

# The Beautiful Way

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Jan. 2

## THE FIRST SIN

John 8:44, Gen. 3:1-8

God made Adam and Eve and placed them in a beautiful garden. They had everything they needed there. There was only one tree they could not touch. God told them that tree would bring death to them. Wouldn't you think they would be glad to leave that tree alone? However, there was an enemy, the devil, in the garden. He was a murderer from the beginning, and a liar, too. He took the form of a serpent and began to talk to Eve, the first woman. The devil told Eve that she would not die if she ate of the tree. Eve listened, looked at the fruit, believed the devil's lie and ate of the fruit. Then she gave some to Adam. Both of them saw that they were naked, and felt ashamed. They made aprons out of fig leaves, and when they heard the voice of God, they felt guilty and hid. When you do wrong things, you feel guilty, too. Adam and Eve brought sorrow to themselves and to the whole world because they sinned. Sin will bring sorrow to you, too.

*Memory Verse:* . . . and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. James 1:15b.

## A Family Honors Jesus

"Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so," little Kenny sang for Grandma and all of his family. All had come to Grandma and Grandpa's house on the day that was kept in memory of Jesus' birth. They had eaten the nice turkey dinner with all the trimmings and now they had all gathered in the living room. A pile of gifts was in one corner, waiting to be opened in memory of the greatest Gift that God has given to the world. Grandmother had asked each grandchild to sing a song, say a poem, read something out of the Bible about Jesus' birth, or play a song in praise to Jesus on their instrument. Each one was to do something in memory of Jesus' birth. This had been done for many years at Grandma's home and all enjoyed it. So when little Kenny was asked to sing a song, he sang what he knew.

"All right, Jackie, it is your time to add something," Grandmother said.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him," Jackie read Matt. 2:1-15, which is all about how Herod helped the wise men to find Jesus because Herod wanted to kill Him. But the wise men did not come back to tell Herod where He was and Jesus was spared being killed by Herod. The wise men gave gifts to Jesus and then went back home.

"Now, Betty, it is your time to let us know what you want to add to our praise to Jesus," Grandmother said.

"O, what a blessed morn  
Has dawn'd upon the earth;  
The Saviour Christ is born,  
And angels sing His birth:  
We'll join the first seraphic throng,  
We'll share their joys, and sing their song." spoke Betty.

Grandmother asked each grandchild to play their piece. Jerry played "Silent Night" on his trombone and Mary played, "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem" on her flute. Then together they played a song with praises to Jesus. "Now let us all sing together, 'Tell Me the Story of Jesus.'" After the family finished, they all knelt in prayer. After that, they opened the gifts that each had brought to show their love. It was a time of great joy to the family and was a time to be long remembered.

—Sis. Marie Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. Who lived in a beautiful garden?
2. Could Adam and Eve eat of every tree in the garden?
3. Who told Eve to eat the fruit on the forbidden tree?
4. Was it a sin to disobey God?

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Jan. 9

## **BLAMING OTHERS**

Genesis 3:9-19

Adam and Eve were hiding because they had disobeyed God. "Where are you, Adam?" called God. "I hid because I was naked," was Adam's answer. "How did you know you were naked? Did you eat of the tree in the middle of the garden?"

Adam then told God he had eaten the fruit because Eve gave it to him. "It's really her fault." God sadly turned to Eve. "Do you know what you have done?" Eve blamed the serpent. "He told me the fruit would make me wise, so I ate it. It's really the serpent's fault."

Have you ever blamed someone else for the wrong you did? Do you think blaming others excused Adam and Eve? No, each of them had to suffer for his sin. God told the serpent, "You must always crawl upon your belly. Satan, who talked through you, will be defeated." "Eve, you will have pain and trouble when you bear children." "Adam, you must leave this garden and make your own. You will have to sweat to have bread to eat."

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

## "It's Not My Fault"

"Hey, Jack, let's walk down to the creek," Jimmy yelled as Jack came walking down the road. As the boys walked along talking, Jack took his big wad of bubble gum out of his mouth and held it close to his head and said, "It would be a mess if I got this in my hair." About that time he stumbled on a rock; as he fell against a tree, his hand hit his head and the bubble gum was smashed right into his hair. He got up and brushed off his clothes. He and Jimmy worked hard, trying to get the bubble gum out of his hair.

"Mother always told me to keep bubble gum in my mouth or put it right in the waste-paper basket. Janie went to bed with bubble gum in her mouth and got it in her hair. It was a mess. Mother had to cut some of her hair to get it out." Jimmy said as he worked on getting the bubble gum out of Jack's hair.

"Well, if it had not been for that rock I wouldn't have stumbled and got it in my hair. I wish we didn't live where there are so many rocks. It's that rock's fault and not mine," Jack said after yelling as Jimmy pulled some of his hair.

Soon the boys gave up and walked on. Some other boys joined them, and Jack pushed some hair over the gum and walked on toward the creek. It was a sunny day and the boys enjoyed the creek that ran through Jack's farm. They loved to throw rocks into the water.

"Let's see who can walk the closest to the water and not get wet," Allen said and started pulling off his shoes. The boys followed him by pulling off their shoes. Soon they were playing their new game, being very careful not to get any water on their feet. Raymond got tired of the game, so all of a sudden, he gave a

big shove and Jack and Allen fell into the water. They got up and chased Raymond, as he ran through the woods toward home. The boys picked up their shoes and started home.

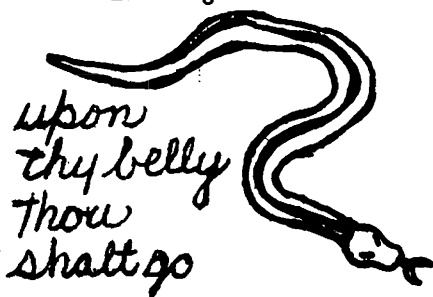
"Jack you make so much washing for me. You just put those clothes on clean this morning and now you have to have another set of clothes. Why can't you be more careful?" Mother said, as Jack walked into the house.

"It's not my fault, it is Raymond's. He shoved me into the water. I stumbled over a rock and got bubble gum in my hair. Can't you get it out?" Jack asked.

"I never saw such a boy, always blaming someone else, or something else, when it's your fault. You should keep bubble gum in your mouth and not walk close to the water when you have your good clothes on. I think you will need to sit in a chair for an hour and think some of these things over," Mother said.

Jack did think that it would be best to be more careful after he realized the things that happened to him were his own fault.

—M. Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Adam and Eve hide?
2. Who did Adam blame for his sin?
3. Did Eve blame someone?

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Jan. 16

## **HOW SHALL WE DRESS?**

Gen. 3:21; 1 Tim. 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 3:3-6; Deut. 22:5;

1 Cor. 11:7, 14, 15

Adam and Eve saw that they were naked. They knew God would not want them to go naked. They felt ashamed as they looked at each other. Eve found some fig leaves. They were large, so she thought she could make them something to wear. After they had put on the aprons she made, they went before God. But God was not pleased with their scanty clothing. "No, that will not do," He said. God took the skins of two animals and made them each a coat. Now they were covered.

The Bible tells us how to please God in everything. It tells us to wear modest clothing. (Ask your teacher to tell you what modest means.) It says women should not wear men's clothing, neither should men wear things that belong to women. Those things are hateful in God's sight. The Bible tells us that long hair is a glory to women and girls, but long hair is a shame for men and boys. Our memory verse is a good rule for us to follow.

*Memory Verse:* Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10:31.

## How Does God See Us?

"I wonder how Eve learned to sew?" Mary asked her mother as she watched her putting the hem in her new dress.

"What made you think of that?" asked Mother as she threaded her needle.

"In our Sunday school lesson it said when Adam and Eve sinned, they got fig leaves, sewed them together, and made themselves aprons. I imagine they looked funny in fig aprons. That wouldn't cover them up very much."

"No, it didn't and God wasn't pleased either. God made them coats of skin. Animals have thick skin and some have heavy fur. God wanted to be sure that their bodies were covered. Sin is a terrible thing and that is the reason their bodies had to be covered. Jesus' blood is a covering for the sin of the soul. Just think what that cost our loving Jesus. It is real important that we have two coverings on. A covering for our soul and a covering for our body," Mother explained.

"I don't want anyone seeing me," Mary said as she pulled her dress down over her knees. "Does Jackie have to be covered like girls?"

"Yes, we read that God made coats of skin for both Adam and Eve," answered Mother.

"Some of the girls at school make fun of me because I don't wear pants," Mary said. "Does the Bible say we are not to wear pants like boys?"

"Yes dear, we read plainly in the Bible that 'Woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment' (Deut. 22:5). God hates that kind of thing. It isn't pleasing at all unto the Lord. We don't want God looking down upon us and hating us. We want God to look

down upon us and love us, so we dress to please Him," Mother explained.

"Did you see how long Billy's hair is?" asked Mary. "He looks like a girl."

In the Bible it says, "if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him" (1 Cor. 11:14). But for woman to have long hair is a glory to her" (1 Cor. 11:15). Oh, we do want to obey the Bible and live by it! We want to go to heaven. We want Jesus to love us and we do want His blessings to be upon us. We want him to hear our prayers and answer them when we pray so we want to live by His Word," Mother said.

—M. Miles

If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough evidents to convict you?

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Eve make for them to wear?
2. Did God like their aprons of fig leaves?
3. Of What did God make them some coats?
4. What book tells how to please God?

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## **THE TREE OF LIFE**

Gen. 3:22-24; Rev. 22:1, 2, 14

There were so many wonderful trees in the garden of Eden. In the center of the garden was the most wonderful tree of all—the tree of life. Whoever ate of that tree would live forever, and never die. Since Adam and Eve had sinned and brought sin upon the whole world, God knew it would not be good for them to live forever. He sent them out of the garden and put a flaming sword to guard the tree of life. No one could get to eat of that tree.

God wants men to be saved and live forever with Him, so He made a way. He sent Jesus to die for our sins. Only Jesus' blood can blot out sin. When we get saved, we have hope of eternal life because we obey God's words. Though we must die and our bodies go back to the dust, we know that when the end of the world comes, God will give us new bodies that will live forever. If we die with sin in our life, we can never be saved. If we obey the Bible and keep God's Word, we will go to live with Jesus when we die. Jesus is that tree of life.

*Memory Verse:* Jesus saith, . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life. . . . John 14:6

## A Special Tree

"How do you like my picture?" asked Betty.

Mother took the picture and looked at it. "What kind of tree is this supposed to be?"

"Don't you know?" Betty asked. "It's in the Bible."

"Oh, is it the tree that Zacchaeus climbed up when he saw Jesus coming?" asked Mother.

"No, you'll have to guess again," Betty said, smiling.

"Maybe it is the fig tree that Jesus spoke to and all the figs dried up," Mother said.

"No, that's not it. It's the tree of life," Betty said. She couldn't keep the secret any longer.

"Oh, the tree of life that was in the Garden of Eden!" Mother exclaimed. "Do you know what happened to the tree of life?"

"Sure, because we studied about it in Sunday school. God chased Adam and Eve out of the Garden. He put a guard of angels around it, and as you walked down the path to it there was a fiery sword there. It turned this way and then it turned that way. Fire would shoot out of it and it was red hot. Adam and Eve couldn't get close to it," Betty said, as she got up and turned one way and then back the other way.

