

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DAVID SPEAKS WITH SAUL

All night long David and his men hovered silently in the dark corners of the cave where Saul was sleeping. They could not escape for three thousand of Saul's best soldiers were camping just outside the mouth of the cave. They dared not sneeze, cough, nor make any noise or they might be caught. The piece of Saul's robe which David had just cut off, felt soft and rich to his hand, but it made him feel guilty that he had ruined the king's beautiful robe.

All the men lay like statues hoping that in the morning Saul's soldiers would leave and they could at least sneak out for a drink of water and maybe to hunt for a little something to eat.

After the long frightful night, David watched Saul awaken, stretch, then get up and walk out of the cave. When he had gone a safe distance away from the cave, David went out and called to him, "Saul, my lord the king."

Saul turned around in surprise. David bowed in respect to the king. He rose up and said, "Why do you believe that I am seeking to hurt you? Last night you slept in my hide out and my men wanted me to kill you, but I would not! See, I cut this piece from your robe. Can't you see there is no evil in my heart toward you?"

Saul felt ashamed. He knew if it had not been for David some one would have killed him that night. He cried out, "Oh, my son David," and he wept. Then he said, "Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good for evil. God gave me into your hands but you did not hurt me! I know God will reward you for this and you shall be king in my place. Please, David, promise me that when you become king you will not destroy my family."

“Be not overcome of evil, but



overcome evil with good.”
Romans 12:21



**Good has
more power
than evil, just
like God has more
power than the devil.**

The story of Patchy June appeared in 1931 in *The Path of Life* paper. It is a true account rewritten by Charlotte Huskey. It will be a continued story through the next fifteen lessons.

The Story of Patchy June

On the fifteenth day of March, 1897, Frank Dinsmore woke up early. He looked out the window. It was a beautiful day. The flowers were beginning to bloom. The trees were leafing out, and the fields of his farm and those of his neighbors were putting on their coats of green. In the distance he could see the village of Clarksburg.

"Wake up, Ruth," he said. "This is a very special day. One year ago you became my wife and came to live with me here."

"Yes, and you became my good Christian husband," she said happily. "And we started our Christian home in this three room cottage that you built with your strong hands." Frank smiled.

"What have you enjoyed most since becoming my wife?" he asked.

June thought a while. "I think I have enjoyed the times we have spent reading the Bible and praying together more than anything else," she said, "and we have done this every day, so I have enjoyed every day. Sometimes I can hardly go to sleep at night for thinking of all the wonderful things you tell me about the Christian life and the heaven that Jesus has made for us after this life is over. Tell me, Frank, how do you know so much about heaven?"

"I only know what I have read from the pages of the Bible."

"I do wonder which one of us will be the first to go to heaven."

"Don't think about that," he cautioned. "Let's just enjoy every minute of the present day. Maybe we can do something special. Are you real busy today?"

"Just doing what I do every day," Ruth said laughingly. "I'm making clothes for our new baby. It won't be long!"

"How happy I will be when we have our own baby!" he said.

Three months later on the tenth of June, God gave them a baby girl. They named her June because she was born in the month of June. People who believe in signs would say that June would have a bright life because she was born on a bright day. Before many years, however, June suffered some things that made all the world look very, very dark.

Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore knew nothing about what was to happen so they were as happy as could be with their new baby girl! They had each other, God in their hearts and in their home, and a fine baby! How could anyone be happier!

Mrs. Dinsmore gave June plenty of milk and food that she could eat. She kept her warm and dry. Before long June grew into a healthy little girl.

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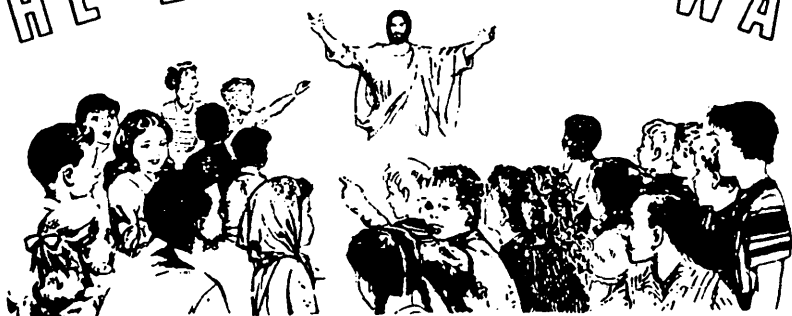
Questions:

1. Why was David hiding in a cave?
2. Why did Saul want to kill David?
3. How many soldiers did Saul have with him?
4. Why did David's men have to be quiet?
5. Could you be quiet all night if you were thirsty and hungry?
6. Did David want to kill Saul?
7. Did David protect Saul?
8. What did he do to Saul?
9. What did Saul say to David?

(Answers: 1. David was hiding because Saul wanted to kill him. 2. Saul was jealous of David. 3. 3,000. 4. The three thousand soldiers might come into the cave and kill them. 5. Answers will vary. 6. NO! 7. Yes. 8. He cut off a piece of his robe. 9. Saul said, "You are better than I, God will reward you, and you shall become king.")

Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 24:1-22.

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NABAL BECOMES AS STONE

In the city of Maon lived a rich but cruel man named Nabal. His shepherds were pasturing his sheep and goats in Carmel, in the wilderness where David was hiding.

Day after day David and his men hunted for wild animals to eat. Many times they were hungry yet had to chase the animals a long way. Nabal had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats that they could have easily stolen and maybe not have been noticed, but David did not steal. Instead he protected the sheep by killing the wild animals.

The time came to cut the wool from the sheep and Nabal made a great feast. David and his men were hungry and tired of hunting so David sent ten men to ask for some food. Nabal got mad and said, "Who is David that I should feed him?" After they left one of the shepherds ran to Nabal's wife Abigail and said to her, "David will be angry if we don't help him because he always helped us when we needed protection and never took an animal even when he was hungry."

Abigail knew that David should share in the feast, so she had her servants to quickly load a lot of food on donkeys and to run before her as she went to take the food to David.

She met David coming down from the mountain with his men. He was so angry he was planning to kill Nabal and his family. Abigail jumped off the donkey and bowed to the ground in front of David and asked forgiveness for what her husband had done. She gave him the gifts of food. Then David repented of planning to kill Nabal.

Abigail hurried back home in fear her husband would be angry with her, but when she returned she found him drunk. In the morning she told Nabal all and he became as stone and died ten days later.

"Thou shalt not steal."

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**should not steal even to
satisfy hunger. We should
trust God to supply some
other way.**

(Continued from last week.)

Mr. Applegate

One day Frank came home very unhappy. "What has happened?" Ruth asked in surprise, for she had never seen Frank unhappy.

"Our neighbor, Mr. Applegate, is telling lies about me to the people of the village. He's angry because some of them want to buy my milk instead of his."

"Of course the people like your milk better than his, for it is richer and better tasting. You don't add water to it."

"Yes, that is right and I always give them what they pay for. They say he cheats a little on each bottle."

"Always be honest Frank and God will bless you."

Day after day Mr. Applegate told untrue things about Frank. One evening Frank was very tired. He sat down in his chair and read from the Bible.

"Ruth," he called, "listen while I read what the Bible says about our problem with Mr. Applegate." He read aloud while Ruth stood by his chair. "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets. But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, Bless them that curse you and pray for them which despitefully use you. Luke 6:26, 27, and 28. Now we know we must pray for him and also do him good."

Ruth couldn't see how they could do that but to encourage Frank she said, "That will be hard to do but God will help us."

They bowed in prayer. "Lord, please bless Mr. Applegate. Help me to love him and to do something good for him." Frank felt happy again!

A few days later two of Frank's cows got out of his pasture and went over to Mr. Applegate's farm. "Ha, ha," said Mr. Applegate, "I'll teach Mr. Frank Dinsmore that his cows can't eat the grass from MY pasture." Quickly he locked them in his barn.

When Frank went to get his cows he had to pay a lot of money to Mr. Applegate before Mr. Applegate would let the cows loose.

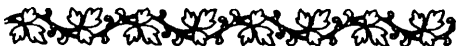
Two weeks later Ruth looked out the window. "Frank," she called, "Mr. Applegate's cows are in your pasture eating grass."

"That's all right," he said. "I'll drive them home at milking time. This shall be my chance to do good for evil like the Bible teaches we should do."

That evening at milking time he drove Mr. Applegate's cows home. "Hello," he said, "your cows have been in my pasture all day. But don't ever worry about them if they are in my pasture. I shall always drive them home before milking time. I shall never milk your cows and keep the milk."

Mr. Applegate just scratched his head. He wondered, "What kind of a guy is this Frank Dinsmore?"

(To be continued next week.)



Questions:

1. Who lived near to the place where David was hiding?
2. How many animals did the man have?
3. Was David hungry and tired of hunting?
4. Did he steal of Nabal's sheep?
5. David asked Nabal for what?
6. Did David become angry when he did not get the food?
7. Who brought David food?
8. Did David repent of becoming angry?
9. What happened to Nabal?

(Answers: 1. A rich, but cruel man named Nabal. 2. 3,000 sheep, 1,000 goats. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. Food. 6. Yes. 7. Abigail took a lot of food to David. 8. Yes. 9. He became as stone and died.)



Lesson Text: I Samuel 25:1-44.

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SAUL SLEEPS AGAIN

Sometime after David's trouble with Nabal, the people of Ziph sent messengers to Saul saying, "David is hiding in the hill of Hachilah if you want to get him."

Saul armed his best three thousand soldiers again and came to hunt David who had only six hundred poorly armed men.

When David heard about it, he sent spies. The spies returned and said, "Yes, Saul and his army are camping at the foot of this hill."

David and his nephew Abishai went down the mountain and saw the camp. The army was so great it covered the foothill! They were camped in a circle to protect themselves and Saul slept in the center.

Abishai whispered to David, "I know you won't touch Saul, but please let me get him! Surely God has given him into your hands."

David answered, "Do not destroy Saul, for God has told us not to harm those that He has anointed over His people. If we go against those who have power over us we go against God because all power is God's. Whenever God wants Saul to not be king He will die. We shall not lay a hand on him. Let us only take his spear and water cruse. Go and get them!"

Abishai tiptoed into the center of the sleeping soldiers and took the water cruse and Saul's spear which stood in the ground beside his pillow. He made it back, but he and David kept running.

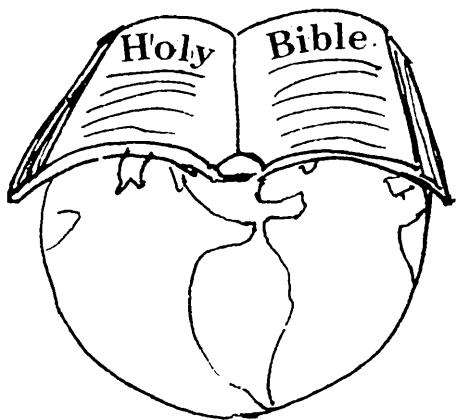
When morning came, David called to Abner, Saul's bodyguard, and asked, "Why didn't you protect the king? Look what I have!"

When Saul saw what had happened he cried, "Oh, my son David. I have sinned, do come home. I will do thee no harm. I have acted like a fool! Blessed be thou: thou shalt do great things."

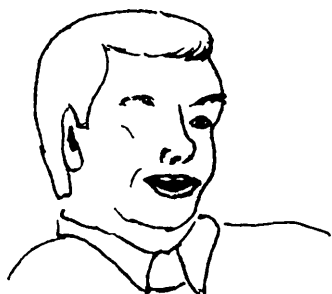
**“Let every soul be subject
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ned of God." Romans 13:1.



God and His Word are first.



The President.



Laws

(Continued from last week.)

Mr. Dinsmore's New Love

"I finished paying for our farm today," Mr. Dinsmore said, with a big smile. "Now it belongs to us."

He was spending more and more time working on his farm. One day he said to his wife. "Something bothers me."

"Oh, what is it?" she asked.

"I don't have as much love for God as I once had. Jesus says, 'Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.' I want to obey Jesus but it seems to me that my mind, my heart and my strength is being used only for my farm. Please pray with me about this."

"I will," she promised.

She prayed. Frank prayed, too, and for a few days his love for God was strong again. Before long though, he was very busy again planning and working to improve his farm. Soon he had saved enough money to pay what he owed on the cows. How happy he was. It seemed that the love for getting rich was like a magnet drawing him away from God and toward riches. At times he would force himself away from it but it would soon draw him back again.

During all this time he was faithful to read the Bible and pray together with his family each day.

When June was four years old a terrible thing happened. One day Mr. Dinsmore was away at work and Mrs. Dinsmore became so ill with a headache that she had to go to bed. After a while her head felt better and she went to sleep. While she was asleep the cows broke through the garden fence. They trampled on the vegetables, eating whatever they wished.

