

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## HANNAH'S BABY

Tears dropped on Hannah's luggage as she packed for a trip to Shiloh. She poured grape juice into a goatskin bottle and tied the top with a sinew string. The juice, flour and a calf would be taken for use as an offering when they worshipped in God's house.

As they walked along the dusty road Elkanah, her husband, noticed she was crying. "Why are you crying?" he asked.

"Because I have no children," she answered.

"Don't cry! I'm better to you than ten children."

Hannah laughed. "Yes, you are very good to me, but I have a terrible feeling when we get together with other families. Someone always asks, 'Don't you have a baby yet?' They act like I'm a sinner because I have no child. Oh, how I want a baby!"

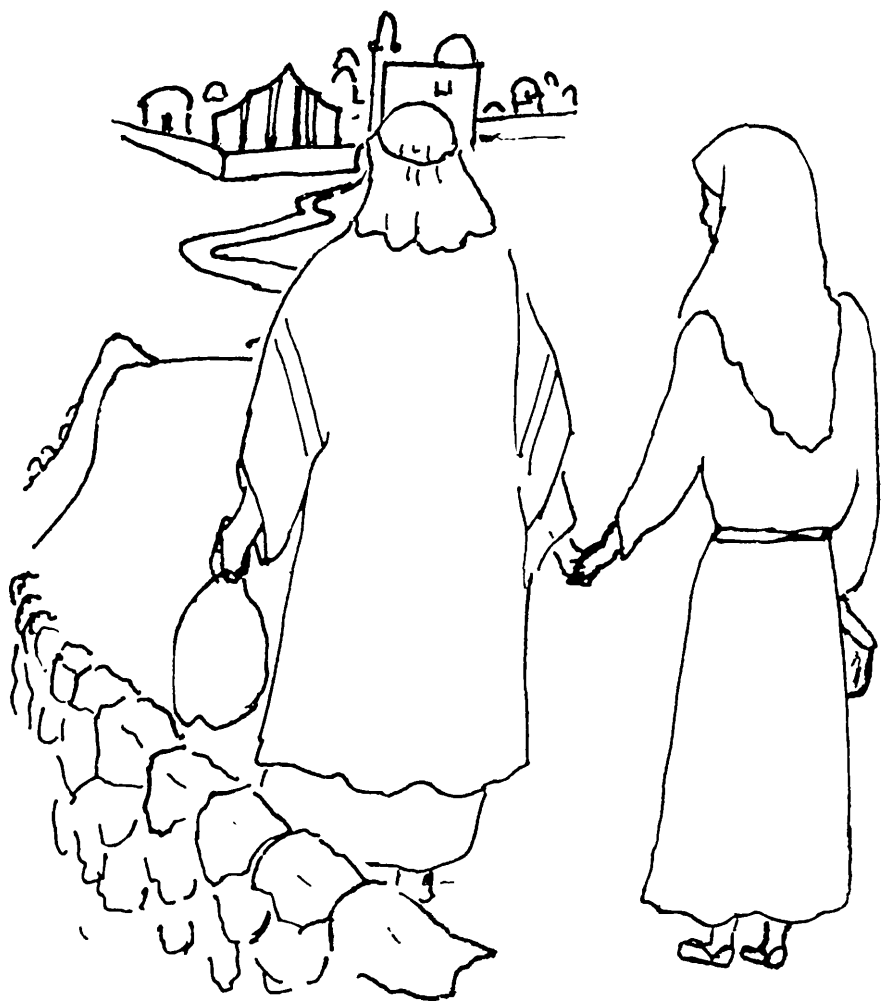
At the temple in Shiloh they gave their regular offering and worshipped God. Then the offering was cooked and they sat down in family groups to eat. Poor Hannah felt sad when she saw the women with their children. She could not eat so she left the food and went to the tabernacle. Tears blinded her eyes causing her to stumble as she walked. She cried and prayed quietly for such a long time that the Priest, Eli, who had been watching her, thought surely she must be drunk. "Why did you come into God's house drunk?" he asked.

"I am not drunk! I am only praying," Hannah answered.

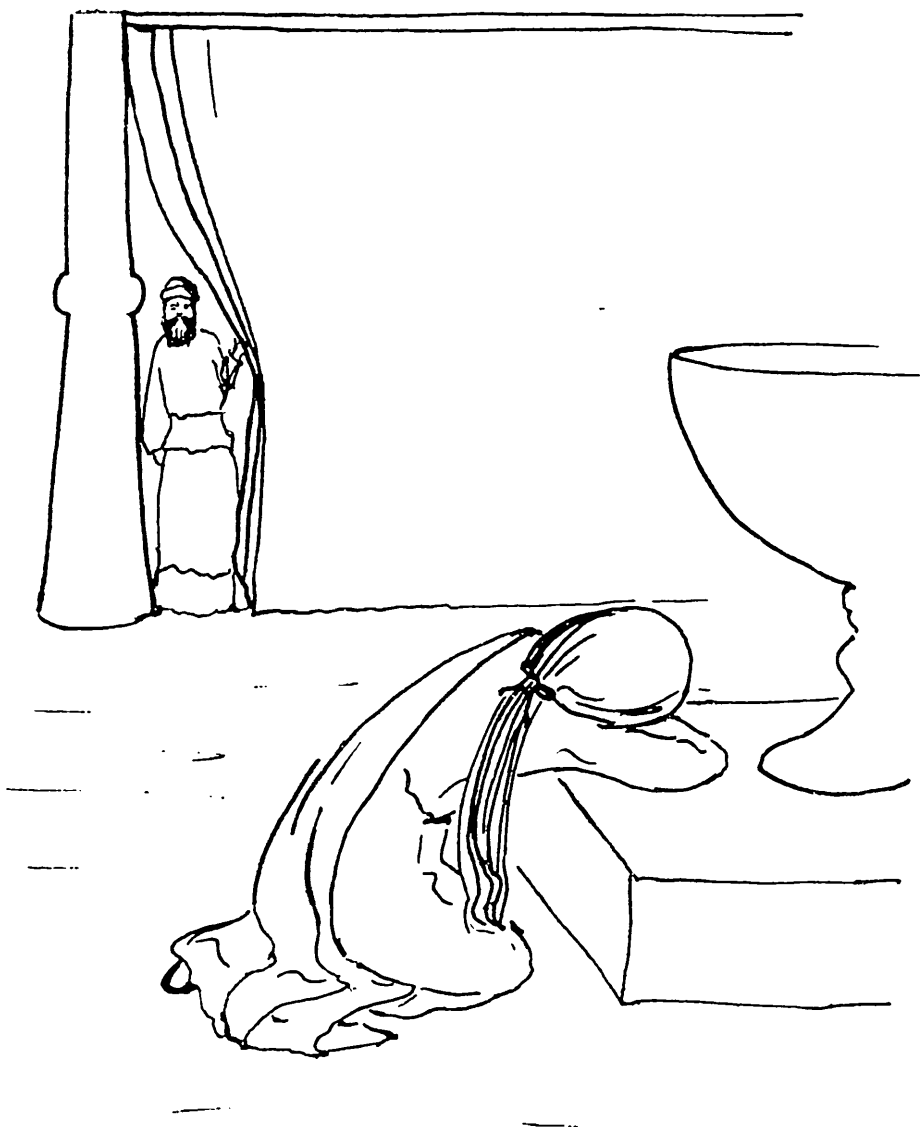
"Oh," he said, "I'm sorry. Then go in peace, God will give you whatever you have asked of Him."

She knew God would give her a baby! How happy she was!

About a year later, God gave Hannah a little baby boy. She named him Samuel, which means "asked of God".



The Lord hath given me my  
I Sam



petition which I asked of him:  
el 1:27

## God Answers Prayer

Many years ago in our country, people were moving out West. There was much land to farm, to raise cattle and other things on. As the people sold their homes and made the hard trip west, to start a new life, preachers felt the call from the Lord to tell them about Jesus.

Bro. and Sis. Anderson felt this call from God, also, so packing all their belongings, they started west with their twins Mark and Martha.

It was a hard life with few comforts and very little money. The people around them began to love them as they ministered to their needs.

Winter was coming on with colder days and nights.

One evening there was heard someone knocking at the door. "Who can possibly be out in this kind of weather?" Mother questioned. When Mark went to the door, Bro. Thomas was there. Stepping inside, he said, "Our little girl is very sick, would you please come to pray for her?"

Bro. Anderson quickly reached for his coat, and as he put it on Sis. Anderson thought, "How thin husband's coat is against this cold night."

"I wish Daddy had a nice warm coat to wear," Martha said to Mother. "I'm going to pray that God will send him one."

Mark joined in, "I'm praying for Dad a coat, and for Christmas I want a pair of skates. So I'm asking Jesus to send them. What do you want, Martha?"

"Oh, I want a pretty new doll. My other doll was ruined in the Spring when she got wet," Martha said, "and I want Mama to have material for a new dress. She needs one so badly."

As Mother listened to their talk she felt so discouraged. She knew there was only money for the necessary things and nothing extra. Christmas was soon to be there.

That night in family worship, Mark and Martha once again prayed for their Daddy a new coat, Mama a new dress, and for skates and a pretty doll. "I know Jesus will answer prayer," Martha told the others. "He always does."

After Mother tucked them in, she sat by the lamplight mending socks as she waited for her husband to come home. "Dear Lord," she prayed, "how can these children receive these blessings? We have no money."

Soon Bro. Anderson came. What is it he is bringing? Why it is a big box and Bro. Thomas is helping him with it.

"What do you have there, dear?" Mother asked, looking on in wonderment.

"All the people around have put together these things," Father was saying: "It is our Christmas from them. And you know the Lord has wonderfully touched and healed Brother Thomas's daughter. Praise His name!"

The twins heard this and up they got from their warm beds. "Oh, I knew Jesus would answer prayer for us." Mark and Martha chorused.

Sure enough God had not forgotten them. A warm coat for Daddy, material for Mama several dresses. Of course, skates for Mark and a beautiful doll for Martha. Their hearts were so full of thanksgiving, they joined hands in prayer.

"Thank you, Lord, for such rich blessings to us," Father prayed. And they all said, "Amen." —Dorothy Wilkins

### Questions:

1. Who is the lesson about?
2. What was she doing?
3. Why was she crying?
4. What was she taking to the house of God?
5. Should we always take an offering to the house of God?
6. What did Hannah pray for?
7. What did Eli think about Hannah?
8. Should we stop praying because people might think we are drunk or crazy?
9. Did God answer Hannah's prayer and give her a baby?
10. What did she name the baby?



(Answers: 1. Hannah. 2. Packing and going on a trip. 3. Because she had no child. 4. An offering. 5. Yes. 6. A baby. 7. He thought she was drunk. 8. No. 9. Yes. 10. Samuel.)

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## SAMUEL'S DEDICATION

Samuel and his mother, Hannah, were busy packing for a trip to Shiloh to worship God. "Am I really staying in Shiloh while you and Daddy come home?" Samuel asked.

"Yes, you are a special child. I must give you to God."

The next day as they walked along the dusty road, Hannah said, "Samuel, you must remember to pray each day so you will have strength to always be good and obey the men who live at the temple."

"I will," Samuel promised.

"Be careful to learn everything about the work at the temple, for the priest Eli is getting old and some day you will do his work."

Samuel said, "O.K.", but he wondered what kind of work Eli did, for he had never been to the temple.

After a long, hard walk to Shiloh, they gave their offering and then went to talk to Eli. "I'm the woman who was praying here who you thought was drunk. For this son I prayed and I promised him back to God. I want to leave him here with you that he may learn how to work for God," Hannah said to Eli.

Eli was happy to have a boy to help in God's work. They prayed together with Eli and wept, then kissed each other.

"I love you," Hannah said. "I'll pray for you. Be a brave boy!"

"I will. Mother, I love you," he said clinging to her.

She kissed him again, then said, "I'll make you a new coat and bring it when we come again next year."

They said "good-bye" and parted. Samuel watched from the temple door as his parents disappeared in the distance. Tears filled his eyes but inside he felt happy he could work for God.



Serve the Lord with gl.



ness: . . . Psalm 100:2.

## Living for the Lord

"Grandma, please tell us a story," the children clamored, as they gathered around her special chair. Since Grandpa had died, Grandma lived with Bro. and Sis. Smith and their five children. They all enjoyed having her with them. She would always help Mother when she could.

"I can't tell any stories," Grandma told the children, "until you have all your work done. And if there is any homework from school that has to be done too."

"Oh, do we have to do all that?" Margaret groaned.

"Yeah, we will never hear a story," Tommy said, "if that has to be done."

"Now, children, you know it won't take long," Grandma said, as she went on with her knitting. "I've got a good story, if you will just hurry."

"Oh, goody, I am going to get my homework done right now!" exclaimed Susie.

"Me, too," they all said, and they scampered away to get their individual chores done.

Soon, one by one, the children gathered around Grandma again. Grandma started her story by telling the children that this was a true story.

"Long ago, when I was a little girl, our family lived on a large farm. All of us had work to do. We needed to feed and milk the cows, and sometimes we had to watch them in the pasture. We had lots of chickens, so they had to be fed and watered and the eggs had to be gathered. The garden had to be weeded and hoed, for we had to grow all our own food.

"We had an apple orchard too. So in the autumn the apples had to be picked and gathered in. The smaller children would get them from the ground and the older children were to pick them from the tree. We liked to do this, it was great fun to run in the orchard, and enjoy ourselves as we worked.

"My Daddy, which was your great-grandfather, told us, 'Don't climb high in those trees, you could fall and hurt yourselves. Let the older ones do that.'

"Well, Uncle Ben decided he was big enough. One day he called out, 'Look at me.' Sure enough there he was almost up to the top. We all held our breath, wondering what was going to happen next. Just about that time a little squirrel ran close to Uncle Ben, scaring him. He lost his balance, and down he came. One of us ran for Daddy. When he got there, he noticed Uncle Ben's leg all twisted up under him. For many days Uncle Ben was in much pain.

"Uncle Ben asked Mama and Daddy to forgive him for disobeying. He was determined to be better. 'Oh, Jesus, please help me to do what I should,' Uncle Ben prayed. 'I know I was wrong.' From that day on Uncle Ben tried with all his might to be good and obey."

"I guess that is why Jesus called him to be a preacher," said little Carol.

"I like to hear him," Becky said, "He tells the children how to live for Jesus. It is easy to understand."

"Thank you, Grandma, I want to be good like Uncle Ben was after he learned his lesson!" exclaimed Tommy.

—Dorothy Wilkins

### Questions:

1. What did Samuel's father do each year?
2. Why did Samuel's mother pack a lot of things for him?
3. For what reason was Samuel to stay at the temple?
4. How long was Samuel to work for God?
5. When was his mother coming to see him?
6. Why was Eli glad to have a boy to help?
7. What was the last thing Samuel and his parents did together?
8. Did Samuel love his parents?
9. Was Samuel happy to work for God?

(Answers: 1. Take an offering and go to the temple to worship. 2. Because he was to live at the temple. 3. To work for God. 4. All of his life. 5. In one year. 6. Because his own sons were not doing right. 7. Pray. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)



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## THE BOY SAMUEL LIVES FOR GOD

God helped Samuel to be a strong, brave boy. Although Eli's sons did very bad things, he did not let them influence him to do wrong.

Early every morning he arose and opened the doors of the temple. During the day he worked cleaning the golden lamps, bowls and candlesticks. There was wood to carry and copper tools to be kept shining. Keeping the lamps burning was the hardest job. God had commanded that they burn always! As he walked through the darkness on windy nights to see if the lamps had blown out, the curtains moved making eerie shadows.

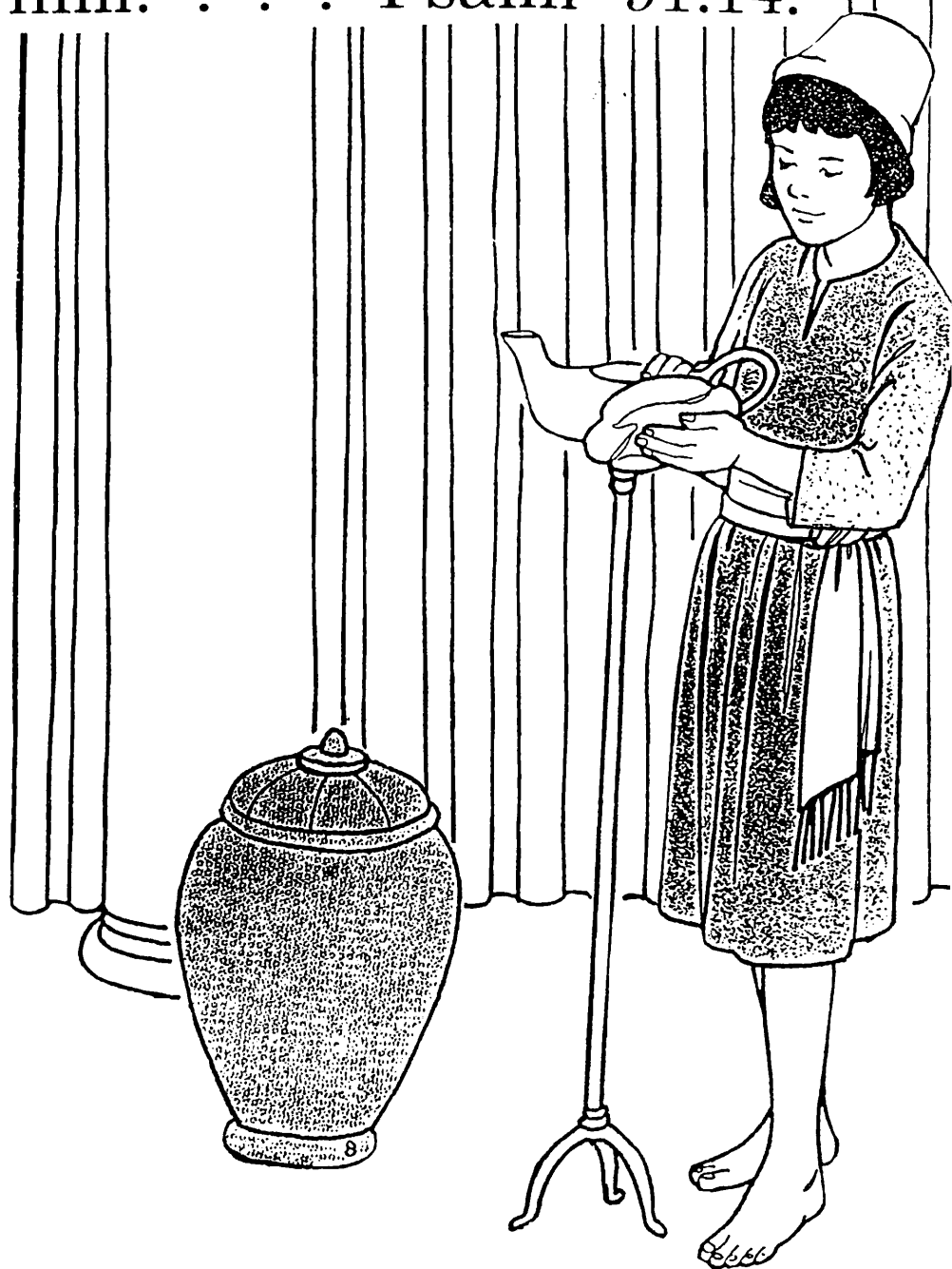
God had many rules. He wanted the people to obey. They were written in books but very few people knew how to read. The temple workers had to teach these rules to them. Samuel studied hard learning them, and he obeyed them very carefully.