"Did you know that John, the disciple that was put out on the Isle of Patmos had a vision of the tree of life? He saw the tree with the water of life flowing by it from a throne. On the tree of life there was fruit that was for the healing of the nations. John fell down and worshipped. Then an angel said to him. 'Blessed (or happy) are they that do his command-

ments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city' of heaven. Isn't that wonderful?" asked Mother.

"Oh, yes, I am glad we can eat of the tree of life again. Our teacher said that when we give our hearts to Jesus we will have eternal life. She said the sword was the Word of God," Betty explained.

"It is wonderful that you remember all the teacher told you. If we want to go to heaven we must read the Word of God so the sword can cut off all that is wrong," Mother said.

—M. Miles

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



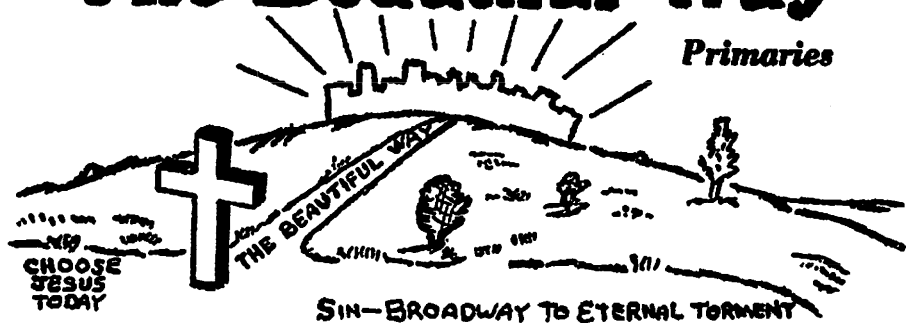
### QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of tree is our lesson about?
2. Who can eat of the tree of life?
3. Can you go to heaven if you have sin in your heart?



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Jan. 30

## **THE BEST SACRIFICE**

Gen. 4:2-10; Heb. 12:24; Heb. 11:4; 1 John 3:11, 12

It was time to offer a sacrifice to God. Both Cain and Abel had been blessed of the Lord. Cain, as a farmer, had received rain and sunshine, so his crops grew and brought forth much fruit. Abel's flocks had increased because of the abundance of grass. God had been good to the two brothers. Now, one of them was more thankful than the other. Abel recognized the goodness of God. Cain decided it was his own efforts that brought his gain. "I'll just take some fruit for an offering. God ought to accept that." But Abel chose the best lamb he had to give to God, and God was pleased with Abel's sacrifice.

When Cain saw his offering did not please God and that Abel's did, he became very angry at his brother. God told Cain that if he would do well, his offering would be accepted, too. Instead, Cain let hatred grow in his heart, and he killed his brother.

Jesus, the Lamb of God, came to this world as a sacrifice for our sin. He was the best sacrifice!

*Memory Verse:* . . . Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ. 1 Pet. 1:18, 19

## Love Everybody

"Why are you looking so sad?" Mother asked little Teddie.

"Did you know that Cain killed Abel?" asked Teddie. "Sis. Brown said it was very sad."

"Is that what you studied about in your Sunday school lesson?" asked Mother.

"Yes, and I don't like Cain. He is mean," Teddie said with a frown on his face.

"Oh, but dear, Cain died years and years ago. God punished Cain for killing Abel. We are to love everybody, even if they do wrong," Mother explained. "Yes it was very, very wrong for Cain to kill Abel, and we do not love any wrong that he did but we want to pity Cain. Cain had a soul and everybody's soul is precious in God's sight."

"Sometimes Melvin hits me and I don't like him when he hits me," Teddie said as he got up to look out the window to see if he could see Melvin. "There he goes now."

"No, you don't like the hits that Melvin gives you, nor his bad ways, but you want to help Melvin to be a better boy by being nice to him."

"He always wants to be first and I want to be first sometimes," Teddie said. "He always wants my best car to play with and I want to play with it."

"I know that sometimes you aren't very nice to Melvin, and maybe that is the reason that he isn't nice. Why don't you try to be nicer and I am sure that will help him too," Mother said.

"Does Melvin have a soul?" asked Teddie. "You said that everybody has a soul. I didn't think about Melvin having a soul inside of him."

"Yes, Melvin has a soul inside just like

you do. Everybody has a soul and Jesus died on the cross to save souls from hell. We do not want any soul to go to hell. Jesus didn't either. He was willing to leave that beautiful home in heaven to die and take our punishment for sin so we could go to heaven," Mother explained.

"Will my soul go to heaven?" asked Teddie.

"If you love and serve Jesus and pray for Him to help you every day. You will need to love Melvin even if he does you wrong."

"I'm going to pray for Jesus to help me love Melvin's soul so I can go to heaven," Teddie said.

"Yes, you must do that and always remember to love everybody's soul."

—M. Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Cain hate Abel?
2. What did Cain do to Abel?
3. Does God want people to kill each other?
4. Did someone have to die for us?

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Feb. 6

## ENOCH PLEASES GOD

Gen. 5:5, 21-27, 30; Gen. 6:1, 3, 5

When the world was new, men lived much longer than they do now. God saw they needed much more time to people the earth. They lived long enough to see their great-great-great, oh, ever so many great-great grandchildren. Adam lived 930 years, and one man named Methuselah lived even longer, 969 years. Just think, almost one thousand years! The only thing, the longer they lived, the more wicked they became. God saw they thought only about evil continually. There was one man who did not live on this earth so long. Do you know why? He pleased God, so God just took him right up to heaven. He didn't have to die like everyone else. Enoch was only 365 years old when God translated him to heaven. The Bible tells us that Enoch had this testimony, that he pleased God. Wasn't that a wonderful testimony?

Boys and girls, Jesus came to make it possible for you and me to live to please God, too. If we will love Him and serve Him, He will take us to heaven.

*Memory Verse:* . . . Enoch had this testimony, that he pleased God. Hebrews 11:5.

## Enoch Pleased God

"There goes Mr. Morris," Minnie said as she looked out of the window one morning. "He is really old. He doesn't even stand up straight when he walks. He must be the oldest man that ever lived."

"Danny told me that his teeth aren't even real. He bought them at a store," Lynn said, as he pressed his nose against the window watching Mr. Morris pass by. "I feel sorry for him. Oh look, how he taps with his cane trying to find the edge of the sidewalk. He must be nearly blind."

"Did you children know that if you live to be old that you might be just like Mr. Morris?" Mother stated. "As a person grows old their body wears out. Their teeth decay, their eyes grow dim and their strength grows weak. All of us are on our way to death. That is the reason we all must be ready to die. Death is sure. But we don't mind leaving this old body when we think of being with someone who loves us so dearly. Do you know who that is?"

"Jesus!" both children said at once.

"Oh, that is right! Jesus loves us and has proven His great love by coming here and dying on the cross for our salvation. Today He is in heaven waiting for us to come and be with Him."

"Will we go straight up into the air and be with Jesus?" asked little Minnie.

"The Bible tells us that Enoch was translated because he pleased God. That means that he was just taken up from the earth to heaven," Mother said. "Also Elijah went up in a chariot of fire, in a whirlwind (II Kings 2:11). When you and I die our body will be buried and our soul will be taken up to be with Jesus."

"That was what happened to Sis. Smith, wasn't it?" Lynn added. "Her soul went to heaven and we saw them put her body in the ground."

"There were a lot of old people in Enoch's day," Mother explained. "Methuselah (Me-thuse-lah) was the oldest man that ever lived. He died when he was 969 years old. He was almost a thousand years old. But there were a lot of wicked people in that day and God looked at them. He was sorry that He had made Adam and Eve in the beginning. There were many people who did not love Him. Today God is looking down and He sees the good people, like Enoch, and He sees the wicked people too. We want to be like Enoch and please God."

—M. Miles

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<i>Adam</i>	<i>930 yrs</i>
<i>Seth</i>	<i>912 yrs</i>
<i>Jared</i>	<i>962 yrs</i>
<i>Enoch</i>	<i>365 yrs</i>
<i>Methuselah</i>	<i>969 yrs</i>
<i>Lamech</i>	<i>777 yrs</i>
<i>Noah</i>	<i>950 yrs</i>
<i>Methuselah knew both Adam &amp; Noah</i>	

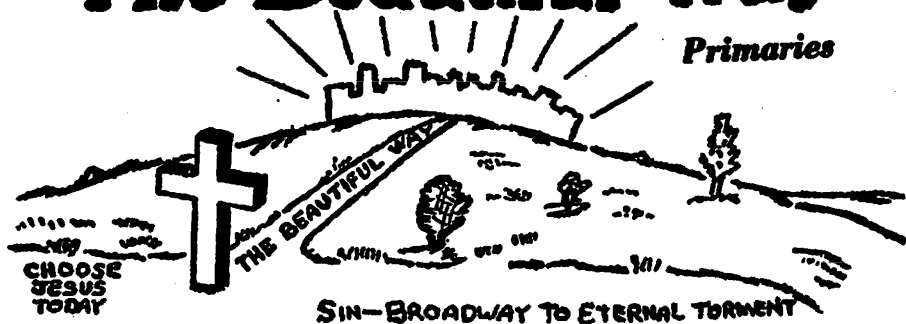
### QUESTIONS:

1. When did men live much longer than they do now?
2. Who pleased God?
3. Did Enoch die?

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## **NOAH FINDS MERCY**

Genesis 6:6-18

God had made the earth and blessed it. Everything God made was good. Then because sin came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, all the people began to do evil things. Men killed and robbed, cursed and swore. They did not love each other as God intended. As God looked down and saw all the evil, He was sorry that He had ever made man. God saw only one man who was doing right. "I will save Noah and his family," God said.

"Noah, I am going to send a flood on the earth that will destroy everything that has breath. Build an ark big enough to hold some of all the animals and all of your family. When you get it finished, I will send the flood." God told Noah just how to build the ark. Noah believed God and did what He told him. Noah was thankful to God. Out of all those on the earth, only Noah obtained mercy. That was because he wanted to live right and please God. God will always watch over and care for those who love and serve Him.

*Memory Verse:* Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he. Genesis 6:22.

## God's Big Eyes

"God must have great big eyes," little Mary said as the Sunday school teacher finished telling about how God saw Noah among all of the wicked people on the earth.

"Yes, God can see everywhere. God sees the boys and girls that are good and He sees the boys and girls that are naughty," the teacher said.

"Does God see me all the time?" asked Billy.

"Yes, God sees you all the time. God saw you yesterday all day. God saw everything that you did," Sis. Brown answered.

"I didn't think anyone saw me when I took just one cookie off the plate that Mother set on the table," Billy said.

"God saw you, even if your mother didn't see you. Did your mother tell you not to bother the cookies?" asked Sis. Brown.

"Yes, but Lillie got one so I did too," Billy said with his head down. God was making him feel bad again for disobeying his mother. His mother did not notice that the cookies were gone but Billy knew he had done wrong.