When Mr. Dinsmore came home and Mrs. Dinsmore told him what had happened, he became very angry. He shouted angrily at her, "You are getting to be nothing but a lazy thing. I don't see why you can't at least keep the cows out of the garden while I am working so hard." He then got up, picked up the

milk pail and stomped angrily out to milk the cows.

Mrs. Dinsmore sat down and cried. June was frightened, for she had never seen her daddy angry, nor heard him talk like that. She walked over to her mother. Putting her arm around Mother's shoulders, she said, "Don't cry, Mamma, I love you even if Daddy doesn't."

When Mr. Dinsmore came in supper was ready. Mr. Dinsmore said a short prayer of thanksgiving for the food. Those were the only words spoken at the table.

When he had finished eating he went out to the garden. June watched from the window. He straightened up some corn and cabbage plants. He cut the broken branches off the fruit trees. When he got through the garden didn't look so bad after all.

(To be continued next week.)

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Questions:

1. What did the people of Ziph do?
2. Did Saul find David or did David find Saul?
3. Where was Saul sleeping?
4. What was David's reason for not letting Abishai kill Saul?
5. Who controls all power?
6. What did Abishai get for David?
7. Where did he find the spear?
8. What did Saul say when he saw that David could have killed him?
9. Did David believe that God planned for us to honor those in authority?

(Answers: 1. They sent messengers to Saul telling him that David was hiding on the hill of Hachilah. 2. David found Saul first. 3. In the center of three thousand soldiers. 4. Because God put Saul in as king and God would remove him. 5. God. 6. Saul's spear and water cruse. 7. The spear was stuck in the ground beside Saul's pillow. 8. "I have sinned. Come home, I will do thee no harm. I have acted like a fool! Blessed be thou, thou shalt do great things." 9. Yes.)

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Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 26:1-25.

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JESUS, THE SON OF GOD

We know Jesus is the Son of God because of the wonderful things He does. He was with God helping Him make the earth, the sun, moon, stars and everything we see. Afterwards He came to live on the earth that He had made.

While He was living on the earth in a body like yours, He did great, unusual things, like causing dead people to come alive! He healed all the sick people who came to Him! If they could not see, He made them see! If they could not walk, He made them walk! If they could not talk or hear, He made them to both hear and talk! Even those who were dumb or crazy, He made to think and act right!

The greatest thing He did was to change mean bad people into good people. He is still doing this every day. Wherever people are they may call upon the name of Jesus and be saved. Even though you are a small child, you may call upon Jesus, the Son of God, and He will forgive your sins. Then you will be saved.

Also, if you are sick you may call on Jesus, if He thinks best for you to be well, He will heal you. Today He has the same power to heal as He did many years ago when He went around healing. Isn't it wonderful!

Look up at the stars some dark night and think how big and powerful Jesus is to have made all the heavenly bodies. We can have this great powerful being living in our hearts caring for us every place we go. It's wonderful to have Jesus, the Son of God in our hearts.

“Thou art the Christ, the
Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16:16





God Sent His Son

God sent His Son Jesus to earth
Because He loved us.

Jesus made sick people well,
Jesus made sad people happy,
Jesus fed hungry people,
Because He loved them.

Then one day it was time for Jesus
to go back to heaven to be with God.
So He went up, up into the clouds
and out of sight.

Jesus is in heaven now.
We can't see Him, but He can see us.
When we talk to Him, He hears us.
Someday we can go to heaven too.
We can go to live with Jesus
Because we love Him.

(Teacher or parent note: In the lesson today we are trying to show the children that Jesus is God in the flesh. Scripture reference: Gen. 1:26, Matt. 1:18-25, Isa. 7:14, Luke 2:25-38, Acts 2:21, John 10:37; 21:25. These scriptures are for you to read before class and put into a child's language. Study is very important.)

Choocha's Doll

Choocha lived in a jungle village near the Amazon River. Her best friend was Susan. Susan was kind and gentle to others. Her mother and father came to live in the village to teach about Jesus, God's Son. Every afternoon the children gathered under the palm trees and listened to stories about the Son of God, Jesus.

Choocha learned that God sent His Son, Jesus, to the earth so people on the earth could be saved. She learned of the many wonderful things Jesus did for people.

One day she learned that Jesus wanted to live in her heart. Right then Choocha asked Susan's mother how she could have Jesus come into her heart. Susan's mother explained and Choocha was happier than she had ever been before.

Choocha learned a verse which says: "... whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16.

Choocha thought, "I'll just ask Jesus for a doll." She thought about it all the way home.

That night she knelt beside her bed and said, "Dear Father God, you said if I ask in Jesus' name you would give me whatever I ask. Please, I want a doll just like Susan's."

Every night she asked for a doll like Susan's. Her mother and daddy heard her asking each night for the doll. They were afraid she might get disappointed, so they said, "Choocha, you must not ask for a doll so beautiful. There isn't another doll like that one in our whole country. That doll came from a far away country. You can't buy a doll like it, there just isn't one and if there were, it would cost more money than we'll ever have."

Choocha kept on praying for the doll. One morning she said, "Mother, I know God will send my doll."

"My dear," answered her mother, "please forget the doll. It's impossible for you to have a doll like that one."

"No," answered Choocha, "I shall have my doll, I really believe it will come."

"Oh, dear," cried her mother.

Choocha went out to play. Today she was going down to the river and play on the houseboat where her friend Thean lived.

About ten o'clock another heard Susan's voice calling, "Choocha, oh, Choocha." She was standing at the front gate with the beautiful doll in her hands.

Mother went to the gate. "She has gone to the river today."

"You must call her for I must talk to her," Susan said.

In just a few minutes Choocha was standing beside Susan looking at the beautiful doll. "I must tell you something," Susan began. "My daddy's been called back to America and we will be leaving tomorrow. He says I can't take my doll, that he'll buy me another one. Oh, I love her so much. You'll take good care of her won't you, Choocha?"

"Yes, I will," she shouted, dancing around for joy.

"Then I will give her to you. I knew you would take good care of her. You promise to never mistreat her or let her get dirty?"

"Yes, yes," Choocha agreed.

"Then she's yours," Susan said, placing the doll in Choocha's arms.

That night she knelt beside her bed and said, "Thank you, God, for sending me the doll, in Jesus name." She fell asleep the happiest little girl in the jungle village.

(a true story)

Questions:

1. Who is God's Son?
2. Did He help make the earth?
3. Did Jesus live on the earth?
4. Did He heal sick people?
5. Will Jesus heal you?
6. What is the greatest thing Jesus does?
7. Can people call upon Jesus wherever they are?
8. Will Jesus forgive sins of small children?
9. Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins?

(Answers: 1. Jesus. 2. yes. 3. yes. 4. yes. 5. yes. 6. makes bad people good. 7. yes. 8. yes. 9. yes or no.)

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DAVID'S HOME IS BURNED

"We shall soon see our families," thought David and his men happily. They marched on toward their homes in Ziklag. Every step brought them closer home and farther from the army camp of King Achish.

Now they could see their homeland, but, something was wrong. They could see smoke. "Where are our homes? And, oh, our wives and children?" No one was coming to meet them. Someone had come and burned their homes and taken their wives and children captive.

All of the men cried and wept until they could cry no more. One big burly soldier said, "David is to blame for all this. He took us away! He needs to be punished!"

"Yes, David needs to be stoned!" shouted another.

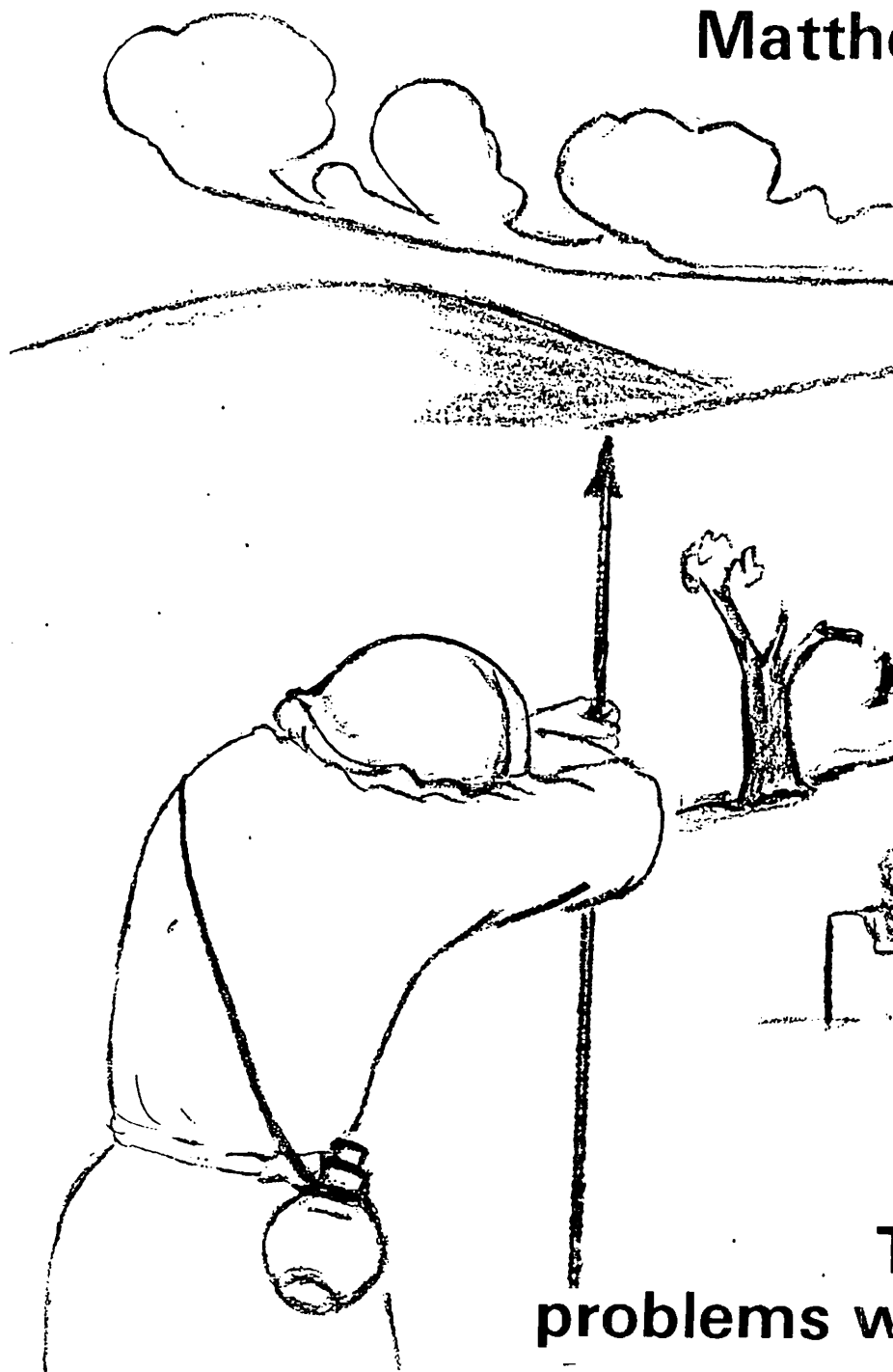
David felt sad and distressed. His family was gone, his home burned, and the men were angry at him. "What shall I do?" he thought. He sat down to think for a while. Then he said to his helper Abiathar, "Let us ask God what to do."

They asked God and God gave them the answer. He said to David, "Go after the enemy and you will get everything back."

Quickly David ordered his men back to the brook. Here he left two hundred of the weaker men to care for their army packs. Then with the other men he started out to find their families and the enemy.

