

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 14

July 3

## **NOAH, A MAN WHO WALKED WITH GOD**

Gen. 6:5-9; Gen. 8:13; Gen. 9:8-15

God looked down on the earth, and all He could see was sin; people being very bad. God was sorry that He had even made man on the earth. But He remembered Noah.

Noah loved God and walked right before God, even among all the wicked people. He taught his sons to do right also.

God had a plan to save Noah, his wife, and his sons and their wives. God told Noah to build an ark. An ark is like a boat. Then He said that it would rain and destroy everything on the earth. But all who were in the ark would be saved.

Noah believed God. He started right away to build the ark. When it was finished God caused two of every animal, bird, and creeping thing to go in the ark. Then God shut the door.

It rained for forty days and forty nights. The rain destroyed everything that wasn't in the ark. After a while the water dried up and Noah opened the great door and they all came out.

God spoke to Noah and promised never to destroy the world by flood again. The rainbow was the sign of His promise.

**Memory Verse:** Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Gen. 6:8.

## Grandma Promised

Every time Jimmy's little friends came over to his house to see his Christmas gifts, he would show them his ice skates, football, games, and picture puzzles. Then he would always add, "And grandma's stamp album."

One day Jimmy's mother questioned him about this. "Jimmy, you didn't get a stamp album from grandma." But Jimmy looked at mother and said, "Grandma said so!" And he went on his happy way.

After several weeks went by mother questioned Jimmy about the stamp album. "Grandma said so! But do you think it would be all right to write her a letter and thank her for it?" queried Jimmy. Mother was quick to say, "I think that would be a good idea," still wondering at Jimmy's faith in his grandma's promise. So Jimmy sat down right away and wrote to grandma, telling her of all the nice things he got for Christmas, and thanking her for the lovely stamp album. After getting the envelope addressed and stamped, he got the letter in the mail right away. He was assured that grandma had kept her promise.

It wasn't many days until Jimmy got a letter from grandma. The letter said she had been trying to get the album, but they didn't have the one in town that he wanted, so she had written about another one, and it wasn't like the one Jimmy wanted. So she sent Jimmy some money in her letter for Jimmy to buy his own album. Jimmy said to mother, "See, I told you grandma was getting it!"

While Jimmy believed grandma's promise of a stamp album, she was trying to get it for him.

—Dorothy Wilkins

## Ivan's Temptation

On Ivan's third birthday his father planted a peach tree and told Ivan it was his and when he would turn eight it would have its first peaches. Month by month, year by year, Ivan watched it grow, and sure enough, when he was eight, it had peaches. They all fell off but one. His father told him not to touch it. When it was about ready to eat, his father told him not to go to the tree for two weeks, but Ivan disobeyed. Every morning he'd slip out to see the peach, but he didn't touch it. He thought about it during school, and one morning he got a box to stand on so he could get close enough to smell it. He touched it just a little and it looked and smelled good. He was sure it was ready to pick. The next morning he went again and it was gone. He went to his father and told him the peach was gone and cried. He told his father that he was sorry he had disobeyed, and that he was glad someone had taken the peach as he might have disobeyed again and taken it. Then his father told him that he had taken it so it would not cause him to yield to temptation. His father then gave the peach to him. Then they knelt and prayed, and a better seed than the peach seed was planted in his heart that grew, bloomed and bore fruit.

—V. Forbes

### Questions:

1. Was God pleased with the men that He had made?
2. Who did He find that loved Him?
3. What did He tell Noah to do?
4. Who and what did God tell Noah to put in the ark?
5. What did God put in the sky?
6. What was God's promise to Noah?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 15

July 10

## **ABRAHAM OBEYS GOD**

Gen. 22:1-13

God had promised Abraham a son. In Abraham and Sara's old age, God gave them a baby boy: they named him Isaac. Oh, how they did love little Isaac!

After a while, when Isaac was a young man, God spoke to Abraham, saying, "Abraham," and Abraham answered, "Behold, here I am." How quick Abraham was to hear the voice of God. Then God told Abraham a very hard thing to do. He said, "Go, take thine only son, Isaac, and offer him as a sacrifice back to me." How could Abraham do this thing God had told him to do? It would be so hard!

Abraham rose up early in the morning to do what God told him to do. He took his two servants and Isaac to go to the place God told him to go. On the third day, Isaac and Abraham went alone to the mountain, and when they got to the place God told him, Abraham built an altar and put Isaac there to be killed. But just as Abraham raised his hand with the knife, God told him not to do his son any harm. Abraham listened to God. We should be quick to listen and obey when God talks to our hearts.

**Memory Verse:** If ye be willing and obedient.... Isa. 1:19a.

## Bobby Learns A Lesson



"Bobby, come here; I need you to help!" called father. No answer came from Bobby. "Bobby, come now!" Father was insistent now. But Bobby was busy reading the best part in his book, and didn't bother to answer.

Pretty soon father came to the porch, and taking the book from Bobby, said, "Didn't you hear me call you? I need your help now."

"But, Dad, I'm in the most exciting part and I was going to come as soon as I finished it," Bobby told his father.

"That's not right, Bobby; I need you now! And you need to come when I call. There may be some time that it will be very important that you listen to my calling," said Dad. Bobby got up to help his father.

One day, Bobby heard father call, but he was so busy getting air in his bike tire that he failed to listen and obey.

Father called again, "Bobby, come quick!" But it was too late. Bobby's dog, Squeaky, got out of the gate and ran down the road as quick as a wink. Oh, Bobby was so afraid that Squeaky would run in the road and get hit by a car! Bobby ran as fast as he could to catch Squeaky. Finally, after a long and hard run, Bobby caught up to his dog. After that Bobby knew why Dad said to come right away when he was called, and he always tried to obey.

—Dorothy Wilkins

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

## Daniel Webster and the Woodchuck

When Daniel Webster was a boy a woodchuck once helped itself to what vegetables it wanted from the homestead garden. Daniel's brother, Ezekiel, set a trap and caught the woodchuck. "The rascal has done enough mischief; it should die," declared Ezekiel stoutly.

But Daniel took a different view of the matter, so the case was brought before their father who acted as judge.

Ezekiel told of the vicious habits of the prisoner. He dwelt on the damage it had done to the garden, adding also a comment on the value of its skin. For these reasons he claimed the woodchuck should die.

Then Daniel pleaded the woodchuck's case saying that it was one of God's creatures, not particularly vicious; also that it had a right to food, life and liberty. He closed his plea by dwelling upon the cruelty of taking the life of a helpless creature.

The father, sitting in judgment, was so moved by Daniel's pleading for the poor helpless creature that he cried, "Zeke, Zeke, let the woodchuck go!"

That was Daniel Webster's first case and he won it when he was only ten years old.

—Sel.

### Questions:

1. What was the name of Abraham's son?
2. Did God speak to Abraham?
3. What did He tell Abraham to do?
4. Did Abraham obey God?
5. Was Abraham quick to listen for God to speak?
6. Did he have to sacrifice Isaac?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 16

July 17

## **JOSEPH IS BLESSED OF GOD**

Gen. 39:1-4, 19-23

Joseph had been sold to the Ishmaelites by his jealous brothers. They took him to Egypt and he was sold to Potiphar who was captain of the guard of Pharaoh. Although he was a slave, Joseph still served the true God and God blessed him in Potiphar's house. Joseph served Potiphar well but Potiphar's wife told a lie on Joseph. Joseph was thrown into prison because Potiphar believed his wife.

Joseph could not understand why God allowed him to be in prison, but he still believed God and tried to do right. The keeper of the guard watched Joseph carefully and could see that he was a good young man. He always tried to help the prisoners and was cheerful while he worked, so the keeper put Joseph in charge of the prisoners. God kept blessing Joseph in prison as He had in Potiphar's house, and made everything he did to prosper.

The Lord wants us to be cheerful and happy, too, even though sometimes we are going through things that aren't so nice. If we remain cheerful and happy, God will bless us, too. Let's be like Joseph!

**Memory Verse:** But the Lord was with Joseph. Gen. 39:21a.

## Doing Your Best

Barbara liked school very much. She was good, courteous, and always tried to get her work done. She wanted to get all of her work handed in on time.

One day her mother went to Barbara's room, and found her crying. "Why, Barbara, what is wrong; why all those tears?" "Oh, mother, I have so much work to do and I don't know how to do these math problems. They have to go to the teacher the first thing in the morning."

"Well, now, let me see what you have to do; maybe I can help you," mother said soothingly to Barbara. Barbara handed the hard problems over to her mother. But, alas, her mother wasn't able to help her with those kind of problems.

"Barbara, I can't help you either. I know what we can do. Jesus can help teach us what to do. Let's pray, and then we'll have to do our very best." So they knelt by the bed and asked the Lord to give them wisdom about these problems.

After they got up and Barbara was settled, Jesus surely did help her to know how to do her work. As Barbara worked, trying to do her best, the work was soon done. How blessed Barbara was as she remembered how Jesus had helped!

— Dorothy Wilkins

## A Lesson On Forgiveness

There was a man in the Bible who owed a king hundreds and hundreds of dollars. He had no money to pay the king. The king said that this man and his wife and children must be sold and the money used to pay the

debt. The man begged the king to wait awhile, promising that by and by he would give him the money. The king felt sorry for the poor man and said the man would not need to pay him any money. The man arose and walked away.

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

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

—  
"The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example."

### Questions:

1. Who sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites?
2. What was the man's name to whom Joseph was sold in Egypt?
3. Why was Joseph put in prison?
4. Did Joseph still serve God in prison?
5. Did God still bless Joseph?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 17

July 24

## **MOSES, A MAN USED OF GOD**

Ex. 3:1-6; 4:10-14

Moses was a man chosen of God to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt. The children of Israel were slaves in Egypt, and were treated very badly. They had prayed and prayed for God to deliver them. God heard their prayers and felt sorry for them.

One day when Moses was caring for some sheep, he saw a very strange thing. He noticed a bush that had flames of fire in it, but the bush did not burn up. Moses thought this was strange so he went over to see it. As he got near the bush, Moses heard the voice of God.

"Take your shoes off," God told Moses. "The ground you are standing on is holy ground." Moses was afraid and hid his face.

God said, "I have heard the cries of your people, and I want you to lead them out of Egypt."

"Oh, my Lord!" cried Moses, "I cannot speak well. Send someone else." God said, "I am sending Aaron to speak for you."

God was angry with Moses for not believing that He would help him speak. God will always help us to do things for Him.

**Memory Verse:** Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth. Gen. 4:12a.

## Jimmy's Speech

Mrs. Thatcher had just asked Jimmy if he would write and give a speech for the school program. Jimmy was really worried. It had always been hard for him to get up in front of the class to speak, and now he would have to be in a program with all the parents and teachers there, too. He didn't know if he could do this hard thing.

When Jimmy got home from school, his mother could tell right away that something was bothering him.

"Jimmy, what is the trouble; you look so worried?" Mother asked.

"Oh, Mother, Mrs. Thatcher asked me to give a speech for our school program, and I just can't, I can't . . .," and at this Jimmy began to cry.

"Why, Jimmy, how nice of your teacher to ask you to do this. She must believe that you can, and you'll do a good job, too," said Mother.

"But, Mother, I know I can't. It's so hard for me to be in front of people," answered Jimmy.

"Well, I know that if we ask Jesus to help you He will give you courage to do what you have to do," Mother said, trying to comfort Jimmy.

"Well, I don't know," sighed Jimmy.

Jimmy got busy right away writing his speech. He enjoyed writing it, and it was soon done.

Each night at family worship Jimmy asked Jesus to help him give his speech, but he was still troubled.

Finally the night came for the school program. Jimmy's father and mother, even his little sister came. As Jimmy saw all the people coming in the auditorium, he became more nervous.

There were several boys and girls that were to sing, recite a poem, or whatever

they were to do, that were ahead of Jimmy. Finally it was Jimmy's turn.

Jimmy was next, and as he went in front on the stage, he breathed a little prayer, "Please Jesus help me to do this." Jimmy said his speech without one single mistake. How he did thank Jesus for helping him!

