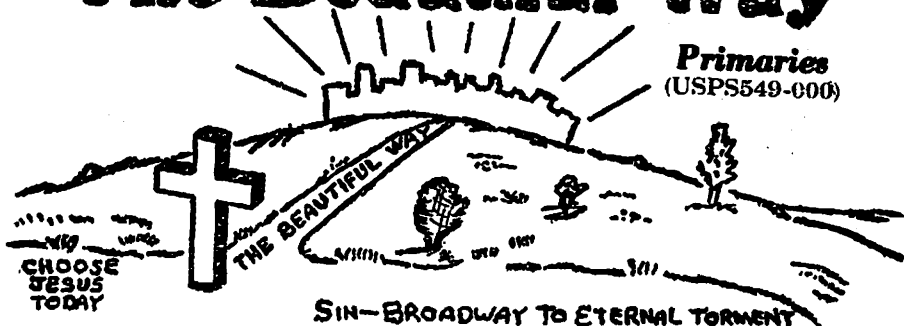


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Jan. 4

THE TWO BABIES

1 Kings 3:16-28

"Oh, my baby is dead. What shall I do?" cried a woman who awoke in the night. She had rolled over on her baby and it had died. There was another woman living in the same house. Her baby was three days older. The woman took her dead baby and put it in the place of the live baby. When morning came, the woman whose live baby was taken, woke up. She was going to nurse her baby, but it was dead. She looked closely at it and saw that it was not hers. She told the other woman that it was not her baby. The woman whose baby had died, said that the live baby was hers. They went to King Solomon. King Solomon was full of wisdom from God. He said, "Bring me a sword." He said to his servant, "Divide the child in two, and give half to one woman and half to the other." The true mother loved her child more than anything else. She cried, "O my lord, give her the child and do not kill it." The other woman said, "Let it be neither hers nor mine, but divide it." By this, King Solomon knew who was the true mother. "Give the child to her," he said.

Memory Verse: The wisdom of God was in him (Solomon).
1 Kings 3:28.

Don't Tell Your Mother!

"Mothers are mean! They don't want their children to have any fun!" said Agnes. Melodie did not think that was so. But Agnes was ten years old, and Melodie was only six. Agnes should know. Melodie knew that some of the things she and Agnes did when they played together were not right. But Agnes had said she would do something terrible to her if she ever told her mother. Melodie was afraid of Agnes. She did everything Agnes told her to do.

"I want some candy," Agnes said. So Melodie went home and shook some money out of her bank and bought candy.

"I want a tiny doll like the one in the store window," said Agnes one day.

"But my piggy bank is empty!" said Melodie.

"Just go in and act as if you were just looking around and put it in your pocket when no one is looking." But Melodie would not do that. "I will do something terrible to you if you don't get me that doll!" said Agnes.

"I'm going home!" said Melodie. "I am not going to play with you any more!" She was really afraid of Agnes now.

"I wonder what is the matter with Melodie?" her father asked her mother when they did not think she was listening. "She jumps every time I speak to her."

"She eats so little," said her mother.

That night Melodie dreamed that a terrible dragon was chasing her. But the dragon had a girl's face. It looked like Agnes. Just as the dragon was about to catch her, she screamed. She woke up with Mother's arms around her.

"You talked in your sleep," Mother said. "You told what you and Agnes had

been doing. I wish you had told me all that a long time ago!"

"Agnes made me promise not to tell!" said Melodie.

"Always tell your mother everything," said Daddy. "The only things that you should not tell her are about surprises for birthdays and things like that. Children need their mothers. That is why God made families."

Melodie hugged Mother. "I will always remember that!" she said.

—Sel.

"Seek the Lord and his strength."
Jesus said, "Fear not."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

Divide the baby



between them

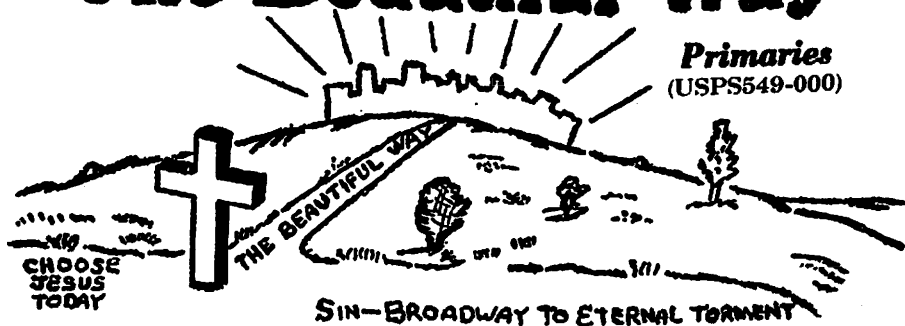
Questions:

1. What happened to a baby in the night?
2. What did the mother whose baby died do?
3. What did the true mother find out when morning came?
4. To whom did they go for help?
5. What did King Solomon do?

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THE BABY IN THE BASKET

Exo. 1:22; 2:1-10

It's a boy," Jochebed told her husband. He felt sad. He knew that the King had said that all the Hebrew baby boys were to be killed. "What shall we do?" For three months she hid the baby. Finally she could no longer hide him. She took a little basket, or ark, that she had made waterproof and put the baby in it. She took him down to the river and hid him among the bulrushes. She had Miriam, his sister, watch the little ark.

One day, the king's daughter came down with her maidens to wash herself in the river. When she saw the ark, she had her maidens bring it to her. When she opened it she saw the child. The baby began to cry. The king's daughter felt sorry for him. She said, "This is one of the Hebrew children." Miriam came up and said, "Do you want me to call one of the Hebrew women to nurse it for you?" The king's daughter told her to get one. Miriam ran and told her mother. When she came, the king's daughter told her to nurse it and she would pay her. The king's daughter called the baby, "Moses," because she had drawn him out of the water.

Memory Verse: . . . The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous. 1 Peter 3:12.

The Tracks We Leave

One day when the snow lay heavy on the ground, Daddy asked Jared if he would like to go rabbit hunting. "Oh, yes," replied Jared excitedly.

They got into Dad's pickup and drove out into the country. They then walked across a large field and into some woods. Dad kept looking in the snow for tracks. At last he said, "Look, Jared. Here are some rabbit tracks. In fact this must be a big rabbit. But it looks like something must be wrong with his right front leg."

"How can you tell so much about a rabbit just from looking at its tracks?"

"Tracks tell a lot about the animal. Do you see how wide the track is? That shows that he has big feet, so he is probably big. In some places there is not a print of the right front paw, and when there is a print it is very light. So, he must not be using that paw much," said Daddy as he pointed to the tracks. "Did you know that a boy's tracks can tell a lot about him, too?"

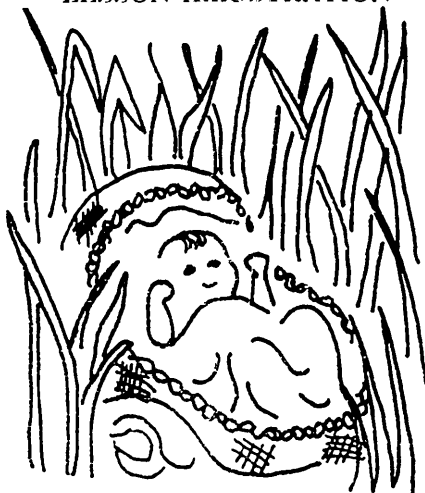
Jared looked back at the tracks he had made. "What can you tell about my tracks?" he asked.

"I don't mean the tracks you leave in the snow. I mean the tracks you leave in your life. A track is something that is left behind after you have been somewhere. If a person picked up a book you had been reading, they would know what things you were interested in and liked to read about. If they looked into your bedroom, they would know if you were neat and orderly or if you were a sloppy person. If someone were to ask the boys you have played with, what type of person you were, they would find out if you were kind or if you were selfish."

"I didn't know I left tracks like that."
"Yes," said Dad. "You should always remember that people are reading our tracks every day; so we should live in a way that they can read good things from our tracks." S.W.

—o—
"Each morning to the Lord I pray
To guide my steps throughout the day."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



BABY MOSES

Questions:

1. Why were Moses' father and mother sad when he was born?
2. What did Moses' mother do with her baby?
3. Who came down to the river and found the baby?
4. Who was watching the baby, and what did she do?
5. Who got paid for taking care of her own baby?

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MOSES SEES BURNING BUSH

Exo. 3:1-14

Moses grew to be a man. He did not want to stay in the king's house. So he left. He went way out into the desert. He worked for a man and took care of his sheep. God saw Moses in the desert. God wanted Moses to help the Hebrew people. God did not want the baby boys to be killed. He wanted Moses to go and talk to the king about it.

One day Moses was caring for his flock. He came close to a mountain. Suddenly he saw a bush on fire. He watched it, but it did not burn up. He came closer to the bush. God called from out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "Here am I." God said, "Take off your shoes, for you are on holy ground." Moses took off his shoes and listened. God said, "I am the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. I have seen how my people are being cruelly treated. I want to take them out of Egypt. I want you to go down and bring my people to this country." Moses said, "Who am I to do such a great thing?" God answered, "I will be with you." Moses left for Egypt in the name of God. God would help Moses to lead His people out of Egypt.

Memory Verse: . . . I will be with thee. Exo. 3:12.

God Can Do Anything

One winter some enemy soldiers were coming into a little town. In one of the houses near the town sat a little old grandmother. She was praying. "Dear God, please build a wall around us, and protect us from the soldiers," she prayed.

Her son heard her. He didn't believe in God. He said, "Mother, your God cannot build a wall around us in one night." The little old grandmother kept right on praying.

The next morning her son could hardly believe what he saw. He couldn't look out of the windows. "Come here, Mother," he called. "God sent a snow-storm, and the wind has blown a big wall of snow against the house." Now the man believed that God can do anything and that He answers the prayers of His children. The soldiers had marched right past the house without even seeing it.

When God wants to do something for us, there isn't anything that can stop Him. Long ago God made the promise that He would send a Saviour. He said the Saviour would be His very own Son. When the Saviour was ready to come, Mary was chosen to be His mother. God's own Son became a baby. He did this to save us from sin. "With God nothing shall be impossible," says the Bible. —Sel.

Sing While You Work

Mandy sat looking at her messy room. Straightening it up was going to be a big job. Slowly, she picked up her dress and shoes and put them away in the closet.

Maybe if I sing the job won't seem so hard, she thought. She began singing

her favorite hymn: "Jesus loves me! this I know. For the Bible tells me so—"

She kept on singing as she put the rest of her clothes away, as she straightened things on her dresser, and as she put wastepaper in the wastebasket. Soon she was through.

"You did a good job," said Mother.

"I thought it would be a hard job,"

Mandy said, "but singing made it easy."

—Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES

Questions:

1. Where did Moses go when he grew to be a man?
2. What did he do in the desert?
3. What did he see one day?
4. Who spoke to him out of the burning bush?
5. What did God tell him to do?

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GOD SHOWS MOSES SIGNS

Exodus 4:1-14, 27

God told Moses to go to Egypt and tell king Pharaoh to let His people go. God wanted them to go to Canaan. Moses was afraid they would not believe him. God said, "What do you have in your hand?" Moses said that it was a rod. God said, "Cast it down to the ground." He did and it became a serpent. God told Moses to pick it up by the tail. The snake became a rod again. The Lord told Moses to do this and the people would believe that God had sent him. God told Moses, "Put your hand into your bosom." He did. When he pulled it out, it was white with a disease called leprosy. The Lord said, "Put it back." When he pulled it out this time, it was all right. God said, "If the people of Israel will not believe this sign, take water out of the river and pour it upon dry land. The water will turn to blood."