Samuel did his work so well at the temple that the people saw he was called of God to be a prophet. Eli had an ephod made for him to wear. It was a special clothing worn only by those who were called of God. It had twelve different jewels set in gold on the breast and golden chains hanging from the shoulders.

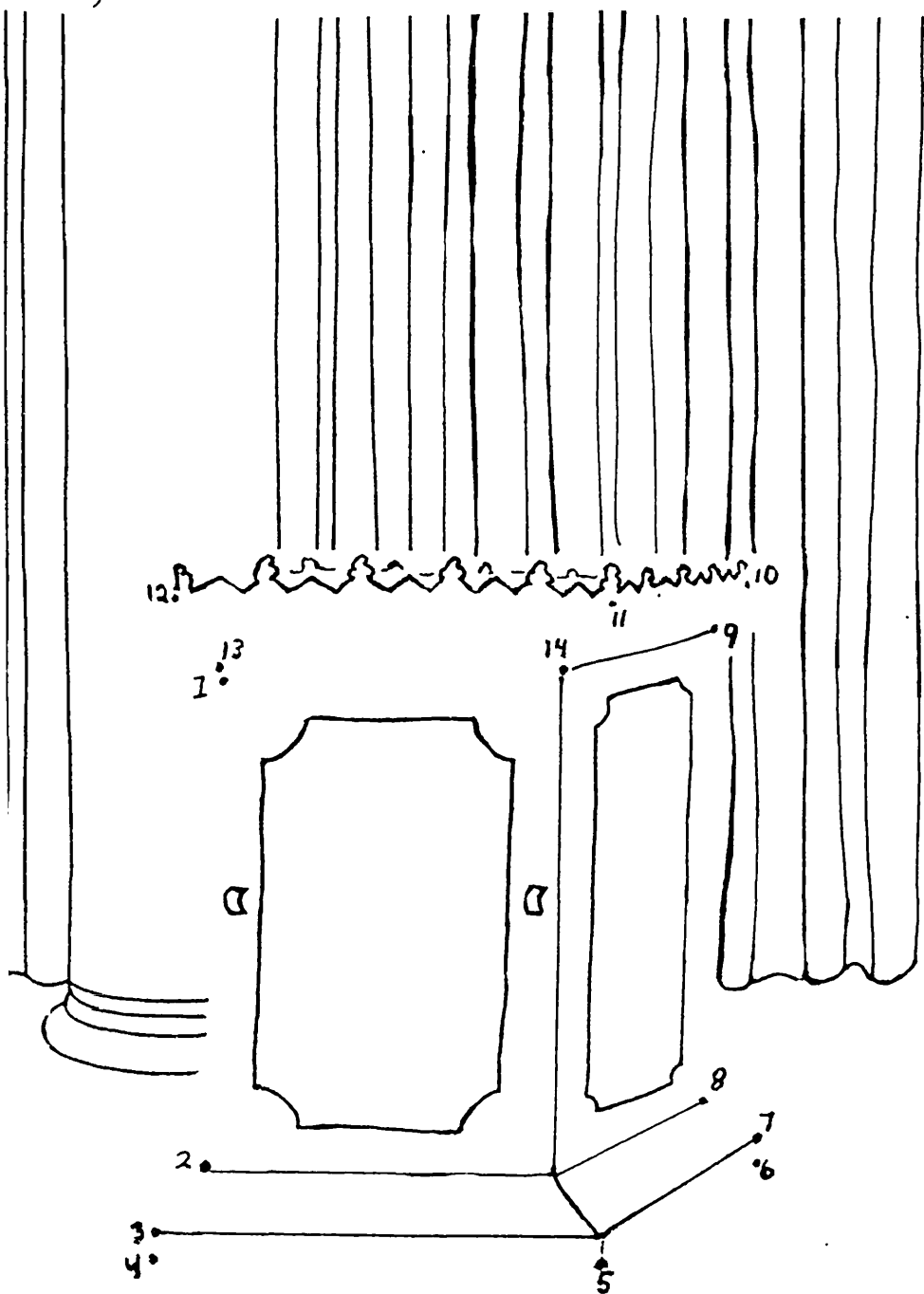
Eli's sons were selfish and cruel. They sinned and caused others to sin also. Eli scolded his sons, but it did no good. A man of God told Eli that God would cause his two sons to be killed in the same day and that none of his family could ever work at the temple again.

While Eli's sons were causing trouble, Samuel was growing strong in the work of God. Every year his mother came to see him and brought him a cloak. However, she did not come alone for God had given her 3 more boys and 2 girls. They were happy because they obeyed God.

. . .He hath set his love upon  
him: . . . Psalm 91:14.



me, therefore will I deliver



## Always Follow Good Ways

"Don't do it, Bob," Billy implored, "you know Dad will find out when he gets home."

"Aw, you're just an ascaired cat," Bob said, "You're afraid to do anything that is fun."

"I'm not afraid, but I know Dad has a good reason, when he says not to do something," answered Billy, as he went into the house again.

Bob went into the woods anyway with Dad's gun. He was sure nothing would go wrong. After all, what could happen. Dad had showed Bill and himself how to carry a gun and all the safety rules. "Billy never wants to do anything," Bob thought.

That is the way it was with the boys as they grew up. Bob was determined to do things that he shouldn't whether it was at home or school. He seemed to delight in being in trouble. Billy was altogether different. He loved his Dad and Mom, and didn't want to cause them any worry over him.

Of course, when Dad got home he noticed the gun was missing from its usual place. "Who has my gun?" Dad asked Mom. "I've told the boys not to use it unless I'm with them."

"I don't know where the boys are right now," Mom answered. "Billy has been in and out of the house all afternoon. I haven't seen Bob though."

Both boys were at the supper table, when Dad mentioned the gun being gone. "Oh, I had it," Bob told him, "I didn't do anything wrong with it, and it is back in its place."

Dad looked sternly at Bob, "Yes, the gun is back. Do you remember what I said?"

Bob looked troubled and uncomfortable when he answered. "You said not to take it unless you were with us. That is a dumb rule anyway. Nothing happened this afternoon, did it?"

Mother looked as though she could cry. "Bob, Bob, why must you always try to get by with things that you should not be doing. If you keep up like you are, you will have lots of trouble and heartaches."

"Oh, you just think Billy is perfect," Bob answered disgusted with the whole thing.

"Well, Bob, you wait and see where your trouble making will get you," Mom implored Bob. "Look at Tom, he had his own way, no matter what his folks said or did."

"Yes," Dad said, "and now he is in prison because he wouldn't listen to anyone."

"Don't worry about me. I'll never do anything that bad," Bob sneered.

Bob was his own boss, it seemed. He would not yield to the call of the Lord. When all of a sudden he was in serious trouble, then it was too late, he had to pay the price.

Billy gave his heart to the Lord when he was a young boy. He tried to follow Jesus' example, listening to his Dad and Mom's teaching. As he worked for the Lord, God blessed him with many friends, happiness and joy in his service.

Remember, boys and girls, God's way is always the right way. "The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord; but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness." Proverbs 15:9.

—Dorothy Wilkins

### Questions:

1. Was Samuel a brave boy?
2. Must we be brave to live for God?
3. What were Eli's sons doing?
4. What was going to happen to Eli's family because of their sin?
5. Did Eli's sons cause Samuel to sin?
6. How often did Samuel's mother see him?
7. How many brothers did God give Samuel?
8. How many sisters did he have?
9. What was Samuel doing that made God happy?



(Answers: 1. Yes, 2. Yes, 3. Being selfish, cruel, and causing the people to sin, 4. They were to die young and never able to work at the temple again, 5. No, 6. Once a year, 7. Three, 8. Two, 9. He was obeying Him.)

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## SAMUEL IS CALLED

The days and months passed swiftly as Samuel studied and worked keeping things clean at the temple.

Eli was getting old and his eyes were almost blind. His sons were still displeasing God by the things they were doing.

One night Samuel was awakened by a voice calling his name. He ran to Eli's bed and said, "Here I am, what do you want?"

Eli rolled over in bed and said, "What? I did not call you. Go back to bed."

Samuel went back to bed and lay down. Before long he heard the voice again calling, "Samuel, Samuel." He jumped out of bed and went to Eli. "Here I am. I am sure you called me."

"No, my son, I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to bed."

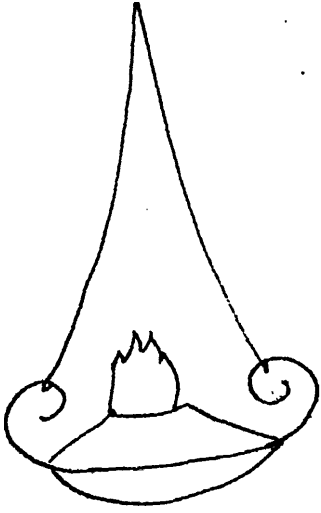
Poor Samuel couldn't understand. He lay down again and before long from the darkness he heard, "Samuel, Samuel." He went the third time to Eli. Now Eli realized God must be calling Samuel so he said, "Go, lie down again, my son, and if he calls you, answer and say, 'Speak, Lord; for your servant is listening.'"

Samuel returned to his bed and waited for the voice. He tingled all over with excitement as he listened. The voice called as at other times. He answered exactly what Eli had told him.

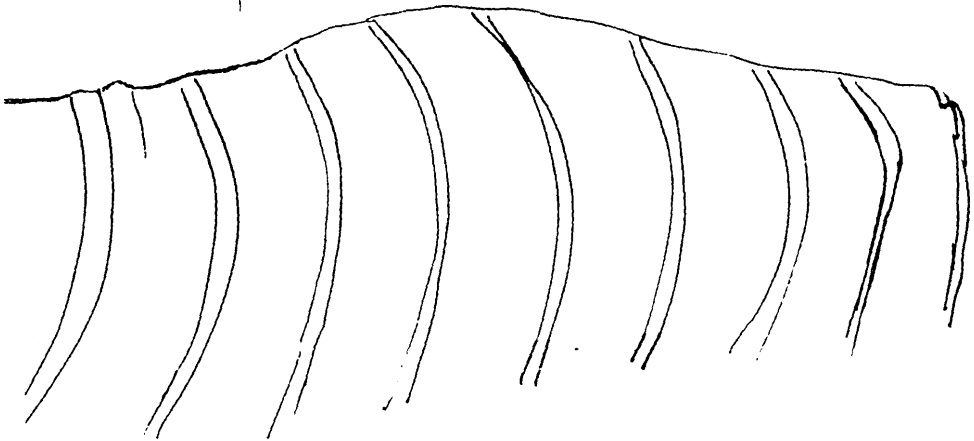
God said, "Eli's family will die young and never again will they be used in my work because of their sins. You are to take their place."

The next morning Eli asked Samuel what God had said. Samuel was afraid to tell him, but Eli insisted, so Samuel obeyed as he had always done, and told Eli everything that God had said to him. Eli felt sad but said, "It is the Lord: let him do what seems good."





And the child Samuel  
ministered unto the Lord  
before Eli. I Samuel 3:1



## God's Lifeboatmen

From the time the first lifeboat was launched in 1786 at Bamborough, England, tens of thousands of lives have been saved from untimely death by the brave men of the lifeboat service.

Here and there along the coasts are to be found the lifeboat stations. If you live at the seaside, of course, you know all about them. If you don't still you may have read about them many times, and maybe have looked admiringly at brightly painted lifeboats when on your vacation.

The lifeboats are not merely something beautiful. They are made to be used, and the reason why so few of us see them in use is because they only go out to sea—except for practice—in times of storm and peril, often in the middle of night, when most little boys and girls are fast asleep in bed.

To see a lifeboat launched in a winter blizzard—what a thrill that must be! Watching the brave lifeboatmen, gathered at the call to service from their cozy firesides, perhaps from their warm beds, donning their life belts and taking their places in the boat; hearing the word of command to let go, seeing the boat with its precious human freight gliding down the slipway and plunging amid clouds of spray into the storm-swept sea—I would stay up any night to see such a sight as that, wouldn't you?

Though many lives have been saved by the lifeboatmen, it has not been without sacrifice. Time and again lifeboats have turned over in the rough seas, and their brave crews have been drowned. Even when lifeboats are made so that they cannot sink, and so that they will right themselves if turned over, the men who work them are always in danger, for their is no knowing what a stormy sea will do.

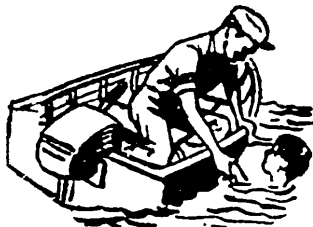
There are indeed no men more worthy of our respect and honor than the brave crews of the lifeboats, and on dark winter nights, when the wind is howling around our houses, we may well remember them in our prayers.

Still there are other lifeboatmen besides those who venture their lives on the sea.

Life is somewhat like the sea, isn't it? And all the people of the world are the ships floating upon it. There are big ships and little ships, steamers and sailing boats, and tiny little rowboats. Some are sailing proudly across the waters, others are battling with winds of trouble, still others have sprung leaks through the stress of the journey, while many that have struck hidden rocks are sinking beneath the waves.

All around us there is great need of lifeboatmen today. What can be done? What can you do? There is your little boat—can't you turn it into a lifeboat and help save somebody in need?

In next weeks paper you may read about some men who were lifeboatmen for God.



### Questions:

1. What kind of work did Samuel do at the House of God?
2. Did he always obey God?
3. What were Eli's sons doing?
4. Who called Samuel?
5. Who did Samuel think was calling?
6. How did Samuel answer God?
7. What did God tell Samuel?
8. How did Eli feel about what God said?
9. Why did God choose Samuel in place of Eli?



(Answers: 1. He kept things clean and shining. 2. Yes. 3. Displeasing God, 4. God. 5. Eli. 6. "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." 7. That all of Eli's family would die while they were young and none of them would be used of God. 8. He was sad. 9. Because Eli allowed his sons to sin but Samuel did not sin.)



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## ELI'S DEATH

Samuel has grown to be a strong man. He communicates with God then speaks to the people. They know his words are from God.

The Philistines fought with God's people. They had soon killed 4,000 soldiers. God's people wanted His help so they came to Shiloh and took the beautiful golden Ark that Samuel loved so well. "Surely this will save us from our enemies," they said. Eli's sons knew God had said, "The Ark is always to stay at the temple," but they took it anyway! The soldiers shouted victory when it was brought on the battlefield.

When the Philistines heard the shouts of victory, they thought a god came into the camp of God's people. They remembered how God delivered His people from the strong Egyptians. The captain shouted, "Be strong and fight with all your might!" Soon they killed 30,000 more soldiers and the others ran away. Then they stole the Ark and killed both of Eli's sons, just as the man of God had said.

One of the men ran back to Shiloh to tell the sad news. He found poor old Eli sitting beside the road, fearing what would happen to the precious Ark and wondering what would happen to his people for taking the Ark away from the temple. When he heard the sad news, he fell over backward, breaking his neck, and died.

A few hours later his son's wife gave birth to a boy and named him Ichabod, which means, "The glory is gone from us." Yes, God's glory was gone from His people because they sinned in many ways.

Eli and his two sons were dead so Samuel became the leader of the people. Samuel had not sinned therefore God heard his prayer and showed him how to be a good leader.



Eli was a priest of God

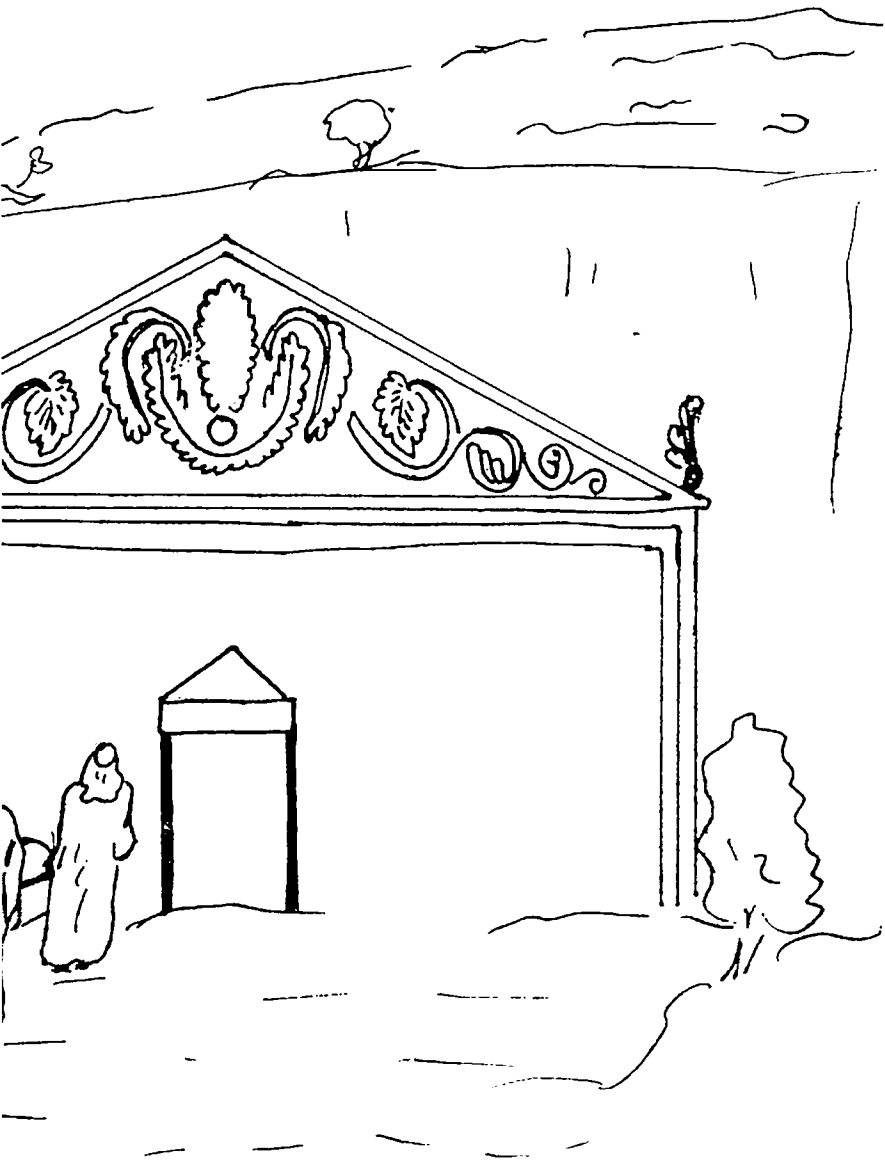
Find the name of the man who died. Use the first letter from the name of each picture.



