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STEPHEN, THE DEACON

Acts 6:3-15

Stephen was one of the seven men called deacons who was chosen to help the widows and needy ones in the church. The Bible tells us Stephen was full of faith and power. He did great wonders and miracles among the people. Stephen prayed the prayer of faith for people and they were healed. Because Stephen believed in God's Word and preached about Jesus, some of the people hated him. They did not like to hear about Jesus. They did not want their old laws changed. They paid some men to tell some lies on Stephen. When they brought Stephen to the council, and accused him, what do you think happened? As everyone looked at Stephen, his face shone as an angel's. Do you know why? It was because Stephen knew he was being lied upon as they had lied on Jesus. Stephen was willing to die for Jesus. Stephen told the Jews that they were the betrayers and murderers of Jesus; that they had received the law from the angels and had not kept it.

Memory Verse: And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Acts 6:8.

Full of Faith

"What was your Sunday school lesson about today?" Mother asked Lee, as they were driving home from meeting.

"Stephen was full of faith and power!" Lee quickly said.

"That is right and I am glad that you remembered that about Stephen. It is very, very needful today that we have faith in God. I hope you will always have faith in God so I can say, 'Lee is full of faith and power.'"

"What is faith?" asked Lee.

"Faith means to believe that when you ask God to do something that you will just know that He will do it. Last night you came in and asked me to give you a glass of water and you stood there waiting because you knew I would do it. And I did give it to you, didn't I? You had faith to know that mother would give you that glass of water. We must have the same faith in Jesus to know that He will do for us what we ask Him to do, if we always ask according to His will."

"Let me tell you what I read about a woman named, Elsie Carter. She told about how God healed her. Her whole left side was numb and did not have any feeling in it. She trembled or shook all the time. She had to use a cane to walk. When she went across the street, some one would have to help her. She could not even get up the stairs unless someone helped her. Many times she would fall and was almost helpless. But she believed in God. She believed that if she did what God told her to do that God would heal her. She read in the Bible that when you are sick you are to ask the preachers to pray for you. So she did that. She asked Bro. J. W. Byers to pray for her healing. And God healed her. The second day after she was prayed for,

she walked five blocks to meeting and went up the steps of the meeting-house three times. She did not have to have anyone to help her and she never thought of her cane. She didn't stumble anymore and she was able to do her own work. Two weeks after she was healed she walked a mile to meeting. She didn't take any medicine but she just looked to God and praised him continually for healing her." (From the "Grace of Healing" by J.W. Byers)

When mother got through telling him about Sis. Carter's healing, Lee said, "she was like Stephen, wasn't she? She was full of faith and power."

— Sis. Marie Miles

It takes someone with a lot of courage to say, "No" to those who want him to do wrong. God will give you that courage.



STEPHEN'S FACE SHOWN

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Stephen?
2. Did Stephen have faith?
3. Did someone tell lies on Stephen?
4. How did Stephen look when they told lies on him?

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STEPHEN'S SERMON BEGINS

Acts 7:1-10

Do you know what a promise is? Has anyone ever broken a promise to you? Do you know God *always* keeps His promises?

Stephen was given a chance to defend himself against those who told lies on him. He began to tell about Abraham to those gathered against him. God called Abraham to leave the country where he lived, and told him to go to the country God would show him. God promised Abraham a son. God told Abraham that his people would dwell in Egypt for over 400 years. They would be treated as slaves. After that, God would send someone to lead them to the land of Canaan. Then Stephen told the council how Joseph's brothers sold Joseph into Egypt as a slave and how God was with Joseph and gave him favor and wisdom. Joseph became governor over all Egypt.

One thing we can count on is that God's Word will *always* be fulfilled. Our memory verse tells God's promise to Abraham. That promise was to be a blessing to all the people of this earth.

Memory Verse: And in thy seed shall all nations of the earth be blessed: because thou hast obeyed my voice. Gen. 22:18.

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph

"Come children, it is story time," Mother called from the back door. The children came running. They did love to hear mother tell them Bible stories. As they gathered around their mother she looked at them with a heart full of love.

"Abraham and Sarah did not have a son, yet God had told them that they would have a son in their old age. Abraham had faith. One day, both of them looked into the face of their little boy, whom they named Isaac. Oh, how they loved him and now they knew that God would do as He had promised. Abraham's family would one day be a great nation. And through his family, Jesus Christ would be born, hundreds of years later.

"Isaac grew up and married Rebecca. They had twin boys. They named their twin boys Esau and Jacob. Esau did not seem to love God like his father, Isaac, and his grandfather, Abraham, but Jacob loved God. Esau married a woman that did not love God but worshipped idols. So Jacob went back to his mother's home to get a wife that loved God. Jacob told his parents good-bye and set off to a far country. On the way he stopped to sleep. He did not have a pillow for his head but he laid his head on a stone. That night he dreamed a dream. He dreamed that there was a ladder reaching way up into heaven. And the angels were walking up and down that ladder. God was at the top and told Jacob that 'the land where you are lying, I will give it to you and your family. I will bless you and be where ever you go.' When Jacob awoke he said, 'The Lord is in this place.'

"God did bless Jacob and gave him favor with Leah and Rachel's father. He

worked fourteen years for their father and then he left and started back to his home. Soon afterwards Isaac, his father died at the age of 180 years. God blessed Jacob and gave him twelve sons and one daughter. His two youngest sons were named Joseph and Benjamin. The older brothers were jealous of Joseph because his father loved him and made him a coat of many colors. So one day when Joseph went out to the field to see about them, they decided they would get rid of him. Oh, how sad for boys and girls to let seeds of evil get into their hearts. It soon grows into big weeds of wickedness. They grabbed Joseph and put him in a pit. After a while some men came along on camels on their way to Egypt. They sold Joseph for twenty pieces of silver. Poor Joseph was soon far, far away from his father and home and was a slave in the house of Potiphar. He still loved God and God was with him.

—Sis. Marie Miles



THEY SOLD JOSEPH

1. Who gave a promise to Abraham?
2. What was this promise?
3. Does God keep His promises?

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STEPHEN PREACHES ABOUT JOSEPH

Acts 7:11-14; Gen. 43:15, 16, 26, 30, 34; Gen. 45:2, 3, 9, 11

Stephen, falsely accused, preached to those who hated him. He told them of Joseph who was sold by his brothers to be a slave in Egypt. But God was with Joseph and gave him wisdom and favor in the sight of the king. Joseph knew how to prepare for the great famine that was coming.

Joseph's father and brothers did not have food to eat. So the brothers came to Egypt to buy food. Joseph recognized his brothers, but he did not let them know who he was. He wanted to see if his brothers were still wicked men. He proved them to see if they were honest. Then he proved them to see if they were jealous of their younger brother as they had been jealous of him. When he saw that they had truly changed, and were sorry for what they had done, he told them who he was. Joseph was so willing to forgive his brothers because he knew God had sent him to Egypt to save lives. God works in strange ways. We must obey Him always and have a forgiving heart.

Memory Verse: For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **Matt. 6:14.**

Joseph Becomes King

"Tell us another story from the Bible," Mary begged.

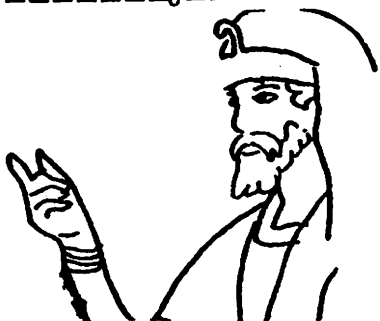
"Is everyone ready to listen?" asked Mother. Joseph was sold in Egypt to a man, that soon found out that he was a good boy. He worked hard and God caused Potiphar to like Joseph and trust him. He gave him charge over his house and over all of his property. Joseph worked hard for Potiphar for ten years—then something sad happened. Potiphar's wife told lies on Joseph and caused him to be put in prison. Even though Joseph didn't like to be in prison he still loved God and loved the people around him. He wanted to help them. One day he talked to two men who were put in prison by the king. He told one of them that God had made him know that he would soon be back working for the king. Joseph asked the butler not to forget him as he had been taken from his father in Canaan and he had not done anything for which to be put in prison. Days and months dragged by and Joseph may have wondered if God would answer his prayers and free him to return to his home in Canaan. The butler had forgotten all about him. But God did not forget Joseph. Boys and girls, we should never forget kindness done to us by others.

"One day, Joseph was made very happy. The jailer told him that royal messengers had come to take him before the King. Oh, he did hope this would be the day he would be released. Soon, he was standing before the king and the king was telling him he had dreamed a dream and heard he could tell what dreams meant. After hearing his dream, Joseph told the king that there would be seven years when the fields would grow lots and lots

of grain but then, after that, there would be a time when the fields would not grow grain for seven years. Joseph told the king to find a man who would save the extra grain, during the years of plenty, store it in barns so they would not starve during the long years of famine, when there would not be grain. The king was pleased and said, 'Can we find a man with the spirit of God in him like this one?' Then turning to Joseph the king said, 'I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt.'

"The years of plenty went by and soon there came a time when it was a famine. His father and brothers in Canaan ran out of food and they came to Egypt to get more. The second time his brothers came Joseph was very happy to make himself known to them. He told them to bring his father to Egypt so he could take care of all of them during the rest of their days. His brothers were sorry that they had treated him wrong but Joseph had already forgiven them."

—Sis. Marie Miles



I AM YOUR BROTHER
JOSEPH

QUESTIONS:

1. Who did Stephen preach about?
2. Who sold Joseph as a slave?
3. Did Joseph forgive his brothers?

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STEPHEN TELLS ABOUT MOSES

Acts 7:15-29

As Stephen made his defense, he reminded the council of the history of the children of Israel. Jacob had come into Egypt and his people continued to live there for over 400 years. They grew to be a great people. The Egyptian king was afraid that they would take over his nation, so he made a law to kill all the boy-babies when they were born. A little boy was born at this time for whom God had a plan. His mother hid him for three months, and then when she could no longer keep him hidden, she made a basket and placed her baby in the basket among the bulrushes beside the river. There the princess of Egypt found him and took him for her own baby. You all know the story about the baby Moses.

Moses was taught all the wisdom of Egypt, and was trained to be a king. But God was preparing Moses for a greater work. Moses wanted to help his people, but they did not understand God's plan, and Moses had to flee from Egypt.

Memory Verse: Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. . . . Heb. 11:26a.