—Dorothy Wilkins

## THE LOST BOOK

"Look what I found?" said Alberto.  
"What does it say?" asked Jaun.

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

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

—M. Miles

## Questions:

1. What kind of work did Moses do?
2. While he took care of the sheep, what did he see?
3. What was so different about this fire in the bush?
4. What did God tell Moses to do with his shoes?
5. Did Moses think he could speak well enough?
6. Who did God send to speak for Him?



# The Beautiful Way

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 18

July 31

## JOSHUA

Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua was a man filled with God's Spirit to take up the task of leading the Israelites after Moses died on the mountain. God will always have someone to carry on His mighty work.

Joshua had always been with Moses. He wanted to help Moses with the people. When Moses died, Joshua was ready to help lead the people to Canaan.

God spoke to Joshua, saying, "Everywhere you go, I will be with you. I will go with you as I went with Moses."

Joshua believed God so he went about doing God's will. He told the people to prepare themselves to possess the Canaan land that was flowing with milk and honey.

God told Joshua that he must always do the commandments that Moses had told the people about not turning to the right nor to the left. Also, God said that if Joshua would do this, He would bless him.

God told Joshua to "be strong and of good courage." Joshua went forward and obeyed God.

**Memory Verse:** Only be thou strong and of a good courage. Joshua 1:18b.

## Being Ready For God

"Come on over here, Mike," Daddy called as he was trying to change a tire on the old pickup. "Sometime you may need to do this, and it surely would be good to know how."

"Okay, Dad, I'm not sure I'll need to know, but I'm willing to learn," Mike said when he came up to Dad.

"Well, you never know, and it will be good to be able to if you ever need to. Hand me that tool over there, please," Dad said.

"Probably it is a little like Joshua after Moses died. We studied that in Sunday School last week. God had prepared Joshua to take the children of Israel into the Canaan land when Moses died," answered Mike. "Sis. Anna said that Joshua had been preparing for that important job all the time he was with Moses," Mike went on. "Then he was all ready when he was needed."

Not long after this Mike went with his mother into town. On the way home they heard a loud bang.

"Oh! Oh! There goes the back tire, Mike. What can we do now?" exclaimed Mother.

"I guess this is what Dad meant when he said I might need to know how to change a tire," answered Mike.

Getting out of the car with Mother, they both went to work. Soon they had the tire changed and were on their way. Mike was really thankful that he had paid attention to Dad.

Let's all pay attention to the lessons God sends to us. Then if He should have a job for us, we'll be ready.

—Dorothy Wilkins

A kind deed is never lost, even though you may not be able to see its results.

## Love Everybody

"Mother, did some wicked people really hang Jesus on a cross until He died?" asked Debbie.

"Yes," answered Mother, "the Bible tells us that they crucified Jesus on a cross between two thieves. But before they hung Him on the cross, they put a robe on Him and placed a crown of thorns on His head. They mocked and spit on Him and even hit Him on the head with a reed. After they hung Jesus on the cross, He told them He was thirsty and they gave Him vinegar to drink."

"Oh! How cruel," cried Debbie. "I don't like those people at all. They were mean. I hate them!"

"But, Debbie, Jesus had to die so that we could be saved. He doesn't want us to hate people, either. He wants us to love everyone and pray for them. Do you know how He prayed for the people who hung Him on the cross?"

"How?" said Debbie eagerly.

"In Luke 23:34 it tells us that He prayed, 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. He is our example in everything, so we ought to love and pray for the bad people, like Jesus did'" replied Mother.

"Mother," said Debbie, "I am going to pray and ask Jesus to forgive me for hating those men. I want to love everyone like He did."

—E. R.

### Questions:

1. Did Joshua help Moses?
2. How did Joshua help?
3. Does God have someone to go on with His work?
4. Was Joshua ready to take up the work after Moses died?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 19

August 7

## **GIDEON AND HIS SMALL ARMY**

Judges 7:1-7

Gideon sent messengers through all the land to gather men so they could help him drive the Midianites away.

Thirty-two thousand men came to Gideon. God told Gideon, "You have too many men. If this many go to fight, then the Israelites will surely think they won the battle, and not give me the praise."

God told Gideon to tell all the men who were afraid to go home. Gideon obeyed God, and twenty-two thousand men left camp, leaving ten thousand men left to fight.

"You still have too many men. Take them to a river for a drink of water. Every man that kneels down to drink, send home, but every man that laps water from his hand, put on one side to fight," was God's command to Gideon.

Gideon did as God commanded, and when they had gotten a drink, Gideon had only three hundred men to fight the Midianites. With Gideon and these three hundred men a mighty victory was won. When we do a little bit for Jesus, God can do big things.

**Memory Verse:** Be thou exalted, Lord, in thine own strength.  
Psalms 21:13a.

## Little Is Much With God

"Remember, boys and girls, it isn't always the big things that are done for God that count, but the little things, too," Sis. Welsh was saying to her Sunday School class. "Can you think of some things we can do?"

"Do you think it would count if I take some pretty flowers to our neighbor? She is old and hardly ever gets out," said Sally.

"I believe it would. How do you think it would help her?" Sis. Welsh asked the class.

"Well," said Mary, "it would encourage her to know someone thinks of her, and if she doesn't get out much, she wouldn't see all the beautiful flowers that grow around her."

Harry raised his hand. "Would it count if I mow Mr. Brown's lawn? He's so crippled up—I feel so sorry for him."

"It surely would. These are things that seems like little things, but they count because you are helping someone," said their teacher.

Then Jason said, "Jesus always helped people whenever He could, so if we love and serve Him, we need to follow in His footsteps."

Sis. Welsh and the whole class agreed with Jason. —Dorothy Wilkins

### THE PENCIL AND ERASER

The lesson in children's meeting this day was about the very sinful woman who was to be, according to the law, punished by being stoned to death. Every sinner is doomed to die, but the glad news the teacher told the children this day, was that Jesus forgives our sins, and instead of death, we can have eternal life.

He told her to go and sin no more. Only with Jesus' help can we live without sin. There is a tempter who will do anything he can to get us to do wrong. What, oh, what does one do if he is caught off guard and yields to the tempter? Yes, he may ask Jesus to forgive him, and the blood of Jesus just covers that sin so that it cannot be seen any more.

By this time the hand of six-year-old Gary was raised in the air, so the teacher gave him permission to speak.

"One day I was naughty and played with matches. My mama asked me about it, but I told her a lie. Afterwards, I felt very bad about it. I knew I must ask Jesus to forgive me, and my mama, or I could not go to heaven. So I prayed to Him. As I prayed I could just see a big pencil in Jesus' hand. On one end was an eraser, and from that eraser dripped great drops of blood. When I asked Him to forgive me, I could just see that eraser go right through that sin, and the blood covered it until it could not be seen any more."

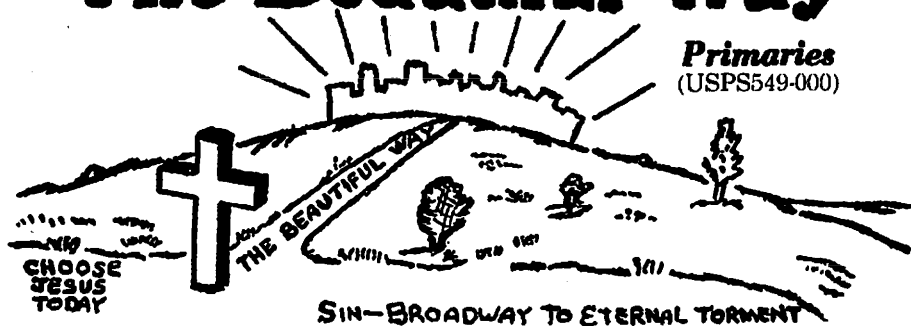
There were tears in the teacher's eyes when Gary finished. Could it have been explained any simpler? It is just this easy for Jesus to forgive you of your sins. Will you not believe it and ask him now?

### Questions:

1. How many men came when Gideon called for them?
2. Why did God not want so many men?
3. How many men were left when God told them to go home if they were afraid?
4. What was the second thing to do to separate the men?
5. How many were left?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 20

August 14

## **SAMUEL, THE BOY SERVANT OF GOD**

1 Sam. 1:9-11; 2:4-10

God had not given Hannah any children. She was so sad because she didn't have a little baby. Hannah went to the house of the Lord to pray for a baby boy. She said, "Lord, if you will give me a little baby boy, I will give him back to you." God answered her prayer and Hannah soon had a little baby boy. She named him Samuel.

Samuel grew each year, and Hannah taught him about God. Finally it was time for Hannah to bring Samuel to Shiloh, so that he would be Eli's servant in the house of God.

One night after Samuel went to bed, he heard someone call him. Samuel went to Eli, saying, "What do you want?" Eli said, "I did not call you."

Again God called Samuel. Once again Samuel went to Eli. Then Eli knew that God was calling Samuel. He told Samuel, "When God calls again, say, 'Here am I.'"

Samuel did as Eli said, and because of his obedience to God, God honored him and he became a prophet for God.

**Memory Verse:** And all Israel . . . knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord. 1 Sam. 3:20.

## Susie Is a Worker For Jesus

Susie's grandfather had passed away so long ago she could not remember him, for she was such a little girl.

It was at that time that Susie's Grandmother Welsh came to stay with their family. Her mother and father had fixed a nice, sunshiny room for her. They put her own bed and easy chair in the room. Mother had put up pictures of her children and grandchildren. "Granny", for that is what Susie and her brother called her, was truly happy.

When Granny first came to live with them, she would do the nicest things for Susie and Mark. She would bake them the most delicious cookies, and for Susie she would make doll clothes for her special dolls. She was always ready to play with Mark or fix his toys if she could.

But now Granny was unable to do these things. She was so crippled, and she couldn't see very well. Susie and Mark felt sorry for her. Although they weren't very big, they tried their very best to help her.

"Susie," said, Granny, "would you have time to read the Bible a little while for me?"

"Sure thing, Granny. What would you like for me to read?" asked Susie as she went over to Granny's special chair.

"Oh, I'd like something in the Psalms; they are always so very encouraging," Granny told Susie.

Susie sat down beside Granny and began to read. How she enjoyed doing what she could for her beloved Granny!

Granny told Susie, "I am so pleased when you read to me, since I can't read for myself. I know God will bless you."

"I guess even if we are children we can be workers for Jesus," thought Susie.

It surely pays to live for Jesus and be workers for Him even when we are small boys and girls. —Dorothy Wilkins

## Giving to Jesus

It was a wonderful day for Gary because Grandfather had come to visit! Gary hugged and hugged him. Grandfather twirled Gary around and around. "Here are ten shiny dimes for you," said Grandfather. "We'll walk to the shopping center to spend them." And that's just what they did.

"I've never felt so rich in all my life," said Gary. The store had many things to buy. "I think I'll buy that tiny spinning top with the red stripes. Then I'll have four dimes left. With that I can buy two pieces of candy and two pieces of gum for us."

"Aren't you forgetting Someone?" asked Grandfather. "You should share with Him, too."

"I've remembered you and me," said Gary. "Oh, I know who you mean. I forgot to save any money for Jesus. I won't save just one dime; I will save two for Him. I'll put them in the offering at Sunday school." Gary felt good. He had a wonderful grandfather, a new top, some gum, and best of all, he had two dimes for Jesus! —Sel.

## Questions:

1. What was Samuel's mother's name?
2. Why did she go to pray in the temple?
3. Did God answer her prayer?
4. Who spoke to Samuel during the night?
5. What did Eli tell Samuel to do when God called again?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 21

August 21

## **DAVID FINDS HIS HELP IN GOD**

1 Sam. 30:1-8

David and his men had been gone from their homes in the city of Ziklag. All their wives and children were living in that city.

When the men came home, they found that some enemies had been there and burned their houses and taken their wives and children as captives.

Oh, how sad the men were when they came home and found everything gone. They felt so bad that they cried and cried. David's family were captives, and he felt sad, too.