Moses said, "I cannot speak well, for I am slow of tongue." The Lord said, "Who made man's mouth? Did not I, the Lord? Go and I will tell you what to say." Moses begged, "Lord, send someone else." God said that Aaron could go with him.

Memory Verse: . . . Who has made man's mouth . . . have not I the Lord? Exo. 4:11.

Missionary Jean

Jean was all alone in her little play room one morning. Buddy had gone to pick berries and Mother was busy in the house sewing. Jean wished for Mary or Jo or some of the other little girls who were away from home that day.

Soon Jean took down some of her mother's old missionary magazines and began looking through them. She came to a picture of a little girl of India. The little girl was dressed in a flowing garment of white cloth. The cloth really looked more like a wrapping than a dress. Jean read about the little girls of India, and then suddenly she wanted to dress up like the little girl was dressed.

She went quietly into the room where Mother was busy sewing, and looking around she found a large piece of cloth suitable for the dress-up idea. She put on a blouse, then began to wrap the cloth about her body. It was not long enough to cover her head as the pictured girl had hers, but there was enough to cover her shoulder.

Just as Jean finished dressing up, her mother looked up from her sewing.

"Why, Jean, you look like a little girl of India. But why do you have such a serious look on your face?" she asked.

"I got all dressed up like this, but now I am remembering what the missionary magazine said about the little girls of India," Jean answered.

"What did the magazine say, dear?"

"It said that most of the little Indian girls are very unhappy. And although the English people have made laws to stop child marriages, there are still many 'sold' babies. The girls are taken from their homes and are treated as little slaves. And they don't know about Jesus either. If I could not say my prayers to

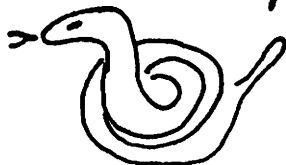
Jesus, I would be afraid to go to sleep at night. I would be afraid in the daytime, too, if I did not know that Jesus cares for me," Jean said.

Jean slipped over to her mother's arms for a moment. Then silently she walked to the mantle where her little bank was kept. She reached up for it and opening it with her key, she came back to her mother's side and emptied the pennies, nickels and dimes into her mother's lap.

"I don't need any more toys. Send these to help the little brown girls learn about Jesus. If I saved this money, I am afraid that Jesus would think I loved toys more than I loved His little Indian girls."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

*Moses' Rod
became a serpent*



Questions:

1. Where did God want Moses to go?
2. What sign did God give him to show the people?
3. What was another sign God gave him?
4. If they would not believe the first two signs, what was the other sign to be used?
5. Did God tell Moses He could help him talk?

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MOSES SEES PHARAOH

Exo. 7:10-25

"Let my people go," said Moses. "Show me a miracle," replied Pharaoh. Aaron cast down his rod and it became a snake. Pharaoh's wise men cast down their rods and they became snakes. Aaron's snake ate the other snakes. Aaron reached and took the snake by the tail. It became a rod again. But Pharaoh said the people could not go into the wilderness to worship their God for three days as they wanted.

The next morning Moses went to see Pharaoh. Pharaoh was down by the river. Moses said to Pharaoh, "The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you saying, 'Let my people go that they may serve me in the wilderness.' " Pharaoh said, "No." Moses took his rod and hit the waters of the river. The water in the river turned to blood. The fish died and the river stunk. Aaron held the rod out over the waters of Egypt. All the pools and the water in pans or buckets turned to blood. For seven days the waters were blood. The people dug near the river trying to find water to drink. Pharaoh would not let the people go.

Memory Verse: Sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34.

Brent Learns About Prayer

"Grandpa, what does it mean to 'put legs to your prayers'?" asked Brent one Sunday afternoon.

Grandpa laughed. "Where did you hear that?" he asked.

"Bro. Brown said that in his sermon this morning," replied Brent. "I don't see how prayers can have legs."

"H'm. I'm sorry that I missed that sermon, but my crippled old bones often keep me home from church," said Grandpa. "I think the pastor meant that when we pray and ask for God's help, we should not expect God to do what He wants us to do ourselves."

"But, Grandpa," said Brent, "I have a Bible verse that says, 'Ask, and ye shall receive.' " (John 16:24)

"That is true. Let me tell you a story. Maybe it will help you to understand," said Grandpa.

"When I was a boy, we used a schoolhouse for our church services because we had no other building. We were thankful for being able to meet there, of course, but the school wasn't the same as God's house, and we wanted a church building of our own. Buildings cost money, however, and those Christians were poor, but they believed that God would be pleased if they built their own church house. They began to pray that somehow they would be able to buy enough wood to build a church house. Then they could all help to put up the building.

"My best friend was a boy named Daniel West. His father was the only man in the group who was not poor. He owned a farm, lived in a fine house, and had just built a new barn for his herd of cows. Mr. West prayed as hard as anyone for God to give them the wood for

the church house.

"One afternoon when I was visiting my friend, the pastor stopped by for a visit. Mr. West showed him around the farm. There behind the barn was a large stack of boards, both new and used. Some of them had come from his old barn and were still good. 'Mr. West, I'm surprised at you!' exclaimed the pastor. 'You have been praying for God to supply the wood when you have it to give right here on your own farm.'

"You see, Brent, Mr. West could have 'put legs' to his own prayers," Grandpa said.

"Yes, he could have helped the people himself," declared Brent.

"God wants His children to help one another," Grandpa said. "Sometimes that is the way God answers our prayers."

"I'd like to be God's legs," declared Brent. "Do you want anything, Grandpa? I'll get it for you. I like to help."—Sel.

BETTY PRAYS FOR JOAN

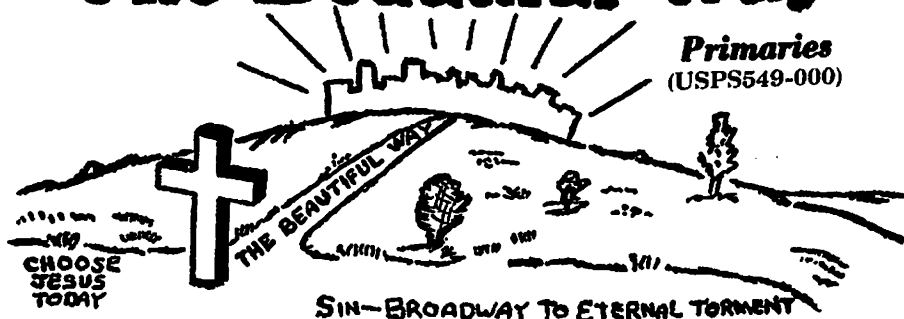
When Betty was saved, she wanted her sister Joan to come to Jesus and be saved. Joan refused, so Betty prayed for her. She prayed, "Jesus, Joan won't come to You. Will you please make her want to be saved?" That's one way Betty brought Joan to Jesus.

Questions:

1. What did Moses and Aaron do before Pharaoh?
2. What happened to the wise men's rods?
3. Did Pharaoh let the people go?
4. What happened to the water when Aaron stretched forth his rod?
5. Did Pharaoh let the people go?

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GOD SENDS FROGS

Exo. 8:1-15

"Let my people go," Moses and Aaron told Pharaoh. "I will not let them go. I will make them work even harder," said Pharaoh. The poor Israelites groaned unto the Lord.

Moses told Aaron to stretch out the rod over the streams, rivers, and ponds. Out hopped frogs. Frogs hopped into people's houses. Frogs hopped into their beds. Frogs hopped into their bread pans as they tried to make bread. Frogs hopped into the ovens. Hop! Hop! The frogs hopped everywhere. The people could not eat or sleep. Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. He said, "Beg the Lord to take away these frogs from me and my people. I will let the people go and do sacrifice unto the Lord." Moses asked Pharaoh, "When do you want the frogs to leave?" He said, "Tomorrow." Moses said, "It shall be so. I want you to know that there is no God like our God. Moses prayed to the Lord. God heard Moses' cry. The frogs died. The people gathered them into heaps and burned them. Then Pharaoh changed his mind. He would not let the people go.

Memory Verse: I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live.
Psalm 104:33a.

What Tommy Took

"Tommy, did you take my knife?" asked Uncle Jim, who was in a hurry to sharpen a pencil.

"Oh, I did borrow it yesterday! I'll get it," said Tommy readily.

But several minutes of Uncle Jim's time had been wasted in hunting for the knife. He had missed his bus and was fifteen minutes late in getting to his office.

"Tommy, have you seen the book I was reading?" asked Mother, the next day.

Tommy thought for a moment, then said, "I was reading it, and I left it upstairs—I'll get it."

"No, never mind. I had a minute or two, and thought I'd read a little before the baby woke, but there would be no time for it now," said Mother.

"Tommy, did you take my arithmetic book?" asked Lucille.

Tommy had taken it, he remembered because he had been just too lazy to go and find his own. He ran to get it, feeling sorry, for Lucille was in a hurry.

"I don't mind your borrowing it, if you'd put it back with my books," she said, as he brought it. "You are too fond of taking other people's things, Tommy."

"Taking!" cried Tommy. "Don't I always bring them back? Nobody would think I stole them!"

"You don't steal them, but you do steal a lot of other people's time in hunting for them, and their time is valuable," replied Lucille as she rushed off.

After that, Tommy decided just to break himself of the bad habit of taking other people's time to search for their own belonging which he had borrowed, and forgotten to return. Jesus gave us every minute to use for Him, not to waste.

—Sel.

SHARING

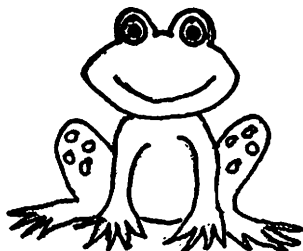
Dear Lord, I thank you for the friends
That I see every day;
I share my wagon and my sled
When we go out to play.

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

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FROGS

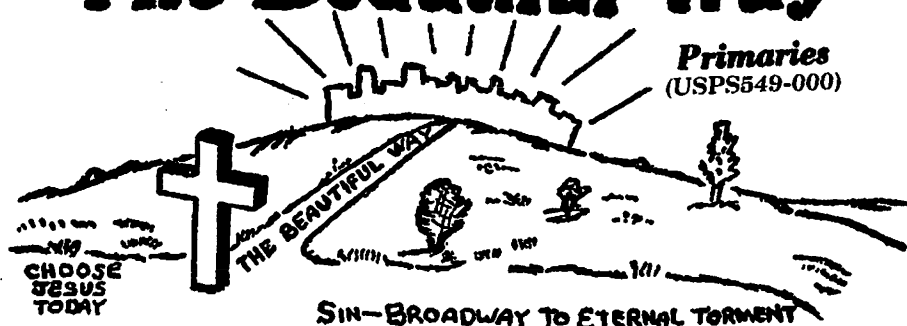


Questions:

1. What did Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh to do?
2. Would Pharaoh let the people go and worship God?
3. What did God send on the land?
4. Where did the frogs hop to?
5. Did Pharaoh beg Moses and Aaron to get rid of the frogs?
6. Did Pharaoh keep his promise to let the people go when the frogs were gone?

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GOD SENDS LICE AND FLIES

Exo. 8:16-32

The Lord told Moses to have Aaron hit the dust with his rod. Aaron did, and the dust turned to lice. There were lice on men, on beasts, and all over the land of Egypt. The lice bit Pharaoh. He scratched and scratched. The people scratched. They told Pharaoh to get rid of the lice. Pharaoh said, "This is the finger of God!" But he would not let the people go.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. "If you do not let the Israelites go, God will send swarms of flies. There will not be any flies in the land of Goshen where the Israelites live. God will put a division between His people and your people." Pharaoh would not let the people go. Swarms of flies came, but not in the land of Goshen. Pharaoh asked Moses, "Why don't you sacrifice here in Goshen? Why to you have to go into the wilderness for three days?" Moses said that the sacrifices would make the Egyptians angry. The Israelites would be stoned. They must go into the wilderness. Pharaoh said, "You can go, but beg your God to take away the flies." God took away the flies.

