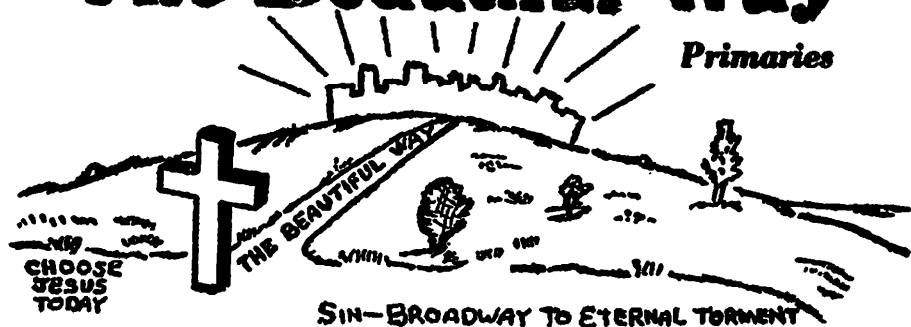


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JACOB WORKS FOR LABAN

Genesis 29:1-30

Jacob arrived at a field after walking alone for miles and miles. There he saw Rachel coming with a flock of sheep. He is told that she is his cousin. He helped her water her sheep, and then he wept for joy. He was very glad to be at his uncle's place. After he had been there a month, his uncle asked him what he should be paid for his work. He said he would work seven years if he could marry Rachel. Rachel was a beautiful girl, and the seven years seemed only a few days to Jacob because he loved her so much.

Soon the wedding day came. Jacob was happy for he thought he would have Rachel. His bride had a veil over her face. He was very surprised the next morning when he found that his uncle had given him Rachel's sister, Leah, instead of Rachel. Perhaps Jacob remembered how he had tricked his father. He knew he was paying for his own sins. Rachel's father told Jacob he would have to work seven more years for her. Boys and girls, it is wrong to deceive. We reap what we sow.

Memory Verse: Be not deceived: God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Gal. 6:7.

First Woman to Cross Our Country

"Will you marry me and go with me to the Oregon country, Narcissa?" asked Marcus Whitman. "It will be a long, hard trip. No white woman has ever made that trip. You can help me tell the Indians about Jesus."

"Yes, I will go!" said Narcissa. "Ever since I was a little girl, I have wanted to teach the Indians about Jesus."

So Marcus Whitman and Narcissa were married. With another man and his wife, they started westward to Oregon. They traveled with some men who were going to buy furs from the Indians. It would not have been safe for just a few people to travel alone.

It takes only a few days for us to travel as far as Marcus and Narcissa Whitman did, if we go by bus, train or car. It takes only one day in an airplane. However, there were no buses, trains, or airplanes then. There were not even any roads. Many people with wagons traveled together in what was called a wagon train. But they could not take the wagons all the way. Before they got to Oregon, they had to load everything they could on their horses and leave the wagons behind. It took the Whitmans more than six months to make the trip!

When they reached Oregon, Marcus and Narcissa Whitman found a place to start a mission. They also built a house to live in. They planted a garden and fruit trees so they would have something to eat. There was much work to be done.

At first the Indians did not consider that Marcus and Narcissa Whitman

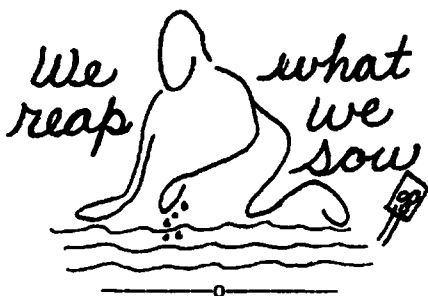
were their friends. They thought these white people had come to take away their land and give it to other white people.

As fast as they could, the Whitmans made friends with the Indians. They learned to speak their language. They told them about God. They built a school where they could teach the Indians to read and write.

Marcus Whitman helped the Indians when they were sick. He showed them how to water their gardens so more food would grow. The Whitmans helped the Indians in every way they could.

Narcissa Whitman was glad she had traveled the long way to the Oregon country to tell the Indians about God. —Sel.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jacob arrive safely at his uncle's place?
2. What did he want his Uncle Laban to give him for working for him?
3. How did his uncle trick him?
4. Did Jacob ever trick anyone?
5. How much longer did Jacob work to get Rachel, the girl he loved?

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JACOB LEAVES LABAN

Genesis 31:1-20

Jacob loved God. He lived with Laban, his father-in-law, and worked hard for him. God blessed Jacob. He also blessed Laban because of Jacob. Laban's boys did not like it because Jacob became rich. They talked about Jacob. Laban did not like Jacob, either. Jacob decided he would leave and go back to his own land. He wanted to see his mother and father. Jacob said to Rachel and Leah, "You know I have worked hard and served your father Laban with all my might. Your father changed my wages ten times, but God did not let him hurt me. The Lord has spoken to me in a dream and told me to go back to my land and my people and He will go with me." Rachel and Leah said, "Whatsoever God has said to you, that we will do." So Jacob took all his goods and cattle with his wives and children and left for his home in Canaan. Laban had gone to shear his sheep and he did not know they had left. God sees everything. He saw how Laban mistreated Jacob. He helped Jacob. He will help you when you are in trouble, too.

Memory Verse: For thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men to give everyone according to his ways. Jer. 32:19.

Owning Up

Creak, creak, creak. The door of the carriage house swung on its hinges. On the top of it sat Robbie. It was only half a door, so Robbie could sit on top of it when it was shut. It was great fun to swing on the door, almost as much fun as riding on a merry-go-round.

"Come on and ride," called Robbie to Myrtle, who came out of the house at that moment with Lucy.

"Maybe Grandpa wouldn't like it," said Myrtle.

"Oh! he won't care."

"I can't sit alone, I'll fall off," cried Lucy, as she tried to balance herself on the narrow top of the door.

"Get up, and hold her on, Myrtle, and I'll sit on the other side and push, and we'll all ride together."

Myrtle climbed up beside Lucy, and Robbie took his place on the other side.

"All aboard! Here we go!" he shouted, giving a vigorous shove with his foot.

The door swung open a little way, then rip, rip, crack, its free end settled to the ground.

"Oh, it's breaking!" shrieked Lucy and Myrtle, scrambling down from the door as fast as they could.

The top hinge had pulled away from the wood, there could be no mistake about that. Grandpa would be angry. Robbie thought of this as he stood looking at the broken door. He didn't want to see Grandpa just then; he wanted to go home.

"Let's go to the woods and play," said he.

"Why Robbie Moore, I am ashamed of you. We'll do nothing of the kind,

we'll go out to the field and tell Grandpa what we did, and ask him how we can fix it," said Myrtle.

It was a hard task for Robbie to do, but he marched off with the girls, and before they reached the field he said he would tell Grandpa himself.

Myrtle felt very proud of her brother, because she knew how much courage it took for him to own up when he had done wrong.

Grandpa didn't scold very hard when he saw how sorry the children were.

"We'd like to pay for fixing it," said Robbie, who was surprised to find how much pleasanter it was to face trouble than to run away from it.

"Well, I don't just know what I can give you to do," replied Grandpa, at Robbie's unusual thoughtfulness; "perhaps you could pull a few weeds in the garden."

"Owning up is better than running away, isn't it?" said Myrtle.

"Yes, but it's pretty hard at first," replied Robbie.

—Sel.

GOD SEES EVERYTHING

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Laban's sons like Jacob?
2. Did God help Jacob?
3. How many times did Laban change Jacob's wages?
4. Did God tell Jacob to go back to his own country?
5. Did Jacob take his goods and leave?

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JACOB PRAYS WHEN AFRAID

Genesis 32:1-20

Laban followed Jacob, but they parted in peace. Then Jacob started on his way to the home of his father and mother. Do you remember how Jacob's brother said he was going to kill him? That is one reason Jacob left home. Now Jacob is afraid to meet his brother. God sees Jacob in his trouble and sends angels to comfort him. How glad Jacob is to see "God's host." He sent a messenger to Esau to tell him that he was coming home and desired peace. The messenger came back and said that Esau was coming to meet Jacob with 400 men. Jacob was afraid. He prayed to God and said, "Oh, God, you told me to return to my country and my family and that You would help me. I am not worthy of any of your mercies which you have shown to me. Please help me out." Jacob then sent presents of animals to Esau. He sent them in three droves. Each servant was to tell Esau that the animals were a present from Jacob who wanted peace. Boys and girls, if someone does you wrong, pray to God as Jacob did, and then do good to that person. God will help you out.

Memory Verse: Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21.

A Lesson On Forgiveness

There was a man in the Bible who owed a king hundreds and hundreds of dollars. He had no money to pay the king. The king said that this man and his wife and children must be sold and the money used to pay the debt. The man begged the king to wait awhile, promising that by and by he would give him the money. The king felt sorry for the poor man and said the man would not need to pay him any money. The man arose and walked away.

Soon he met a friend who owed him a little money. He spoke harshly to the friend and told him to pay the money. The friend did not have any money. He knelt down before the man and said, "Wait a while, and by and by I will give you the money." But the man seemed to have forgotten that the king had been kind to him. He had the friend put in jail. When the king heard about this, he did not like it, and he punished the hard-hearted man.

We are like this man. We ask God to be good to us and forgive us when we do wrong. Then, maybe, we are not good to our little friends when they do wrong to us. If they do a bad thing to us, we want to pay them back. We should not do this way. Jesus said that if we would not forgive others, God would not forgive us. To forgive our friends means to be just as good to them when they do wrong to us as when they do good to us.

Obey your parents,
For this is good.
Be kind and sweet,
As children should.

SWEETNESS OF LIFE

A little girl sat at the table, alternately stirring and sipping her drink. Presently, with tears of disappointment in her eyes, she exclaimed, "Mother, it won't come sweet!" Then the mother realized that she had forgotten to put in the sugar. This done, the sugar itself did the rest. No amount of stirring or trying can make our lives sweet; but when we let the Lord Jesus enter and take possession of our hearts, He makes them pure and lovely. Sweetness of life is only possible as He who is the sweetness dwells within.

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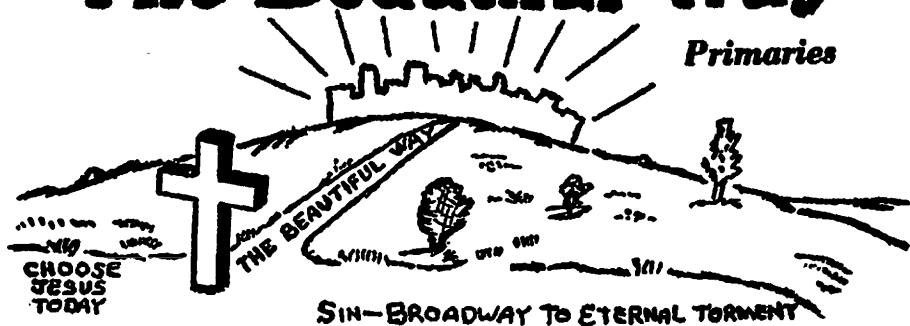


QUESTIONS:

1. Who met Jacob as he left Laban to go back to his country?
2. Did Jacob fear Esau? Why?
3. Did Jacob pray to God for help?
4. Did Jacob send gifts to Esau?
5. Why should we do good to those who hate us?