"We must never do wrong, just because others do wrong, Billy," Sis. Brown said. "When you go home, you must tell your mother that you are sorry that you disobeyed her, and I know that you will feel much better. Then pray to Jesus, ask him to forgive you for disobeying your mother and ask Jesus to help you remember to always do what your mother tells you. I am sure that it wouldn't have hurt you to wait just a little while until meal time and you could have had your cookie. When you eat sweets before your meal, it causes you to not be very hungry. Your mother knows what is best

and wants you to be healthy and feel well."

"How big was the boat that Noah made?" asked Darryld.

"A block is from one corner to the next corner," Sis. Brown said. "The ark was about one and one-half blocks long. When you go home, you notice when you pass one corner, then notice when you pass the next corner, and about in the middle of that block, you can look back and know just about how big Noah's ark was that God told him to build."

—M. Miles

Good, better, best  
Let us never rest  
Until our Good is better  
And our Better is Best.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



### QUESTIONS:

1. Was God sorry He had made man?
2. What was God going to do?
3. Who found mercy in God's sight?
4. What did God tell Noah to do?

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## **NOAH AND HIS FAMILY SAVED**

Gen. 7:1-24; Matt. 24:37, 38

It took Noah 100 years to build the great ark that God told him to make. He and his three sons had worked hard. Now the ark was finished.

"Noah, it will soon begin to rain. Take your family and the animals and go into the ark." After they all were inside, God sealed the great door shut. Then the rain began to fall. For 40 days it rained. The water rose so high that it covered every high hill and mountain. Everything that had breath died. Out of the whole world, only Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives were saved. They had believed God and obeyed Him.

Jesus told us that the end of the world will come upon this earth just like the flood came upon the world. People won't be expecting it to happen. They will be going about their daily business of buying, selling, marrying, and forgetting all about God and His Word. People laughed at Noah for building an ark (a large boat) on dry land. People laugh now of the end of the world.

*Memory Verse:* But as the days of Noe were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. Matt. 24:37.

## Water, Water, Water

"Where did enough water come from that would cause the whole world to be filled with water?" Jerry asked as he whirled his arms around and around. Mother had been reading to him about the flood in the day of Noah.

"In that day, they didn't have rain like we do today. There was a mist that came up from the earth and watered everything," Mother explained. "Water poured down from the sky for 40 days and 40 nights. The fountains of the deep broke up the dirt, rocks and moved the soil around. It was a fearful day. It was a day that the world had never known nor ever will know again. The waters rolled down the mountain side, the rocks were loosened and came rolling down with a crash, crushing everything in their path. The rivers filled up and overflowed. Water rose higher and higher. Soon it was up into the houses and finally covered the houses. Every person, animal and every living thing tried getting to higher ground, but soon the mountains were covered. Every living thing that had breath was dead. That was a fearful time for all those who had lived so wickedly."

"Oh, why didn't they listen to Noah?" Jerry asked as he wiped the tears from his eyes. "Why didn't they run and get into the ark before the door closed?"

"They didn't believe what Noah told them. They didn't believe the message from God," Mother explained. "They laughed, played, drank, ate, married and went right on doing just as they pleased. They probably laughed at Noah and his big boat out there on dry land. They said what Noah had told them was not true. Oh, how sad! Today people are not listening to God. They are not doing what God has told them. They are doing bad

things day after day. They know that they will be punished but they don't seem to care. I do thank God there are a few who care. I am glad, Jerry, that you care. I am so glad that you love Jesus and pray to Him every day. I hope that you will always carefully listen to what Jesus has told us in the Bible."

"I am glad that Noah and his wife listened, also his boys," Jerry said as he sat there thinking about all of that water. "Will we ever have a flood like that?"

"No, the world will be destroyed with fire when the end comes," Mother answered. "It will be more than just the people in that day, the whole world will be destroyed. Only those who are saved will be taken up to be with Jesus."

—M. Miles



## Safe in the Ark

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who did God tell to go in the ark?
2. What went into the ark with Noah?
3. How many were saved in the great flood?



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## THE TWO BIRDS

Gen. 8:1, 4, 6-20; Matt. 3:16

The ark floated upon the water that covered the whole earth. The rain had stopped many months ago. There was no life anywhere except in the ark. God remembered Noah and his family, and the animals in the ark. He sent a strong wind to dry up the water. At last the ark came to rest on top of a mountain. After it had rested there for forty days, Noah opened the window in the top of the ark. He couldn't see the ground whether it was dry or not, so he let a raven go out of the window. Every day the raven came back until the waters were dried up. Then Noah let a dove go out of the window. The dove came back. Noah knew the earth was not yet dry. After 21 days the dove never returned. Noah removed the covering of the ark and all the animals and Noah's family went out. They had been in the ark for a year. They were glad to get on dry land once more. Noah was thankful and offered sacrifices to God.

When Jesus was baptized, a dove from heaven lighted on Him.

*Memory Verse:* . . . Be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Matt. 10:16.

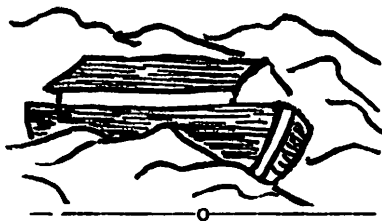
## Noah's Ark

The ark rested on Mt. Ararat. Noah sent out a raven to see if the waters had gone down. Did you ever see a raven? It's a pretty black bird. Do you remember how God told the ravens to feed Elijah, when there was a famine? Elijah was by a brook and the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning and in the evening (I Kings 17:1-7). The ravens obeyed God. The raven that Noah sent out flew back and forth until the waters dried up, and it found a place to rest its feet. Later, Noah sent out a dove. A dove is a pretty bird. The pigeon is also in the dove family. Did you ever see a dove or a pigeon? One time my father cut a hole in his garage attic and two pigeons lived there. There was a bedroom below the attic in the garage. Some people visited my father and he let them sleep in the bedroom. They couldn't rest because of the cooing of the two pigeons, so he decided to give the pigeons away. A man came for them in the night, put them in a sack and took them out into the country. He put them in a pen for several days. When he let them out, they came right back. My father had to close up the hole and finally they left. The doves and pigeons are loving birds and are faithful.

Jesus says that we are to be "harmless as doves" (Matt. 10:16). They are humble, lowly, and harmless. Can you be like the dove? The dove that Noah sent out returned. He put out his hand and pulled her into the ark. Seven days later he sent her out again and she brought back an olive leaf in her mouth. He waited seven more days and sent her out and she didn't return. So Noah removed the covering off the ark and looked out and saw dry land. The waters had gone away.

Today, there are many who have gone on record saying the ark is still on Mt. Ararat, but it is covered with ice. Many, many years ago it was not covered with ice. One man wrote about a pilot who was flying an airplane in 1916. The pilot told the Russians, that he saw a ship on top of Mt. Ararat, "as long as a city block." The Russians sent men up to see about it. They took a lot of pictures and brought back the report that the big boat was as long as the Bible said Noah's ark was. They said it had hundreds of small rooms in it, also some huge rooms which had fence-like partitions, made of upright timbers, two feet thick. Those rooms would be big enough for elephants. There were a lot of cages with tiny iron bars. On one side there was a big door about 20 ft. square. The Russians destroyed the pictures. The Turkish government now must get along with Russia so they will not let anyone go up there, but maybe one of these days God will let it be opened up for the world to see.

—M. Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. Did the waters dry up?
2. What did Noah send out the window of the ark?
3. How many birds did he send?
4. What kind of bird did Jesus tell us to be like?

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## THE RAINBOW

Gen. 8:20-22; Gen. 9:1-6, 13-16

Have you ever seen a rainbow? Those who live in cities may find it hard to see the beautiful rainbows that God puts in the sky. After it has rained and the sun comes out, we often see a rainbow against the background of a cloud. The rainbow is the token of God's promise to never destroy the world again with a flood. God also said as long as the earth remains, there will be spring and fall, the cold of winter and the heat of summer. Day and night shall continue as long as the world stands. God remembers His promise to never send a great flood upon the earth as He did in Noah's time. We can depend upon God's promises.

After Noah came out of the ark, he offered sacrifices to God. Noah was thankful that God spared him and his family. God was pleased with Noah's sacrifice and gave him the token of the rainbow. When we see the rainbow, we know it is also a token to us. God told Noah they could now eat the flesh of all animals, as well as the herbs of the field. Let us thank God for His goodness!

*Memory Verse:* The Lord is not slack concerning his promise. . . . 2 Peter 3:9.

## God Gives Meat

"Daddy, you aren't going to kill our pretty white rabbits, are you?" Mary asked. She had watched them grow from tiny babies and she loved them very much. They were so soft and white.

"Mary, did you know that God made rabbits for our food?" Daddy asked.

"Yes, but we can eat hamburgers for food and not our pretty rabbits," Mary decided. She liked hamburgers.

"What will we do with them? They will grow as big as their mother and we do not have any more cages to put them in. Their mother might have another bunch of babies and if we keep all of them, we will have a back yard full of rabbits. We are supposed to eat them," Daddy explained.

"We can sell them," suggested Mary.

"Well, if we do, the people who buy them will eat them for food, so we might as well eat them ourselves," Daddy said. "The Bible says, 'every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you . . . but . . . blood . . . shall ye not eat.' Gen. 8:3,4. Don't you think God is wise enough to know that we need meat and that He wants us to be thankful for the food that He has provided for us to eat? That is God's way of taking care of us."

"Well, if God said for us to kill our rabbits I am sure it will be all right," Mary replied. "Did you say we will get some more?"

"Oh yes, we probably will have more, that is, if we keep the mother rabbit."

The rain had stopped so Daddy went out, killed the rabbits and cleaned them. Mary was busy helping her mother when he came in. She looked at the meat and said, "It just looks like any other meat, doesn't it?" Her mother agreed.

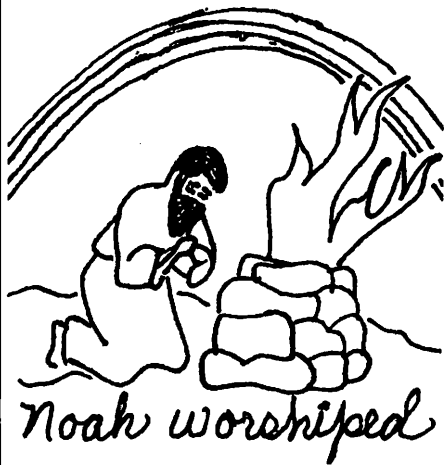
"Mother, I am going outside again

since it has stopped raining," Mary said. When Mary got to the door she saw a beautiful rainbow in the sky. "Oh, isn't that beautiful!" Mary exclaimed. "Our Sunday school teacher said that every time we see a rainbow, we should think of God and how He keeps His promise. He promised that He would never send another flood to drown all the people and He never has. Oh, I do love God very much! He is so good to us!"

—M. Miles

Help Mother keep the house clean by walking to the trash box and putting your waste paper in it, instead of dropping it on the floor.

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did God put the rainbow in the sky?
2. What did God say would last as long as the earth remains?
3. Can we depend on God's promises?

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## THE TOWER OF BABEL

Gen. 9:18, 19; Gen. 11:1-9.

