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DANIEL REFUSES STRONG DRINK

Daniel 1

Daniel and four of his friends were chosen from among those who were taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar to live in the king's house. No doubt Daniel missed his homeland and his family. The Jews had sinned against God. They had worshipped idols. They were punished. The king had commanded that these men be fed the best food, right from his table, and wine to drink. Now Daniel knew that it was wrong to drink wine and eat some kinds of food. If he disobeyed the king he might be put to death. But Daniel loved God. Should he obey the king or obey God? Daniel purposed in his heart to obey God. He told his master that he and his friends wanted to eat pulse, which probably was beans, and drink water for ten days. The master let them try it. After ten days he saw that they were looking fine. He let them eat to please their God. At the end of the time, the king was pleased with them. He found them to be ten times smarter than any other wise men in the king's court.

Memory Verse: If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy. 1 Corinthians 3:17a.

A Little or A Lot

"Please, John," begged Dick, "go with me to Stan's birthday party."

"No!" answered John, "I don't care to go to Stan's home for parties, because his father always serves beer."

"But that's just for the older boys. You can drink soda pop with the smaller children if you don't want to grow and be a man." pleaded Dick. "I don't want to go alone. What's wrong with a little beer for boys as old as we are?"

"Do you really want to know what's wrong with beer?" asked John, rather surprised.

"Yes, I do. I know some churches teach it a sin to drink beer, wine, whiskey, etc. Others say that Paul told Timothy to drink wine for his health." He paused a second, then added, "John, Jesus made wine to be served at a wedding. Can you explain that beer would be wrong to serve at a party if Jesus served wine?"

"I think I can," answered John rather thoughtfully. "When the wine that Jesus made was taken to the governor of the feast, he said, 'Thou hast kept the good wine until now.' Wine is much better when it is fresh and sweet before it has any alcohol, so Jesus must have made it that way. Paul must have been talking of fresh wine to Timothy, because he also says, 'be not drunk with wine.' King Solomon also tells us, 'Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.' 'Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who that redness of eyes? They that tarry long at wine, they that go to seek mixed wine . . . At

the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.' You see, there are two kinds of wine, one that has alcohol and one that does not."

"Of course, I know it is not best to get drunk, John," added Dick, "but to drink a few beers at a party wouldn't hurt anyone."

"Yes, it will, Dick," added John, "For Christ taught us in the book of St. Matthew 12:36, 'That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.' After people have drunk just a little, they become talkative. They joke and tell a lot of funny and sometimes dirty stories. Many times these are not remembered, and therefore not repented of. Therefore, people must pay for them in the day of judgment."

"You are right, John, a little or a lot, is is not pleasing to God. I'll just not taste it again." said Dick. — C. Huskey

Did you know that you were helpless one time? You could not feed yourself. You could not talk, walk or lift your body up off of the bed. Who cared for you when you were so helpless? Your mother and father. I am sure you love them dearly for their great love for you. Never hurt them. Make them happy by doing as they tell you.

Questions:

- 1 Where were Daniel and his friends living?
- 2 Did Daniel want to drink wine?
- 3 Who did Daniel want to please?
- 4 How did Daniel and his friends look after eating pulse and drinking water for ten days?
- 5 What does our Memory Verse say?

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THE KING'S DREAM

Daniel 2, 3

King Nebuchadnezzar dreamed a dream and was troubled because he forgot it. He called his wise men. He asked them to tell him the dream, but they could not. Daniel asked God to help him. Daniel came to the king and told him the dream. He told him it was about a big image. Its head was of gold. Its breast and arms were of silver. Its belly and thighs were of brass. Its legs were of iron and the feet were part of iron and clay. Daniel told the king that he saw a stone that was cut out without hands. The stone hit the image on its feet and broke it to pieces. The wind carried it away.

Daniel said that the image's different parts meant different nations that would rule the world. The legs and feet of iron and part clay were the Roman nation. This nation was ruling when Jesus was born. Jesus preached that the kingdom of God would be set up. It would fill the whole earth. If we are saved, we are in the kingdom of God.

Memory Verse: For the kingdom of God is . . . righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17.

Eat, Drink and Be Merry

Many years ago a farmer said to his wife, "Some day I will not have to work. I will have enough food in my storehouse that I may eat, drink, and be merry for many years."

This is what he did. He arose early each morning and worked hard all day until night. He was very cross with his wife and children because he worked so hard.

Often his wife would say, "John, you had better take time to serve God and to teach your children to serve God."

This seemed to make John more determined to work. He said, "My boys are big; they can come with me to the fields to work."

While her husband and boys were away from early morning until night, the little wife went about her work, singing praise to God. But all the time, she wished her husband would take time for God.

Another day, she said to John, "Our boys should be taken to Sunday School and meeting." The farmer consented that the boys could go to meeting if there was no work to do. Sometimes he would go alone, but almost every Sunday he found work to do.

Year after year the farmer worked. He built storehouses and barns and filled them with everything he would need to live.

"John," said his wife one bright sunny morning, "There is a poor family over the hill. May I take them some food?"

"No!" shouted John, "If they would work as I do, they would have plenty and some to store away."

Finally the time came that the farmer had no place to put his crops.

What shall we do?" cried his wife. "Give what is left over to the poor?"

"No!" shouted the farmer again. "This will I do, I will tear down these

barns and build greater ones, there I will put my fruits and goods. Then I will say to myself, EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY, for I have enough food for many years.

The very next morning, the farmer's wife found him dead. —C. Huskey

"Hurry up! You're so slow!" Jackie said to little Joe. "Hurry! I said! I'm going to run off and leave you if you don't."

Joe began to cry and run. "Please wait, Jackie," said Joe. "I'm so tired."

"You should have stayed home! You always want to go along! Next time, you'll just stay home; I'll see to that!" Jackie said, as he ran ahead and jumped behind a tree. In doing so, he fell over a stump. He sprained his ankle. He began to groan. He tried to get up, but he couldn't walk on his foot. He told Joe to go back home and tell his mother. So Joe turned around and soon his daddy and mother were there.

Later, as Jackie was resting on the bed with his foot propped up, he had time to think. What do you think he was thinking about? Yes, it was the way he had talked to Joe and treated him. He felt sorry. He had to pray for God to help him, but he told little Joe he was sorry. He felt better. He told little Joe that he would take him again with him. He was so glad that Joe was there to help him. —M. Miles

Questions:

- 1 What did the king want his wise men to do?
- 2 Who asked God's help?
- 3 Who can always help us?
- 4 What had the king seen in his dream?
- 5 Whose kingdom are we in if we are saved?

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A FIERY FURNACE

Daniel 3:1-28

King Nebuchadnezzar made a big image. He covered it with gold. He called all the great men of his nation to stand before the image. A man cried, "When you hear all kinds of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that the king has set up. Whosoever does not fall down will be put in the fiery furnace."

The king was told that Shad-rack, Me-shach, and A-bed-nego did not fall down, but stood up tall. The king was angry, but said he would give them one more chance. They said, "O king, we cannot bow down to the image. Our God will deliver us, but if He does not, we will not worship the golden image." The king heated the furnace seven times hotter than before. He told men to throw them into the furnace. They fell down in the midst of the fire. The king watched. He said, "I see four men walking in the fire. The fourth looks like the Son of God." He called them to come out. Not even the smell of fire was on them.

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

Stones Could Not Kill

There lived in the city of Lystra a man who had never walked. Whenever he had been a little child, his mother had tried to help him learn to walk. However, he did not have strength to stand. His mother had to carry him everywhere he needed to go. When he grew so large that his mother could not carry him, others had to carry him.

One day, a man came to his town who was telling the people that Jesus was the Savior. The cripple man happened to be near enough to see and listen to Paul, the preacher. As he listened to the good news of Jesus, he felt within himself that this Jesus could also heal him. The preacher felt the same way deep in his heart; he looked straight at the man and said with a loud voice. "Stand upright on your feet." The crippled man jumped up, and began walking.

Whenever the people of the city saw the crippled man walking, they cried, "The gods have come to visit us." Then the rulers came out with the people to worship Paul and his helper as gods.

Paul shouted again. "Please, please, do not worship us. We are men just as you are. We have come a long distance from our homes to teach you to worship the living God who made heaven, earth, and everything that is in it."

So, the people decided to worship God instead of other things.

Then a terrible thing happened. Some very bad people from another city who did not like Paul came and persuaded the people to throw stones at Paul. "Stone him! Stone him!" they shouted, until stones came from all directions. Finally, Paul fell as dead. "Ha! Ha!" the mean men

laughed and dragged him out of the city. "Ha! Ha!" they laughed again. "That will be the last time we hear him teach about Jesus," they said as they returned to the city.

Those who loved the teaching of Jesus stood around Paul crying. Suddenly his eyes opened and he looked around. Then he got to his feet.

"Thank the Lord," said the believers, "even stones could not kill you."

"No," answered Paul, "not when God wants me to teach many more people about Jesus."

— C. Huskey

Carelessness

A man who sold fruit trees was showing his stock to one who wanted to buy. When he named a kind of apple tree, the other said: "I don't want anything like that. My neighbor has one of those trees, and the fruit is so poor that the tree isn't worth the room it takes up."

He was mistaken about the tree; it did not bear good fruit because his neighbor had not given it the proper care. By his carelessness he gave the tree a bad name.

We may give religion a bad name if we call ourselves Christians and live carelessly.

Questions:

- 1 What did king Nebuchadnezzar make?
- 2 What did the king tell the people to do when they heard music?
- 3 Who would not fall down and worship the image?
- 4 What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego tell the king?
- 5 Did the fire burn them?
- 6 Was Jesus with them in the fire?