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The Lord revealed himself to  
word of the Lord.



Samuel in Shiloh by the  
I Samuel 3:21

## God's Lifeboatmen

(Continued from last week)

Last week we read about lifeboatmen. Here are just a few of the many great-hearted men and women who have given their lives rescuing children and grown-ups too, who were sinking in the troubles of life.

George Mueller was one whose heart was touched with compassion for all the poor little children left alone on the great sea of life when their fathers and mothers died. Seeing their need, he made himself a lifeboatman, and set out to help them. He opened orphan homes in Bristol, England. Over 20,000 orphans have found a refuge there.

Then there was Dr. Barnardo. When he was a student, he saw eleven poor little boys asleep in a gutter under the open sky. To him they were like little boats sinking in the sea of life. He made up his mind to do what he could to rescue them, and started an orphan home. Since then 120,000 boys and girls have been admitted, fed, clothed, and trained.

There was William Booth, and Prebendary Carlile, who went to work in the London slums rescuing those who were homeless, hungry and cold.

The great David Livingstone gave his life for the people of Africa. He also became the leader of a great army of missionaries who went to that land to tell the black people about the love of Jesus for them. One of these missionaries was Mary Sellson, who was later known as the "White Queen" because of the love she showed for the little lifeboats she rescued.

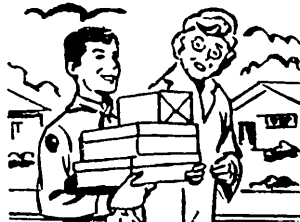
Wouldn't you like to be a lifeboatman, too? You may never be able to wear a life belt and ride out gloriously over the stormy sea to some ship in distress, but you can help in the work of rescue just the same. There are many wrecks on the sea of life, not far away from you, and many little boats which may sink if you do not help them. You may not be like others but that is no reason why you should not do what you can just where you are, and who knows what

God will make of you when you grow up?

You may feel very small now, and think that you cannot help at all, but it is surprising what blessing even a little child can bring into other people's lives. Do you know, there is nothing so cheering, nothing that so makes worried folks forget their troubles, as the smile of a little child? The gentle words of sympathy, the offer of hands and feet in willing service that only a child can make, can sometimes do more to brighten sad and weary hearts than anything else. You try them on mother when she is very tired, or on daddy when he seems a bit "blue," or on your little friends at school when they are out of sorts.

Oh yes, you don't have to wait until you are grown up to become one of God's lifeboatmen. You can be one today. Why not decide to join the ranks now?

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### Questions:

1. In our lesson is Samuel still a child?
2. Do the people believe Samuel is a man of God?
3. With whom were the people fighting?
4. Why did the people want to get the Ark?
5. Was it wrong to take the Ark to battle?
6. What happened to the Ark?
7. Were Eli's two sons killed the same day?
8. What happened to Eli?
9. Although the other people sinned, had Samuel sinned?



Answers: 1. No, he is a man. 2. Yes, 3. The Philistines. 4. They thought it would help them win. 5. Yes. 6. It was stolen. 7. Yes. 8. He fell backwards and died. 9. No.

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## THE PHILISTINES WITH THE ARK OF GOD

The Philistines shouted, "We have the Ark of God. It is the most powerful god in all the world!" They took it into the city of Ashdod and set it in the temple in front of their god Dagon. Dagon looked like a fish with head, arms, and hands of a person, usually a beautiful woman! They bowed to Dagon and thanked him for helping them.

God was displeased that they thought the Ark was an idol like Dagon so He caused Dagon to fall down on his face before the Ark. In the morning the men came and set it back in place. The very next morning the idol had fallen over again and this time his head and hands were broken off and lying in front of the door. The priest and the people would never again step on that part of their temple floor. From that day on they were commanded to jump over the spot, this caused them to always remember the power of God against their idol.

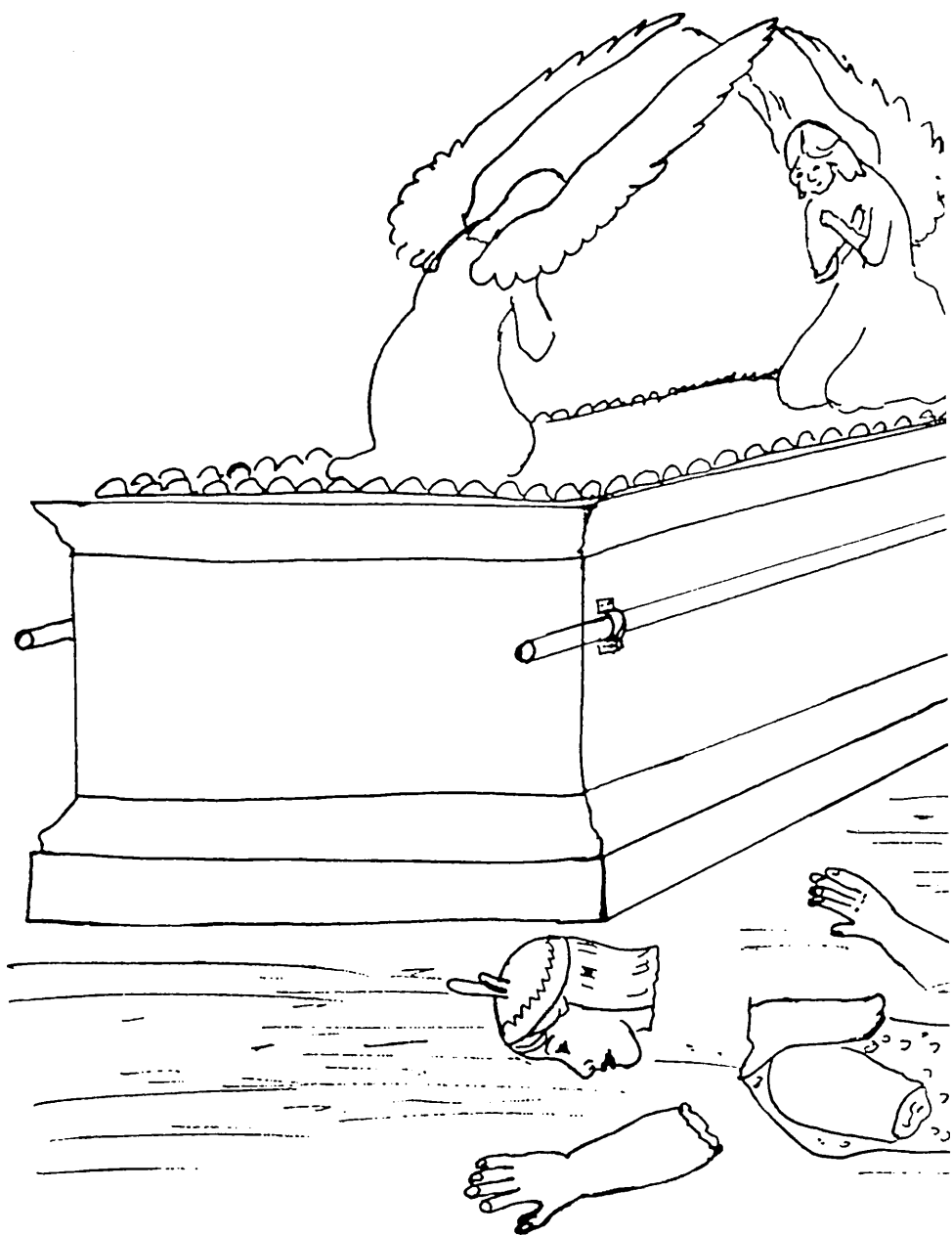
While the Ark of God was at Ashdod, the people also became very sick and many of them died. Many were saying, "We must be sick because of this Ark." Others said, "It is not because of the Ark."

The leaders decided to take it to another city to see what would happen. In the next city the people also got sick and many died.

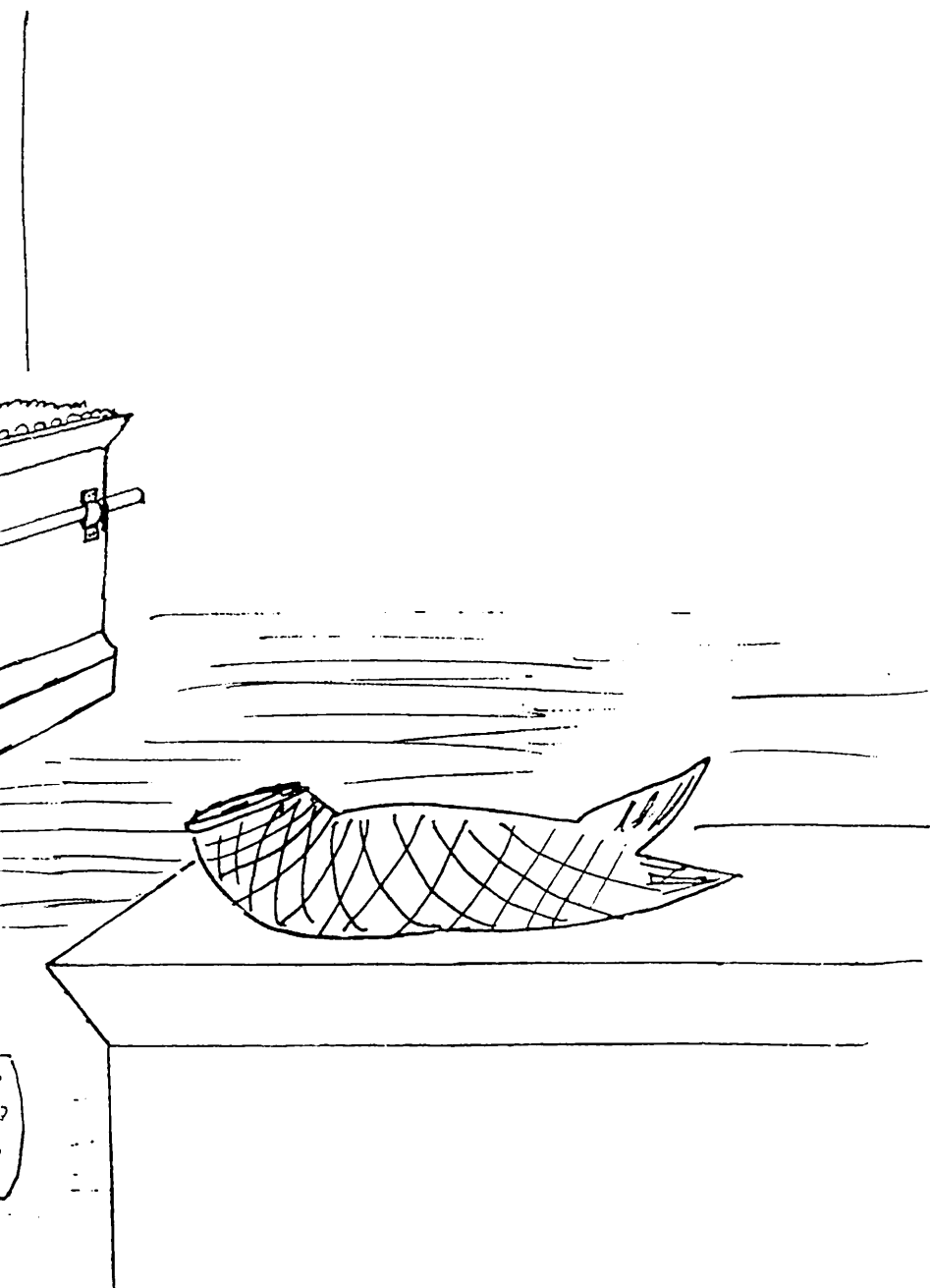
"We shall move it to another city," they said.

The Ark was then taken to the city of Ekron. When the people found out the Ark was in their city they cried, "They have brought the Ark to kill us, too. Send it back to its own country! We do not want it here! In every city where it has been, many people have died!"

"What shall we do with the Ark of God?" the people were crying. The leaders came together and called for their wisest men to help solve the problem. Next Sunday we will find out how it was solved!



With God all things are



possible. Matthew 19:26

## Saved From the Dogs

Barbara was only five years old at the time of this happening, but she was old enough to do all sorts of little jobs for her mother. She could dry the dishes, and wash them, too. She could sweep, and she could dust, and she could look after her baby brother as well—that is, when he was good. But most of all she loved to run errands.

Of course, mother did not let her go very far from home—just down to the nearby store and across the road to the neighbors'. Mother had no worries about traffic, because there was little on the street where they lived.

All the neighbors knew Barbara, and oftentimes, as they saw her walking briskly along they would say to themselves, "There's Barbara again. She must be going on another errand for her mother. What a good little girl she is!" And so, although she did not know it, Barbara was doing everyone good by just simply helping her mother, and doing what she was told.

Barbara knew no fear. But then, one day, something happened.

It was evening, and mother needed some cheese and bread for supper. Surely, she thought, Barbara could easily run to the grocer's and back before dark. So she handed Barbara the money, repeated the order for the grocer, reminded her to come back quickly, and sent her away.

Barbara reached the store all right, and it was not long before she was out again and on her way home.

She had not gone far from the store when she noticed two dogs following her. They kept coming closer and closer, and were soon sniffing at the bag in Barbara's hands.

"Go away, doggies!" she said, holding the bags high above her head.

But the dogs would not go away. Instead they began jumping up at the bags.

"Go away, go away, bad doggies!" she cried.

But they kept on jumping.

Barbara became a little frightened and started to run, but the dogs ran,

too, and she could not get rid of them. They were barking now; and that made her still more frightened.

Seeing a short cut across a vacant lot, Barbara darted toward it, but two or three more dogs were playing there, and they came also. By the time Barbara had reached the center of the vacant lot she was surrounded by several dogs.

Now Barbara was only five years old when this happened, but she had courage, and she had faith. And what do you suppose she did?

Well, with all those yapping, yelping dogs around her, she shut her eyes tight and prayed that Jesus would save her and make the dogs go away!

Suddenly all the yapping and the yelping ceased, and when Barbara opened her eyes, the dogs were all slinking away, with their tails between their legs, as though somebody had commanded them to go.

By this time Mother was getting anxious about Barbara, and was out at the front gate, asking the neighbors whether they had seen her anywhere, but when Barbara came around the corner, Mother could tell God had blessed her.

—Selected

### Questions:

1. What did the Philistines have?
2. What is Dagon?
3. Did Dagon help them win the battle?
4. Then why did they win? (Think about last Sunday's lesson.)
5. What happened to Dagon?
6. What happened to the men in the cities while the Ark was there?
7. Was the Ark causing this trouble?
8. Did the Philistines want the Ark to stay in their country?
9. Are they trying to solve the problem?



(Answers: 1. The Ark of God. 2. An idol made like half a human and half a fish. 3. No! 4. Because God's people sinned and God was letting the Philistines punish them. 5. He bowed before the Ark and his head and hands broke off. 6. They became sick and many died. 7. No! God's power caused the trouble. 8. No! 9. Yes.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE ARK OF GOD

The Philistine king and his counselors were discussing problems. "Ever since we captured the Ark seven months ago," said the king, "there has been sickness, death, and thousands of mice pestering us. Shall we send it away?"

"Yes! Yes!" they shouted. "Send it home as fast as we can!"

"Let us be wise," said a wise, old man, "and also send offerings of gold to calm the anger of their God, for He is angry with us."

"What shall we send?" they asked.