God Spared Moses

"Isn't it time for mother to tell us another Bible story?" asked Lillie.

"Yes, it is story time," Mother said. Joseph's father died and his sons buried him. Time passed and there were children born to their children. Soon there were hundreds and even thousands of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's family living in Egypt. Remember, that God had told Abraham that his family would go down into Egypt and live and become a great nation? Well, it had come to pass. Joseph and his brothers had died and another king (generally believed to be Rameses 2) was on the throne. He became afraid of the big family of Israelites living within the borders of his country. He said that they must do something about them. They decided to make slaves out of them and force them to work real hard to kill them off. They made them build cities, temples and big tombs. They had to make bricks by carrying water from the river and stirring in clay and straw. Then they put them in square molds and dried them in the sun. When they complained about the work being too hard, the Egyptian men would use a whip, forcing them to work harder and harder. They cried to God to deliver them from their hard task masters. The Israelites grew stronger under this hard work instead of it killing them, so the king decided to have all baby boys killed when they were born. Oh, how cruel this was, but God helped one mother to save her son. Moses was born and put in a basket down at the river side, among the bulrushes. His sister, Miriam, stood by to watch the little basket. One day he cried while the king's daughter was close by the river side. She had the basket brought to her. She fell in love with the little

Israelite baby. Miriam, who was close by, asked, 'Shall I go and bring a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, to nurse the child for you?' Soon the princess placed the baby in Moses' mother's hands and told her to nurse it for her and she would pay her wages. Oh, how carefully Moses' mother taught him all about God and how He had promised that he would give the Israelites the Canaan land at the end of 400 years, and that the time was nearing. She taught him to love God. When Moses was twelve years old he went to live with the princess in the palace. There he was taught in the best schools in Egypt. When he grew older he became a general in the army of Egypt. He had riches and all the honor given to a prince in the Egyptian court. But Moses could not forget his people and how cruelly they were treated. He tried to help them, and in doing so, he killed an Egyptian. He knew he must flee from Egypt. Boys and girls, we will talk more about Moses later."

—Sis. Marie Miles



QUESTIONS:

1. Who did Stephen tell about?
2. Where did the princess find Moses?
3. Did God have a work for Moses?

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MOSES LEADS THE PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT

Acts 7:30-36; Exod. 12:29, 33, 36, 38; Exod. 14:6, 22, 28, 31

The children of Israel were treated cruelly in Egypt. Their lives were so hard that they cried to God for deliverance. God appeared to Moses in the desert and told him to go and lead His people out of Egypt.

After God sent great plagues by the hand of Moses, the king of Egypt let the children of Israel leave Egypt. The Egyptians were so anxious for the people to go that they gave them gold and silver and everything they needed. Moses and the people left Egypt as a great crowd, and with many cattle and flocks. Soon after they were gone, the king was sorry he had let them go. He got his army of chariots and started after them. God opened a path through the Red Sea for the children of Israel to pass over. But the Egyptians were all drowned when they tried to cross over after the Israelites. The children of Israel worshipped and praised God for His mighty deliverance. God is the same God today, and can do great and mighty things. Let us love and serve Him.

Memory Verse: . . . The Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. Psa. 95:3.

The Israelites Leave Egypt

"Oh, I am glad that you got home in time to tell us our Bible story before we had to go to bed." Mary said as she sat close to her mother's chair on the floor.

"I am glad too, and since it is raining, it is so nice to be inside, and all of my children are here with me. We are still talking about Moses, aren't we? Moses was a wonderful man of God and was also well educated. God knew that He could use him if he would be willing to obey His voice. The children of Israel (or Jacob) were being terribly mistreated in Egypt and they cried day and night to God to help them out. God talked to Moses from the burning bush and he went as God had told him to with Aaron, his brother, and stood before Pharaoh, the Egyptian king. They told him that he should let the children of Israel go and worship their God in the wilderness as He had commanded them. Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord, that I should obey his voice? I won't let Israel go.' And that same day, Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters to make the Israelites work harder than ever before. They were given straw to make good bricks but the taskmasters required them to get their own straw and make the same number of bricks. The men went out into the fields and got stubble to make bricks to build the wall around the city and buildings for Pharaoh.

"Today, men have dug around those ancient buildings and have found bricks with straw in them and higher up on the walls, there are bricks with stubble in them. Today there are old Egyptian drawings of how they made the bricks. Workmen carried water from the river to mix the clay. Other slaves stirred the mud and straw until it was ready to put into square molds. These were then

put in the sun to dry and harden.

"Everything seemed to go against Moses. Time and again he visited Pharaoh and God sent plagues against the Egyptians but Pharaoh would not let the people go. God sent frogs; hundreds of them and they hopped into everything. He sent lice, flies, electrical storms, locusts, diseases on the cattle, turned the water into blood, and boils on man and beast, but Pharaoh still would not let them go.

"Finally, God sent the death angel and he killed the oldest son of each Egyptian family. Then Pharaoh sent word for the Israelites to get out of the land quickly. They were ready to go and arrived on the banks of the Red Sea. Pharaoh changed his mind as he thought about his many slaves leaving. God opened up the Red Sea and they marched over, but when the Egyptians followed, the sea went back together and they were drowned. The Israelites were free to worship God as they pleased." —Sis. Marie Miles



GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES

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Aug. 8

GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES ON MT. SINAI

Acts 7:37-38; Exod. 20:1, 4, 7, 12-17; Exod. 23:25

After the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea and were saved from the Egyptians, God led the people to Mt. Sinai. There God called Moses up into the mountain to receive His law for the people. Moses brought the commandments down to the people. They were written on tablets of stone. In one place in the Bible it tells us the commandments were written with the finger of God. (Exodus 31:18).

Some of the commandments were: Honor your father and mother; do not kill; do not steal; do not tell lies on your neighbor. Boys and girls, if you keep God's laws, God will bless your life. You must obey your father and mother. Do not talk back to them, but speak politely to them. Do kind things for them. You will never have another father or mother. God is not pleased for you to even play like you are killing someone. God sees all you do. Stealing little things might lead you to a life of crime. Always tell the truth. Ask God to forgive you if you have not done right.

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

God Speaks to the People

"Hurry, Mother, it is story time," Lee called from the front room.

"It is time again to talk more about a wonderful man whom God used in such a great way. Moses led the thousands and thousands of Israelites away from the Red Sea where they had been delivered from the Egyptians. The water had gone back into its banks and there lay many weapons on the shore that had belonged to the Egyptians. They traveled on when the cloud began to move and at night the camp was lighted by a cloud of fire. God was very close to them as they were His chosen people. God was going to lead them into the Canaan land where Jacob had lived. God had promised Abraham, Isaac and Jacob that He would give his great family that land and now He was leading them to it. God sent manna or bread from heaven for them to eat and also quails for meat.

"First, God needed to teach them who He was and that he expected them to obey His commandments so He could bless them. He led them to Mount Sinai. Moses told the people to wash all of their clothes and make the camp clean as God was going to talk to them from Mount Sinai. Moses told them that they were not to come too close to the mountain or they would surely die. Finally the day arrived and Moses led the people close to the mountain. As they waited there were thunders, lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain. Finally, a loud voice like a trumpet spoke. The people trembled and Moses brought the people closer to the mount. Smoke came up from the mountain and it shook. God's voice became louder and louder and Moses answered and God told Moses to come up into the mountain. Moses went up into the

mountain. God told Moses to go back down and warn the people to not break through or they would be killed. Moses did as he was told. Then as the people listened, God spoke the Ten Commandments to them. God told them that He was the God that brought them out of Egypt and they were not to make idols as the Egyptians had, but they were to worship Him. God said for them to never take His name in vain or use it as a curse word. They were to honor their father and mother and to never kill anyone. They should never steal or tell lies. They should not covet their neighbors things and were to keep the Sabbath day holy. The mountain shook and it thundered and the lightning flashed. The people were afraid. They told Moses to let God talk to him and for Him not to talk to them anymore, lest they die. They were very much afraid."

—Sis. Marie Miles



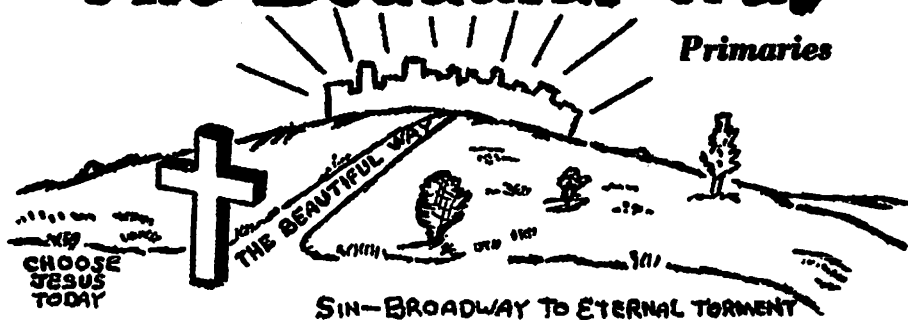
QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Moses go to receive God's laws?
2. What were the commandments written on?
3. Can you name some of God's commandments?

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THE PEOPLE SIN

Acts 7:39-41; Exod. 32:19, 20, 26, 28-35

Moses was gone a long time in the mountain. God was giving him the law for His people. The people grew tired of waiting on Moses. "We don't know what has happened to Moses. Let us make an idol for our god." Aaron took all the golden ornaments they brought to him and made a golden calf. The people were so happy with it that they made a great feast and danced around the calf. As Moses came down the mountain, he heard the noise and saw the dancing. He was angry. How could the people so quickly forget God and all the wonderful things He had done for them? On the tablets in his hands God had written, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God and Him only shalt thou serve." The second law said, "Thou shalt not bow down to an idol." They were bowing to the golden calf! Moses told those who had not sinned to destroy those who worshipped the calf. Many people died for their great sin. God will blot the names of all those who sin today out of the Book of Life. Sin will keep you out of heaven.

Memory Verse: . . . Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. Exodus 32:33.

The Israelites Sin

"Hurry, Mother and tell us another Bible story," Lillie said as she sat in front of the fan.

"God gave the children of Israel many commandments and how to keep clean. He promised not to let them be sick if they would obey Him. He also told them to build a sanctuary for him to dwell in among them. They were to carefully make it just like He told them. Moses listened to all that God had to say while he was up in the mountain with God. Moses was told that the sign between God and the children of Israel was, that they were to keep Saturday, or it was called the Sabbath, as a day of complete rest. No one was to do any work on this day. When Moses was finished talking to God he was given two tables of stone. On these stones were written the Ten Commandments. It was the writing of God. How wonderful!