Memory Verse: O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise . . . Psalm 108:1.

On The Church Steps

Little Angie was a very thoughtful and very sad girl. Her mother had died a few weeks before and left several children. Angie had not yet got over the loss of her mother.

Angie could not forget what she had overheard one day when the preacher had visited her mother and asked her if she was sure she was saved. Angie's mother had replied, "Well, if I could just get on the church steps once more, then I know I would be saved."

Now Angie remembered those words: "Just get on the church steps." Why had her mother not gone into the church? Was she putting off the question of being a Christian? Would she wait until she was a woman and some day be too sick to get on the church steps?

The more Angie thought about it, the more she decided that she was not going to wait until she was a woman before she gave her heart to the Lord.

Soon a preacher came into her neighborhood and held a meeting for several weeks. Every time Angie listened to the sermons, she thought of the words, "On the church steps." She knew these words did not mean just standing outside on the steps; they meant her heart was just waiting outside and putting off deciding to be a Christian. Well, she was not going to do that way any longer; she was going to ask the Lord Jesus to make her His little girl right now. She left her seat and went to the altar to pray. There she promised the Lord she would do whatever He had for her to do if He would help her to understand and believe His Word, and make her His child.

After that Angie did not feel sad when she remembered the words, "On

the church steps," for she knew she had not put off going inside, but had given her heart to the Lord and had really become a part of the Church. —Sel.

God Cares

When others disappoint me or make my heart feel sad,

When problems are before me or I am feeling bad,

I kneel in prayer to Jesus and tell Him how I feel.

He sends a soothing comfort and all my cares He heals.

"I love Jesus, don't you? He took my whipping so I could go to heaven and be with Him. Sin had to be punished.

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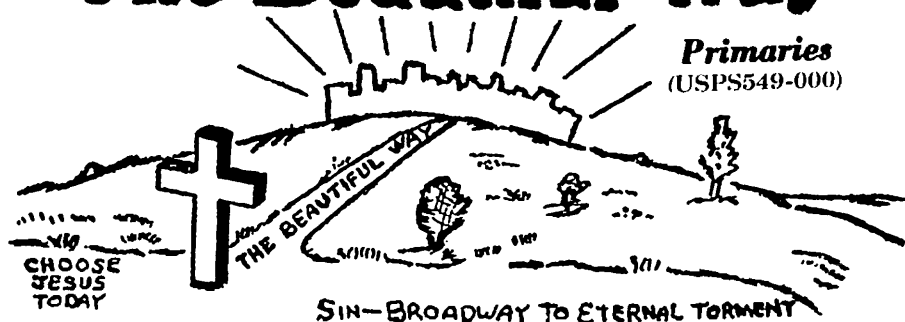


Questions:

1. What did God send to Pharaoh and his people?
2. Did Pharaoh let the people go?
3. What did God send the next time to the Egyptians?
4. Did the Israelites in Goshen have swarms of flies, too?
5. Did Pharaoh let the people go, or did he tell a lie?

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GOD SENDS TWO MORE PLAGUES

Exo. 9:1-17

"Let my people go," Moses told Pharaoh. "No, they cannot go!" Moses said, "Behold the hand of the Lord is upon your cattle, horses, asses, camels, oxen, and sheep. They will be sick with murrain." The Lord sent the sickness, and the animals got sick and many died. None of the Israelites' animals were sick. Pharaoh would not let the people go.

God told Moses to sprinkle ashes toward heaven. He did, and boils broke out on men and beasts in Egypt. The people were very sick. Boils were under their arms, on their heads, on the bottoms of their feet, and all over them. Moses told Pharaoh, "Why don't you let my people go? The God of the Hebrews will send more plagues upon you. There is no god like our God. But you do not want to bow before God. He will punish you. He will show His power to you and throughout the earth." Pharaoh was stubborn. He would not bow before God. God would punish him even more. It does not pay to disobey God. Disobedience always brings punishment.

Memory Verse: Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord. James 4:10a.

Learning From a Hen

"I can't seem to draw a horse beside this barn!" cried Sherry, throwing her pencil on the floor.

Mother frowned. "You won't be able to draw any better if you lose your temper," she said.

"I guess not," Sherry replied, looking ashamed. She picked up the pencil. "Now the lead is broken!"

"I do wish you would learn to be more patient," said Mother. "This morning you were almost late for school because you broke a shoestring when you got angry at your shoe. Yesterday I saw you kick the door because it wouldn't open, and you tore a hole in the screen."

"I didn't know the screen was fastened," Sherry said, excusing herself.

"Sherry, the Bible says, 'He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty.' You remind me of Mrs. Biddy," Mother told her with a laugh.

"Mrs. Biddy was a red hen we had when I was a girl," Mother began. "My father had an electric fence to keep the animals out of the wheat field. If they touched the fence, it would give them an electric shock, and they soon learned to stay away. But not Mrs. Biddy! She liked the wheat field, too, and every morning she would try to crawl under the fence. When her feathers came into contact with the wire, you could hear her squawk clear up to the house. You would think that experience would finally teach her to keep away, wouldn't you? But Mrs. Biddy never did learn. Every morning, all summer long, that silly hen would let herself get shocked."

"You are like Mrs. Biddy, Sherry. No matter how many times you get into trouble, you never seem to learn," said Mother.

"I can't help it, Mommy. I get angry before I think," said Sherry.

"You are trying to be good by yourself," Mother told her. "Try asking Jesus to help you. That's what I used to do."

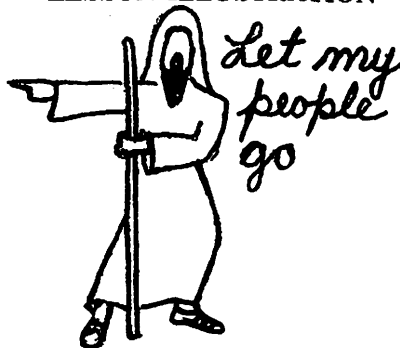
"You, Mommy? You never lose your temper," said Sherry in surprise.

Mother smiled. "When I was a little girl, I learned a lesson from Mrs. Biddy, too," she said.

"I'm smarter than Mrs. Biddy," said Sherry. "I'm not going to make the same mistake over and over. Anyway, she was just a silly hen. She didn't have a heavenly Father to help her." —Sel.

Children obey your parents in the Lord.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. What did God send to the animals in Egypt?
2. Did the Israelites' animals get sick?
3. What was the next thing God sent on Pharaoh because he would not let the people go?
4. Was Pharaoh stubborn?
5. Does it pay to be stubborn?

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GOD SENDS HAIL AND LOCUSTS

Exo. 9:18-35:10:12-19

Soon after Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh, the sky turned dark. Fire lit up the sky, and down poured big hail. The thunder cracked. The hail hit the cows and they died. It hit the houses and made holes. It hit the crops in the field. If it hit any man, it killed him. It broke every tree. Pharaoh and his people were scared. Pharaoh said, "I have sinned. The Lord is righteous. I and my people are wicked. Ask the Lord to stop the fire, hail, and great thunderings." Moses spread out his hands and it stopped. Pharaoh said that Moses could take only the men and go worship God. Moses said, "We are taking the old and young, and all of our cattle." Pharaoh would not let them go. Moses stretched forth his hands and an east wind brought in locusts upon the land. They ate everything that the hail had not destroyed. There was great darkness. Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste. He said, "I have sinned against God. I pray you to forgive my sin this once." Moses prayed to God and He took away the locusts by a mighty west wind and cast them into the Red Sea.

Memory Verse: Great peace have they which love thy law.
Psalm 119:165a

Doug Does Right

"Are you coming, Doug?" called Chad one Friday afternoon after school.

Doug stood on the sidewalk in front of the school and shook his head. "Mom says I have to come straight home after school," he called back.

"Oh, come on! She wouldn't care. We're just going over to Larry's house to see his new puppies," Chad insisted.

Doug shook his head again. Chad frowned and made some remark to the other boys. They all laughed and raced off down the street together, while Doug trudged home alone.

"Maybe I should have gone with them," thought Doug sadly. "They think that boys who mind their mothers are just sissies."

"Whom do you wish to please?" a voice seemed to ask. "You're a Christian, and you must obey your parents, even if others make fun of you." Then Doug remembered a verse that he had learned in Sunday school, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29), and he began to feel better.

As he neared home, he noticed a red car parked in his driveway, and he broke into a run. Doug's mother was watching for him. "Oh, I'm so glad you hurried home," she said as he stepped inside the door. "Your Uncle Carl just stopped by and wants to take you camping. He has rented a cabin at Smith Lake, and if you hurry, you can still do some fishing this evening."

"Wow! How long will we be gone?" asked Doug.

"Until tomorrow night, young fellow," replied Uncle Carl. "Then we'll come back here, and I'll go to church with you on Sunday."

"Get your warm jacket," said Mother.

"It may be cool on the lake this evening. I already have your toothbrush and pajamas packed."

"And I have fishing gear for both of us and plenty of food, too," said Uncle Carl.

Later that evening, while Doug and his uncle were sitting quietly in a rowboat waiting for the fish to bite, Doug told about his week at school. "Some of the boys use bad words, and they want me to do things that I shouldn't do," he said.

"Just do what's right," said Uncle Carl. "If you are careful to act like a Christian, the boys will see that you are different, and maybe some of them will want to be Christians, too."

"I'll ask Jesus to help me," said Doug. "If He is pleased, that's all that really matters anyway." —Sel.

When people lose their temper,
It never stays that way—
Its owner always finds it
To use another day;
So now instead of losing it,
Just place it in God's care,
And nevermore will it be lost,
If you'll just leave it there.

Sel.

"The B-i-b-l-e, yes that's the Book for me."

Questions:

1. What did God send upon the Egyptians?
2. What did the hail and fire do?
3. What did Pharaoh say?
4. What did God send that ate every green thing?
5. What did Pharaoh say then?

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GOD SENDS DARKNESS TO EGYPT

Exo. 10:2, 3, 21-29

"Our God is great," one Israelite said to another. They heard and saw the great things that God sent to Pharaoh. God wanted to show His great signs. He wanted the Egyptians and the Israelites to see how great He was. He wanted them to tell their children's children what God had done in Egypt. Moses said to Pharaoh, "How long will you refuse to humble yourself before God and let His people go and serve Him?"

God told Moses to stretch out his hand toward heaven. There came a heavy darkness upon the land of Egypt. It lasted three days. Light could not go through the darkness. People stumbled and bumped into things. They were scared of the things they heard. They could not see anyone. In the land of Goshen, where the Israelites lived, it was light. The Israelites loved God. God was going to take them away from the wicked Pharaoh. Pharaoh said the people could go but they must leave their flocks and herds. Moses said they would take their flocks and herds. Pharaoh told Moses he did not want to see his face again.

Memory Verse: I love the Lord because he has heard my voice . . . Psalm 116:1.

Johnny's Secret

The whole class tried to squeeze into the library corner at once. Mrs. Greene had promised that the second grader who read the most books would get a prize. Everyone wanted to get at least two books to take home for the weekend.

As Johnny saw some of his classmates getting a long list of books read, he felt sad. Then he got an idea. Each night he carried several books home. He usually read only one that was short and exciting. But the next day he would print on his list all the names of the books that he had taken home. Now Johnny's list was nearly the longest in the class.