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JACOBS WRESTLES WITH AN ANGEL

Genesis 32:21-32

Esau was coming to meet Jacob with 400 men. Jacob was afraid. He had sent Esau some presents, but he did not know just how Esau felt about him. Night came, so Jacob sent his children, his wives, his servants, and all he had over to the other side of a brook. Jacob was left alone, watching and waiting. Suddenly a man appeared and started wrestling with Jacob. On and on through the night, Jacob and this man (who was an angel of God) wrestled until it began to get light, for morning was near. When the angel saw that Jacob would not give up, he touched Jacob's thigh, and his thigh was out of joint. When the day was breaking, the angel said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh." But Jacob knew he was an angel, so he said, "I will not let you go, except you bless me." He asked Jacob what his name was. (The name "Jacob" meant "supplanter.") The angel changed his name to Israel, which means "a prince of God." Jacob received his blessing, and he said, "My life is preserved because I have seen God face to face." Jacob never forgot to obey God from that day.

Memory Verse: Whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. Luke 9:24b.

The Cup That Runs Over



Down from the hillside a little bit of a stream came trickling. Up where it started it was very small. A boy, one day, thought it would be a fine thing to hem it in, so that it never could get out; so he dug and dug all around it, heaping the earth higher and higher on every side.

Then he sat down and watched the water away down in the bottom of his little well. In all the time he sat there he could not see that the water grew any higher. It stirred a little, and a bit of a leaf was swept around in a tiny circle on its surface. But he got tired of waiting and went away.

Not long after, he thought he would go up and look at the spring. Long before he reached the hillside he began to see water rippling down through the meadow, on to the creek, still on to the dam at the mill.

"The spring must have gotten out of my well," he thought; and sure enough, drop by drop the fountain had kept gurgling from the rock. Up the steep side of the dam it crept. On over the top, and then, laughing that it had done what the boy thought it could not do, it broke away and started for the great sea.

On its way it washed the cheek of a meadow flower sweet and clean; it turned the wheels of a little mill; it gave a drink to one who was thirsty on a hot day in summer; it made the grasses along the way fresh and tender for the sheep that came a long way to satisfy their hunger.

It could not be kept in, because something deep down in the heart of

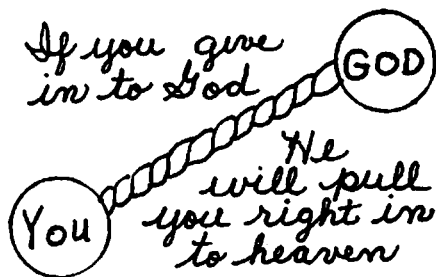
the spring kept whispering, "Give! Keep giving!"

It is the cup which runs over that does the world good. When the heart overflows with goodness—the great goodness which God gives, and He alone—all the tired, thirsty, restless world is refreshed and made better!

Myra listens as her daddy reads the Bible to her.

Many other children, some in our country and some far away, also need to hear about the Lord Jesus. Will you help them to hear about Him?

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QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Jacob take his family, his servants, and all he had?
2. While he stood guard by the brook, who came to wrestle with him?
3. Would Jacob give in to the angel of God?
4. When the angel of God wanted to go, what did Jacob ask of him?
5. What was Jacob's name changed to? What did his new name mean?

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ESAU FORGIVES JACOB

Genesis 33:1-16

Jacob looked across the field and saw his brother, Esau, coming with 400 men. Jacob divided his family into two companies, then went to meet Esau. He bowed to the ground, and then went a little farther and bowed again. He did this seven times. How he hoped Esau would have mercy upon him! God helped Jacob and caused Esau's heart to be tender. He ran to Jacob and fell on his neck and hugged and kissed him. They wept together. Then Esau saw Jacob's children and wives. Jacob called them and they all came and bowed before Esau as Jacob introduced them. Esau said, "Why did you send all the droves of animals to me?" Jacob said he was hoping to find favor with Esau. He said, "If I have been forgiven, take my presents. It is like seeing the face of God to see your face. God has been good to me and I have enough." Esau took Jacob's presents. Esau wanted to get started for home, but Jacob said the children were tender and his flocks were young, so he would just take his time. Esau left Jacob and returned to his home.

Memory Verse: But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I Cor. 15:57.

Fishers of Men

Someone coming up the walk called out, "Hello, Billy! My son Jack and I are going fishing over at Rush Creek and I came to see if you want to go along?" It was Mr. Marshall, his Sunday school teacher.

"I'll ask Mother," said Billy hurrying into the house.

In a moment he was back with his fishing rod and the can of bait.

"Yes, I may go with you," answered Billy. They hurried out to the car where Jack was waiting.

That evening a joyous Billy met his Daddy when he returned from work.

"I caught four trout today," he announced. "We are having them for supper."

"Now you are a real fisherman," said his father.

"I was just as good a fisherman before," said Billy. "Mr. Marshall told me that pond has no fish in it. To catch fish you have to go where the fish are."

"That's right, Billy. Simon Peter, an experienced fisherman once fished all night without catching anything because no fish were there. Jesus knew where some fish would be, so He told him to launch out into the deep water and let down his net, and sure enough in that spot he had a big catch. Another time Peter and other disciples fished all night and caught nothing. In the morning they saw Jesus standing on the shore. He told them to cast the net on the right side of the boat. When they fished at that spot they had a net full, one hundred fifty-three fish — none of them minnows, all large fish." (See John 21:11.)

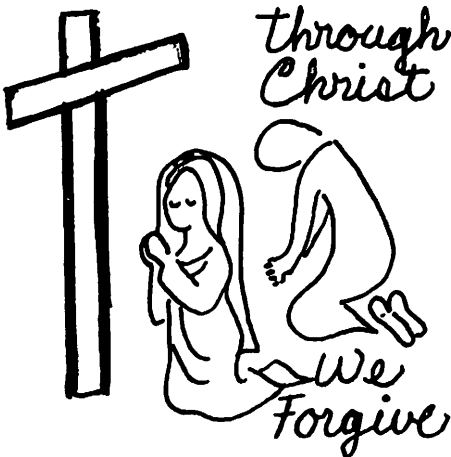
"If Mr. Marshall hadn't taken me where the fish were, I wouldn't have caught any today," said Billy.

"I am going to fish for men tonight," said Mr. Clark.

"Fish for men!" wondered Billy aloud.

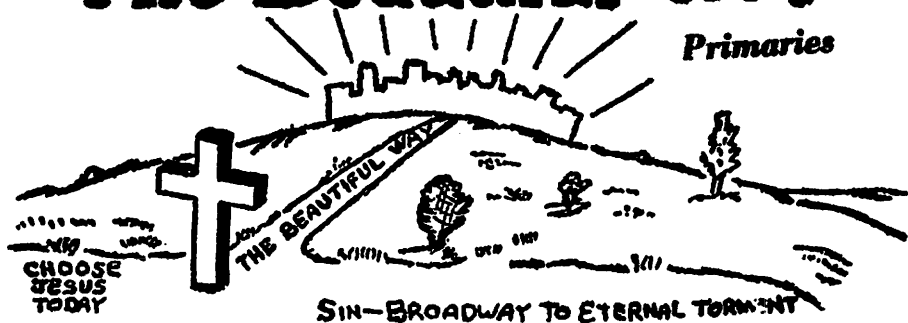
"Yes," explained his father. "Jesus said to the fishermen disciples, 'From henceforth ye shall catch men' and 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' A group of fellows in our Sunday school class is going out tonight to hold an open air meeting. When people gather around to listen, we will tell them how Jesus found us and what He means in our lives. Afterwards we will invite any who are willing to talk to us about receiving Jesus as their Saviour to wait. We will show them from the Bible how to get saved. Any who get saved will be fish-men we have caught."

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RACHEL DIES

Genesis 35:1, 7, 11-19

After Esau left, Jacob and his family moved to a town and there built a house. Later God told Jacob to move to Bethel. You remember it was at Bethel where Jacob saw that wonderful heavenly ladder in a dream. The angels were going up and down on it. God spoke to him there and said He would bring him back to that same place. Now, years later, he came back to Bethel. There Jacob built an altar and worshipped God. God talked to Jacob. He told him He would make a great nation of his family.

Jacob left and journeyed to Bethlehem. There Rachel became very sick. God gave her a baby boy. Jacob named this baby boy Benjamin. Rachel died. Boys and girls, you have a clay or dirt house, which is your body, to live in. But you have another part of you inside your body, which is your soul. That is the real you. When people who love Jesus die, He sends His angels to take their soul from the body to be with Him. Heaven is a beautiful place. It will be wonderful to be with Jesus and the angels.

Memory Verse: All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward? Eccl. 3:20, 21a.

We All Must Die

Some people are very wicked. This means that they do many bad things and do not love God. Some men swear, lie, steal, and also do other sinful things.

To tell a lie is to say something that is not true, and to steal is to take something that belongs to someone else.

Now, it is very wrong to swear, lie, or steal. God does not want us to do any such things. All who do wicked things will some day be punished.

Some day we shall die, for all of us must die. If a man should be going some place through the deep snow, should get lost, and the cold should freeze him, it would kill him. He would not live any longer, but would be dead.

If we love God and live for Him, He will give us a home in heaven after we die; but if we are wicked, we shall be lost and punished for our wicked ways after we die.

We should think about our life here and see that we live to please God. If we do not, when we come to die we may be like a man in a boat. At one time he could have been saved—while he was floating on the smooth waters. But he had let it go too far, and can only look forward to his doom.

Let us love God and live for Him on earth, so we can live with Him in heaven after we die. When Christ was here on earth, He said: "I go to prepare a place for you, . . . that where I am, there ye may be also."

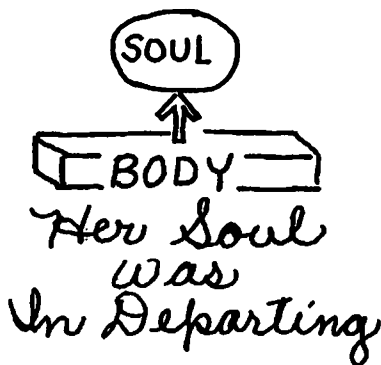
Daddy works hard every day. He is happy when you tell him that you love him.

Three Gates

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.
These narrow gates: First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

—Sel.

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QUESTIONS:

1. What happened the first time Jacob was at Bethel?
2. What did he do at Bethel this time?
3. What did Jacob name his baby boy?
4. Where does your soul live now?
5. When you die, where will your soul go? What is done with the body when the soul leaves it?