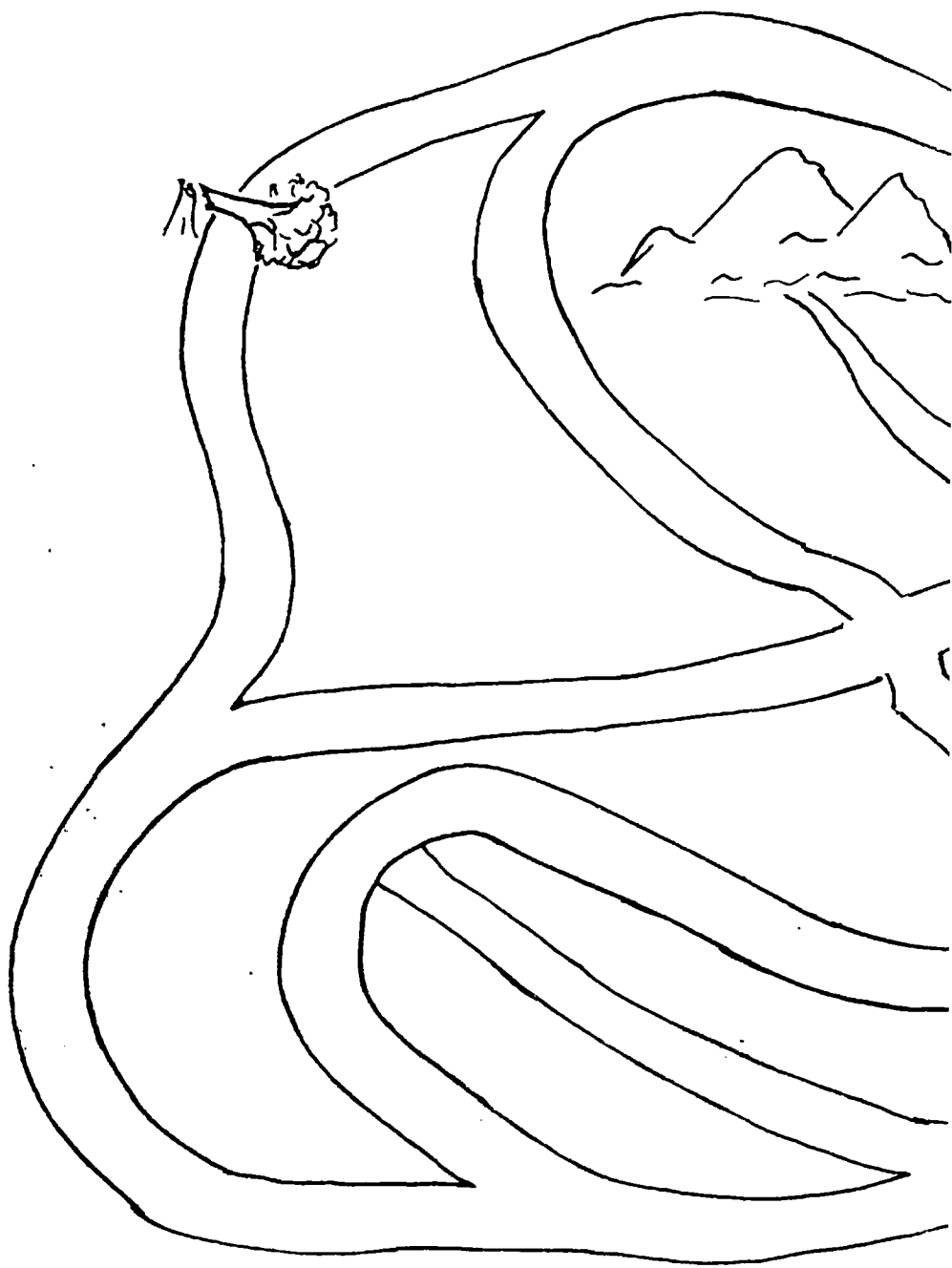
"Let us make golden mice," one said.

"Yes, and golden emeralds; images of the sickness we have suffered," said another.

A new cart was made, the offerings of gold prepared and placed in a box and sat beside the Ark on the cart. Soon everything was ready, but an old gray-haired man spoke, "Let us make one more test to see if our trouble came because of the Ark. Let us get two mother cows which have new calves, and have never before pulled a cart. Let them be hooked to the cart and their calves tied so they cannot follow. If the cows leave their calves, then we will know that our troubles have been because of the Ark. If the cows will not leave their calves then we will know that our sickness just happened to be at the same time that the Ark was here."

The men did just as the old man said. When the cows were loosed, they ran bawling down the road that led to the country where Samuel lived and never looked back nor did any man lead them.

As soon as the Ark was in its home country the cows stopped. The people of God were happy it was home and made a great feast.



They . . . saw the ark, and  
rejoiced to see it. I Samu

# HOME COUNTRY



6:13

## Just in Time

Here is a lovely story that someone sent me. It is about a woman, her five-year-old daughter, and their old, old car.

Exactly how old their car is, I wouldn't like to say, but I know it has seen thirteen summers at least, which makes it pretty old as cars go nowadays.

Well, one day this woman and her little girl set out in their car to go to visit some neighbors.

They were out for a good long time, and finally turned toward home. Bravely the old car chugged along until it came to the center of an important intersection. There it stopped and positively refused to move another inch.

Fortunately, they were out in the country, and there was no traffic in sight at the moment; so there was no immediate cause for alarm. However, it was bothersome just the same, especially when they were both very tired.

Mother wondered what to do for the best. She looked at the gas. There was plenty. She looked at everything else she could think of that might be wrong, but all seemed in order.

Again and again she tried the starter, but nothing happened.

Five minutes passed. Ten minutes. Fifteen minutes. Twenty minutes. Fancy being stalled in the middle of an intersection for twenty minutes!

Just then they heard a noise in the distance, and, looking up, saw a great big oil truck coming down the road toward them at a great pace.

There was no room for it to pass, and if it should try to go around, it would possibly overturn.

Mother wondered whether she should jump out of the car and run for safety; but she was so frightened she couldn't move, and there was her little girl to think of, too.

On and on came the truck, nearer and nearer. It seemed that in just a few seconds it must hit them.

The little girl suddenly said, "Mother, why don't you ask Jesus to help us?"

The rebuke struck home like an arrow to the mother's heart. She bowed her head. The little girl did the same. They said the shortest little prayer they knew, "Jesus, please help us."

Then Mother pressed the starter again. There was a purring sound. The engine had started! A second more and the old car leaped forward, while the truck roared past behind them.

The old car chugged home and stopped at their door. It never moved again until a great sum of money had been spent to renew the engine.

Of course, some people will say they know how it all happened, that it was just a lucky accident. But that dear mother has no doubt at all that it was an answer to their prayer. In fact, in her letter to me she said, "It was my little girl's faith that did it."

It was. And I like to think that this was but another of those wonderful occasions when God sends needed help "just in time."  
—Selected

### Questions:

1. How long did the Ark stay in the land of the Philistines?
2. Why did they not want to send it home empty?
3. What kind of offering did they send?
4. What kind of test did they make, to see if having the Ark was the cause of their trouble?
5. Did the test prove that to be the reason for the trouble?
6. Did the cows have to be led to the right road?
7. Were the people happy the Ark was home?
8. What did the people of God do when the Ark came back?
9. Is God able to do everything?



(Answers: 1. Seven months. 2. They wanted to show they were sorry for stealing it. 3. Golden mice and emeralds. 4. They tied two calves up to see if the mother cows would leave their calves. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. Yes. 8. They made a great feast. 9. YES!)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## GOD'S PEOPLE REPENT

The Ark was so special that God had commanded it to be touched only by holy men. In the village where the cattle left it some unholy men opened it. For this sin many of the men died. Afterwards it was carried to another city where a holy man, Eleazar, cared for it. There it stayed for twenty years.

During this time, Samuel was busy teaching the people the many rules of God. The evil ways Eli's sons had done had caused many people to stop worshipping God, and some of these did not want to learn God's rules. Some of them even worshipped idols. Because of this sin, God let the Philistines cause them a lot of trouble.

One day Samuel spoke unto the people of God saying, "If you will turn unto the Lord with all your heart and throw away all your idols and serve Him, He will deliver you from your wicked enemies."

They threw away all their idols and prayed unto God, saying, "We have sinned against God." One day they did not eat but spent the whole day praying together.

The Philistines said, "They are gathered together, let us go and kill them!" They marched up to the city to fight!

The people of God cried unto Samuel, "Pray that God will protect us!" Not one of them prayed unto an idol!

Samuel prayed and gave an offering and God heard his prayer.

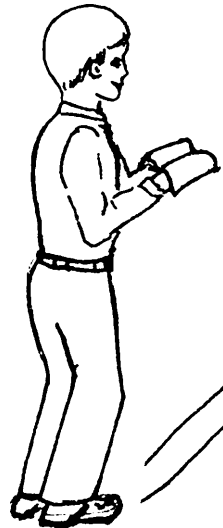
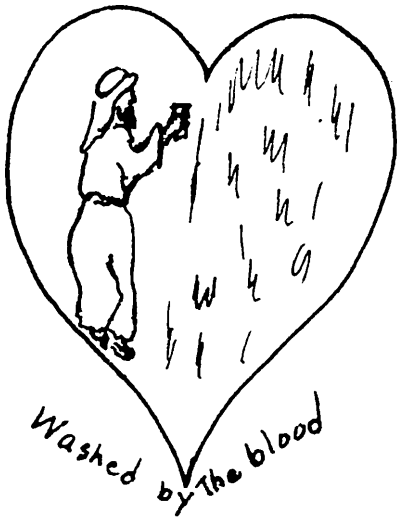
Then God sent a terrible, loud, long thunder that frightened them and they ran away. They never again bothered the people of God while Samuel lived. Also, the cities they had taken were given back.

Samuel placed a large stone at this place and named it Ebenezer, which means, "to this place God has helped us".

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Return unto the Lord with all y



prepare your hearts  
unto the Lord

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Isaiah Said  
Isaiah 7:3



in your hearts, put away the gods



for only: he will deliver you

## Out of the Mud

This is a very little story about a very small boy. He was only four years old when this happened; so you mustn't smile too much when you hear about it.

I will call him Tiny, for he seemed so small when he came up to speak to me one day.

It appears that Tiny's father has both a car and a trailer, and not very long ago he took Tiny away with the rest of the family for a nice long vacation.

For a time all went well and everyone was having a very happy time. Then one day father decided to turn off the main road and go exploring through a very wild district that he had never been in before. This was fun, too, while the sun continued to shine and the rough roads were still dry, but when the clouds rolled up and the rain began to tumble down, well, that was something different.

How it rained! It was worse than "cats and dogs," and soon all the land around became boggy, and the road a sea of mud. The car sank into a deep rut, and the trailer followed. It was impossible to move.

Father got out of the car to see whether he could do anything, but the mud covered his boots, while the rain soaked him to the skin.

"It's pretty bad," he said, as he got back in the car again. "I'm afraid we shall be stuck here for some time."

They were. And gradually the light began to fade as night came creeping on.

Poor Tiny began to get frightened, and in vain did father and mother seek to comfort him. They said that there was really nothing serious to worry about, because they could sleep all night in the trailer, but Tiny would not be comforted. He didn't like the idea of staying out there on the narrow, desolate road where something might come along in the dark and run into them. He wanted to go home, or at least to some place where he would feel safe again. So he began to pray.

It was such a simple little prayer that some people may laugh at it, but it was so earnest—just these few words: "Please, Jesus, push us out of the mud!"

By and by the rain stopped, and father got out of the car again. With his shovels he tried to dig the soft, oozy mud away from the wheels.

Meanwhile Tiny kept repeating his prayer over and over again. "Please, Jesus, push us out of the mud." "Please, Jesus, push us out of the mud," and in between praying he would watch father out of the window.

By and by, when father had almost finished clearing the wheels, a farm wagon happened to come along, and the driver towed car and trailer on to harder ground.

Tiny was overjoyed. He felt sure that this was a direct answer to his prayer, and from that day to this he has never once failed to thank Jesus for coming to the rescue. In fact, not only does he mention it in his nightly prayer, but he repeats his thanks three times a day, when he says grace at meals.

I asked him to tell me himself just exactly what he says, and here it is, without a single change:

"Amen. God bless this food. Jesus pushed us out of the mud."

Blessed, beautiful faith of a little child!

### Questions:

1. Why were only a few people supposed to touch the Ark?
2. What happened to the men in the village who touched the Ark?
3. What was Samuel busy doing?
4. Why didn't God let good things happen to his people?
5. What did Samuel tell the people to do?
6. Did they do what Samuel said?
7. What did God do to the Philistines?
8. What did Samuel give to God before he prayed?
9. As long as Samuel lived, who did not bother the people of God?

Answers: 1. It was a very special thing that God had said. 2. They died. 3. Teaching the people. 4. Because they were praying to idols. 5. Throw away their idols and pray to God. 6. Yes. 7. He caused a great thunder to frighten them. 8. An offering. 9. The Philistines.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## SAMUEL TEACHES ISRAEL

Samuel was busy going from one town to another teaching the people to live together in peace and in a way that pleased God. He visited the cities of Bethel, Gilgal and Mizpeh each year.

Sometimes the people came with questions like, "Is it sin to have idols in our homes?" Samuel always answered, "Yes, it is sin. God said you shall not have other gods, you shall not make any graven images, and you shall not bow down to them, or serve them."

Others asked, "What shall we do to those who kill?" Samuel answered, "If the murderer does not run to the city of refuge, then he must be punished. For God has said you should not kill and who ever sheds man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for man is made in the image of God."

Two men came to him with an argument. One said, "I borrowed a donkey to carry my load of pottery to the market, but the donkey became ill and died. Now he thinks I should pay him for the donkey I could not keep the donkey from getting sick and dying."

Samuel said, "You are responsible to either return what you borrow or pay for it. The donkey died while in your care, you should pay the owner for it."

In the city of Ramah, Samuel's home town, he built an altar and the people came there to bring their offerings and worship God. There were four feasts each year which the men were to attend. The women and children did not always come.

Performing these services with the people and going from place to place judging them was a lot of work for Samuel, but he was still happy working for God just as he had been when he was a little boy.

“ . . . I will teach you the  
good and the right way:”  
I Samuel 12:23





## The Tract Society

Do you know what a "Tract Society" is? A tract is a small piece of paper on which is printed a message, usually having to do with the Bible, and a society is a club.

Here is a sweet story about some girls who wanted to be like Samuel and work for God.

"Sister Marie, will you give us some tracts?" asked eight-year-old Lisa.

"Well, Lisa, what do you need them for?" asked Sister Marie, as she stopped typing and looked down with a smile.

"We're going to have a tract society," explained Lisa, "and we'll give them out to people on the street. We want others to know about Jesus, too. Our Sunday School teacher, Sis. Rebecca, said we should be "fishers of men," so we thought this would be a good idea."

"I think so, too!" said Sister Marie, and she got up from her chair and gave the girls some tracts on salvation.

Soon the little girls were on the sidewalk in front of the house. Every once in a while, Sister Marie would peek out the window to see how they were doing. She saw them stop one elderly-looking gentleman. They seemed to be talking very earnestly and the gentleman smiled down at them in a kindly way, took a tract, patted their heads, and walked on. One other lady looked at the children, but shook her head, "no."

The girls came running in around lunch time, all excited. "Well, and how was your little mission?" asked Sister Marie politely.

"Oh, Sister Marie," they exclaimed breathlessly, "we need more tracts! A lady with a poodle said she would come back after lunch to talk to you and get some more tracts. She said she'd been trying to find this place for a long time!"

Sure enough, after lunch, the lady came back and Sister Marie talked to her for a long time. After the lady left, Sister Marie called the girls back into the office, and told them how happy she was with their mission and "tract society." "That lady's name is Mrs. Pinker," she told the girls, "and she wanted to know if she could come to

church next Sunday. You girls have done a wonderful job!"

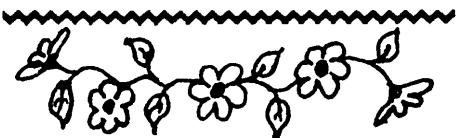
"Well, we were kind of scared at first, because some people said 'no,'" confessed Lisa, "but after a while, I guess God helped us, because it wasn't so scary anymore! Do you think we could do this again next Saturday?"

"Yes, I think that would be an excellent idea!" said Sister Marie. "Perhaps you could get more children from your Sunday School class to hand out tracts, too."

"Maybe so," said Lisa. "It would be fun to have more children. That way we could talk to more people! Maybe some more ladies would get saved. And men, too," she added.

"Don't forget to give story tracts to the children, too," said Sister Marie. "They might like to read some of the stories and maybe they would give them to their parents. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a whole family was saved?"

—Grace Lassche



### Questions:

1. Was Samuel a busy man?
2. What did he visit each year?
3. What did Samuel do while at the different cities?
4. What did Samuel tell the man who had borrowed the donkey?
5. Are we responsible for things we borrow?
6. Where was Samuel's home?
7. How many times each year did the men come there?
8. What did the people bring, when they came to worship?
9. Why was Samuel happy?



Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Different cities. 3. Because he was working for the Lord. 4. Four times. 5. An offering to God. 6. Ramah. 7. Borrow or pay for it. 8. Yes. 9. Ramah. 10. Responsible to either return what you are and live together in peace. 11. You are He taught the people how to please God. 12. Different cities. 13.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## SAMUEL'S SONS

"Knock, knock," sounded on the door of the temple. Samuel went to the door. "I must speak to your son Joel," said a richly dressed man.

Joel went outside to speak with the man so his father, Samuel, could not hear. "I've come all the way from Beer-sheba to talk to you tonight, because I knew you would help me again as you have before. My servant was careless and dumped hot ashes on the dry grass. The grass caught fire and caused Obediah's wheat field to burn. It is a great loss and I guess I should pay for it; but Joel, that would cost at least a hundred cows."

"Yes, by God's law you should pay for Obediah's wheat crop."

"I know, I know, but I will give you ten nice cows if you will be my judge on this and get me out of this mess."

Joel thought for a long while. "O.K., I will," he answered.

What Joel just did was "take a bribe" to pervert judgment. God said that no one should take a bribe. Samuel never did.

Another day a thief stole an ox and killed it. God's rule said, "If a man shall steal an ox, and kill it; he shall pay back five oxen for an ox." The thief said to Abiah, Samuel's other son, "I will give you an ox if you will let me only pay the price of one ox instead of five."

Abiah loved money just as Joel did so he also took the money and told the thief he did not have to obey the law of God.

These sons, Joel and Abiah, should have judged the people rightly and turned the people's hearts toward God. However, the way they were doing made the people not want to trust in God. It caused them to think that other nations had a better way of living.

How unhappy the people were!

“ . . . whoso trusteth in  
Proverbs 16:20



ne Lord, happy is he.”



## Two Years After

We must remember that all prayers are not answered immediately. Sometimes, for some good reason, God makes us wait, perhaps for a month, perhaps for a year, perhaps for even two years. However, He never forgets a prayer.

So it was with a woman I heard about. Arriving home one day, she discovered, to her great distress, that she had lost her handbag.

This was no slight loss, for the bag contained more than four hundred dollars in cash and valuable papers.

Four hundred dollars gone!

She telephoned the police. She put an advertisement in the local newspaper, and when nothing happened, she put it in several other newspapers. She tried to think of every place she had been of late and then walked back over the same ground, searching carefully every step of the way. However, no trace of the missing handbag could she find.

She prayed about it. Her husband prayed with her, yet nothing happened. They kept on praying for several weeks and then decided to let the matter drop.

Sometimes they said to each other, "Perhaps this is something too hard for the Lord." And maybe that is why He made them wait.