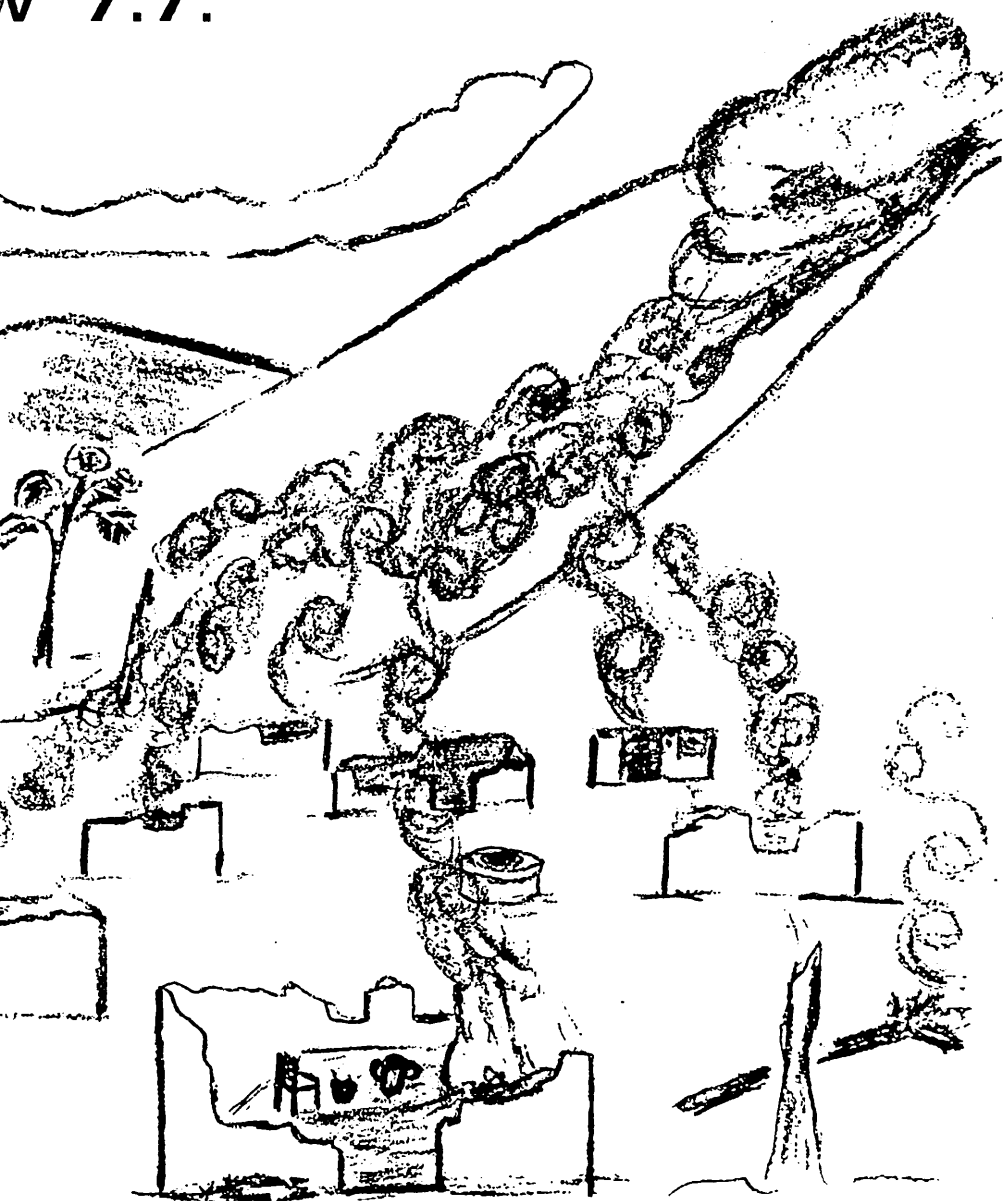
David knew God had sent them home so they could go help their families. He believed they could find their families because God said they would. He already felt happy because he believed God.

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you; seek, and ye shall find.”
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Those who seek God for their
I find He is ready to help.

(Continued from last week.)

Understanding Sin

June sat on the bed, her feet dangling off the side. Mrs. Dinsmore sat in the chair beside her. "For you to understand about sin I need to read to you a book in the Bible called First John," said Mrs. Dinsmore. "It explains all about the Christian and sin. Verse eight of the third chapter reads, 'He that committeth sin is of the devil.' The very next verse reads, 'Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin.'"

"Is Grandpa sinning by eating tobacco?" June asked.

"Yes, he is sinning, he should not chew tobacco."

June felt sad. She didn't want her grandpa to sin. She wanted him to be good like her daddy. "Can people who are sinning when they die go to heaven?" she asked.

"No, June, there are many places in the Bible that teach that those who continue in sin cannot go to heaven. These are found in Galatians 5:19, Ephesians 5:5, and I Thessalonians 4:7."

June walked away with her head down.

That evening after supper she saw Grandma cleaning out a big sore on Grandpa's chest. It was a fearful looking sore! June stood behind her mother and peeked around at it. Then she began asking questions. "Does it hurt? Why is it so big? What is it?"

"It is a cancer," Grandpa told her.

"Will it make you die?"

"Not all people who have cancers die, but a lot of them do."

June was frightened! "Will you die?"

"The doctor thinks I might in a few months. I had it cut off but it came back and is growing faster than ever now."

"I don't want you to die," June said and burst into tears.

"Don't cry," Grandpa said, trying to comfort her, but she kept crying.

Finally between sobs she said, "You, you aren't ready to die."

"What do you mean, I'm not ready to die? No one is really ready to die, but everyone dies sometime."

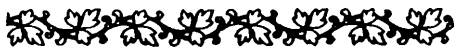
"But if you die you wouldn't get to go to heaven," she said still sobbing.

"Why do you think I wouldn't go to heaven if I die?"

"Cause you are eating that tobacco and it's wrong." No one said a word. Then she added happily, "But Jesus will save you from doing wrong and make you ready for heaven."

Grandpa was laying on the bed. He just kept looking up at the ceiling. Grandma and Mrs. Dinsmore looked at him in silence for a while. Then Mrs. Dinsmore took June by the hand and took her to the bedroom. They prayed together and she put June to bed. June lay awake a long time thinking of the awful cancer that was killing her grandpa and that he wasn't ready to go to heaven.

(To be continued next week.)



Questions:

1. Why were the men happy to be going home?
2. What did they find at home?
3. Why were the men angry at David?
4. What did they talk of doing to him?
5. From whom did David seek help?
6. What did David ask God?
7. What was God's answer to him?
8. What did David do that shows he believed God?
9. Does God give believers answers to their problems?

(Answers: 1. They would soon see their families. 2. They found nothing except the remains of their burned homes. 3. David had taken them away so they felt he was to blame. 4. Stoning him. 5. God. 6. "What shall I do?" 7. "Go after the enemy and everything will be recovered." 8. He quickly ordered his men to go after the enemy. 9. Yes.)



Lesson Text: I Samuel 30:1-10.

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DAVID FINDS HIS FAMILY

The scouting soldiers went ahead of David and his men as they went to find their families. One of them found an unconscious Egyptian man lying in a field. "This man may be able to help us," he said, so he brought the man to David.

They gave him water then put a fig cake in his mouth and he began to chew. He ate and was soon able to talk. "Thank you," he said, "I have not eaten or drunk for three days. I became so weak and sick I could not walk so I was left to die in the field."

"Who are you?" David asked. "And why were you here?"

"I am a slave of an Amalekite," he answered. "I am here because we raided the Cherethites, the coast of Judah and the south of Caleb. Then we raided Ziklag and burned it."

"Can you lead me to where these Amalekites are?" David asked.

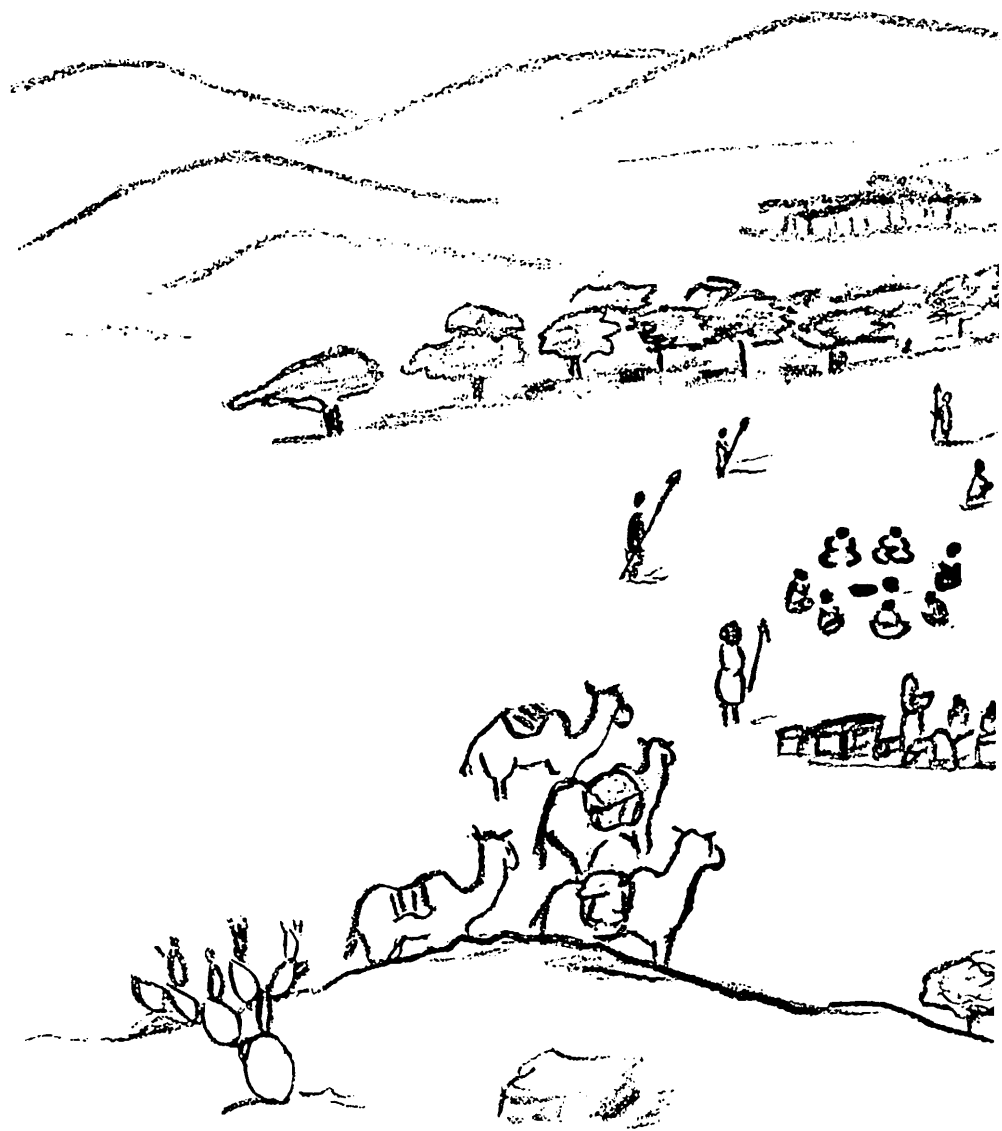
"Yes, I can take you to them, if you will promise to not kill me nor tell them where I am?"

David promised. He knew God had prepared this man to lead them.

The man led David and his men to a hill where they could look down on their enemy. There they were spread all over the place having a big party! The soldiers were rejoicing because of the people and things they had captured. They were making all the captives work hard while they were eating, drinking and dancing with the beautiful girls and women which they had captured. David's men were angry to see their wives and daughters being treated like this!

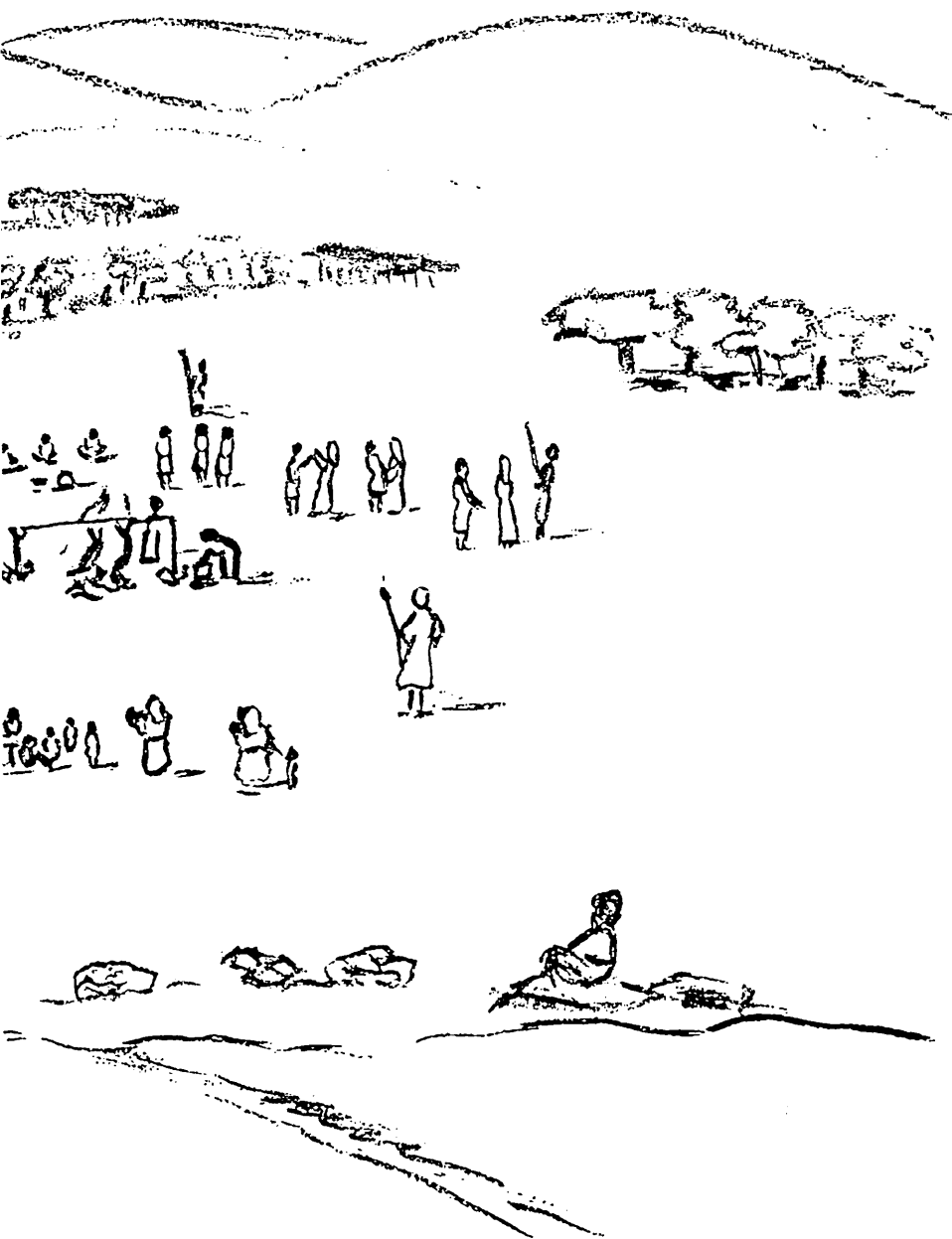
David and his four hundred men surprised them by rushing into their party. They fought bravely and only four hundred men escaped on camels. David recovered all they had lost.