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JOSEPH AND HIS COAT OF MANY COLORS

Genesis 37:1-11

Jacob had eleven boys. One boy was named Joseph. He loved God. Joseph went to the fields with his brothers to take care of the flocks. Joseph was seventeen years old. While Joseph helped his brothers take care of the flocks, they did evil things. Joseph did not do evil things. Joseph told his father about the evil things they did. His brothers hated him for telling, but Joseph felt that his father should know.

One day Jacob gave Joseph a coat of many colors that he had made. Jacob was now getting older, and Joseph was with him a lot. He loved Joseph very much. When Joseph's brothers saw the pretty coat that Jacob gave to him, they hated Joseph all the more. They could not say one kind word to him. This was very wrong. We should be happy when others receive nice things.

Joseph had a dream. He dreamed he was in a field. There were eleven stacks of corn in the field. Ten of the stacks of corn bowed down to Joseph's stack. When he told his brothers this, they hated him more. Later they did bow before Joseph.

Memory Verse: My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:18.

A Queer Little House

"Come here quickly, Mother!" called Janie.

Mother hurried into the back yard.

"There was a spider right here," said Janie, "and it just disappeared! I know it didn't run off anywhere. It must have gone into the ground, but there isn't any hole there."

Mother looked closely where Janie was pointing.

"Let's sit down over here and watch," she said.

Soon a bit of the ground moved, then stood up on edge. Underneath was a hole, and out came a spider. She kept one of her back feet in the hole. She looked all around, then she backed into the hole with just her head out.

"Sh-h-h!" whispered Mother.

Soon a fly came near the spider. He did not see her. He sat down and began to clean his wings. Jump! and the spider had him. She pulled the fly down into her hole and shut the door. Again it looked as if there were no hole there.

"Why does she do that?" asked Janie.

"That is a trap-door spider," said Mother. "She makes her little house under the ground. She lines it with silk that she makes in her body, and makes a door that looks just like the ground around it. She makes a strong hinge of silk, too. Then she sits in her doorway, and waits for her dinner to come to her. She's having fly for dinner now. When she gets hungry again she'll come out and wait for another insect."

"I'd like to look into her house," said Janie. "May I open her door?"

"You may try," said Mother.

Janie tried and tried, but she could not get the door open.

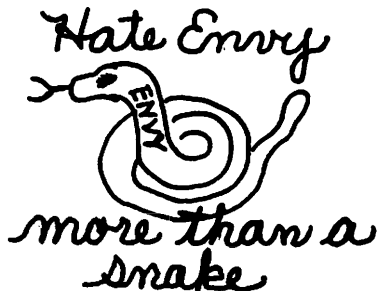
"She's holding it from the inside," said Mother. "Besides, it fits down very snugly. Did you notice how she always kept one foot in the doorway? If she should leave the hole, and the door should shut behind her, she couldn't get back in again!"

"How does the spider know how to make her house?" asked Janie. "Did she go to a spider school and learn how? Or did her mother show her?"

"The trap-door spider was born, or rather hatched, knowing just how to make her home and catch her food," said Mother. "God made every spider know just how to get along. Other animals know how to live in the way that God planned for them to live."

"I'm glad God made this world," said Janie. "He knew how to do everything just right."

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Noah was a good man. God did not destroy him nor his wife or family. It pays to obey God.

Jesus died to save you from sin.

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JOSEPH IN TROUBLE

Genesis 37:12-35

"I want you to go find your brothers and see how they are doing," Jacob said to his son, Joseph.

Joseph started out on a long, long journey. He was wandering around in a field, looking for his brothers. A man told him they were at Dothan.

"Here comes that dreamer," his brothers said. "Let us kill him and see what comes of his dreams." But Reuben told them they should not shed blood, but put him in a pit. Reuben thought he would get Joseph out later, so they put him in a pit. But while Reuben was gone, some men came by on camels, going down to Egypt to sell things. The brothers took Joseph out of the pit and sold him to the men for twenty pieces of silver. How sad for poor Joseph! When Reuben returned and Joseph was gone, he tore his clothes and said, "What shall we do?" The brothers killed a goat. They put blood on Joseph's coat of many colors. They took it to his father, Jacob, who supposed a wild beast had killed his son. Jacob mourned and wept. Hatred causes people to do bad sins.

Memory Verse: I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. *Psa. 27:13.*

What Jealousy Did

Susie watched Trixie and her puppy playing on the lawn. All at once the puppy ran out into the street. A car was coming fast. Trixie ran out and got the puppy.

"Animals always take good care of their babies, don't they, Uncle Fred?" she asked.

"Most animals do," said Uncle Fred. "Mother dogs almost always take good care of their puppies. When I was a boy I had a dog that was jealous of her puppy."

"Tell me about it," begged Susie.

"My dog's name was Queenie," said Uncle Fred. "She had four of the cutest puppies you ever saw. Father told me I could keep one, so I picked out the one I thought was the nicest. I named him Prince. We gave the others away."

"We lived on a ranch in Wyoming. Queenie ran all over the ranch. She chased rabbits and prairie dogs. She helped drive the cows home in the evening, and back out to the pasture in the morning. With a little puppy to take care of, she couldn't run around so much. I don't think she liked staying home with him."

"I loved Prince very much. Of course I still loved Queenie, too; but I played with Prince more than I did with her. I petted him more. Queenie didn't like it."

"When Prince got big enough to walk well, Queenie led him all around the house and barn. Every day she took him a little farther. Then one day he was gone. I looked everywhere I could think of. After awhile Mother told me to go for the cows. Queenie

wouldn't go with me, so I went by myself.

"There was a big hole in the ground in the pasture. When I came near I heard something crying, and there in the hole was my little puppy. I had to have my father help me get him out."

"When we brought Prince home Queenie put her tail between her legs and went off behind the barn. Father was sure she had gotten him into the hole on purpose."

"What happened then?" asked Susie.

"Father said one dog was enough around our ranch, and we would have to get rid of Queenie," answered Uncle Fred.

"Thank you for telling me about Queenie and Prince," said Susie. "Sometimes I'm jealous because people pay attention to my baby brother, and not to me. I'll try not to be jealous again. I know God doesn't want me to be jealous." —Sel.

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JESUS HEALS A BOY

John 4:46-54

A little boy was very, very sick. His father was very sad because his little boy was at the point of death. How glad he was when he heard that Jesus had come to Galilee! If He could get Jesus to come and heal his son, how glad he would be! The little boy's father hurried to the place where Jesus was and begged Him to come and heal his son because he was afraid his boy was going to die. Jesus said, "Go on home now, because your son will live." The father believed the word of Jesus that He had spoken. The father turned around and started home. As he was going his servants met him and said, "Your son liveth." The father asked them, "What hour did he begin to get well?" They said, "Yesterday at the seventh hour his fever left him." The father knew that it was the same time that Jesus had said, "Your son will live," and he had believed Jesus' words. All in that house rejoiced and believed Jesus to be the Son of God, the Saviour.

Boys and girls, Jesus will heal you today when you are sick if you ask Him when you pray. Believe that He hears and answers.

Memory Verse: Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find. Matthew 7:7.

God, the Giver of All Good Gifts

Mike was hungry. He had been playing with his truck. Mother was busy in the kitchen with her baking. Mike ran into the Kitchen, "Mommy, I'm hungry," he said. Mother took the apple pie from the oven. Then she said: "How would my big boy like jelly and bread?"

"Yum, yum," said Mike.

Mother took two slices of bread from the package. She spread one slice with butter, and the other slice with grape jelly. Then pressing the two slices together, she cut it cross-wise and handed both pieces to Mike.

Mike took a bite. "Oh, thank you, Mommy," he said. "It surely is good."

"I thought you would like it," said Mother, "Aunt Kay sent us the grape jelly. She made it."

"Where did she get the grapes?" asked Mike.

"Uncle Jack planted the grape vines for her," said Mother.

"What made the grapes on the vine?" asked Mike.

"God sent the sunshine and the rain," said Mother, "and the grapes grew on the vines. They grew and grew in the bright sunshine. Then Uncle Jack gathered them, and Aunt Kay made the good jelly. She shared it with us. Aren't you glad?"

"Oh yes, ma'am," said Mike, taking another big bite of his bread, "but if God hadn't sent the sunshine and the rain we wouldn't have this good jelly, would we, Mommy?"

"No, Mike," said Mother. "God is the great Giver of all the good things in life. It is God who gives us the

good earth to grow foods in. It is God who gives us everything in life. Without Him, we would have nothing."

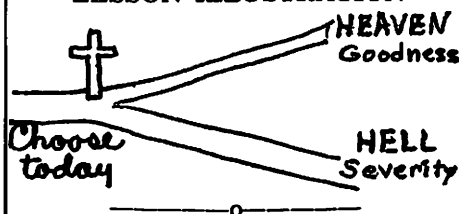
Mike had eaten every bite of his bread. He looked up into Mother's face and said, "Mommy, I would like to thank God for that good bread and jelly."

"We will bow our heads, Mike," said Mother, "and you can do that right now." Then Mike and Mother bowed their heads.

Mike said: "Thank you, God, for good grape jelly that You sent the rain and sunshine to grow grapes for. And thank You for all the other good things You give us, Amen."

Then Mike ran back to play with his blocks. —Sel.

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QUESTIONS:

1. Who was sick and about to die according to our lesson?
2. When the father heard that Jesus had come to that country, what did he do?
3. Did Jesus go to the boy's house, or did He just speak the words that the boy would live?
4. Who met the father on his way home? What did they say to the father?
5. Does Jesus heal us today?

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JOSEPH LIVES IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE

Genesis 39:1-6; 1 Peter 3:12; Hebrews 5:6

Poor Joseph went along with the travelers who took him farther and farther from his home. How sad he felt! His brothers had even talked of killing him, but they had sold him as a slave. But, boys and girls, he was not really alone. He loved God and God was with him. It is wonderful to have the Lord with us. The travelers took him to Egypt. There he was put up for sale. A man named Potiphar bought him and took him to live in his house. Joseph wanted to be the very best slave he could be. He worked hard. God blessed Joseph. God blessed Potiphar because of Joseph. Potiphar made Joseph overseer of everything he had. Potiphar saw that God was with Joseph. Joseph took care of everything in the field and in the house. He took care of Potiphar's money. Potiphar trusted Joseph and just came to eat and went away again, letting Joseph see about everything.

Boys and girls, when we do right, God will bless us. God sees you all the time. He hears you when you pray. If you will be content with what you have, God will bless you as He did Joseph.

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

The Best Teacher

"Do we have to go to Sunday school when we are on our vacation?" asked Barry. He sounded cross about it.

"You used to like to go to Sunday school," Jean reminded him.

"That was when Bro. Simmons was my teacher," Barry answered. "You know you miss Debbie Simmons, too!"

"It is too bad Bro. Simmons had to move away," Mother said.

"We had better hurry!" Daddy reminded them. "We want to be on time at the Sunday school we are visiting. Then after church, we will eat dinner in a restaurant and drive on."

At the church, Daddy and Mother took the children to their classrooms. "We will meet you here in the hall when classes are over," they said.