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THE KING IS PUNISHED

Daniel 4

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. Daniel told him that God said for him to "break off thy sins" and do right, or he would be punished. The king did not listen to Daniel. One day, he walked in his beautiful gardens and saw the great buildings. He was lifted up with pride. He forgot God. He said, "Is not this great Babylon that I have built . . . by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty?" Suddenly, a voice spoke from heaven. "Thy kingdom is departed from thee." The king's mind snapped. He went out and ate grass with the beasts of the field for seven years. His hair grew like eagle's feathers. His finger nails were like bird's claws. Finally, God gave the king back his right mind. He looked up into heaven and said, "Your kingdom is great. The people of earth are nothing. You do according to Your will among the people of the earth. Who can tell You what to do?" The king was no longer proud. He knew God to be great. He returned to his palace and praised God.

Memory Verse: God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. James 4:6.

Pride Is Punished

"Mother, does God punish people for being proud?" asked Rene.

"What makes you ask the question?" responded Mother.

Rene answered, "Because in Sunday school, we studied about a king that God punished for being proud."

"Yes, Rene, God punishes us for being proud. In the Bible, He says, 'Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.' God also punished King Solomon for being proud. God wants us to hate pride."

"Does he punish people today for being proud?" Rene questioned again.

"I know a rancher who was very proud because he was the richest man in the town where he lived. He rented many fields and hired men to work for him. After several years, he was able to buy nice things for his home and family, and new trucks, tractors, pick-ups, etc. Then he and his family became very proud. Sometimes they remarked how foolish poor people were. He would often say, 'If others would use their head and work hard like I did, then they would have plenty.' The poor people who worked for him felt badly because he was so proud. But there was no other place for them to work. Therefore, year after year they worked for him. Year after year the rancher grew more rich and proud."

Then one day, God caused something to happen; the rancher began losing his wealth. He became very ill because of his loss, and he was in the hospital many months. Whenever he came home, he was a poor man."

"I hope I am never proud," said Rene. "I wouldn't want that to happen to me."

Leviticus 26:19-20 "I will break the pride of your power; And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits."

— C. H.

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Nebuchadnezzar ate grass with oxen.

Questions:

- 1 Did Daniel tell the king what the dream meant?
- 2 What did the king hear when he was walking in his gardens?
- 3 What happened to the king?
- 4 How long did the king stay in the fields?
- 5 Did the king get his right mind back?

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Aug. 4

WEIGHED BY GOD'S SCALES

Daniel 5

Belshazzar (Bel-shaz-zar) had a big feast. The king and others drank wine. He drank from the vessels that had been stolen from God's temple. They praised the gods of gold and silver. All of a sudden, the king cried out in fright. A part of a hand was writing on the wall. He cried for the wise men to tell him what it meant. They could not. Finally, Daniel was called. Daniel said, "You have been lifted up in pride. You have sinned against God. You praised the gods of silver, gold, brass, iron, wood and stone. These gods could not hear, nor see, nor know. But the God, in whose hand is your breath, you have not praised. The writing says that your days are numbered. You will lose your kingdom. You have been weighed in God's scales and have been found wanting." That night, his kingdom was given to the Medes and Persians. How sad! He was punished.

Today, God has some scales. We are weighed by God's Word. If we obey Jesus, God will take us to heaven.

Memory Verse: By him (God) actions are weighed. 1 Sam. 2:3b.

How Are We Weighed?

Miss Brown had finished telling the children about King Belshazzar. Then together they repeated the memory verse, "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting."

John raised his hand and asked, "What is a balance?"

"A balance is an instrument for weighing. It is also whenever any two things are the same," answered Miss Brown.

"But Miss Brown," questioned Susan, "What has that to do with our Bible lesson?"

"Listen carefully class, and I will explain to you what is meant by 'weighed in the balances,' said Miss Brown.

"God has a record book in heaven where He is keeping account of everything we are doing each day. I believe you are all living for God so you don't do evil things such as steal, kill, lie, hate, fight, etc. If you should by mistake or carelessness do any evil thing, then you must ask God to forgive you so that it will be erased and not appear on your record. God also tells us in his book of many good things we must do. Such as love others, be happy, be peaceable, suffer a long time without becoming hateful, be gentle, be full of faith, and just be good. If he has written in his record book that we are doing the things he has told us to do in the Bible, then we may enter heaven. God uses the word 'balances' so we can understand. The things he has written in his record book about us must be exactly as what he tells to do in the Bible. Then our record and the Bible will be the same or balanced."

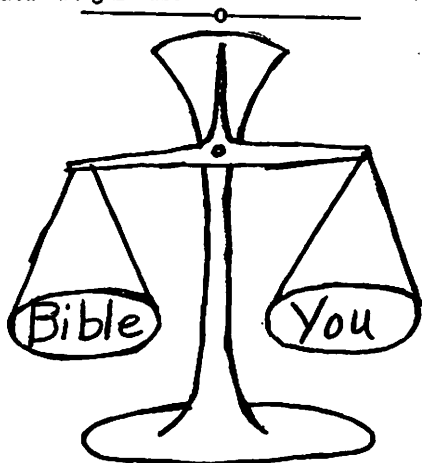
"Does anyone remember why the King was wanting or lacking when God weighed him?" asked Miss Brown.

Susan raised her hand.

"Why, Susan?" asked Miss Brown.

"Because he was doing things that the Word of God said should not be done," answered Susan.

"That is right," said Miss Brown. "We must do only those things God says to do and nothing he says not to do. Then we will be perfectly in balance whenever God weighs us." — C.H.



God's Scales

Questions:

- 1 What gods did they praise as they drank from the vessels stolen from God's temple?
- 2 Was God pleased about what they did?
- 3 What did the hand do?
- 4 Why was the king going to lose his kingdom?
- 5 Who has scales to weigh us?

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Aug. 11

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

Daniel 6:1-26

Daniel was a good man. Daniel was made the first president in the king's court. The men were jealous. They wanted to have him killed. They asked the king to make a new law, that if anyone asked a favor of any god or man for thirty days, except the king, he would be cast into the den of lions. Daniel was a praying man. The men heard him. They told the king. The king was sad. He loved Daniel. The men held the king to his new law. So Daniel was cast into the den of lions. The king could not sleep. Early the next morning, the king went to the den of lions. He called, "Daniel, is your God whom you serve all the time, able to deliver you from the lions?" Daniel said, "O king, my God has sent his angel and has shut the lions' mouths. They have not hurt me." The king was happy. He commanded Daniel to be brought up out of the den of lions. He had not been hurt because he believed in God. The king had the wicked men cast into the den of lions. The lions killed them.

Memory Verse: He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. 1 John 5:18b.

Henry, The Bootblack

Henry was a kind, good boy. His father was dead, and his mother was very poor. He had a little sister about two years old. He wanted to help his mother, for she could not always earn enough to buy food for her little family.

One day, a man gave him a dollar for finding a pocketbook which he had lost. Henry might have kept all the money, for no one saw him when he found it. But his mother had taught him to be honest, and never to keep what did not belong to him.

With the dollar he bought a box, three brushes, and some blacking. He then went to the corner of the street, and said to every one whose boots did not look nice, "Black your boots, sir, please?"

He was so polite that gentlemen soon began to notice him, and to let him black

their boots. The first day he brought home fifty cents, which he gave to his mother to buy food with.

When he gave her the money, she said, as she dropped a tear of joy, "You are a dear, good boy, Henry. I did not know how I could earn enough to buy bread with, but now I think we can manage to get along quite well."

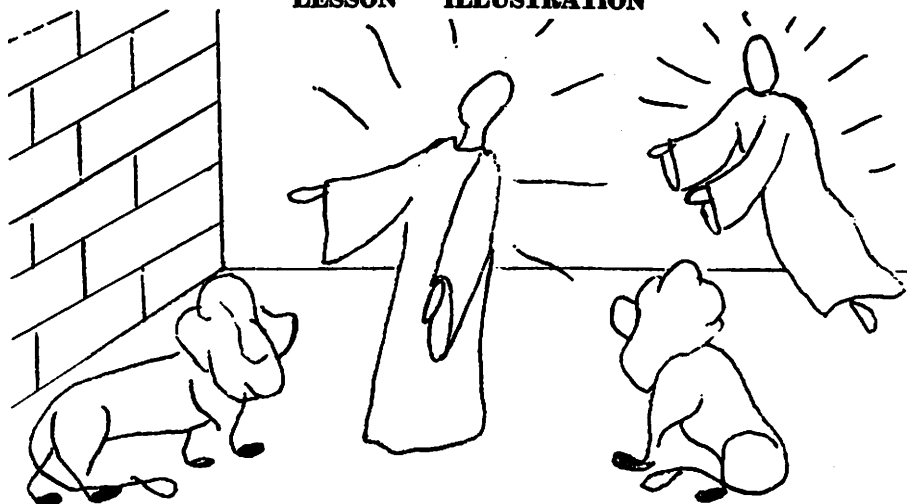
Henry worked all the day, and went to school in the evening. He earned almost enough to support his mother and his little sister.

—McGuffey's Reader

Questions:

- 1 Who was a good man?
- 2 Who did Daniel love more than his own life?
- 3 What was the new law that the king made?
- 4 Did Daniel stop praying because it was against the law?
- 5 How did God protect Daniel from the lions?
- 6 What happened to the wicked men?

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Angel shut Lions' mouths.