"Moses was up in the mountain 40 days and 40 nights. That was over a month. The people down in the camp got restless and some of them did an awful thing. They began to think of Egypt and the gods that they worshipped there. So they brought their gold to Aaron and asked him to make a golden calf out of it. What an awful thing to do! When Aaron finished making the calf the people thought it looked so wonderful that they began to dance around it and said that this was the god that brought them out of Egypt. They broke the first commandment, that God had given to them because they were not to worship idols. God saw all of this going on. God was made very sad and felt badly that they would do such a thing after all He had done for them. He told Moses to go down to the camp because the people had sinned greatly. Moses

went down and when he saw them dancing around the golden calf, he was terribly hurt. He knew they had broken the commandments of God. He threw the tables of stones down and they broke. He took the calf, ground it to powder and put it in their water. Moses stood in the gate and said, 'Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me.' All the sons of Levi came to Moses. He told them to go through the camp and kill those who caused the trouble. Three thousand died that day. God wanted to get rid of all of them and make a nation of Moses' family but Moses pled for the people, that day. God did forgive them but they were troubled time and again because of their great sin."

— Sis. Marie Miles

MOSES BROKE



THE COMMANDMENT

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the people do while Moses was gone?
2. What had God written on the tablets of stone?
3. What happens when people sin?

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STEPHEN TELLS ABOUT THE TABERNACLE

Acts 7:44; Exodus 40:19-30, 33b, 34

God gave Moses a pattern from which to build the Tabernacle—the place where the people went to worship God. Since the people were traveling from place to place, the Tabernacle was made so it could be moved. God told Moses where to place the two altars, and the table to hold the bread, and the candlestick for light. All these things pointed to Jesus and His salvation for us. The two altars stand for two experiences—justification and sanctification. The first altar is where they offered lambs for their sins. Blood had to be shed so sin could be forgiven. Remember that Jesus had to shed His blood to blot out our sins. The candlestick reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world. Jesus is also the Bread of life. He died to save us from all sin. Eating the Bread of life is obeying God's Word. Jesus gives us light so we can understand His Word and follow Him. Moses had to follow God's pattern, and we must follow God's Word in order to be ready to go to heaven.

Memory Verse: . . . In due time Christ died for the ungodly. Romans 5:6b.

God's Dwelling Place

"Well it's story time again. I do hope that you children will always remember these stories because they are in the greatest book in the world.

"Moses prayed for the people who had sinned. Moses loved them and God forgave them. Now God promised that His Angel would go before them and lead. The Angel would drive out all the people in Canaan. God would fight their battles for them and bring them into the land flowing with milk and honey.

"Moses gathered all the people together. He told them what God had given him in the mountain. So the people began to work. They wanted to build a nice place for God's presence to dwell in among them. They made cloth and dyed it many colors. They brought their silver and gold. They had a willing mind to work. They built a laver, or a place to wash the offerings of lambs or animals. They put cloth hangings all around the tabernacle. They put 12 loaves of shew bread on the table. One for each tribe. They made a beautiful candle stick. They made oil and spices to burn on the candle sticks for sweet incense. They also made a beautiful golden altar. This altar was at the door of another room, the Most Holy Place. A veil hung over the door at the Most Holy Room. Inside the Most Holy Place there was an ark. Inside this ark Moses put the two tables of stone on which the Ten Commandments were written. Two angels or cherubims spread their wings out over the mercy seat. They were made of pure gold.

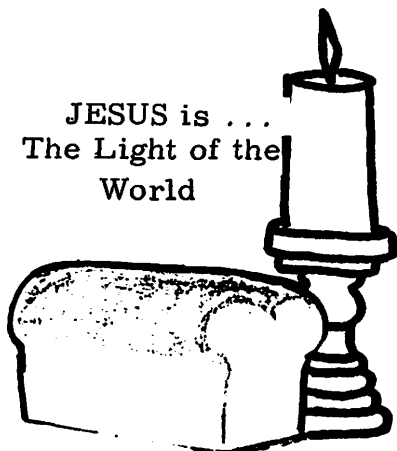
"Boys and girls, this tabernacle stood for something wonderful. When Jesus came he made us know what all of these things meant. The two rooms were for us to know that when we are saved from

our sins we have to have a lamb at the first altar to die for our sins. Jesus is the lamb. His blood covered our sins. Then some of that blood was put on the second altar. That was for cleansing of the sin that came upon all from Adam. So the two rooms are for the two works of grace in our hearts. When Jesus died, the veil was torn apart in the place between the two rooms. That means that we, too, can have the Holy Spirit come into our hearts and we can talk to God and He can talk to us. How wonderful!"

— Sis. Marie Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

JESUS is ...
The Light of the
World



The Bread of Life

QUESTIONS:

1. Who gave Moses a pattern for the tabernacle?
2. Who shed his blood for us?
3. Who is the light of the world?
4. Who is the bread of life?

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STEPHEN TELLS ABOUT JOSHUA

Acts 7:45; Joshua 1:3-5, 8, 9; 3:14, 17; 4:6b, 7, 24; 21:45

After Moses died, God commanded Joshua to lead the people over the Jordan River into the Canaan land. God gave Joshua precious promises. "I will give you every place that your feet shall touch upon." "No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life." That meant Joshua would be able to overcome all his enemies. God promised never to leave Joshua. We need to remember one important thing God told Joshua, because it will bring success to us, too. God told Joshua to remember God's law and to do all the things it said. Then Joshua would be able to gain the good Canaan land. If we obey the Word of God, we will be blessed in this life and gain heaven, too.

The Jordan River was flooding at this time. The people had to cross it to the promised land. What were they going to do? God said, "Let the priests go first, carrying the Ark." As soon as their feet touched the water, it rolled back into a great heap. The people walked through and were soon safe on the other side.

Memory Verse: . . . Be strong and of a good courage. . . .
Joshua 1:9.

It Pays to Obey God

"I'm waiting for you to tell us or read us a story, Mother dear," Mary called.

"God was so displeased with the Israelites because they disobeyed Him that He said they could not go into the Canaan land He promised to the families of Abraham. They wandered around in the wilderness for 40 years until all had died but two, that had come out of the land of Egypt. It does not pay to disobey the Lord. The time finally came when God told Joshua, who took Moses' place, after he died, that they should move into the Canaan land. God promised he would give them every part of the land they stepped their foot upon. He told them He would be with them just like he had been with Moses, when he was their leader. God said he would 'drive out' the people, who had done wickedly, before the Israelites.

"They came to the river Jordan. It was full of water and even overflowing. God told the priests to bear the ark and when their feet touched the waters that it would part for them. This took faith, but they moved on toward the Jordan river. As soon as they stepped into the water it parted and they all passed over on dry ground. God told them to take twelve stones and pile them up as a memorial of the time when God caused the waters to part for them. God doesn't want us to forget all the things He does for us today.

"They came to the big city of Jericho with a high wall around it. The people inside were afraid so they shut the gates tight. God told them to march around the city once every day, for six days, and on the seventh, to march around it seven times. When they blew the trumpet the walls would fall down. They did this and God caused the walls to fall. They had a

great victory that day. Rahab, the one who had helped the spies, was the only one saved alive. They burned everything but the gold and silver, also they saved the vessels of brass and of iron. They put them in the treasury of the Lord. But one man disobeyed and saved a garment and 200 shekels of silver and a wedge of gold. Achan was punished for disobeying the Lord. It never pays to disobey God. We will be blessed when we obey, so boys and girls remember that it pays to read the Bible and do what God tells us.

"The Israelites marched on into the Canaan land. The people fought against them but God gave them the victory over all of their enemies. They built homes and lived in the land that God had promised to Abraham over 500 years before."

—Sis. Marie Miles

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Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you.



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QUESTIONS:

1. Who led the people into the promised land?
2. What happened to the river when the priests stepped in it?
3. How did the people cross the river?
4. Can God do great things for His people?

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DAVID AND GOD'S HOUSE

Acts 7:46, 47; 1 Sam. 16:7, 11, 13; 2 Sam. 7:4, 5, 12, 13;

1 Kings 6:7, 18, 22, 38.

God chose David to be the king instead of Saul. Saul had disobeyed God, and the Spirit of the Lord had left him. Samuel, the prophet, went to the house of Jesse to anoint the chosen king. Samuel did not know which son of Jesse God had chosen. When he saw the first son, Samuel thought that son looked like a king. But God said, "No, that isn't the one." All the sons passed before Samuel and each time God said, "Not this one." At last, David was called in from tending the sheep and God said, "This is he." When Samuel anointed David with oil, the Spirit of God came upon David.

David wanted to build a temple for God's presence to dwell in. But God said, "No, you have fought many wars. Your son Solomon will be a man of peace. He shall build my house." Solomon did build the temple which was a beautiful house. Solomon had a great kingdom, but it did not last forever.

Memory Verse: . . . Of his kingdom there shall be no end.
Luke 1:33b.

God's New House

"What is the Bible story about tonight?" asked Julie.

"The Israelites wanted a king. God told them that they were asking for trouble but he gave a king to them because they wanted one. King Saul did wrong and disobeyed God so God told Samuel, the prophet to choose another man. Samuel came to the home of Jesse and all six of his sons passed before him, but none of them were chosen for the next king. Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more boys? They sent for David, who was out in the field, taking care of the sheep. When he came, God made Samuel know that he was the one to be the next king. Years passed by before David took the throne. David was a good king and the people loved him. God promised that his kingdom would be forever. It came to pass through Christ.

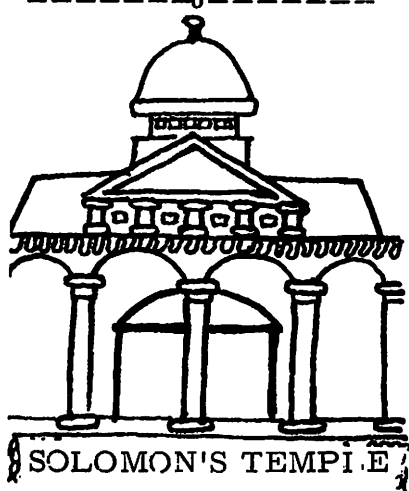
"Some time ago we talked about the tabernacle that the Israelites made in the wilderness. It was a place where God could dwell among the people. It was a tent tabernacle. Now, David wanted to build a house for the presence of God to dwell in. But God told him that he had been a man of war and could not build a house for him. So David got all the material together so his son could build God's house.