"You are really doing well," Paul said as he looked at Johnny's list.

Johnny's face got a little red. He didn't want to talk about the books, but he was glad someone had noticed.

One day Mrs. Green told the children to get out their reading lists. She called each child to the front of the class to turn in his list and tell about a book he had read.

When she called Johnny, he walked very slowly to the front.

"Why, Johnny! You surely have been busy reading!" exclaimed Mrs. Greene. "How about telling us about *Mr. Plum and the Little Green Tree*?"

That was a book that Johnny had carried home but had never read. He felt hot and scared as he stood there speechless.

Mrs. Greene said, "Well, maybe you forgot about that book; so let's try the last one on your list."

Johnny's mouth felt dry as he began to tell the truth. "I have not read all the books on my list. I am sorry that I tried to fool the class," he said.

Mrs. Green was very disappointed. She told the class that listing books not read was just the same as telling a lie.

Johnny knew he had broken one of Mrs. Green's rules. He also had disobeyed one of God's laws: "Ye shall not . . . deal falsely, neither lie one to another." (Lev. 19:11) —Sel.

"Just Going To"

"Why didn't you shut the gate, Peter, and keep the hens in?" asked his father.

"I was just going to, when I saw they were all out."

"Why didn't you look after the baby, and not let her fall off the porch?" asked Mother.

"I was just going to get her when she fell."

"Why didn't you study your lesson more?" asked the teacher, when Peter failed in reciting.

"I was just going to when you called the class."

"Oh, Peter," Father said, "*just going to* never gets there."

I wonder if you "were just going to" give your heart to Jesus, but the time slips by and you have not done it yet? "Now" is the time to give your heart to God.

Questions:

1. Why did God send the plagues?
2. How do you think it felt to have thick darkness to come?
3. Did Pharaoh say they could go and take their herds?
4. What did Pharaoh tell Moses when
4. Did Moses and the people leave without their herds?
5. Did Pharaoh love God?

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PHARAOH LETS THE ISRAELITES GO

Exo. 12:21-36

Moses talked to the elders of Israel. He said, "God said for you to take a lamb that is without blemish. You are to kill it in the evening. Put some of the blood on the two door posts of your house: Roast the lamb and at midnight eat it with unleavened bread. You are to have your family all dressed with their shoes on and ready to leave. The Lord is going to pass through the land of Egypt. He will kill the firstborn of every family and beast. Only those who have the blood on the doorposts will be spared. God is great and sends judgment. You are to borrow from your neighbors. Ask them to give you gold, silver, and jewels, which they will do. We will leave with our families, flocks, and herds. God will free you from Pharaoh. This is called the Passover. You are to keep the Lord's Passover every year." The children of Israel did as they were told. The Lord did as He had said, and a great cry went up from every home in Egypt. Pharaoh said, "Get out of the land and serve your God. Take your flocks and herds with you. Bless me also." The Israelites took their belongings and left the land of Egypt.

Memory Verse: Ask it shall be given you . . . Matt. 7:7

The Importance of Small Things

"How many remembered to bring a special offering this morning?" asked Sis. Brown.

Nearly everyone in the primary class raised his hand. The class had decided to buy children's books for an orphanage in India. Jennifer started to lift her hand, too, then slowly lowered it again.

"What's the matter, Jennifer? Did you forget your money?" asked the teacher.

"No, Sis. Brown, but my offering is so small that I'm ashamed to give it," Jennifer replied. "I only brought a dime, and that won't buy even one little book."

"But ten dimes make one dollar," said Sis. Brown. "Dimes are important, too."

"Do you remember the Bible story about the little boy who had only five loaves and two fish?" the teacher asked.

Just then one of the boys cried, "Look, Sis. Brown! There's a ladybug crawling up your sleeve."

The teacher gently shook the ladybug onto a paper lying on the table. "Now here is a tiny insect that's very important," she said. "Every year this little insect saves the farmers thousands of dollars."

The children looked puzzled, so the teacher explained: "Ladybugs eat harmful insects called *aphids*, which destroy vines and plants. They also eat mealy bugs, which attack citrus trees. If there were no ladybugs, there would soon be no crops."

"I guess some little things are important," said Jennifer.

"Yes, the Lord can use each one of you to win others to Himself," said Sis. Brown. "Now please bring your offering and put it in this box."

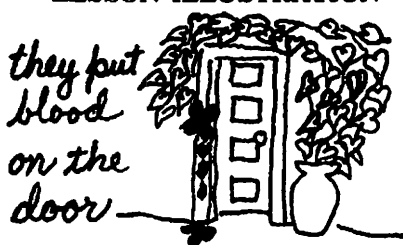
Sis. Brown counted the money. "Al-

most five dollars!" she said. "I think that's wonderful! That will buy several Bible storybooks, and they will be used to send the gospel message to boys and girls in India." —Sel.

THE GREATEST CHOICE

One time three little girls were telling each other what they wanted to be. One said she wanted to be an author. The second said she wanted to be a secretary. The third said she wanted to be a lamb in Christ's fold. Which do you think was the greatest choice? The last, of course. It is greater to be only a lamb in Christ's fold, than to have the highest position one can have in this world. The least thing we can be for Christ is far, far greater than being a king, or president, or a ruler of any kind over this world.

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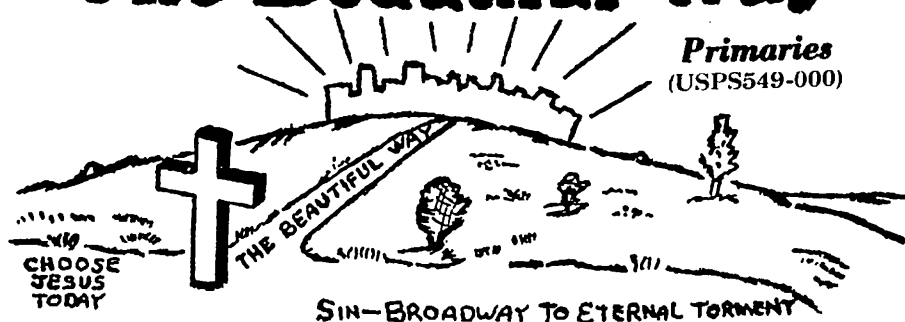


Questions:

1. What kind of lamb were the Israelites to kill and eat?
2. When were they to eat it and how were they to be dressed?
3. What was God going to do at midnight in Egypt?
4. What did Pharaoh say to Moses and Aaron?
5. Did the Israelites leave Egypt?

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ISRAELITES MARCH OUT OF EGYPT

Exo. 12:37-41; 13:10, 16-22; Psa. 105:37

God had told Abraham that his family would be in Egypt for four hundred and thirty years. That time had passed. God kept His promise, and brought them out in a mighty way. They walked over the roads five in a row, with many, many rows. There were 600,000 men, besides children. They were all healthy. There was not one feeble person among them. They took their flocks and herds. They took only unleavened bread for food. They would trust God to feed them. He had done many wonderful things. They were glad to get away from the wicked Pharaoh who had made them work so hard. They were not slaves now, because God had set them free. How happy they were!

God took them through the wilderness on their way to Canaan. He led them by night with a pillar of fire. By day he led them with a cloud. They would never forget that great day. Each year the people were to keep the Passover supper. The perfect lamb they were to eat was a type of Jesus to come, who was the Lamb of God. Just as the blood on the doorposts protected their lives, Jesus' blood on our hearts protects us.

Memory Verse: And the Lord went before them . . . Exo. 13:21

God's Business

Some children went to a zoo with their mother. There they saw the lions and the elephants and the monkeys and the—

All at once they knew they were lost. They couldn't see their mother anywhere. They didn't know where their car was. They didn't know which way the gate was.

While looking around they saw a sign which said, "INFORMATION." Christy went up to the man who sat below the sign. Everybody was asking him questions. Christy didn't really want to bother him, but she had to. She said, "I wish I didn't have to ask you for help, but—"

"Oh," said the man "go ahead and ask! It's my business to help you. That's what I'm here for." He told them which way to go, and soon they found their mother waiting for them by the gate.

Sometimes people think that they shouldn't bother God with all their little troubles. They think that God may have too many other things to do.

What do you think God would say to boys and girls who feel that they shouldn't tell God about something that bothers them? In the Bible God says what the man in the zoo told Christy, "Go ahead and ask for help. That's My business. I am your God. I will help you."

God wants to help us. He loves to do it. Nothing is too small for Him. Nothing is too big for Him. Big or small, He says, "Don't worry. Don't ever be afraid. I am your God. I will help you."

—Selected

(Jesus said) Suffer the little children to come unto me. Mark 10:14.

What Would You Do?

Matt tossed the baseball high in the air. He swung the bat at just the right time. In any game, that would have a home run, but Matt was only practicing. Again and again, Matt tossed the ball up for his batting practice. He hit it solidly—way over the fence and through Mrs. Reed's window.

Matt scrambled over the fence. Even though he was frightened, he rang the doorbell. Matt tried to decide what he would say as he looked at the shattered window. He waited, but there was no answer.

Finally Matt went home to his own bedroom to think. With his parents gone, and Mrs. Reed away, he could pretend the whole thing had never happened. All sorts of ideas raced through his head.

What do you think Matt should tell his parents when they come home? Remember that it is a sin to lie. God would want Matt to tell the truth to his parents and Mrs. Reed.

What would you do?

—Sel.

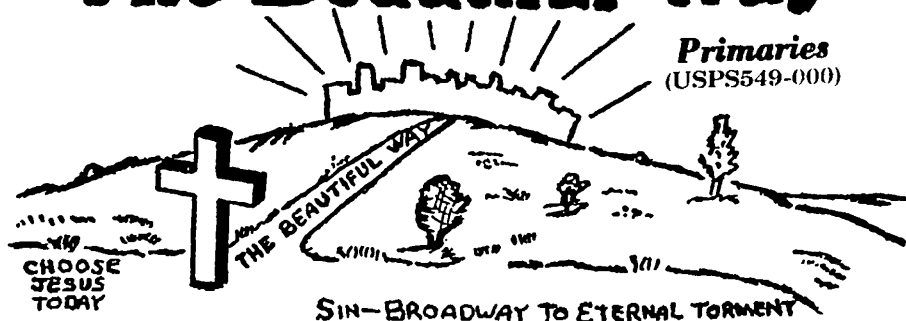
Who is your very best friend? I know. It's Jesus, the One who loves us more than anyone else in this whole world.

Questions:

1. Did God keep His promise to Abraham that he would bring the Israelites out of Egypt?
2. How many walked side by side in the row?
3. Were they glad to leave the wicked Pharaoh?
4. Were there any feeble among them?
5. What went before them by day and by night?

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ISRAELITES CROSS THE RED SEA

Exo. 14:1-31

A cry went up from the Israelite camp: "The Egyptians are coming! They will kill us!" Moses said, "Be not afraid. Stand still and watch the Lord help you. The Egyptians you see today, you will see no more. Moses told the Israelites to march. The cloud of the Lord was a cloud of darkness to the Egyptians and a cloud of light to the Israelites. They camped on the shores of the Red Sea. Moses stretched out his rod over the Red Sea. God sent a strong wind to part the waters. The wind dried out the bottom of the sea all that night. When morning came, Moses told the Israelites to march between the wall of waters on dry ground. The Egyptians started into the path of parted waters after them. Pharaoh was going to kill all of them. God looked at the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud. The wheels of their chariots dragged. Pharaoh and his host of soldiers were afraid. "Let us flee. The Lord fighteth for them," they cried. The Lord told Moses to stretch his hand over the sea. The waters came together and Pharaoh, the Egyptian soldiers, and their horses were drowned.