After classes Barry and Jean both wanted to talk at once. "Guess who I saw!" said Jean. "Debbie Simmons!"

"Guess who my teacher was!" said Barry. "It was Bro. Simmons! He lives here now!"

"Good!" said Daddy. "Now we must go to church. You will have to tell us all about it later."

After church Bro. Simmons came to talk to them. "Barry told me you are on your vacation," he said. "Will you come to our house for dinner?"

What fun it was to go to the Simmons' house for dinner! Debbie showed Jean and Barry all around her new house and yard. Barry and Jean tried to tell Debbie all the things that had happened since she moved away.

"I was so glad to have you in my Sunday school class today," Bro. Simmons said to Barry, when they were at the table.

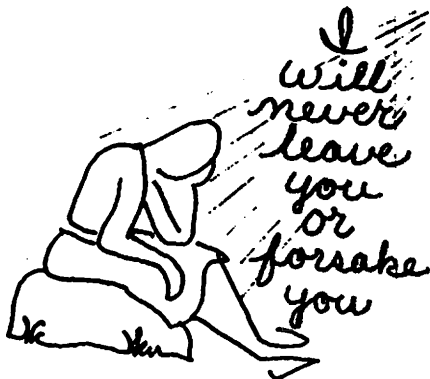
"I did not even want to go to Sunday school today," Barry told him. "But I am glad we went. I think you are the best teacher in the whole world!"

For a little while Bro. Simmons looked as if he did not know what to say. Then he answered. "I am glad you feel that way, Barry, but I am sorry, too. I am glad you like me so well. But I am sorry that you did not want to go to Sunday school. Teachers are important. But Jesus is the most important One. We should go to Sunday school and church to worship Him. If you love Him, you will always want to go to His house. It is Jesus who is the very best Teacher."

"I will remember," said Barry. "I will go to Sunday school after this to worship Jesus and learn more about Him."

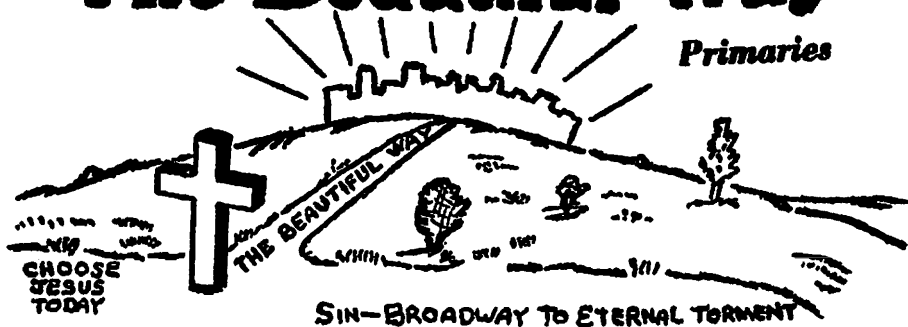
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JOSEPH PUT IN PRISON

Genesis 39:7-12; James 1:14, 15

Joseph was a good slave to Potiphar. God was with Joseph and helped him. Potiphar turned all of his money, his houses, and his lands over to Joseph. Potiphar trusted Joseph. But a sad thing happened. Potiphar's wife wanted to love Joseph. Now, boys and girls, this was wicked, and very, very wrong. Wives are to love only their own husbands, and not anyone else. Joseph told her that this was wrong, and he would not return her love. He said, "How can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" But day after day she followed him and tried to get him to love her. One day when he had business in the house and no one else was there, she came to him and wanted to make love. He ran from her. She caught his coat and he just slid out of it and ran out of the house. Boys and girls, if you are tempted to steal, run from it. If someone wants you to do any wrong, run from it as Joseph did. Potiphar's wife told him a lie about Joseph, so he put Joseph in prison. The Lord was with Joseph even in the prison, and He helped him.

Memory Verse: Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Romans 12:9b.

Johnny's Baby Brother

Johnny Daniels had a new little brother. Johnny broke his piggy bank. He took his money and bought a baseball glove for his baby brother.

Mother said, "It will be a long time before Randy can play baseball with you."

"Babies aren't much good as brothers, then, are they?" Johnny asked.

"I would not say that," Mother said. "When you were born, you were not any bigger or stronger than Randy. Look at you now. You are a big boy. Just give Randy time. He will be able to play baseball with you."

"How long will it be? Next week?"

"Oh, no! It will take much longer than that. It will take years. But, Johnny, Randy can be lots of fun in other ways. Would you like to hold him?"

"Well, I guess so."

"All right, if you want to hold Randy, sit in this chair. I will give him to you," Mother said.

Mother wrapped Randy in a blanket. She handed him over so carefully to Johnny.

"You must be careful!" Mother said. "He cannot hold up his head yet. You must hold it for him. Don't bump the top of his head. The bone has not grown there yet. Feel the top of his head very carefully. See?"

Johnny smiled. He nodded his head.

Randy started crying. "What is the matter with Randy?" Johnny asked.

"Oh, he is hungry," Mother said. "He cannot eat much at a time. Would you like to feed Randy?"

Johnny smiled, and said, "Yes." Mother heated Randy's bottle. She brought it to Johnny.

"Hold it up like this," Mother said.

"He cannot do anything, can he?" Johnny asked.

"No, he cannot, Johnny. That is why he needs a big brother like you. You can help him."

"Mother," Johnny asked, "was baby Jesus like Randy when He was born?"

"Yes, Johnny. He had to be fed, too."

"He could not walk, or talk, or see anything, could He?"

"Why would Jesus be any different from other babies, Johnny?"

"He was God, wasn't He? God can do everything, can't He?"

"Jesus wanted to be a baby, so babies could love Him, too. Jesus was a boy, like you, so He could be your Saviour too. He knew how a boy feels. That is why He understands when you pray, and tell Him your troubles."

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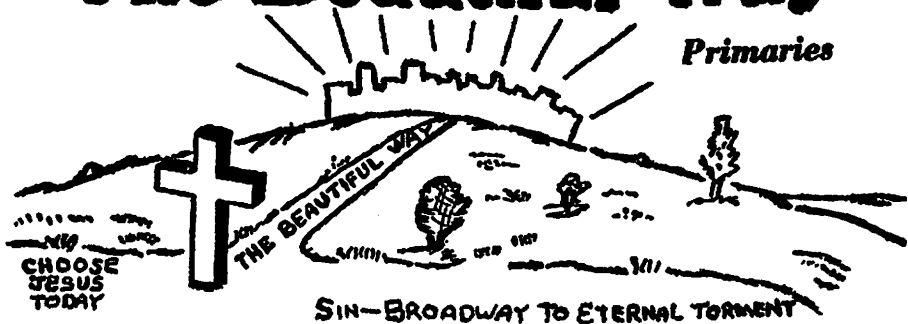
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QUESTIONS:

1. Whom is our lesson about today?
2. Did Joseph return the love of Potiphar's wife?
3. What did he do when she caught hold of him?
4. Are we to run from evil?
5. What happened when Potiphar's wife told him a lie about Joseph?

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THE BAKER AND THE BUTLER

Genesis 39:22, 23; Genesis 40:1-23

"Why are you so sad today?" Joseph asked the baker and the butler, who were in prison with him. Joseph's duty was to look after all the prisoners. "We dreamed some dreams, and we do not have anyone to tell us what they mean," they said. "God can tell us what it means," Joseph said, so they told him their dreams. The butler said, "I saw a vine that had three branches on it and it had blossoms, and then it bore grapes. I took the king's cup and squeezed juice into it and gave it to him." Joseph said, "God has made me know that in three days you will be back giving the king his juice. But please remember me to the king, because I was stolen from my home and have done nothing to cause me to be in prison." The baker said, "I dreamed I had three white baskets on my head. The birds ate the cakes, biscuits, and other things out of the top basket." Joseph had to be truthful as he always was, and he said, "Within three days you will be hanged." Later Pharaoh, the king, had a birthday, and the butler was restored to waiting on the king, and the baker was hanged.

Memory Verse: But to do good . . . forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16.

How Tommy Was Saved

Tommy's father and mother did not care if he went to Sunday school or not. In fact, they did not care what he did, as long as he did not cause them any trouble.

The Sunday school teacher saw Tommy playing in the park. She asked him to go to Sunday school. He said, "O. K. I'll go," and he did.

The Sunday school teacher told the story of the jailer being saved. "His entire family was saved, too," she said.

"What do you mean, 'was saved'?" Tommy asked.

The teacher said, "All have sinned. All need to be forgiven, or saved from sin. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour, He forgives our sins. He also saves us from punishment. Then we are ready for heaven."

"I would like to be saved," Tommy said.

The teacher and Tommy prayed together. Tommy told Jesus how sorry he was for his sins and asked Jesus to forgive him.

"The Bible story says the jailer's whole family was saved," Tommy said.

"Yes, Tommy, that is right," the teacher said.

"I wish my whole family would be saved," Tommy said. "Things would be different around our house if my father and mother had Jesus in their hearts."

"Let's pray for them," the teacher said.

Tommy went home. He said, "I went to Sunday school today."

"Sunday school?" Mother said.

"I gave my heart to Jesus and He forgave me of my sins," Tommy said.

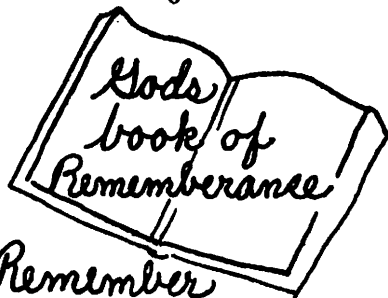
Tommy's father did not know what to say. Tommy said, "Jesus loved us enough to die for us. We are all bad and need to be forgiven. Otherwise, we will be punished. I wish you were saved, too."

Father frowned. Mother said, "You know, I think Tommy is right. I think we should go to church, too. We aren't living right. We are sure to get in trouble."

"I guess you are right," Father said.

Next Sunday Tommy took Father and Mother to Sunday school and church services. Both of them were saved, too.

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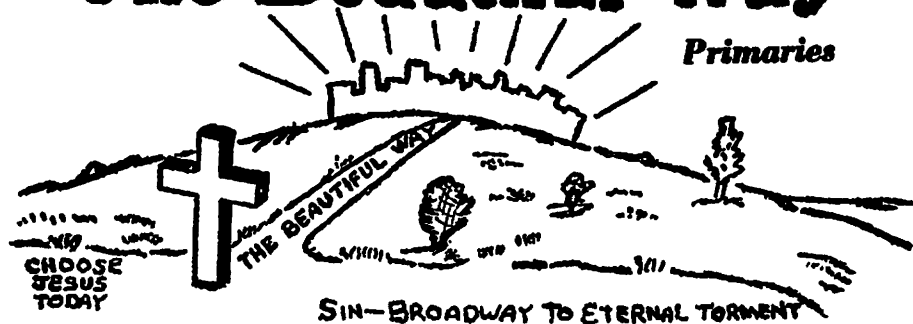
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QUESTIONS:

1. What was wrong with the butler and the baker when Joseph saw them one morning?
2. What was the butler's dream?
3. Did Joseph ask him to remember him when he was back helping the king?
4. What did the baker dream?
5. Did the butler forget all about Joseph?