"After David died, and Solomon became king, he started building the house. It was built of stones and all of those huge stones were cut exactly to fit before they were brought to the place where they were put. There was not a sound of a hammer in all the house and the stones fit perfectly. That is a picture of the Church that Jesus built. The Bible tells us that the saints are the stones in the building and when we are saved and are obeying the Bible, all fit together and get

along. The building was covered with gold on the inside. It was a beautiful building and people came from miles around to see it. Also, they came to hear the wisdom of King Solomon. God had asked Solomon what he wanted most and he would give it to him. Because he had asked for wisdom, the Lord gave him riches and many other things.

"One time two women came to Solomon. One had a baby in her arms. Both said the baby was theirs. One woman said the other had laid on her baby in the night and exchanged her dead baby for the live baby. Solomon took the baby and called for a sword, saying he would divide it and give each Mother half of the live baby. The real mother said, 'Give her the baby,' but the other woman said, 'divide it.' Solomon knew which was the real Mother."

—Sis. Marie Miles



QUESTIONS:

1. Who did God choose to be a king?
2. What did David want to do?
3. Who has an everlasting kingdom?

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GOD'S HOUSE

Acts 7:48-50; 1 Kings 8:26-28; 2 Chron. 5:12-14; Acts 1:15;
Acts 2:2, 4a; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20

Do you know what the House of God is? Do you think it is this building where you have Sunday school and preaching services? We want to find out from the Bible what God's House is.

Solomon built a wonderful temple overlaid with gold which took seven years. But Solomon said God was too big to dwell in that temple. He just prayed that God's presence would be there and that God would hear the prayers of the people there. God's presence did come down into the temple. The people fell on their faces and prayed. All this is a type of what happened on the day of Pentecost when God filled the Church with the Holy Spirit. 120 disciples were together in one accord when the Lord sent the Holy Spirit. Many people were saved that day after hearing the wonderful works of God. God is so great that we cannot build a building big enough to hold Him, but He will dwell in our hearts when we are saved and sanctified.

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

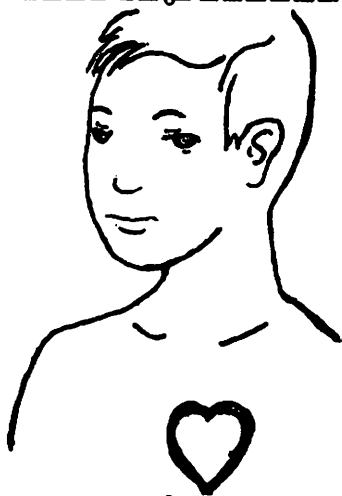
Our Body Is God's Temple

"It is story time," called Mother and soon the children were all around her. "The building that Solomon built for the Lord's presence to dwell in was beautiful indeed. He used the most costly stones and beams of cedar. He had gold on the inside. The laver or place to wash the sacrifices on the outside stood on twelve oxen made of stone, all looking outward. He made the altar and then inside he made the candlesticks of pure gold with flowers on the lamps. He made the table for the shew bread of gold and the altar of gold. Solomon brought the things that David had dedicated, even the silver and golden vessels and put them among the treasures of the house of the Lord. The ark was put in the Most Holy Room and everything was in order. Solomon gathered together all the elders of Israel. He made a feast and stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of the people of Israel. He prayed unto the Lord. He said, 'There is no God like you in heaven or the earth below that keeps His word and shows mercy to those who love you and obey you. Now, Lord God of Israel, please hear the prayer of your servant. Will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot be big enough to hold you, much less this house that I have builded. Please hear my prayer, and when your people Israel pray toward this house, where your presence will dwell, please hear them and forgive them of their sins, when they confess their sins. Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to the people of Israel as He has promised. Not one word of your promises has failed, that you promised to Moses. Now be with us, as you were with our fathers and do not for-

sake us.' Solomon offered many sacrifices to the Lord and when all the singers and the 120 trumpeters sounded as one the glory of the Lord filled the house. It was so wonderful that the priests could not stand before the house to minister because of the great cloud. The Lord had filled the house of God.

"Now boys and girls, after Jesus came and went back to heaven he told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them. Now their bodies were to be the temple of the Holy Spirit of God. It would not be a house built by man. So when they were all of one accord, the Spirit of God filled the hearts of the 120 that were there, and they all rejoiced and praised God. Today our body is the temple of God. We are bought by the blood of Jesus and we should glorify God each day."

- Sis. Marie Miles



QUESTIONS:

1. Who built God a great temple?
2. What is the temple of God?

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THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR

Acts 7:51-60; Acts 8:1, 2

A martyr is one who is killed because he will not give up his faith. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. Those who hated Jesus brought false witnesses against Stephen. They wanted to kill him. Stephen tried to persuade them by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. He wanted them to know the temple and all its worship would no longer save them. They must believe in Jesus to be saved. The people grew very angry. They gritted their teeth at Stephen. Stephen looked up and saw the heavens opened and Jesus standing on God's right hand. When he told them what he saw, they dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. As Stephen was dying, he kneeled down and prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Jesus' disciples wept much because Stephen had been killed.

A young man named Saul, who saw Stephen killed, began a great persecution against all the Christians. The persecution only spread the gospel as the Christians fled to other countries.

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

Billy Dies Happy

"Will I die like Mrs. Brown?" asked Julie.

"Yes dear, we all will die but we need not fear to die if we love Jesus and live every day to please Him," Mother answered.

"What do you do when you die?" Mary asked.

"This body you live in is just a house for you. You will move out of this house and the angels will take you up to be with Jesus until the judgment day. We will be very, very happy to be with Jesus. Because where Jesus is there is joy and happiness."

"Did Stephen move out of his house and go to be with Jesus?" Julie wanted to know.

"Yes, he did. Don't you remember how the heavens opened and he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God up in heaven? Oh, it will be wonderful to go and be with Jesus. We won't ever be sick up there, nor will there be any tears there, no hunger there and everything will be wonderful. Many people have died that loved Jesus and they were very happy."

"Let me tell you about Billy Bray. I was reading about him and the writer said that he was a very bad man before he was saved. He would drink strong drinks and many times his wife would have to come to the beer shop and lead him home. He did not want to do that, but the devil was his master. One time he was reading a book by John Bunyan called, 'Visions of Heaven and Hell.' He wanted to get saved. He prayed, but he didn't feel like the Lord saved him. The devil tried to tell him that there was no mercy for him but he told the devil that he was a liar. He knew that God would

save him. One time he went to his room and he prayed earnestly asking God to forgive him and then he said, 'Lord, you have said, "they that ask shall receive, and they that seek shall find and to them that knock the door shall be opened," and I have faith to believe it.' At that very moment he was saved and he was so happy he shouted. He shouted as he walked the streets. He said when he lifted one foot it seemed to say 'Glory!' and then when he lifted the other one it seemed to say, 'Amen!' He lived that way and shouted about everything. When he came to die the last words that he said were 'Glory! Glory be to God! I shall soon be in heaven.' So children it is wonderful to be ready to meet the Lord."

— Sis. Marie Miles



Lord, lay not this sin
to their charge



QUESTIONS:

1. What is a martyr?
2. Who was the first Christian martyr?
3. What did Stephen pray when he was dying?

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SIMON DOES WRONG

Acts 8:9-13, 18-24

The people of Samaria were bewitched by a man called Simon. For a long time he had made the people believe he had the great power of God. He did this by using evil power over the people. The people paid him much money to use this power.

Philip came to Samaria and preached the gospel. He healed the sick and did many miracles in the name of Jesus. The people believed the gospel and were saved. Then they were all baptized. When Simon saw the miracles Philip did, he believed and was baptized.

Peter and John came to Samaria and taught those who had been saved that they needed the Holy Spirit. Then they laid their hands on the people and prayed for them. When Simon saw that the people were filled with the Holy Spirit, he wanted this power, too. "I will give you money if I can have this power," he told Peter. Peter knew Simon was not right with God. "Your money and soul will perish because your heart is sinful. Repent of sin."

Memory Verse: Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. Matt. 3:8.

A Beautiful Way to Victory

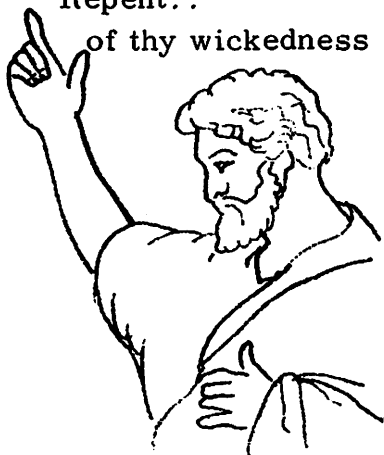
One time while I was on the mission field, I was doing my very best, though it might not have been what others were able to accomplish, but it seemed that try as I would, the person whom I was helping, was not pleased with my efforts. I would go off to myself in the early morning and labor long in prayer, and would seemingly get a partial victory, but on going to work, would only find that things were either the same or worse. This went on for an extended period. Finally, after having doubled over backwards spiritually to eat humble pie, in desperation, I wrote a letter on Saturday of that week to my confidante back in Oklahoma, explaining how I had done all I knew to do and what more could I do? A man in a nearby village was going to the city on Sunday, so I gave him my letter to mail. The following night, at least six to eight days before the letter I had written had had time to reach its destination, one of the workers came in and brought mail to all of us. In my mail, under all my other letters was a letter from my confidante. I shed tears of joy as I read the letter for there was the answer to the letter I had just sent the day before. This was what she said, "Opal, dear, I don't know what you are going through nor what you need, but the Lord woke me up tonight in the middle of the night and told me to write to you and I am just going to tell you what He has told me to tell you. She then proceeded to give me directions from the Lord as to how to handle the situation. As in many other cases, the situation remained the same, but He changed me to meet it. How precious was my victory, and how I did appreciate the Lord hearing my cry, burdening someone from so many miles away and

showing me in such a beautiful way, more of His Greatness. Surely the Word that follows was true in my case at this time. "For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." Matt. 6:8. — Sis. Opal Kelly

Did you know that your mother and daddy were a little boy and a little girl at one time? They were your size and they grew up big. They know how you feel at your age. They know how you will feel when you are bigger, too. They know all about you problems, so let them help you. Talk to them and they will help you.