After the great flood, Noah's sons and their wives began to have children. Then their children had children, and so on. After many years there were many people. For a while they all stayed together. All spoke the same language. It wasn't like today with so many different kinds of people. Would you like to know how the different languages came to pass?

The people moved together and traveled to a great plain. There they found clay to make many bricks to build homes and a city. They decided to build a great tower they thought would reach up to heaven. They did not want to be scattered upon the earth as God meant them to be. We do not know how high they got, but we know they could not have reached heaven. Do you know what God did? He made them all speak strange languages. They couldn't understand each other, so they had to quit building the tower. The tower was called Babel, which means confusion. The people then separated and spoke their own languages.

*Memory Verse:* If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. Acts 5:39.

## Reaching Heaven

"I would like to go see the Tower of Babel," little Jane said as Daddy asked where the children would like to go that Sunday afternoon.

"The Tower of Babel!" Sam echoed.

"That tower has been gone for thousands of years. And anyway it's not close to where we live," answered Daddy.

"I want to go see the ducks on the lake in the park," Randy said. Soon the family was in the car and driving toward the park. They were taking some old bread to feed the ducks.

"Jane, you mentioned about wanting to see the Tower of Babel," Daddy said as he drove along. "I read that there are only some ruins left where the Tower of Babel was supposed to have been. People have carried away the bricks instead of making others to build their homes. The natives say there is a place where it was located thousands of years ago."

"They didn't build it with bricks, they built it with works—that's what my Sunday school teacher said," Jane added. "Well maybe at first they used bricks but God didn't like it because they used works in trying to reach heaven."

"You are right, Jane, they used bricks and works both," Daddy agreed. "But you have it a little mixed up. They wanted to work their way up to heaven. They worked and made bricks to build a tower to heaven so that if God sent another flood they would be safe. Their plans and works were wrong. God was greatly displeased. He stopped their brick-making and their works. That was not the way to get to heaven."

"How did God want them to get to heaven?" asked Randy.

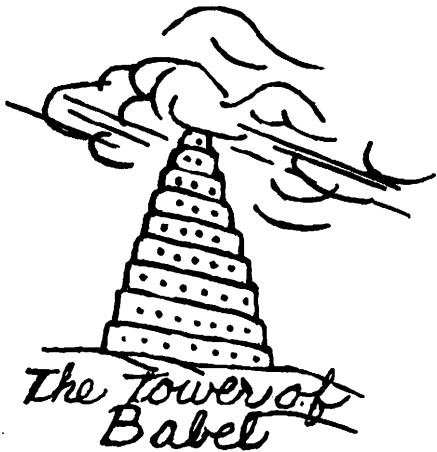
"God wanted them to love and please

Him. He wanted them to offer a lamb, which stood for Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb that was to come and save them from their sins," Daddy told the children. "We get to heaven by the plan of God and not by our own plans and works. They had forgotten all about God and did not worship Him. They worshipped gold and silver, the things that God had made. Today, God wants us to remember to obey Jesus and love Him. That is the way we will get to heaven."

—M. Miles

The Christian's hope is that God will resurrect these bodies regardless of the length of time they have been in the grave

### LESSON ILLUSTRATION



### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the people build a great tower?
2. What was the name of the tower?
3. What happened to the people?
4. Did they keep building the tower?

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## **ABRAM MAKES PEACE**

Gen. 12:1-3, 5; Gen. 13:1-11

Abram lived in a wicked country. All the people there worshipped idols of gold and silver. Abram worshipped God and tried to please Him. One day God said, "Abram, leave this wicked country and go to a land I will show you. I will make of you a great nation. I will make your name great, and you shall be a great blessing. Those who bless you, I will bless. Those who curse you, I will curse." Abram obeyed God and took all his possessions, his wife Sarah, and his nephew, Lot. They traveled into the land of Caanan.

Abram had many cattle, servants and silver and gold. Lot also had many cattle and servants. There were so many cattle that the servants quarreled about food and water for the cattle. Abram said, "Lot, we are brothers. Let us not quarrel. We must separate. You choose the direction you want to go, and I will go the other way." Lot chose the good plain with much water. Abram let Lot have the first and best choice, but God blessed Abram.

*Memory Verse:* Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace. . . . Romans 14:19.

## Be A Peacemaker

"That's minel" yelled Sheila.

"No, it's minel" screamed Jackie, as he held fast to the wagon. "Let go!" Jackie gave a big jerk and Sheila fell on the sidewalk. She lay there crying until Mother came out and helped her.

"Jackie, what did you do?" asked Mother.

"She got my wagon and wouldn't let me have it," Jackie said as he stood there feeling a little guilty. He saw the blood on Sheila's lip and he felt sorry, yet he still thought she should not have wanted his wagon.

"It would have been very nice if you had let her have it for awhile and taken turns, instead of jerking the wagon away from her, causing her to fall and hurt herself," Mother admonished. "What do you think Jesus would have done?"

"I prayed for Jesus to give me a wagon and he gave it to me, so—it's mine," Jackie quickly said.

"That was wonderful for Jesus to answer your prayer and give you a wagon, but do you think He is pleased for you to be selfish with what He gives to you?"

"No," answered Jackie.

"What was your memory verse you learned last Sunday?" asked Mother.

"It was, 'Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God,'" Jackie quoted.

"It is one thing to learn a verse from the Bible, and to know what Jesus says for us to do, and it's another thing to do it. You need to obey what Jesus tells you to do. Jesus wants you to be a peacemaker. To be a peacemaker just now, you would have let Sheila pull the wagon for awhile and then you pull it for awhile. Then your little sister wouldn't have a

bump on her lip. Don't you think that would have been best?" asked Mother.

"Yes, Mother," said Jackie. "I'm sorry!" Jackie fell into his mother's arms and began crying. He didn't want to displease Jesus. He wanted to be a peacemaker. He didn't mean to hurt Sheila.

"I am sure that you will remember to be more careful from now on, won't you? You must remember to pray and ask Jesus to help you to always be a peacemaker," Mother said as she dried Jackie's tears and kissed him.

—M. Miles

### THE LOST BOOK

"Look what I found?" said Alberto.

"What does it say?" asked Jaun.

Soon a number were gathered around while Alberto read to them from a book he had found on the path over the mountain. The first verse in the book read, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." He read on and on. When he would stop they would beg him to read some more. Soon his voice grew hoarse. It was getting dark so he had to quit. First thing the next morning he read some more. Others gathered around and all were amazed at what they heard.

One day a missionary came to the village, asking if anyone had found a book. Soon he was told about Alberto finding it and since no one else could read, he had read to them. They had many questions to ask and soon many of them gave their hearts to Jesus. —M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who called Abram to go to a new country?
2. What did God promise Abram?
3. How did Abram make peace with Lot?
4. Who chose the best land?



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## **ABRAM RESCUES LOT**

Genesis 14:10-24

Remember how Lot chose the plain of Jordan as his land? He went to live in the wicked city of Sodom. Probably Lot made much money there. In those days, kings of other cities would fight against other towns to get riches for themselves. Some neighboring kings did come to fight the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. They captured the cities, took all the riches they could find, and also many people. Among these was Lot. All his riches were stolen, too. Poor Lot, it seemed he had made a bad choice when he went to live in Sodom.

One man escaped and went to the plain where Abram lived and told him about Lot. Do you think Abram said, "Well, that's what Lot deserves because he chose the best land?" No, Abram took his trained servants and went after the captives. I'm sure he asked God's help. Abram rescued them and all their goods also. He would take nothing as a reward. He was glad he had saved Lot and his family.

**Memory Verse:** See that none render evil for evil unto any man. . . . 1 Thess. 5:15.

## Return Good for Evil

"What was your Sunday school lesson about, Dottie?" Daddy asked.

"Oh, Daddy, Abram was such a nice man! He helped Lot out of trouble," Dottie replied. "Lot was selfish and took the best land to live in and let Abram take the land that wasn't very good. Lot saw the shining lights of Sodom and he moved right into that wicked city, but he got into trouble. Sis. Brown said that the devil had a lot of pretty things to get us to look at, but underneath those pretty things are horrible snakes that bite and would cause us to die if Jesus didn't help us out. So that's what Lot did. He liked the pretty things in Sodom but he got hurt."

"Well," replied Daddy, "I don't think that Sodom had a lot of lights like our cities today, but they had lights in their houses I am sure. Sis. Brown wanted you to know that sin has things that will draw you away from God. They look nice at first but, oh, how terrible it is when we know that we are separated from God! We love God so much but God doesn't love sin. God will never let sin get into heaven. When we know we are cut off from heaven, and headed for hell, it brings us much sorrow of heart. We want to rush to Jesus and beg Him to forgive us. Jesus will forgive us of our sins if we will ask Him."

"I don't want to be cut off from God," Dottie said quickly.

"Let me hear more about Abram," Daddy said.


"Oh yes, Abram returned good for evil!" Dottie continued. "Some kings came down and took Lot, all of his goods, many other people and their things, and rushed off down the road. I know Lot surely cried to think that he had lost everything he

had, and now, he was captured. Sis. Brown said that Lot knew about God and that maybe he prayed for God to help him. Also, maybe he was very sorry that he had chosen the best land and let Abram have the bad land. Anyway, one of Lot's servants escaped and ran to Abram's tent-house and told him about Lot. Abram didn't say, 'It's good enough for him,' like Danny tells me sometimes, but he took 318 of his servants and rushed out to rescue Lot. Don't you think Abram was a nice man of God?"

"Oh yes, Abram was a man of God!" Daddy answered. "We want to be faithful like Abram and have faith in God like Abram. We want to always return good for evil. I hope you will always remember Abram and try to always return good for evil. Also, beware of sin. It's pretty sometimes on the top but underneath it's ugly."

—M. Miles

*Lot and his  
family  
were  
taken  
captive*



### QUESTIONS:

1. What happened to Lot and his possessions?
2. Did Abram say, "That's good enough for Lot because he chose the best?"
3. Did Abram go to help Lot?
4. How are we to treat those who are not nice to us?

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## **JESUS IS CRUCIFIED**

John 19:1-6, 16, 30-42

The wicked men who hated Jesus brought Him to Pilate, the governor, to be condemned to die. Pilate listened to those who accused Jesus of many crimes. Pilate was amazed because Jesus did not defend Himself. Though many lies were told against Jesus, the Bible says, "He held His peace." So Pilate questioned Jesus to see what wrong He had done. Pilate said, "Where are you from?" Jesus did not answer. Pilate's wife begged him to let that "just" man go. At last Pilate asked, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "I am what you say. But my kingdom is not of this world. Therefore my followers will not fight." Pilate said to the Jews, "I find no wrong in Him." The crowd cried with loud voices, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Because Pilate feared the people, he gave Jesus to the soldiers to be crucified.

Jesus was the Son of God. He had never sinned. He had to die on the cross to save us from sin.

*Memory Verse:* . . . The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7c.

## The Cross

Little Christian had a heavy burden on his back. He met a man by the name of Evangelist. Evangelist told him that if he would start for the Celestial City and come to the cross, his heavy burden would roll off his back. Now this heavy burden was full of his sins. In the City of Destruction where he had lived, the other boys and girls got him to do wrong things. When he told a lie that burden on his back became heavier. When he disobeyed his nurse or his father, that burden on his back got heavier. Poor little Christian. He wanted to get rid of that great big burden on his back.