Memory Verse: They cried unto the Lord in their trouble, . . . and he delivered them. *Psa. 107:6.*

Always Thank God!

"Do I have to go to school? Do I have to wash the dishes? Do I have to make my bed?" Sheila grumbled. Sometimes her mother would say, "Sheila, you're always grumbling."

"Well, what should I do?" asked Sheila, whining again.

"Jesus want us always to be thankful for everything," said Sheila's mother.

"Always?" asked Sheila. "For everything?"

"That's what it says in the Bible," her mother told her. "'Give thanks always for all things.' That's what it says."

"You mean," said Sheila, "I should thank God for having to wash the dishes and having to make my bed?"

"Well," said her mother, "there are people in other countries who never have many dirty dishes because they never have much to eat. There are some people who never have to make their beds because they have no beds; they are too poor."

"You mean," said Sheila, "when I wash the dishes I should thank God for the food that made the dishes dirty? And when I make my bed I should thank God for having a nice warm bed?"

"That's right, Honey," said Mother, "and a hundred other things like that. I hope you'll learn to 'give thanks for all things.' That will make you happy."

—Selected

I Believe

I believe in God above,
I believe in His great love;
In our hearts He loves to live,
All we need He loves to give.

I believe in Christ, God's Son,
That He loves us ev'ry one;
And He came His life to give,
That His little ones might live.

I believe that Jesus sent,
When to heav'n above He went,
His own Spirit for our guide,
Drawing us close to His side.

I believe God can see
Ev'rything that comes to me;
That He wants me pure in heart,
And from ev'ry sin to part.

—Sel.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. What did the Israelites say when they saw Pharaoh and the Egyptians coming after them?
2. What did the waters do when Moses stretched out his rod over the Red Sea?
3. Where were the pillar of fire and the cloud?
4. What happened to the Egyptians when they went into the sea between the walls of water?
5. Did the Israelites believe the Lord and His servant Moses?

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BITTER WATER

Exo. 15:11, 20-26

How wonderful! The children of Israel were free. No longer did they have to be slaves to the Egyptians. The Egyptian army was drowned in the Red Sea. All the people were happy. Moses' sister, Miriam, danced and sang a song. She sang, "Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, great and wonderful, doing wonders?" The children were glad, too.

Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea into the wilderness of Shur. After walking three days they found no water. Oh, they were so thirsty! Finally, they came to Marah. They were so happy to find some water. But, what a bad taste! The water was bitter! They blamed Moses for bringing them out there. They cried to Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" Now Moses could not do anything about the water, but He knew that God could. Moses cried to the Lord. The Lord showed Moses a tree. The Lord said, "Cast into the water a branch of that tree." Moses obeyed God. He cast into the waters a branch from the tree. The waters became sweet. How wonderful! God said that if they would obey Him, He would not put on them the diseases the Egyptians had.

Memory Verse: "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26b.

A Bad Temper

Sandy was five years old. She had a beautiful doll named Rita. Rita had brown curly hair and big blue eyes that opened and closed. Sandy liked to feel of Rita's soft pink dress.

One day Sandy was playing with her doll Rita. She was pretending that she was a mother and that her doll was her own little girl. She laid Rita down for a nap while she set some dishes on the bed. Then Sandy pretended that Rita woke up and it was time to eat.

"You sit right here, Rita," Sandy said as she set Rita on the edge of the bed beside a little plate and cup. Sandy sat down on the other side of the plate and cup. As she sat down, the doll fell over. Sandy got up and set Rita back up. "Now you sit here like a good girl, Rita," Sandy said, as she went to sit down again. But before Sandy even sat down, her doll fell over again.

Sandy picked the doll up and scolded her as she set her up. "Now sit here and quit being naughty," she said pointing her finger at Rita. Immediately the doll fell over again. Sandy was angry. She grabbed the doll by her legs and whacked her head sharply against the edge of the dresser. Crack! Rita's head was wooden and the hard whack against the dresser caused her head to split open.

"Oh," Sandy said as she drew in her breath with shock. Her eyes stared at the doll with the split head. She had not meant to really hurt her doll, but now its head was split in two. She picked up her doll and went sobbing to her mother.

When Mother saw Sandy's doll she knew that Sandy must have been too rough with her. "What happened?"

Mother asked as she took the crying child into her arms. Sandy sobbed out the story of how she had broken her own dolly's head.

"Sandy, you have a bad temper. Your temper is what made you act so badly. Your doll could not keep from falling over because it is not a real baby and does not have muscles to keep it sitting up."

"But I'm sorry I did it," said Sandy drying her eyes.

"You may be sorry, but the harm is already done," said Mother. "When people lose their tempers they do things that cannot be undone. The Bible says, 'He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.' You need to pray and ask God to help you learn how to control your temper." —S.W.



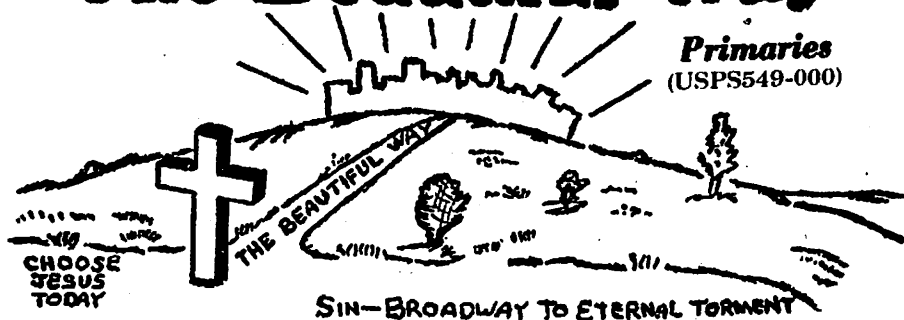
Questions:

1. What did Miriam and the other women do when they were free from the Egyptians?
2. What did they say about God?
3. What was wrong with the water at Marah?
4. What did Moses put into the water?
5. What did God promise the Israelites if they would do right?

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ISRAELITES ARE FED

Exo. 16:9-16; 26, 34, 36

"We are hungry for meat. Why did you bring us out here in this wilderness? We will all die," the children of Israel said to Moses. Moses cried unto the Lord. The Lord told Moses to bring all the children of Israel together. As they looked toward the wilderness they saw the glory of the Lord. God said to Moses, "I have heard what the children of Israel said. I will send quails [or birds] in the evening for them to eat. In the morning I will send bread. You shall know that I am the Lord your God."

In the evening many quail flew into the camp. The people were so glad to kill them and eat meat! In the morning after the dew was gone, there were little round things laying on the ground. They called it "Manna." Moses said, "This is the bread that the Lord, your God, has given to you. You are to gather just enough for each day. If you gather more it will spoil. On the sixth day you are to gather enough for the Sabbath also. No manna will be sent on the Sabbath." Some did not do as Moses said and they had troubles. Moses put a dish of it before the Lord to keep. The children of Israel ate manna for forty years in the wilderness.

Memory Verse: I am the Lord your God. Exo. 16:12b.

Barry's Bad Fall

Barry picked up a basket and opened the gate. Ginger, his dog, was right behind him. Just then the twins, Gary and Terry came up. Gary was carrying a ball.

"Don't have time to play tonight," Barry said. "Dad and I are going to pick apples on Mrs. Fox's farm."

"We'll be back in the morning, then," said Gary. "Tomorrow's Saturday!"

But Barry said he could not play ball Saturday. "Mom said that if I work hard picking apples, I can go on the boat over to Grandma's beach house for the weekend."

"And not go to Sunday school?" asked Terry. "You never stay away from Sunday school!" Gary and Terry went to Sunday school once in a while with Barry, but they knew that Barry went every Sunday.

"Oh, I'll go to Grandma's Sunday school. They have the same lessons."

When Saturday morning came, Barry was not in a boat, for Barry had fallen out of an apple tree. Everything had gone black. When Barry woke up, he was in a hospital bed. His leg was in a big heavy plaster cast.

"Why?" Barry wondered to himself. "Why did I fall out of the apple tree? Each morning I ask God to take care of me all day. Is that taking care of someone—letting him fall out of an apple tree?"

When Barry stopped wondering and asking why, a verse from the Bible came to his mind. "Trust in Him at all times . . . Trust in Him at all times. . . ." Then Barry felt ashamed of himself. "Why, sure," he thought. "It's easy to trust God when everything goes right. But I know from the Bible that He loves me and

takes care of me when things go wrong, too. I'll trust Him in hard times, as well as in good times."

Barry's leg still hurt, but he did not feel angry and ask why anymore.

Gary and Terry came to see Barry. "We're sorry you got hurt!" said Gary and Terry. "We hope your leg does not hurt too much."

"I'm going to be all right," said Barry. "It hurts sometimes, but Jesus is with me. He's helping me not to think about it too much."

"Say, Barry," Gary asked, "does God always help you, even when you're in real trouble such as now?"

"Sure!" said Barry. "I can trust in Him to help at all times."

Then Terry said, "Barry, I have been thinking—I want to trust in Jesus the way you do. I want to have Jesus for my Saviour, too."

"So do I," said Gary.

"Wonderful!" cried Barry, smiling. "It'll be great for all three of us to have Jesus for our Saviour." —Sel.

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"God wants us to read the Bible and do what it says. We are to mind our fathers and mothers. We are to mind our teachers. Soldiers mind their captains. But everyone should mind God. What are some of God's laws?"

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Questions:

1. What did the Israelites say when they came to the wilderness?
2. What did God tell them He would send them?
3. Did God send quails, or birds, for them to eat in the evening?
4. What did He send in the morning?
5. What did Moses put up before the Lord?

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JESUS AROSE

Mark 16:1-10

Jesus was put on the cross. He died for our sins. His body was put in the tomb. A big stone was rolled to the door of the tomb. Soldiers guarded it. They did not want anyone to take away His body.

Suddenly an earthquake shook the ground. The soldiers fell to the ground. The big stone rolled away. Jesus came forth.

Early that morning, three women came to the tomb. They brought spices to put on the body of Jesus. As they walked along they wondered who would roll away the stone. Soon they were there. They saw that the stone had been rolled away. They went into the tomb. There they saw a young man sitting on the right side. He had on a long white garment. They were afraid. He said, "Do not be afraid. You are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He is risen. Behold the place where they laid Him. Go and tell His disciples that He goes before them into Galilee; there they will see Him." They ran out quickly. They were surprised and troubled. They did not know what to think. They ran and told the disciples what they saw and what the angel said.

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

The Meaning of Easter

"Mother, where does the Easter bunny live?" asked Carlos one day just before Easter.

"An Easter bunny?" Mother said. "Where did you hear anything about an Easter bunny?"

"Kent said that on Easter morning an Easter bunny comes around to all children's houses and leaves them Easter eggs and chocolate candy," replied Carlos. "I want the Easter bunny to come to my house, too."

"Carlos," Mother said as she sat down and pulled Carlos onto her lap. "Son, some mothers and daddies let their children think there is an Easter bunny, but there really isn't. It's sort of a game the parents play with their children, but the children don't know it's a game."

"But where does Kent get the candy and goodies from?"

"His mother and daddy put the candy out while Kent is asleep," Mother said.

"Well, I want some candy, too," Carlos said.

"We will buy you some candy, Carlos, but you must remember that it is Mother and Daddy giving it to you," Mother said. "Carlos, you do know why we celebrate Easter, don't you?"

"Yes," said Carlos, "because Jesus died on the cross."

"He died on the cross all right, but He rose again from the grave. Easter is a special time to think of the new life that Jesus gives us. In the springtime trees and flowers begin to come to life again after being so cold and dead-like during the winter."