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JOSEPH IS OUT OF PRISON

Genesis 41:1-41

Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was troubled. He had dreamed two dreams. He asked his wise men to tell him what they meant, but they could not. Suddenly the butler remembered Joseph, still in prison. After the butler told the king about him, Joseph was called. Joseph shaved and changed his clothes and soon was standing before the king. "I hear you can tell what dreams mean," the king said. "It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace," Joseph answered. "What were your dreams?" The king said, "I was standing on the river bank. I saw seven fat cows come up out of the river and feed in the meadow. Then I saw seven skinny cows come up, and they ate up the seven fat cows. Then I awoke. I went to sleep and dreamed again. I saw seven full ears of corn on a stalk. Then I saw seven thin, withered ears of corn spring up. They ate up the seven full ears of corn."

Joseph told the king his dreams meant seven years of plenty, followed by seven years when food would not grow. The king chose Joseph to save the food during the good years.

Memory Verse: The Lord is good unto them that wait for him. Lamentations 3:25a.

Carl's Bible

"Hi, Carl!" said Ronnie, as he walked up the street. "Come with me. We have Sunday school in our chapel."

"I can't," Carl said. "I don't have nice clothes. I don't have a book."

"You don't need nice clothes to come to Sunday school," said Ronnie. "And, we study the Bible on Sunday."

"The Bible!" said Carl. "What book is that?"

"It's God's Book," said Ronnie. "It tells you how to get to heaven."

"How much does it cost?" asked Carl.

"I got mine for coming to Sunday school for one year without missing a Sunday," said Ronnie.

Carl turned and ran away. Suddenly he stopped. "I want to go to heaven," he said to himself. "The book tells the way. I must get that book."

He walked back to the chapel. No one was outside. He heard singing. He pushed on the door. It was heavy, but it opened. He stepped in, and looked around. A young man came out. He looked at Carl.

"Your class is over here," he said.

He took Carl by the arm and led him to a room. It was a bright room. The teacher smiled at him. She showed him a chair to sit on. Carl was afraid. Then he looked at the boy next to him. He was smiling. It was Ronnie. Carl smiled back.

The children sang songs. Carl had never heard them before. He liked the songs because they were happy songs.

"How many brought your Bibles with you?" asked the teacher. "Let us

hold them up as we sing the next song."

Carl wished he had a Bible to hold up. Then the teacher read from the Bible. While she told a story, she held the Bible in her hand. Carl was surprised. The Bible had stories in it! He liked those stories.

After Sunday school Carl walked up to the teacher.

"I'll come to Sunday school for one year," he said. "I would like a Bible."

The teacher smiled at him.

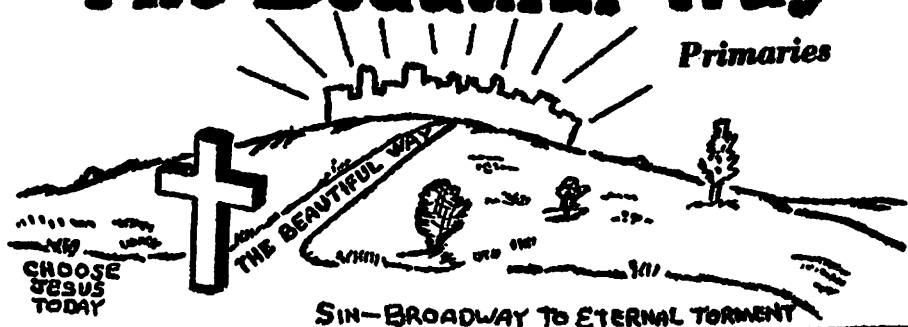
"You can use this Bible every Sunday here at Sunday school. When you have come to Sunday school for one year, it will be your very own," she said. Carl was happy! —Sel.

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JOSEPH BECOMES A RULER

Genesis 41:42-57

"Who is that riding in the second chariot after the king?" the people asked as they gathered in the streets to watch the parade. Soon they heard a man yelling loudly, "Bow the knee! Joseph is made ruler over all the land of Egypt." What a great change for Joseph! A little time before he was in prison, but now he is dressed in fine clothes and everyone is bowing before him. God answered Joseph's prayers and helped him out.

Now Joseph was given A-se-nath for his wife. He had two sons born to him. He named one Ma-nas-seh, and the other one he named E-phraim. He was happy for his family, and it helped him to forget how he had been treated by his brothers, and all of his troubles. Joseph had a lot of work to do since he was ruler. He had to build cities to store all the grain and food that was grown during the seven years of plenty. Soon the famine came and there was no food. The people cried for bread. Pharaoh sent them to Joseph. He opened up the storehouses and fed them. Thus God used Joseph to keep people from starving.

Memory Verse: (Jesus said) "I am that bread of life." John 6:48.

Karen's Helper

"Karen!" Mother called. "Come here, please!"

Karen Lindsay hurried to Mother's bedside. "Yes, Mother?"

"Karen, you will have to go to the corner grocery store. You will have to buy some food. I am too ill to go. Father won't be home before the store closes. Maybe you'd better ask your girl friend, Louise, to go with you. I think you will need a helper."

"Mother, you seem to think I can't do anything by myself. I can buy food. I don't need Louise to help me."

"Very well, then. Here is the list of the food we need. Please bring my purse to me. It is on the table."

Karen brought Mother's purse. Mother took out a five-dollar bill.

Mother said, "Here is a five-dollar bill. Be careful not to lose the money. Bring all the change back to me."

"Yes, Mother."

Karen went to the store. She gave the list of food Mother needed to Mr. Perkins.

"I will have the food ready for you in a few minutes."

In a few minutes, Mr. Perkins said, "Here you are, Karen. This is a heavy bag for such a small girl. Do you think you can carry it? Don't you think you need some help?"

"I can carry it," Karen said. "I don't need any help."

Karen had not gone very far when the bag tore open. Oranges rolled in every direction. She put the bag down on the sidewalk. She ran after the oranges. She tried to put the oranges back into the bag. The bag tore some more.

At last, Karen sat down on the curb. She began to cry.

A little old lady walked up to Karen. She saw the trouble Karen was in.

"You poor child," she said. "I will help you. Now you just wait here. I will go to the grocery store. I will get some more bags."

Soon the old lady came back. She said, "I will help you. Everyone needs a helper at times."

All of us need God to help us, too. Jesus said the Holy Spirit would help us in times of trouble. —Sel.

"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace shall they add to thee." Pro. 3:1, 2.

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

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." Pro. 22:1.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the king have Joseph ride in? What did the people do?
2. Did Joseph have two boys born to him?
3. Did Joseph build barns and have men gather all the food they could to put into them?
4. When the food quit growing and the people were hungry, to whom did they go?
5. Did Joseph open his storehouses and barns and sell food to the people?

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JOSEPH'S BROTHERS BUY CORN

Genesis 42:1-20

"You know there is corn to buy in Egypt," Jacob said to his sons, "why don't you go down and buy it so we will live and not die of hunger?" But Jacob's sons dreaded to go to Egypt. They remembered that their brokenhearted brother, Joseph, had traveled that road because they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But they became so hungry that all ten of them started on the long journey to Egypt. Benjamin did not go. They saw the governor of Egypt, but they did not know it was their brother, Joseph. They bowed low before him. Remember how, when Joseph was a young boy, he had dreamed this would happen? Joseph wanted to test them to see what kind of men they were, so he spoke roughly to them, and called them spies. They said they were one man's sons, who had twelve sons. One of them had been left at home, and the other is not. This other one was Joseph. Joseph put them in prison, and after three days he came to them. He told them he feared God. He said all but one could go back home. The next time they came they were to bring their youngest brother, which they did.

Memory Verse: Fear God and keep his commandments.
Eccl. 12:13.

Fuzzy, the Coon

Jimmy Stoner lived on a farm. He had his own garden. He grew many vegetables. Mother cooked them. He was very happy when Father said, "Jimmy, these vegetables are about the best I ever ate!"

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

Jimmy ran out front. He opened the gate, and waited for Father. Then, a big fuzzy coon came sneaking along the fence. Jimmy stood real still. He watched the coon. It walked right by Jimmy, crossed the drive, and climbed the big tree beside the fence.

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

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

"Could I see them?" Jimmy asked.

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

"Why did God make coons?" Jimmy asked.

"He made coons, and everything, and everyone, you too, because He wanted someone to love," Father said. "If you ever got to know a coon, you would love it, too."

One day a big truck went off the road. It hit the big tree with the coon nest. The tree fell over. Jim and Father ran to the tree. The mother coon had been killed. Three little baby coons were dead, too. But one little coon was still alive.

"Jimmy," Father said, "we will take this little coon into the kitchen. We will

feed her milk from a bottle. She has no mother now."

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

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

"But I like her. I don't want to give her up."

"Why not let Fuzzy decide what she wants to do?"

Jimmy turned Fuzzy loose. She went to the woods, but she came back again. She came often to see Jimmy. One day she did not come back. Jimmy did not see her for many days.

"I wonder where Fuzzy is?" Jimmy said.

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

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

Tell Jesus all your troubles. He cares about you.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jacob and his sons in Canaan hear about corn being for sale in Egypt?
2. Did they go to buy corn, and there bow down before the ruler?
3. The ruler was Joseph, their brother whom they had sold, but did they know him?
4. Did Joseph talk roughly to them and put them in prison to see if they were good men now?

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JOSEPH'S BROTHERS ARE SORRY

Genesis 42:21-38

The governor of Egypt (who was Joseph) had the brothers put in jail for three days. They did not know he was Joseph. Later he told them that all of them could go home but Simeon. When they came back for more corn, they were to bring Benjamin with them. This brought trouble to them. They remembered their wicked deed to Joseph. He heard them talk about it. They said, "Oh, why didn't we listen to the lad's pleading when he begged us not to sell him! Now this trouble has come to us." Reuben said, "I asked you not to sin against the child, but you would not hear me, so now we are all in trouble." Joseph had to leave them and weep. He knew they were truly sorry. He knew they were different. Soon they left on their asses with their sacks of corn. When they arrived home they told their father all that had happened. When they emptied their sacks they saw each man's bag of money was in his sack. They were afraid. Their father was afraid. He said, "I will lose all my children. Joseph is not. Simeon is not, and now you want to take Benjamin. You cannot take him. If anything happens to him it will bring me to my grave."

Memory Verse: Make a joyful noise unto God. *Psa. 66:1.*

Saved Twice

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

"Help!" she screamed.

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

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

"Help! Help!" called Patty's mother. She broke up some of the boards and dropped them down beside Patty. Patty took hold of the boards and tried to pull herself out of the mud, but she could not. So Mother jumped down with her. She stayed on the boards and tried to pull Patty out of the mud. Patty was too far in, and they had to wait until some men came to help them both out.