“ . . . I will lead him also, and



God will lead and comfort

restore comforts unto him."
Isaiah 57:18.



those who trust in Him.

(Continued from last week.)

God Answers Prayer

The first thing June thought about in the morning was the cancer that was killing her grandpa. She slipped out of bed and onto her knees. "Dear Jesus," she prayed, "please make my grandpa ready to die. . . ." She prayed on and on telling Jesus all her fears. Suddenly she felt warm and happy inside! She dressed and went to breakfast.

Later that morning June found Grandpa sitting in his chair on the great front porch. She climbed onto his lap, but sat out on the end of his leg so she would not touch the cancer. "I have something to tell you," she said.

"That's fine! What is it?"

"I was sick with a terrible fever and Jesus made me all well again!" she said. "And Mamma didn't have enough cloth to make both sleeves in my dress and Jesus sent just what we needed."

"You are a wonderful little girl."

"No, I'm not wonderful. I didn't do it. Jesus did! He can do anything! Really He can! He can forgive you for eating tobacco and make you not want it any more. Mamma told me that Jesus has saved lots of people from things like that. But you must feel sorry that you have done things that Jesus doesn't like. You must tell Jesus you are sorry."

Tears rolled down Grandpa's cheeks. June wiped them off, leaving smears on his cheeks from her dirty hands. "Don't cry, Grandpa. Jesus will forgive you, really He will." June comforted him a little longer than ran away to the orchard.

Grandpa sat alone thinking about the happy days when he had lived like a Christian should, but the love of other things had choked his love for God.

While Grandpa sat thinking, June found a place under an apple tree and prayed for him. Several times during the day she went there to pray. Each time she asked God to make her grandpa ready for heaven. Before going to bed she asked God again to help him. The next day she prayed often for him.

When evening came, she and Grandpa were again alone on the front porch. June stood beside his chair with her arms around his neck. She thought about the awful cancer. She tried hard to keep the tears back but could not. "Grandpa," she sobbed, "would you please quit eating tobacco?"

"My dear little girl," he said, "I have not chewed any today and I promised God that I never would chew it again. I also asked Him to forgive me of my sins and He has forgiven me. I feel so good inside."

June clapped her hands and ran into the house to tell Mamma! Grandpa was still sitting in his chair on the porch when she came back. "Now, Grandpa," she said, waving her hands in excitement, "Jesus is just as ready to take away that ugly cancer as He was to take away your ugly sins. Want me to pray for you?"

"Why, of course," he said, in surprise to such a question.

(To be continued next week.)

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Questions:

1. Who did the soldier find in the field?
2. Why was the man in the field?
3. Why did he know who burned Ziklag?
4. Was the man willing to help David?
5. What was David's promise to the man?
6. Where did the man lead David?
7. How many of the enemy escaped?
8. Did David and his men recover all they had lost?
9. Do you remember the last lesson? What was God's promise to David?

(Answers: 1. He found an Egyptian man who was a slave to an Amalekite. 2. The man was sick and couldn't walk. 3. He was with the Amalekites who had burned the city. 4. Yes. 5. David promised to neither kill him nor give him back to his master. 6. Where they could see the enemy dancing and having a party. 7. 400. 8. Yes. 9. God told David that everything would be found.)

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Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 30:11-19.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DAVID REMEMBERS HIS HELPERS

How happy the wives and children were to see their husbands and daddies. They thought the men were far away in the land of Israel. God knew the men were needed at home, so he caused the angry Philistine soldiers to force the king to send them home.

How happy the fathers were to see their children! How happy the children were to see their daddies! Suddenly some of the children began to cry because they couldn't find their daddies.

"Your daddies are waiting at the brook," David told them.

The next day they came to the brook and all sat down to rest.

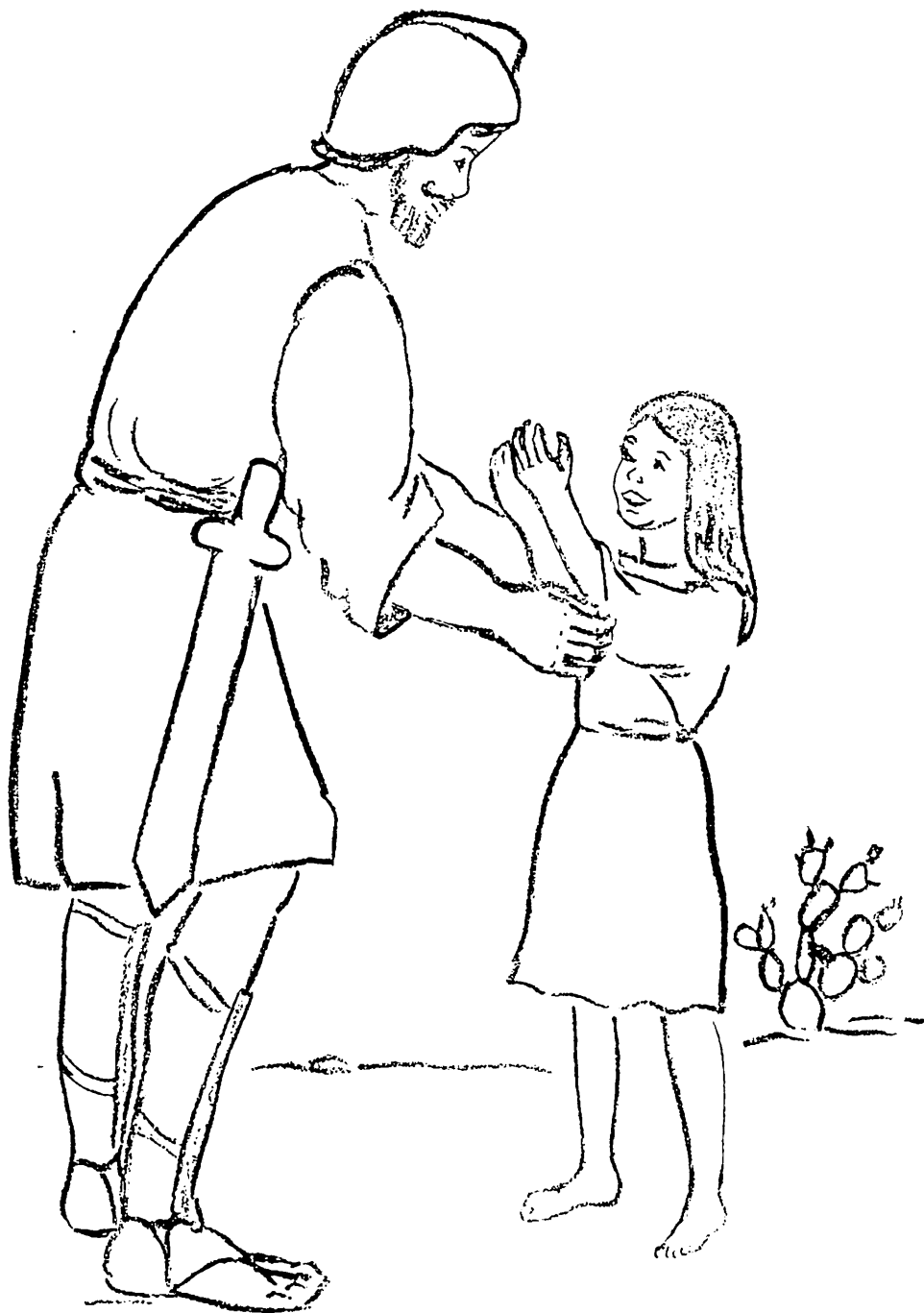
Then they went on together to Ziklag to look over the remains of their burned city, and camp until they could rebuild their homes.

The men came together and looked over all the animals and things which had been recovered. Each man started picking out what was theirs, but some of the men who went to battle thought those who stayed behind at the brook should not share in what was recovered. "No, the new rule is, 'Everyone shares together, those who stay at home to guard and those who are in the battle.' Now everyone take his things. I will take care of what is left of that which our enemy took from the other raided cities.

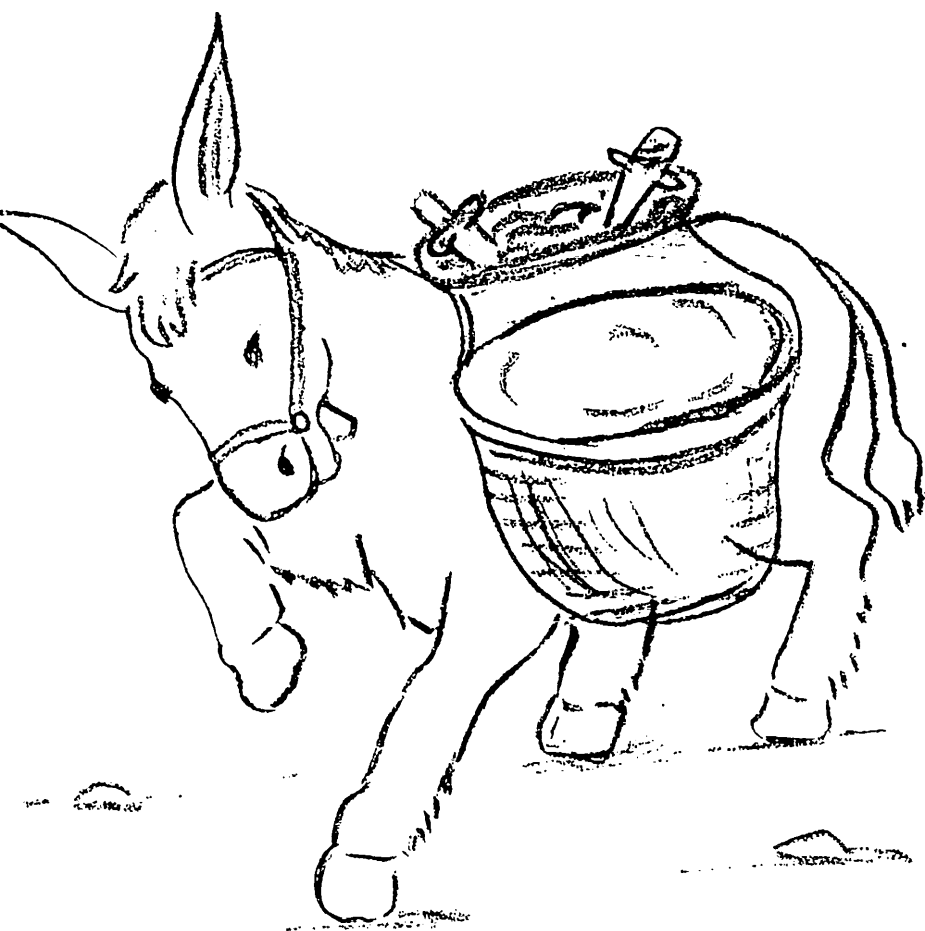
David remembered all the different times the people of Judah had helped him and his men to hide from King Saul. He decided to send some of the things which they had recovered to them.

He called together many men and said, "Take these presents from our enemies to our friends in the land of Judah." The men took presents to thirteen different cities and areas where they had hidden from King Saul.

“As ye would that men sh



ould do to you, do ye also
to them . . .” Luke 6:31



We should do good to others.

(Continued from last week.)

An Unusual Present

June knelt as she always did when she prayed. "Dear Jesus," she said, "thank you for taking away Grandpa's sins and that awful habit of eating tobacco. Now, please Jesus, take away this ugly cancer that is killing him to death . . . Amen!" Again June felt that happy feeling that she had felt before, like someone real special coming to visit. She dropped off to sleep that night with the same feeling.