Little Christian's mother had died when he was a baby. He often longed to see his mother. This made him sad. He had been told he would see his mother if she were in the Celestial City. So he started out for that City. The other boys and girls laughed at him. They said he should forget his burden and be happy, but little Christian could not. He wanted them to go with him but they would not.

As little Christian walked across the fields toward the city, others tried to get him to turn back but he went right on. The way became hard and he fell in a pond of mud and water, but a boy, by the name of "Help," came to get him out. This boy was sent to him by the King of the Celestial City. The Evangelist told little Christian that the King would help him get there.

Finally, little Christian came to the wicket gate. Above that gate were the words, "Knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Little Christian knocked and knocked. Finally the door was opened by a man who was kind, like Evangelist. He asked little Christian his name and

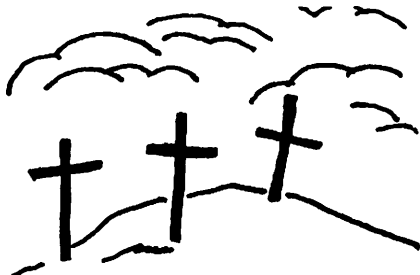
where he was going. When little Christian told him that he wished to see the King of the Celestial City and had left the City of Destruction, the man grabbed him by the arm and pulled him in. Little Christian asked him why he had done that. The kind man said that the wicked prince lived close and shot arrows at anyone who tried to go through the gate.

Little Christian was told that when he got to the cross, his heavy burden would fall off. He was also told to take the strait and narrow road and never to turn off on a wide, crooked road.

Soon little Christian saw the cross. He felt the burden loosen from his shoulders and he became lighter, as it rolled off his back and down the hill and out of sight. Oh, he felt so light! As he looked at the cross he remembered how cruel the people had been to the King's Son, who had come to the City of Destruction to tell them the way to the Celestial City. Tears came into his eyes as he thought of how much the King's Son, Jesus, had loved all the people and even him. He then heard a voice behind him. It said, "Peace be unto you." Little Christian felt so happy and light. He was very glad he had left the City of Destruction and started for the Celestial City.

—M. Miles  
(Rewritten from *Little Pilgrims' Progress*)

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## **HE IS RISEN!**

**Mark 16:1-6; John 20:19; Acts 1:9**

There was no time to prepare Jesus' body for burial after He died on the cross. Early in the morning of the first day of the week, three women came to the tomb, bringing spices to put around Jesus' body. They were troubled because they could not roll away the great stone that sealed the tomb. But how surprised they were to see it rolled away! As they went inside, there was a young man clothed in a long, white robe sitting there. "Do not be afraid," he said. "I know you look for Jesus. He is not here; He is risen. See the empty place where they laid Him."

In the same evening, the disciples were all together with the doors shut because they were afraid of the Jews. Suddenly, in the midst of them stood Jesus. He spoke comforting words to them. After this, He appeared many times to them. They knew He was alive! The time came for Him to go back to heaven, and as they stood watching, they saw Him go up into the clouds. Our Jesus is not dead! He is alive forevermore!

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

# Grandma Is Happy

"I don't want to leave my grandma out here," sobbed Nancy. "Why did they put her in the ground. She will get so cold."

"Come, Nancy, let me talk to you," Sis. Brown said, as she led Nancy from her grandmother's grave to the car.

"My dear, your grandmother is not out here. That is just her house of clay that she lived in. She is with Jesus up in heaven, in a place called paradise. She is happy, oh, very happy. She is very glad to be out of her house that she lived in down here."

"Why did she have to leave her house down here and go up to heaven?" asked Nancy as she dried her tears.

"That is the way Jesus planned it. We all will leave our house down here one of these days. Our house here is made of flesh and it soon wears out. The house that God has made for us to live in, up in heaven, will never wear out. It will be a wonderful house."

"Will I go up to heaven and live in another house some day?" asked Nancy.

"Yes, you will, but the one thing we need to do is to give Jesus our hearts and then He will have one ready for us when He calls for us to come to heaven. That is what your grandmother did. She loved Jesus, oh, so very much! She was very happy because she knew Jesus had a brand new house for her to live in when she died. She couldn't live in it until she left this old house. Now she is very, very happy."

"Then Grandma isn't in the grave and she won't get cold out there?" asked Nancy.

"No dear, she is in a wonderful place and is very happy. Some day we can go to heaven where she is, also. It will be such

a lovely place that we will never want to leave it. We will never be sick anymore. We will never have any pain again. We will never be hungry or sad. Oh, heaven is a wonderful, wonderful place!"

"I'm glad that Grandma is there," Nancy said as she smiled. "But I will miss Grandma. I loved her very much. But I am glad she is happy in heaven."

Nancy did not grieve for her grandma any more. She missed her but she would always think about how happy Grandma was, and that she was not sick in heaven, then she would be glad. She knew that Jesus is wonderful, He loved Grandma and would take good care of her. She loved Jesus more than she had ever loved Him before. She wanted to be good and go to heaven and see Grandma someday.

—M. Miles

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION

*they came  
unto the  
sepulchre*



## QUESTIONS:

1. Who came to the tomb early in the morning?
2. Did they find Jesus there?

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## **GOD SPEAKS TO ABRAM**

**Genesis 15:1, 5-18**

God promised Abram that his people would be as great in numbers as the stars. Abram believed God. He took a calf, a goat, a ram, a dove and a pigeon to offer to God. He divided the animals and placed them on the altar, then he waited for God to send the fire down. While Abram waited, he had to drive the crows and hawks away to keep them from eating his sacrifices. As the sun went down, Abram fell into a deep sleep. In the darkness God told him what would happen to his people and how long it would be until they returned to the promised land. Then a fire passed upon the sacrifices. This was a sign to Abram that God would keep His promises.

God told Abram He would be Abram's shield and great reward. Do you know what a shield does? It protects. God is the greatest protection we can have. An exceeding great reward would be more than we ever expected. We need the shield of faith to protect our hearts today.

*Memory Verse:* Above all, taking the shield of faith. . . .  
**Ephesians 6:16a.**

## Guard Your Heart

"Did the birds eat up all of Abram's sacrifice?" asked Dennis, as Sis. Brown told her Sunday school class about Abram offering up the cut-up goat, heifer, ram, turtledove, and pigeon on the altar to God, and how the birds, or fowls, tried to eat them.

"No, Abram kept making the birds leave. He worked hard to take care of his sacrifice because this is what God had told him to do."

"Why did they kill the poor pigeon?" asked Linda. "I hope God doesn't tell Daddy to kill our pretty pigeon."

"Boys and girls, this was before Christ came to live on the earth and went back to heaven. God taught the people to offer these sacrifices as sin offerings and praise offerings to Him. Today we do not do this because Jesus was a sacrifice offered once and for all. God will not tell your daddy to offer your pigeons today. We study about Abram because God wants us to be as careful to obey Him today as Abram was in those days. Today God gives us peace in our souls and we want to keep that peace or the devil will take it away from us."

"Did the devil get in the fowls and make them try to eat up Abram's sacrifice?" asked Donnie.

Well, it wasn't the devil in the fowls, but it was a trial that God let come to Abram to see if he would guard his sacrifice. Today the devil will cause other boys and girls to try to make you mad, so you will be unhappy and lose your peace. But if you will pray, you can keep your peace. You can forgive them and love them just the same. That will be like Abram making the birds leave his sacrifice alone. The devil will try to take away

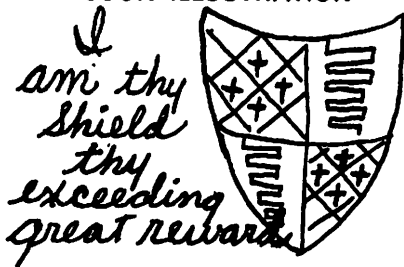
your kindness and make you unkind. You want to be like Abram and not let your kindness, love, and peace be eaten up by the devil," Sis. Brown told her class.

"I'll get a stick and hit the old devil if he tries to make me do wrong," Billy said doubling up his fist.

"My dear Billy, you can't hit the devil because you can't see him. The devil is a spirit and he talks to you in your mind. Did you ever have a thought come in your mind to disobey your mother? Maybe your mother told you to pick up a big stick in the yard and take it to the back so the trash man would carry it off. Something told you to just throw it behind a bush. Well, that is the devil talking to you. That is the time you need to do like Abram did. You need to not let the devil cause you to do wrong. You want to tell the devil you are going to do just what Mother said for you to do, and then do it. That would be like Abram when he made the birds leave his sacrifice alone. God will bless us if we obey Him just as He did Abram.

—M. Miles

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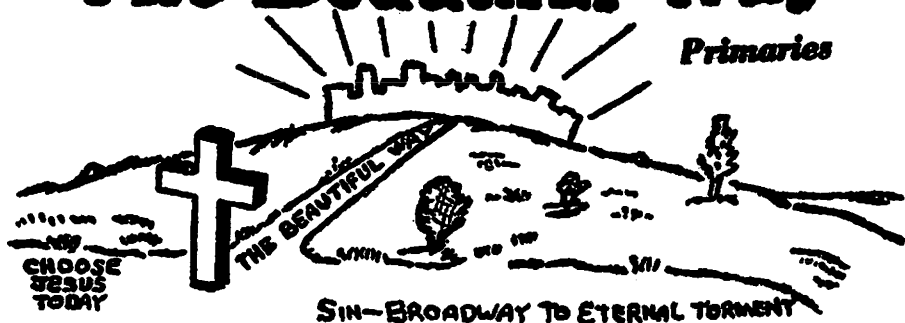
### QUESTIONS:

1. To whom did God give great promises?
2. Did Abram believe the promises?
3. What kind of shield do we need today?



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## **GOD SEES ME**

**Genesis 16:5-13**

Sarai did not have any children. She thought perhaps if Abram took her Egyptian maid, Hagar, as his wife, they could have a child. When Hagar found that she was going to have a baby, she felt she was better than Sarai. This made Sarai both sad and angry. After she told Abram her sorrow, he gave her permission to punish Hagar. Sarai was so stern with Hagar that it caused Hagar to run away. She ran and ran into the wilderness until at last she dropped exhausted by a fountain of water. Hagar heard a voice speaking to her. "What are you doing here, and where are you going?" Hagar told the Lord about her trouble. "Return to your mistress and obey her," said the Lord. "I will bless your child, Ishmael, and he will have many children. He will be a strong, wild man." Hagar was surprised that God knew all about her. She said, "You are the God who sees me." Then she returned to Sarai and obeyed her. God sees us, too.

*Memory Verse:* Thou . . . art acquainted with all my ways.  
Psalms 139:3.

## Jackie's Ball

"Hurry! Marie, we don't want Jackie to see us," yelled Betty as she ran out behind the garage. "Oh, here is a hole. We will put Jackie's ball in this hole and cover it up. He will never know where it is." Marie and Betty dropped the ball in the hole and put dirt over it. They ran around the other way from behind the garage and slipped along the hedge until they were out in front of the house. Jackie was in the backyard crying. He was yelling for them to give back his ball.

"What is the matter?" asked Mother as she came out the back door.