A long time later, around Christmas time, a young man named Jed was crossing a field in this same neighborhood. when, to his amazement, he saw a woman's handbag lying in the tall grass. He picked it up and took it home, intending to telephone the police about it. However, being very busy just then, he tossed the bag unopened into a closet and promptly forgot all about it.

Twelve months passed. Yes, twelve whole months. It was Christmas the next year before that handbag was found again.

Once more Jed went to the closet, and to his surprise saw a strange handbag there. He seemed to recall having picked it up somewhere, but he was not too sure about it. However, having some time on his hands now, he thought he

would open it up and see what was inside.

Imagine his amazement when he found four hundred dollars in cash!

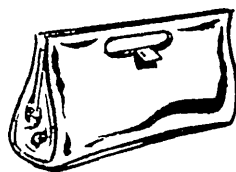
The first thought that came into his mind was whispered by the devil. He said, "This is the hand of God sending you all this money. After two years, you know you will never find the owner. You didn't keep it to be dishonest, but just because you forgot and therefore you are not responsible."

Then another thought came; it was from God. It said, "Do all you can to find the owner, for you want others to return lost things to you."

All the time the devil and the Lord were talking to Jed, he was busy looking through the papers in the purse for some name and address of the owner. A few minutes later he was hurrying toward the address, ready to apologize for having kept the handbag so long.

Jed found the owner and how happy he was that he had done what a Christian should do.

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### Questions:

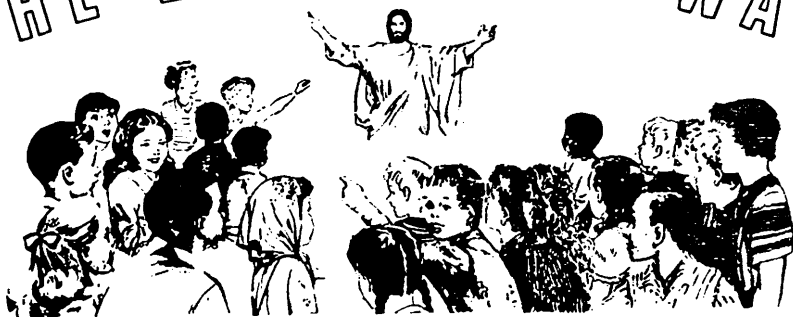
1. Why did Joel step outside to speak to the visitor?
2. Did Joel tell the man he should obey God?
3. What were Samuel's son's names?
4. Did they judge the people rightly?
5. What did Joel and Abiah love?
6. Were they wicked men?
7. Why didn't the people want to obey God?
8. Did they believe the other nations had a better way of living?
9. Were the people happy?



(Answers: 1. So Samuel could not hear him. 2. No. 3. Joel and Abiah. 4. No. 5. Money. 6. Yes. 7. Because their judges did not obey God. 8. Yes. 9. No! People are not happy when they displease God.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## THE PEOPLE WANT A KING

All the people loved Samuel but they did not like the way his sons were doing. They came to Samuel and said, "You are old and will soon die, your sons do not lead us like you did. We need a king like the other nations."

Samuel felt very sad about this. "God is your king," he answered. "This is very serious! I must pray and ask God about it."

"Very well," they said, "we will come again, soon!"

Samuel prayed and God said, "Don't feel sad about this, Samuel. It is not you they don't want, it is me! I have been their leader since the day I brought them out of slavery in Egypt. I have fought their battles just as I did the day when I caused the thunder to frighten their enemies away. I caused the walls of Jericho to fall and many other times I have given them the victory. I have given them food and water. I have done all this, yet they don't want me as their leader. Give them a king and let them see that I am better than a king!"

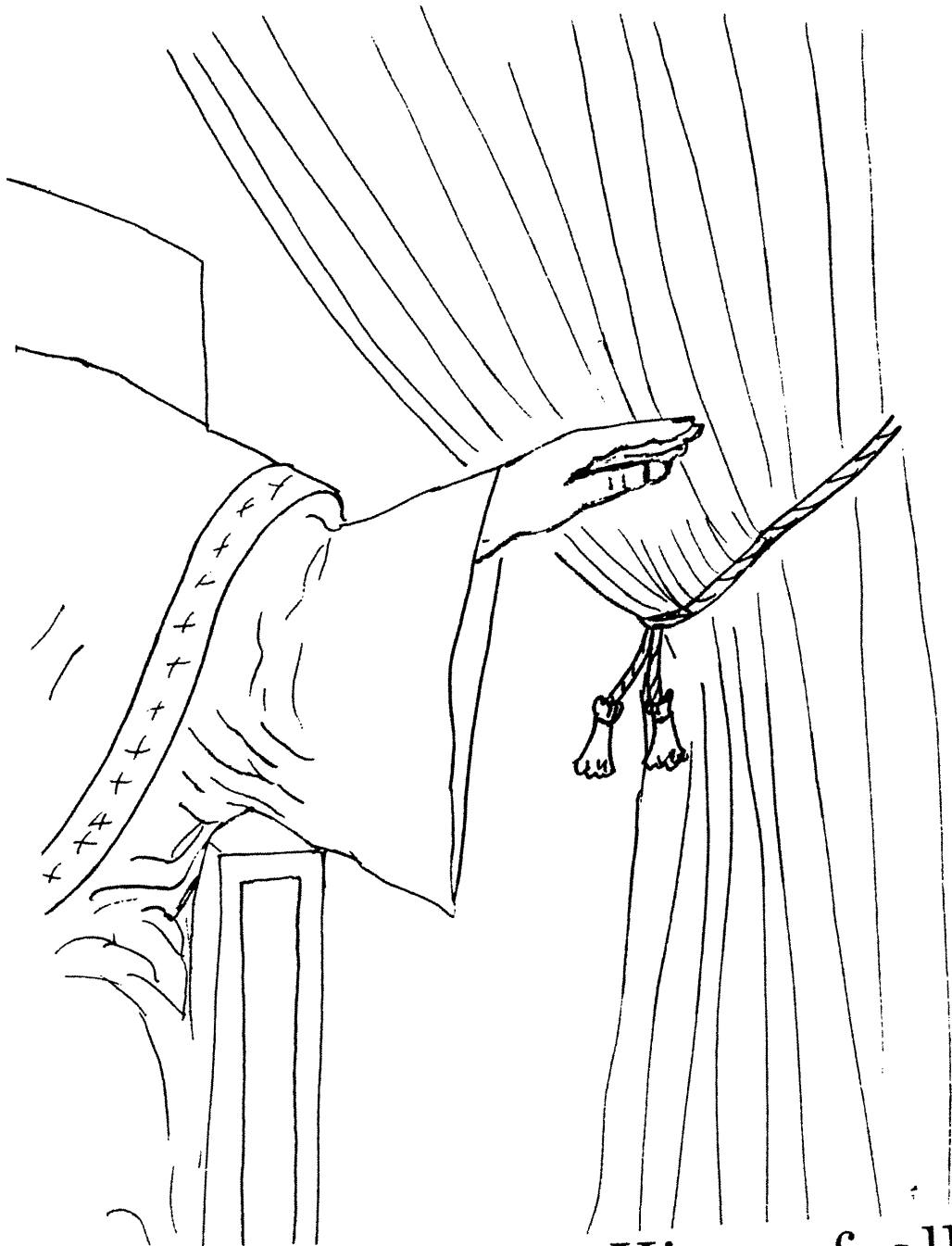
Samuel called the people together and said, "Surely God says, 'You may have a king, but a king will be to you a lot of trouble. It will cost you a lot of money to have a palace for a king. Your children will have to be servants to the kings. I have fought your battles, but now the king will take your men to fight your enemies. They will be killed and you will be left as widows and orphans.' "

"We will give him our children, our men, our land, and our money," they said, "just give us a king so we can be like other nations!"

"In the day that you cry out in trouble because of your king, the Lord shall not hear you," Samuel warned again.

They still cried out, "Give us a king so we can be like other people."





“... God is the King of all  
the earth:” Psalms 47:7.

## First and Best

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## SAMUEL ANOINTS A KING

Samuel asked God to tell him who should be the new king of Israel. One day God said, "Tomorrow I will show you the new king."

The very next day, as Samuel went to bless an offering, he saw a tall, handsome man. "This is the new king, Saul," God said.

As they met, Saul said, "Do you know where the man of God lives?"

"Yes, I do, for I am the man of God. Your father has already found his donkey which you are looking for, so don't worry about them, just come with me to eat and then spend the night here."

Saul went along with Samuel. Samuel sat him in the most important seat at the feast. "You are blessed of God and will be the new king," he said. Then he told the cook, "Bring him the best of everything for he is our honored guest!"

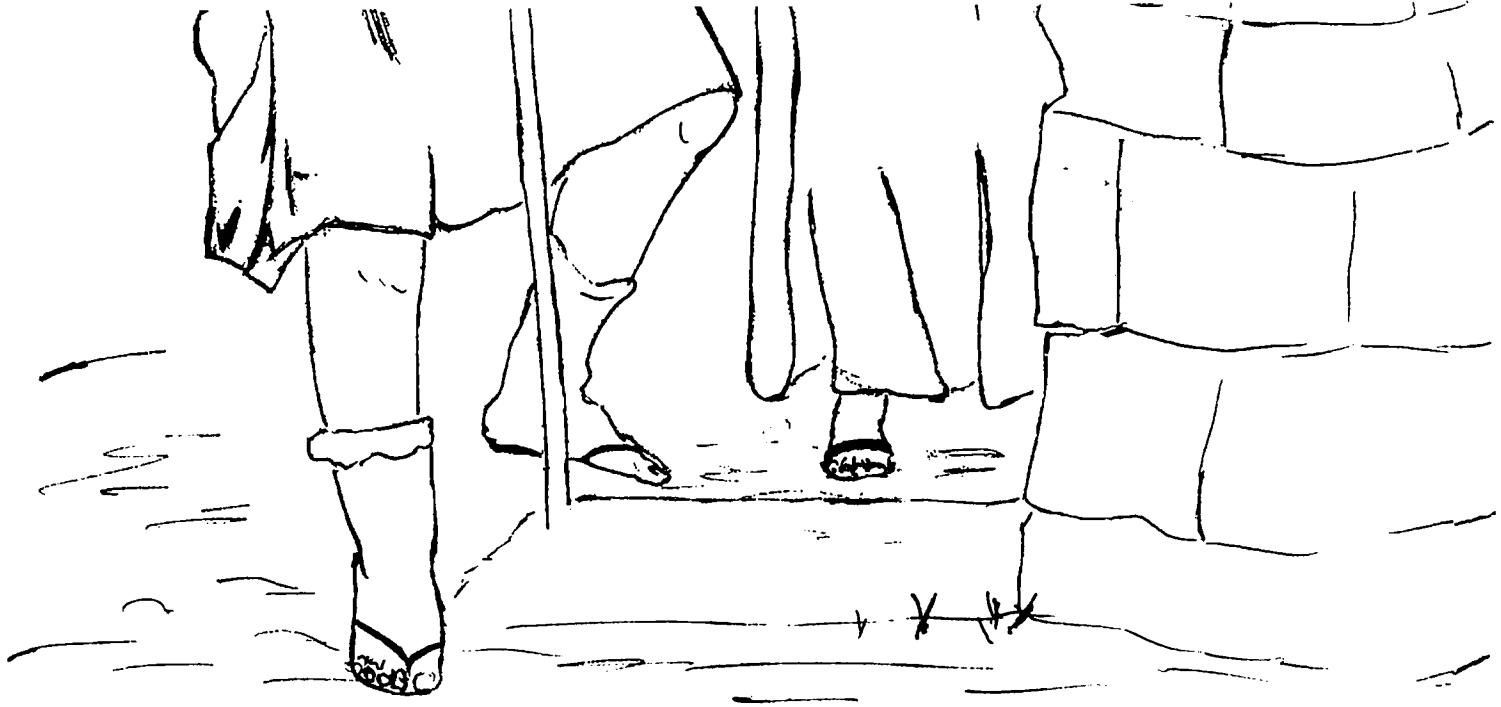
That night they talked together upon the top of Samuel's house.

Early the next morning, Samuel called, "Get up, you must be going."

He walked Saul to the edge of the city and then anointed him to be the king! Then he told Saul, "Today two men will tell you that your father found the donkeys and is now hunting you. Then you will meet three men going to Bethel. One will be carrying three baby goats, another three loaves of bread and the third a bottle of wine. They will offer you two loaves of bread which you shall take. Later God's Spirit will cause you to prophesy with a group of prophets. Go with them and stay with them seven days, until I come to you."

When Saul left Samuel, God gave him a new heart. Everything happened to him that day just as Samuel had said it would.

Sometime later, at a great assembly of the people, Samuel presented unto them their new king, SAUL!



“Behold the man . . . shall  
reign over my people.”

I Samuel 9:17



## Jesus Heals

Gloria was only three years old when she did this lovely thing I am going to tell you about.

Her father is an important businessman, but not so long ago he became very, very ill. He was so sick that two doctors were called. The doctors said, "He must have rest. No one is to go into his room except the nurse, and everyone and everything in the entire house must be kept very quiet, so he can sleep."

No matter how quiet the house was, he could not sleep. Hour after hour he tossed about, restless and irritable, and constantly getting weaker. As the days passed, and he became steadily worse, the doctors finally decided that there was nothing more that they could do.

All this time little Gloria had been wondering what was going on in that darkened room. She knew her daddy was sick, but why was she not allowed to go into his room to see him for just a minute, she could not understand. Now and then, when nobody was looking, she would creep along to the door of his room and stand outside listening. There she would stay until the nurse opened the door, and then she would run away so fast that there was no time for the nurse to scold her.

How Gloria wanted to see her daddy! She felt he needed her, and it made her cross to be told that she mustn't go in his room.

One afternoon, as she was looking around a corner of the hall, sadly watching the door of daddy's room, the nurse came out and left the door open!

Like a streak of lightning Gloria sped around the corner and into the room! She just had to see her daddy!

Poor daddy, he looked so sick and tired. "I'm so sorry," she said, and gently stroked his hand. "I love you."

Daddy turned his head and smiled weakly at her. "I'm glad you came to see me," he whispered.

Gloria's eyes filled with tears and then she walked over to the window and looked up into the sky. There she talked quietly to Jesus, as if she were talking to someone standing beside her.

When her prayer was finished she came back to his bedside and said, "Daddy, Jesus told me just now that you are going to get better."

Daddy smiled and slowly closed his eyes.

A few moments later Gloria heard footsteps. It was the nurse coming back! Gloria frowned at the nurse and said, "Sssh! My daddy's asleep, don't you wake him."

The nurse looked and was surprised to see that he really was sleeping. He slept soundly all night, something he had not done for many weeks. In the morning, when he awoke, he was so much better that the doctors could hardly believe it. He kept getting better until soon he was well again.

Today he is back at his work, but he never tires of telling the story of how his life was saved, not by the doctors, but by his own little Gloria's prayer to Jesus!

—Selected

Find three books in the Bible beginning with the letter L:

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### Questions:

1. What did Samuel ask God?
2. Did God tell Samuel who the new king would be?
3. What did Samuel tell Saul about the donkeys?
4. Where did Saul go with Samuel?
5. Where did Samuel anoint Saul?
6. Did Samuel tell Saul what would happen to him that day?
7. Did everything happen as Samuel said?
8. Who changed Saul's heart?
9. Where did Samuel present the new king?



(Answers: 1. Who will be the new king? 2. Yes. 3. They were already found. 4. To Samuel's house to eat at a feast. 5. At the edge of the city. 6. Yes. 7. Yes. 8. The Spirit of God. 9. At a large assembly of people.)



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## SAMUEL'S LAST WORK

Samuel said, "I have served you since I was a boy, but now I am old. You have King Saul as your leader, but you must still trust in God and obey His commandments. The victory God gave a few days ago was because He still loves you, even though you have displeased Him by asking for a king. Today God will send a thunderstorm so you may know that you have sinned, but fear not, only serve Him with all your heart. But, if you do wickedly, He will destroy you."

Samuel prayed and God sent the storm. The people greatly feared God and Samuel. This was the last time Samuel spoke to a crowd. Afterwards he scolded King Saul, once for not staying humble, and once for not obeying God's commands.

Later, because of Saul's disobedience, Samuel anointed David and David became king.

Throughout these years, Samuel was doing spiritual service for the people. Each time King Saul needed help he went to Samuel for prayer and advice. When Samuel died all the people cried.

After his death the Philistines came again to make war. Everyone was frightened! They had not come since the people repented and threw away their idols. Saul called upon God but God did not answer him because of his disobedience, so Saul went to a witch and asked her to call Samuel's spirit back to earth. "I must talk to him," he said.

She did and Samuel asked, "Saul, why did you bother me?"

"Because I am in trouble and God is not with me," he answered.

"I can't help you when God is your enemy. The Philistines shall conquer your people and you and your sons shall die. Then David shall be king." Saul fainted and Samuel's spirit went away.

Samuel served God as a child.



Samuel prayed and i



Samuel anointed King David.

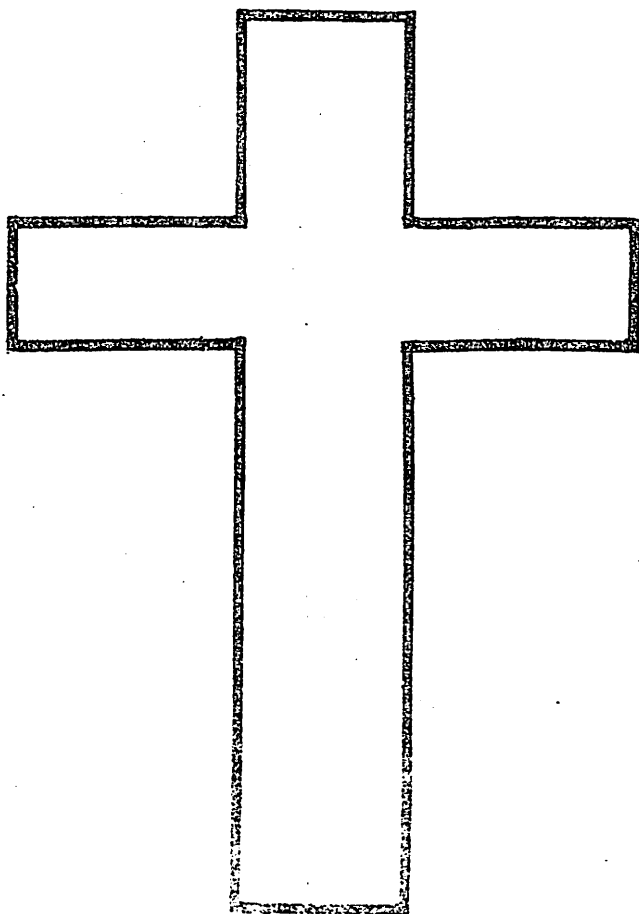


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Jesus died on the cross so you can  
be a worker for God like Samuel.



death.