As soon as June got dressed the next morning, she ran to her grandpa. "Is that ugly thing gone?" she asked.

Grandpa didn't really answer her, he just said, "I feel much better today. He took June's hand and drew her close to him. "Isn't this a special day?"

"Happy Birthday!" called Grandma from the kitchen.

"How's my big five year old?" Mrs. Dinsmore asked.

June had forgotten all about her birthday.

After breakfast June went to the orchard to pray again that Jesus would take the cancer away.

It was a special day because of her birthday. There were plenty of fun things to do on her birthday but three times during the day she went to the orchard and knelt beside the apple tree and talked to Jesus about the cancer.

The next morning before breakfast, Grandpa did something he had not done for many years. He took the Bible in his hands and said, "I will read the Bible and we shall pray together. First, though, I have something to show you." Grandma and Mrs. Dinsmore sat in chairs so they could see Grandpa, June stood beside him with her arm over the back of his chair. He unbuttoned his shirt and pulled it back to show them his chest. The cancer was gone!

June squealed with delight and jumped around in a small circle. Grandma looked very close. She couldn't believe it was all gone, although she noticed it looked better last night when she cleaned it.

Mrs. Dinsmore just sat in her chair and cried, like she always did when she was either very happy or very sad.

Then everyone was laughing, shouting and praising the Lord at the same time.

"This is a good birthday present for June," said Mrs. Dinsmore. "It is only one day late."

"It is the most unusual present she will ever have in her life," said Grandpa laughing.

"I think it will be the best one she will ever have, too," added Grandma.

"My birthday present! My birthday present!" shouted June, dancing around like a little fairy.

Grandpa's house was like a little of heaven on earth.

(To be continued next week.)

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Questions:

1. Why were the children happy?
2. Where did the wives think their husbands were?
3. Where had some of the fathers stayed?
4. Why did some of the men not want to share?
5. What rule did David make?
6. Why were many things left?
7. What did David do with the extra things?
8. Why did David want to send to these cities?
9. Is God pleased if we give to those who help us?

(Answers: 1. They were happy to see their daddies. 2. In another land. 3. Beside the brook. 4. They thought that those who did not fight should not receive anything. 5. David said, "Those who stay to care for the things should have their share." 6. The enemy had stolen from other cities. 7. He sent the other things to his friends in the land of Judah. 8. The people of these cities had helped him hide from King Saul. 9. Yes.)

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Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 30:17-31.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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SAUL IS KILLED

David and his men did not build again their homes which were burned. The third day after they came back to Ziklag a strange-looking man came running into the city. He found David and bowed to the ground before him. "From where did you come?" David asked.

"I escaped from the battle," the man answered.

"Please tell me what is happening in the battle," David begged.

"The men of Israel are losing," he said. "The people of several cities on the other side of the valley across the River Jordan have left their cities and the Philistine soldiers are living in their homes. King Saul and his sons are dead also."

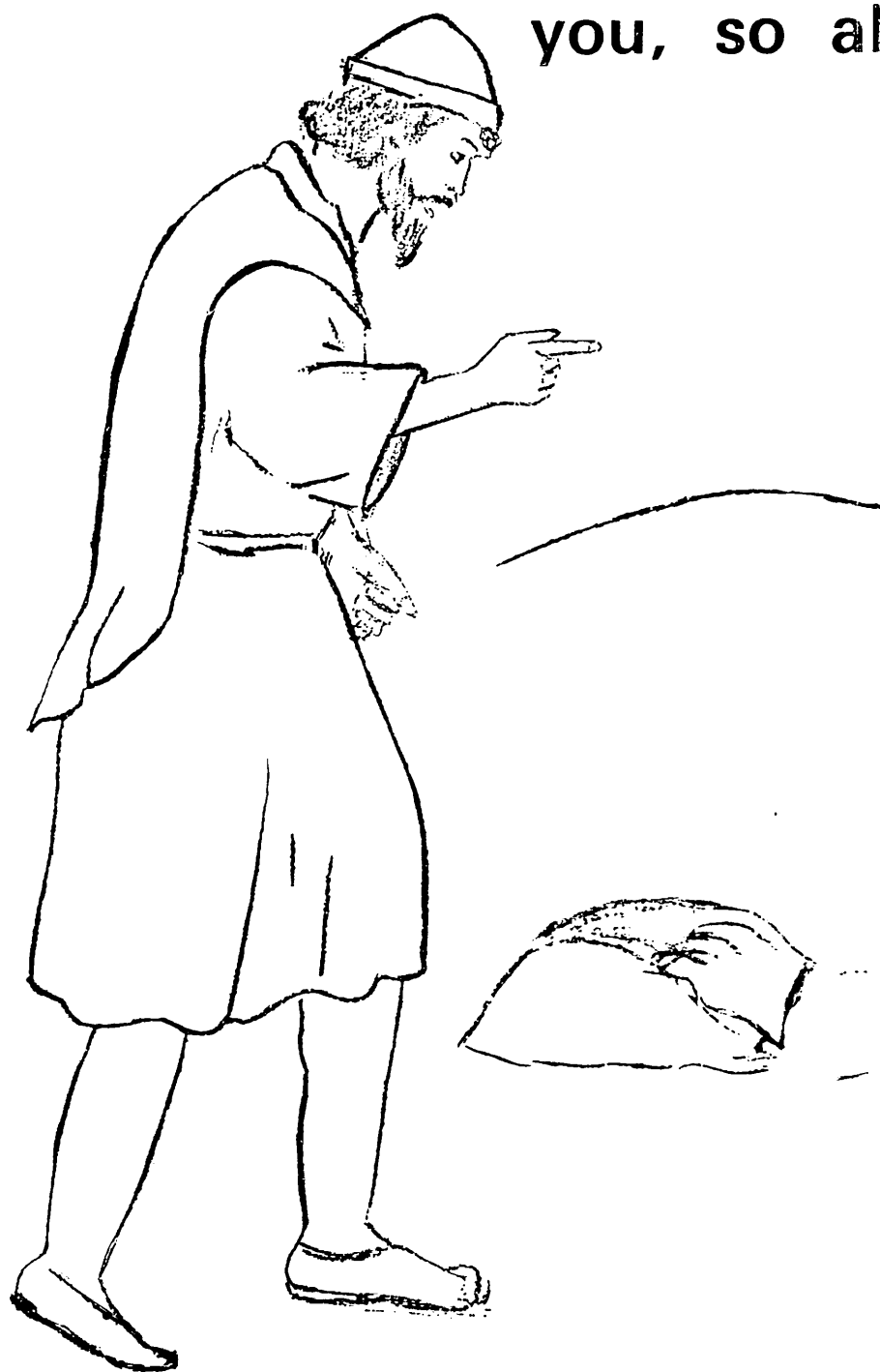
"How did you find out about King Saul and his sons?"

"I happened to come upon Mount Gilboa and saw Jonathan and his two brothers lying dead. I hurried on and found King Saul leaning upon his spear with the point through his body. He cried to me, 'Please finish killing me, for I am wounded by a Philistine's arrow.' So I did, for I was sure he would soon die."

"How terrible!" cried David. "You should have helped him! You shall be punished for this, for he was God's anointed king."

"I brought the crown to you," said the man, hoping it would make David happy. It did not! David and his men were so sad they did not eat anything the rest of the day. David forgave Saul of all he had done against him. He mourned and wept for both Saul and Jonathan, his best friend. He wrote a beautiful poem about them. In the poem he said that Saul was great and mighty and had done many good things for the people. He also said that Jonathan's love was strong toward him. You may read the poem in II Samuel 1:19-27.

“ . . . if any man have a
you, so al



quarrel . . . as Christ forgave
o do ye." Colossians 3:13.



(Continued from last week.)

The Trip Home

"Tomorrow we will be leaving to go home," Mrs. Dinsmore said to June.

"Good, I want to see my daddy."

"Yes, I do too, for his letter said he was sick. We must pray for him."

"I prayed for him after you read me his letter, but I still feel sad."

"He'll be alright. Don't worry so much. You are too young to take things so serious," Mrs. Dinsmore said.

After she left the room, June slipped out of bed and knelt to pray for her daddy. She still didn't feel any better.

On the train going home Mrs. Dinsmore and June sat across the aisle from a woman who held a child in her lap. The child was cross and ugly acting. It wiggled and fussed until the mother became very tired.

June went across the aisle and started talking to the woman. She learned that the child was a three-year-old girl and had never walked. "Jesus can make your little girl walk," she said to the woman. "One day I was very sick with a—a—what was I sick of?" she asked her mother.

"Typhoid fever," answered Mrs. Dinsmore quietly.

"And Jesus made me well," she continued. "And my Grandpa had a real ugly sore eating him to death and Jesus made it go away. Want me to ask Jesus to make your little girl walk?"

"Why, yes," the woman answered, "you may pray for her."

June knelt in the aisle of the train and prayed.

"What is your name?" asked the woman, when June finished praying.

"June," she answered.

"June Dinsmore," said her mother. "We live on a little farm near Clarksburg. Clarksburg is our address."

The little girl was quiet the rest of the trip.

Mr. Dinsmore met them at the train. They could see he was sick. Mother felt his head. "You have a fever!" she exclaimed.

"Yes, I have one every day."

When they got home Mr. Dinsmore milked the cows. They ate supper, then read the Bible and prayed before going to bed. June prayed ever so hard for her daddy, but she still felt sad.

The next day he was too sick to go to work. He milked the cows, but Mrs. Dinsmore took the milk to town to be sold.

For the next week Daddy milked the cows but after that Mrs. Dinsmore paid a boy to milk.

One day when she came back from selling the milk she brought a surprise for June. It was a letter from the woman they met on the train. It said:

"Dear Mrs. Dinsmore, I am writing this to tell you that Jesus has answered your little June's prayers and my daughter is now walking. I hope she will love Jesus and tell others about Him, too. I thank God for the miracle and thank June for praying.

From a grateful mother."

(To be continued next week.)

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Questions:

1. Who told David about Saul's death?
2. What other sad news did the man tell?
3. What happened to the cities after the people ran away?
4. Who was winning the battle?
5. Was David happy that Saul died?
6. What was brought to David from King Saul?
7. What was David's attitude toward Saul?
8. Did David praise Saul in his poem?
9. Should we forgive those who harm us, as David did?

(Answers: 1. A strange looking man, 2. That Saul's sons were also dead, 3. The enemy soldiers lived in their homes, 4. The Philistines, their enemy, 5. No, 6. King Saul's crown, 7. David forgave Saul and loved him, 8. Yes, 9. Yes.)

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Lesson Text: I Samuel 31:1-13, II Samuel 1:1-12.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DAVID BECOMES KING

King Saul is dead. His crown has been brought to David. "Shall I go back to the cities of Judah?" David asked God.

God answered, "Yes, you shall go."

"Then into what city shall I go?"

"You shall go into Hebron," God told him.

David then called his people together and told them what God had said. Everyone packed their things and they all moved away from their burned homes in Ziklag.

The people in the cities of Hebron were happy to have David and his followers. They came together and made David their king.

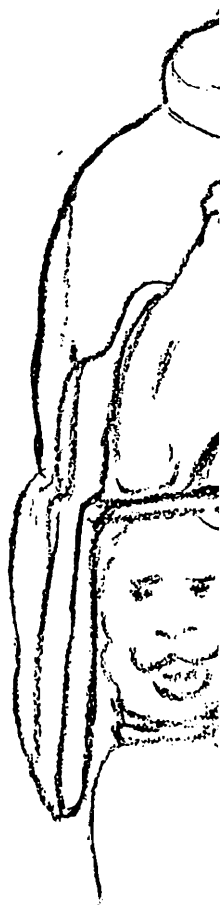
After David became king, he learned that the men of Jabesh-gilead had walked in the darkness all night to recover the bodies of Saul and his sons from the wall of Bethshan where the Philistines had fastened them. They took care of the bodies. Then for seven days they fasted to show their great sorrow for King Saul.

David sent messengers unto the men. He said, "Tell them I said, 'God will bless you for showing this kindness to King Saul and his sons. I also will repay you. Be encouraged even though your king is dead and I have been anointed King of Judah.' "

Abner, the captain of Saul's army, did not like for David to be king so he made Ishbosheth, another of Saul's sons, king over the part of the land on the other side of the River Jordan. Ishbosheth was king only two years, then he was killed by two men.

After that the leaders of the cities came to David and asked him to be the king over all of the land of Israel. He was king for forty years. God rewarded David for all the times he did good.

**“The Lord rewarded me
according to my
righteousness:”
II Samuel 22:21.**



God will help good things to



happen to those who live right.

(Continued from last week.)

The Dark Day

Every day Mr. Dinsmore had a fever and grew a little weaker. June prayed, Mrs. Dinsmore prayed, but he grew worse. They did everything they should so that he would get well, but nothing helped. June couldn't understand why Jesus had made her and Grandpa well but hadn't made Daddy well.