"Betty and Marie have my ball and they won't give it to me!" Jackie cried.

"Where are the girls?" asked Mother. She called and called them but they didn't answer. Finally, Mother took Jackie into the house and wiped his tears. She gave him a glass of milk and a cookie. He soon forgot all about his ball.

"Tonight we will read about a little girl who ran away," Mother said, as her three children were gathered around her for their evening worship unto the Lord. Mother told about Hagar and how her mistress, Sarah, had punished her. Hagar ran away into the wilderness. Hagar was very unhappy, but she knew about God. She prayed to Him and asked for His help. She didn't know where to go, nor what to do. She sat down beside a fountain of water. Now you must remember that God sees you, knows all about you and everything that you do. He saw Hagar out there in the desert, sitting on the sand beside a fountain of water."

"Does God see you even if you are behind the garage?" asked little Marie. Betty gave a bad look at Marie, but Marie turned her eyes away from Betty and

looked at her mother. "Can God see under the dirt?" Betty was worried for sure now. She coughed and got up and went for a drink. She thought about the ball that she had buried and now Marie was going to tell on her. She knew she would get into trouble sure enough.

"Yes, God can see under the dirt and everywhere. God knows everything and God lets mothers know a lot of things too," Mother answered.

"How do you know what Betty did?" asked Marie.

"What do you mean? Did Betty put Jackie's ball in a hole behind the garage?" asked Mother, just as Betty came back into the room.

"Yes, but Mother, you didn't see us," said Betty.

"No, I didn't see you, but it was very wrong to take Jackie's ball and make him cry. It was wrong to put it in a hole behind the garage, too," Mother said. "Don't you think you need to tell Jackie you are sorry and then we ought to pray and tell God that you are sorry? God saw all that you did." Soon both the girls were asking God to forgive them and promised Jackie that they would get his ball for him.

—M. Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Hagar run away?
2. Did someone see Hagar by the fountain?

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## **ABRAHAM PLEADS FOR SODOM**

Genesis 18:1-33

As Abraham sat in the door of his tent, he saw three men approaching. Quickly he arose and ran to meet them, because he saw they were strangers. "Come and rest in the shade of the tree. I will bring water so you can wash your feet. I will prepare food to refresh you. Then you can go on your way." The three men did as Abraham asked. As they talked together, they told Abraham that Sarah would have a son within a year. Sarah laughed, for she knew she was too old to have a baby. "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" they asked her.

When the men were leaving, they told Abraham why they had come. "The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah have come before me," said the Lord. "We are going to destroy the cities if we find things too bad." Abraham thought of Lot and his family who lived in Sodom. God said He would spare the city if only ten righteous people could be found. Abraham knew the Judge of all the earth would do right, so he was content.

*Memory Verse:* . . . Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? Genesis 18:25c.

## Abraham Does Good

"When I was a little girl, we made little paper baskets, put flowers in the little baskets, took them to the homes of our friends and older people, and hung them on their doors. These little baskets were called, 'May Baskets.' In this way we showed love to others. We did this on the first day of May," Sis. Brown told her Sunday school class. "Today is the first day of May and we have a lesson about Abraham and the two nice things that He did which we are going to talk about."

"Did Abraham give away May Baskets like you did?" asked little Janie.

"No, I don't think he knew anything about giving May Baskets," laughed Sis. Brown, "but he knew other nice things to do. He saw three men coming, he knew they had walked a long way. He felt sorry for them, so he asked them to come and rest awhile at his tent. He had water brought to wash their tired feet. Wasn't that nice of Abraham?"

"My mother makes me wash my feet before I go to bed," piped up Billy.

"They feel good too, don't they?" asked Sis. Brown. "But Abraham did more than that. He had a good meal cooked for them. Did you know that the Bible tells us to be nice to strangers because we might have some angels visiting us? That is exactly what Abraham did. He was nice to those three men and he found that one of them was the Lord and the other two were angels. Would you like for the Lord and two angels to visit your house?"

"I would," Lilly said, "but I don't think my sister would because one day my mother asked her if she would want Jesus to see her wearing pants like the men wear. Of course, she didn't and she took them off. They belonged to Dessie, her friend."

"Well, I am sure your sister wants to please Jesus when she knows what Jesus wants her to do. We all want to please Jesus, do we not? Another thing that Abraham did as he walked along with them, was to beg the Lord not to destroy Sodom if He could find some good people there. You remember that Lot lived in Sodom with all of his family. Abraham knew that Sodom was a wicked city. The Lord was sad about the bad people who lived in Sodom. Lot was sad about the wicked people, too. He was grieved every day when he saw them do wicked things. It makes us sad to see people do bad things, too," Sis. Brown told her class.

"It makes me feel sad, too," Allen said.

"Do you pray for the bad people?" asked Sis. Brown. "That is what Abraham did. He begged the Lord to spare Sodom if He could find ten righteous people and God promised that He would. So Abraham let them go on and he went back to his tent home." —M. Miles

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## **LOT IS SPARED**

**Gen. 19:1-17, 24, 26**

Lot was sitting in the gate of the city when he saw the two angels, who had visited Abraham, approaching. He bowed before them, "Come into my house and be refreshed. It is not safe to stay in the street of this wicked city." After Lot made them a feast, and before they could go to bed, there was a great commotion outside. All the men of the city yelled, "Bring out the two men who are with you! We will show them how strangers are treated in Sodom." "Do not be so wicked as to mistreat these men," begged Lot. This only made the men of the city angry. They tried to catch Lot, but the angels drew him indoors. They caused blindness to fall upon all the men so they could not find the door to Lot's house.

"Hurry, get your family and leave this wicked city. God is going to destroy it." The angels took Lot, his wife and his two daughters by their hands and pulled them outside the city. "Do not look back, but run for your lives."

*Memory Verse:* The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly . . . . 2 Peter 2:9a.

## Larry Learns a Lesson

"Larry, the very next time you leave that gate open you are going to get a spanking," Mother told him as she shut the chicken yard gate. "You will let the chickens out."

A few weeks went by and Larry remembered what a good time he had had riding his tricycle up the driveway, out through the gate, making a circle in the chicken yard and back out down the driveway. He could just sail fast through the air, almost like an airplane. He thought that was such great fun. Oh, he wished that mother did understand and wouldn't be so set on keeping that chicken gate shut. "Those old chickens fly to the far corner when they see me coming and never go near the gate," he thought. Suddenly he remembered Mother was sewing in the front bedroom and she wouldn't see him, so out he rode toward the gate. He opened it, made a big circle around in the chicken yard, back out the gate and down the driveway. About that time, Jerry called from across the street. Larry rode out there and Jerry came over to show him his new car. Soon, both the boys were playing on the sidewalk with the car. The chicken gate was forgotten.

"Larry!" called Mother from the backyard. As he ran to the backyard he thought of the gate, but it was too late. The chickens were out and in Mrs. Smith's garden. With a great effort they got them back into the chicken yard. Mother was out of breath, and Larry decided that chickens were very dumb. Now he was beginning to understand why Mother didn't want the gate left open. But that wasn't all. He knew when Mother told him he would get a spanking—she always gave him a spanking. He

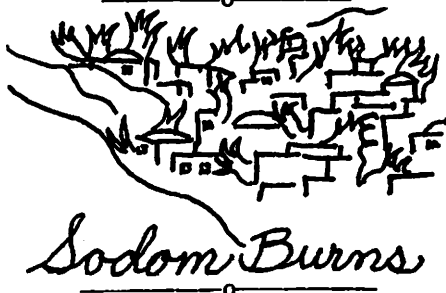
was feeling very sad, as he followed Mother into the house.

"Larry, I gave you that spanking because you disobeyed me. You must learn to obey. All through life you will have to obey rules. There are rules in the home, in the school, in the town, and in the state. But there is One who is greater than all, that you will have to obey and do you know who that is?"

"It is God," Larry said, between sniffles.

"Don't you remember your Sunday school lesson? Lot's wife disobeyed God and looked back at Sodom and she turned to a pillar of salt. Some of Lot's children would not believe and go with him when he told them that Sodom was going to be destroyed by fire. They were burned up in that city. Only Lot and two daughters got out of the city. Oh, it does pay to learn to obey! People today are not obeying God's Word and they will be punished. We must learn to obey the Word of God. God says for children to obey their parents or they will be punished. I hope you will not forget to obey after this."

—M. Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. Who came to Lot's city?
2. How did Lot treat them?
3. Why did the angels tell Lot to get out of the city?

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**May 15**

## **ABRAHAM'S JOY AND SORROW**

**Genesis 21:5-20**

Abraham was very old when Isaac was born. Ishmael, his son by Hagar, the servant, was now in his teens. Abraham and Sarah were so happy because Isaac was the son of the promise that God had given them many years before. When Isaac was old enough to be weaned, they made a feast. Ishmael was not happy at the feast. He was jealous because Isaac was being honored. So he made fun of Isaac. Sarah saw what Ishmael was doing, and her anger was stirred. "Send this bond-woman and her son away. I won't have him to be equal with my son." Abraham felt very sad, for he loved Ishmael. But when he prayed, God told him to do as Sarah asked. "I will make a great nation of Ishmael, but my special blessings will be upon Isaac's people." Abraham sent Hagar and Ishmael away. In the wilderness where Hagar thought Ishmael would die of thirst, God spoke to her and gave her a promise. Then He provided water for them. Ishmael grew and became a great archer.

*Memory Verse:* And the servant abideth not in the house forever; but the Son abideth ever. John 8:35.

## Be Happy With Others

"Why don't I get a gift, too?" little Annie asked. "Wanda gets a gift. I want a gift!"

"It's not your birthday, Annie, it's Wanda's birthday," Mother explained. "When you have a birthday, you will get a gift." Annie still didn't like it because she didn't get a gift. All had left the room, and Annie sat looking at Wanda's gifts. She didn't like Wanda, she decided. "She gets gifts and I don't get any," Annie thought. All of a sudden, she went over and tore the paper off one gift and gave the other one a kick as she left the room.

"Mother! Look what Annie did!" cried Wanda a little later, when she came into the room. "She tore the paper on my gift and threw the other one behind the big chair. She is so mean!"

All of this made Mother feel sad. Poor little Annie. She was jealous because Wanda was having a birthday and she didn't have one so she could get gifts. "Oh, what shall I do?" thought Mother. "I don't want her to grow up with jealousy in her heart. It will cause her great trouble." Mother called Annie and took her into the bedroom alone. Annie wasn't feeling good inside. She wished that she had not acted so naughty, but she still wanted a gift.

"Annie, you have acted very, very naughty. The Bible tells us to 'rejoice with those who rejoice.' That means for us to be happy when we see others happy. If you do not learn this lesson while you are very young you will have trouble all of your life. You should be glad that Wanda is having a birthday and getting gifts. Your birthday will be coming and would you want Wanda to tear the paper on your gift and throw your gift around? No, you wouldn't. You would

want Wanda to enjoy them with you and that would make you feel happy. Now you have acted naughty and poor Wanda is feeling unhappy. That is not how God wants us to be. Mother will have to give you a good spanking so you will remember to not act that way again. You must remember to obey the Bible and do what God tells you to do."