After a while the men were angry with David and talked about stoning him. This made David feel worse, and he went to God for encouragement. David asked the Lord if he should go after the enemies, and God told him, "Yes." God helped them to catch up with the enemies and they were able to get their wives and children back.

Whenever we are troubled about something, we need to do like David did and ask God what we should do. God will answer and be our helper when we need Him.

**Memory Verse:** David encouraged himself in the Lord.

1 Sam. 30:6b.

## Jesus Helps Julie

Julie was very happy with the new doll she received for her birthday. It was so pretty with bright, blue eyes and the loveliest hair. She had on such a nice pink dress and bonnet. Julie wanted everyone to see it and enjoy it with her.

Anna, Julie's very best girlfriend, came over to play with Julie. Anna brought her best doll, too, so they were playing house.

"Anna, will you please bring Sarah (that was the doll's name) to me?" asked Julie. "She is right there in the chair, but please be extra careful. I don't want anything to happen to her."

"All right, I'll be happy to be able to bring her to you, for I do like to hold her," said Anna as she went to get Sarah.

As Anna turned with Sarah, she suddenly tripped on the little rug in front of the chair. Down went Anna and Sarah. Julie ran to help them up, and then she noticed there was a crack in Sarah's head. "Oh, Anna, see what you have done!" cried Julie. "Sarah has been broken."

"Oh, Julie, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt your lovely Sarah!" Anna exclaimed as she began to cry.

Just then Mother came in to see what all the trouble was. She found both girls sitting on the floor crying with Sarah between them.

"Whatever is the matter girls?" asked Mother as she bent over to help them up.

"Mother, Sarah is broken—my brand new doll," and Julie cried even harder.

"I know how you must feel, Julie. Let's pray and Jesus will help you," said Mother as they bowed in prayer.

"Dear Jesus, please help Julie to not feel so badly, and Anna, too. I know you

can help them, and then please let us see what we can do with Julie's doll," prayed Mother. Mother talked with the girls, and Jesus did help them.

When Daddy got home from work, he looked at Sarah and told Julie, "I think I can take Sarah and have her fixed for you. Then she'll be as good as new."

Julie ran to the telephone to tell Anna what Daddy had said. The girls were so happy, and they knew Jesus had cheered them up, and now Daddy could have Julie's doll fixed. —Dorothy Wilkins

---

## The Wrong Button

"Dear me!" said Janet, "I buttoned just one wrong button, and that makes all the rest go wrong!"

"Patience, patience, my dear!" said Mother. "The next time look out for the first wrong button; then you will keep all the rest right. And," added Mother, "look out for the first wrong deed of any kind; another and another are sure to follow."

Janet remembered how one day, not long ago, she slapped Baby Alice. That was the first wrong deed. Then she denied having done it. That was another. Then she was unhappy and cross all day because she had told a lie. What a long list of buttons fastened wrong, just because one button was wrong! —Sel.

---

### Questions:

1. What city did David and his men's wives and children live?
2. When David and the men returned home, what did they find?
3. Did they cry very much?
4. What were the men going to do with David?
5. Did God say He would help get the wives and children back?



# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept, 1983

Part 22

August 28

## **ELIJAH IS FED BY RAVENS**

1 Kings 17:1-7

Israel had many wicked kings, but King Ahab was worse than all of them. So God sent Elijah to the king with a message: "There will be no rain nor dew until I tell it." Elijah then turned and walked away quickly.

God knew that it wouldn't be long until King Ahab and the people would be looking everywhere for Elijah, so He told him to go to a certain brook. There Elijah could drink water from the brook and be fed by some ravens that God had prepared.

Elijah believed God and went to the brook. Every morning and night the ravens brought him some bread to eat.

All this time King Ahab, his messengers, and the people were searching for Elijah. But God had Elijah hidden by the brook.

When it had not rained for a long time, the water in the brook dried up. But God had another way to care for Elijah. All during the dry spell, Elijah was safe and had water to drink and food to eat. If we trust in God and obey Him, He will always take care of us.

**Memory Verse:** But my God shall supply all your need. . . .  
Phil. 4:19a.

## Peggy, A Missionary

Peggy, her father, mother, and little brother were in a far-away land. Peggy's father and mother were missionaries.

One day Peggy said to mother, "Why do we have to be so far away from my grandpa and grandma? I miss them so much. Grandma always had cookies for us when we'd go to visit and grandpa would let us ride the horses."

Mother answered Peggy, "This is where daddy knows God wants him to be working for Him. We have to be where God directs us to be. Then we know He will take care of us."

"I suppose so," said Peggy with a little sigh, "But I do wish we didn't have to be so far away."

Peggy enjoyed being with her little African friends, especially "Beth." (The missionaries couldn't pronounce her real name, so they just called her Beth.) They always played together and had fun. Although Beth was not saved, the family always prayed for her each evening in family worship. She truly hoped that she could help win her to Jesus, the dearest friend to children.

After playing together for awhile, Beth seemed to be so quiet. Peggy asked, "Is there anything wrong, Beth? You seem so quiet. Are you sick?" Beth shook her head: "No, I'm not sick, but I feel so bad for all the bad things I do. But I just can't seem to be a good girl."

Peggy was so surprised to hear her friend say this. She had prayed so long.

Peggy said, "Maybe Jesus is talking to you, and now He wants you to be saved."

"I don't know what it is, but I can't find happiness anywhere," Beth told Peggy.

"Let's go see daddy; he can help pray for you, and Jesus will surely help,"

Peggy said, and they ran off to find daddy.

After they talked to daddy and prayed Beth felt so good inside her heart. She knew Jesus was there, and He would help her to be good.

How happy Peggy was, now her "special" friend loved Jesus, too. Now she knew how important it was to be where God wanted them." —Aunt Dot

### TAKE TURNS

"I don't like this day," Randy growled. "Everything is going wrong."

"Well, son," Mother said. "Did you know that the Bible said, 'This is the day which the Lord hath made: we will rejoice and be glad in it.' (Psa. 119:24).

"Does Jesus make everything go wrong?" asked Randy.

"Many times the wrong is in us," Mother said gently as she put her arm around her son. "I watched you in the yard and you were wanting to ride in the wagon all the time. You should take turns and then Jimmy would be happy. Jimmy would have stayed longer to play with you."

"I'll tell Jimmy that I'll pull him if he will come back and play with me," Randy said with a smile.

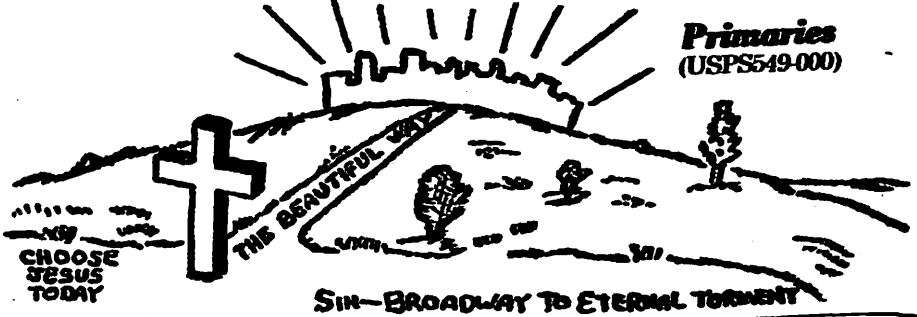
"I am sure that you will find that things will go better." Mother said as Randy ran out the door.

### Questions:

1. What was the name of the king in our lesson?
2. What did Elijah tell him?
3. Where did God tell Elijah to go?
4. What was to bring food morning and night?
5. Who was searching for Elijah and why?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 23 September 4

## **ELISHA HELPS A WIDOW WOMAN**

2 Kings 4:1-7

There was a widow woman who had two boys whom she loved. Since her husband was dead she didn't have any way to earn a living and she owed a man some money. The man had told her that he wanted the money or else he would take her sons to be his slaves. She hurried to Elisha and told him about her trouble. Elisha was God's prophet and he liked to help everyone.

Elisha asked her what she had in her house. When she answered that she had only a pot of oil, he told her to borrow many pots, jars, and bowls from her neighbors and pour from her pot of oil into all the ones in the house.

She went home and did as Elisha told her. She just kept pouring that oil until there were no more pots to fill. She went to Elisha and he told her to go and sell the oil so that she could use that money to pay the man his money. She had enough money left over to live on. Her sons did not become slaves, and she knew that God had supplied the oil.

**Memory Verse:** But with God all things are possible. Matt. 19:26b.

## God Answers Prayer

"God will always take care of His trusting children," Mother told her children. "He knows just what we need."

"But Mother, we need this right now, and I can't see how God can work so fast," exclaimed Sarah.

"Well, first we need to have prayer, and tell the Lord just what we need, and then we need to act on our faith, that He has answered," mother said as she started to kneel to pray.

Father had been out of work so long, and now the family was in need of groceries. So they all gathered around mother, and prayed for God to send them what they needed.

After getting up from prayer, mother said, "Now children, let's get the table set and the things ready, for I know God has the answer to our prayer on the way."

So they all busied about getting the table set: plates, glasses, silverware all in their places. Still Sarah wondered, "How could this be?" And sure enough, everything was ready and still there was no answer.

"Now let's get in our places and thank the Lord for the food," mother said. She put baby John in his high chair. Father and the other children took their places. Father began praying, "Dear Jesus, we do thank you for your rich blessings, and thank you for the food for this meal." The children all raised their heads, wondering what to do next, when just then the door bell rang. And there was Bro. and Sis. Brown with supper all ready to eat. And oh, all the good things there were to eat! Also they began bringing boxes and sacks of groceries in, too; sent by the congregation at church.

What a time of rejoicing it was! For

truly God had not forgotten them and He answered the prayers of His children.

Children, let us always remember, put your faith in God; He will never forget you.

—Aunt Dot

## Respect Your Elders

The people were passing out the door of the chapel. The minister was standing at the door shaking hands with each one that passed. As one little boy started out, the preacher held out his hand. The boy being in a jolly mood just slapped the minister's hand and darted out the door. He thought he had done a very funny thing. But it didn't turn out very funny in the end because his big sister had seen it all. On the way home from the chapel, big sister told father about what she had seen. Since this boy had a christian father, he promptly took care of the whole matter. He told his son how very, very disrespectful he had been; that he had been taught better than to act that way. His father let him know that those who had seen him probably didn't think so now. He told him how grieved he was to think that his son would ever do such a thing. The father took his son to the minister to tell him how sorry he was that he had done such a thing. Truly this boy felt very, very sorry after his father had made him know how awful it was to act in such a manner. With tears in his eyes he asked the minister to forgive him for being so rude.

—(Told to me) M. Miles

## Questions:

1. What was the prophet's name?
2. Why did the widow need money?
3. What did Elisha tell her to do?
4. Did they find all the pots in the house?

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 24 September 11

## **JOB KEEPS TRUSTING GOD**

Job 1:1-4, 13-17, 2:7

Job lived in the country of Uz. Job loved God and always tried to do what was right. He was a rich man and had many sheep, camels, oxen, and asses. Job was the greatest man in the east.

One day Satan talked to God about Job. "He serves you just because you bless him." Then God said that Satan could take those things away.

What a terrible day for poor Job! First a servant came and told him that the Sabeans came and took his oxen and asses. Then another servant came and said that lightning burned up all his sheep. Another servant came and told him that his camels were all killed. If that wasn't enough, a servant came running and told Job that while his children were feasting, a wind came and the house fell on them. They, too, died. Now all was gone.

Another day Satan caused great sores to come all over Job's body. How they did hurt! But Job was true to God and did not forsake Him. Then God blessed Job and caused him to prosper again.

No matter what trouble we have, we need to trust in God.

**Memory Verse:** Trust in the Lord and do good. Ps. 37:3a.

## Bobby Reads About Job

Bobby's dad had been so sick, and now Jesus had taken his daddy to be with Him. Bobby missed daddy so much. Who would take him fishing, and teach him to play games? Daddy always knew what to say when he had a problem. Now who would help him?