Four weeks after June and Mrs. Dinsmore came back from Grandpa's, Daddy died.

Mrs. Dinsmore held June's hand and led her away from the grave. "Good-bye, Daddy," she called as she looked back at the box that contained her daddy's body. "I'll see you in heaven."

That night June and her mother sat alone in their house. It was the little house Mr. Dinsmore had built with his own hands. Everything in the house reminded Mrs. Dinsmore of the wonderful husband she had had. June drew her chair close to Mrs. Dinsmore and said, "God is good even if He did take Daddy away, isn't he?"

"Yes, God is good. He always knows what is best to do. Heaven will be dearer to us since your daddy is there."

"It's so nice in heaven. Daddy won't be sick, will he? Maybe he's talking to Jesus now!"

"No, he will never be sick again."

They sat in silence a long time. Finally June spoke, "I'm glad my daddy died instead of Bertha Moore's, because I heard him cursing his cows when I was sliding on their haystack the other day."

"Some day we will go see him, won't we Mamma?"

"Yes, he can never come back to us but we may go to him."

After sitting for some time in silence, Mrs. Dinsmore reached for her Bible. She opened it and began reading, "Jeremiah 49:11, 'Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive: and let thy widows trust in me.' That is what you and I will do from now on." Then she read Psalms 20:7 and 146:9.

June felt happy, just the way she had felt when she asked Jesus to take away her fever, and for the material for her dress sleeve and also when she prayed for the cancer to go away from Grandpa.

"I feel sorry for the people who do not know the sweetness of trusting in God," said Mrs. Dinsmore.

Together they knelt in prayer. Then the room was filled with the presence of God and an indescribable mellow light shone long after the electric light was turned out. How happy she felt because she trusted in God!

Before going to bed she opened the Bible again and read to June these words, "'Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causeth to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.' Psalms 65:4. God has promised by these words that we shall be satisfied with the goodness of His house. How happy I am to trust in God!"

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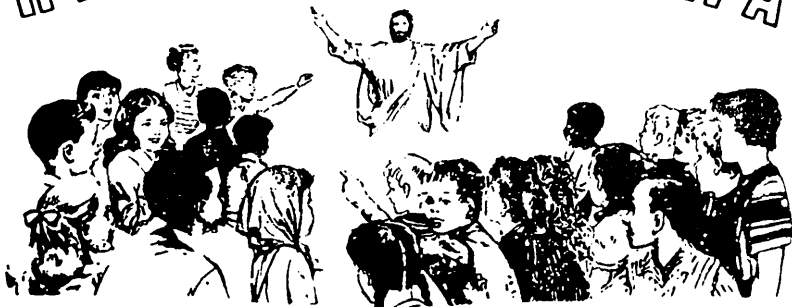
1. Who is dead?
2. What did David have that was King Saul's?
3. What did David ask God?
4. Did God tell David what he should do?
5. What did the people of Hebron do?
6. What did David say to the people who cared for Saul's body?
7. How did Abner show he didn't like David?
8. How long were there two kings?
9. How long was David king?

(Answers: 1. Saul is dead. 2. His crown. 3. "Shall I go back to Judah?" 4. Yes. 5. They made David king. 6. He said, "God will bless you for this kindness. I will repay you, and be encouraged." 7. He made one of Saul's sons king. 8. Two years. 9. 40 years.)

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Lesson Text: II Samuel 2:1-11; 4:5-7; 5:1-4.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DAVID KEEPS HIS PROMISE

David was thirty years old before he was crowned king and that was only of part of the country of Israel. He was about forty years old before he was able to live at the palace in Jerusalem.

One day as he was sitting on his throne he thought about all the trouble he had in the past years and the many times that Jonathan, Saul's son, had helped him. Suddenly he remembered something! "I promised to show kindness to Jonathan's family for the goodness he showed to me," he thought. "Is there any of Jonathan's family alive?" he asked a servant standing nearby.

"There is one of Saul's servants named Ziba working here in the palace. He would know," answered the servant.

"Bring him to me," David demanded.

Ziba was brought in. "Is there any of Saul's family yet alive?"

"Yes," answered Ziba. "There is one son of Jonathan who was crippled when his nurse fell with him soon after Jonathan's death."

"Tell him I must see him," David said.

When Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth, came in he bowed with his face to the floor.

"Don't be afraid," David said kindly. "Your father was very good to me and I promised to be kind to his family. I want to give you and your little son, Micha, all the land that belonged to your grandfather, King Saul. Ziba and his fifteen sons and twenty servants will cultivate it, and the profits will be yours."

Then Ziba said, "We are happy to do whatever the king commands."

"Mephibosheth," David added, "you shall be as one of my sons and shall always eat at my table."

**“ . . . There hath not failed
promise, . . . ” 1 Kings 8:56.**



God keeps all His promises

one word of all of his good



and we should also.

(Continued from last week.)

School Days

Mrs. Dinsmore sat in her chair beside the window. She was sewing a patch on the elbow of June's dress. June noticed that she wiped tears off her cheeks. "Why are you crying?" June asked.

"It—it's—because I wish you had a new dress for school. I hope no one makes fun of you about your clothing."

"What they say won't hurt me," June said with a toss of her head. Deep within her heart, however, she was fearful, but she had asked Jesus to help her.

October sixteenth was the first day of school. Mrs. Dinsmore walked with eight-year-old June on the board sidewalk to the village school. June saw the school on the little hill and the children playing on the grass. When they got closer she saw Mary Banks whose father owned one of the few stores in the town. She was one year older than June. Of all the girls on the playground only two were June's friends. As they walked past Mary, June heard her whisper to some other girls. "There goes the girl that prays. Won't it be great to have a little saint in our school?"

Quickly June looked to see if Mother heard what she said. She hadn't heard.

They went into the school room and greeted the teacher. "Good morning, I am Mrs. Ruth Dinsmore. This is my daughter, June. She will be in the beginning class."

"Hello, June," said the teacher, "how do you think you shall like school?"

June said nothing for she didn't want to tell the teacher that she didn't think she would like it. Neither did she want to tell a lie.

When June didn't answer, the teacher continued. "I'm sure you will miss your mother for she must be a loving one, your clothes are so clean and neatly mended."

"Well, I do hope," said Mrs. Dinsmore, "that you will have a good year and that the students will not give you trouble. I am sure that June will not give you any." She then kissed June and walked away toward home.

Fear gripped June, but in a few minutes the bell rang and the fears were lost as she listened to instructions for the year.

An hour later the children were dismissed for recess. Out on the playground a girl named Maude Thorn discovered a patch on one of June's stockings. She said, "Look, she has a patch on her stocking."

"And another on the elbow of her dress," added Pearl Smith, who was standing nearby.

"Why, she has patches on both stockings and has a hole in the toe of her shoe," said Clara Moore, who was Mary's best friend.

"Her name is June," Mary added with a laugh, "let's call her 'Patchy June.'"

(To be continued next week.)

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Questions:

1. How old was David before he became king?
2. What had David forgotten?
3. What had he promised Jonathan?
4. What happened to Jonathan's son?
5. What did he give to Mephibosheth?
6. How was a crippled man to cultivate the land?
7. Was Ziba happy to help with David's plan?
8. What special favor did David do for Mephibosheth?
9. Is God happy when people keep promises?

(Answers: 1. Thirty (30) years old. 2. A lame man. 3. He promised to be kind to Jonathan's family. 4. He was crippled by a fall. 5. He gave him all the land that belonged to his grandfather, King Saul. 6. Ziba, one of Saul's servants and his fifteen sons and twenty servants were to cultivate the land. 7. Yes. 8. He took him as his own son and let him eat at his table. 9. God is happy when people keep promises.)

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Lesson Text: I Samuel 20:13-15, II Samuel 4:1-4; 9:1-13.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DAVID'S DISAPPOINTMENT

David loved God. He felt ashamed that the place where he and the people worshipped God was just a tent in the middle of a fenced yard.

"I must make a nice house in which to worship God," he said to Nathan the prophet. "I live in a beautiful house of cedar, but the house of God is just a tent. The house of God must be the most beautiful building in the world."

"Go ahead and do it," Nathan said, "and God be with thee."

That night God spoke to Nathan and said, "Go tell David that I brought him out of the sheep pen and have made him a great leader. I shall cause his kingdom to be established forever. He shall not build my house because he has been a man of war and has shed blood. One of his sons shall build a house for my name. David may only get the materials ready. He will need to gather much wood, stone, gold, silver, brass and other things."

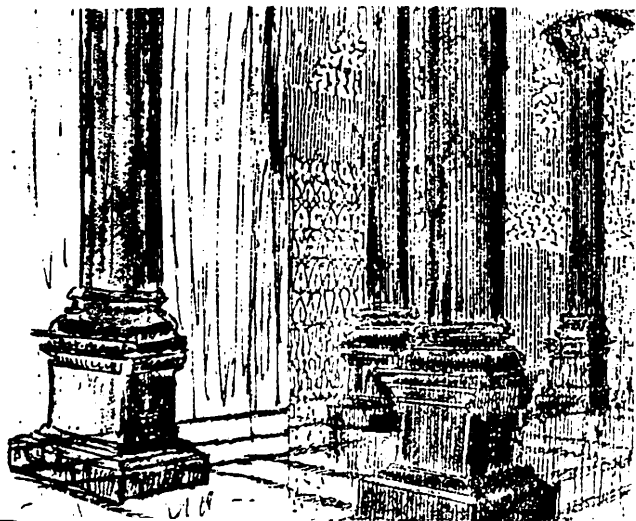
David felt very sad that he would not be able to build the house for God's worship. He knew though, that he had fought in many battles and that God was a God of peace and not of war. God wanted a peaceful person to build His house.

Today God is looking for peaceful children to be a part of His spiritual building which is His Church. He says in His Word, the Holy Bible, that He does not live in beautiful buildings that are made by men's hands. He says, "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: What house could ye build for me? Have not my hands made all these things?"

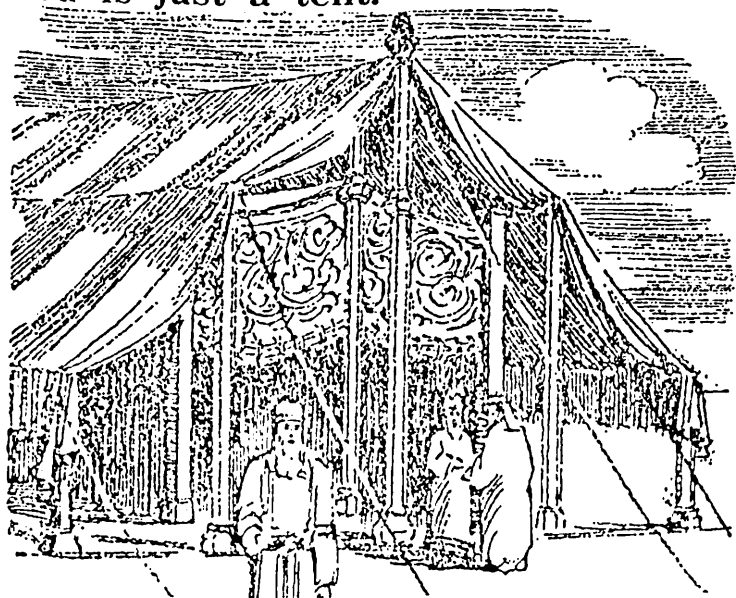
The hearts of pure people are where God loves to live.