Honor thy father and thy mother.
Learn to work. It isn't any harder than playing hard.

Repent . . .
of thy wickedness



QUESTIONS:

1. Who bewitched the people of Samaria?
2. What did Simon want to buy with money?
3. What did Peter tell Simon?

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THE GREAT GOD

Gen. 1:1; Mal. 3:6a; Heb. 4:13a

Do you ever think how great God is? He is not a little God; He is not a weak God. God is so mighty and powerful that in the beginning He created the heaven and the earth. He made the sun, moon, and the stars. God made all the things that grow upon the earth and everything that lives. All He had to do was to say, "Let there be light," and there was light. That is how great our God is! He has all power in heaven and earth.

Another most wonderful thing about our God is that He is always the same. Sometimes our best friends change, sometimes they seem to like us, and at other times they don't. But God is ALWAYS the same. He said, "I am the Lord, I change not." We read about the great things He did in the Bible, and we know He still does great things today. We can depend on God.

God knows about everything all the time. No one can hide anything from Him. He knows the secrets of our hearts, even when we do wrong things. I love our great God, don't you?

Memory Verse: For the Lord your God is . . . a great God. Deut. 10:17.

God Is Great

"What did you talk about in Sunday school today?" Grandma asked little Janie.

"God," spoke up Janie.

"Well, I think that you always talk about God, don't you?" asked Grandma.

"Let me tell you what Sis. Brown taught us," Janie said. "God is great, God is good, love and praise Him, oh! we should!"

"Well now, that is such a sweet verse about God. I do hope that you will always remember that verse. Did you learn a verse from the Bible about God?" asked Grandma.

"We said the verse that baby Allen always says, but I didn't say it because I'm not a baby. I can say big verses," Janie said, with a twist of her head and standing up real tall.

"Do you mean the verse, 'God is love'?" asked Grandma. "What big verse did you say?"

"'Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no God; I know not any.'" (Isa. 44:8b) Quoted Janie without any error.

"Well, that is such a good verse and we do know that there is no God besides our wonderful God. He is great and big. He is all around us all the time. He sees us all the time and He loves us, oh, so much! Don't we love Him lots and lots?" Grandma said as she gave little Janie a great big hug.

"I love Him with a great big tub full of love," Janie said. —M. Miles

GOATS

Goats are very useful animals. Their meat is good to

eat. Their milk is good to drink. Their hide makes fine leather.

Goats are found in countries all around the world.

In the Bible goats are often mentioned. They were used by the people in Old Testament times as sacrifices in their religious services.

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Note to Teachers: Cut a circle and paste it on another piece of stiff paper. Give one to each child. Let them paste the words from our Lesson Illustration of the first three lessons on top or outside of the circle. You can label the top, "eternity." Let each child paste the remaining circles from Lesson Illustrations on the big circle, or use your own ideas for your class. —Sis. Marie Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



GOD

QUESTIONS:

1. In the beginning who made the heaven and earth?
2. Who said, "I change not"?
3. Who knows all about us at all times?

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ALPHA AND OMEGA

Rev. 1:8a; Col. 1:16; Phil. 2:9-11

The Apostle John was put on a bare, rocky island to live all alone because he loved Jesus. While he was there, he prayed much. One day, as he was praying, he heard a great voice like a trumpet. This is what the voice said, "I am Alpha and Omega." These words mean, "The beginning and the end." John turned to see who was speaking, and he saw Jesus standing among golden candles.

Jesus was with God before the world began. It was He who made the world in the beginning. Do you know that Jesus has promised to come again? His coming will be the end of the world. So Jesus really is the "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end." Right now Jesus is with God, waiting to save all who are sorry for their sins, and who will pray and ask God to forgive them. When He comes again He will be the Judge. We need to bow before Jesus now, and love and serve Him, so we can go to heaven on that great Judgment day.

Memory Verse: All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Matt. 28:18b.

Jesus Showed Us the Way

"Mother, did you know that Jesus helped God make the world, the trees and all the cows and cats?" Jessie exclaimed, as he took off his coat and hung it up on the low nail in the closet. He had just come home from Sunday school. "I thought God did it all by Himself but Jesus helped Him, and someone else, but the teacher said we would have to wait until next Sunday to know who else helped God."

"I am glad that you are learning about Jesus and how wonderful He is. He has all power and can do anything. He was up in heaven with God, His Father, but oh, how sad God was that man did not love Him, so He sent Jesus here to live to show man how to get to heaven," Mother explained.

"Why did Jesus have to come as a tiny baby?" asked Jessie. "Why didn't He just come floating down through the clouds and live here and then go sailing back up to God's house?"

"Let me tell you a story about a man who couldn't understand why Jesus came to this world and lived. One day he was in his warm room during a snow storm. All of a sudden, he heard something beating against the big patio glass. He looked, and there were lots and lots of birds. They were trying to get into a warm place. He felt sorry for them, so he went out and opened the barn door. He tried to get them into the barn but they would not go, but would fly back to the glass. He called to them. He put some grain on the ground to lead them in, but they just ignored him. Finally, he said to himself, "If I was just a little bird then I could fly in and show them the

way. They would then understand that they could go into the warm barn out of the snow storm." Just then the church bells rang and he thought of Jesus Christ. God had tried to show men how to get to heaven. He sent prophets to tell them, but the only way they could understand was for Jesus to come down here as a tiny baby. He then grew up. By becoming one of us, he can show everyone the way to heaven."

"Oh, I am glad that Jesus came and told us about God and about heaven. I surely want to go there," said Jessie.

"I want to go to heaven," Mother added. "Jesus was with God in the beginning and then came here to the earth to live. He then went back to heaven and is there now. He is our Saviour. One of these days when this old world is on fire, Jesus will come in the clouds of glory to take His children to that eternal Home." — M. Miles

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JESUS

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was with God in the beginning?
2. Who is with God now?
3. Who is coming back to judge the world?

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Oct. 17

THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS SIMEON

Genesis 1:1, 2b; Luke 2:25-33

The Bible tells us the Holy Spirit was with God in the very beginning, before the world was made. The Holy Spirit is part of God. He will lead those who trust in God.

There was a very old man named Simeon. The Holy Spirit was with him because Simeon loved God. Each day Simeon prayed and did what God wanted him to do. One day the Holy Spirit spoke to Simeon and told him to go to the temple. "You will see the Christ-child there; then you can die in peace." Simeon had been longing to see God's salvation. He went to the temple. When Mary and Joseph came into the temple with the baby Jesus, the Holy Spirit said to Simeon, "There is the Christ-child." Then Simeon took the baby Jesus in his arms and was happy. He gave thanks to God and praised Him for His salvation. He was so glad he had obeyed the Holy Spirit and had seen Jesus. God's Holy Spirit will lead all who love and trust in God. Will you let the Spirit of God lead you and bring blessings to your life?

Memory Verse: When he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth. John 16:13.

About Shetland Ponies

The Shetland Islands are north of Scotland in the Atlantic Ocean. A famous breed of ponies originated on these islands. They are noted for their long tails and manes, their rough coat, and their short stature. Little children like Shetland ponies because they are small enough for them to ride.

If you raise your own pony, you will probably not have to break him to the harness and saddle because they are made gentle by their loving masters. The sturdy little animals make good pets if they are treated well.

If a Shetland pony is not well cared for and is allowed to become wild, then he must be trained. The training is sometimes hard on the pony because the trainer has to break his bad habits.

Children are sometimes like ponies. If they have grown up loving their Master, the Lord Jesus, they will not have to be trained to serve Him. They will not have formed bad habits that must be broken. They will have formed the good habits of truth and obedience.

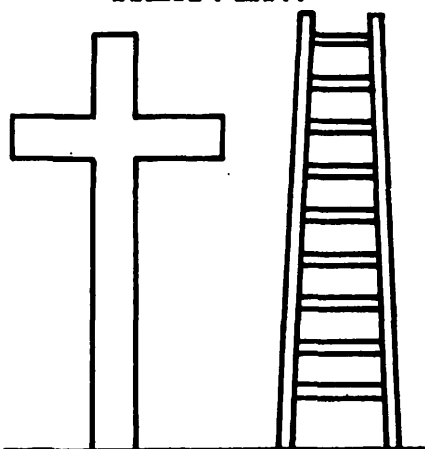
When your Sunday school teacher or your mother tells you how to please the Lord, be thankful that you are being taught while you are young so that you will not have to be taught by hard experiences.

As hard as parents and teachers try, they cannot teach a stubborn child. If you refuse to learn, the Lord will have to teach you another way, and it will not be pleasant. —Selected

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No drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of God. Gal. 2:21. I surely want to go to heaven, don't you? So let us be sure that we never take one taste of any kind of drink that has poisons in it.

WHICH WAY TO HEAVEN?



Jesus or Good Works
Read John 14:6.

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LESSON ILLUSTRATION

**HOLY
SPIRIT**

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QUESTIONS:

1. What did the Holy Ghost promise Simeon?
2. Where was Simeon waiting to see the baby Jesus?
3. Was Simeon glad when he held the baby in his arms?

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GOD MAKES EVERYTHING

Gen. 1:1; Job 26:7; Psa. 102:26; Rev. 4:11

The Bible tells us how everything was made. In the beginning, God made the heaven and the earth. God didn't stop with just making the world, but He stretched the heaven over the earth like a tent. In one place in the Bible it tells us that God hung the earth on nothing. Does it seem hard to think that God could hang this big world where we live in space and make it stay there? Our God is a great God! He speaks and it is done! The heavens are the works of His hands. How big God's hands are to be able to put the stars, sun, moon and the earth in their places!

In the book of Revelations it tells us about those who bow down before God and praise Him because He made all things. God is pleased when we thank Him for His mighty works. He has made a wonderful world with so many beautiful things. Best of all, He sent His Son Jesus to live and die for us, so we could be saved from our sins. Jesus, the Son of God, loves you and wants you to love and serve Him with your whole heart.

Memory Verse: In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. **Genesis 1:1.**

God's Big World

"What is the world?" Albert asked, as his daddy was working on the lawn mower. His daddy did not answer, so Albert said again, "What is the world, Daddy? Marvin said he was going with his mother and daddy to see the world."