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all the days of his life.”  
I Samuel 7:15

## Iris Does the Ironing

"Iris, dear," said Mother, "I am going out for a little while, and I want you to be a very good girl till I come back."

"All right, Mamma," said Iris.

"And mind, darling, you won't touch the iron, will you?"

"Oh, no, no, no!" murmured Iris.

As soon as Mother had gone, Iris started to have fun with her dolls. Then she got a bright idea.

"I think I'll do something to help Mamma," she said to herself, "and give her a big surprise when she comes home."

So Iris wandered around the house, looking for a job she could do. Her eyes caught sight of a basket half full of clothes waiting to be ironed.

"There's an idea!" Iris thought to herself. "I could do the ironing."

So she found the ironing board and set it up. Then she found the iron and put the plug in the socket.

"It must be hot enough now," she said to herself. Then, picking up a few of her own little handkerchiefs, she spread them out carefully, and gently moved the iron up and down over them. One by one she finished the handkerchiefs, then picked up a garment of Mother's.

This garment of Mother's, however, was a little more difficult than the flat handkerchiefs. It wouldn't go straight. So she pressed a little harder, and that made a brown mark, and when she pressed again, it became a darker brown still. Finally, when there were a number of brown marks all over it, she thought she had better put it down and try something else.

"Oh," she said, "there's my own best dress. I didn't know that Mother had washed it. Won't it be fun to iron that!"

So she picked up the dress, spread it out and picked up the iron again. It seemed to have got a bit hotter by now, and there was another of those brown marks where it had been sitting on the board—a dark-brown one, in fact. She thought mother might not be pleased about it. But there was her dress to iron; she must get on with that.

This proved to be even more difficult than mother's garment. It was of a thin material, and just wouldn't lie straight.

Every time the iron went down on the dress a cloud of steam would rise in the air all around her face. At least, it started as steam, but it smelled a little like smoke after a while.

Just then there was a click of a key in the front door, and Iris dropped the iron and ran to where she had been playing with her dolls. Unfortunately, in her haste, she forgot to pull out the plug.

A moment later Mother was rushing into the kitchen. A strange blue cloud was rising from the ironing board.

"Iris! You naughty girl!" she cried. "What have you been doing? Why, look at your best dress! It's ruined. It is ruined. It's burned clear through. Oh, and look at my—!" But Mother couldn't finish. She was too upset.

"I was only trying to help you," said Iris, holding one of her dolls very tightly.

"Help me!" cried Mother. "It is much better to obey than to help in this manner." And then Mother walked upstairs with Iris's hand tightly clasped in hers.

Just what was going to happen up there I am not quite sure. Perhaps you can guess.

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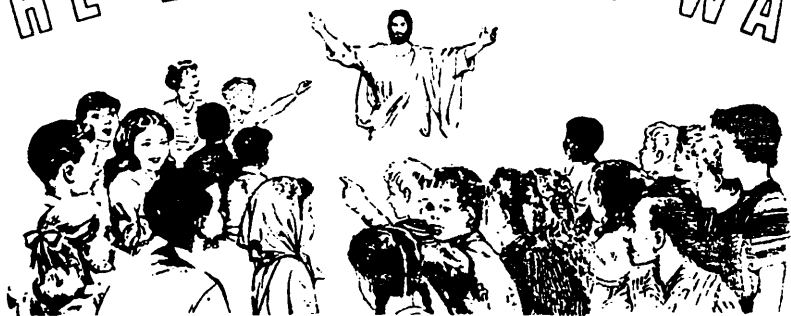
### Questions:

1. Was this Samuel's last time to speak to a large crowd of people?
2. Was Samuel young or old?
3. What happened to show the people they sinned in asking for a king?
4. How many times did Samuel reprove Saul?
5. What did the people do when Samuel died?
6. When was the last time the Philistines troubled the people?
7. Why did Saul want to speak with Samuel?
8. Did Samuel's spirit talk with Saul?
9. What did it tell Saul?



(Answers: 1. Yes, 2. Old, 3. A thunder storm came when Samuel prayed, 4. Two, 5. They cried, 6. Just before they repented and threw away their idols, 7. Because he was in trouble and God wasn't with him, 8. Yes, 9. The Philistines will die, and David will be king.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## TWO MEN CHASE AN ARMY

For many years the Philistines had troubled the people of God. Then one time God sent thunder and lightning that frightened them so badly they did not bother God's people as long as Samuel was the leader. During these years the two countries helped each other as friends. When Samuel became old, however, the people chose to have King Saul as their leader.

The people of God had taken their axes, plows, tools, spears, and swords to the Philistines to be sharpened. In the whole land only King Saul and his son Jonathan had a sword and spear.

The Philistines decided this was a good time to attack. They divided into three groups and stationed themselves at important spots around the land of Israel, where God's people lived.

One day Jonathan said to his armourbearer, "Let us go up to the Philistines. It may be that God will work for us today. He can give a victory with a lot of men or just a few."

Quietly they left King Saul and his six hundred soldiers and climbed over the rocky hill through a narrow passage which ended near one of the camps. When the Philistines saw Jonathan come out of the passage they shouted, "Here come the Hebrews out of the holes where they've been hiding! Come over and we'll show you!"

Jonathan jumped off the rock onto the soldiers and his armourbearer came behind him. The Philistines were so confused they were killing each other! Then the Philistines began running for home.

Saul's men were watching from a hill overlooking the enemies' camp. They shouted to King Saul, "The Philistines are melting away!" The Israelites fell in behind Jonathan and chased them far away.

# God's power



**"There is no restraint to  
or by few." I S**

**is unlimited.**



**the Lord to save by many  
muel 14:6b**

## Secret of a Missing Day

The Sheffield family was at the dinner table one evening. It seemed to be the only meal that they could all be together at one time, so they enjoyed talking over the happenings of their days at this time.

Tim said, "Well, the Bible has been proven to be true again."

Everyone looked in his direction for an explanation of that statement.

"How's that, son?" asked Dad.

"In our science class we have been studying about the sun, moon, stars, etc.," Tim explained, "and Mr. Sloan told us about the missing time."

"Missing time!" echoed Joe. "What do you mean?" He was interested now.

"Well, it seems that there were some scientists who were computing time from the very beginning of time, and somehow there was an error in their calculations. They were missing a day and a few hours," replied Tim. "They kept searching and going back over their work, but they just could not come up with the correct calculations."

"That's really interesting," Mother commented, as she handed Dad the potatoes and gravy, "but where does the Bible fit in your story?"

Tim took another piece of crispy fried chicken, and continued. "One of the scientists evidently remembered hearing in Sunday school as a little child something about the sun being stopped. He started reading the Bible, and found that Joshua had commanded the sun to stop during a battle with five kings to protect the Gibeonites. Do you remember that?"

"Joshua was in the midst of a battle and the Israelites were defeating the enemy, but the day was quickly closing down on the battle. Joshua knew a large number of the enemy would escape to fight again if darkness came soon. The Israelites needed to defeat the enemy right then! So Joshua felt divinely inspired to pray for the sun to keep shining—and it did one day longer! God allowed the sun to stop for the space of another day. Anyway, the scientists fed

this extra day into their computer, but there was still something wrong."

"What was still wrong?" Joe asked, with a fork full of green beans in his hand.

"Then someone just happened to think of the time Hezekiah prayed for the sundial to go back ten degrees," Tim continued as his family listened. "Hezekiah knew that the sundial going forward was natural, but for it to go backward would be a miracle from God. This was a sign that he was to be healed. God sent the sundial back 10 degrees and Hezekiah was healed! Well, when the scientists checked all this out and put the information into the computer, their figures were correct. They had to go to the Bible to get the right answer!"

"Well, praise the Lord!" exclaimed Dad. "As you say, the Bible has been proven to be true again. No matter how much information and knowledge man can learn, they always can come to the Bible for answers." —Dorothy Wilkins



### Questions:

1. What frightened the Philistines?
2. In the story who is the leader of the people?
3. Why did the Philistines think it was a good time to attack?
4. How many soldiers were with Jonathan when he fought?
5. Why were so many Philistines killed?
6. How many soldiers were with King Saul?
7. What did the men watching say?
8. Did the Philistines run away?
9. How many men did God use to win this battle?

Answers: 1. Thunder and lightning. 2. King Saul. 3. Because only King Saul and Jonathan had a sword. 4. Only his armour-bearer. 5. Because they became confused and killed each other. 6. 600. 7. "The Philistines are melting away!" 8. Yes! 9. Two.



Lesson Text: I Samuel 7:9; 12:1, 2; 13:19-23; 14:1-17.



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## TROUBLE FROM HASTY ACTIONS

As Jonathan was returning home, after chasing the Philistines away from his country, he became very hungry. Suddenly he saw a large beehive filled to overflowing with honey! Quickly he stuck the long stick he was carrying into it and licked the honey off the stick.

The soldiers with him gasped! They were surprised that Jonathan would disobey the command of his father, King Saul! Jonathan and his armourbearer had left early that morning so they knew nothing about the command. "Oh, Jonathan," they cried, "King Saul said that whoever ate before sundown would be killed!"

"What a foolish command!" Jonathan retorted. "You should all have eaten of the food the Philistines left when they ran, then we could have chased them even farther away!"

When the soldiers heard Jonathan say that, they ran to the deserted Philistine camp and got food. They were so hungry they ate the meat raw! To eat raw meat was a sin. Jonathan only disobeyed the King's command, however, his disobedience caused the people to disobey God's command.

That night Saul called the priest to ask God if they should chase their enemy during the night, but God didn't answer! The King and priest knew that someone had sinned when God did not answer. "Who has done wrong?" they asked God. God said it was Jonathan.

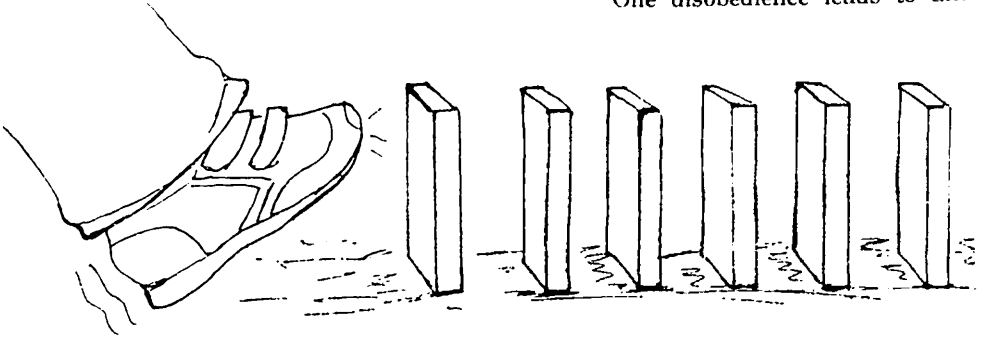
Saul called for Jonathan and asked him, "What have you done?"

"I only tasted a little honey. Shall I die for that?"

Saul answered, "You shall surely die, my son Jonathan."

The people cried out, "Shall Jonathan die, whom God has used for the great victory today? God forbid! He shall not die!"

One disobedience leads to another



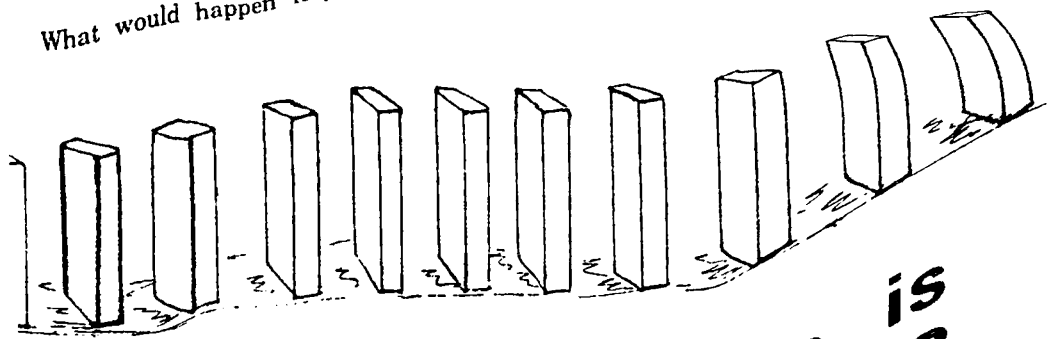
**"Be ye perfect even as**



Jonathan dips his rod in the honey.

**Think carefully**

What would happen if you knocked the first block over?



your Father in heaven <sup>is</sup>  
perfect." Matthew 5:48



The men ate the lamb with the blood.

before you act!

## Mr. Hardin's Garden

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin had finally realized their fondest dream. They had been able to buy a little place in the country. Here they could have a little garden, and maybe a few chickens. Mr. Hardin had worked hard in the factory for many years, and now he was to retire. They sold their house in the city, and moved to their dream house.

There was plenty of work to be done around the place. The house needed work done on it, and there was always plenty of yard work, too.

Even with all the work, though, each morning they went to check on their garden. After feeding the chickens and looking for eggs, Mr. Hardin came in with a big smile. "Mabel, you should see all the little green tomatoes. We're going to have a bumper crop this year!" exclaimed Mr. Hardin.

"I know. I was just out there to see for myself," said Mrs. Hardin. "I can hardly wait to be getting food from our garden. Fresh vegetables taste so good."

One morning Mr. Hardin came in very angry. "What has happened?" Mrs. Hardin asked.

"Haven't you seen our garden this morning?" replied Mr. Hardin. "It's a mess! Our neighbor's pigs must have been in it last night."

"Oh, dear. What shall we do?" Mrs. Hardin asked as she went out the kitchen door.

"Well, I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to give him a piece of my mind, and make him pay for the damages!" shouted Mr. Hardin, as he went towards the neighbor's house.

When he got to the door, he was really upset. He knocked and waited very impatiently. Soon he heard someone come to the door. It was his neighbor, Mr. Welsh.

"Come on in; it's good to see you. What can I do to help you?" Mr. Welsh was saying as he invited Mr. Hardin in.

"What can you do for me? Come and look at the damage your pigs have done to our garden!" exclaimed Mr. Hardin.

"Have they gotten out again, and into your garden?" asked Mr. Welsh. "I'm sorry."

"What will being sorry do for my garden?" asked Mr. Hardin, as they walked over to survey the damage. "Now we'll not have a vegetable from our garden this year! I asked you to fix your fence last week, remember?"

"I don't know what to say or do," Mr. Welsh said. "I should have done as you told me. Please forgive me, and I'll get more seed and fix your garden. In the meantime, when our garden vegetables are ready, help yourself."

By this time Mr. Hardin could see that Mr. Welsh was sorry that this had happened and was so eager to fix everything up, that he felt ashamed of his actions.

"Yes, I'll forgive you. Please forgive me, too. I was so angry and upset. Maybe we can get this fence fixed right away and then see what can be done about the garden. I do appreciate the use of your garden too. It will all work out, I'm sure," replied Mr. Hardin, as they went for tools to fix the fence.



### Questions:

1. Was Jonathan hungry?
2. What did he see to eat?
3. Why were the soldiers surprised that Jonathan ate?
4. Did Jonathan obey his father?
5. How did the priest know that Jonathan had disobeyed?
6. Did Jonathan tell his father the truth?
7. Why wasn't Jonathan killed?
8. Who did God use to get the victory?
9. Do you think Jonathan should have been killed?

(Answers: 1. Yes! 2. Honey. 3. Because King Saul had said that whoever ate that day would be killed. 4. No. 5. God told who had sinned. 6. Yes. 7. The people wouldn't let him be killed. 8. Jonathan. 9. No.)



Lesson Text: I Samuel 14:24-46.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A NEW KING IS ANOINTED

It was good that King Saul listened to the people and saved Jonathan's life, however, the next time he did what the people wanted he was disobeying God. Never should God be disobeyed! Kings especially should be very careful to never disobey God. "Saul has disobeyed several times, he is not a good king," God told Samuel. "You must go to the town of Bethlehem and anoint another king."

"I cannot do that!" Samuel protested. "If Saul should find out he will have me killed!"

"Take a cow with you and say, 'I am come to sacrifice to the Lord.' No one will suspect that you are also anointing a new king."

Samuel did just as God told him.

He went to Bethlehem and called Jesse's family to share the sacrifice with him. Jesse brought his seven older sons, but left David, the younger, caring for the sheep.

"Have your sons pass before me and God will show me which one is to be chosen for His service," Samuel told Jesse. First Eliab passed before Samuel, then Abinadab, next came Shammah. All seven sons passed before Samuel and not one was God's chosen!

"Do you have another son?" Samuel asked Jesse.

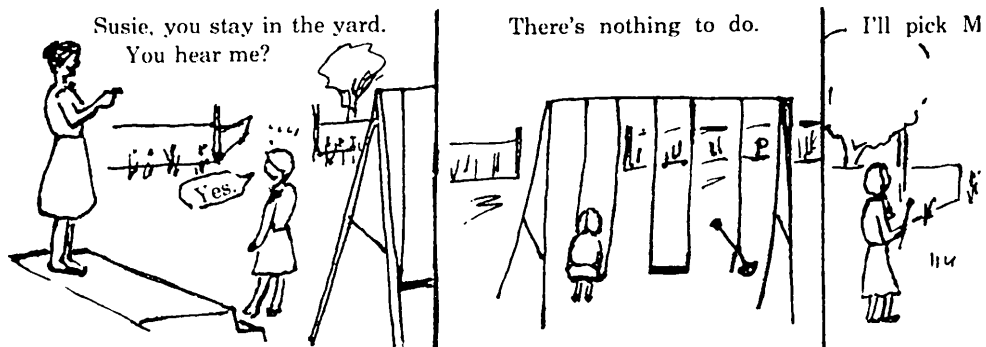
"Yes, I have a younger one who is caring for the sheep."

"Call him at once! We will not sit down to eat until he is here!"