Mother was busy caring for the smaller children. And now baby sister, Mary, was sick. So mother had to be with her a lot of the time.

Bobby loved baby Mary; she always laughed at him when he'd come home from school, and want him to play with her. He knew he was helping mother when he played with Mary, and could get her to take her nap. Now baby Mary was sick, and Bobby was so sad.

What a lot of trouble Bobby had. Then one day he read about Job in his Bible Story Book. "I certainly don't have as many troubles as Job," thought Bobby, "and Job trusted God."

That night in prayer before going to bed, Bobby prayed, "Please God, help Mary to get better and help mother in caring for us all. Please don't let her get sick, too. You know how much we need her. And God, I do want to be a good boy, and keep trusting you as Job did when in all his troubles."

When Bobby got up in the morning, mother said, "Mary slept all night long and her fever is gone. I feel so rested and strong; I know God has helped us." How thankful Bobby was that once again Jesus answered prayer.

—Aunt Dot

## We All Must Die

Some people are very wicked. This means that they do many bad things and do not love God. Some men

swear, lie, steal, and also do other sinful things.

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

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

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

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

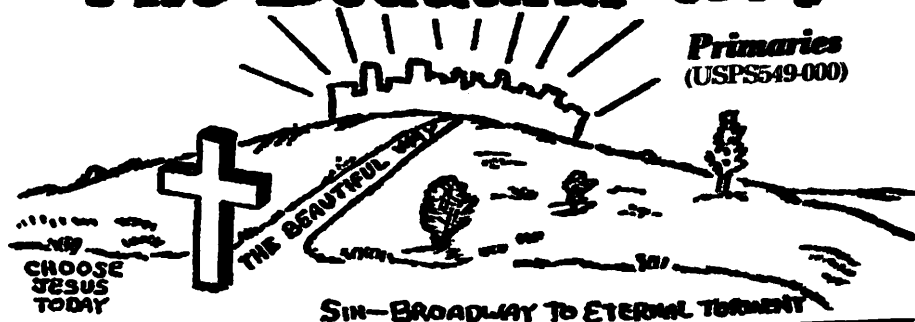
We should think about our life here and see that we live to please God. If we do not, when we come to die we may be like a man in a boat. At one time he could have been saved—while he was floating on the smooth waters. But he had let it go too far, and can only look forward to his doom.

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

### Questions:

1. Was Job a good man and did he trust in God?
2. What were the first four things that happened to Job?
3. What did Satan do to Job at last?
4. Did Job stay true to God?

# ***The Beautiful Way***



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 25 September 18

## **DANIEL DELIVERED FROM THE LIONS' DEN**

Daniel 6:1-3

In the days of King Darius, some people were jealous of Daniel's favor with the king. They asked the king to make a rule that no one could ask anything of gods or man except himself. The king agreed and the rule was made.

After Daniel heard the rule, he went to his room, opened his window as usual, and prayed. Three times a day did Daniel pray.

Those who were against Daniel hurriedly went to the king, and told him about Daniel. The king felt bad about this, but there was nothing he could do. He had established the law, and in the evening Daniel was put in the lions' den. The king was awake all night, and could not eat or sleep.

Very early in the morning the king went to the lions' den and called to Daniel with a loud voice, "Daniel did the lions harm you?" Daniel called to the king, "O King, live forever. God has sent His angel to shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me." The king brought Daniel out of the lions' den. Once again God took care of one of His faithful children, and He will surely take care of you.

**Memory Verse:** . . .they have not hurt me. Dan. 6:22.

## The Shining Light

Jack and Jim were ten-year-old twins; just the age to like to explore everything. In the back of their house was a big wooded area. How they loved to play all sorts of games under those lovely trees!

As Jack went out the front door to play, he called to Jim, "Let's play in the woods!" Away went both the boys for an afternoon of fun.

Pretty soon they entered the woods—it was so cool! As they walked along, they would see a squirrel or a rabbit scamper by. They always enjoyed seeing those little furry animals.

After awhile, they noticed how dark it was, and decided that it was time to go home. When they turned to go, they were lost!

"Jim, what will we do? I don't know which way to go, do you?"

"I sure don't have any idea," Jack answered, looking sort of frightened. They stopped awhile, trying to think what to do.

"I know what we need to do first of all. Let's talk to Jesus about this. He will help us," Jim told Jack.

"That's right. Remember in Sunday School, we heard about Daniel? God kept the lions from him all night," and Jack went on telling Jim that, "Daniel always prayed to God three times a day; that's why he was in that terrible dungeon."

The boys prayed earnestly. "Jesus, I know you can see just where we are, so please help us to know which way to go."

The boys got up and looked around for awhile, wondering what to do next. As they looked around, they saw this big light shining. Jack and Jim started to walk towards the light. As they got

closer to the light, it seemed to move, too. They followed the light for quite some time, and Jack exclaimed, "We're at the edge of the woods now." How happy they were and they looked for the light. It was gone.

Then they thought how God had sent angels to close the mouth of the lions for Daniel. Jesus had sent the light to show them the way home. —Aunt Dot

---

## The Balky Horse

Robby was one day looking out of the window, watching a balky horse. The load was not heavy, but the horse was stubborn and would not go. The driver first coaxed and then whipped him, but the horse would not move one step, and there he stood for hours. Robby at last said: "Aunty, I think the reason why there are bad horses now is because they were not trained right when they were colts." Then he thought a little and added: "I see now the reason why you are always telling me not to do things. It is because you want me to be a good man; good boys make good men." I think Robby has it about right; don't you? —Sel.

---

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. Psalms 128:1.

---

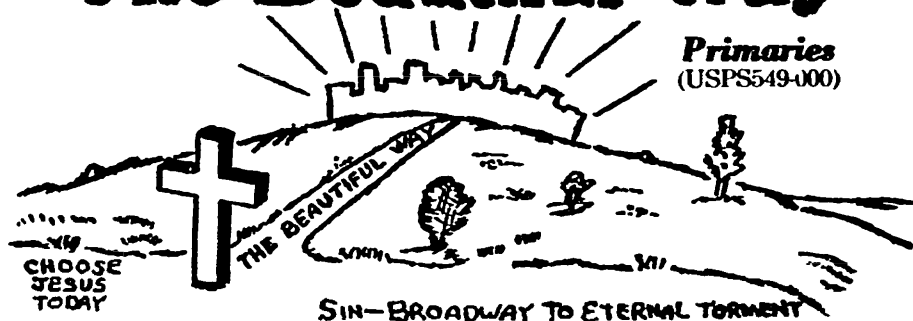
## Questions:

1. Why were the men jealous of Daniel?
2. What rule did they want the king to make?
3. What did Daniel do after hearing about the rule?
4. Did the king want to put Daniel in the lions' den?
5. How did God protect Daniel?



# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 3

July, Aug., Sept., 1983

Part 26 September 25

## **SHADRACH, MESHACK, AND ABEDNEGO**

Dan. 3:1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 16-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were prisoners of the Chaldean army. They were Daniel's friends and found favor with the king.

King Nebuchadnezzar had a great idol. He wanted all the people to fall down and worship the golden idol at the sound of music. The music was heard and all the people bowed down to worship, except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Anyone who did not worship the idol was to be thrown into the fiery furnace, and, because they aroused the king's anger, these three men were thrown in the furnace. They told the king, "We will not bow down to worship your idol. We worship the one, true God. Our God is so great that He can deliver us. But if He doesn't, we will still not worship your idol."

They were thrown in the furnace, and God delivered them. They came out of the furnace alive and with not even the smell of fire upon their bodies! The only thing the fire burned was the ropes that bound them. We need to love God so much that we can be faithful to Him, like these men were.

**Memory Verse:** Be thou faithful unto death. . . . Rev. 2:10b.

## Tom and Nip

Old Tom lived alone in a little house just outside of a small town in the West. Alone that is, except for his dog, Nip. They were a faithful pair: every time you saw Tom, Nip would be trailing along behind.

At one time Tom had a family, but his wife, Mary, had gone to be with Jesus, and his children all lived in different states. So Tom was mighty thankful to have Nip around. He'd talk to Nip and tell him his joys and sorrows. It seemed that Nip knew just what he was talking about and sometimes it looked like a sympathizing tear could be seen.

One day Tom said, "Come on, Nip, let's go for a walk in the woods." So off they went, Tom whistling a happy tune. And Nip, glad to be with Tom and out in the great outdoors, would wag his tail as fast as it could go.

They were gone an hour or so, when Tom tripped on a branch that had fallen. Down he went, and when he tried to get up, it was just too painful. "Oh, Nip, what must we do? I can't get up." Nip barked and whined around Old Tom, wanting him to get up. Tom tried and tried, but it was no use. He just couldn't. The hours went by and Nip stayed right by his master. Finally as Tom saw it was getting dark, he told Nip, "You're going to have to go for help." But Nip didn't want to leave. "Go, Nip, go, you must get help!" Tom prayed, "Oh, please God, help Nip to understand that he has to go for help."

Soon after prayer, Nip left with a constant turning back to see if Tom would come, too. Finally he left the woods.

The first house he came to, he stopped

at the gate and barked and barked. Soon Sis. Marion came out to see what all the noise was about. "Why, I do believe that's Old Tom's dog, Nip. I wonder where Tom is. He must be around somewhere." But when Tom didn't come, Sis. Marion went for her husband. Bro. Harold said, "There must be something wrong with Tom. What is it, Nip?" Nip jumped and ran. When they didn't come, he went back again.

"I guess I'll follow Nip. Maybe he can lead us to Tom." So away they went to the woods, Nip leading the way to Tom. Tom was so glad to see them, for God had answered prayer. And Nip proved faithful to Tom.

—Aunt Dot

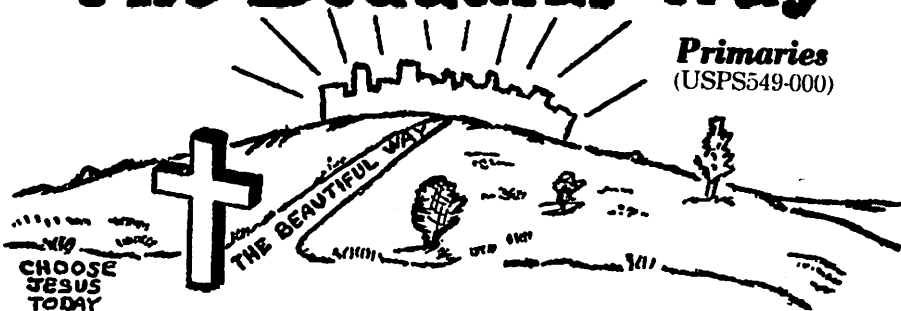
Swans are beautiful creatures but when the mother swan is leading her young one to the water for the first time, she often gets jealous of it and kills it. "How awful," you say, "for such a beautiful creature to have such an ugly nature and be so hateful."

Some girls have pretty faces, pretty clothes and lovely hair, but they can say hateful words to their friends or school-mates whom they don't like. Sometimes boys have a way, too, of being hateful by hitting others whom they dislike. This is the nature of people who don't know the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. Jesus will help boys and girls to be pretty on the inside and then they can act right.

### Questions:

1. What were the names of the men who were faithful?
2. Why were the children of Israel in the Chaldean land?
3. What was the king's name?
4. How tall was the golden idol?

# ***The Beautiful Way***



Vol. 34, No. 4      Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983      Part 14      Oct. 2

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH JESUS**

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:12-15

Before Jesus came to this world, God taught the people how to live right through His prophets. Do you remember how Moses gave the people the Ten Commandments? God told Moses to tell the people not to tell lies, not to steal, and not to love any idol, but to love God. Then we read how God told Isaiah about Jesus' coming to this world and how He would suffer for our sins. (Read Isaiah 53:1-12.)

The people were happy when Jesus came to teach them. Multitudes followed Him. Jesus was just like God, except He lived in a body such as you and I have. He was pure and holy. He did no sin and that is the reason He could die for our sins. How we love Him! Jesus arose from the grave and today He is sitting on the right hand of God in heaven. We have faith in Him. His disciples wrote the things Jesus did and taught in the New Testament. We must not forget these things. It is best to be saved today. If you put it off, your heart will become hard. When you get saved, stay saved. If you fail, ask God to help you.