"Well now, I think Marvin will see but just a little of the world when he goes with his mother and daddy to New York. The world is very, very big. Did you know that one time there was not a world, nor people, animals nor anything on the world?"

"Who made the world?" Albert asked.

"God made the world and the Bible says 'he hangeth the world upon nothing.' God made it and just put the big world right out in space. At first, it did not have any shape but was just a big mass of something. But God spoke and it became round, just like it is today."

"How do you know that the world is round?" asked Albert.

"The Bible tells us that the world is round. The Bible said, 'God. . . sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the. . . (people). . . are as grasshoppers; . . . (He) stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in.' " Isa. 40:22.

"So there is a great big, round world under a great big tent." Albert said as he swung his arms around and around. "And when God looks at us, we look as small as grasshoppers. I saw a grasshopper in the front yard. I am going to see if I can find it." Albert ran off and daddy continued to fix the lawn mower. Soon Albert was back but he had not found the grasshopper.

"Daddy, why didn't God make the world square instead of round?"

"Did you know that men who had not read the Bible and believed it, thought the world was square? For years and years they thought that, but when Columbus found America, he proved that the world was round. If those men had read the Bible and believed it, they would have known that the world was round. I am glad that we read the Bible and believe it, aren't you?"

"Oh, yes Daddy, I believe every word in the Bible. My Sunday school teacher said that someday God will set this old world on fire. I am glad that Jesus will take me right up to heaven before it burns. We surely love Jesus, don't we Daddy?" Albert said as he put his arms around Daddy's neck. — M. Miles

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"How great are thy works, O Lord!"
God has made everything all around us.
How beautiful are all of His works!
"Sing to the Lord a new song."

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Accept the Promises of God.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

The earth
was
without form
and void

QUESTIONS:

1. Who made the earth and heaven?
2. What did God hang the earth on?
3. Why should God be praised?

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GOD GIVES LIGHT

Gen. 1:3, 5; John 8:12; Eph. 5:14

Have you ever been in the dark? We have so many lights around us all the time. Street lights, night lights, and lights of all kinds are in our houses and stores. The farm houses have electricity and have lights everywhere. Once there were no lights but lanterns, old-fashioned lamps and candles. When people turned out the lamps, or blew out the candles and went to bed, it was really dark. Even then the stars and moon shown out and made light.

Do you know that once there was no light at all? That must have been a terrible darkness! But God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God called the light, "Day." We are thankful for light.

There is a darkness worse than having no light at all. It is the darkness of sin. Do you know who came to give us light in our hearts and lives? Jesus did. He said, "I am the light of the world." If we love Jesus and obey His Word, we have light.

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

Light and Darkness

"I don't like for it to be dark. Can't I have a light?" asked Sarah.

"Why don't you like the dark?" asked Mother.

"I can't see anything," Sarah answered.

"Well, you don't need to see while you sleep. God gave us the darkness so we could put everything away and rest. God did not make our bodies so we could work night and day, but we are to take time to rest."

"When did God make the dark?" asked Sarah.

"One time the world was all dark but I am glad that God did not leave it that way. God spoke and said, 'Let there be light: and there was light.' Isn't God great and mighty? He has all power and is able to perform miracles. He can make things where there is nothing. Oh, how I do love God; don't you?" Mother said.

"Oh, yes! I am so glad that God made the light because I do not like the dark. Even if I am asleep I like to know that there is a little light in my room."

"Sarah, there is something else that is dark unless God speaks and causes it to be light. Do you know what that is?" asked Mother.

"Where is that something else? Is it close to me?" Sarah questioned.

"Yes, it is inside of you and it is made dark when you tell a lie or do wrong things. Do you know now?" asked Mother.

"Is it my heart?"

"Yes, it is your heart. Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world.' Jesus died on the cross to take away our sins. Just pray and ask Him to and He will also make the darkness flee out of our hearts. The Apostle Paul said, 'God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness

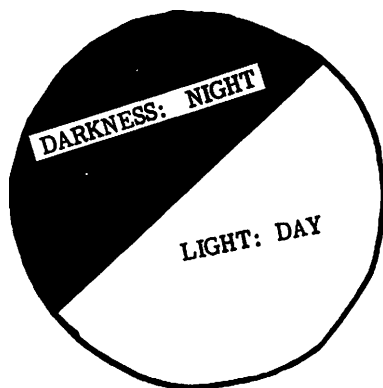
(in the beginning) hath shined into our hearts' to help us know about Jesus and know about the glory of God. (II Cor. 4:6) Isn't that wonderful? We must walk in the path that Jesus has made light for us. Do you know where that path leads and where we will go when we die if we walk in that light?"

"It will lead us to heaven and, oh, it will be wonderful to see Jesus," Sarah said, as she hugged her mother.

The Bible says that in heaven there will not be any need of the sun because Jesus lights up heaven. Oh, heaven surely must be wonderful. — M. Miles

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psa. 27:1.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who said, "Let there be light"?
2. What did God call the light?
3. Who said, "I am the light of the world"?

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Nov. 7

THE MIRACLE OF WATER

Gen. 1:9, 10; Psa. 33:6, 7; John 4:14

God created (or made) the waters on the third day of the beginning of the world. He made the waters to come together in the great seas. He made the rivers and the lakes. He gathered water up into the clouds so that we could have rain on the earth. God planned that we would have plenty of water for the needs of the whole world. We are glad for the good water that God gives because no one could live without water.

There is still another kind of water needed besides the kind we drink and use for other things. It is the water of life. God knew we needed a different kind of water to satisfy the longing in our hearts, so He sent Jesus to be the water of life for us. It is not a water you can see, or taste, but it brings joy to our hearts. It springs up when we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and ask Him to save us. It cannot be bought with money, but is freely given through Jesus to those who will pray for it.

Memory Verse: Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money, come ye buy . . . without price. Isaiah 55:1.

Water

"I wanted to play outside today but it is raining," complained Susie. After a while Susie looked out again and then asked her mother, "Where does the rain come from?"

"Susie, of course you know that rain comes from the sky, but it is one of the miracles of God. In the beginning when God created the earth, it didn't rain. God caused a mist to come up from the ground and water everything. But after God poured out His anger on the wicked people who had sinned, God caused the windows of heaven to open up. God caused the waters from within the earth to spring up. You know how the wicked people were all drowned by the flood. We must remember that God will always punish sin, and that is the reason He sent a flood. Since that time we have had rain and storms and floods on the earth."

"How does the water get up in the sky? Does God just open up a window and it pours out?" asked Susie.

"God has a wonderful plan for the water to get up into the sky. We are thankful for the rain or we would not have food. God made what we call a 'water cycle.' A cycle is something that goes around and around. There is no ending to this cycle. Do you remember when we saw the huge body of water on our vacation? You could not see across it. God causes a mist, or you might just call it a dampness, or tiny, tiny, drops of water to rise up from the big body of water into the sky. When a lot of the mist goes up into the clouds, it gets so heavy that the mist falls back down to the earth, as rain. The water runs down hill and into the rivers. The rivers carry the water back out into the large body of water, or ocean, and then it goes back up into the sky. Rain brings it back down

to the earth. It goes around and around. Isn't that wonderful?" asked Mother.

"God is so big and wise. He knows everything. God knew it should rain today. I can watch the rain come down. It will run into the river and out into the big ocean and back up into the sky and then come right back down again. Oh, the rain must have a lot of fun doing that!" Susie laughingly said.

"Now Susie, we must remember to thank God for the rain. When we are thirsty we need water. Also, Jesus knows that wicked people are thirsty. They need salvation. Only Jesus can make them happy in their hearts, just like water makes us happy when we drink it," Mother added. — M. Miles

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Jesus said "Be of Good Cheer."

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who made the water and the seas?
2. What kind of water does Jesus give?
3. Do we need money to buy the water Jesus gives?

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GOD SPEAKS AND IT IS DONE

Gen. 1:11-19; Psalms 74:16

We find some important words in the Bible. They are, "And God said." When God made the world, there was nothing on it. God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, and trees and other plants that have seeds," and it was done. Have you ever thought about all the seeds in the vegetables, fruits and flowers? God put them there so we could keep on having these good things to eat and see. If there were no seeds, soon everything would be gone. One watermelon has enough seeds to plant a garden of watermelons. God was wise to make plants and trees with seeds.

Then God saw that the plants and trees needed light to make them grow. He put the sun in the sky to shine on them. He put the moon and the stars in the heavens. All of these help make the seasons and light. One verse in the Bible tells us that the day and night are God's, and God has prepared the light and the sun. God made all these good things for us. All He had to do was to speak and it was done. We surely ought to love God because He created us and gives us all the things we need.

Memory Verse: For he spake, and it was done. . . . Psalms 33:9

Seeds Make More Seeds

"God made such a pretty moon, didn't He, Mother?" Alice said as she got into her bed and her mother stooped to kiss her goodnight. "I like the moon. It keeps me company at night when it shines into my bedroom. I wish I could go up to the moon."

"Oh, the moon is so far away and I can't think that there would be anything up there that little girls would enjoy seeing! The men who went up there had to wear such big suits of clothing and could not get very far from their airship because they had to get air to breathe. God did not make the moon for people to live on. We can see how great God is because He made the moon, the sun, and all the stars. God made the sun to shine upon the grass, trees, and plants that He made and that causes them to grow. Oh, God is so great and we love Him so much, don't we?"

"I love God and I hope He will make my seeds grow. Jerry and I planted some seeds today. I don't know what kind they were but we found them. I think they are watermelon seeds."

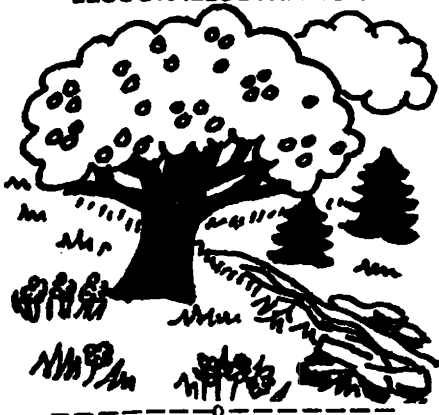
"Well, I don't think they will grow at this time of the year because the frost will kill them when they come up, but isn't it wonderful how God made the watermelon with so many seeds inside of it? In the beginning God made a watermelon plant and the watermelon grew and had many seeds. The seeds fell on the ground and hundreds of watermelons grew. All of those watermelons had hundreds of seeds in them. Just think about how many watermelons have been grown since that first watermelon plant God made in the beginning. We just cannot take it all in, it is so great and wonderful. Oh, God is so big and great! But I am glad that

He isn't so great that He won't take notice of you and me," Mother said, as praises filled her heart for such a wonderful and great God.