"Yes," said Carlos looking out the window. "I can see those pretty yellow tulips out there that were buried in the ground all winter."

"Well, when you see the flowers, Carlos, always remember that Jesus rose from the grave. We, too, will someday rise from the grave after we are buried. Easter is the remembrance of new life."
—Sandra Whitson

Think and Tell

I often think how Jesus loved
The children when He was on earth.
He took them in His gentle arms
To show to us how great their worth.

I love to think He's coming back,
For every child some black, some fair.
To them He'll give a home in heaven
And let each one His glory share.

I'll tell of Him to all I meet,
And how He loves us one and all.
I'll tell them how He saves from sin,
And pray that each may heed His call.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. What happened to Jesus?
2. What was put in front of the tomb?
3. What happened to the tomb and the stone?
4. What did the three women see when they came to the tomb?
5. What did the angel tell them?

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ISRAELITES HAVE TROUBLE

Exo. 17:3-16

The people moved again. They came to a place to camp, but there was no water. The people said to Moses, "You have brought us out here to kill us with thirst." Moses cried to the Lord. The Lord told him to go to Mt. Horeb with the elders and to take his rod. The Lord said, "I will stand upon the rock in Horeb. When you smite it, out will flow water." Moses did as the Lord said. The water ran down the mountain and the people drank.

More trouble came to the Israelites. The Amalek nation came to fight against them. Moses told Joshua to choose men and go out to fight Amalek and his people. Moses stood on top of the hill and held up the rod of the Lord. When he would become tired and let down the rod, the Israelites would begin losing. So Aaron and Hur put stones on either side of Moses. They sat on the stones and held up Moses' arms until the sun went down. They won the battle by the edge of the sword. The Lord told Moses to write a memorial of that day and tell it to the next generation. God said that He would punish Amalek for coming up against the Israelites.

Memory Verse: Ask and it shall be given you. Luke 11:9a.

The Spotted Glass Dog

Mrs. Hayes was in the yard. Her three children were at a birthday party next-door. She thought they were having fun. Just then she heard their voices around the side of the house.

"I did not!" That was seven-year-old Debbie.

"We did not get near it! We did not say a word!" That was Brent, eight.

"No, but . . ." The three children came around the corner of the house. They stopped suddenly. "Oh—hi, Mom!" They knew their mother had heard them. They looked at each other. Their faces seemed to ask, "Shall we tell Mother?" Brent said, "You see, Mother, Kevin took something at the party."

Kevin said, "But they wanted me to take it, Mom. I could see by their faces that they did. Now they're trying to say I did it all. When Mrs. Sharp asked for it, they lied just as much as I did!"

Mother asked Kevin what he had taken, and Kevin took from his pocket a small spotted glass dog. "It looks just like our Spot," said Brent.

"Yes, it does look like Spot. But tell me now, Kevin, what happened."

"Well, Greg was opening his presents, and when I saw that this looked just like Spot, I wanted it. I looked at Debbie and Brent, and they said with their faces that I should take it. So I put it in my pocket.

"When Mrs. Sharp asked me if I had it, I said no out loud, but when she asked Debbie if she knew where it was Debbie just shook her head. And when Mrs. Sharp looked at Brent, he didn't say anything at all. But after that she was cross. So we came home."

Debbie said, "I say it isn't really a lie unless you say it out loud."

Mrs. Hayes' face was sad. She said, "I say that it's wrong to take things that belong to other people. It's wrong to show by your face that you want other people to do wrong things. It's wrong to tell a lie with your mouth or by shaking your head or by being quiet when you should be speaking the truth. Kevin, you shouldn't have taken the dog. Debbie and Brent, you should have told him not to take it, and you should have told Mrs. Sharp where it was."

Brent and Debbie hung their heads. Kevin said, "There! I told you!" Then Brent looked up at Mother and asked, "What can we do now, Mom?"

"First, you should all pray to God and ask Him to forgive you and to help you not do such things again. Then I will go with you to take Greg's gift to him, and you can all three tell Greg and Mrs. Sharp that you're sorry."

The children did as their mother told them. The Lord forgave them and so did Greg.

—Sel.

MOSES HELD UP HIS HANDS



Questions:

1. What was wrong with the people when they called on Moses?
2. What came out when Moses hit the rock?
3. Who came up against the people?
4. What did Moses do?
5. Did they win the battle?

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MOSES' WIFE AND SONS

Exo. 18:1-12, 24

When Moses went to Egypt to bring out the children of Israel, his wife and two boys stayed with her parents. Now, Moses had led the children of Israel out of Egypt to the wilderness. Moses' wife's father, Jethro, heard that Moses was near. Jethro took his daughter and her two boys to the camp. How happy they were to see each other! Moses kissed them. Moses told them all about how God had worked. They were happy that God had blessed Moses and the children of Israel. No longer were they slaves. Jethro praised God and said, "I know that the Lord is greater than all gods." Jethro offered an offering unto the Lord.

Jethro was watching Moses the next day. From early morning until late at night Moses sat and the people came to talk to him. They wanted him to help them with their problems. He judged their cases. Jethro said, "What is this that you are doing? You will surely wear out doing this. Listen, and I will give you counsel from God. Teach the laws of God to other men. Let them help judge the people." Moses took Jethro's advice.

Memory Verse: I know that the Lord is greater than all gods. Exodus 18:11.

The Torn Page

Sherri and Tonia were looking at a storybook that had lots of colorful pictures in it. The book belonged to Sherri's older brother, Brandon.

"Look," exclaimed Sherri, "this monkey looks very much like the bear we saw back here!" And she began to hurriedly turn back the pages to find the picture of the bear. Just then one of the pages tore.

"Oh, my!" exclaimed Sherri. "I tore this page."

"Sh-h," whispered Tonia. "Don't say anything about it and Brandon will think someone else did it."

Sherri looked at Tonia with surprise. "That would not be right," Sherri said.

"Maybe he won't even notice it," said Tonia.

"He may not see it for a while, but I'm sure he will when he takes it to school. The tear is very long, but maybe he can fix it before it tears anymore," said Sherri, getting up from the sofa.

"I must find Brandon," Sherri said.

In a little while Sherri came back with the book in her hand. "See, Tonia," she said. "Brandon put some clear tape on it and one can hardly tell it was ever torn."

"That night Uncle Bob laid a package beside Sherri's plate at the dinner table.

"Oh, what is it?" exclaimed Sherri.

"Open it and see," Uncle Bob said.

Sherri opened the package to find a beautiful Bible story book filled with wonderful stories and pictures.

"Oh, is this really my very own book?" she asked with wide eyes, holding the book to her breast.

"Yes," said Uncle Bob. "I overheard yours and Tonia's conversation this afternoon. I know that you can take

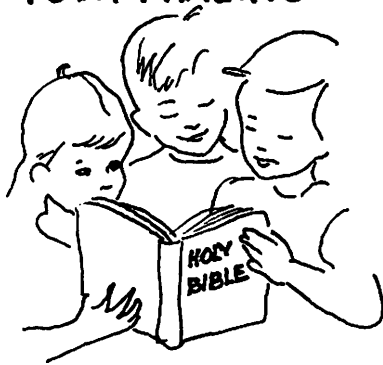
good care of books. I am also glad you are an honest girl and want to do what is right. This book will tell you about other children who did what was right."

Sherri was so happy to have a book of her own. Do you take care of the books you use?
—S.W.

Jesus has told us to watch. He said that He will come in a moment when you will not be looking for Him. But if you are always doing what He has told you to do, you will always be ready for His return. So "watch" your words, your actions, and your deeds.

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CHILDREN OBEY YOUR PARENTS



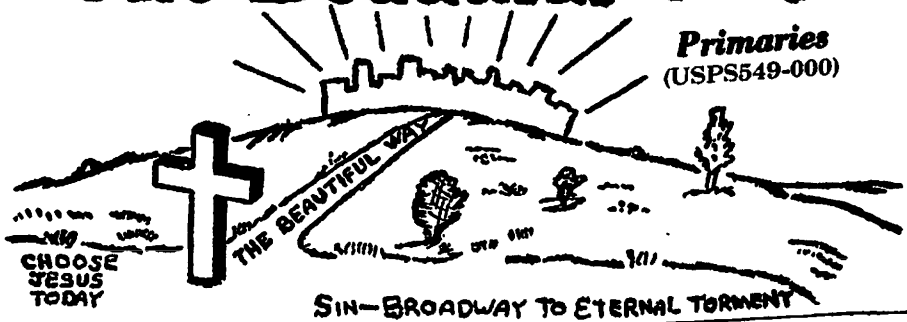
Questions:

1. Who came to see Moses in the wilderness?
2. Was Moses happy to see his wife and boys?
3. Did Jethro believe in God?
4. How did Jethro help Moses?
5. Did Moses tell good men to be judges?

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GOD SPEAKS

Exo. 19:16, 21; 20:1-19

Moses said to the Israelites, "Wash your clothes, and have everything clean in the camp. God will speak to you today." Moses took the Israelites near Mount Sinai. The mountain began to tremble. A thick cloud came down upon it. There was thunder and lightning. A trumpet sounded loudly. Moses spoke and the Lord answered him. God said for Moses to come up into the mountain. God spoke the Ten Commandments loudly and to the Israelites. The people trembled. God said, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make any image like anything I have made and bow down to it. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy. Honor thy father and mother. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness. Thou shalt not covet." The people were afraid. They said to Moses, "Let not God speak to us anymore; for the sound of His voice will take away our lives. Let God speak to you, and you speak to us God's words." Moses said, "God wants you to hear Him so you will fear Him."

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

A Good Mother



"Mommy, this is for you," Sheila said as she held a beautiful red rose to her mother.

"Thank you, dear," Mother said with a smile.

"You are the best mother in the whole world," Sheila said as she hugged her mother tightly.

"I'm glad you think so, dear, but I'm sure there are lots of good mothers."

"No, I think you are the best mother there ever was," said Sheila. "Jesus would have liked you for his mother. Do you think Jesus had a good mother?"

"Yes, Jesus had a very good mother who loved him very much," Mother said. "Jesus' mother stood nearby when He was hanging on the cross. She loved Him so much that she could not go away and leave Him to die alone, although it hurt her very much to see him suffer so."

"If Jesus' mother loved Him, why didn't she try to stop the men from nailing Jesus to the cross?" asked Sheila.

"Jesus' mother knew from the time He was a baby that He was very special. She knew He was the son of God and that he had a special purpose in life. That purpose was to save people from their sins," Mother explained. "Perhaps Jesus had talked to His mother about what he must suffer. He didn't want His mother to be hurt."

"Do you think Jesus loved His mother as much as I love you?"

"Yes, Sheila, Jesus loved His mother very much. When He was hanging on the cross, Jesus looked down at His mother. He told one of his dearest friends, John, to take her as his own

mother. Jesus wanted to make sure his mother was cared for after he died."

"I'm glad God gave us mothers," Sheila said as she hugged her mother again. —S.W.

The Robin

The robin sang a happy song;

The flowers bloomed the whole day long;
And in the soft and balmy breeze

The sunbeams played among the trees.

The rain came down on bird and nest,

But still the robin sang his best.

The sun shone down both fierce and hot;
He sang on—it mattered not.

The flowers wilted 'neath the sun;

It seemed their fragrant life was done.

But they were kissed by dews of night,
And morning found them straight and bright.

And so, through all life's changing ways,

Our lives may still be filled with praise

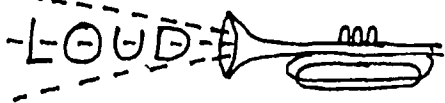
If we, through sunny days, or rain,

Sing unto Him a glad refrain.