*Memory Verse:* God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. Hebrews 1:1, 2.

## A Dog Named Rover

"Did Rover go to heaven?" asked Jackie as he followed his mother in the house as she dusted the furniture. Rover, Jackie's dog, had died and Jackie's father had put him in the pickup and taken him out and buried him.

"No, dear, dogs don't have souls," Mother said, "they just have bodies."

"Then I won't ever get to see Rover again, will I?" Jackie said with a fresh flood of tears as he leaned over the chair.

Mother stopped her work and took Jackie in her arms. "Now, dear, Mother knows you loved Rover very much, and I loved him, too. We will miss him a lot, but you must not cry like this. Rover was getting old and almost blind. It was hard for him to get around. He has been a good dog, but now he doesn't suffer any pain. It is all over for him. His body will go back to dust. Only people have souls that live in their bodies now and will live forever in eternity. People were given minds capable of great knowledge so they could know what is right and what is wrong. Dogs do not have that kind of knowledge. They are not able to choose where they want to go. It wouldn't be right to make them choose if they wanted to go to heaven or hell when they are not smart like people. So God didn't give animals souls. In Eccl. 3:20 we read, "Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?" You see, beasts or dogs just die and that is

the end of them. I am sure there is another dog that we can get to live here with us. We can give it a good home as we did Rover, don't you think?"

"Maybe another dog could run better, too," Jackie said as he got out of his mother's lap.

"Mother, when I die I want to go to heaven," Jackie said as he looked at his mother.

"Yes, Jackie, you must pray to Jesus and do as He tells you to do and He will take you to heaven when you die. Be sure that you always tell the truth even if you might bring trouble to yourself. It is better to be punished here for doing the wrong thing than to go to hell and burn forever in that terrible lake of fire. Be sure you are always honest. Never take anything that does not belong to you. Most of all, love Jesus with all your heart." —M. Miles

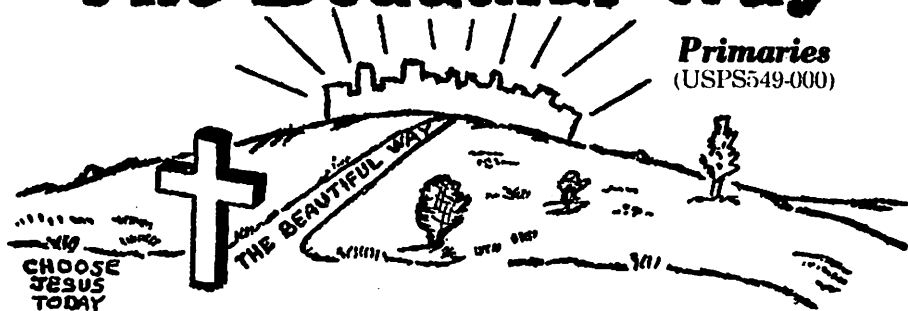
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who told the people how to live right before Jesus came?
2. What are some of the Ten Commandments Moses gave?
3. What kind of body did Jesus put on when He came to this world?
4. Why should we be careful to remember what Jesus tells us to do and say?
5. What is apt to happen if we put off getting saved?

Did you ever look at the lily? The growth of the lily and our own growth both teach us a lesson of the power and wisdom of God.

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4      Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983      Part 15      Oct. 9

## **CHRIST, OUR MEDIATOR**

Hebrews 4:14-16; Esther 4:10-5:4

If Betty would stand between George and Ruth, she would be called a mediator as she helped them to understand each other after they had disagreed. Jesus is the mediator between us and God. We must remember though, that God did not do anything against us. He is full of love, but we are at fault. We sinned and became His enemy. God sent Jesus here to tell us He loved us and had forgiven us. We must ask Him to forgive us and accept Jesus as our mediator or go-between.

Queen Esther wanted to ask the king not to let the Jewish people be killed. If anyone went before the king unless he asked them to, and he did not hold out his sceptre (a long golden rod), that one would be killed. Esther asked the people to fast and pray to God with her for three days. She said, "If I die, I die." After three days she stood shaking before the king. "Will he hold out the sceptre, or not?" she thought. He did and she told him her request. He granted it to her. God is always holding out the sceptre of mercy to us so we can come to Him with our requests.

*Memory Verse:* Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy. Hebrews 4:16.

## Bill is a Go-Between

Robert and Jack were the best of friends. They played together and took turns pushing each other in the wagon. But one day Jack hit Robert and knocked him down. Robert was very surprised. "I wonder why he did that to me," thought Robert. "I have never at any time done him wrong." Robert still loved Jack. He had even forgiven him for hitting him. He longed for Jack to play with him again. He wondered what to do. All of a sudden he thought of a plan. He would ask Bill to take Robert a gift; a gift of his love to him. He would send him some apples. He remembered how well Jack liked apples.

Bill was glad to do this for Robert. Of course, Bill didn't know if Jack would be nice to him or not. He even wondered if Jack would hit him and be mean to him. But Bill loved Jack even as Robert did. So he agreed to go see him.

After Bill told Jack how much Robert loved him and missed him, Jack was in tears. He was so ashamed of himself. "Do you think Robert will forgive me?" he asked Jack.

"Yes, he will if you will ask him to," answered Bill. Bill was happy that Jack was sorry. He was glad he had been a mediator between the two boys. He started to leave and Jack said, "Wait a minute. I want to send Robert a gift, too." Soon he returned with all the money he had in his piggy bank and said, "Take this to Robert as a gift to pay for all the mean things I have done to him."

Bill was happy to bring Jack and Robert back together. Jack asked Robert to forgive him and they were both happy again. They played together as if nothing had happened.

Boys and girls, we sinned against God for no reason. We hurt God very, very much. But He still loved us. He sent His only Son to be a mediator between us and God. He gave His Son as a gift to us to show His great love. Jesus, God's Son, has told us how much God loves us and will forgive us for our sins if we will but ask Him.

I am glad I asked Him, and now Jesus, my mediator, has taken back the penalty, my gift for my sins. Do you know what it is? It is the precious blood of Jesus. When God looks on me now He doesn't see sin but He sees the blood of Jesus covering them and has washed them away. Now God and I are the best of friends and I don't sin any more.

—M. Miles

—o—

### QUESTIONS:

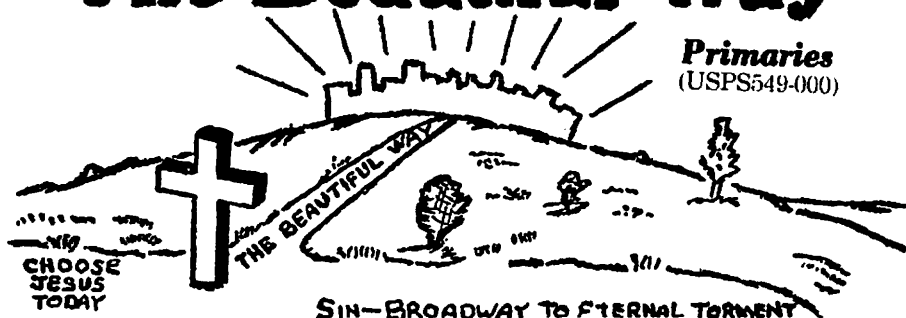
1. What is a mediator?
2. Who is our mediator?
3. Tell about Queen Esther and her request to the king.
4. Did the king hold out his golden rod to her?
5. Is the golden rod of mercy held out to us all the time by God?

—o—

IMPenitence is an imp that does not say, "I'm sorry" when he hurts others. He doesn't even ask God to forgive his sins. He is really bad.

# The Beautiful Way

Primaries  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4    Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983    Part 16    Oct. 16

## RUNNING THE CHRISTIAN RACE

Hebrews 12:1-4, 7-15

Did you ever run in a race? Did you pick up a piece of iron to carry with you? The Apostle Paul tells us that running a race is like going to heaven. We should get rid of every heavy thing. Sin is heavy. We can't carry it and get to heaven. We must come to Jesus and ask Him to take away all sins. Lies, ugly words, stealing, fighting, and many other such things are sins we must get rid of. Then we will be ready to run. Paul tells us that many are watching as we run this race. The chapter before our lesson tells us about those who were faithful in the past and ran the race to heaven and won the crown. Joseph, Moses, Samuel, and Daniel were named. Today there are those who are watching us run the race. Our parents, brothers and sisters, saints, friends, neighbors, and God see us. Do they see us obeying God?

Our parents punish us when we are naughty. God will punish us, also, when we are not careful to please Him. We should ask Him to forgive us and then watch more carefully to do right. If we live like Jesus did, we will receive a crown of life in the end.

*Memory Verse:* Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. Hebrews 12:1, 2.

## Getting Ready to Run

"I'll race you down to the pond!" Daddy called to Betty. Betty dropped her little play iron and her ironing board. She took her two little dolls out of her pockets and laid them down beside her iron. She took off her shoes and stockings. Daddy had stopped to pull some weeds while he waited for Betty. She took so long that he turned around to see what she was doing.

"You don't need to take off your shoes and stockings," Daddy said. "You must really be aiming to win."

"Just a minute, I'll be there," she called as she dropped her sock. Off she ran to catch up with Daddy. He looked at her and laughed. He saw her eagerness and the twinkle in her eye. He saw sunshine in her face. He knew that she intended to beat in the race to the pond.

"What took you so long?" Daddy asked as he wondered what reason Betty had for doing as she did.

"Well, in our Sunday School lesson we studied about Paul. He told about the Christian race. Sister Brown told us that a person would run faster and better if he took off his shoes and laid down every heavy thing he had. That is what I did."

"What did you lay down to be able to run well in the Christian race?" asked Daddy.

"Well, telling lies, talking ugly, pouting, disobeying Mother and Daddy, and— and—" Betty was trying to think of something else.

"Not coming when Mother calls," added Daddy.

"Oh yes, Sister Brown said that God would punish us just as Mother and Daddy do when we do wrong so we will remember to do right and not get off the path to heaven," Betty said as she walked along toward the pond with her hand in Daddy's.

"God must love us a great deal to do that, don't you think so, Betty?"

"Yes, I guess He does. I know you and Mother love me when you punish me," Betty said. "I know that I might fall in and drown if I go to the pond by myself. That is why you spanked me two weeks ago. I am never going to do that again."

"How about that race?" Daddy said as he and Betty ran down to the pond.

—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

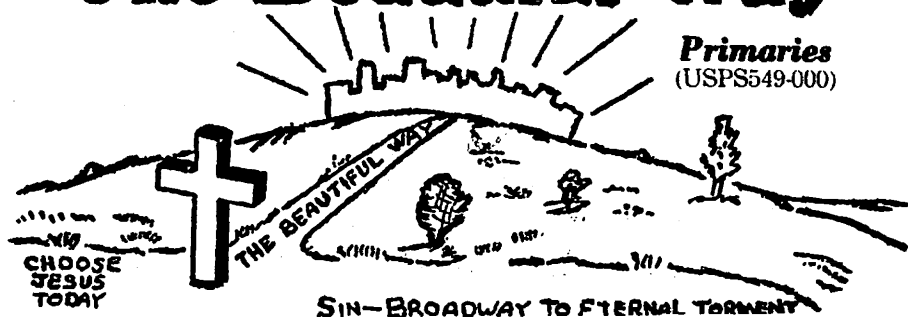
1. How do we get ready to run in the Christian race?
2. What are some of the sins we are to lay aside?
3. If we slow up in running or get off the track, what will God do to help us?
4. What will we receive if we finish our race to heaven?
5. Who is watching you as you run your Christian race?
6. Explain what running a Christian race means.
7. Is there only one winner in this race? Explain your answer.

Lola's face beamed as she told her mother that she did not let someone else suffer because she admitted her mistake when she was accused. Jesus loves honest children.