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

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

"If I had I could not have helped you," said Mother.

"I know something worse than black sticky mud. It is sin. Sin is like the mud. It keeps pulling down more and more. We cannot get out of it by ourselves. So Jesus came down from

heaven. He did not sin Himself, but He came down where He could help us. He took the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross. Because of that, we can ask God to save us from sin."

"I'd like to ask Him to save me right now," said Patty. Then she prayed, "Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to help me out of sin. I'm sorry I played on the well. I'm sorry for the other bad things I've done. Please forgive me and save me, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

When she opened her eyes Patty was happy.

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

—Sel.

Doesn't God love us a whole lot? He gives us so many good things. He gives your daddy and mother health so they can work to buy food. He causes the sun to shine, and the rain to fall so food can grow. We want to love God and make Him know it by doing what He tells us to do.

Living for the Lord makes a person happy.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Joseph's brothers remember how they had mistreated him?
2. Were they sorry about it?
3. Did Reuben remind them that he had tried to keep them from doing wrong to Joseph?
4. Did Joseph weep as he heard them talking and saw they were sorry?
5. What was put in each man's sack?
6. Was Jacob sorry about Simeon not coming back and all the trouble they had?

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BENJAMIN GOES WITH HIS BROTHERS

Genesis 43:8-17; 27-34

Benjamin was just a baby, one year old, when Joseph saw him last. Oh, how Joseph longed to see him! He told the brothers not to come again unless they brought Benjamin. Jacob, his father, felt he could not let him go. He thought Joseph had been killed, and his youngest son was very dear to him. Jacob prayed. God helped Jacob to be willing. Soon the brothers arrived in Egypt to buy more corn, as they were hungry. When the governor, who was Joseph, although the brothers did not know it, saw Benjamin, he told his servants to make a big dinner for the men. When they all arrived for dinner, Joseph asked about their father. When he saw Benjamin he longed to put his arms around him, but he must wait. He had to leave the room to weep. He washed his face and returned. He told his servants to set on the food. He put the brothers at a table by themselves in the order of their ages. The brothers wondered just how the governor knew their ages. Joseph wanted to know if they were jealous of Benjamin as they had been of him. He sent five times as much food to be served to Benjamin as to the others. They ate and enjoyed it.

Memory Verse: My son give me thine heart. Prov. 24:26a.

Love One Another

"Mother! Jack tripped me!" Betty screamed.

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

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

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

"Me, too!" said Jack.

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

"Oh, goody!" cried both children together.

Jack didn't have as much fun on the farm as he thought he would. He didn't have to share anything with Betty, but there was no one to play with.

Betty had a good time by herself at home for a day or two. She could play whatever she wished. She always got to ride in the front seat of the car. She didn't have to wait for a turn in the swing. After three or four days Betty missed Jack all the time. It was no fun to play by herself. She was glad when the week was over. Now she could go to the farm.

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

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

Grandfather and Grandmother brought Betty home.

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

"Not I!" said Jack and Betty together.

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

"I didn't either," said Jack.

"I didn't like having just one at a time as well as when they both come," said Grandmother.

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

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

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

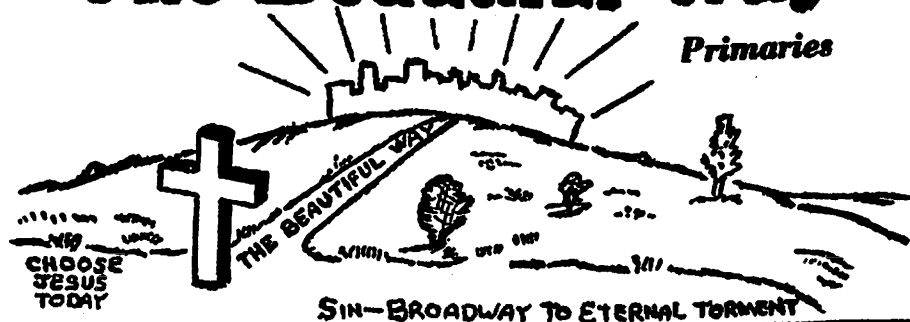
Billy loved to sing. Raymond lived next door but he was always grumbling and complaining. Raymond played with Billy. He watched him be happy and cheerful. Raymond began to be cheerful and happy too. It pays to be happy.

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jacob let his son Benjamin go with their brothers to Egypt?
2. Did Jacob ask God to take care of them on their trip?
3. Joseph was the governor, but the brothers did not know this. Did Joseph ask about their Father?
4. What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin, his brother, who was only a year old when he last saw him?

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THE CUP

Genesis 44:1-14

Joseph, who was governor of Egypt, had a pretty silver cup. He thought of a plan. He wanted to know if his brothers would treat Benjamin as they had treated him years ago. Of course the brothers did not know that the governor was Joseph. So Joseph told the steward to put his silver cup in the top of the sack of Benjamin's corn. The brothers loaded their sacks on their asses. They were happy as they left that morning early. Benjamin was with them and also Simeon, and soon they would be with their father and together they would thank God for His mercy to them. But trouble came to them. Someone was after them. The steward came up to them and asked why they took the governor's cup. They were sure he was wrong. They said, "You can search us, and the one in whose sack the silver cup is, he will die, and we will be your slaves." The search was made. The silver cup was in Benjamin's sack. The brothers tore their clothes they were so troubled. All of them went back and fell down before the governor and begged for mercy. Joseph was testing their feelings for Benjamin.

Memory Verse: If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed. 1 Peter 4:16a.

The Biggest Cooky

"I want the biggest cooky," said Ricky when the plate was passed to him. Before anyone had time to say anything else, he had it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Yes," said Ricky, but his face got red, and all the boys knew something was wrong.

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

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

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

Smile upon the troubled pilgrims

You so often meet;

Frowns are thorns, as smiles are blossoms,

Oft for weary feet.

Do not make the way seem harder

By a sullen face;

Smile a little, smile a little,

Brighten up the place.

—U. N. O.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who had a silver cup?
2. What did Joseph tell the steward to do with this cup?
3. When the brothers were overtaken on their way home, were they surprised that the cup was in Benjamin's sack?
4. Did they all go back to see the governor, or did they let the steward take Benjamin back alone?

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Nov. 6

JOSEPH WEEPS FOR JOY

Genesis 46:1-7, 26-30

Did you ever move from one place to another? Well, it was moving day for Jacob and his family. Joseph had many wagons to be used for them to move to Egypt. They packed the wagons with their belongings. The children, mothers, Jacob and the older people rode in the wagons. The men and older boys drove the herds of cattle, horses, and sheep. It was a great day and I am sure the children enjoyed it. They stopped at Beer-sheba and Jacob offered a sacrifice to God. He loved God and wanted God to help him on his trip. God told him He would make of his family a great nation. God told Jacob that they would return again to the Canaan land.

Joseph heard that his father and family had arrived in the land of Goshen. Joseph asked for his chariot. He went to meet his father. He fell on his neck and wept tears of joy. Jacob said, "Now let me die since I have seen you and know you are alive." Surely, that must have been a joyful reunion after the many years they were separated.

Memory Verse: Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find. Matthew 7:7.

She Climbed the Volcano

There is a story told on the islands of Hawaii about a brave woman who lived long ago.

Almost a hundred and fifty years ago, missionaries from the United States went to Hawaii to tell the people about God. Some of the people of Hawaii had become tired of the idols they had prayed to for so long. They knew that the idols did not help them. They were glad to hear about the true God. But others were afraid of the gods they had always worshipped. They thought these gods could hurt them if they gave their hearts to Jesus.

On one of the islands there is a great volcano, a mountain with a lake of melted rock in the top. Sometimes it shoots out fire and smoke. The people thought that a great fire goddess named Pele lived in this mountain. They thought she liked to take a bath in the melted rock. Some men were called priests of Pele, and they kept telling the people what a great and strong goddess she was. They tried to make everyone afraid of her.

On the sides of the mountain grew bushes with berries on them. The priests said that no woman should touch those berries. If a woman climbed the mountain and threw some of the berries into the volcano, Pele would be so angry she would shake the whole island to pieces!

Many people wanted to give their hearts to God, but were afraid of Pele. At last, a woman named Kapiolani said she would show them there was no real fire goddess who could hurt them. She climbed the mountain, picking the berries as she went. She ate some of

them, then climbed to where she could throw the rest into the lake of the melted rock. She threw stones in, too.

"If Pele is really a goddess," she said, "she will kill me right here!" But nothing happened. Kapiolani came down from the volcano safely. Then the people knew that Pele was not a real goddess. She was only make-believe. The priests of Pele had been fooling the people all those years.

Now people were not afraid to give themselves to God. They knew that He was the only real God. Because of what brave Kapiolani did, many people began to love and serve Jesus.

RECIPE FOR HAPPINESS

Mix up some kindness
Sprinkled with love,
Cover with faith
In the Father above.

Fold in some prayers,
Some duties and joy,
Feed large portions daily
To each girl and boy.

Children it seems,
Will just thrive on this food,
It makes them so useful,
So happy and good.

—I. Sekula

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Jacob and his family go to Egypt?
2. Did Jacob offer sacrifices to God?
3. What did God tell him?
4. What did Joseph ride in to go to meet his father?
5. What did Jacob say after Joseph fell on his neck and wept for joy?

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JACOB AND HIS SONS MEET PHARAOH

Genesis 46:31-34; Genesis 47:1-12

God had a plan for the family of Jacob. He did not want them to live close to the Egyptians. God did not want them to worship idols like they did. He did not want them to marry the Egyptian men and women. When the time came for them to meet Pharaoh they told him that from their youth they had been shepherds. They wanted to live in the land of Goshen. Pharaoh told Joseph that the land was before him, so they moved to the land of Goshen. There they were not real close to the Egyptians.

Today, God wants boys and girls to love Him and not do wrong. God wants you to do right and tell the truth always. God wants you to not go with other boys and girls who want to destroy other's things. God wants you to obey Him so you will be His sheep. You will then hear His voice. Jesus is the good shepherd. He dearly loves His sheep and they will obey Him because they feel His love and care. Always follow and obey the Good Shepherd. You will never be sorry.

Memory Verse: I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. John 10:11.

A Rabbit For Dale

"May I keep him, Mother?" begged Dale. "I found him over by the school-yard."

His mother looked at the little black rabbit. "He must belong to someone, Dale," she said. "You may keep him until you find out who owns him."

Dale let the rabbit eat grass in the front yard while he cut holes in a box. Billy came by. "Say, that looks like Ed Doan's rabbit," he said.

"Maybe he is, but I think I will keep him anyway," thought Dale. He put the rabbit into the box with a carrot and a dish of water.

At bedtime Dale prayed, "Please, God, help me keep the rabbit." He knew that was not right. He went to bed, but could not sleep. After a while he prayed, "Dear God, please help me to do the right thing." Then he went to sleep.

Next morning Dale took the rabbit and went to Ed Doan's house. "Is this your rabbit?" he asked.