Jesse sent for David. As soon as David came in, Samuel knew he was the chosen one. Samuel poured oil upon David's head while his older brothers watched. Then the Spirit of God came upon David.

When Samuel was finished, he returned to his home in Ramah.

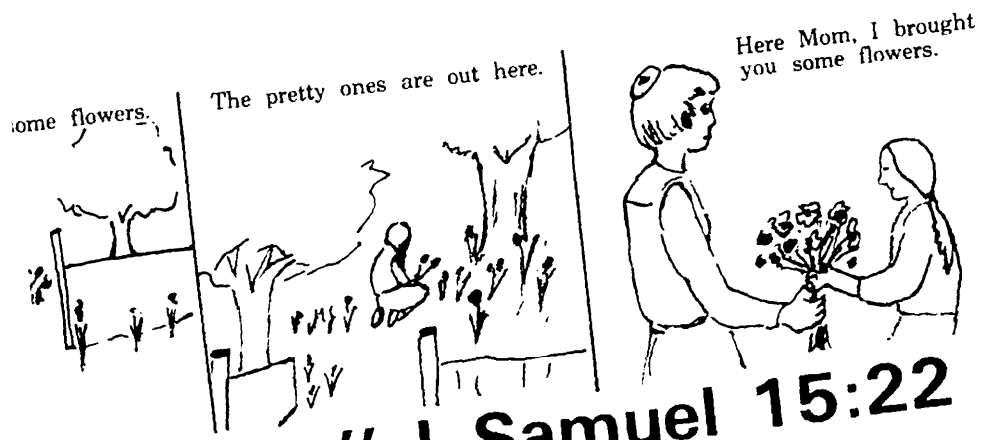
King Saul didn't know David had been anointed king in his place.



**"To obey is better than**



**Never dis**



sacrifice." I Samuel 15:22



bey God.

## Obedience

Mary and Betty were all excited about the visit of their aunt Jane. "She is coming tomorrow!" they told all their friends.

Time seemed to pass slowly for the two sisters, but finally it was time for them to go to the airport to pick up their favorite aunt. "Hurry, Mother and Daddy!" they begged, jumping up and down in excitement. "We don't want to be late!"

At the airport, they waited for the plane and then . . . there was Aunt Jane! She had a bag under her arm and her purse in her other hand, but somehow she managed to hurry over and hug her nieces. They all went downstairs to pick up her baggage, and soon were in the car on their way home.

"Well, I surely had an eventful trip!" sighed Aunt Jane. "For some reason or another, I just didn't feel right about getting on the other plane; I just felt like the Lord told me not to. I don't know why, but . . ."

She was interrupted by the radio announcer who said in a brisk voice, "We have just received a special news bulletin. There has been a plane crash of flight 267, coming from Chicago. We have no other reports beyond that, but it seems to be pretty serious right now."

There was silence in the car for a few minutes, and then Aunt Jane said in an awed whisper, "That was the plane I was going to get on! I was going to surprise you all and come early, but it seemed like the Lord wouldn't let me. My!" she said, and sat there, stunned.

"Thank the Lord!" said the girls' dad quietly. "He takes care of His own, doesn't He? But I think we should pray that no one will be fatally hurt, don't you?"

The family arrived home, and after putting Aunt Jane's bags in the guest room, they all met in the living room and had prayer for those in the plane crash. Then the girls' dad turned on the radio to hear the news.

The announcer's voice came on the air again, and said, "We are happy to be able to report that there were no

deaths in the plane crash of flight no. 267, from Chicago. There were some broken bones, but no one has been fatally injured."

Aunt Jane said, "Well, I'm still glad I wasn't on that plane. I might have broken a leg or something! The Lord surely has been good to me, and I've learned a lesson from this. It's good to listen to the Lord, even if we don't understand. I mean to be careful to do that all the time."

The girls nodded solemnly, and decided to learn that lesson, too.

—G. L.

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### Questions:

1. Why did God choose another king?
2. Is it very important that God is obeyed?
3. Why was Samuel afraid to anoint a new king?
4. In what city did the new king live?
5. What was David doing while his brothers went to the sacrifice?
6. Was the sacrifice eaten before David came?
7. Did Samuel know David was the chosen one?
8. How did the others know which one was chosen?
9. Did King Saul know a new king was anointed?

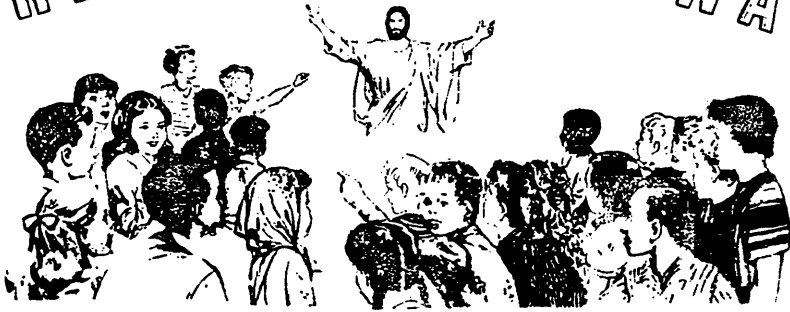
(Answers: 1. Because Saul disobeyed several times. 2. Yes! 3. He thought King Saul would know and have him killed. 4. Bethlehem. 5. Caring for the sheep. 6. No. 7. Yes. 8. Samuel poured oil on the chosen one. 9. No.)

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Lesson Text: I Samuel 15:1-35; 16:1-13.



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A MESSAGE FROM KING SAUL

While Jonathan was growing up in the palace, David lived in Bethlehem. He was not a king's son but a poor boy. His father was Jesse, his grandmother was Ruth. They both had strong faith in God.

David cared for his father's sheep. Sometimes it was a pleasant job and he had extra time to practice throwing stones with his sling, or playing music on his handmade harp. At other times his job was very difficult. Like the time a bear came out of the forest and snatched up a lamb in its paws. David worked hard fighting with the bear until he killed it! Another time a hungry lion got a lamb! The lion roared angrily when David tried to get the lamb! Then the lion dropped the lamb and turned on David! David grabbed him by the beard that hung from his chin and threw him to the ground. Then he killed the strong, fierce lion. How tired he was!

One day a message came from the king! It said, "Send your son who can play beautiful music to the palace at once! King Saul has need of him!"

Jesse put gifts for the king upon a donkey and sent his son David away to the palace to serve the king.

While living at the palace, David learned many things. He was thoughtful of others and soon King Saul loved him so much he asked his father to let him stay. Later he became the king's armour-bearer. Whenever King Saul was troubled by an evil spirit he became restless. At these times, David was called to play the harp. The beautiful music made King Saul feel refreshed.

The king was happy to have such a skillful musician, but he did not know this same boy was anointed to be king in place of him.

God works His plan for  
our lives.



He shall direct thy paths."  
Proverbs 3:6



## Who Dies?

"Mommy, little boys don't die do they?"

From her busy work, Mommy glanced down into the startled eyes of her little son.

"Come here, my dear," Mommy said, reaching her arms out to him.

They were listening to gospel songs and the one Jack noticed was of Jimmy Brown. First, Jimmy Brown was born and a little bell rang out the happy news that a wee baby boy had come into the world. He grew and was soon a man, so then he got married. Many happy bells rang out for Jimmy and his wife. Time went by. Last of all a lonely bell rang out that Jimmy Brown had passed away and his life on earth was over.

"Yes, my son," Mommy began, "Little boys will someday die—and little girls, also. . ."

"But b-b-but I don't want to!" said Jack and he began to cry.

"Don't worry about dying," Mommy told him as she kissed him. "Right now, you learn to make friends with Jesus. He wants to be your friend. Remember the song in our song book, number 179, 'What a Friend?'" And she began to sing.

"Will Jesus not let me die?" asked Jack when Mommy quit singing.

"Well, we will all have to die; that is, some day our skin will be cold, our eyes shut, and we won't breathe any more. But our souls—the little Jack hidden within you and the hidden Mommy within me will live on, and on, and on, and will never die at all."

"Oh," said Jack.

"Jesus and His Father have a big, beautiful home waiting for our souls to live in if we will be His friend and love Him. You know Mommy loves you," she said, hugging Jack tightly.

"Jesus loves you more than even Mommy does. Learn to show Jesus you love Him, too. You obey Mommy because you love her, don't you?"

Jack nodded his head yes.

"That is the best way to show Jesus you love Him. Mind Mommy and Daddy. Learn to listen to the minister. Learn to obey older people who love Jesus. Jesus will gladly be your friend if you will be His."

"Oh," Jack said, because that was all he could say while he thought over all Mommy had told him.

For a few minutes Mommy just held Jack close to her, like Jesus wants to hold little boys and girls, also.

Then she said, "Let me tell you how to change the song so it will sound happier. 'Jimmy Brown was born and a little bell rang out. Jimmy Brown got saved and found Jesus for his friend and bells up in heaven rang out the glad news; then, Jimmy Brown was married and many bells rang out; but when Jimmy Brown passed away, all the bells rang and the angels sang because they were welcoming home a friend!'"

—Connie Sorrell



### Questions:

1. Near what city did David live?
2. Was David poor or rich?
3. Name his father and grandmother?
4. What did David do when he was not busy with the sheep?
5. What did the message say?
6. Did David go to live in the palace?
7. Why did King Saul need David?
8. Besides playing the harp, what else did David do?
9. Did King Saul think David was a good musician?

(Answers: 1. Bethlehem, 2. Poor, 3. Jesse and Ruth, 4. He practiced throwing and slinging, 5. He practiced throwing and slinging, or played his harp, 6. "Send your son which can play beautiful music to the palace at once!" 7. Because an evil spirit troubled him, 8. He carried King Saul's armour, 9. Yes.)



Lesson Text: I Samuel 16:14-23; 17:34-36

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## A STATUE IN BED

Jonathan whispered to David, "You must run away and hide, for my father has told all his servants and *me* that we must kill you! Tomorrow I will talk to him and see if he will change his mind. Then I will tell you. Now go quickly!"

David did as he was warned and hid himself!

The next day Jonathan went for a walk with his father, King Saul. He begged Saul, "Please don't kill David who risked his life to save our people."

Saul said, "As long as the Lord lives, David shall be safe!"

Then Jonathan found David and brought him back to the palace and he was Saul's musician as in times past.

Later war with the Philistines broke out again and David was praised for his brave deeds. This made Saul furious!

The evil spirit began troubling him once more. David was called to play the harp, and while he was playing it King Saul again threw his javelin at David. David escaped and hid in his own home. Saul then commanded his servants to guard David's house and to kill him whenever he came outside.

David's wife Michal helped him escape through a window. Then she put a statue in the bed in place of David and covered it.

When the servants did not return with David's dead body, Saul commanded, "Go into his house and bring him out!"

Michal met the servants at the door. She said, "David is sick!"

Saul commanded, "Bring David to me in bed that I may kill him!"

The servants found nothing but the statue in David's bed! King Saul's plan to kill David failed again! God was protecting David!

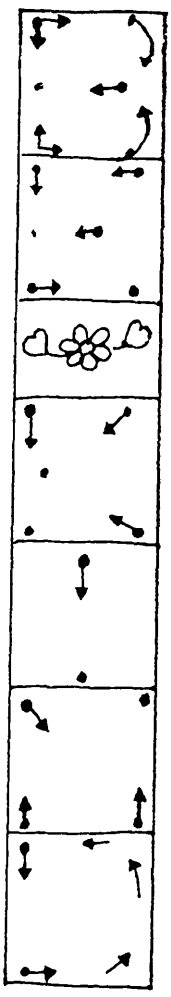
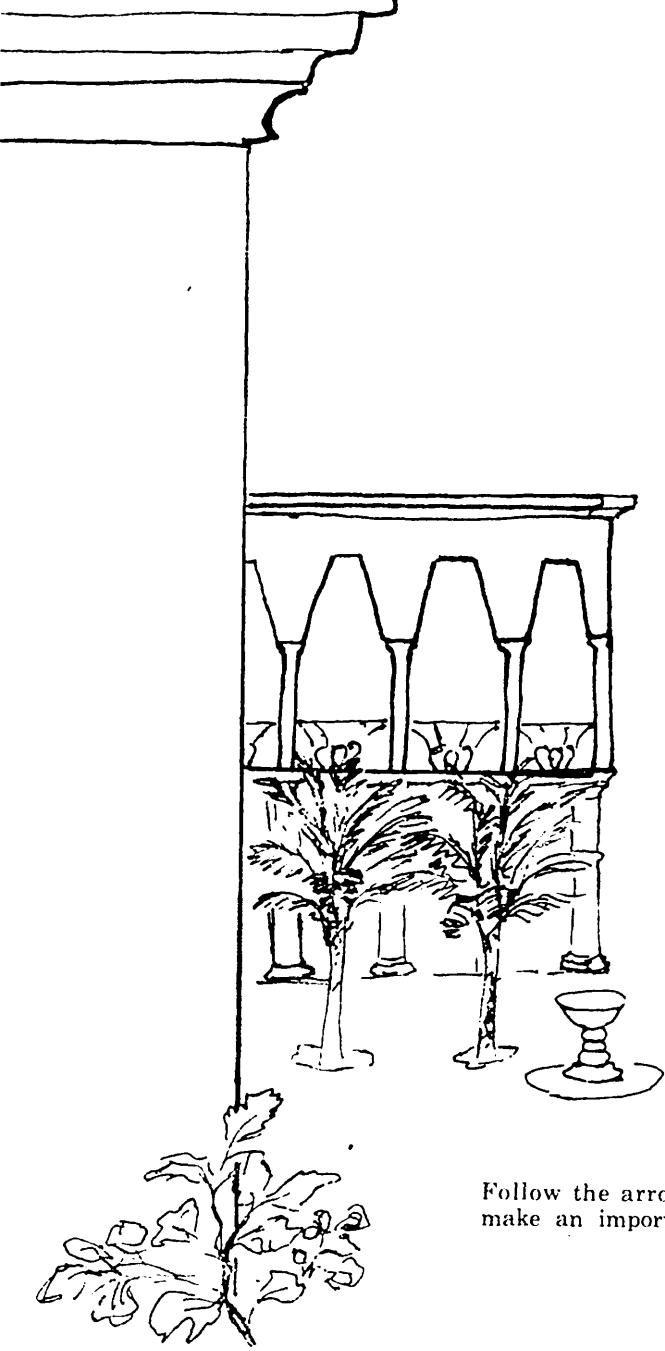
**“Be kind . . . one to  
love;” Ro**



Michal let down David through a window.

**We must do our part to  
help those who are right**

# another with brotherly ans 12:10



Follow the arrows from dot to dot to  
make an important message.

## "Give us this day. . . ."

"Mommy, when is my daddy coming home? We haven't seen him in such a long time! And I'm awfully hungry for some supper," sobbed little Angie.

"Angie, don't you remember that our daddy can't come home any more?" ten-year-old Steven asked. "He's gone to be with Jesus in heaven, remember?"

"But I'm so hungry, and he used to bring us food. Now who will bring it for us to eat?" whined Angie.

"I'll go and get it, Mother," asserted Steven manfully. "I-I guess I am the man of the family now that Daddy's gone. Whom shall I ask, Mother?"

"Well, son, I know just the person," said Mother cheerily, smiling in spite of the lump in her throat. "Let's ask the Lord Himself! He'll know just what to do; we depended on Him before Daddy died, and we'll just keep depending on Him! Get on your knees, children."

Everyone bowed to their knees—even little Angie. She lisped a soft prayer: "God, you know that we are awfully hungry, don't you? And you took our Daddy to be with you, so now he can't bring us any food. Please send an angel instead, 'cause we don't have anything to eat. Mama told me that the Bible says that Jesus prayed, 'Give us this day our daily bread.' If Jesus said it, we can, too, can't we? Please, God? Amen."

Mother, Steven, and Julie arose from their knees and wiped their eyes. Steven reached down, scooped up little Angie in his arms, and gave her a big hug. "Yes, I reckon we can!" he said with a gulp.

Just then there was a knock at the door. Julie opened it to let in a neighbor woman who lived two miles away. "I just couldn't sleep," she said, shaking her head. "I kept thinking of you and your children. Are you sick? And by the way, do you have a cup of hot chocolate that I may have? It's kind of chilly out there tonight."

"Are you an angel?" Angie demanded. "We asked God to send us an angel, and then you came."

"Well, the Lord sent me," said the neighbor woman, smiling. "Forgive me, Ma'am, for asking for the hot chocolate, but it was my way of seeing if you had food. You hesitated because you have none, did you not?" She didn't wait for an answer but asked Steven to come outside to her car. Together they brought in four bags of groceries.

Angie ran and knelt down again. "We thank you, kind Jesus, for sending us this angel. Amen! Can we eat now?" she asked, impatiently tugging at her mother's skirt. "You stay, too, Mrs. Angel."

—G. L.



### Questions:

1. How did Jonathan help David?
2. Why did Jonathan speak with his father?
3. Did King Saul listen to Jonathan?
4. What was his promise?
5. Did Saul keep his promise?
6. How did Michal help David?
7. What did the servants find in the bed?
8. Did King Saul want to kill David in his bed?
9. Who was protecting David? Why?

(Answers: 1. By telling David his father's plan to kill him, 2. He wanted his father to not kill David, 3. Yes, 4. As long as the Lord lives, David shall be safe, 5. NO! 6. By helping him escape through a window, 7. A statue, 8. Yes! 9. God. He wanted David to be king.)



Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 19:1-17



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## ESCAPING FROM SAUL

Michal lowered David out the window. His feet touched the firm ground beneath him. He waved goodbye to Michal and hurried away from the palace, and through the streets of the city, then out into the wilderness, where he paused to rest.

"Maybe a visit with Samuel would help me," he said to himself, and started toward Ramah where Samuel lived.

He was greeted by friendly faces everywhere he went, for he had no enemy except his father-in-law, King Saul.

Samuel was glad to see David and invited him inside. He listened carefully as David talked. "I had to leave the palace because Saul is determined to kill me." Then he told all that had happened. "Father Samuel, tell me, why should all these things happen to me?"

Samuel raised his bowed head and faced David. "My son," he said, "when God chooses one for a special work, that one must be wise and strong. These troubles are helping you to become both."

Samuel took David to Naioth, and they stayed there together.