# The Beautiful Way

Primaries  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4      Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983      Part 17      Oct. 23

## OBEDIENT CHILDREN

1 Peter 1:13-21; 2:9, 10

Peter preached to the people. He told them they must be obedient children. He told the people about the great love that God had for them. Peter said, "God loved you before He made this great big world. God knew that you might sin. He knew that sin would make you very unhappy. God wanted you to be happy in this wonderful world He made. He sent His Son to come here to take away your sin." Peter told them that they could not buy happiness with money. He said, "You must be sorry for your sins and turn away from them. You can be happy then. This will also make God happy. You will belong to God's great big holy nation. It is a clean and pure nation. The people in this nation praise the Lord. They thank God for making them happy again. At the end of the world they will not be afraid to stand before God. They will love Him." Don't you want to be a part of that holy nation? We must live clean, holy lives that we may be able to show to others how God wants them to live. That will bring honor and praise to His name before the people.

*Memory Verse:* Because it is written, Be ye holy: for I am holy. 1 Peter 1:16.

## Diana is Frightened

"Can you come out and play?" Lula asked Diana when she came to the door in answer to her knock.

"Oh, I guess I could, but I want to watch television," Diana said. "Why don't you come in? There are a lot of funny things on now."

"Oh, no!" Lula answered quickly. "I don't like to watch television. Why don't you come out and play?"

"Well, in a little while," Diana answered as she turned her eyes back to the television screen. "Oh! Why did he kill him? Oh, that is terrible!" Diana said as she ran out the door, covering her face with her hands. Lula ran over and put her arms around Diana as she sat on the porch and cried. Her mother came out to see what she was crying about.

"Did something hurt you?" Mother asked, as she began to look at Diana.

"No, Mother," Diana said, looking up with tears on her face. "I'm all right."

"What made you scream so loudly and scare us? What is the matter?"

"I didn't want them to kill that nice man," Diana said.

"Oh, that's it," Mother said as she turned to go back into the house. "You will have to get used to things like that. Daddy and the boys won't turn the television off just because someone gets killed. That happens all the time."

"I wish I lived at your house, Lula," Diana said. "You don't have to watch television."

"Do you have to watch it?" asked Lula.

"Well, it's on all the time. Daddy and the boys won't even leave it to come to dinner now. Mother serves their meals on TV trays. Does your mother do that?"

"No, Diana, we do not have a TV in our house. Did you forget?"

"Well, I know I have never seen one there but I thought you might have one in the bedroom. Why don't you have one?"

"Daddy and Mother say it causes bad dreams. If we see people killed all the time it makes us think it is not so bad. The Bible says, 'I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.' It puts evil thoughts in the minds of those who watch it."

"I am going to tell my mother and daddy what the Bible says right now. Perhaps they didn't know it was wrong to watch television." M. Miles

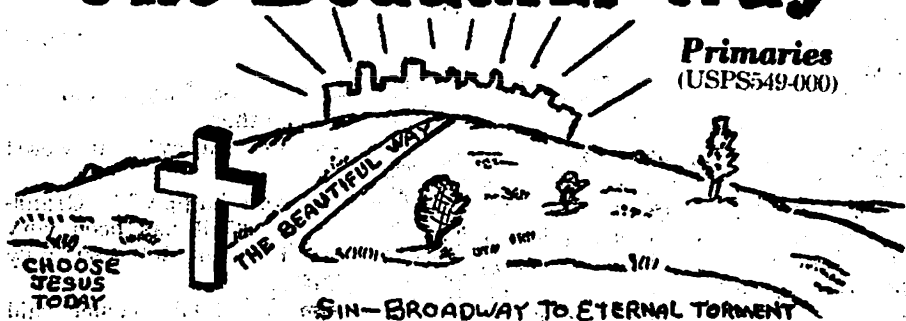
### QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be obedient children of God?
2. What do you think of someone who obeys?
3. How do we become children of God?
4. What kind of nation do we belong to when we are saved?
5. Will we be afraid to stand before God in the end of the world?

When a boy or girl has a coating on his tongue that shows that his body is sick. When you use your tongue to say unkind words, that tells that your heart is sick.

# The Beautiful Way

Primaries  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4 Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983 Part 18 Oct. 30

## PETER TELLS ABOUT SUFFERING

1 Peter 3:13-17; 4:12-17

Peter was one of Jesus' disciples. He heard Jesus teach about suffering for good. Many years after Jesus had gone back to heaven, Peter wrote in a book about suffering for good. He tells us not to be afraid to suffer for having done that which is right. Peter said that God would bless those who suffer for the good they have done. He told us to return good for evil.

Peter tells us that a thief will suffer for stealing or taking something that does not belong to him. He might be put in jail if he is caught stealing, but he is not happy when he has to suffer for the wrong he has done. God does not bless him. If someone hit you because he thought you had done him wrong, what would you do? If you do not hit back because Jesus told you to live peaceably, you will get a blessing from God. You are suffering for good and not evil. If someone makes fun of the way you dress because you want to please God, you are suffering for good. What does our memory verse say about suffering like this? Some day we will go to heaven where we will never suffer again.

**Memory Verse:** If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

## Jesus Makes Larry Happy

"That's mine!" Bill yelled, as he snatched his truck away from Larry.

Larry just let him have the truck and walked over and picked up a book. "You can't have that, either," said Bill as he grabbed the book. Larry sat down on the floor and reached over and picked up a block. Bill took it out of Larry's hand and stood watching Larry to see what else of his things he was going to play with. Larry sat there for a while and then he got up and sat in the rocking chair. Bill ran over and tried to hold all the things he had taken away from Larry and push Larry out of the chair all at the same time. Soon he dropped everything and began to tug at the chair. Larry got up and let him have the chair. Bill sat in it and picked up all the things he had dropped. He sat there looking at Larry. Someone else was also watching Larry. Grandmother had seen it all. She had come with Larry and his mother to visit Bill and his mother. Larry and Bill were both her grandchildren and she loved both of them. She felt sad because Bill was being so selfish with all of his playthings. She was glad to see how Larry was being so nice and kind. He had not tried to hold on to anything, but just let Bill have all of his things. She wanted Larry to know that Jesus was pleased with him. When Larry came and stood by her chair, she put her arm around him. He climbed up into Grandmother's lap. Now Bill loved his Grandmother, too. He came over and

climbed into her lap, too. She loved both of the boys.

"Bill, do you feel happy today?" asked Grandmother as she looked into his face.

"No, Larry wants all of my things." Bill said.

"Larry, are you happy today?" asked Grandmother.

"Oh yes, I'm happy!" answered Larry.

"Why are you happy?" Grandmother asked. "Bill has been very selfish and has not let you play with anything."

"Our Sunday school teacher said for us to watch and see how much we could suffer for Jesus by being nice when someone did us wrong. She said we would be happy and I have found that it is true," smiled Larry.

"Larry, I hope you will always remember to do that," Grandmother said as she gave Larry a big hug.

—M. Miles

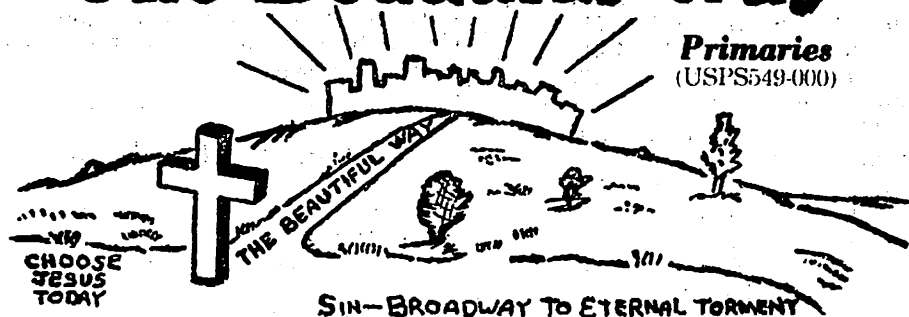
### QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Peter?
2. Did Peter suffer for Jesus' sake?
3. Do people suffer for doing evil?
4. Do some people suffer for doing good?
5. Does Jesus bless those who suffer for doing good?
6. Does He bless those who suffer for the evil they have done?

Happy children are those who are willing to obey their mother, father, teachers, and other grown people who know best.

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4

Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983

Part 19

Nov. 6

## **CHRISTIAN LIVING**

2 Peter 1:3-11; 2 Peter 3:9-11

Peter loved God. He wanted all people to love God, too. He wrote his book in the Bible to tell us how to live to be ready to go to heaven. We need to have faith. We need to love Jesus and all people. We must desire to know more about Jesus and how He wants us to live. We should love to hear the Bible read. Peter tells us that we are not to please ourselves, but to please God.

Peter said, "God is not like man who makes a promise and does not keep it." God has told us that this old world will be burned up one of these days. Jesus will come bursting through the clouds. All who love and serve Him will be taken up in the clouds to heaven. Since we know this, we should be careful to live right and obey Jesus. He will help us to be ready. He is hoping others will get saved and be ready when He comes. He does not want anyone to go to hell. He wants to save all the boys and girls and men and women in the world. He knows that if they go to hell there is no way to get out of it. It will be terrible for those who go there. No one needs to go there for all can be saved.

*Memory Verse:* Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blemish. 2 Peter 14b.

## When the Hindu Girl Sang

I know that some girls do not like to wash dishes. Most little girls do not like this work. They would rather play than help Mother in the kitchen. They do not like to do other things, either, for Mother. It is like this with little girls in other countries, too.

A missionary told of a little Hindu girl in South India, who was much like you are on this line. She was seven years old, and how she did hate to take her share of the duties in the home! Some of her work was to clean the brass water jugs. The water does not run through pipes in the homes of most of the people in India as it does in yours and mine.

But one day this little girl came to the missionary and said, "Satan doesn't come very close to me if I sing all the time I am rubbing the brasses. He runs away when he hears me sing. So I sing very loud, and that drives him away. He doesn't like hymns."

This little Hindu girl had learned a secret many children, or even grown people, in America have not learned. But the Bible tells us of times when the people of the Lord praised Him, and then Satan had to go. He could do no more to harm God's people. One time the people of Israel began to sing praises to the Lord when a great army was about to fight against them. Then the Lord beat their enemies back, and they could do nothing against them.

It would be a good thing for us to do the same, when Satan comes to

tempt us, or to make us do wrong. Satan cannot stand hearing praises to the Lord. It makes him run away. He wants all the praise for himself. Next time Satan comes to tempt us, let us begin to praise the Lord, and see Satan leave us.

---

## All of Me for Jesus

Two little eyes to look to God;  
Two little ears to hear His Word;  
Two little feet to walk His ways;  
Two little hands, to work for Him  
all my days.

One little tongue to speak His truth;  
One little heart for Him in my youth;  
Take them, Lord Jesus, and let them  
be  
Always obedient, and true to Thee.

---

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did Peter tell us how to live for God?
2. Are we to be kind and love God and others? Why?
3. Does God make promises and then break them?
4. What will happen to this old world some day?
5. Where will all those who love Jesus go?

---

God did not ask us to give Him our heads, our hands, nor our feet, but He wants us to give Him our hearts. The secret is that when you give Him your heart, He also has your head, hands, and feet.

# The Beautiful Way

Primaries  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4

Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983

Part 20

Nov. 13

## JESUS IS REAL

1 John 1:1-5; 2:1-6

Today we read what a man who saw Jesus and knew Him told us about Him. John held Jesus' hand. He touched Him and looked upon Him. John knew Jesus. He tells us that Jesus was really and truly the Son of God, but He had real flesh and bones just like we have. John heard Jesus' voice. He loved Him. He wanted all people to love Jesus, too.

John writes about light and darkness. Do you like darkness? When the light is turned on, you don't mind if it is dark outside, do you? John tells us that God is light. When we obey the Word of God we are walking in the light. Those who do evil things are in darkness. We need Jesus with us all the time so we can have light. Doing wrong things brings darkness. Jesus has to leave those who do wrong and that leaves them in darkness because He is the light. If you tell Jesus you are truly sorry you have sinned, and you will not do it again, He will come again and you will have the light with you. We must keep all the words of Jesus.