"Yes, he is mine," said Ed. He took the rabbit and put him in his cage.

Dale went home. He felt like crying. He wanted a rabbit so very much! He did not want to play. All he could think about was a little black rabbit.

"Maybe you can save up enough money to buy a rabbit," his mother told him. "But you would have to have a good cage or pen for it, too."

"I did not have to take the rabbit back to Ed," thought Dale. "I could have kept him, and Ed would not have known. But God would not have been pleased if I had done that. I would not have been happy, either. I am glad I took it back."

After lunch Ed came to the door. He had the rabbit. "You can have him if you want him, Dale," he said. "I do not want to keep a rabbit anymore. It is too much work to feed him and take care of him. You can have the cage, too, if you will come and get it."

"Thank you!" said Dale. "I really like that little rabbit. Father will help me get the cage when he comes home from work."

When Ed had gone, Dale prayed, "Thank You, God, for giving me the rabbit after all."

SHARING

Dear Lord, I thank you for the friends
That I see every day;
I share my wagon and my sled
When we go out to play.

I thank you for the friends who help,
With cleanup when we're through;
For play and work are fun for me
When shared by one or two!

—N. K. Duffy

"Little seeds of mercy,
Sown by youthful hands,
Grow to bless the nations,
Far in heathen lands."

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did God want the family of Joseph to live?
2. Were they to be like the Egyptians?
3. What did they tell Pharaoh, the king, that they did?
4. Are we to be like other boys and girls who want to do wrong?
5. Who is the greatest and best Shepherd?

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JACOB'S LAST WORDS

Genesis 47:27-29; Genesis 48:1,15,16,22; Genesis 49:1-7

Jacob, whose name had been changed to Israel, lived in Egypt during the famine and afterwards. He saw his family grow to be great and very rich. Now the time came when he knew he would die. When Joseph heard that he was sick, he took his two boys, Manasseh and Ephraim to see him. Jacob was so happy to see them. He kissed the lads and told Joseph that he had thought he would never see him again, but now he had seen his sons. Jacob blessed Joseph's sons. They each would become head of a great people. Jacob called all of his sons to him. He told Reuben, who was his eldest, that he would not be the leader of the brethren because he had sinned a great sin. Reuben was "unstable as water." Levi and Simeon also had done wrong. They killed the people in a city because one had harmed their sister. Their anger was cruel.

Boys and girls, it does not pay to sin. God sees and hears everything you do and say. God will help you live without sinning if you will pray to Him.

Memory Verse: Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin. 1 John 3:9.

The First Thanksgiving

Tim Carter heard quiet footsteps. He stopped still. Then he stooped to the ground. He hid in the brush. **Thump!** Looking up, Tim saw an arrow sticking in the tree in front of him. "That was an Indian," he said to himself. "I must get back home as soon as I can."

Tim lived in Massachusetts. He had come to the new world with Father and Mother on the ship called the *Mayflower*. It was in the year of 1620. Tim had heard stories of the Indians who lived in this new land. He was afraid of them. This was the first time Tim had met up with one. He lay quietly for some time. His heart beat so loudly he was afraid the Indian would hear it. Then he crawled as softly as he could, through the brush, to the house where he lived.

"There are Indians nearby," Tim said to Mother. "One shot an arrow at me."

"You must stay inside the fence," said Mother.

Tim helped to plant corn and wheat. He picked wild strawberries and blueberries in the woods close to his house. He watched the corn grow.

"We will have a large harvest," said Father one day.

"I'm so glad," said Tim.

"Governor Bradford is arranging for a Thanksgiving Day," continued Father. "We shall give thanks to God for this harvest. We shall have a good feast."

Tim was happy. The whole colony would be together. He ran to tell David, his friend, about the plans.

"The men are going hunting for wild turkeys," said David. "Let's go with them."

"I am afraid of the Indians," said Tim.

"The Indians are our friends," said David. "They told us how to plant corn."

Thanksgiving Day was bright and cool. Tim smelled the fresh bread the women were baking. The wild turkeys and deer the men had killed were roasting over the open fire.

All at once Tim saw Indian Chief Massa-soit. Behind him were his warriors. The Indians sat down. They listened as Gov. Bradford read the Bible and prayed. Then the women put the food on the tables. Everybody ate. Afterward, everyone played games. Tim watched the Indians. Then he went closer to them. One of them showed him how to shoot an arrow.

"The Indians are our friends," said Tim to David. "I am thankful for that."

—Sel.

—o—
"The birdies sing for Jesus,
Then can I silent be?
Oh, no! I too will praise Him,
For Jesus loveth me."

—o—
Smile and that will help others to smile.

QUESTIONS:

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1. Who said he was going to die?
 2. Did Joseph take his two boys to see his father when he heard he was sick?
 3. Why wasn't Rueben, Jacob's oldest son, going to be great?
 4. Will boys and girls do naughty things when they get mad?
 5. Was Joseph blessed greatly because he always loved God?

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JESUS RIDING ON A COLT

Genesis 49:8-13; Matthew 21:4-11

Jacob talked to his son Judah when he knew he was going to die. Jacob was given a message by God to tell Judah what would happen years and years after he spoke it. He said that Jesus would come to this world.

The multitudes were happy to see Jesus. The disciples brought a young colt to Him, called an ass. Jesus rode down the street of Jerusalem. The people ran along and spread their clothes before Him on the street. They cut down branches and threw them down along the way. They cried, "Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the Highest." The children ran along and threw palms on the road. They praised our precious Jesus Christ as he rode along. Wouldn't you have enjoyed being there? Some asked, "Who is this?" The people cried, "This is Jesus, the prophet." Oh, today we can praise our Lord and Saviour from our hearts and with our lips and voice! We should praise Him every day for all of His blessings to us.

Memory Verse: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. Matthew 21:9.

Judy's Alaska Thanksgiving

Judy was getting ready to attend her first Thanksgiving feast in Alaska. Her father was a missionary preacher who had come to Alaska to tell the Eskimo people about Jesus.

Judy pushed her head up into her parka, a fur-lined coat with a hood. Then she flip-flapped the sleeves like bird wings. In went her arms and then, pull! The parka was on.

"Hurry, Debbie," she shouted as she was leaving, "we mustn't be late to the Thanksgiving feast." Her sister was helping Robby dress.

As she hurried across the soft Arctic snow, she wondered what the Thanksgiving feast in Alaska would be like. She knew it would be different from any she had attended in her old home in Ohio. She hurried up the steps of the community hall. Mother had baby brother on her back inside her parka, as the Eskimo women carry their babies. Debbie had little Robby by the hand.

People were sitting all over the room. Each family sat together. In the middle of the hall was a large stack of boxes with food inside. Everyone had brought something for the feast. It was according to what they had in their cellars, or could buy from the store, not a great variety, but what Eskimo people liked.

"Father brought a box of frozen fish. See," whispered Judy to Debbie, "the people are getting ready to pass the food out."

Before the food was passed, Father gave thanks to God for all the food and

the many other blessings they had received. The servers began to pass out the frozen caribou meat, and the frozen fish. They carried it in cardboard boxes, lifting out pieces for each family.

Judy hurried back to where her mother sat. She took off her parka and sat on it. The floor was cold, and her parka was soft!

A server put a piece of meat and fish into their dish. It looked good. Judy was hungry, and wanted to eat.

Mother took an ooloo from her purse. It was a rounded knife, with a handle at the top. She cut off pieces of meat for each one.

Judy began to eat the caribou and fish. There were rice and canned vegetables, and even canned fruit for desert—plenty for all.

As Judy stood up and slipped on her parka to go home, she thought, "I'm thankful for the good Thanksgiving feast. It was different, but I enjoyed it, and hope everyone remembers to say 'thank you' to God for such good food."

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"I am but a little worker,
Yet a faithful one I'll be,
For my King has work for children,
Even little ones like me."

—○—

QUESTIONS:

1. To whom was Jacob talking?
2. Who was that very, very important person who was to be born through Judah's family?
3. What did the disciples bring for Jesus to ride upon down the street?
4. What did the people say and do as He rode along?
5. Can we praise Jesus today?

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JOSEPH WAS BLESSED

Genesis 49:22-26; Galatians 5:22,23

Jacob knew he was going to die. He called his sons before him and talked to them. He looked at Joseph. Jacob remembered how Joseph's brothers had hated him. He said hatred was like a man with a bow and arrow. When he shot the arrow, called hatred, into a man it hurt him. But Jacob knew that Joseph had God to help him. When you hate other boys and girls it hurts them. If they hate you, it hurts like an arrow hitting you. Only God can heal the hurt. You can be like Joseph. You can be like a climbing rose bush that has beautiful roses on it. You can have a rose named love, another one named peace, joy, long-suffering, goodness, gentleness, faith, meekness, and patience. A rose smells sweetest when it is bruised. When someone does you wrong you can forgive him and still be sweet, can't you? God blessed Joseph and helped him. He was like a vine that had branches which ran over the wall. Boys and girls, live in a manner that your life can be a blessing to those around you.

Memory Verse: Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8.

A New Little Girl In Heaven

"Oh, what do you think the angels say?"

Said the children up in Heaven;
"There's a dear little girl coming
Home today,
She's almost ready to fly away
From the earth we used to live in;
Let us go and open the gates of pearl,
Open them wide for the new little girl,"
Said the children up in Heaven!

"God wanted her here, where His
little ones meet,"
Said the children up in Heaven;
"She will play with us in the golden
street!

She has grown too fair, she has grown
too sweet,
For the world we used to live in.
She needs the sunshine, this dear
little girl

That gilds this side of the gates of
pearl,"
Said the children up in Heaven!

"Far down on the earth do you hear
them weep?"

Said the children up in Heaven;
"For the dear little girl has gone to
sleep;
The shadows fall and the night clouds
sweep

O'er the earth we used to live in;
But we'll go and open the gates of
pearl,
Oh, why do they weep for their dear
little girl?"

Said the children up in Heaven!

"Fly with her quickly, O angels dear,"
Said the children up in Heaven;
"See, she's coming! Look there! Look
there!

At the jasper light on her sunny hair,
Where the veiling clouds are riven!
Ah, hush-hush-hush; all the swift
wings fur!

For the King Himself at the gates of
pearl

Is taking her hand, dear, tired little
girl,

And leading her into Heaven!"

—Author Unknown

HE CARES FOR ME

Jesus loved the simple things:
Fish, flowers, fruit, and birds;
He spoke about them as He preached
In loving, kindly words.

Jesus spoke of common things,
I'm sure He always planned
To make plain His ministry
That we might understand.

Jesus didn't care for pomp;
He loved the childlike way—
That's why I am so glad and know
He cares for me today.

—M. N. Freeman

The Bible tells us that the name of
God's church is to be The Church of
God. He has only one church and all
who have been forgiven of their sins by
having godly sorrow are in that church.