News came to King Saul that David was with Samuel. He sent messengers to take David. When the messengers saw Samuel teaching the younger prophets, they decided to join the students. Saul sent other men and they did the same. He sent a third group and they also stayed to study with Samuel.

At last Saul came looking for David himself. He sat down by a great well where many people gathered and asked, "Where is Samuel and David?" The people told him where to find them.

Then Saul spent the day and night with Samuel. David escaped and went to talk with Jonathan at the palace while Saul was away!

**“The Lord hath set apart**



**Go to  
God's  
people  
when  
help is  
needed.**

him that is godly for  
himself . . . . ''  
Psalm 4:3



## Uncle Jerry

"Uncle Jerry, tell us a story," begged the three Davis boys. "We want to hear what you and Mother did when you were children."

Uncle Jerry ran his fingers through his hair as if to help him remember, and then he began: "Well, I remember we used to go running about in the country, when Mama told us not to. Do you remember that, Ellen? We went swimming in the pond, and caught fish, and . . . ."

The boys' mother said, "What I remember most is going to church on Sunday, Jerry. We had a really nice teacher in Sunday School, and she always made all the stories in the Bible real-to-life. We children enjoyed Sunday school, remember?"

Uncle Jerry kind of cleared his throat a little. The three boys knew that their mother had been praying for a long time for Uncle Jerry to get saved. They waited to hear what he would say. "To tell you the truth, Ellen, if there is a church like the one where we went as children, I believe I'd go now! It seems like all the churches just kind of bore me."

"Oh, Uncle Jerry!" exclaimed Stan. "We have a beeee-yooooooon-tiful Sunday school teacher! She makes everything so interesting! And the minister that we have—Bro. Thompson—is really good. He preaches so that even the children can understand! Why, we never get bored in church!"

"That's true, Jerry," said Mother. "You ought to come on Sunday and see if it's like the church we used to go to. You know, these people are real saints, and we have quite a few of the children of the ones in our old congregation. After all, Jerry, you ought to know that there is only one Church of God! We're a congregation of that Church and I believe that the Lord is really blessing us. Come next Sunday, won't you? It's not a modern church by any means, but the people are sincere."

"Well, maybe I will, then, Ellen," said Uncle Jerry thoughtfully.

On Sunday morning of the next week, the Davis family all got ready, and

Uncle Jerry appeared just as they were getting ready to leave. "Well, I decided to come," he said. "May I ride with you?"

"Of course!" said the boys' mother happily, and they all rode to church together. That morning, Bro. Thompson preached on Christ and His saving power and the whole congregation felt the power of the Holy Spirit anointing. Altar call was given, and Uncle Jerry went to pray.

On the way home, Ellen said tearfully, "Jerry, we prayed for you so long! Sometimes I thought the Lord would never answer our prayers and save you, but I'm so glad we kept on praying anyway! Welcome to the family of the Lord!"

—G. L.

★★★★★★

### Questions:

1. Was David in a hurry to leave the palace?
2. Where was he going?
3. Name some of the things David might have told Samuel.
4. What question did David ask Samuel?
5. What answer did Samuel give him?
6. Is it good to go to God's people when in trouble? Why?
7. What happened to the messengers that were sent for David?
8. What happened to Saul when he got to Ramah?
9. Where did David go while Saul was with Samuel?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. To see Samuel. 3. Many other things. 4. "Why should I?" 5. "When God chooses one for a special work, that one must be wise and strong. All these troubles are helping you become both wise and strong." 6. Yes, because they give good counsel. 7. They joined the prophets. 8. Saul prophesied. 9. He went to talk with Jonathan.

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Lesson Text: I Samuel 19:18-24; 20:1.

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## JONATHAN ESCAPES THE JAVELIN

"Blessings be to you, my beloved Jonathan," David called out.

Jonathan was surprised to see David. "My God has watched between you and me and brought me to see your face again," Jonathan said. "I thought you were in Ramah with Samuel."

"I was, but your father came there for me. What have I done that he wants to kill me?"

"You have done nothing, David. Don't be afraid, my father is not going to kill you. It's that evil spirit that makes him act so terrible."

"Truly, Jonathan, there is only one step between me and death!"

Jonathan believed what David said. It made him sad. "Is there anything I can do for you?" he asked.

"Just one thing," David said. "Tomorrow your father will expect me to eat at his table for the sacrifice. I will not be there. Please beg your father to excuse me. Tell him I've gone to Bethlehem."

"I will do it for you, my beloved David," promised Jonathan.

The sacrificial feast lasted three days. The first day David was missing Saul said nothing about it, but the next day he was angry because David was not there. "Where is David?" he demanded.

Jonathan stood up and begged David to be excused. This made Saul so angry that he cursed Jonathan and threw his javelin at him!

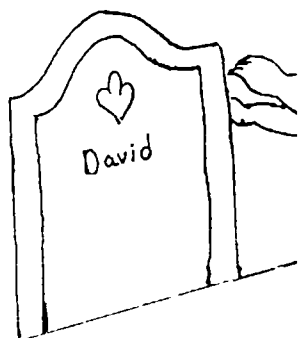
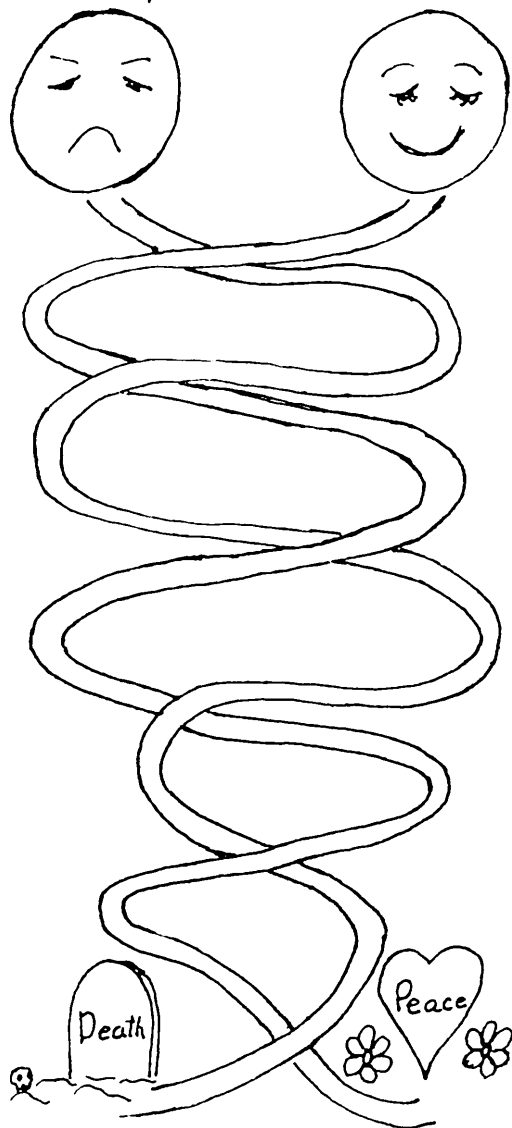
The next day Jonathan took his little servant into the field and shot arrows, calling to the boy, "The arrow is beyond you, make haste, stay not!" This was his secret signal to David telling him to run away and hide from King Saul.

After the little boy went back to the palace, Jonathan and David talked, promising to always help one another.

**“Jealousy is cruel as t**

Jealousy

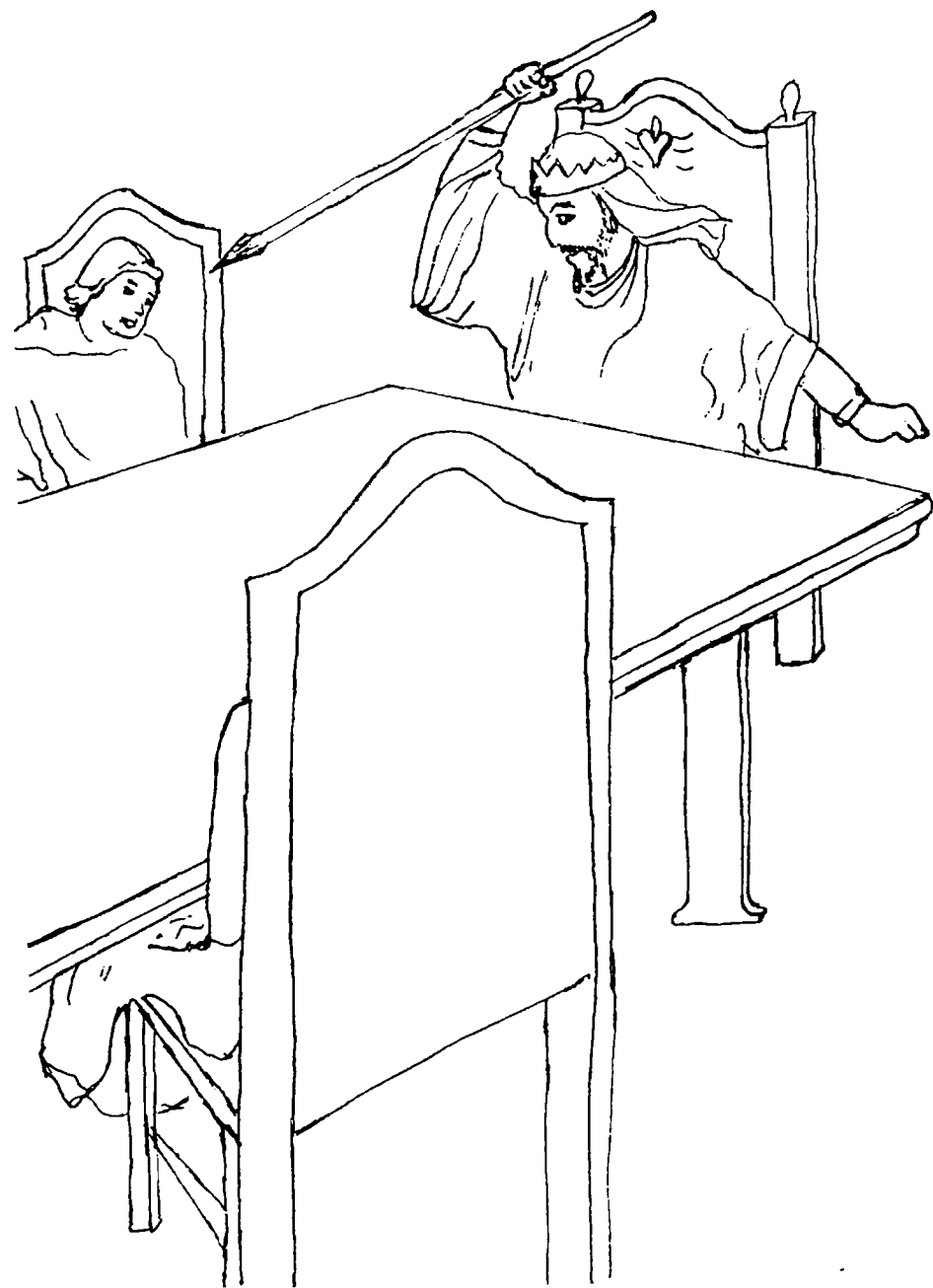
Kindness



**We must be kind  
to others.**

grave . . . "

**Song of Solomon 8:6**



## A Pocket With a Hole

Derrick was outside riding his tricycle with his three friends. They were all having a nice time together until something happened. When Mother went outside to investigate the problem, she quickly saw that all the other boys were against Derrick, who wanted his turn to ride on Kevin's big hot wheels cycle.

"I want to ride it now," Derrick demanded.

"Well, I don't like you any more and you can't!" Kevin retorted.

This broke Derrick's little heart and he started sobbing. Mother had seen and heard the last part so she was ready to take Derrick in her arms when he came running to her.

"Mamma, Kevin doesn't like me any more," Derrick cried.

"Mother and Daddy do, and Jesus loves you, too. All of us will always love you, Derrick. When you are hurt, Mother, Daddy, and Jesus will feel the hurt with you. Kevin will soon forget what he said to you and you should forgive him for it. Never tell Kevin you don't like him, because you know now how it hurts to be told that. Always be a kind, true friend to everyone you are with."

Soon Derrick was busy playing with his own toys. He liked marbles.

After a while he stood up and put a couple of marbles in his pockets. Bing! Bing! They rolled out the bottom of his pocket.

"Mama," Derrick cried. "My marbles won't stay in my pockets!"

"Well, let's see what the problem is," Mother said from the kitchen. She walked into the bedroom where Derrick was playing.

Bing! Bing! "See, they fell out again!" Derrick cried.

"Reach your hand down to the bottom of your pocket," Mother instructed. When Derrick did, his two fingers stuck out the bottom of his pocket. Derrick giggled.

"That's your problem," Mother said. "You have a hole in the bottom of your

pocket. Nothing will stay in it until that hole is mended."

"Mend it then, Mama, mend it right away!" Mother took Derrick's pants and mended them with a needle and thread. While she sewed she asked Derrick a question. "Did you know yours and Kevin's friendship was like this pocket?"

"Oh?" Derrick asked, and his forehead furrowed in a frown.

"Yes," she continued. "You had confidence in Kevin being your friend but he disappointed you. You had confidence in your pocket that it would hold the marbles, and it disappointed you. There are many disappointments in life if you trust only in people. The Bible says, 'It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.' (Psa. 118:8) But the Lord will always be your friend as long as you will let him."

—Connie Sorrell



### Questions:

1. Why did David leave Samuel?
2. What had David done to cause Saul not to like him?
3. Did Jonathan believe that Saul meant to kill David?
4. Did Jonathan do what David asked?
5. How did Saul react when Jonathan wanted him to excuse David?
6. Why did Saul act so strange?
7. How did Jonathan tell David that his father really meant to kill him?
8. What promise did David and Jonathan make?
9. Do you think it is wise to be jealous of another?

(Answers: 1. Because Saul had come there to kill him. 2. Nothing. 3. No. 4. Yes. 5. He became very angry and threw his javelin at Jonathan. 6. The evil spirit of jealousy controlled him. 7. He told David by calling to his servant that the arrows were beyond him and to make haste and get them. 8. To always help one another. 9. It is never wise to be jealous.)



Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 20:1-42



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## ENEMIES MEET IN A CAVE

The escaped priest Abiathar was hiding with David and the other men which now numbered about six hundred. David was glad to have him along for he often needed to communicate with God.

The nearby city of Keilah was being invaded by the Philistines. David wanted to help them, if that would please God. Abiathar asked God what to do and God said, "Go help the people of Keilah." David and his men went and God gave the victory.

Soon Saul heard about it! "Now I can get him," Saul said, "for he is staying in the walled city of Keilah." Saul started for the city!

David heard that Saul was coming! Quickly Abiathar asked God if it were true? God answered, "It is true, Saul is coming, and the people of Keilah will give all of you over to him."

David and his men left the city and scattered into hiding places in the mountainous wilderness of Ziph. Saul found out where he had gone and followed him there.

Jonathan was with Saul, but one night he crept out of camp and talked with David to encourage him.

The men of Ziph helped Saul to know David's hiding places and Saul was about to find David when the Philistines invaded the land. Saul had to take his men and go fight the Philistines.

As soon as he returned from fighting the Philistines, he came after David with three thousand soldiers!

David and his men were hiding in a big cave. Saul chose the same cave. David's men whispered, "Kill the sleeping King Saul!"

David crept softly up to Saul with sword in hand. He looked down at the sleeping king and quickly cut off a piece of the King's robe!

"Blessed is the man th



Resist te

: endureth temptation:"  
James 1:12



ptations.

# Money on the Mountain

"Mother, I had a dream last night and I think it has a meaning, but I don't know what it is," exclaimed six-year-old Alex.

Alex began, "I dreamed there was a family who decided to take an afternoon ride in their car. They chose to go up a hill that they knew about and would be enjoyable to them. As they were driving up the hill, they noticed there were piles of money along the road.

"Then up ahead they saw a pile of one hundred dollar bills! One of the children exclaimed, 'Wow, it was good we came up here!' Suddenly one of the boys called out, 'There's a big pile of gold ahead!' They were all excited because they had never seen so much money in all their lives!

"After they had loaded all the gold and money in their car, they started again. When they reached the top of the hill there was an old deserted store. Almost as soon as they saw the store an ugly, unshaven man seemingly came out of the middle of nowhere! He ran up to the car and forced them out with a gun! He searched the car for everything that had any value. After that he forced them into the store then he went out. When he came back he was carrying part of the money that they had picked up all along the way.

"He said, 'I put all that money and gold along the road to lure people up here. Now I have you trapped!'"

"Almost as soon as he said those words, a clean-looking man ran through the door! It seemed like something mysterious went through the ugly man, because as soon as he saw the clean man, he hurried out of the store as fast as he could. I watched him run out of the store and then I woke up to the sun shining in my eyes."

After a short pause Mother replied, "Well, I'll tell you what meaning I got out of the dream. The family in the dream could be anyone who is going through life and 'taking it easy'. The devil gets a hold of them and tempts

them. First with little things, maybe telling a lie or stealing a piece of candy from the store. He then may tempt them to smoke or chew tobacco. Soon the devil has them trapped, but they think they are having so much fun that they keep doing the things they are. Later they are in and out of jail for almost anything you can think of. They don't listen to God calling because their conscience is seared.

"He then takes everything away and laughs in their face. He says, 'It's no use trying now. It is all over.' But Jesus reaches down and lifts them out of this sinful way or, the deep miry clay. They wake up to a brand new life in Jesus. The devil has to run away."

"Thank you, Mother, for explaining my dream," said Alex. "Now I see that we need to watch out for the enemy and not yield to temptations."

—Richard Sorrell (Age 14)

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## Questions:

1. Why was David happy to have Abiathar?
2. How many men were with David?
3. Did David ask God's advice?
4. Why was Saul happy?
5. What did God say would happen?
6. Why did Saul almost find David in the mountains of Ziph?
7. What happened to keep Saul from finding David?
8. How many soldiers did Saul bring with him?
9. What did David do when he had the chance to kill Saul?

(Answers: 1. David needed Abiathar to help him communicate with God. 2. About six hundred. 3. Yes. 4. David was in a wall in city making him easier for Saul to capture. 5. God said, "Saul is coming and the people will give all of you into his hands." 6. The men of Ziph helped Saul know David's hiding places. 7. The Philistines made war with Saul. 8. Three thousand. 9. He cut off the bottom of Saul's robe.)

★★★★★★

Lesson Text: I Samuel 23 and 24:1-7.