—L. S. Leech

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

the trumpet was



Questions:

1. What did Moses tell the people to do?
2. Where did Moses take the people?
3. What did God speak to the people?
4. Name one of the ten Commandments.
5. Were the people afraid?

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AARON MAKES AN IDOL

Exo. 32:1-14

"Where is Moses?" the people asked. He had gone up into the smoking mountain and had not returned. Days passed. The people said to Aaron, "Make us gods, which will go before us." Finally, Aaron did as the people asked. Aaron said, "Bring me all of your gold." Aaron made a calf with the gold. He set the golden calf up. He said, "This is your god that brought you up out of Egypt. Tomorrow we will have a feast unto the Lord." The next day they rose up early. They offered offerings of lambs and cows. They sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

God looked down and saw what they had done. God had told Moses all that He should do to make a place for God to dwell. God had written with his finger on tables of stone the Ten Commandments. God was very sad and angry at the people. They had already broken the first two commandments. God told Moses what they had done. He said, "Let me destroy all of them. I will make of you a great nation." Moses pled for them saying, "Have mercy and spare them." God said that He would spare them.

Memory Verse: "They forgot God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt. Psalms 106:21.

The Lost Purse

One day Dana and Carl were playing in the park. Dana loved to go high in the swing. She loved to feel the air swish past her ears. As she would swing backward into the air, her hair tickled her face. Carl liked most to slide down the tall slide. He slid down so fast that he felt like a race car. Plump! He held his feet out straight at the bottom of the slide and landed in the white sand.

"What is this?" Dana asked as she ran over beside a bench to a bright colored object on the ground.

"Look, Carl," she called. "It is a change purse made of brightly colored beads."

Carl ran over to look at the purse. "Well, open it and see if there is any money in it," he said.

Dana unlatched the snap and both children gasped when they saw the green bills inside.

"Wow," said Carl. "How much money is in it?"

Dana pulled out a five-dollar bill and a twenty-dollar bill. There were two quarters, one dime, and some pennies in the bottom of the purse.

"Look, Carl," said Dana. "On the inside of the purse there is a name and address. I guess it belongs to Del-la March, on Oak Street."

"I guess the lady dropped it," said Carl. "But it's ours now, Dana. We can buy the roller skates we've been wanting with this money."

Dana looked at Carl in surprise.

"Carl, we must take this money to Mrs. March. It belongs to her. If your mother lost her purse that had money for the family in it, you would want whoever found it to return it, wouldn't you?"

Carl hung his head in shame. "Yes, I would," said Carl. "I know, Dana. Let's go ask our mothers if we may go over to Oak Street and return the money now."

Mrs. March was very glad to get the money back. She was an aged widow who lived alone and did not have much money.

"Thank you for bringing my purse to me," said Mrs. March kindly. "Here is a little gift for each of you for being honest."

"We don't need a gift for being honest," said Dana. "We should be honest anyway."

"That's right," said Mrs. March. "But I want you to know I appreciate honest boys and girls," she said as she handed them each a little animal carved out of wood. Dana's was a tiger and Carl's an elephant. The children were happy that they found Mrs. March's money for her.

—Sandra Whitson

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Questions:

1. Where had Moses gone?
2. Did the people think he would come back?
3. What did Aaron make?
4. Was God displeased?
5. What did God want to do, but Moses begged Him not to?

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MOSES PUNISHES THE PEOPLE

Exo. 32:14-35

Moses and Joshua came down out of the mountain. Moses was carrying the stones on which God had written the Ten Commandments. "What is all the noise I hear?" Joshua asked. Soon they saw the people dancing around the golden calf. Moses was very sad. He threw down the two tables of stone. Aaron said the people were set to mischief so he had made the calf. Moses stood at the gate of the camp. He said, "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me." All of the tribe of Levi came. Three thousand were killed that day. Moses took the calf and ground it to powder and sprinkled it in the people's water.

Moses told the people: "Cleanse yourselves before the Lord that He may bestow upon you a blessing." Moses said, "You have sinned a great sin. I will go up before the Lord and ask Him to forgive you." Moses said to God: "The people have sinned a great sin and made gods of gold. If you will not forgive them, blot my name out of your book." God said: "Whoso sins against me, him will I blot out of my book. Go lead my people."

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

Andy Returns the Truck

Andy was just a little boy and was quick to obey his parents. But one day the Lord Jesus talked to his heart and showed Andy that he needed to give his heart to God. Andy knew there had been times that he called people ugly names and times that he had actually hated people in his heart. He learned that Jesus died for our sins and that He can take those bad thoughts out of our hearts.

After Andy had given his heart to the Lord he went into his room. He felt happy. Suddenly his eyes fell on a little toy truck. He had told his mother and daddy that he had found the truck, but really he had stolen it.

Andy had been at Jeffry's house playing. He liked the truck so much that he put it in his pocket and took it home with him. Andy knew it was wrong to steal. He had taken the truck in the winter and now it was summer. Surely Jeffry had forgotten about it, but God had not forgotten.

If he told Jeffry he had stolen the truck, he was afraid Jeffry would not like him. Maybe Jeffry's mother would not let Andy come to their house anymore.

That night when Andy went to bed the little red truck kept coming to his mind and he could not go to sleep. Andy got out of bed and went to his mother.

"Mother," he said, "A long time ago I was playing at Jeffry's house and I took this little red truck. I am sorry I lied to you about the truck. What shall I do with it now?"

Mother put her arm around Andy. "The truck really belongs to Jeffry. You must take it back to him."

"But suppose his mother won't let him play with me anymore?" asked Andy.

"You must take it back anyway. The Lord said if the wicked will give back what he has robbed, and walk in God's way, he shall not die."

The next day bright and early Andy took the truck over to Jeffry's. As he neared the door, he began to be afraid again. Just then the door opened and out popped Jeffry.

"Hi, Andy, did you come to play?"

"No," said Andy. "I came to—"

Just then Jeffry's mother came to the door. "Good morning, Andy," she said with a smile.

Andy pulled the little red truck from his pocket. "Here, Jeffry, is your truck. I took it one time when I was playing with you. I'm sorry I took it."

"Oh," said Jeffry, "I had forgotten all about having a truck like this," reaching for the truck.

"That is very good of you to bring it back, Andy," said Jeffry's mother. "Do you want to come inside and play?"

"No, thank you," said Andy. "I must be going now. Maybe I can come back later. Bye." Andy felt good as he walked down the walk to his home. —S.W.

—o—
"Let children and youth follow the example of Jesus and be obedient unto their parents."
—o—

Questions:

1. What did Moses and Joshua find when they returned to camp?
2. What did Moses throw down?
3. What did Moses do with the golden calf?
4. What did the Levites do?
5. Whose name is blotted out of God's book?

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GOD PASSES BY

Exo. 33:8-35; 34:1-6

Moses put the tabernacle outside the camp. When he went out to the tabernacle, all the people stood in their tent doors. When Moses went in, a pillar of cloud came down on the tabernacle. The Lord talked to Moses. Moses said, "If I have found grace in thy sight show me and your people the way." The Lord said, "My presence will go with thee and I will give you rest." Moses said, "I beseech You, show me your glory." The Lord said, "I will make all of my goodness pass before you, but you cannot see my face. No man has seen my face and lived. There is a place beside me. You can stand upon a rock." It came to pass that Moses stood in the cleft of the rock. The Lord covered him with His hand. The Lord passed by. The Lord took away His hand and Moses saw his back.

The Lord said to Moses, "Make two tables of stone like the first two stones. Come up to me in the mountain and I will again write on them the Ten Commandments." Moses did as the Lord said. The Lord came down to Moses in a cloud.

Memory Verse: My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. Exo. 33:14

The Pearl-handled Knife

"Hey, Willie, do you want to go over to Cardboard Mountain and slide today?" asked Frank.

"Yes," said Willie. "Let me ask Mother if it will be okay."

"Mom," said Willie as he came into the kitchen, "Frank wants me to go over to Cardboard Mountain and play for a while. May I go?"

"Yes," said Mother, "but be back in about an hour for supper."

Willie got a big box out of the garage and hurried outside. The boys were excited as they walked and skipped over to the mountain.

"Here, we can cut these boxes with my new knife," said Willie as he pulled a pearl-handled knife from his pocket. He opened up one of the shiny new blades.

"My, that's a neat knife," said Frank.

The boys cut the cardboard boxes so that they each had a big flat piece on which to slide. Whe-e-e! down the mountainside they slid! It was great fun.

It was almost time for Willie to go home so he began to gather up the pieces of cardboard. He felt in his pocket to make sure his knife was safe, but his pocket was empty.

"Oh, no," cried Willie, "I've lost my knife."

"I guess it fell out of your pocket while you were sliding," said Frank. Both boys began to look up and down the hillside for the pearl-handled knife.

"I'm going to ask God to help me to find it," said Willie. And he did. He knelt down and asked God to help him find his new knife.

Right after Willie finished praying, he looked over to the spot he had cut the box apart, and there he saw something shiny sticking out from the dirt. He

went to it, and sure enough, there was his pearl-handled knife. Willie was happy that God helped him find his knife.

—S. W.

Flowers Bloom

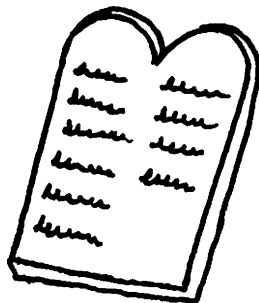
Flowers bloom and give a smell
Which we love so very well;
But if we for Jesus live
Sweeter fragrance we can give.

Love and kindness bloom inside,
Yet their sweetness cannot hide.
Let us then for Jesus grow,
So His sweetness we may show.

—Selected

LESSON ILLUSTRATION

*God gave Moses
the Commandments*



Questions:

1. What did the people do when Moses went to the tabernacle?
2. What came down on the tabernacle?
3. Where did Moses stand when the Lord passed by?
4. What did Moses see?
5. What did the Lord tell Moses to do before he came up the mountain?

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THE TWELVE SPIES

Num. 13:16-33; 14:1-9

The children of Israel came to the land of Canaan. They needed to go in and take it. Moses sent twelve spies into Canaan to see what was there. They went from city to city. It was a great land. They saw cattle, fields, and big vineyards. They cut off a big cluster of grapes. It was so large they had to hang it on a big stick and carry it on the shoulders of two men. God said He would give the land to the children of Israel.

The spies returned home. They told all about the wonderful country of Canaan. Caleb and Joshua said, "It is flowing with milk and honey. Let us go up and take the land." The other ten spies said, "There are giants in the land. We are like grasshoppers in their sight. The cities are walled. We cannot take it." The people believed the evil reports. They said, "Let us go back to Egypt. Why did you bring us out here to die?" Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the people. Joshua and Caleb said, "It is a wonderful land. The people are bread for us. The Lord is with us. He will help us take the land. Fear not!"

Memory Verse: The Lord is with us: fear them not. Numbers 14:9b.

Under A Safe Wing

Thad loved to watch the old red hen and her eight chicks. At first the chicks had been soft and fuzzy yellow. Now their fuzz was turning into soft little feathers.

Thad could watch the chicks only from a distance. When he went near to pick one up, they all rushed to their mother and got under her.

"Mom, why do the chicks run to their mother when I get close to them?" Thad asked one day.

"The chicks think you are going to hurt them. They know their mother will protect them," Mother explained.

The sun was going down and the farm animals began to get quiet. Thad watched the chicks as they tried to find a place under the mother hen's body and wings. All the chicks found a place to snuggle up to their mother. Thad could not even see them hidden under her wings.

"Oh," said Thad. "Here comes one more chick. He got left out. I'm sure there is not room for him."