Later, in the evening, Mother had a birthday cake for Wanda and she opened her gifts. In one box there were several pieces of candy. Wanda gave Annie two pieces of her candy. Annie smiled and was happy. When Wanda opened another box and it was a doll that she had wanted, she told Annie she would let her play with it sometime. Both girls were then very happy on Wanda's birthday. Before they went to bed Mother asked Annie if she couldn't tell Wanda she was sorry about the way she had acted. Annie said to Wanda, and really meant it, "I'm sorry and I won't do that again."

—M. Miles

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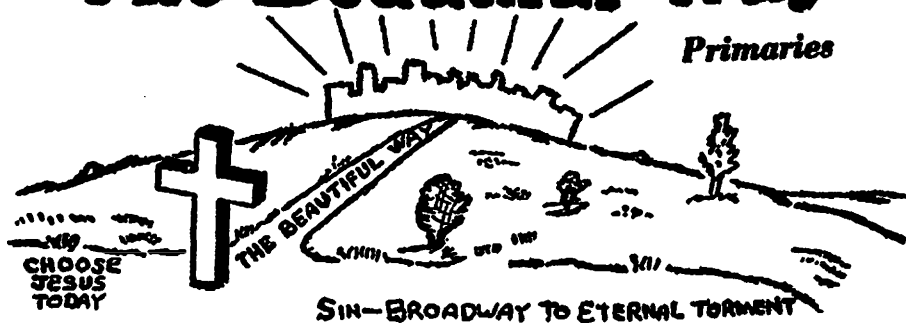
### QUESTIONS:

1. Why were Abraham and Sarah happy?
2. Who made fun of Isaac?
3. What did God tell Abraham to do?



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## **ABRAHAM IS TRIED**

**Genesis 22:1-13**

God saw that Abraham loved Isaac very much. Did he love him more than God? God would see. Perhaps God spoke to Abraham in a dream. "Abraham, take Isaac and offer him as a sacrifice on Mount Moriah." Abraham arose, took servants, a donkey loaded with wood, some live coals to start a fire, and Isaac. In three days they reached the Mount. Abraham took Isaac, the wood and fire and went up the mountain. "Father, we have wood and fire, but where is the sacrifice?" asked Isaac. Abraham answered, "God will provide Himself a sacrifice."

The altar was made, the wood laid, then Abraham bound Isaac and placed him on the altar. Just as Abraham was about to slay Isaac, an angel called him. "Kill the ram in the thicket for a sacrifice." Abraham saw that God had indeed provided a sacrifice, and Abraham had proved that he loved God most.

Do you know how God proved that He loved us? You can find the answer in John 3:16.

*Memory Verse:* Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . . Mark 12:30.

## Abraham Loves God

"Up the hill walked Abraham with his little boy," Sis. Brown told her Sunday school class. "His heart was heavy as he walked along, yet Abraham knew that God did all things right. God had told him to offer his little boy on an altar. He loved God more than his little boy."

"Will God tell my daddy to offer me on an altar?" asked Johnnie.

"No, my dear," answered Sis. Brown. "Today, in the United States, people do not offer their children on altars. Hundreds of years ago, in the country where Abraham lived, it was done by the heathens and there was no law against such practices. Today the law would never permit such a thing, besides God would not deal with your daddy in that way. We do not offer sacrifices on altars today. That was before Jesus came. Jesus was offered as a perfect sacrifice, once and for all."

"I am glad that daddies don't do that today," Teddy said. "My daddy loves me but my daddy loves God best. He told me that we are to love God with all of our hearts but my daddy loves me next to God."

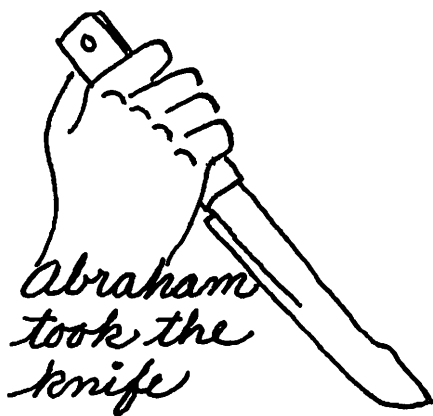
"That is right, Teddie," Sis. Brown agreed. "Your daddy and all of your daddies love each of you, oh, so much, but they know the Bible tells us to love God best. Now let us go on with our story about Abraham and Isaac, his son. Soon Abraham reached the top of the mountain, where God told him to go. Isaac had carried the wood and Abraham carried the pot with fire in it. Isaac asked where the lamb was for them to sacrifice and Abraham told him God would provide a lamb. Abraham still had faith in God to change things someway. He loved God so much that he knew God

was wiser than any person here on this earth. Abraham trusted God to do just right. Soon, the altar was made, the wood placed on the altar and Abraham bound Isaac and laid him on the altar. Isaac loved his father so much that he was willing to do as he told him to do. When Abraham was about to raise his knife, God called out of heaven, 'Abraham, Abraham!' Abraham said, 'Here am I.' Abraham had obeyed God and was right where he had told him to go."

"What did God say?" asked Mary as she listened closely.

"God told Abraham that He knew he loved Him best and not to kill Isaac. Soon, a ram that was caught in the thicket nearby, was offered. God was happy, Abraham and Isaac were happy. God knew that Abraham loved him more than his son."

—M. Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Abraham love Isaac his son?
2. Who did Abraham love more than Isaac?
3. How did God prove His love to us?

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**May 29**

## **ELIEZER'S PRAYER ANSWERED**

**Genesis 24:1-26**

Abraham was old and knew his time on earth was short. He remembered God's promise to make a great nation of Isaac. But Isaac needed a wife. All the people around them were idol-worshippers. Abraham wanted Isaac to have a wife who worshipped the true God. Abraham then called his trusted servant, Eliezer, and sent him to the land where Nahor, Abraham's brother's people lived. As Eliezer came near the city of Nahor, he prayed for God to help him find the right wife for Isaac. When they stopped at the well outside the city, he and the other servants and camels were very thirsty. "Lord God of Abraham, let the maid who is to be Isaac's wife come to the well and offer us drink and also water the camels." While he was speaking, Rebekah, the beautiful grand-daughter of Nahor, came to the well. She gave them water and drew water for the camels. When Eliezer asked whose daughter she was, he rejoiced that God had answered his prayer. Rebekah was willing to be Isaac's wife.

*Memory Verse:* What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:24b

## Blind Girl Prays

"I am glad that God answered Eliezer's prayer," Rosa said. "I am sure that Rebekah had prayed, too. My sister said she was praying for God to give her a husband."

"Yes, we need to pray about those things when we are big," Sis. Brown said. "All young men and women should let God guide them in choosing the one for them to marry. We want to pray about everything."

"When we start our car to go on a trip, or go very far, my daddy tells us to bow our heads and we pray for God to take care of us and not let us have a wreck," Jerry said.

"Yes, we want to pray for God to take care of us on the highways, in the house, and help us to always do right. We never know when the devil will try to get us to do wrong, so we need to pray for Jesus to help us know what is right and to always do it," Sis. Brown said.

"We almost had a wreck, but Mother prayed and we didn't," Mary added.

"Let me tell you a true story about a little blind girl. She had wandered out into the road and I guess she couldn't find her way back home. She was out in the middle of the road when the people rushed out of their houses, as they heard the fast beat of a horse's hoofs as he came tearing down the road. He had run away and some men were after him. The little girl heard the noise, so she just stopped. She didn't know which way to go. She didn't have anyone to guide her. She knew trouble was near, so she looked up to God for her help. She fell down upon her knees, and with her face lifted toward heaven, which her blind eyes could not see, she committed her-

self to the Father of all people. She had been used to praying to God and He was her Friend. She knew that He would help her, as He had often helped her in times past. She knew how to pray, and now she needed help from God. As others watched, they saw the horse dash down the road past her. She had escaped any harm at all. God had heard her prayer and answered it. He took care of her. If she had not knelt and prayed, but had run back and forth, she surely would have been run over by the horse. So, boys and girls, it pays to know God and to be able to pray, then when you need God He will be there to help you."

"Oh, I am glad the horse didn't run over the little blind girl," Lillie said. "I am glad she knew how to pray. I am glad I know how to pray, too." —M. Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Abraham want for Isaac?
2. Who did he send to get a wife for Isaac?
3. Who did Eliezer ask to help him?
4. Did God answer his prayer?

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**June 5**

## **REBEKAH BROUGHT TO ISAAC**

**Genesis 24:31-67**

Rebekah's brother invited Eliezer, the servant of Abraham, into his house. He brought water for the travelers to wash their feet. Then he prepared a feast for them. "I must tell you why I came before I eat," said Eliezer. "I am Abraham's servant. God has blessed Abraham and he is very rich. He has sent me to find a wife for his son, Isaac. I prayed for God to help me. I thank God for leading me to Rebekah." Rebekah's brothers felt it was God's will for Rebekah to go to be Isaac's wife. They blessed her and sent her servants with her to go away.

Isaac had gone out into the field to pray and think about the goodness of God when he saw the camels coming. He drew near to see the wife Eliezer was bringing him. When Rebekah knew the man coming to meet them was Isaac, she put on a veil to cover her face, and went to meet him. Isaac loved her and she became his wife. God blessed this union, and to them were born Esau and Jacob.

**Memory Verse:** Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. **Psa. 37:5.**

## The Good Wheat

"When Rebekah arrived with Eliezer, Abraham's servant, she saw a man out in the field. He had gone out in the fields to pray and to think about God. No doubt, out in the fields he felt close to God, because God made the tiny seeds burst open and the green blades come up through the ground. This is a miracle, and God can do miracles. Isaac was out there among God's miracles and Rebekah saw him. When she knew that it was Isaac, she got off her camel and put a veil over her face," Sis. Brown told her Sunday school class, as she finished up their lesson about Isaac and Rebekah.

"Jesus walked in the fields too," Dale said, "and he saw the big wheat."

"Yes, Jesus tells us a lot about the fields and the seed that was sown."

"Daddy read to us the other night about the devil being the tares," Dale continued. "No, the devil wasn't the tares, let me think, oh, I know, the devil sowed the tares."

"That is right!" Sis. Brown agreed. "A man had his servants plant a nice big field with good wheat seed. Can't you just see the men carrying a big bag of seed, reaching their hand into the bag, and then throwing it this way and that way? It fell on good ground. These men had worked so hard that they were very, very tired. During the night, while they slept, an enemy slipped into the field and this enemy sowed a lot of tares or weeds in the nice big field. What an awful thing to do!"

"That enemy was the devil," Dale spoke up. "My daddy said so!"