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BOOKS OF MAGIC BURNED

Acts 19:11-20

The Apostle Paul had so much faith. The sick were healed and miracles were done by him. He cast evil spirits out of those who were demon possessed. Some wicked men saw the things Paul did by laying his hands on people. He commanded evil spirits to come out in the name of Jesus. These men tried to do the same thing. They wanted fame and honor for doing this. But the man in whom the evil spirits were, jumped on those men and beat them up. The men ran away sore and wounded. When the people saw what happened, it made them afraid. Then they believed God and got saved. Lots of them had books of magic they had been using. They brought all the books to Paul, and made a big bonfire. They wanted everyone to know they were not going to use the books anymore. God doesn't want us to use those kinds of things, or go to fortune tellers, or use ouija boards. Those things are witchcraft. Those who practice witchcraft are not saved and can't go to heaven. Boys and girls, obey God's Word, and you can have happy lives.

Memory Verse: Believe not every spirit. 1 John 4:1a.

The Truant

James Brown was ten years old when his parents sent him to school. The school was near his home, and they sent him by himself. Instead of going to school, he was in the habit of playing truant. He would go into fields, or spend his time with idle boys. But this was not all. When he went home, he would falsely tell his mother that he had been to school and had said his lessons very well.

One fine morning, his mother told James to hurry home after school because she wished to take him to his aunt's. Instead of minding her, he went off to the water, to where there were some boats. There he met some idle boys.

The boys found out James had some money, and they persuaded him to hire a boat. Little did James think of the danger into which he was going. Soon the wind began to blow, and no one knew how to manage the boat.

For some time, they struggled against the wind and the tide. At last, they became so tired that they could row no longer. A large wave upset the boat, and they were all thrown into the water.

Think of James Brown, the truant, at this time. He was far from home; his parents were ignorant of his danger. He was struggling in the water and at the point of being drowned.

Some men saw the boys and went to them in a boat. They reached them just in time to save them from a watery grave. After their clothes were dried, they were sent home to their parents.

James was very sorry for his conduct, and he was never guilty of the same thing again. He went to school and studied his lessons. Above all, he learned to obey his parents perfectly. — T. Sprague

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Prov. 3:5,6.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Burn bad books.

Questions:

- 1 Who did lots of miracles?
- 2 Did he cast evil spirits out of people?
- 3 What did the people do with their bad books?
- 4 Is it wrong to go to fortune-tellers?
- 5 Can witches go to heaven?

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EZRA READS THE BIBLE

Nehemiah 8:1-12; 2 Timothy 3:15, 16

The people in Jerusalem had not heard God's law for a long time. Everyone came to hear Ezra read it. Ezra stood before all the people to read. When Ezra opened the book, everyone stood up. They wanted to show honor to God's Word. Everyone was quiet, and listened. They wanted to hear about God. Ezra gave thanks to God for His Word. All the people said, "Amen, Amen." Then they bowed and worshipped God.

As Ezra read the Bible, others with him explained the Word. Everyone was able to understand it. Then the people began to cry. It had been so long since they had heard the Bible read.

Ezra told the people not to cry. "Be glad," he said. "This is a special day, do not be sad." Then all the people were glad.

The Bible is the only book that tells you how to get saved, and go to heaven. It is important for you to read it. It is good for you to learn verses in the Bible. Ask God to help you remember His Word.

Memory Verse: Thy word have I hid in mine heart. Psalm 119:11a.

A Kind Boy

Once a little boy was given two silver dollars by his father for a New Year's present. The little boy was happy and went to buy some books he wanted very much.

On the way to the store, the boy saw a poor family. They were from a country far over the sea. "Happy New Year", said the boy. But the man shook his head. He did not know what the boy said. Then the man pointed to his mouth, then to his little children. The boy knew they had not had anything to eat. They were hungry.

The boy thought about his two dollars. Then he gave them to the man and the woman. Oh, how happy the poor family was. Now they could get something to eat.

The boy went home. His father asked him what he did with his dollars. For a moment, the boy did not answer. Then he told his father that he gave his money away. "I saw some poor people who were hungry. I gave them my two dollars. I did not buy the books I wanted."

The father said, "I am glad you gave your money to help someone. Here are some books for you. Always be ready to help the poor, and God will bless you."

—adapted from McGuffey's Reader

- 9 Ask God to forgive you when you do wrong.
- 10 Forgive those who hurt you.
- 11 Try to be helpful, or learn something good each day.
- 12 Trust in God, and He will guide you.
- 1 God sees us. Gen. 16:13
- 2 God will help us. Isa. 41:10
- 3 There is nothing too hard for God. Jer. 32:17
- 4 God loves us. John 3:16

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Ezra preaches
to the people

- 1 Thank God for keeping you safe at night.
- 2 Thank God for the day.
- 3 Ask God to watch over you.
- 4 Ask God to help you to be happy and good.
- 5 Try to be polite, and do not eat like a pig.
- 6 Do not be greedy, but be thankful for what you have.
- 7 Do be kind, and do not be angry or pout.
- 8 Mind your mother and father. God wants you to do this.

Questions:

- 1 Who read the Bible to the people?
- 2 Did the people want to hear it?
- 3 Why did the people cry?
- 4 What did Ezra tell the people?
- 5 Who learned Bible verses when he was a child?

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Sept. 1

THE HEAVENLY MESSENGERS

Dan. 10:4-6, 12, 13; Heb. 1:7, 14; Zech. 3:1, 2; Matt. 18:10;
Luke 16:22a

Daniel had been praying for three weeks. He was concerned for his people and what was going to happen to them. Daniel loved God, and his people. He wanted them to be blessed by God.

One day, an angel appeared to Daniel. The angel was so glorious, that Daniel fell down before him and couldn't speak until the angel touched him. The angel told Daniel that God greatly loved him, and that God had heard his prayer. The angel told Daniel some things that were going to come to pass.

Angels appeared to many others in the Bible. Each time they came to bring a message. God's Word tells us that all little ones have a guardian angel in heaven. Aren't you glad that God's angel watches over you? You may have been kept safe many times because of your guardian angel.

When you get saved and live to please God, He will send His angels when you die to take you where Jesus is.

Memory Verse: The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him. Psalm 34:7.

Afternoon Adventure

Dick was in the mood for adventure one afternoon. It was 12:30, and school was out for day. He decided to go for a boat ride on his uncle's biggest pond. The day was clear and peaceful. Tiny waves lapped against the side of the boat. Suddenly the boat began to sink. And Dick could not swim!

"Help! Help!" he yelled. But no one heard him.

Then Dick remembered to pray. "Oh God, help me to get out alive," he prayed as the water rose higher. As Dick went down, he remembered another time that a boy whom he had known had almost drowned. This boy jumped when his feet hit the bottom of the pond. This action brought him to the top to the air. He got a good deep breath. Then when his feet hit bottom the next time, he jumped again. By jumping and breathing, he was able to reach the shore. Dick tried this, and he also reached the shore safe.

"I almost drowned," announced Dick when he arrived home.

"You almost drowned!" Mother answered, startled.

"Yes, Mother. I believe that God helped me remember how to get out of the pond."

"How did it happen?"

"I prayed, and that is when I remembered about Tom being in very deep water. He couldn't swim either," said Dick. "I mean the time he jumped out."

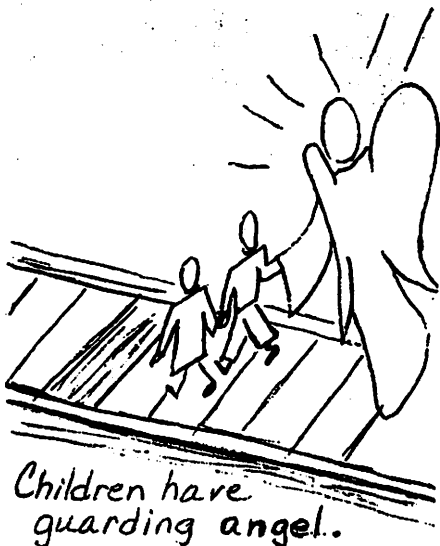
"I am glad that you gave your heart to the Lord last year," said Mother. "The Lord has taught you to pray and trust in His love."

Dick replied, "I remember a verse I learned in Sunday School." "The angel of his presence saved them."

"I was just reading these verses in Psalm," answered Mother. "because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; . . . he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

— Roberta Hightower

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Children have
guarding angel.

Questions:

- 1 How long had Daniel been praying?
- 2 Who appeared to Daniel?
- 3 What did Daniel do when he saw the angel?
- 4 Who has a guardian angel in heaven?
- 5 If we are saved when we die, who will take us to heaven?

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Sept. 8

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Ex. 32:19, 20, 30-33; Dan. 12:1-3; Rev. 20:11-13, 15

Moses had been up in the Mount a long time. There he had received the commandments, written on tablets of stone. When he came down, he heard the noise of a celebration. He saw a golden calf, and the people dancing. Moses was angry, and dropped the tablets of stone, and broke them. He told the people they had committed a great sin. Moses prayed for God to forgive the people's sin. God had said He would blot out of His book the people that had sinned.

In Revelation, we read about the great Judgment Day. We will all be judged by the books, and if our name is not written in the Book of Life, then we will be cast into the Lake of fire. We need to read God's Word so we will know how to live, so our name can be written in the Book of life.

When we are saved from sin, Jesus writes our name in the Book of life. If we have sinned, we should ask Jesus to forgive us. Then we can go to heaven when we die.

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

God's Roll Book

"Mother," cried Sue as she returned home from the kindergarten field trip, "I was counted absent today!"

"Why, dear?" asked Mother. "You were there."

"Donna said that I would be counted absent when God calls the roll in heaven, too."

"Well, we hope not; but it is possible," answered Mother.

Surprised, Sue questioned, "Momma, does God really have a roll book in heaven?"

"Sue, you explain to me why you were counted absent; and I will explain to you about the book God has," said Mother. "I have a feeling that you being absent and Donna making comments go together."

"Oh, Mother! Well . . . you see . . . Mother; it was Donna's fault!"

"And why was it Donna's fault?"