*Memory Verse:* We do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 1 John 2:3.

## Helping Others in Danger

"Do you like that place where you are living?" Bill asked James one day as they played together on the beach.

"Oh, yes!" James replied quickly. "I help Daddy a lot. I watch to see if any ships are coming in."

"But, James, you live out on that island and it is just a big rock. No one ever comes and it must be very lonesome."

"Yes, Bill, but when I know that I am helping someone who might be in trouble, I don't mind being out there," James assured Bill. "You see, we keep the lighthouse lights on all the time and when a storm is making the waves roll high, the captain of the ship can see where he is. He can come closer and send out a call for help and we can get help to him. Daddy says we are life-savers. Daddy thinks he has the best job in the world. I think so, too."

"Well, of course it is wonderful to help others in danger," said Bill, slowly, "but I know you must get real lonesome."

"Well, yes, at times I would like to see you and all of the other boys, but we can't leave because the lights would go out and someone would be lost in the storm. You know, Bill, we went to Sunday school with our cousin and the teacher said that Jesus was the Light of the world when He was here, but after He left, He said we were to be lights. She said that He gave His light to us to carry in our hearts."

"You mean that when Jesus comes into our hearts we have a light?" asked Bill.

"Yes; isn't it wonderful that we can help others come to Jesus to be saved if we will keep that light burning just as we help others to be saved in the storm when we keep the light at the light house burning?"

"That is a wonderful idea," Bill agreed. "We sing a song which says: 'Someone far from harbor you may guide across the bar, Brighten the corner where you are!' That means to do all the nice things you can for Jesus right in your home and wherever you are. If you do that you are letting others know that you belong to Jesus and they will want to belong to Him, too."

"I guess that would be the same as carrying a light in your heart. It will help others find Jesus because that light will shine out from you," James said.

"Now that you have explained it to me, I agree with you that this would be a nice place to live." —M. Miles

---

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did John see Jesus?
2. Did he touch Him?
3. Did John tell us that Jesus would forgive our sins?
4. Is Jesus called Light? Why?
5. Do you like light or darkness?

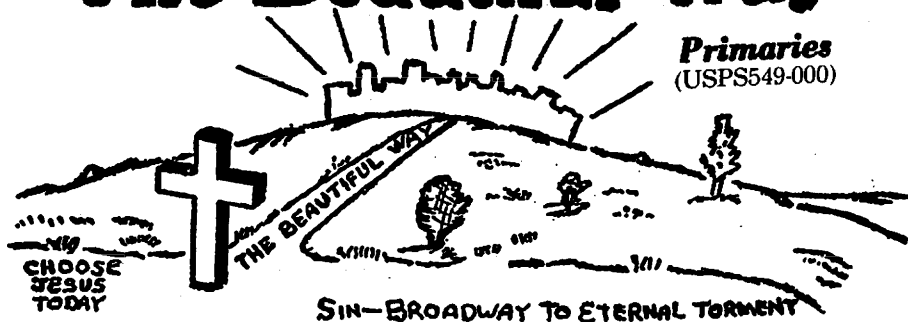
---

"While it is said, Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation." Heb. 3:15.



# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4

Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983

Part 21

Nov. 20

## **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

**I John 2:7-11; 3:11-18**

John loved Jesus very much. John saw Jesus show His love to the sick when He was here on earth. John saw Jesus feed those who were hungry and show love to everyone. He heard Jesus say, "Love one another." After Jesus went back to heaven John wrote some letters to us. John said, "My little children, let us not love in word, but in deed and in truth." John also told us about hate. When hate comes into your heart, it chases love out. Hate and love won't live in the same heart together. We don't want hate to live in our hearts, do we?

One time there were two brothers. One was named Cain and the other named Abel. Cain offered some fruit to the Lord but God wanted a lamb offered. When Abel offered the lamb, God blessed him. This made Cain feel bad at Abel. He let hatred come into his heart. Soon his heart was full of hatred. He killed his brother. John tells us that Cain let the wicked one be his master. Cain killed his brother because Abel's works were good and his own were not. Hate is an awful thing to have on hands.

*Memory Verse:* A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you. John 13:34.

## It Always Pays to be Kind

"Ouch! That hurts!" cried Peggy.

"Mother, Mary pulled my hair and it hurts," Peggy said, running to her house, crying. Mother heard Peggy crying so she called Mary into the house.

"What do you want?" Mary asked as she slowly walked into the house.

"I am going to punish you," Mother said. "I have told you again and again not to pull Peggy's hair. That is very naughty."

After Mary was punished, she cried and cried. Later she went back out to play. Linda was sitting in her brother's wagon under the tree. Mary went over and Linda let her sit by her. Would you like for me to tell you a story?" Linda asked Mary.

"Oh, yes!" Mary said.

"One time a little boy went to the mountains to pick some flowers for his sister's birthday. A big boy came and jerked the flowers out of the little boy's hands and stomped on them. The little boy was going to run home and tell on the big boy. The big boy picked up the little boy's white cat and held it over the cliff saying that if he didn't come back he would drop the cat over the side. About that time the cat scratched the big boy because he was not liking the way he was being held. The big boy dropped the cat and it fell into the water. It tried to climb out and the little boy tried to reach for the cat and fell over the cliff and hurt his leg. The big boy was then sorry for all he had done. He hadn't meant to really hurt the cat nor

the little boy. He had just wanted to tease. But his teasing ended up in a big injury for the little boy was made a cripple for many years."

"That big boy should get a spanking and maybe he would be nicer," Mary said as she remembered her spanking.

"Jesus wants us to be nice to others and love them. If we do a little wrong, then it will be easier to do a big wrong," Linda told Mary. "If I were you I would not be pulling Peggy's braids anymore. Jesus tells us to be like Him. He always did nice things to others when He was here."  
—M. Miles

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did John hear Jesus tell others how to live right?
2. What did Jesus tell the people about love?
3. Will love and hate live in the same heart together?
4. Did Cain hate Abel?
5. What did his hatred cause him to do?
6. If you act naughty to someone are you showing your love?
7. What is the best way to show your love to someone?
8. What is the difference between love and hate?

Are you doing anything to cause someone to turn away from Jesus? This grieves the Lord.

We need not be afraid wherever we go when we know that Jesus is with us.

# The Beautiful Way

Primaries  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4

Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983

Part 22

Nov. 27

## JESUS CAME IN THE FLESH

1 John 4:1-6; 2 John 7-9

God made a promise to all the people. He told His prophets to tell the people that He would send Jesus, His Son, here to live in this world. God always keeps His promises. Jesus did come. God was His Father and Mary His mother. That made Jesus the Son of God and the son of Mary. Jesus had a body made of flesh just like ours. He was born a baby and laid in a manger. Jesus was seen by the shepherds and the wise men. Many saw Jesus when he was a little boy. Jesus grew up and began to teach people about God when He became a man. He told them about heaven and how to live so they could go there. Then He died on the cross, but arose from the grave. He went back to His Father in heaven. Some men said Jesus was not the Son of God. In our lesson John called these people false prophets. John said, "Don't listen to those who say Jesus is not the Christ." We know that Jesus did come. He died for our sins that we might become the children of God. Without Him we would all be lost.

*Memory Verse:* Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God. 1 John 4:2.

## Darlene's Lost Bible

Darlene opened her suitcase in the motel. "Mother! My Bible is not in my suitcase!" she cried.

"Did you put it in when we left the other motel this morning?" her mother asked. "Think hard!"

"No," said Darlene. "I was reading it when you called me to go to breakfast. I laid it down on the bed and forgot to put it in."

"We will write to the motel manager," said Daddy. "I remember his name. I think he will send it to you."

Darlene and her parents came home from the vacation trip. A week later a package and a letter came for Darlene.

Darlene opened the letter. She read, "Dear Miss Moore: Here is your Bible. I know you missed it, but I am glad you left it in my motel."

"I saw you reading that Bible. I wondered why a little girl would want to read a Book like that. I decided to read some of it myself. That is a wonderful Book!"

"I read all the verses with the red lines under them. Some of the verses said that everyone has sinned. I never had thought before about my being a sinner."

"Some of the verses said Jesus came to take away sin. So I asked God to forgive my sins, for Jesus' sake. Now I am a different person. I do not want to do the bad things I used to do. I want to please God now. Thank you so much for leaving your Bible."

"Oh!" said Darlene, "I am glad I forgot my Bible this time. I know what I want to do. I will save my money instead of buying candy and ice cream. I will buy a Bible and mark it the way Grandmother marked mine. Then when we go on a trip next summer, I will leave the Bible open in one of the motel rooms where we stay. Maybe someone else will read it and be saved."

"That is a good way to work for God," said Mother. —Selected

---

## A STRING OF BUSY BEES

Be hopeful, be cheerful, be happy, be kind. Be busy of body and busy of mind. Be earnest, be trustful, be firm and be fair. Of all misbehavior, be sure to beware. Bethink ere you stumble, of what may befall. Be true to yourself, and be faithful to all.

---

## QUESTIONS:

1. Does God keep His promises?
2. Did He send His Son to this world?
3. Were there some people who would not believe that He was the Christ?
4. Did John tell us to believe them?
5. What are those men called who say that Jesus is not the Christ?

---

It is very important to love your neighbors.

---

Some day Jesus will give a crown to those who have won others to Him.

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4      Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983      Part 23      Dec. 4

## **JOHN WRITES TO THE CHURCHES**

Revelation 1:9-11; 3:7-13

John was called the beloved disciple because he loved Jesus with all his heart. He knew that He was the Son of God. He was sure that He was the Saviour of the world. After Jesus went back to heaven, John told others about Jesus. Some tried to stop him from talking about Jesus. John wanted others to know that He truly was the promised King who was to come. He saw Jesus die on the cross and then come alive from the grave. Some people liked to hear about Jesus, but some didn't like to hear about Him. The ruler became afraid. He put John on a very small island named Patmos. One Sunday John was praying and God spoke to him. It sounded like a trumpet. The voice said, "I am the First and the Last." John listened. God said, "Write what you hear and see. Send the letter to the seven churches of Asia." John saw many things which he wrote. We can read it in the book of Revelation. He told one church that He was pleased because they loved Him and He would keep them in the time of trouble. That same promise is for us if we love Him and do what He tells us.

*Memory Verse:* Let us love one another: for love is of God.  
1 John 4:7.

## Jesus' Helpers

Here is a game for Sunday school children. Have the children close both hands and say this verse:

"My hands are Jesus' helpers,  
They help me now to say  
How many ways I show my love,  
As I serve Him day by day."

Then everyone tries to think of different ways hands can serve Jesus. Each time someone tells a way, the children raise one of their fingers. This continues until all ten fingers have been raised.

## The Lonely Road

The night was dark. The road was lonely. Johnny was afraid.

That afternoon Johnny had gone to town. It was late when he started home. Now he had to walk several miles alone on the dark, lonely road.

The wind blew in the trees. It sounded to Johnny like someone crying. A rabbit hopped across the road. Johnny thought the rabbit was a bear. How scared he was!

Suddenly Johnny heard a cheerful voice calling him. It was his father's voice. Johnny's father was the strongest and bravest man he knew. Joyfully Johnny called out, "Here I am, Father."

In a moment Johnny's father reached him. He said, "Johnny, this is a dark night, so I came to walk home with you."

Johnny was not afraid when his father walked with him.

Sometimes our way is dark and lonely. We should not be afraid. God is with us. He says, "Fear not; I am with thee." —Sel.

## A FRIEND OF JESUS

To be a friend of Jesus,  
I help and share each day,  
I must make others happy  
By what I do and say.

It is not always easy,  
A friend of His to be,  
But Jesus knows I love Him,  
And He gives His help to me.

## FILL IN THE SPACES

"If a man \_\_\_\_\_ me, he will \_\_\_\_\_ my words; and my Father will \_\_\_\_\_ him, and we will \_\_\_\_\_ unto him, and make our \_\_\_\_\_ with him." (John 14:23).