"Ye are God's buildi

**God wants peaceful people to
and work for Him.**

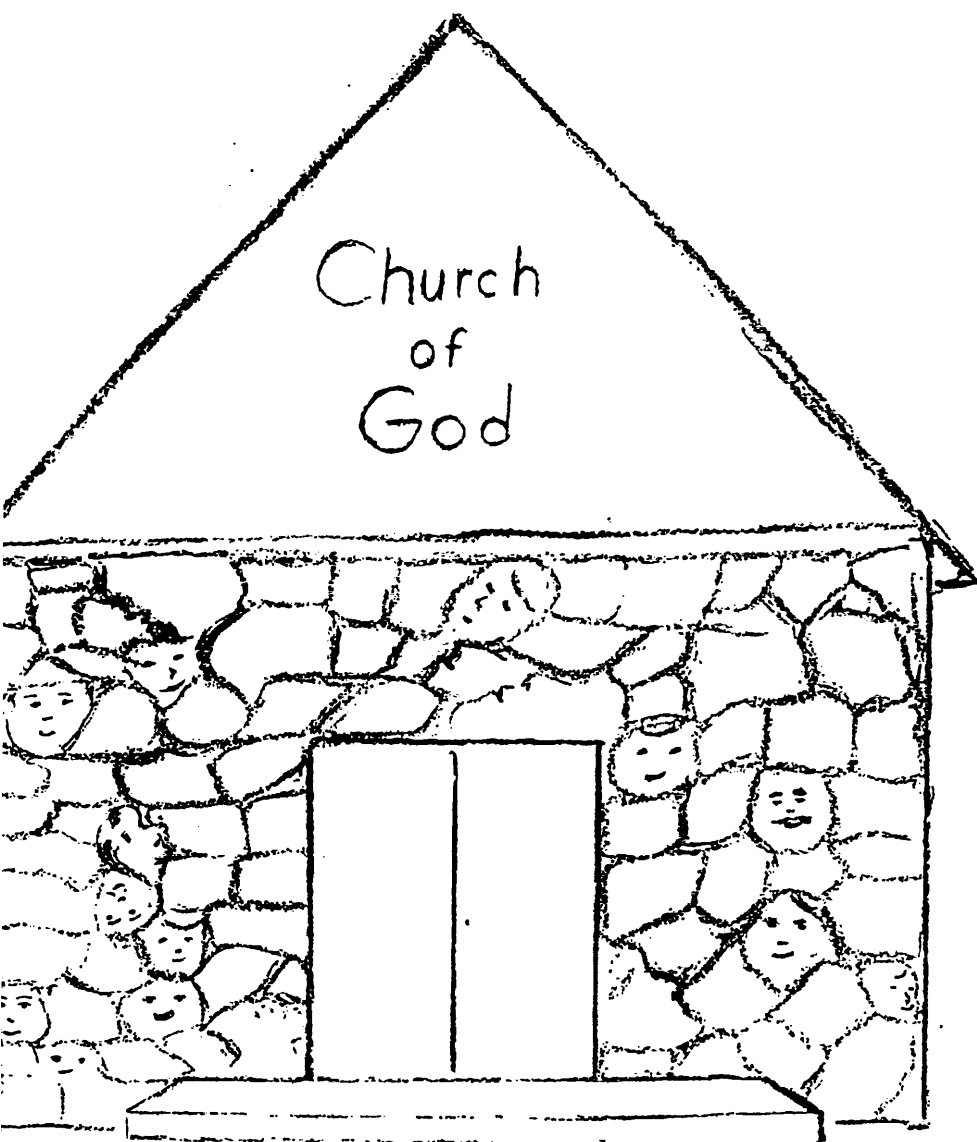


David said, "I live in a beautiful
house of cedar, but the house of
God is just a tent."



1." 1 Corinthians 3:9.

become a part of His Church



God's Church is made of people.
How many faces can you find?

(Continued from last week.)

The Gold Medal

"I heard the girls calling you Patchy June," Ethel Raymor said to June as they were leaving school. "That wasn't nice. I like you, I don't like them making fun of your clothes."

"I don't like them calling me Patchy June either, but I don't dare cry for if I do Mamma will know something is wrong. She's already been crying because I don't have a new school dress."

"Here she comes now! Bye, June."

"Bye, Ethel, thanks for being my friend."

"Did you like school?" Mrs. Dinsmore asked as they walked home.

"Oh, Mamma, I have a lovely teacher, and Ethel's my friend."

"Yes, Ethel is a good friend for you."

After supper, Mrs. Dinsmore sat in her chair and opened the Bible to read before praying. She read John 15:18-20, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you . . ."

"Dear Jesus," June prayed that night. "Thanks for choosing me to be one of your children. Help me to be kind and to love everyone just as you loved everyone . . . I need your help real bad. Amen."

A few days later, Mary and her friends walked up to June and said, "Hello, Patchy June. Why don't you pray for a new dress?"

Those words felt like a knife being jabbed into June, but Jesus helped her to not act ugly. From that day many of the girls and some of the boys called her Patchy June. Day after day she went to school and was embarrassed by Mary and her friends. One day Mary felt real mean again and said, "If you are such a saint, I would think you could have better clothes. At least some without patches."

The girls could hardly believe their ears when they heard June saying, "I

am proud of every patch on my clothes. Each patch tells that Mother loves me. I know I am poor but Jesus was poor too, and He never prayed for nice things in this world. He is the best man that ever lived. I don't think patched clothes makes a bad person. I am not ashamed of being poor!"

"Listen to that girls," Mary said mockingly, "June says she's proud of her patches! Ha, ha, ha," and she ran away followed by some of the girls.

Ethel saw the girls teasing June and came in time to hear what she was saying. "You're right, patched clothing doesn't make a bad person. Neither does wearing nice clothes make a good person. Why, I'd rather wear patches all my life and have a good heart; as to wear rich clothes and be going around hurting the poor. Remember when they talk about you, they are talking about me, too. Say, you know what?"

"What?" June asked.

"Those 'patches' shine like gold medals to me!"

(To be continued next week.)

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Questions:

1. Who did David love?
2. Of what was David ashamed?
3. What did David want to do?
4. Why did God not want David to build the house?
5. Does God live in beautiful buildings?
6. What is God's throne?
7. What is His footstool?
8. Where does God like to live?
9. What is God looking for today?

(Answers: 1. God. 2. The place where he wanted to build God a beautiful house. 3. He did not want David to build the house because he was a man of war and had shed blood. 4. NO! 5. Heaven. 6. In the hearts of pure people. 7. The earth. 8. In the hearts of pure people. 9. Peaceful children to be a part of His Church.)

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Lesson Text: II Samuel 7:1-29, I Kings 5:3-4; 8:19-20, I Chron. 28:2-3, I Cor. 3:9.

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DANIEL LEARNS THE SECRET

King Nebuchadnezzar awoke frightened and trembling from a dream. He thought and thought but could not remember the dream. "I must know what the dream was," he said to himself. "It is driving me crazy!"

He sent for his wise men. "Tell me what I dreamed last night or I shall have you cut to pieces," he demanded.

"We can not do that," they cried. "It is a secret that only God knows, and His Spirit does not dwell with men." They begged the king to have mercy on them and tell them the dream.

He said, "I can't! I don't remember it! And you shall be killed if you cannot tell it to me!"

The men could not tell the dream so the king ordered his guards to find all his wise men and have them killed. The guards came to get Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to kill them. Daniel said, "Why so hasty? Let me go talk to the king first."

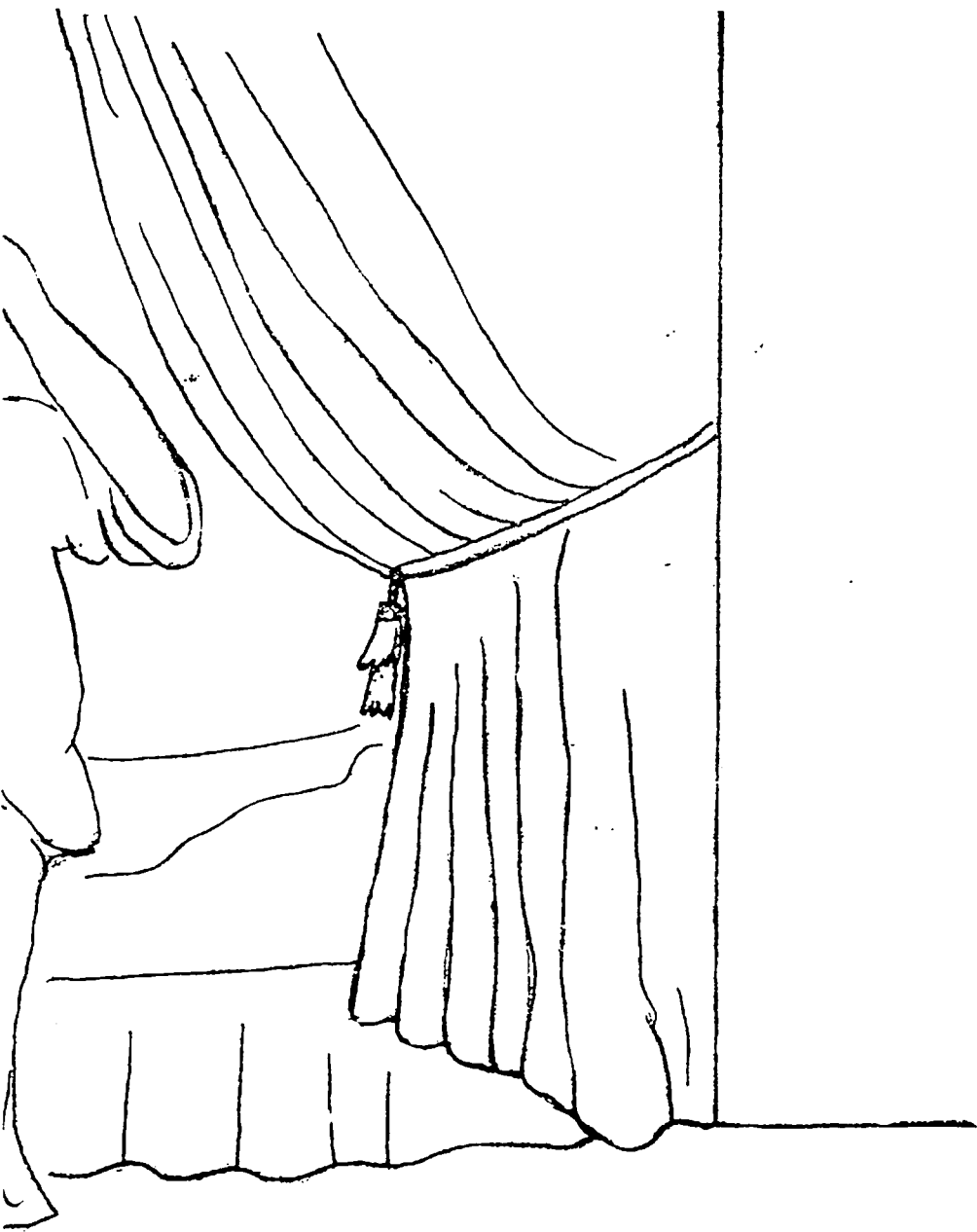
Daniel went bravely to the angry king and said, "Oh, King, live forever. Please give me a little time and God will show me the secret dream and its meaning." The king agreed.

Daniel and his friends asked God to show them the dream. One night God showed Daniel the dream. God told him, "This dream is about my Kingdom." Daniel arose and praised God for giving him wisdom and for revealing the secret. Then he called the king's guard and said to him, "Tell the king, whenever he is ready, I will tell him the dream and its message."

Next Sunday we will learn what the strange dream was



“ Blessed be the name of God
for he revealeth . . . secret things



ed for ever
things:" Daniel 2:20-22.

June Moves Away

"I'm glad you earned higher scores on your work than anyone else! That should prove to everyone in the school that doing right is the best way. Are you glad school is out? At least you won't be called Patchy June again 'til next fall." Ethel said to June as they walked down the hill leaving the school for the summer vacation.

"I guess I don't mind it so bad any more. Only Mary, Clara, Pearl and Maude call me that now. Most of the others leave me alone. But I won't be here next fall, Ethel."

"Why?"

"Something about Mamma owing a bunch of money to a man. He hired a lawyer and is taking our house that Daddy built." June said, choking back tears.

"Don't cry." Ethel said to comfort her, "maybe things will be better there."

"Maybe so, but I won't have any friends. You're my friend here."

"You'll have plenty of friends if you stay like you are."

The girls told each other goodbye.

In a few more days Mrs. Dinsmore and June moved to another state. Day after day Mrs. Dinsmore worked and June went to school. Days passed into weeks, weeks passed into months, months changed into years, until June was twenty-two years old.

Then one day an unusual thing happened. She met a strong, energetic young woman. "You are June Dinsmore?" the woman asked in surprise. "Can you guess who I am?" June shook her head "no." "I am the crippled girl you prayed for on the train when you were a little girl. I have been walking from that time until now, thank God. I'm so glad to meet you again."

"How nice to meet you, too," June said.

A few years later June fell in love with a single preacher named Folbert Shannon. They married and began praying for God to lead them to the church they should pastor.

One day when she was 27 years old

her husband said, "I have a letter from Clarksburg. Isn't that where you lived when you were young?"

"Yes, but I left there 19 years ago."

"I'll read you the letter." He read:

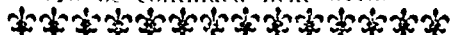
"Dear Mr. Shannon, Greetings in Jesus dear name. I have been the pastor of the only church in Clarksburg for eleven years. I will soon be leaving and need a young preacher to become pastor in my place.

"You may wonder why I am interested in you. It is because a brother to a member of my congregation has told of the many wonderful ways God is using you and your good wife to bless others.

"If you believe God is leading you to come, please contact me . . ." He laid down the letter. "We shall pray about going. This may be what the Lord wants us to do."

"Yes, Dear," is all that June could say.

(To be continued next week.)



Questions:

1. Why was Nebuchadnezzar troubled?
2. Who did he send for?
3. Why couldn't his wise men tell the dream?
4. Does the Spirit of God dwell in flesh?
5. When did Daniel find out the king needed a wise man?
6. Who helped Daniel pray?
7. Who showed Daniel the dream and its meaning?
8. How did Daniel show his appreciation to God?
9. How did Daniel show his faith in God?