"Because she brought her new doll," answered Sue. "I was busy playing with the doll."

"That is the way it is with spiritual things too, Sue," said Mother. "you played with a doll instead of doing the important thing—of answering the roll. Many people are busy caring for the things of this life. They do not take time to have their name put on the book of life. That is what Donna meant."

"Then God really has a book in heaven."

"It is a heavenly record. It is called the Lamb's Book of Life in the Bible and cannot be destroyed. Heaven is a spirit world, and things on this earth are material. Material things can be destroyed. Heavenly things cannot."

"Mother," asked Sue, "how can

people get God to put their name on his Book of Life?"

"By getting saved, which is being born again. In Psalms, it says, 'And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her.' Again it says, 'The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there.'"

—Roberta Hightower

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Questions:

- 1 Who had been up in the mountain a long time?
- 2 What did Moses receive in the mountain?
- 3 What did the people do while Moses was gone?
- 4 Who does God blot out of his book?
- 5 Where must our name be written to go to heaven?

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GOD DELIVERS PETER

Acts 12:5-19

Peter had been put in prison by the wicked king who soon intended to kill Peter. The church was praying for Peter. They wanted God to save Peter's life.

Peter was chained to two soldiers, day and night. They did not want him to get away. On the night before he was to be killed, an angel came to the prison and a light shone about him. He woke Peter and raised him up. The chains fell off Peter. He put on his sandals and robe and went with the angel.

The prison gate opened for them to pass through, The angel led Peter into the city, then he left Peter. Peter went to the house where saints were praying. When he knocked on the door, Rhoda was so surprised, she didn't open the door. She ran to tell others Peter was there. After telling them how God had delivered him, he went away, so the king couldn't find him.

Boys and girls, we are serving the same God who delivered Peter. Nothing is too hard for God.

Memory Verse: If ye love me, keep my commandments.
John 14:15.

Beware of the First Drink

"Uncle Philip, as the day is fine, will you take a walk with us this morning?"

"Yes, boys. Let me get my hat and cane, and we will take a ramble. I will tell you a story as we go. Do you know poor old Tom Smith?"

"Know him! Why, Uncle Philip, everybody knows him! He is such a shocking drunkard and swears so horribly."

"Well, I have known him ever since we were boys together. There was not a more decent, well-behaved boy among us. After he left school, his father died; and he was put into a store in the city. There, he fell into bad company.

"Instead of spending his evenings in reading, he would go to the theater and to parties. He soon learned to play cards, and of course to play for money. He lost more than he could pay.

He wrote to his poor mother and told her his losses. She sent him money to pay his debts and told him to come home.

"He did come home. After all, he might still have been useful and happy, for his friends were willing to forgive the past. For a time, things went on well. He married a lovely woman, gave up his bad habits, and was doing well.

"But one thing, boys, ruined him forever. In the city, he had learned to take strong drink; and he said to me once: that when a man begins to drink, he never knows where it will end. 'Therefore,' said Tom, 'beware of the first drink!'

"It was not long before he began to follow his old habit. He knew the danger,

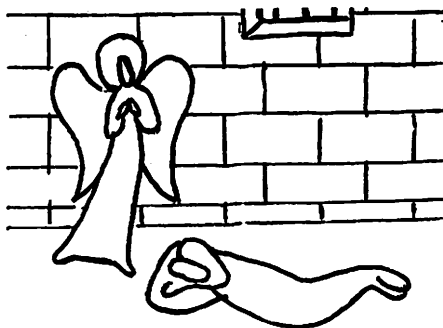
but it seemed as if he could not resist his desire to drink. His poor mother soon died of grief and shame. His lovely wife followed her to the grave.

"He lost the respect of all, went on from bad to worse, and had long been a perfect sot. Last night, I had a letter from the city, stating that Tom Smith had been found guilty of stealing and sent to the state prison for ten years.

"There I suppose he will die, for he is now old. It is dreadful to think to what an end he has come. I could not, but think, as I read the letter, of what he said to me years ago, 'Beware of the first drink!'

"Ah, my dear boys, when old Uncle Philip is gone, remember that he told you the story of Tom Smith, and said to you, 'Beware of the first drink!' The man who does this will never be a drunkard."

— McGuffey's Reader



Wake up, Peter!

Questions:

- 1 Where was Peter?
- 2 Why was he in prison?
- 3 Who was praying for Peter?
- 4 Who helped Peter get out of prison?
- 5 Is anything too hard for God?

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GOD HATES PRIDE

Acts 12:19-23; James 4:6, 7, 10

Herod was a proud, wicked king. He was angry with the people who lived in the cities of Tyre, and Sidon. The people wanted to make peace with Herod. Finally, he told them to come on a certain day, and he would talk to them. The day came, and Herod put on his rich robes and sat on his throne. He wanted them all to see he was king. Then he gave a long talk. When he was through, the people cheered, and said, "He doesn't sound like a man. He sounds like a god." King Herod swelled with pride, perhaps he felt like he really was someone above ordinary people. He didn't stop to think God gave him his voice, and the power to speak. He felt like he did it all. God was not pleased with Herod. The angel of the Lord smote Herod, and he got sick and died. It says that he was eaten of worms. Wasn't that a sad way to die? God doesn't want us to be proud. We have nothing to be proud of. All we have, or can have, is given or permitted of God. We should thank God for everything. We should not feel like we are better than someone else.

Memory Verse: God . . . giveth grace to the humble. Jas. 4:6c.

Beautiful Hands

"O, Miss Roberts! What coarse-looking hands Mary Jessup has!" said Daisy Marvin, as she walked home from school with her teacher.

"In my opinion, Daisy, Mary's hands are the prettiest in the class."

"Why, Miss Roberts, they are as red and hard as they can be. How they would look if she were to try to play on a piano!" exclaimed Daisy.

Miss Roberts took Daisy's hands in hers and said, "Your hands are very soft and white, Daisy—just the hands to look beautiful on a piano; yet they lack one beauty that Mary's hands have. Shall I tell you what the difference is?"

"Yes, please, Miss Roberts."

"Well, Daisy, Mary's hands are always busy. They wash dishes; they make fires; they hang out clothes, and help to wash them, too; they sweep, and dust, and sew. They are always trying to help her poor, hard-working mother.

"Besides, they wash and dress the children; they mend their toys and dress their dolls; yet, they find time to bathe the head of the little girl who is so sick in the next house to theirs.

"They are full of good deeds to every living thing. I have seen them patting the tired horse and the lame dog in the street. They are always ready to help those who need help."

"I shall never think Mary's hands are ugly anymore, Miss Roberts."

"I am glad to hear you say that, Daisy; and I must tell you that they are beautiful because they do their work gladly and cheerfully."

"O Miss Roberts! I feel so ashamed of myself and so sorry," said Daisy, looking into her teacher's face with tearful eyes.

"Then, my dear, show your sorrow by deeds of kindness. The good alone are really beautiful." — McGuffey's Reader

Live so you can live with your own thoughts about yourself.

Unkindness makes you and others unhappy.

Love makes the world a better place to live.

Which Things Do I Do?

Draw lines between the sentences that go together.

Betty is sick.

The bird is hungry.

Mary is a new pupil.

Jane gives me a cookie.

Bob tears my book.

I have a new bicycle.

I play with her.

I visit her.

I let my sister ride.

I feed it.

I say "Thank you."

I forgive him.

Questions:

1 Who was Herod?

2 Was he angry with someone?

3 Who made a big, long speech?

4 What did the people say?

5 Was God pleased with Herod?

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PAUL, THE PRISONER

Acts 27:40-44; Acts 28:1-10

Paul was being taken as a prisoner to Rome. The ship he was on wrecked. The soldiers wanted to kill all the prisoners so they wouldn't get away. But the captain said for all who could to swim to shore. The others were to hold on to boards and float to shore. All landed safely. The people on the island were kind to Paul and the others. They built a fire to warm them. Paul helped put sticks on the fire. A poisonous snake came out of the sticks and bit Paul. Paul shook the snake into the fire. The people thought Paul would fall down dead. When he didn't, they were surprised, and looked at him with awe.

The chief's father was very sick. He was going to die. But Paul prayed for him, and God healed him. Then all the others who were sick on the island came and were healed. The people honored Paul and the others. When Paul and the rest were ready to leave the island, the people gave them the things they needed.

God will help us, too, if we love Him as much as Paul did.

Memory Verse: Neither count I my life dear unto myself.
Acts 20:24b.

The Torn Doll

Mary Armstrong was a pretty little girl, but she was heedless about some things. Her way of leaving her books and playthings just where she had used them last, gave her mother much trouble in picking them up and putting them in their proper places. She had often told Mary the evil effects of being so careless. Her books became spoiled and her toys broken.

But worse than this was the growing habit of carelessness, which would be of great harm to her all her life. It would make her unhappy and would annoy her friends.

One day Mary and her mother went out into their pleasant yard to spend an hour in the open air. Mrs. Armstrong took her work with her.

Mary ran about and played with Dash, her pet dog, and was having a happy time. But in a corner of the yard, she found her nicest doll all torn and broken and its dress covered with mud. She knew at once that Dash had done this, and she scolded him harshly. Carrying the broken doll to her mamma, she showed it to her and could hardly keep from crying.

Mrs. Armstrong asked Mary if she had not left the doll on the porch where Dash could easily get it; and Mary had to answer, "Yes, Ma'am."

"Then you must not blame the dog, Mary, for he does not know it is wrong for him to play with your doll. I hope this will be a lesson to you hereafter, to put your things away when you are through playing."

"I will try," said Mary. And her mother promised to mend the doll as well as she could. — McGuffey's Reader

When people get older they can't do the many things that need to be done. You make them feel happy when you help them. So be kind to them. It's hard for them to bend over and pick up things. God will bless you if you be kind to older people.