"Yes, that is right, and how sad for the enemy to do such an awful thing. When the wheat came up, all the weeds or

tares came up too. The man, who owned the field, came and looked at it. He was so surprised, when he saw all those weeds! He called his servants and asked them about it. They were surprised too and said, 'An enemy did this! Shall we pull up the weeds?' they asked. The owner of the field said to let them alone and when they were big, they would separate the wheat from the tares and burn the tares," Sis. Brown told her class. Boys and girls, that is what we see in the world today. At school you see good boys and girls and bad boys and girls. The devil has put evil in the hearts of the bad ones but we must be the good wheat and have good things in our hearts, so when the judgment comes, we will be gathered into heaven, but those who have bad things in their hearts will be cast into hell and there burn forever." —M. Miles



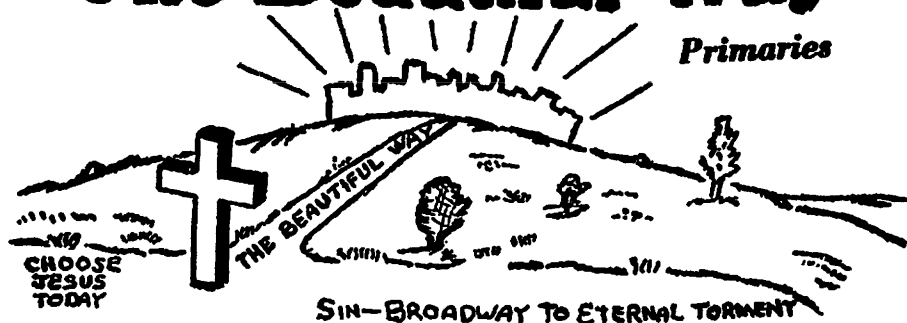
*Rebekah  
covered herself  
with a veil*

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who did the servant find to be a wife for Isaac?
2. Who helped Eliezer find Rebekah?
3. Did Isaac love Rebekah?

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June 12

## **ISAAC, THE PEACEMAKER**

Genesis 26:12-25

God blessed Isaac. When he planted seed, he received 100 times as much. He also had great flocks of sheep and herds of cattle, and many servants. He was so great that the Philistines were afraid of him. They asked him to move away, and so he did.

In those days men had to dig wells to find water. Abraham, Isaac's father, had dug many wells. But the Philistines had filled them all up. They didn't want Isaac to stay in the land. Isaac dug the wells again. When his servants found a good well, the men of that land would come and say, "This is our well." So Isaac would move on. At last they dug a well, and no one came to say, "This is our well." Isaac knew that God had made room for them in the land. Then Isaac made an altar and offered sacrifices to God. He was so thankful that he could live in peace. God said to him, "Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you." It is good to be a peacemaker. God loves those who try to make peace and keep peace with those who do not want peace.

*Memory Verse:* Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. 5:9.

# The Chocolate Pudding

Mrs. Smith had made some chocolate pudding and left it on the kitchen table to cool. Then she had to go out for a little while.

"Joe, I'm going out. Now you be a good boy, won't you, and don't touch the pudding!"

"No, Mother, I won't," he assured her, and went on with his play. A little later he got tired of playing and sighted the chocolate pudding. How good it looked, and he was hungry. Then the evil thought came into his heart that one spoonful of the pudding wouldn't be missed, so in spite of his promise to his mother he got a spoon out of the drawer and tasted a little of the pudding. It was as good as it looked, so Joe took another spoonful, and then another, and another. Before Joe realized it, most of the pudding was gone.

Then his conscience smote him for what he had done. He had disobeyed his dear mother. What could he do now? Even as he stood there, crestfallen and in fear, he heard her steps coming in the door.

But one sin leads to another; Joe suddenly thought, "I'll blame it on the cat." So, hastily picking up the cat, he shoved its nose and front feet into the pudding, and when mother came into the room he tried to look unconcerned, but mother wasn't fooled.

"Cats don't eat pudding with a spoon," said Mother. "Look at that dirty spoon you left on the table!"

Joe was punished and sent upstairs to his bedroom. He had to remain there until his mother called for him.

The Bible says, "Be sure your sin will find you out." Num. 32:33. It was a good

thing for Joe that his mother did find out what he had done and that he was punished for his sin, because, dear boys and girls, sin unconfessed has a hardening effect on the conscience, and the punishment that Joe received that day no doubt helped to keep him from worse evil.

The Lord Jesus shed His blood on Calvary's cross to wash away sin, and this is the only thing in the sight of God that can take away its scarlet stain. "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7. —Sel.

## LESSON ILLUSTRATION



"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Eph. 6:1.

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." Proverbs 16:11.

## QUESTIONS:

1. Who dug many wells?
2. What happened when Isaac's servants dug a good well?
3. Did Isaac fight for the wells?
4. What did he do?



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## **JACOB PRACTICES DECEIT**

**Genesis 27:6-35**

Do you remember that Esau was Isaac's favorite son, while Rebekah loved Jacob best? The eldest son always received the largest share of his father's goods, and the father's blessing. Rebekah wanted this blessing for Jacob though he was the youngest. She heard Isaac tell Esau he would bless him when he brought his favorite meat to him. Esau took his bow and went to kill a deer. While he was gone, Rebekah quickly fixed some meat for Isaac and put some of Esau's clothes on Jacob. Since Isaac was blind, he could not see that Jacob was not Esau. "But Esau is hairy, and I am not," said Jacob. "I will fix that; let us wrap these goat skins on your hands and neck." Jacob took the meat and went to his father. "Here is your meat; come, eat and give me your blessing, Father." "You are here so soon. Are you indeed my very son Esau? Your voice is the voice of Jacob. Come near and let me touch you." Isaac believed Jacob and blessed him. Esau appeared later and found that Jacob had stolen his blessing.

**Memory Verse:** . . . Defraud not, honour thy father and mother. Mark 10:19.

## Alfred Learns

"Look, John, see what I have?" Alfred said as he opened up his sack. There were three bananas on top of the milk and bread.

"Where did you get them?" John asked. "I thought you had bought only bread and milk?"

"I had them under my coat and the checker didn't know anything about it. Mother said she thought I could do that and they wouldn't see me. Mother was right," Alfred said with a pleased smile, as he knew his mother would be glad he had got by with stealing the bananas. John looked sad as they walked along. He had been taught that shoplifting was stealing and stealing was a sin. He knew if he stole, he would go to hell for it, unless he asked God to forgive him and took what had been stolen back.

"I would never steal, and besides, they would put you in jail if you got caught," John informed Alfred.

"Oh, I would just tell them a lie and say that I picked them up outside the store," Alfred said.

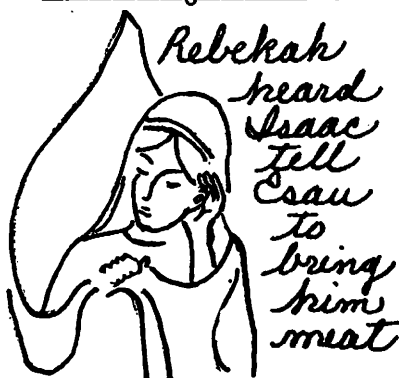
John was surely surprised that Alfred would tell a lie. How awful for him to steal and then say he would lie! John couldn't understand why his mother would want him to do that. How terrible for Alfred to go to jail and then to hell, oh, how sad! John was feeling so bad inside that he almost felt like crying, and then he thought, "Maybe he doesn't know about God." Alfred and his family had just moved across the alley from him a few days before, and he didn't know him too well. His mother thought he should be friends to their new neighbor boy. "I am sure Mother would want me to tell him about Jesus," thought John. "Say, Alfred, do you know Jesus

tells us that we are not to steal or lie, and if we do we will go to hell?"

"Oh, I don't know much about Jesus and hell," Alfred said. "My dad says those words when he gets mad. But you tell me about it."

"Jesus died on the cross to take our punishment for sins like stealing and lying. If I were you I would take those bananas back and put them where you got them. Then I would ask Jesus to forgive me. You would feel better," John said, as he saw how sad Alfred was looking. He told him more about Jesus and asked him to go to Sunday school with him.

Alfred stopped and thought. Soon, he turned around and went back to the store. Later, as they walked home from Sunday school, he told John that he did ask Jesus to forgive him. —M. Miles



### QUESTIONS:

1. Who deceived his father?
2. Did Isaac believe Jacob was Esau?
3. Was Esau angry at Jacob?
4. Was it right for Jacob to deceive his father?

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## **VISION OF A LADDER**

Gen. 27:41-43; Gen. 28:1, 7-22

Esau was angry because Jacob had stolen his birthright. He planned to kill Jacob as soon as their father died. Rebekah knew this. She told Isaac she wanted Jacob to marry a wife from her brother's family. Isaac sent Jacob away. It was a long journey. One night Jacob had to sleep outside under the stars. A stone was his pillow. As he slept, he dreamed. He saw a ladder reaching up into heaven. Angels were going up and down this ladder. He heard God's voice speaking far up in heaven. "I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, your father. I will give you the land you are lying upon. I will bless you and keep you. All the families of the earth will be blessed through your people." Jacob woke up and felt afraid. "God is in this place, and I didn't know it," he said. He took the stone he had used for a pillow and set it up as an altar unto God. He poured oil on it and made a promise to serve the Lord. God did help Jacob out of his troubles.

*Memory Verse:* . . . Surely the Lord is in this place . . . .  
Genesis 28:16.

## How Fluff Went to Prison

Fluff was a warehouse cat and a pet of all the staff. It was a busy day at the warehouse for the men were busy loading hides into a box car. The hides were being sent to a boy's prison.

Fluff scampered around the warehouse looking for mice, and then she jumped right into the box car. No one knew she was there. When the car was filled the men closed and sealed the door. Some time after the car was hitched to a freight train and was soon rolling across the country with Fluff inside.

Inside the box car it was dark and cold and every time the engine shunted, Fluff felt the jerk. She did not like it in the box car and she meow-ed as loud as she could, but no one heard her. Many hours later the train stopped and the box car was shunted onto a siding. When the men at the prison opened the door, out jumped Fluff. They decided to keep her for a pet.

The day following when the men at the warehouse found Fluff was gone they telephoned the prison. Yes, the men at the prison said, we have your cat. So they put her in a crate and sent her back home.

Fluff really did go to prison, but the prison was not made for cats. It was made for bad boys and men who break the law. And so it is with the prison house of hell. Hell was made for Satan and his angels (Matt. 25:41), but sinners who refuse God's mercy and offer of salvation will go there at the end. There is no other place for them to go.

God doesn't want any one to go there. Jesus has died to save us from judgment, from going down to the pit, and no one will be there who could not have been saved from it.

We hope that none of our readers will refuse the grace of God and have to be

sent to that awful place where souls will be tormented forever. God longs to save you from it, for "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

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## Hath Not My Hand Made All These Things?

(Acts 7:50)

The beauties of the sky,  
The rainbow, clouds, and sun,  
The stars that glitter in the night,  
The gleams of dawn heralding, "Day's begun."

The trees, (how beautiful they are!)  
The grass that makes a carpet soft,  
The flowers that perfume the air,  
The birds that soar so far aloft.

Yea, even tiny creeping things,  
He made them all to fill their place,  
The waters placid, or roaring on,  
In all, canst not thou see His face?

Tiny baby puppies, kittens soft and sweet,  
All other baby animals complete  
Declare the majesty of God,  
The earth, the footstool for His feet.

My God, I worship Thee  
And give Thee thanks for all I see,  
But greatest of them all—  
Jesus, and salvation brought for me!  
—Thelma Sprague

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### QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jacob use for a pillow?
2. What did Jacob see in his dream?
3. Was Jacob afraid?
4. Did Jacob promise to serve God?

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