## QUESTIONS:

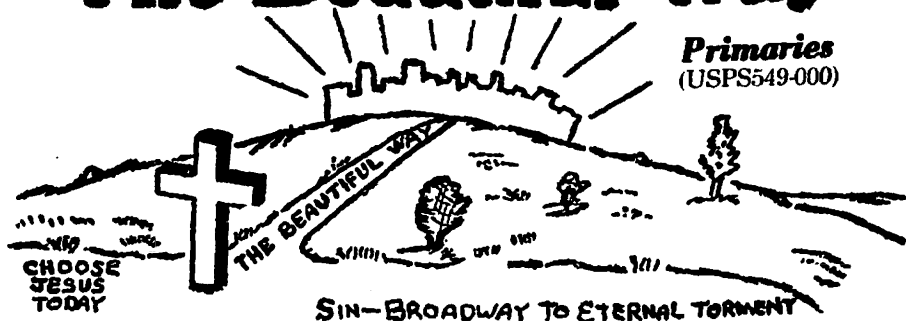
1. Did John see Jesus go back to heaven?
2. Did he enjoy telling others about Jesus?
3. How did John get to the island of Patmos?
4. Did God talk to him there?
5. What book of the Bible contains the things John saw on the island?

Saved boys and girls will have peace and be gentle and kind.

God will be with you on the school bus and at school just as He is at home.

# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4    Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983    Part 24    Dec. 11

## **WHAT JOHN SAW**

Revelation 7:9-17

John was wide awake when God let him see some wonderful things. He let John see things that were to come. He wrote it all down in a book in the Bible. John saw Jesus Christ on a throne. Many beautiful angels were around Him. John looked past the throne and there were thousands and thousands of people. There were boys and girls, men and women, from all nations dressed in white robes. The white robes showed that each one loved Jesus and did not have any black sin in their hearts. John listened. All the people were shouting and praising God. They loved Him for taking all their sins away. The angels were bowing and saying, "Glory and thanksgiving to God forever."

Someone told John that those who were in heaven would never be hungry again. They would never be thirsty. Jesus would take good care of them. And Jesus would wipe all the tears from their eyes. Isn't that wonderful! Everyone is happy in heaven. There is no darkness in heaven. No one will suffer from pain of any kind in heaven. Let us all live for God so we can go there.

*Memory Verse:* Thanksgiving, and honour . . . be unto our God for ever and ever. Revelation 7:12.

## A True Story

When Alice Marie was five years old, she became very sick. The Christian doctor said to Alice Marie's father, "Your little girl won't get well unless Jesus heals her. Shall we pray and ask Him to heal her?"

Alice Marie's father was a minister. He believed that Jesus could heal his little girl. He said, "Yes, let us pray."

The father and the doctor prayed together. The father said, "Dear Lord Jesus, You are the Great Physician. Long ago when You were on earth, You healed many sick people. Please heal Alice Marie and make her well."

Jesus answered the prayer. He healed Alice Marie. Now Alice Marie is grown-up. She still thanks Jesus for making her well.

---

## Telling Others

One time a man laid a piece of cake on a table. Then he put an ant on the table, near the cake. The ant went to the cake. Then he went to the edge of the table and ran down the table leg. In a moment he found some other ants. He must have told them about the cake because they followed him. He went back to the table and led them up to the leg of the table to the cake.

God wants us to lead others to Jesus. We should tell our friends about the Saviour.

## AT THE WELL

To Jacob's well, a woman came,  
Where Jesus sat to rest,  
"Give Me to drink," He said to her,  
As though He were her guest.

And though a stranger she was to Him

He did not think it odd  
To talk to her and tell her of  
The wonderful gift of God.

---

## FILL IN THE LINES

Use these words: SEE BLIND  
"One thing I know, that, whereas  
I was \_\_\_\_\_, now I \_\_\_\_\_."  
(John 9:25.)

---

## TIME TO SPARE

There is always time to find  
Ways of being sweet and kind;  
Time to send the frowns away,  
Time a gentle word to say;  
Time for helpfulness, and time  
To help the weak to climb,  
But there is no time to spare  
For unkindness, anywhere.

---

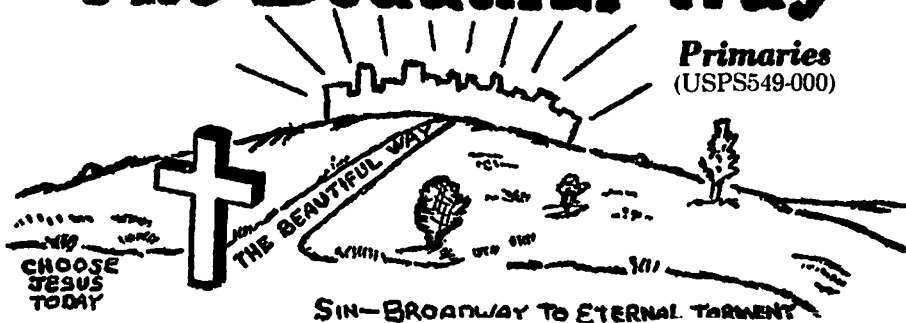
## QUESTIONS:

1. Was John asleep when he had the dream or vision?
2. Did he see Jesus sitting on a throne?
3. Could anyone number the people who were before Him?
4. What kind of robes did the people have on?
5. Will God wipe away all our tears in heaven?



# ***The Beautiful Way***

**Primaries**  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4      Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983      Part 25      Dec. 18

## **THE NEW JERUSALEM**

Revelation 21:3-8; 22-27; 22:17

God talked to John on the island of Patmos. He wrote it down for us to read. God showed him a beautiful city. Its name was the New Jerusalem. God was right in the midst of that city. He wanted to be with His people. All is happiness in that city. God wiped away all tears. There is no sin in that city. The devil can't get into that city. All is pure and holy there.

Jesus is still sitting on the throne and He told John to write down what he saw. Jesus said, "I am the beginning and the ending and all I say is true." All can drink of that big fountain in the city and will never be thirsty.

Now the voice told about the wicked. They can't go to that city. All those who tell lies will be cast into a big lake of fire. It will burn forever and ever.

God will be in that big city and there will not be a moon nor the sun because God and Jesus will be the light in that city. All whose names are written in the Book of Life will be in that city. The gates will never be shut because there will be no night there.

*Memory Verse:* I will be his G o d and he shall be my s o n.  
Revelation 21:7b.

## The Wooden Man

Dick looked out of the window. He saw soft, white snowflakes falling. And down there in front of the drugstore, Dick saw the Wooden Man with his hand pointing toward the big glass door of the store.

Mother called, "Dick, I want you to go to the store for me."

"I don't want to go. I'm afraid."

Mother was surprised. "Why?"

"They put that Wooden Man there, and he always looks at me!"

"Oh!" said his mother, "that Wooden Man won't hurt you. He's not real. He's just there to make people stop and look. When people see his hand pointing toward the door of the store they might go inside to buy something. I like the Wooden Man."

Dick shook his head. "I don't! He looks at me. He might grab me."

Then Mother reminded Dick that God helps people when they want Him to help them. "Jesus will go with you. He can help you not to be afraid."

Dick started toward the store. He kept looking at the Wooden Man. And then, suddenly he saw that the Wooden Man was not looking at him. Snowflakes had lightly covered the Wooden Man all over with a soft white blanket. Even his eyes were covered. He couldn't see anything!

Suddenly Dick felt sorry for the Wooden Man. He didn't feel afraid any more. He walked right up to the Wooden Man. He reached up on tiptoes and brushed the snow from the Wooden Man's head and eyes and face. "There, Wooden Man!" he said, "now you can see again!"

And to Dick's surprise, the Wooden Man's eyes seemed friendly and kind.

Dick ran into the store. He gave Mother's note and money to the clerk. The clerk gave some change and a package to Dick. Then Dick ran out the door, waved good-bye to the Wooden Man, and ran home.

"You know what, Mother? I wiped the snow from the Wooden Man's face, and now he likes me, I think. I'm not afraid of him anymore."

Mother said, "I knew God could help you."

Then Dick went to the window to watch the cars and the snow and the Wooden Man by the store.

---

### SOLDIER'S ARMOR

Boys and girls who have come on the Lord's side and become Christians are enlisted to be soldiers of the Christ. The soldier is promised the whole armor of God and the Sword of the Spirit. The whole armor is for the soldier's protection. The only piece the soldier has for attacking the enemy is the Sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Are you fully clothed with the whole armor of God? (See Ephesians 6:10-18.)

---

### QUESTIONS:

1. Did John write many things God showed him?
2. Did he tell us about a beautiful city?
3. What did he call the beautiful city?
4. Will those who tell lies go to the city?
5. Will God wipe away all our tears?

# The Beautiful Way

Primaries  
(USPS549-000)



Vol. 34, No. 4 Oct., Nov., Dec., 1983

Part 26

Dec. 25

## JESUS OUR SAVIOUR

1 John 1:1; Luke 2:25-39

Simeon loved God. The Holy Spirit let Simeon know that he would not die until he saw Jesus. One day he felt led by the Spirit to go into the temple. Just as he went in he saw Mary and Joseph coming with the baby Jesus. He knew right then by the Spirit that Jesus was the promised Saviour of the world. He walked over and took Him in His arms. He blessed God and said, "Now let me depart in peace. My eyes have seen Jesus who came to bring salvation to the Jews and the Gentiles. He is a light to them so they will know how to get to heaven." Mary and Joseph looked on and wondered about it all. There was also a prophetess named Anna who lived in the temple. She served the Lord night and day with much prayer and fastings. She came in at that moment. She gave thanks to the Lord for Jesus who was to bring redemption to Israel. She told everyone she saw about Jesus. She had been waiting for Him to come and was so glad to be able to tell the people that He had come at last! Have you ever waited a long time for something to happen? Then you know how she felt.

*Memory Verse:* The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory. John 1:14a.

## Poor Rich Boy

One Saturday morning, Danny stood watching Sam ride his new bicycle. It was beautiful! Danny felt so bad because he didn't get a bicycle that he cried.

"Danny," his mother asked, "what is the matter? You look so unhappy."

"Nothing," Danny said.

"Do you still feel bad because you did not get a bicycle?"

"I guess so. I prayed every night that I would get a bicycle and I did not get one. Sam didn't pray and he got one. Why?"

Mother frowned. "Danny, Sam's folks have lots of money and they are able to buy a bicycle. Your daddy has been sick and out of work, and we had no money to buy you one."

Danny went out front and watched Sam as he rode by. This time Sam stopped to talk to Danny. "Would you like to ride my bicycle?" he asked.

"I sure would," Danny said.

"How about coming over to my house to play?" Sam asked.

"I'll go ask my mother," Danny said.

The two boys rode Sam's bicycle all morning. When it was dinner time Danny said, "I must go home now."

"Stay for dinner," Sam's mother said. "I'll phone your mother. It will be all right."

"It isn't fair," Danny thought. "Why was I born in a poor family? Sam has all the fun."

When they sat down to eat, Danny bowed his head to pray. No one else did.

"Sam, why don't you go to Sunday school with me next Sunday?" Danny asked.

"We don't go to church," Sam's mother said.

"Don't you ever pray or read your Bible?" Danny asked.

"Of course not," Sam said. "We don't have a Bible and we don't pray."

As soon as Danny was through eating he said, "I think I'll go home. Thanks for everything. I've had a nice time."

Danny hurried home. He ran in the house calling, "Mom! Mom!"

"Oh, you came home?" his mother said. "I was afraid you wouldn't want to ever come home again after being at Sam's house."

"Oh, Mom, I am so glad I was born here and not at Sam's house."

"Why, Danny?"

"Well, Mom, Sam does have lots of toys. But he and his family don't have Jesus or a Bible. And they never go to Sunday school. I would rather have Jesus than lots of money and toys."

---

### QUESTIONS:

1. Where did Joseph and Mary take the baby Jesus?
2. What was the name of the man who saw them?
3. How did he know that Jesus was the Saviour of the world?
4. What was the name of the prophetess who came in at that time?
5. Did she tell everyone that the Saviour had come?