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Shook snake
off - felt no harm.

Questions:

- 1 What happened to Paul?
- 2 Were the people nice to Paul on the island?
- 3 What happened to Paul on the island?
- 4 Who did God heal when Paul prayed for him?
- 5 What did the people on the island do for Paul and the others when they left?

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Oct. 6

PAUL'S FIRST VISIT TO THESSALONICA

Acts 17:1-14

Paul had been beaten and put in prison at the last place he had been. After he got out, he went to Thessalonica and preached to the people there. He told them about Jesus, and proved by the Bible that Jesus was the Christ. Many of the people believed what Paul preached, and were saved.

Some of the Jews who did not believe in Christ were angry. They did not like for Paul to preach about Jesus. They stirred up the people and got a mob and went to the house of Jason where they thought Paul was. They could not find Paul, so they took Jason and others to the rulers of the city. They accused them of doing wrong. Jason and the others had to pay a fine.

Paul had to flee to another city. When he got there, he preached about Jesus to the people. These people were better than the others, and they believed God's Word and were saved.

Boys and girls, Paul kept preaching about Jesus because he wanted people to be saved and he knew that only Jesus could save.

Memory Verse: But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound. Rom. 5:20b.

Saul of Tarsus

In the days of long ago, there lived in the busy city of Tarsus a boy named Saul. When Saul was a very little boy he loved to hear his father and mother tell of their old home in the land of Canaan. In the evening when the day's work was done Saul would draw a low stool close to the feet of his father and mother and say, "Please tell me another story of Jerusalem and the Temple of God."

When Saul was about six years old he went with his father one day to the synagogue or church school. A number of boys were sitting on the floor or on stools at the feet of their teachers. They were learning the queer letters which spelled the words of the stories and rules which they had to learn. Saul wanted to learn more of God; so he listened very carefully to the words of his teachers. He learned to read quickly and was very proud when he could read from the Book of the Law and repeat from memory many verses from this book.

One day Saul said to his father, "I should like to be a teacher for God." This made his father and mother very happy, for they wanted their son to grow to be a good and helpful man and a worker for God. That night they talked of plans for sending him to school and college.

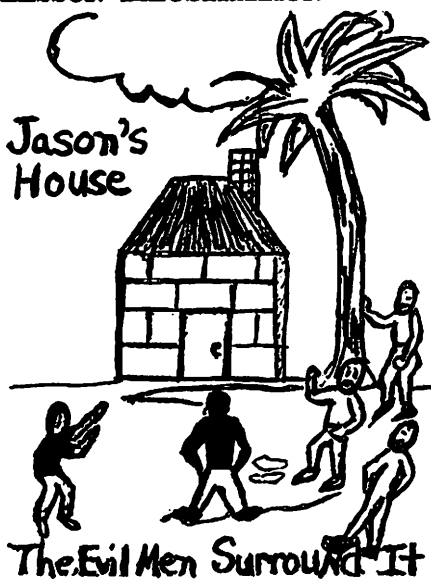
"He must go to the best school in Tarsus," said the father. "When he is ready we will send him to the college at Jerusalem to study with the great teachers there. They will teach him of God and the work he should do for God."

When Saul heard this plan he was delighted and began to study harder than ever. Soon he was ready to go to Jeru-

salem. There were many great teachers called Rabbis in the college of Jerusalem. They told him of God's laws and explained them to him. Saul tried to keep these laws. He kept them so well that his teachers could find no fault with him. Yet strange to say Saul was not happy. He kept wishing that there was something else that he could do to show his love for God.

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QUESTIONS:

- 1 What did Paul do when he came to Thessalonica?
- 2 What did he tell the people?
- 3 Did some people not want him to preach about Jesus?
- 5 Why did Paul keep preaching even when people hated him?

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Oct. 13

PAUL WRITES TO THE THESSALONIANS

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Remember, in our last lesson we learned how Paul visited the Thessalonians? Because he loved them and was interested in them, he wrote them a letter. Our lesson today is about a part of his letter.

You like to get letters, don't you? Letters can bring good news and tell us things we need to know. Paul wrote to tell the Thessalonians some things he wanted them to know. Here are some of the things he told them. 1. That he gave God thanks for them. 2. That he prayed for them. 3. That he remembered, without stopping, their faith, and love, and patience. The Thessalonians had all three of these things.

Do you know YOU need these things to please God today? Little children belong to God, and you can have faith in Him, and love other people, too. Patience is also needed. Are you patient when you have to wait for things? It will take patience to go to heaven.

Memory Verse: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Rom. 1:16a.

Saul of Tarsus

One day Saul returned to Jerusalem from a journey and he found the city in a tumult. The High Priest and the teachers told him that some strange men had come into the city who were saying that to please God one must love Jesus and try to be like him. This made the priests and teachers very angry, for they wanted the people to obey the laws which they had made.

When Saul saw how angry his teachers were he thought that these strange men must be very wicked, and that they must be stopped in their work. With great joy he said to himself, "Now, I have found what I can do to show my love for God. That is to make people obey the laws of the High Priest and Rabbis. I will go to the people who love Jesus and punish them until they promise to do only as the High Priest and Rabbis say."

Saul went into the houses where the people lived who loved Jesus. Some he put in prison and others he punished in other ways. But no matter what Saul did to these people, they would not give up Jesus or stop telling others about him.

One day Saul started to go on a journey to a great city called Damascus. He had heard that many Christians who loved Jesus lived there. He intended to find these Christians and take them back to Jerusalem that they might be put in prison and be punished for not obeying the Rabbis.

As Saul was traveling along the highway he came near the city about midday. Suddenly there shone about him a bright light. It was brighter than the sun. Saul fell on his face to the ground. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" Saul said, "Who art thou, Lord?"

"I am Jesus of Nazareth," answered the voice, for it was Jesus speaking to Saul.

"What shall I do, Lord?" asked Saul.

"Arise, enter into the city," answered Jesus, "and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

Saul rose to go into the city, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. The men who were with him took his hand and led him as if he were a little child.

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The Word AND
Faith in God
Sounded out from
Saints in
THESSALONICA

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Who wrote a letter to the Thessalonians?
- 2 Why did he write this letter?
- 3 Can you tell some of the things Paul told them?
- 4 What are the three things you need today, too?
- 5 Can you say the Memory Verse?

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Oct. 20

PAUL AND SILAS OBEY GOD

Acts 16:6-20

Paul and Silas wanted to preach the gospel everywhere, telling the people about Jesus, so they could be saved. But God's Spirit kept them from going to some places. God gave Paul a dream. Paul saw a man of Macedonia begging him to come to help them. God was showing Paul and Silas to go there, as the people in that country needed to be saved. Paul and Silas obeyed the Lord and went to a city called Philippi. They found the place where people went to pray on the sabbath. They told the women who were there about Jesus. Lydia, a lady who sold purple goods, and her family were saved and baptized.

A girl, who had an evil spirit and told fortunes for money, followed Paul and Silas, crying out, "These men have the Spirit of God and tell us how to be saved." She was telling the truth, but it was from the devil. Paul told the devil to come out of the girl, then she could not tell fortunes. This made her masters angry. They caught Paul and Silas and took them to jail.

Memory Verse: And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. Mark 1:17.

Saul of Tarsus

One day a friend of Jesus named Ananias came to the house where Saul was staying and said, "Brother Saul, Jesus, who spoke to you on the way, has sent me here that you may receive your sight and be made strong to become one of his disciples."

Ananias taught Saul about Jesus and soon Saul's sight was restored and he became a friend of Jesus.

Now it came to pass, that when Saul went into the synagogue, he did not trouble the Christians, but he began to preach about Jesus. The people who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this Saul who persecuted the Christians and all those who loved Jesus?"

Some of the people tried to kill Saul because he had become a Christian, but he was not afraid. He was happier working with Jesus than he had been before. He went first to one place and then to another telling the wonderful story of how he became a friend of Jesus. Many people learned to love Jesus because of what Saul said and did.

Later Saul's name was changed to Paul. —Sel.

At Work

A little play does not harm anyone, but does much good. After play, we should be glad to work.

I knew a boy who liked a good game very much. He could run, swim, jump, and play ball; and was always merry when out of school.

But he knew that time is not all for play; that our minutes, hours, and days are very precious. At the end of his play,

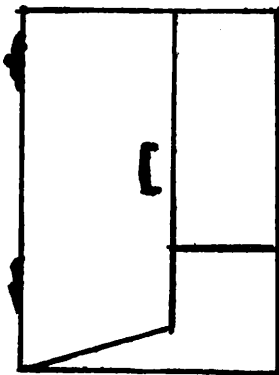
he would go home. After he had washed his face and hands, and brushed his hair, he would help his mother, or read in his book, or write upon his slate.

He used to say, "One thing at a time." When he had done with work, he would play; but he did not try to play and to work at the same time. —McGuffey's Reader

Learn the verses on faith in the Bible.

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Paul Preaches at Troas



A DOOR OF Opportunity

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Who wanted to preach the gospel everywhere?
- 2 Where did God send Paul and Silas?
- 3 How did God show them where he wanted them to go?
- 4 What kind of spirit tells fortunes?
- 5 What happened to Paul and Silas?

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Oct. 27

SHAMEFULLY MISTREATED AT PHILIPPI

Acts 16:21-34

Paul and Silas were caught by the mob. They were falsely accused of breaking the laws of the Romans. Their clothes were torn off and they were whipped until their backs had many marks. Then they were put into the darkest part of the prison and tied so they could not move.