"God is greater than the president and all the kings and queens, isn't He?" Alice said, "I love God!"

"Jesus came to tell us about God. Jesus was made of flesh like you and me. He came as a little baby and grew up here in this world so we could understand something about God. God knew that we needed someone to bring us to Him. Oh, how we thank and praise Him for loving us so much! Now Jesus is in heaven and there He talks to God about you and me. He hears our prayers and knows all about our needs. I am glad that you love Jesus and I hope you always will," Mother said as she left Alice's room. —M. Miles

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who made the grass and trees?
2. Who made the sun and the moon and stars?
3. How did God make these things?

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GOD'S LAMB

Gen. 1:21-24; Eccl. 3:20, 21; John 1:29; Rom. 5:9

In the beginning God made all the great whales, fish, and creatures that are in the seas, lakes, and rivers. He even made the snails and worms. Then He made all the animals—cats, dogs, lions, elephants, horses, and lambs, just like they are now. A cat has always been a cat, a dog has always been a dog. The monkeys we see in the zoo are just like God made them in the beginning. All God had to do was to speak, and they were made.

God made all these creatures and animals out of dust. When they die, they go back to dust. God made man out of dust, too. But God also gave man a spirit that will never die. God wanted man to live with Him in heaven, but when man sinned he could not go to heaven. God made a special Lamb to shed its blood to blot out man's sins. That Lamb was Jesus Christ. We are so glad that Jesus came to give Himself for us so we can be saved and go to heaven when we die. Don't you want to go to see the great God who made the Lamb to save us?

Memory Verse: If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17a.

Six Kittens

"Oh, Daddy, aren't they cute!" Mary said as she looked at the six little kittens.

"Well, it looks like our mother cat is doing what God commanded in the beginning," Daddy answered.

"Did God say for cats to have six kittens?" questioned Mary.

"Not exactly six, but they are to bring forth cats just like the mother and daddy cat. They have been doing that for thousands of years. The lion is another of God's creation. He looks like the little cat but is great big and is the king of the forest. The mother lion may have two to six little cubs. Probably, only two will live. She stays with them for about three months and then leaves them for an old lion to be their nurse-maid, until they can take care of themselves. They are wonderful creatures."

"We saw the lions and the camels at the zoo," Mary added. "Why does he have a hump on his back?" asked Mary.

"That is God's way of helping him to live when food is scarce. It is filled with fatty flesh, and when food is scarce, he can draw food from that hump. He can live many days without water. Oh, God has made such wonderful animals!" Daddy said, as he walked into the house with Mary carrying his lunch pail.

"Tell me about some more of God's creatures," begged Mary as she sat down on the floor beside Daddy while he relaxed in his easy chair.

"Well now, I like to think of the big, blue whale. He is the giant of the deep waters. He is huge and weighs 136.4 tons and is about 100 ft. long. They had to weigh the whale in pieces as there was not a scale large enough to weigh him since he is so big."

"What makes him shoot water up in the air like the pictures show?" asked Mary.

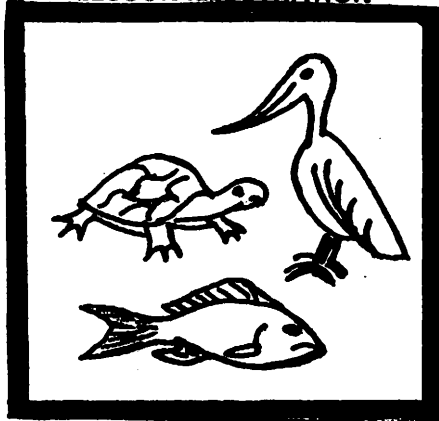
"He can go under water and stay for about 45 minutes and hold his breath, then he comes up and lets it out. That causes the water to rush up and he makes a whistling noise that can be heard a mile away."

"Oh yes, Daddy, I saw a bee in the yard today. Tell me about the bee."

"The bee is doing what God told it to do and is hatching a lot of baby bees. The queen will lay more than 2000 eggs a day. She makes honey for us and was called the sugar factory of the world until the cane sugar came along. The bee is a wonderful miracle that God has made. Oh, we do love God, who has made so many wonderful things for us!"

— M. Miles

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who made all the fish and birds?
2. Who made all the animals on the earth?
3. Who is the lamb of God?

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GOD'S GREATEST CREATION

Gen. 1:26a; Gen. 2:7; Gen. 2:21, 22; Gen. 1:27, 28a

We think about all the wonderful things that God has made. Every plant, vegetable, and fruit is a miracle. The trees are wonderful and beautiful for us to see. Don't we enjoy the shade in the hot summer? And what a joy to pick nice, ripe peaches or apples from the fruit trees! And, oh, yes, isn't it nice to gather a pretty bouquet for mother?

Then there are the animals. Have you ever held a tiny baby kitten, or a little puppy in your hands? Weren't you amazed how every detail was complete in them? They are miracles, too.

God's last creation was the greatest of all. He made a man out of the dust. Then He breathed life into him and man became a living soul. Adam was an intelligent being, for our God brought all the animals for Adam to name. God made a wife for Adam out of one of Adam's ribs. Adam loved his wife and called her "Eve." Adam and Eve talked with God in the garden in the evenings. God was pleased with His greatest creation.

Memory Verse: I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. . . . Psalms 139:14

God's Offspring

"Sonny, you have a cute little puppy," Mr. Brown said as he stopped in front of the house where Harold was playing with his puppy.

"We named him Spike," Harold told Mr. Brown, "and did you know that he is an offspring of Betty Bell, our big dog?"

"Well now, you are right about that," Mr. Brown commented. "He is an offspring of his mother, Betty Bell. How did you know that he was an offspring?"

"Don't you know that we are an offspring of God?" Harold answered.

"An offspring of God? Where did you get that idea?" asked Mr. Brown.

"Don't you go to Sunday school?" asked Harold. "Last Sunday we studied about being an offspring of God. Our teacher said if we were children of God, we are an offspring of God. And Mr. Brown, I am also an offspring of my mother and father. And all of us are an offspring of Adam and Eve. Adam and Eve were an offspring of God. God was their Father and He made them out of the dust. But Mr. Brown, Adam just lay there on the ground. He didn't move. Just like this," Harold said as he lay flat and still on the ground. Mr. Brown leaned on his cane and looked at him. Then pretty soon Harold sat up and said, "God just gave a great big puff over Adam, while he lay there like a big mud man, and all of a sudden Adam jumped up. Just like this," Harold said as he jumped up and down. "He was an offspring of God and he could just spring all around."

"Now you are going too far with it, Harold. Offspring doesn't mean that you jump all around and spring up and down. It just means that you are a part of your mother and father and they caused you to

be here and live. But being an offspring of God is a little strange. I do not know if that is in the Bible or not. I am not much of a Bible student."

"You must go to Sunday school with me next Sunday. That teaching is in the Bible because some people thought that God was made of stone. You see that stone over there? Some people worshipped gods that were made of stone. The preacher in the Bible, named Paul, told them that they ought to know better than that because we are the offspring of God, and we are people, so surely God is not a stone."

"I'll have to be going Sonny," Mr. Brown said, "as my wife is waiting on me. I'll look all of that up in the Bible."

—M. Miles

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who made man?
2. What was the man's name?
3. Did God make Adam a wife?

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GOD'S GARDEN

Gen. 2:8-10, 15-17; Isa. 58:11, 61:3; Gal. 5:22, 23

God made a beautiful garden for Adam and Eve. They were to take care of the garden and keep it beautiful. God had made beautiful trees and plants for them to see and enjoy. The flowers were so lovely in the garden. Besides these things, God made plants that were good for food, and trees that had all kinds of fruits. There were probably fruits and flowers there that you and I have never seen. God told them they could eat of every tree in the garden but one. In the center of the garden God put the tree of knowledge of good and evil. He told Adam and Eve not to eat the fruit of that tree, because they would die. God wanted them to obey Him in this one thing. We know Adam and Eve did not obey God. The lovely garden was ruined for them. No longer could they live there and enjoy its fruits.

Today, God wants us to have a garden for Him in our hearts. He wants love, joy, peace, and other lovely fruits to grow there. We can only have these good fruits as we love and serve God.

Memory Verse: Herein is your Father glorified: that ye bear much fruit. . . . John 15:8.

God's Heart Garden

"I wish I lived on a farm," Alice said as she and her cousin, Duane, walked down to the garden to get some onions for his mother. "We have such a little garden and sometimes Spike, our neighbor's dog, digs in it. Does your dog dig in your garden?"

"He doesn't have time to dig in the garden," answered Duane. "He likes to chase rabbits. Can you smell the honey-suckle? Sometimes we can smell it at the house when the breeze is in the right direction. Say! That watermelon surely has grown since I was here the other day."

"Oh, I like watermelons! Is it ripe?" asked Alice.

"It will be a while before it is ripe. You always thump a watermelon to see if it's ripe. But we probably can find some ripe peaches on that tree," Duane said as he ran over to the peach tree. "Here is one."

"Oh, I think your garden is just beautiful!" Alice said as she ate her peach and looked around. "You have everything in it. It's just like the Garden of Eden."

"Garden of Eden? Where is that?" asked Duane.

"Don't you know about the Garden of Eden?" asked Alice. "The Bible tells all about it but, of course, it isn't anywhere to be found now. My Sunday school teacher said that it got washed away in the flood. But it must have been very, very beautiful because God made it."

"How could God make a garden when He lives up in the sky?" asked Duane.

"God can do anything. God just speaks and things are made. God is great big and strong. He is stronger than both of our daddies put together. God is so big that you cannot even see Him. He is big-

ger than this whole wide world. Mother says that is the reason we love Him so much because even though He is so big, He loves me, you, and everybody and knows all about us."

"I know about God, but tell me about this garden," asked Duane. "Why did God make it and then let it get washed away in the flood?"

"God made it for Adam and Eve to live in and take care of. But they disobeyed God and ate of the tree that God told them not to. God put them out. Now God puts a garden in our hearts. He waters it with 'showers of blessings' and we grow love, joy, kindness and all such good things in our hearts. God loves our garden."