QUESTIONS:

1. Who is our lesson about today?
2. Did Joseph's brothers hate him?
3. Did hate hurt Joseph like an arrow
shot at him?
4. What did we name the roses on the
rose bush we talked about?
5. A rose smells sweetest when it is
bruised. How can we be sweet if
someone does us wrong?

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Dec. 11

JACOB DIES AND IS BURIED

Genesis 49:18, 29-33; 50:1-12

Jacob knew that his time had come to die. He told his sons to bury him in the cave that Abraham had bought. Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Rebekah were buried there. Did you ever see a cemetery where people had been buried? The people's bodies are only put in the grave. The soul goes to a place to await the judgment. Your body is just your house that you live in here. You will leave your body someday and go to be with Jesus in heaven. Jesus is so wonderful and sweet and heaven is beautiful. Jacob was glad to go and be with God. He had been waiting and longing for that time. He loved God and God loved him.

When Jacob died, Joseph wept, and kissed him. He knew he would not see him here but he would live so he could see him in heaven. Others wept and they took his body and buried it as he wanted them to. It was many miles to travel but a large company of people went along. The people wept and mourned for Jacob many days.

Memory Verse: We have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. II Corinthians 5:1.

When Terry Ran Away

"They treat me like a baby!" Terry grumbled to himself as he walked home from school. "They say I am too little to do anything that is fun. I wish I could show them I am a big boy now. I know! I will run away and never come back! Then they will be sorry!"

Terry was unhappy because his father and mother had been invited to his cousin's wedding. He was not invited. Mrs. Brown from the next farm, would stay with him until his parents got back.

After supper Terry said, "I am tired. I think I will go to bed right now."

Mrs. Brown just nodded. Terry knew she would crochet, with the window shades down, until his parents got home. That would be late, maybe midnight.

Terry got some clothes and took the fifty-five cents out of his bank. He went out the back door very quietly. He tied his dog, Skipper, to the dog house. He did not want Skipper following him. Then he went down the road that ran behind the farm. He walked for a long time. Every time he came to a crossroad he turned right.

After awhile it got dark, and Terry was tired. He wanted to go home. He wanted his father and mother. "Please, dear God, help me find the way back home tomorrow!" he prayed.

Soon Terry came to the back of another farm. In the dark, it looked like his own home. "Why would there be a farm that looks so much like ours so far away?" he thought. But he was very tired, so he slipped into the barn, lay down his head on a sack of chicken feed, and went to sleep.

Terry awoke with a cold nose on his face. Then he heard a quick bark. "Skipper!" he cried. "How did you get here?"

Then he heard his father say, "Here he is! Skipper found him!" and his mother asking, "Terry, why did you go to sleep out here in the barn?"

"Why, I must have walked in a big circle and come back home!" Terry said. Then he told his father and mother about running away. "I just thought I was a big boy and could take care of myself," he said, "but you were right about me being just a little boy. I forgot about that Bible verse that says, 'Children, obey your parents.' I will try to obey after this."

Growing Up For Jesus

Growing up for Jesus,
In His vineyard fair,
Ever watched and tended
By His loving care.
Keep us free, dear Jesus,
From sin's hurtful weeds;
Prune us, Lord, and train us,
Care for all our needs!
Gentle, kind, and loving,
Saviour, may we be;
Thou alone canst help us
Bear "much fruit" for Thee.

—M. E. Arnold

QUESTIONS:

1. Who are buried in a cemetery?
2. Did Jacob long to go to heaven where there would never be any more trouble?
3. Where did he want them to bury his body?
4. When Jacob died, what did Joseph do?

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JOSEPH'S BROTHERS ARE AFRAID

Genesis 50:15-26

Joseph's brothers felt afraid now since their father had died. They remembered how they had sold their brother Joseph into Egypt as a slave many years before. Now they thought he had loved them just for their father's sake, but this was not so. God will help you, as He did Joseph, to love other boys and girls who do you wrong. Jesus told us to love our enemies and to do good to those that hate us.

"Please forgive us for our father's sake and for God's sake?" Joseph's brothers asked, falling on their knees. Joseph said, "Don't be afraid. Am I to take the place of God?" God punishes people when they do wrong and man should not. Joseph said, "You meant to do wrong to me but God turned it around and brought good out of it. God wanted me to be here to keep people from starving. Don't be afraid. I will take care of you and all of your little children." Later, Joseph's time came to die. He wanted them to put his bones in a coffin and take them back to Canaan to bury them.

Memory Verse: Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21.

The Biggest Creatures

Randy had never been to the zoo before. "Look at that elephant! He must be the biggest thing there is!" he said.

"Huh! A mountain is much bigger than that!" Becky told him.

"I mean the biggest thing that is alive," Randy explained. "Elephants are the biggest, aren't they, Uncle Jerry?"

"They are the largest creatures that live on the land," Uncle Jerry said. "But there are much bigger things living in the water. Many kinds of fish are bigger than elephants. Whales are even larger yet."

"How big?" asked Randy.

"Well, blue whales are the largest," Uncle Jerry told him. "If you could stand that elephant beside a blue whale, with his trunk held out even with the end of the whale's nose, the elephant's tail would not even reach as far back as the whale's eye! Some blue whales are more than a hundred feet long."

"Don't some whales live in the water near the North and South Poles?" asked Becky. "How do they keep warm where it is so cold? Whales don't have a thick coat of fur, do they?"

"No," said Uncle Jerry, "whales do not have any fur at all. But they have coats, all right. You could not guess where! Under their skins! Every whale has a thick coat of fat under his skin. The fat keeps the cold out."

"Why did God make whales?" asked Randy.

"We cannot understand everything God does," said Uncle Jerry. "But when God made the animals, He was getting the earth ready for people. There are

many things in a whale's body that people can use. Don't you think God had a good time making the birds and fish and animals? He made so many kinds, I think He must have enjoyed it!"

"Is a whale an animal?" asked Randy. "I thought whales were fish. They live in the water."

"Fish breathe while under water," said Uncle Jerry. "Whales have to come up for air. All animals must have air. Mother whales feed their babies milk. Fish do not do that. Fish are hatched from eggs, but whale babies are not. Whales stay warm, even in cold water, while fish are as cold as the water in which they live."

"God planned for everything to be made just right, didn't He?" asked Becky. "Whales, too!"

I think God gives the children,
As thro' the land they go,
The most delightful mission
That anyone can know;
He wants us to be sunbeams
Of love, and hope, and cheer,
To brighten up the shadows
That often gather here.

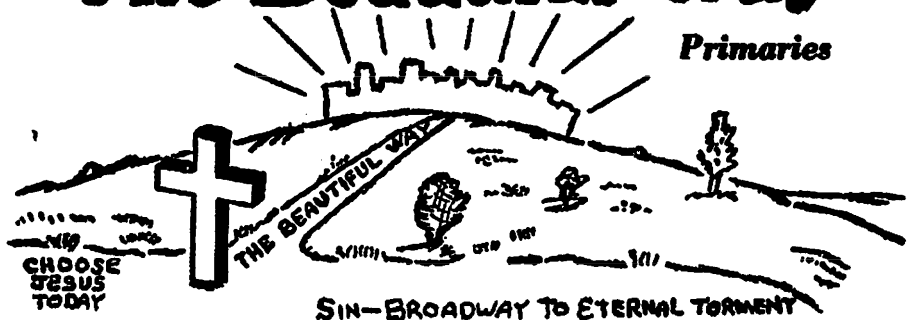
—E. Rexford

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was afraid they would be punished?
2. When boys and girls do wrong, are they afraid?
3. What did Joseph tell his brothers when he saw they were sorry?
4. Did God send Joseph to Egypt to help keep boys, girls, and big people from starving?
5. What did Joseph want to be done with his bones when he died?

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THE BABY HID IN A BASKET

Exodus 1:8-22; 2:1-10

A new king ruled Egypt. When he saw that hard work made the children of Israel grow stronger, he decided to have all the newborn boy babies killed. Oh, how sad!

When Jochebed looked at her new beautiful son, she was afraid. She hid him in the house for three months. Finally she was afraid someone from the king's court would hear him and come and kill him. She thought of a plan. She made a little basket, or ark, so it would float on water. She took it to the Nile River and hid it among the tall bulrushes. She told his sister, Miriam, to watch the little basket. What if she had not obeyed? One day the king's daughter and her maidens came down to the river to bathe. They saw the basket. She had the maidens bring it to her. When she opened it, the baby cried. She loved it. Miriam asked her if she wanted a nurse to take care of the baby. When she told her to go, she ran for his mother. The princess paid his mother to take care of Moses until he grew older. Then she took him to her house to live.

Memory Verse: By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents. Hebrews 11:23a.

Christmas Spirit

Philip knew it was almost Christmas. Every time he walked into the kitchen, Mother was making cookies. Father was bringing home gifts when he came from work. Father put up Christmas lights on the outside of the house. But in his heart, Philip did not feel like it was Christmas.

"Stan is not my friend anymore," said Philip to Mother. "I am not giving him a Christmas present. He always fights with me."

Philip tried playing by himself. That was not much fun. Then he rode his bicycle down the street. He saw a store window full of toys and stopped to look.

"I like those soldiers," said Stan.

Philip jumped. He thought he was alone. He had not seen Stan come to the store window. Philip got on his bicycle and rode away. He did not want to talk to Stan.

The next day, Stan was not at school. Philip did not care. But when Philip got home, he missed Stan.

"Here is a Christmas card for you," said Mother.

Philip opened the envelope. "It is a card from Stan," he said.

Philip felt bad. He had not sent a card to Stan. Well, Philip did not care about Christmas, anyway.

"Did you see Stan today?" asked Mother.

"He was not in school," said Philip. All at once, Philip put on his coat and cap. He said, "Mother, I am going to Stan's house now."

He ran to Stan's house. He knocked on the door.

"Stan is very sick," said Mrs. Brown. "He must stay in bed for a few days."

Philip was sorry he had been cross with Stan. There were tears in his eyes as he walked home. He thought of the Christmas card Stan had sent him. Philip was ashamed of himself.

What could he do for Stan? Then he knew. He ran into his house. He emptied his bank, and put the money in his pocket and walked to the store.

"I want to buy that set of toy soldiers in the window," Philip said to the clerk. The package was wrapped in pretty Christmas paper. Philip hurried to Stan's house.

"This is for Stan," said Philip. "I hope he will get well real soon. I want to play with him again."

All at once Philip was happy. There was a big smile on his face. He began singing a Christmas hymn. —Sel.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF?

A teacher once asked his class of forty pupils, to write on a sheet of paper the word, "Christmas." "Now," said the teacher, "write after the word 'Christmas' the first thing you think of." When the papers were returned to him, the teacher read the answers. Not one person had written "Jesus"! How sad it is that so few think about the Lord Jesus on His birthday, which is Christmas!

QUESTIONS:

1. Did the new king make the Israelites work hard?
2. Why did Moses' mother hide him?
3. Who found him?
4. Did Miriam obey her mother and watch the little basket?
5. Who took care of baby Moses until he was old enough to live with the princess?