Paul and Silas knew they had not done wrong. In spite of their bleeding backs and how uncomfortable they were in the prison, they prayed and sang praises to God at midnight. God was looking down, and He watches over His children day and night. He sees every little boy and girl. God caused a great earthquake. It shook the prison doors open and set the prisoners free. The jailor was so frightened that he asked Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved.

Boys and girls, you can be happy, too, when you obey God, even though you may have to suffer some for Jesus' sake.

Memory Verse: Fear them not therefore; for there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. Matt. 10:26.

Polly and Little Nolly

Polly was a cross child. She would cry if she didn't have what she wanted for breakfast. She would cry if Mother didn't button her clothes. She would cry when Mother told her to watch little brother, Nolly.

Do you think the boys and girls liked Polly? No, they called her a crosspatch.

One day when Polly was crying, Mother began to sing this little song.

Polly is sad and I am glad,
She's never bright and shiny.
She wants her way, all through the day;
That's why she's cross and whiny.

If Poll would smile a great big smile,
Be kind to little Nolly,
If she would be a thoughtful girl,
She'd be a happy Polly.

Polly stopped crying and listened. Little Nolly began to sing, "If Poll would smile a great big smile. . ."

Nolly looked so funny trying to sing the song, it made Polly smile—just a little smile. But, what do you know? That little, bitty smile made Polly feel better.

Mother gave her a little hug before she opened the door for the children to go outdoors. They started to run. When they came to the sidewalk, Nolly slipped and fell. Oh, he hurt his leg!

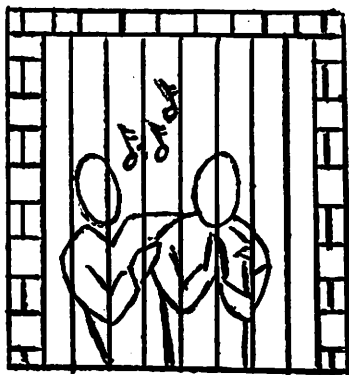
Polly went on a little way. Then she stopped because the words of the song came to her. "Be kind to little Nolly." She turned around and went to her little brother. She rubbed his leg and helped him to his feet.

Mother had seen her. She opened the door and began to sing.

Polly's glad and I am glad,
She's never cross and whiny.
She's a happy Poll and good to Noll;
That's why she's bright and shiny.

Polly began to smile. The smile was big and soon she laughed. It made her feel happy all over. All the rest of the day she did nice things for Nolly. Do you think she became a happy girl?

Learn the promises of God in the Bible.
It might be taken away from you.



Paul and Silas
Suffered in Jail but
Sang and prayed

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Tell what happened to Paul and Silas when they were caught by the mob.
- 2 Had Paul and Silas done anything wrong?
- 3 What happened at midnight?
- 4 What did the earthquake do?
- 5 Who sees us, day and night?

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Nov. 3

PAUL WRITES ABOUT PHILIPPI

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

Paul was writing a letter to Philippi. He said that he and Silas had been mistreated there because they had taught the people about Jesus. Yet they continued to speak boldly about Jesus. They said that God had called them to preach not just what man wanted to hear, but what God wanted them to preach. Paul and Silas wanted the multitudes to know that Jesus loved them. Their hearts were full of love, and they wanted everyone to be ready to go to heaven when he died. We can ask Jesus to fill us with love and courage, so we can tell others about Him, too.

Paul and Silas were careful to be good examples before the ones to whom they preached. If we say we love Jesus, we must make sure we show it in the things we say and the way we act. We must live holy and pure. We must believe the Bible and know that it is the Word of God.

Memory Verse: And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things. Romans 10:15.

The Square Boy

We sometimes say that when people are fair and honest they are square. Did you ever hear anyone say that?

One day the boy found a nickel on the schoolground. He thought it would be nice to buy candy with it, but he took it to his teacher to let her find out who had lost the nickel.

The children in the schoolroom took turns passing papers, and the square little boy liked to pass them. One day the teacher started to give him the papers to pass when it was not his turn. He said, "It is Harold's turn."

One day he was playing with some of the children in his neighborhood. They were playing a game in which they needed exactly four players on each side. Carl came along and wanted to play. Some of the children said, "You can't play, because we have the right number on each side." But the square little boy said, "He may play in my place for a while and I will watch."

One day a boy who lived in a poor home was pulling a wagon full of kindling along the street to his house. To tease him, some of the boys upset the wagon and scattered the wood. The square boy came along just then and helped him pick it up.

Mother had given him a whole bureau drawer in which to keep his toys. When his baby brother began to get big enough to have toys of his own, there was no drawer empty for him. The square boy said, "I will let Little Brother use half of my drawer for his toys."

Father was sick for a while and there were bills to pay. Mother was planning how she could save money. The square

little boy said, "You don't need to give me as much spending money each week as I have been getting, Mother."

Was our boy really a square little boy?

Love caused God to send Jesus to the world.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Paul Writes to Thessalonians



QUESTIONS:

- 1 Who was preaching about Jesus at Philippi?
- 2 How did the people at Philippi treat Paul?
- 3 Did Paul quit preaching because of the way he was treated?
- 4 How did Paul and Silas live before the people?
- 5 Who chose Paul and Silas to preach the Word of God?

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PAUL PREACHES AT ATHENS

Acts 17:16-30

Paul was in Athens. He was troubled in his soul because the people of that city worshipped idols instead of the real, true God. Some people, who sat around just to talk, wanted Paul to tell them about the real God in heaven that gives life, breath, and good things to everyone. He told them that God makes us able to live and move on this earth. Paul also told them that Jesus had died and was buried, but rose again so we could be saved. They then thought that Paul was teaching strange things. But some of them were really interested in hearing the story of Jesus.

God made us like Himself in some respects. He placed within our body a soul. That soul or spirit will never die. The body will grow old and die, but the soul will never die.

Paul told the people that if they would seek God, He would not be hard to find. God is everywhere and He is near everyone of us all the time. If we seek for Him diligently today, He will come and live in our hearts and make us ready for heaven.

Memory Verse: He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained. Acts 17:13b.

John Listens

All winter he had wished for a sled. On snowy days he and Al would go to the hill at the end of their block and Al would slide down the hill while Johnny watched him.

Wheeh! Down went Al.

Johnny wished he could sail down the hill, but Al would never let him have a turn.

How happy Johnny was when he received a bright new red sled for his birthday! "Now I can sail down the hill," he said.

As soon as he had finished his breakfast that happy morning, he went to the hill with Al.

Wheeh! Down went Johnny.

Wheeh! Down went Al.

Wheeh! Down went Johnny. Oh, my, he had a good time!

He and Al had been sliding just a little while when Jack and his sister, Jill, climbed the hill. They had no sled. They stood and watched Johnny and Al.

Wheeh! Down went Al.

Wheeh! Down went Johnny. Up! Up! Up! He climbed the hill.

"You have a pretty sled," said Jill.

Johnny smiled and started to get ready to slide down the hill. Then he remembered when he didn't have a sled. He remembered how he had wished Al would let him have a turn at sliding down the hill.

He put his sled on the ground. Sliding was so much fun. He didn't want to let anyone take a turn. But "something" inside him seemed to say, "Let Jack and Jill have a turn."

He didn't want to give up his sled. He pushed his foot to start. Again that

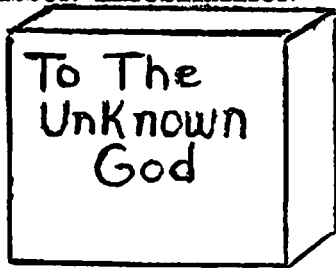
"something" inside him seemed to say, "Let Jack and Jill have a turn."

He jumped up and stood still. He felt so ashamed of himself. "Do you want to have a turn?" he asked. How good he felt inside him after he had said that! He felt so good he began to laugh. "Let's take turns," he said. "Let's go down together, too, all three of us."

What fun they had sliding down the hill together. Wheeh! Down went Johnny, Jack, and Jill.

Who helped Johnny to do the right thing? Yes, God helped him. If we pray to him, God will show us what to do. God is sad when boys and girls do not listen to or act upon his way of telling them what to do.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



He is Known to
Christians

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Where was Paul in this story?
- 2 Why was he troubled?
- 3 Who did he preach to?
- 4 Who is the giver of life, breath, and strength?
- 5 Is God hard to find if we seek for Him?

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TIMOTHEUS BROUGHT GOOD NEWS

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Have you been away from dear ones you love? Perhaps you wrote a letter to tell your loved ones that you wanted to hear from them.

The Apostle Paul felt like this. He wanted to know how the Church was getting along at Thessalonica. He could not go to see them, so he sent Timothy to see them. He told Timothy some things to tell the church. Paul wanted the saints to be strong and of good courage. They would have to suffer for Jesus. Paul wanted them to stay saved and witness for Jesus where they lived.

How glad Paul was when Timothy brought good news! He was so full of joy that he wrote them a letter. That letter is good for us today. It encourages us to be true and faithful. Then when we die, we can go to heaven to live with Jesus forever.

Timothy told Paul how the Thessalonian saints loved God. Timothy told Paul about the faith the saints had. We must have love and faith if we want to please God like the saints there.

Memory Verse: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he will also deny us. 2 Timothy 2:12.

The Thanksgiving of Deliverance

Deliverance sat on the settee in the chimney corner with her cat in her lap. The wind wailed around the little log house and the snow lay in little drifts beneath the cracks in the mud-chinked walls.

It was the last week in November, and, if it had been in these times, it would have been the day before Thanksgiving. But Deliverance lived more than 200 years ago when there was no president to proclaim a yearly Thanksgiving Day. Yet she felt that she was one of the most thankful little girls in the world as she sat there in the firelight. Can you guess why? It was because she could hold a cat in her lap. In those days very few families were so fortunate as to own cats. They had to be brought in ships clear across the great ocean. Deliverance had had hers only two days.

