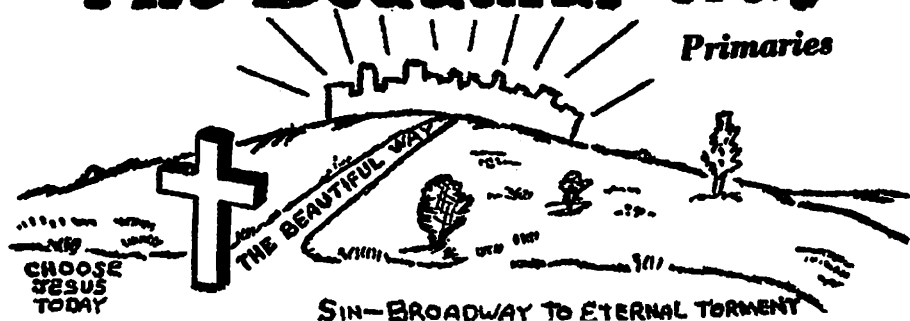


QUESTIONS:

1. Who baptized Jesus?
2. Did Jesus want John to baptize Him?
3. What sat upon Jesus' head when He was baptized?
4. What did God say out of heaven?
5. Who are to be baptized today?

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OBEYING JESUS

John 13:12-15; Luke 22:18-20

Jesus was with His disciples in the upper room. He was soon to be taken by wicked men and put on the cross. Jesus took a towel and put it around Himself. He took a pan and poured water into it. He began to wash His disciples' feet and dry them with the towel. When He came to Peter he said, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus said, "If I do not wash your feet, you will not be with me in heaven." Peter said, "Lord, not only wash my feet, but my hands and head also." Then Jesus said, "I have given you an example, that all of you should wash one another's feet." Today the church keeps this because Jesus has told us to.

Then Jesus took some bread. He gave thanks and then He broke it. He said, "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." He gave each one some of the bread. Then He took a cup. In it was the "fruit of the vine," which is grape juice. Jesus gave them each some and said, "This is my blood, which is shed for you."

Memory Verse: If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. John 13:17.

Larry's Lunch

Larry opened his lunch bag. Then he bowed his head. He hoped Jim was not around to make fun of him, but he was going to thank God for his food anyway.

Before Larry had finished praying, Jim grabbed his lunch bag. He took the Lunch out; four slices of bread and butter. Jim held them up for the other boys and girls to see. "Just bread and butter!" he laughed. "Larry is thanking God for just plain bread and butter!"

Some of the children laughed. But some did not. Bob was angry. "You give Larry back his lunch!" he said. He was ready to hit Jim. Jim gave the bread and butter back to Larry.

"Why do you look so happy for just bread and butter, Larry?" asked Jane.

"This is a good lunch for me," said Larry. "My father has been sick and could not work. Mother could not work because she had to stay home and take care of Daddy and the baby. We have not had much to eat. Yesterday I just had a cooked potato for lunch. It did not taste good. But last night I helped our neighbor carry things home from the store. She gave me two loaves of bread and some butter. So I am thankful for bread and butter."

"I have such a good lunch!" said Jane. "But I did not thank God for it. I am going to thank Him right now. I want to thank Him because my father is well and can work, too." She bowed her head right then and prayed. Larry saw that some of the other boys and girls did, too.

"I have more lunch than I can eat," John told Larry. "Mother does not like me to waste food. Will you eat this apple for me?"

"Mother put two slices of meat in my sandwich. I don't like two slices. Will you eat one with some of your bread and butter?" asked Becky.

"Please eat some of my cookies," said Billy. "Mother put in too many for me."

"Thank you!" said Larry. "What a good lunch! I'm going to thank God again."

When he had prayed again, he said, "My father is well enough today to take care of the baby, so Mother can look for work. I have lots for which to be thankful."

All the other boys and girls were glad, even Jim.

—Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jesus do with the pan that he poured water into?
2. What did Peter say about Jesus washing his feet?
3. What was soon to happen to Jesus?
4. What did Jesus do with the bread that he had?
5. What did Jesus do with the grape juice that he had in a cup?