—M. Miles

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who made a garden?
2. Who did God put in the garden?
3. Did Adam have some work to do?
4. Where is God's garden today?

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THE FIRST MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18-24; Matt. 19:3-8

Remember how God made Adam a wife? God put Adam to sleep, then He made a good wife for Adam out of one of Adam's ribs. Adam loved the wife God made him. He called her, "Eve," and said, "She is bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh." That meant that she was part of him. God told them they were one flesh, and they should love each other and stay with each other as long as they lived.

When men came to Jesus and asked him about divorces, Jesus told the people that God did not mean for husbands and wives to leave each other. They are to love each other and stay together until one of them dies. God said, "What God hath joined together, do not let men put apart." When two people marry they are to leave their fathers and mothers and live for each other. Marriage is a sacred thing. God does not want a marriage to be broken. You must pray and ask God to help you find the right husband or wife when you grow up, and serve the Lord together.

Memory Verse: What God hath therefore joined together, let not man put asunder. Mark 10:9.

Della's Question

"Mother, Jackie wants to be my boyfriend," Della said as her mother turned the meat in the frying pan.

"Do you need a boyfriend?" asked Mother.

"Well, no, but Mary has a boyfriend," Della said.

"I think it is nice for you to make friends of all the girls and boys and not just have one special boyfriend," Mother said as she cut up lettuce for a salad.

"Please set the table now, Della."

"How old do you have to be to have a boyfriend?" asked Della as she took the knives, forks, and spoons out of the drawer.

"God made a full-grown woman and 'brought' her to Adam and she became his wife," stated Mother. "When you think of a boyfriend you are thinking of someone who will be your husband. It is so serious that you must wait until you are old enough to choose."

"Oh, I don't want to marry, because I want to stay with you and Daddy," Della hastened to say.

"Well, then you had better drop the thought of having a special boyfriend until you are old enough to get married, because that is the way God wants it to be. He doesn't want children to marry. Grown up people are the ones to marry."

"Did you say that God brought Eve to Adam?" asked Della. "Is that why the daddy brings the girl to the man at a wedding?"

"That is probably the reason they do it," answered Mother as she took up the food to be put on the table.

"When God brought Eve to Adam, he loved her very much and said that Eve was 'bone of his bones, and flesh of his

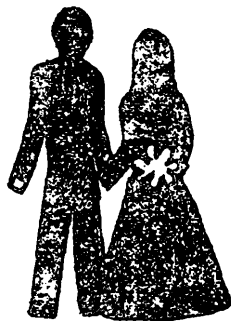
flesh.' She was a full-grown woman made from a rib that God took from Adam's side. She was to walk by his side and he was to love her as he would his own flesh. A man would never hurt himself so he should never hurt his wife. God's plan is perfect, if people will live by it. The woman is to love and obey her husband and she loves to do that because he loves her so much."

"I am going to wait until I am big to get a boyfriend," Della decided. — M. Miles

Many boys and girls who disobey their parents and teachers will end up in jail later in life. Make yourself obey those who are over you and you will be happier.

Love the Lord with all of your heart, mind, soul and body. Jesus loves you and wants you to love Him.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Did God give Adam a wife?
2. What did God make Adam's wife out of?
3. How long are people to stay married?

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THE GREAT MYSTERY

Gen. 2:23; John 19:33-35; 1 Jno. 5:6; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-32.

There are many mysteries in this world. A mystery is something you can't understand, or if something happens and you don't know why it happens, that's a mystery. There are many mysteries about God that we do not understand. God is a mystery. But Jesus came to show and tell us what God is like.

In the garden of Eden God made a wife for Adam from a rib taken from Adam's side. Adam called Eve "bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh." She was indeed made from Adam's bone and of the same kind of flesh. Adam loved her and enjoyed her company.

God longed to have people who would love Him and be like Him. Because Adam had brought sin to the world, men were no longer like God. Jesus said He would come and shed His blood on the cross to blot out men's sins and make them like God again. The rib from Adam's side made him a wife, and the blood from Jesus' side bought the Church of God. That's a mystery, isn't it?

Memory Verse: . . . The church of God which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20:28c.

Bride of Christ

"Poor Adam," little Laurie said, as her mother read about Adam being made by God and put in the Garden of Eden. "He didn't have anyone to play with but the animals."

"Yes, I am sure that Adam was very lonely, living in a big world all alone. God knew that, so one day God put him to sleep and took a rib out of his side. He took the rib and made a woman for Adam. When Adam awoke he was happy. He looked at her and said that she was part of him. She is 'bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh.' He loved her so much. Now he had someone to talk to. He wasn't lonely anymore."

"Oh, I am so glad that God made Eve for Adam!" Laurie exclaimed.

"Now Laurie, let me tell you about someone else who was lonely," Mother said. "When Adam and Eve sinned, and were put out of the garden, it made God very sad. God had talked to them in the garden and He enjoyed and loved them. They loved God and God was very happy. Now, sin caused Adam and Eve to not love God. God was lonely and wanted someone to love Him. One day God sent Jesus to this world. He lived and finally wicked men put Him on the cross. Jesus was willing to die and take the punishment that belonged to every one that had sinned against God. Oh, how we love Jesus for taking our punishment!"

"I love Jesus too, I don't want to be punished," Laurie added.

"After Jesus died, the soldiers came along. When they saw that he was dead they took a spear, which was sharp, and pushed it into Jesus' side. Out flowed blood and water. Jesus gave His blood from His side for a real purpose. Jesus needed a people who would love Him.

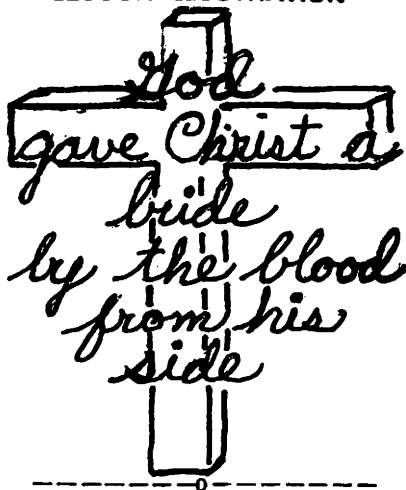
Through the blood of Jesus that flowed out of His side, God gave Jesus a bride. This is a great mystery but it is true. When you and I let the blood of Jesus wash away our sins, then we become part of the bride of Christ, as Eve became the bride of Adam. We belong to Christ. As Christ looks upon us, He loves us and now God can commune with us and He is not lonely anymore," Mother said.

"Oh, Mother, when we are saved from our sins, we come out of Christ's side just like Eve came out of Adam's side, don't we?" Laurie exclaimed.

"Jesus' love, in dying on the cross, and his blood flowing out of His side, makes us love Him very much. He looks at us and says that we are part of His body. He lives in us and we live in Him. Isn't that wonderful?"

— M. Miles

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



QUESTIONS:

1. Who died to save us?
2. What will blot out our sins?
3. How do we know Jesus loved us?

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CHRIST BRINGS SOUL-REST

Gen. 2:1-3; Matt. 1:21; Luke 2:12-14; Isa. 57:20, 21.

God rested on the seventh day. He didn't get tired like we do. "Rested" just means He stopped creating things. He had finished all His work. It was complete. Later on, God had Moses to tell the people they were to rest on the seventh day. He wanted them to remember God's rest, for at that time no one could live without sinning. People had troubled hearts. Often they were sad for all their sins. There was no way they could be free from sin. No matter how much people wanted to do right, they always found that sin ruled over them.

God sent a tiny baby into the world, born of a virgin, to bring soul-rest for all men. Yes, you know the story of Jesus and how He was born in a stable and laid in a manger. The angels sang at His birth, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." God wanted them to be saved and have peace in their hearts. Then they could stop all their wicked ways and have continual soul-rest.

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

The Splendidest Christmas

It was Christmas morning when a man standing in a store, heard a voice: "Has you got any Christmas at your house?" Looking down, he saw a blue-eyed little girl, about eight years of age.

"Well," said the gentleman, "we've got a kind of a Christmas."

"A kind of a Christmas! Why, we've got the splendidest Christmas at our house you ever did see."

Just then the mother of the little girl came up, and the gentleman soon heard the following story:

Late one Christmas eve, the father of the little girl came home drunk.

Early on Christmas morning his wife came and shook him, and as he opened his eyes he was startled to hear her say: "Husband, get up; Willie is dying!" Willie, his little five-year old boy, was the idol of his heart, and when he heard his wife's words, he sprang up and ran into the room where the little fellow lay.

As soon as the little boy saw him, he said, "Papa, please go and see what I've got for my Christmas." Then for the first time, he remembered it was Christmas morning, and that he had not purchased any gifts for those who had a right to his love and care.

He turned and left, trying to think of some excuse to make to the dying boy. While he stood thinking, his wife came out and said to him: "Never mind, husband, it is too late—Willie is dead."

Saturday night, after the funeral, and after they had eaten supper, the husband took the bottle from the shelf and put it on the table. Then drawing up a couple of chairs, he said: "Wife, come and sit down here."

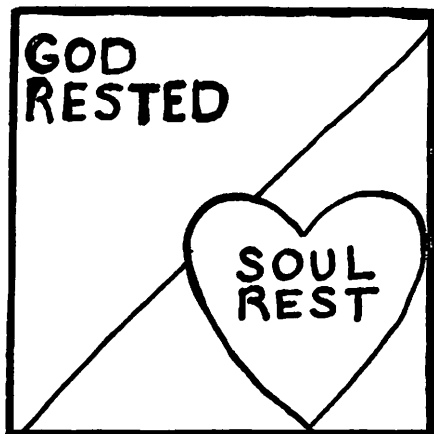
"Now, wife, I want you to help me figure how much drink has cost me each week for the past five years. Each week for the next five years I'm going to put that money back into the empty bottle.

Quickly they found he had been spending at least five dollars a week for liquor. Putting his hand down in his pocket, he drew out a five dollar bill, rolled it up, and pushed it down through the neck of the bottle. He said, "There goes the first deposit in the new bank."

Five years later the bills were counted. There were thirteen hundred dollars. Do you wonder why the girl said, "We've got the splendidest Christmas at our house you ever did see"? — C. H. M.

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Let God Change You.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



QUESTIONS:

1. When did God rest?
2. Does the sea ever rest?
3. Do wicked people have rest?
4. Who came to give us rest?