"What will you name her?" her big brother had asked.

"I don't know," answered Deliverance. "I can't think of any name good enough for her."

"Come, Deliverance, it is time for bed," said Dame Thompson, holding out a candle to her little daughter.

Deliverance went at once, as an obedient little girl should. But she did something that she thought was very naughty. She hid the kitty under her gown and carried it up to bed with her.

"Mother never noticed," she thought as she snuggled up beside the warm furry body that was so comfortable to cuddle in the cold bed in the cold loft. But she did not sleep well. Her conscience troubled her.

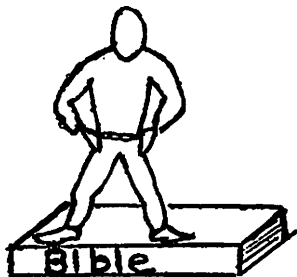
"It was very wrong for you to deceive your mother so and carry the cat up with you," said the accusing conscience over and over. At last Deliverance could bar it no longer. "I'll take the kitty downstairs," she said to herself, and up she got in the cold and dark.

(To be continued)

You will have to stand before God in the judgement day.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

I shall not be moved



Those who STAND on the Word ARE not - Moved by Evil or Suffering

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Who did Paul send to Thessalonica?
- 2 Why did he send him?
- 3 What did Paul want the saints to do?
- 4 Did Timothy bring good news?
- 5 Can you tell some of the good news?

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PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Psalms 148:1-14

Boys and girls, it is Thanksgiving time again. To whom are we to be thankful at all times? Yes, God is worthy to be praised all the time. Do you know why?

One Scripture tells us that God is the Giver of every good and perfect gift. A gift can be something more valuable than money can buy. A gift is something that is given to us freely. Often gifts are things no one can buy. Do you ever think about the good things God has given us?

God made the sun, moon and stars. From them we have light, heat, seasons and times. The heavens declare the glory of God. He makes the wind to blow. Some winds bring the rain to make things grow for us. God gives us the air we breathe.

If someone gives you a gift and you like it, don't you say, "Thank you?" Then, don't you believe we should thank God for His gifts to us? Boys and girls, let us be thankful to God and praise Him as the Psalm in our lesson tells us to do.

Memory Verse: Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Psalms 150:6.

The Thanksgiving of Deliverance

Oh, how very cold it was, and how ghostlike everything seemed in the unlighted loft! There were no windows there. Glass was hard to get and there was no need of an opening for fresh air when the wind whistled through everywhere. But now the wind had died away and the clouds rolled over. It was dreadfully still and awesome. Deliverance stood hesitating beside the trap door that led to the living room below. She thought she could not go down those dark stairs. But then, through a crack just level with her head, she caught a glimpse of something in the bright moonlight that made her forget all her former fears in a new and more dreadful one.

It was the figure of an Indian with gun in hand, stealthily creeping up to the house. Beyond, in the thicket, she thought she could see others. She knew what that meant. That was the way the Indians carried on their wars. They came in the night and burned the settlers' cabins and massacred the people, taken by surprise, unprepared. But they did not take this cabin by surprise. Deliverance ran down the narrow stairs screaming and roused the house. Lights flashed, guns were taken down and everything was speedily made ready for defense against attack.

But the attack never came. The Indians did not want an open fight. They meant to swoop down upon the little settlement unprepared. Now that they were discovered they stole back into the woods and the attack was never made. The village had been saved by Deliverance's alarm. The pastor appointed a special Thanksgiving Day to give thanks to God

for their preservation.

"It was the cat that saved us," said Deliverance, hugging her kitty with thankful heart.

"Was it really the cat, or was it the little girl who made up her mind to do right even if it was dark and cold?" said her mother, smiling lovingly.

"I think it was God's mercy," answered Deliverance, for she was a well-taught Puritan child. "But I know what I am going to name my kitty now. I shall call her 'Thanksgiving.'" And by that name this good Puritan cat was called as long as she lived.—Bertha E. Bush

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



QUESTIONS:

- 1 Who does the Bible tell us to praise?
- 2 Are the angels to praise God?
- 3 Tell some of the good gifts God has given to us.
- 4 Could we live without God's good gifts?
- 5 Do you thank God for the things He does for you?

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THE LORD'S COMING

2 Thess. 1:7-11; 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Jesus is going to come back some day! Paul wanted to tell the church about the Lord's coming. Very exciting and fearful things are going to happen at His coming. If we are living for God and obeying Him, that time will be exciting. If we are disobeying God, and do not love Him, it will be a very fearful time.

Paul comforted the saints who were being persecuted because they were Christians. He told them that they would rest when Jesus comes. Then he says that those who do not know or obey God shall be punished with flaming fire and everlasting destruction. Everlasting means that it will never end. They would be where there is no part of God. In this world we have God all around us. He is seen in all His beautiful creation. There will be none of God's creation in hell—no light, no water, no love nor beauty. Wouldn't it be awful to be in a place like that?

Paul said that when the last trump sounds, those who love God will be caught up in the air to meet the Lord.

Memory Verse: Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 1 Thess. 5:6.

Getting Ready to Work For God

While you are still boys and girls, there are three ways in which you can get ready to work for God. One way is by building your bodies to be just as strong and healthy as you can make them. Another way is by learning the many things you need to know, at home and at school. A very important way is to learn to be good and to love God. Can you remember those three ways of getting ready to work for God?

I will tell you about some boys and girls who were growing up. Some of them were getting ready to work for God in every way. Some were only getting ready in one or two ways. Each time I tell you about a child, I will let one of you write a number. If you think the child I told you about is getting ready to work for God in all three ways, put a number 3. If you think he was getting ready in only two ways, put a number 2. If you think he was getting ready in only one way, put a number 1.

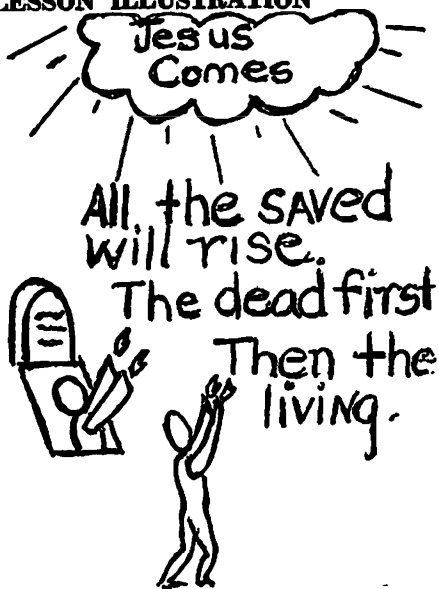
Anna was a very happy girl. She ran and played outdoors every day. Her cheeks were rosy and her eyes were bright. She stayed in the house after supper, though, to learn her lessons and some sewing work that her mother was teaching her. Before bedtime she and her parents read from the Bible and prayed together.

Louise was clean and neat, and was careful never to do anything that would make her sick. She didn't like to study and would always get out of it somehow. She had found a way to make passing grades by copying spelling words and an-

swers to numbers from the children who sat near her in school.

Frank spent every summer on his grandfather's farm, getting a fine sun tan and some muscles in his arms that made him feel proud. In the winter he kept busy with his schoolwork and violin lessons. He regularly attended Sunday School.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



QUESTIONS:

- 1 Who is coming back some day?
- 2 Will that be an exciting time for the saints?
- 3 Who will it be a fearful time for?
- 4 What will sound when Jesus comes?
- 5 Who will be punished when Jesus comes?

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LIVING FOR GOD

1 Thessalonians 5:14-28

God's Word gives us many rules to live by. Paul wrote some of these rules to the church at Thessalonica. God wants us to obey them today. They will help us to live for the Lord.

Listen, while your teacher reads verse 14. Can you tell your teacher whom we are to warn, to comfort, to support, and to be patient with? How can you help a crippled child?

If we live by verse 15, we will help make this world a better place in which to live. Next time someone hurts you, do not try to hurt them. Jesus wants you to do good to everyone. Ask Jesus to help you to return good for evil.

Are you always glad and happy? We can always rejoice for the salvation Jesus has given us. We are told to pray without stopping. That means we must pray daily, or make a habit to pray. If we do not pray always, the devil will overtake us.

Oh, how we need to learn to be thankful! God is so good to all of us. Are you thankful to God for the gifts He gives you?

Memory Verse: Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1 Thess. 5:21.

The Twins

Write the word "Happy" or "Unhappy" after each thing that happened in Paul and Peggy's home if you think it made the family happy or unhappy.

Paul and Peggy were building block houses one night. Peggy accidentally bumped some of Paul's blocks, and they fell off the top of his house. He said crossly, "You did that on purpose!" and he kicked over Peggy's house.

While Paul and Peggy were at school one day, snow fell and covered the walk leading to their house. They reach home before their mother, who had gone to see a sick aunt. The children took a shovel from the barn and scraped the snow from the walk so that it would be clean when their mother came home.

Father had to repair the steps to the back porch, which were broken. Paul brought him his tools and handed him the nails when he needed them. —

Mother had a headache and was lying down. One of Peggy's friends came to see her. Peggy said, "We must play a quiet game so that we will not disturb Mother.

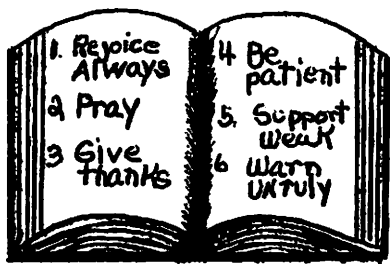
Mother and Father had guests one night after Paul and Peggy had gone to bed. The children started throwing pillows and jumping up and down on their beds, playing. They made so much noise that the guests downstairs could not hear one another talk.