The little chick stuck his head in and out trying to find enough room for himself. The old red hen shuffled about to make room for the other chick. At last he, too, found a place under his mother's wings.

"I like to watch the red hen and her chicks," Thad told his mother as they walked back to the house. "It would be nice to be all safe and warm under a protecting wing."

"Thad, did you know that we can be like the baby chicks and find protection and comfort under a soft wing?" Mother asked as she put her hand on Thad's shoulder.

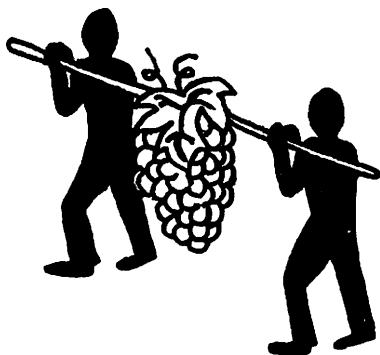
"Whose wing?" Thad asked as he looked up at his mother. "It would have to be a big wing."

"It is a big wing. It's God's wing," Mother replied. "When someone wants to do us harm or when we are tempted to do wrong, we can run to Jesus, as the chicks run to their mother. He will cover us with His wings of love. And just as the mother hen made room for all the baby chicks, God will make room for all who come to Him."

Thad smiled. "I want to stay close to God so I can get under His wing in a hurry."
—S.W.

Never live on the praise of others. Live on the blessings received in your heart by pleasing the Lord and by being a blessing.

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. How many spies were sent out to spy out the land of Canaan?
2. What did they see?
3. What did they bring back?
4. What did the good spies say?
5. What did the other spies say?
6. What did the people do?

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GOD IS UNHAPPY

Num. 14:10-45

The children of Israel were afraid. They wanted to stone Moses, Aaron, Caleb, and Joshua. Suddenly the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle. The people stopped. They knew God was unhappy with them. God said, "How long will they not believe in me? I did great wonders before them. They have seen my glory. Yet they won't believe me. I will destroy them and make of Moses' family a nation." Moses begged God not to destroy the children of Israel. He begged God to forgive them. God did forgive them, but God said, "These people will not go into the land of Canaan because they did not believe. They will return to the wilderness. They will stay there until all that came up out of Egypt are dead, except for Joshua and Caleb. Their children will go up and take the land of Canaan. These ten times they have tempted me and have not listened to my voice." The children of Israel were sorry they had not believed God. They said, "We have sinned. We will go up into the land of Canaan." Moses told them not to go for the Lord would not be with them. Many went anyway and were killed.

Memory Verse: For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive.
Psalm 86:5.

Losing Their Way

It was a warm sunny day. Sandy's cousins had come to spend the day. At first the five children all played together. Then Sandy and Marilyn wanted to play by themselves. After all they were six years old now.

"Let's go into the woods. They will not follow us there," said Sandy.

Sandy and Marilyn started into the woods behind the house. The three little children started after them.

"Here they come," said Marilyn, "Let's run."

Sandy and Marilyn ran deep into the woods. They left the path so the little ones could not follow them.

Sandy and Marilyn thought it was fun being alone. They talked of lots of things.

After awhile Marilyn stopped and looked about. "Sandy, do you know where we are?"

"Well, not exactly," said Sandy. "I think we should go this way."

Soon they came to a creek that Sandy had never seen before.

"I-I guess this isn't the right way," said Sandy.

The girls started in another direction. The sun began to hang low in the sky, but the girls kept on walking. They walked and walked and still they could not find the way home.

"We are lost, aren't we?" cried Marilyn.

Suddenly the girls found themselves in a briar thicket. "Oh, my!" cried Sandy as a thorn caught in her dress and pulled at her skin. The girls began to cry.

"We are lost," said Sandy. "But maybe God will help us find our way home."

The sobbing girls pulled themselves from the briars and knelt down and told God they were sorry they had been selfish in not wanting to play with the other children. They asked Him to please show them the way home.

The girls got up and started walking again. Just as they topped the hill Sandy exclaimed, "Look, there are the railroad tracks! They go right past our cornfield."

The girls ran to the tracks and followed them till they came to the field.

"Yes, there is the house!" cried Marilyn.

The girls were happy that God answered their prayer and they never ran off into the woods alone again.

—Sandra Whitson

A NEW BODY

One time I watched some eggs as they hatched out. They were in a big glass box where it was kept warm by lamps. The eggs began to crack and then would roll some. Soon one broke open and out came a little baby chick. It is wonderful how an egg can turn into a baby chicken, isn't it? Only God can do that. Boys and girls, some day God is going to give us a new body. In that new body we will never be sick. We will be with God in heaven. Because Jesus arose from the grave we will arise with a new body some day.

—A.M. Miles

Questions:

1. What did the children of Israel want to do to Moses and others?
2. What appeared in the door of the tabernacle?
3. What did God tell them?
4. Were they sorry?
5. What did they do?

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MOSES DOES WRONG

Numbers 20:1-12, 24-29

The children of Israel went into the desert of Zin. Moses' sister, Miriam, died there and was buried. There was no water for the people. They said to Moses, "Why did you bring us here to die? We are thirsty. Why didn't you leave us in Egypt?" Moses and Aaron fell upon their faces before the Lord. The glory of the Lord appeared at the tabernacle. God told Moses and his brother, Aaron, to take the rod and speak to the big rock and it would give out water. Moses and Aaron gathered all the people together at the big rock. Moses and Aaron stood by the rock. Instead of Moses' speaking to the rock, he hit it and said, "Hear, ye rebels; must we bring water out of this rock?" Water flowed out and the people drank. But God was displeased with Moses. He had hit the rock instead of obeying God and speaking to the rock. God told Moses: "Because you did not lift me up before the people, you will not bring these people into the land of Canaan."

God told Moses that Aaron would not enter the land of Canaan either. Aaron died in the mount. All the people mourned his death.

Memory Verse: If a man love me, he will keep my words.
John 14:23b.

When Roger Spanked His Mother

One day Roger felt very mean in school. He wouldn't do his work. He kept on talking when the children were supposed to be quiet. The principal sent Roger home.

When Roger arrived home, his mother had a big switch in her hand. She looked sad.

"Why are people disobedient and bad?" she asked him.

"I don't know," answered Roger. "Because they feel like it, I guess."

"But what makes them feel like it?" Since Roger couldn't answer, Mother answered her own question. "They feel like being bad because they are thinking of themselves and want only their own selfish way. But God says that when we try to get our own selfish way, we aren't the only ones who get hurt."

"Who else gets hurt?" Roger asked.

"The Lord Jesus Himself never did anything wrong, but He died on the cross to take the punishment you deserve for your selfishness," his mother explained. "And when you are bad, I am hurt, too."

"What do you mean?" asked Roger. "You never get spanked! I'm the only one who gets spanked!"

"Because I love you, Roger, I am hurt inside," answered his mother. "You hurt me each day with your disobedience and badness. To help you to understand, I am going to let you hurt me in a different way. Here is the switch. Today you may give me a spanking."

At first Roger rather liked the idea. He took the switch in his hand and looked at his mother. But he didn't want to hit his mother. She told him that he must.

At last he took the switch and hit her just a little bit.

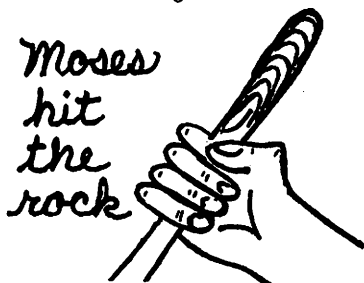
"No, hit harder!" said his mother. "Hit me as though I had really been selfish and disobedient!"

At last Roger hit his mother across the legs with the switch. He saw tears come into her eyes. Then he threw the switch on the floor and began to cry. "I don't want to hurt you, Mother. I love you!"

His mother put her arms around him. "But you do hurt me, Roger. Every day, by your selfishness and sinfulness, you hurt me far more than any spanking ever could. The Lord Jesus loves you, too, and because He loves you, your disobedience hurts Him the same way."

Roger had never understood that before. "I'm sorry, Mother. I want to tell Jesus I'm sorry, too."

Roger prayed and asked Jesus to forgive him and to help him be unselfish and obedient. From that time on, Roger was different, because he kept on asking the Lord Jesus to help him. —Sel.



Questions:

1. Where did the children of Israel go?
2. What did they want in the wilderness?
3. What did God tell Moses to do?
4. Did Moses disobey God?
5. What was his punishment?

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THE FIERY SERPENTS

Num. 21:1-9; John 3:14, 15

The children of Israel were tired and weary. They said to Moses, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? We do not like the light bread, or manna. We want bread and water. We want things like we had in Egypt." They had forgotten that they had been slaves. They had forgotten that their baby boys were killed. They also had forgotten how God had sent flies, grasshoppers, frogs, and hail that destroyed the Egyptians' crops. All of this God had done so they could leave the country and not be slaves. God had given them water many times, and quails and manna to eat. He was unhappy that they talked against Moses. The Lord sent fiery serpents among them. Many people died. They said to Moses, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord. Pray that He will take away the serpents." Moses prayed for the people. The Lord said for Moses to make a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole. Everyone who looked at the brass serpent would live. The people looked at the serpent and lived.

People who are bitten by sin can look up to Jesus and live.

Memory Verse: And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32.

The Lost Ball

Brian and Christie lived on a farm out in Texas. They did not have very many toys to play with but one day Daddy came back from the town far away and what do you think he brought back for Brian and Christie? A new bouncy ball. My! How it would bounce on the floor and in the yard. When they threw it back and forth it was so nice and light. When they threw it against the barn door it almost flew right back to them. They were so very glad to have the new ball and they never got tired of playing with it.

One sunny morning they chased the ball down to the wheat field. Suddenly they both hit it at the same time, then it was gone. At first, they laughed about it and told each other how high it had gone. Then they both started looking for it. They looked and looked but they could not find it. Carefully, they went over the whole yard, under the big trees and in the barn. Brian even looked up and down the fence row but could not find it. By this time Christie was about to cry. She did not want the nice ball to be lost. Brian felt tears coming, too, but he was the oldest and ought to be braver. Where had the nice ball gone? How could they find it?

Suddenly he knew what he would do; he would pray and ask God to show him where to look, so he might find it. He went off by himself and prayed that he might know where to look to find their ball. He came back to his sister and they stood by the big barn. All at once he said to Christie, "I'm going to look again over by the fence. He ran to the fence and sure enough there was the lost ball beside a post.

We can always ask God to help us with our problems. God says, "Call upon me, and I will answer." —Sel.

WITHOUT IT

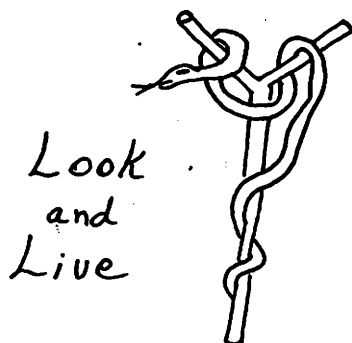
A boy went to his mother one morning with a broken arrow. It was his pride and joy, and he felt sorry that it was broken.

"I'll try to fix it," she said, "but I'm afraid I can't do it."

He watched her anxiously for a few moments, and then said cheerfully, "Never mind, Mother. If you can't fix it, I'll be just as happy without it."

That boy had learned a big secret—the secret of contentment. Contented people are happy people. The Bible says, "Having food and raiment [clothing], let therewith be content."

LESSON ILLUSTRATION



Questions:

1. What did the people say to Moses?
2. Was God unhappy about them?
3. What did God send in the camp?
4. What happened if they looked at the brass serpent?
5. If we sin and look to Jesus will we live?