Father did not make as much money as the fathers of some of Paul's and Peggy's friends. They did not always have as much spending money as the other children. But they were never cross about it. They knew that Father gave them as much as he could afford. — — —

Do as your parents tell you so they can trust you.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

God's Word



Love causes
us to obey

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Who gives us good rules to live by?
- 2 Who wrote some of these rules?
- 3 Do we always have things to be thankful for?
- 4 Do Christians always have something to rejoice for?
- 5 What are we to hold fast to?

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LOVE THE TRUTH

2 Thess. 2:1-7, 10-17

Do you know what a warning is? Do you obey warnings? Sometimes you may not and think you can get by without obeying them. There are warning signs on the roads. They are put there so people can be safe—IF THEY OBEY the signs! Some do not obey and have wrecks and are killed. It pays to obey the warnings.

Paul wanted to warn the church. He told them to love the truth. He told them God would cause all those who did not believe the truth to be lost forever. It is so important to be honest with God. Boys and girls, you should begin to love the truth now. Always tell the truth. Be honest in your heart. God sees and knows all about you. You cannot hide the truth from Him! If you have done wrong, and told a lie about it, the best thing is to tell God all about it, and ask Him to forgive you. Ask Him to help you to always tell the truth. Remember, too, that God's Word is the truth. Always believe it, obey it, and you will not sin.

Memory Verse: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth will make you free. St. John 8:32.

Make Right Choices

Sometimes we have to make up our minds what to do, and there are several things we might do. It is often hard to choose, but if we think very hard we can make the right choices. I will tell you some short stories about children who have to choose what to do. In each story I will tell you three things the child might do. You may choose the one you think is right.

Carrying a dime that he has saved to put into the collection plate, John is on his way to Sunday school. He sees Fred, who had quarreled with him the day before. What shall John do?

Hurry on to Sunday school?

Say something ugly to Fred?

Stop and tell Fred he wants to be friends again, and then hurry to Sunday school?

Mary lives in a neighborhood where there are five other girls, three of them very nice children and the other two not quite so easy to get along with. Mary's mother says she may ask as many of these children as she wants to come to her house on her birthday. What shall Mary do?

Invite the three very nice girls?

Invite those who are not so nice?

Invite all the children and try to make all of them have a good time?

While Mother is at the grocery, Doris accidentally breaks a glass. When Mother comes home she asks, "How did the glass get broken?" What shall Doris say?

"The dog ran against the table and knocked it off?"

"I'm sorry, but I broke it accidentally?"

"I don't know?"

Jim and Frank have had a quarrel. Don thinks that it was Jim's fault. Both the boys want Don to be on their side and stop playing with the other boy. What shall Don do?

Take Jim's part and stop playing with Frank?

Try to get the boys to make up and be friends again?

Take Frank's part and stop playing with Jim?

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Love Truth



Speakeeth the
truth in his heart.
Psalms 15:2

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Why are warning signs put on the roads?
- 2 What can happen if we do not obey warning signs?
- 3 What did Paul tell the church?
- 4 Is it important to love the truth?
- 5 Is God's Word the truth?

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A SAVIOUR IS BORN

Matt. 2:1-14

You have heard the story of the birth of the Saviour many times. Do you know why God sent a Saviour to this world? Our memory verse tells us why. He wanted us to have peace in our hearts and peace on earth. God had good-will toward all men. That means that God only wanted good for everyone. When you have good-will toward someone, you want to help that one. You want that one to be happy and have good things. God gave His Son Jesus to us so we could be saved and have peace in our hearts.

You like gifts, don't you? The greatest gift ever given was the gift of God's own Son. God sent Jesus to be born as a little babe in Bethlehem. Jesus grew up, preached, and told men how to live right. Then He died on the cross to save us from our sins. There was no other way for men to be saved. God gave us this gift because He loved the whole world of mankind.

The wicked King Herod would have killed the baby Jesus, but the king could not spoil God's wonderful plan to save men.

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

Obey Your Parents

One of God's rules tells children to obey their parents. I have a story for you about a boy who forgot to obey this rule. This is a help-me-tell-it story. I can't tell it all by myself. Some of you will have to help me.

John walked along the road one day, crunch, crunch through the bright snow. He felt very proud and very big because his mother was letting him carry a cake in a basket to his grandmother who lived about a mile down the road. On the way he had to pass the woods, which sparkled with snow. John could hear all the wood sounds. The wind said, "Oo-oooh." The owl in the tree said, "Who! Who!" The trees said, "Rustle, rustle," and the creek said, "Splash! Splash!"

John reached his grandmother's house. He gave her the cake in the basket. She said, "What a fine cake!" Then she kissed John's cheek and said, "You are a fine, big boy. Be sure to go straight home, for your mother might worry about you if you are late."

John answered, "I will."

He started back home. He looked into the woods, which were shining white like fairyland. The wind said The owl in the tree said The trees said and the creek said.....

John thought it would be fun to walk a little way into the woods. His mother had always said, "Don't go into the woods alone, John. You might get lost." But John thought, "It won't hurt to go just this one time. I won't go far."

He started along a little path that led into the woods. It was a twisty road that went in and out among the trees. John's feet made big tracks in the snow.

It was fun walking in the big woods that were like fairyland. The wind said..... The owl in the tree said The trees said and the creek said.....

Pretty soon it was time to go back. It was getting late. The snow did not sparkle any longer, because the sun was not shining on it. John thought, "I will follow my foot tracks and go back." He started back, but before long he saw foot-tracks going four or five ways. Other people had been in the woods, too. He did not know which tracks to follow. He walked and walked, but he did not come out of the woods. The wind said The owl said The trees said and the creek said But this time the sounds seemed lonesome. John was getting so hungry that his stomach felt as empty as the hole in a doughnut.

He walked and walked. He followed all the foot tracks. Finally he followed the right ones and came out of the woods. How happy he was! He said, "Next time I'll do what Mother says." The wind said..... The owl in the tree said The trees said and the creek said..... But John did not look back. He hurried straight home.

Be careful to return the change from money spent for others.

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Why did God send the Saviour to the world?
- 2 What does good will mean?
- 3 What was the greatest gift ever given to man?
- 4 Could we have been saved if Jesus hadn't died on the cross?
- 5 Why couldn't the wicked king kill baby Jesus?

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YIELD NOT TO SIN

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted. He was in the wilderness forty days without eating. Afterward, Jesus was very hungry. There was nothing there to eat. The devil came and said, "Why don't you turn these stones into bread? You are the Son of God; you can do anything."

Jesus knew there is something more important than bread to keep us alive. Do you know what it is? It is the Word of God (the Bible). If we live (obey it) by the Bible, we can have eternal life.

Next, the devil promised Jesus all the pleasures of the world if Jesus would fall down and worship the devil. Jesus said, "Thou shalt worship God only and serve Him alone."

Lastly, the devil told Jesus to jump off the highest part of the temple. Jesus said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God."

When you are tempted, you can pray and ask Jesus to help you not to sin. Jesus did not yield to sin, and He will help you.

Memory Verse: For we have an high priest which . . . was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. 4:15.

A Poem To Study

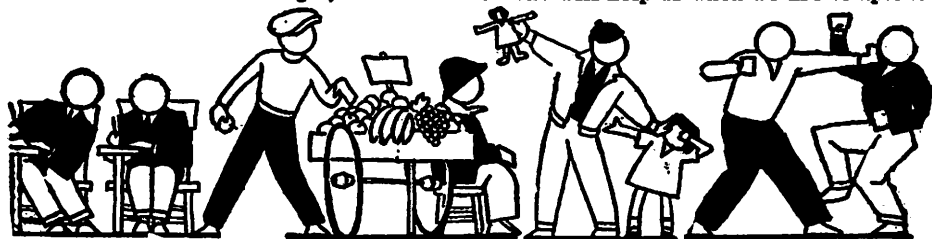
I have a poem that will tell you some more things about Jesus' land.

When Jesus was a boy, the sky
Was blue, like ours today,
But Jesus' world was different
In many another way;
His home was small and very plain,
The windows had no glass,
But crisscross latticework through which
He watched the people pass;
The oven where his mother baked
The family's daily bread,
Was not inside the house at all,
But in the yard instead;
The stairway also was outside,
And up and up it went
Until it reached the roof on which
The family often spent
An evening underneath the stars
Telling stories there,
Or singing songs in praise of God,
Or thanking him in prayer;
Sometimes, perhaps, they took their beds
Up to the roof, and lay
In gentle sleep, until the sky
Grew pink with break of day,
These beds were flat and very soft,
They could be rolled up tight,
And placed upon a shelf each day
Till bedtime came at night;

Upon another shelf there stood
A little lamp whose light
Was lit when evening shadows fell,
And made the room more bright;
When mealtime came, the table held
Some cheese, perhaps, or fish,
Some brown and crusty loaves of bread,
And fruit upon a dish;
They drew their water from a well
Within the village wall,
And often met their neighbors there
For it was shared by all;
Sometimes when Jesus played outdoors,
He saw, beyond the town,
The shepherds with their grazing flocks,
Go up the hills and down;
To watch the fields of blowing grain
Toss high above the grass,
Or heard the beat of donkeys' feet,
And saw the riders pass.
The sun shone down on Nazareth,
Just as it shines today,
And found a boy named Jesus Christ,
Busy at work or play.

QUESTIONS:

- 1 Who was tempted in the wilderness?
- 2 What did the devil tell Jesus to turn into bread?
- 3 What are we to live by?
- 4 Who are we to worship?
- 5 Who will help us when we are tempted?



Sin has many disguises, and temptation—the voice of sin—talks of fun, the spice of danger, thrill;

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