(Answers: 1. He forgot what he had dreamed. 2. His wise men. 3. They did not have the Spirit of God living in them to help them understand secrets. 4. Yes, if the person's heart is clean through faith in the blood of Jesus. 5. The king's guards came to kill Daniel. 6. His three friends. 7. God. 8. Daniel praised God. 9. Daniel showed faith when he said to the king, "God will show me the dream.")



Lesson text: Daniel 2:1-24.

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THE STRANGE DREAM

Arioch, the king's guard, hastily brought Daniel before the king. "Here's the man that can tell you the forgotten dream," he said.

The king looked at Daniel, "Art thou able to make known unto me the dream?"

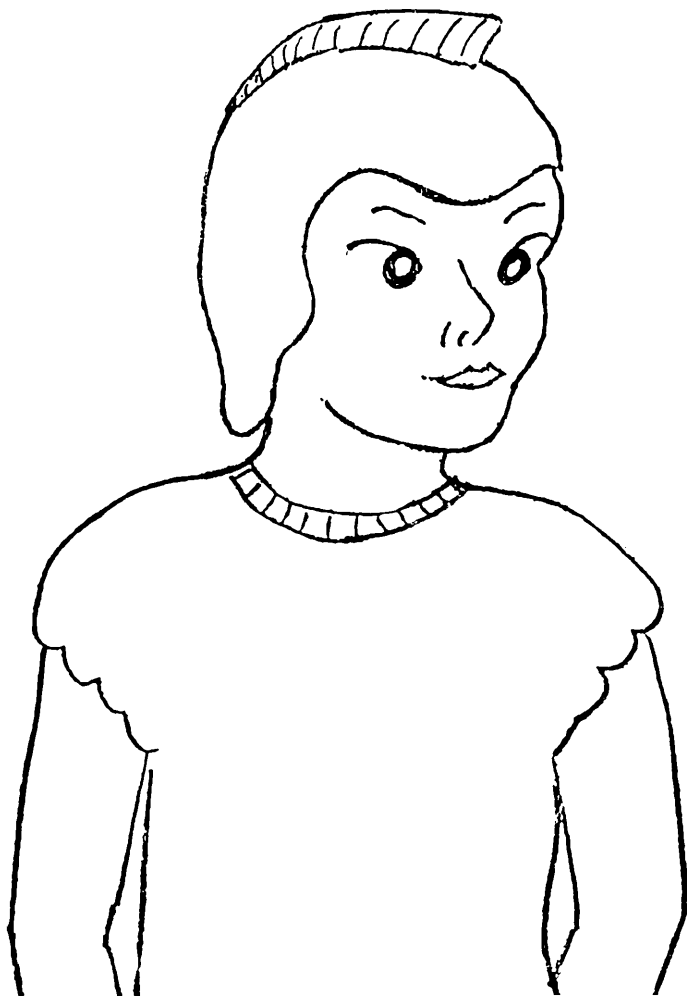
"O King," Daniel said, "no wise man on earth could know your dream, neither could I, but God in heaven reveals secrets."

"You have dreamed about a great bright image whose form was terrible. It had a head of gold, arms and breast of silver, tummy and thighs of brass and legs of iron with feet of iron and clay. Then you saw a stone cut out of a mountain without hands and the stone hit the image so-o-o hard that the image broke into small pieces and the wind blew it away. Then the stone grew into a mountain which filled the whole earth."

"God has given you this dream that you may know what is to happen many years from now. The image is the four great kingdoms that shall rule over the earth. Your kingdom is the head of gold, after you shall come three more kingdoms. During the reign of the fourth, the stone shall appear and grow into a great mountain. This mountain is the Kingdom of God."

Sure enough, there were three more world kingdoms before Jesus came. Three hundred million people were ruled by Augustus Caesar. During the fourth kingdom Jesus was born. At this time He formed the wonderful Kingdom of God. It grew and grew until it filled the whole earth.

Everyone who believes in Jesus for the saving of his soul is part of this great Kingdom.



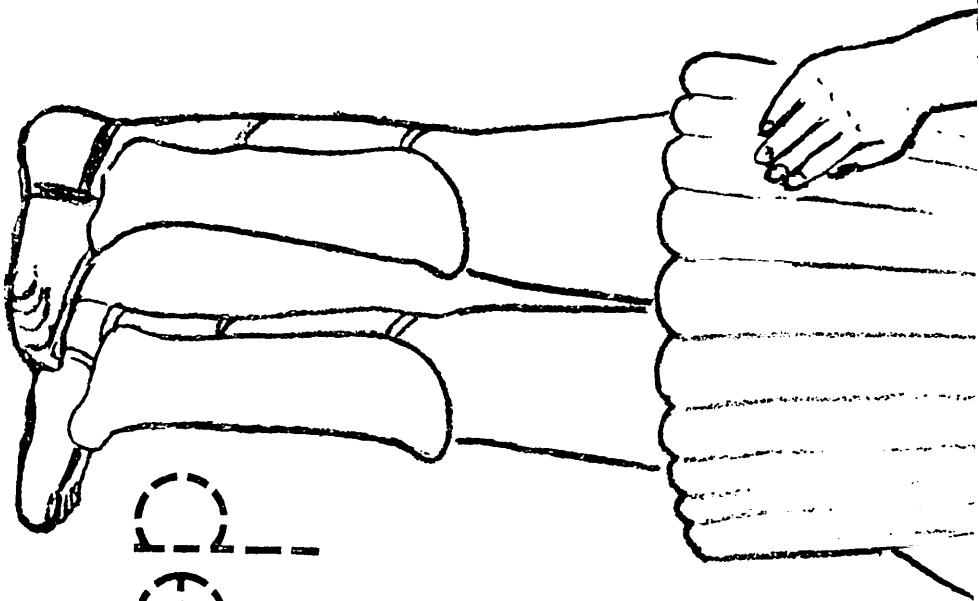
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The image that represented the kingdoms of the earth.



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Daniel 2:44.

Home Again!

(Conclusion of Patchy June)

June was glad to see her old home town. She sat on the left front side and watched the people as they filled the pews. "Everyone in town has come," she thought. "That must be Maude Thorn, but she sure is fat! And there is Pearl Smith, and Mary and Clara, who called me 'Patchy June.' But where is my friend Ethel?"

By the look on the people's faces she knew they liked the sermon. After dismissal she stood beside her husband, Mr. Shannon, as he introduced himself to the people when they left the chapel. Many said they felt God's presence in the service. June overheard four ladies talking. "I think our new pastor's wife sang beautifully," one said. Another added, "And she looked beautiful too, even though her dress is modest."

The following Thursday afternoon a group of women met to sew for a poor family in town. The women were anxious to let the new pastor's wife know who they were. "I'm Mary Moore," said a woman whom June had thought was Mary Banks.

"I'm Clara Banks," said another who was standing close by. "We are sisters-in-law," she said, pointing to Mary Moore. "I married her brother and she married mine." Then they both giggled.

"I am Maude Thorn Murphy," said another.

"And my name is Pearl Smith," said still another.

After several others introduced themselves, a very pleasant looking and richly dressed woman with a soft voice said, "My name is Ethel Gibson."

"Ethel," thought June, "my old friend Ethel!" She wanted to shout and clap her hands like a little child but she was grown up now and she calmly said, "How do you do, Mrs. Gibson?"

Soon everyone was busy with the sewing project. "I brought this cute little dress of my little Janie. She can still wear it but it got a hole burned in the sleeve," said Mrs. Moore, holding up a

darling little dress. "I think it will just fit their youngest girl. We can sew a patch on the sleeve."

June couldn't resist the temptation. "Do you suppose," she said, "if the little girl wears patched clothing, that the other children will call her Patchy like they did little June Dinsmore?"

All the women gasped in surprise. Mary's face turned red. She laid down the dress and started smoothing pattern pieces on a new piece of cloth. No one said a word for some time. They just glanced at each other.

Finally Mrs. Ethel Gibson asked, "Mrs. Shannon have you some time met the Dinsmores?"

"I know the Dinsmores very well," June answered, "for I am June Dinsmore." Everyone gasped! "But I am very happy to be here among you all again. I want to tell you that I have long ago forgiven your childhood mistakes. I am, however, still the 'praying saint' I was years ago."



Questions:

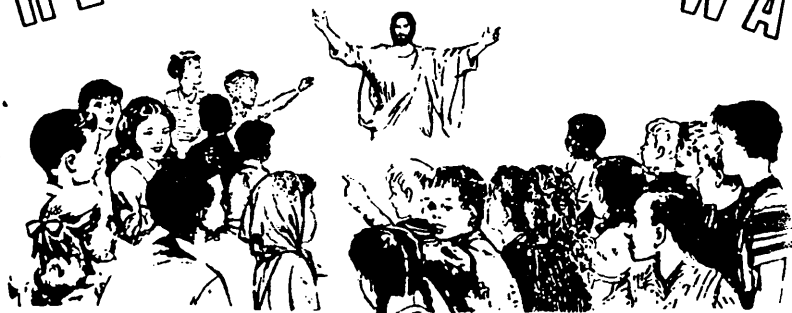
1. What did the king ask Daniel?
2. How did Daniel know the dream?
3. Of what was the dream?
4. What was the image?
5. What was the stone?
6. What did the stone do?
7. What happened to the image?
8. What did the stone become?
9. How can one become a part of the Kingdom of God?

(Answers: 1. "Art thou able to make known unto me the dream?" 2. God told Daniel the dream. 3. An image and a stone. 4. The four kingdoms that would rule over the earth. 5. The Kingdom of God. 6. The stone broke the image into small pieces. 7. It was blown away in the wind. 8. The stone became a big mountain that filled the whole earth. 9. Anyone can become a part of the Kingdom of God by believing in Jesus for the saving of their souls.)



Lesson Text: Daniel 2:25-49.

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ENTERING GOD'S KINGDOM

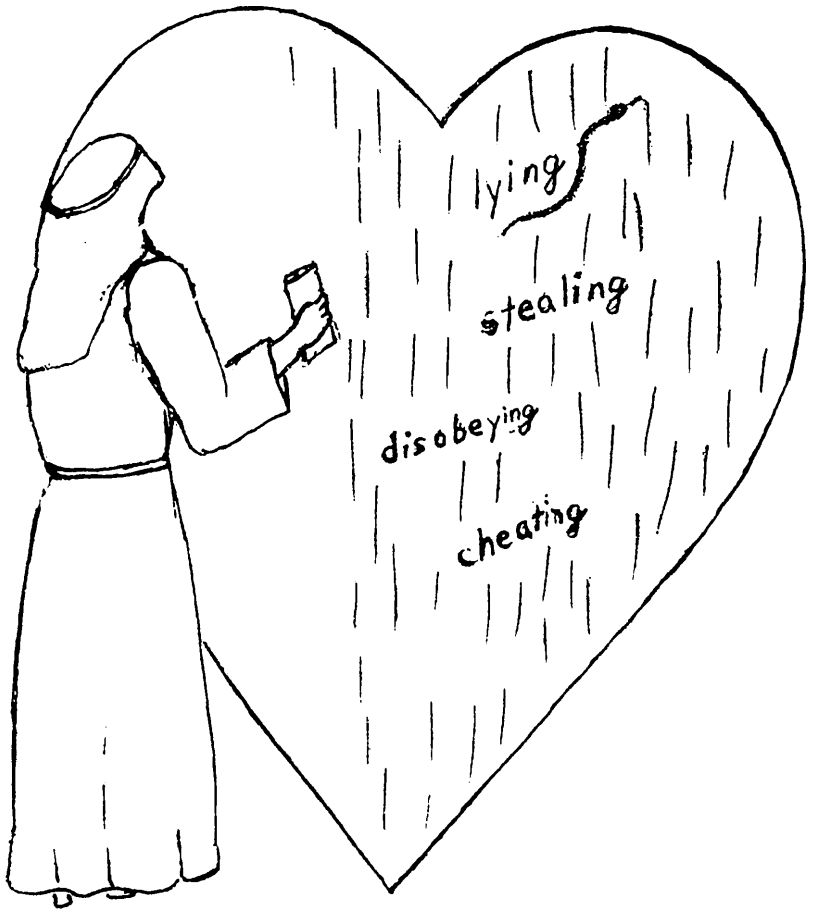
God's Kingdom is a great Kingdom that will last forever. It is so big that it starts in Heaven and fills all the earth. Jesus is the good King and Ruler. He is so wise that He knows everyone's troubles and no one has to wait his turn to get help. He can help each one at the very same time. I'm glad I'm a part of this Kingdom. Wouldn't you also like to be a part of this Kingdom?

Nicodemus wanted to be in this Kingdom, so one night he came to talk to Jesus about it. Jesus told him that he would need to be born of the water and the Spirit to understand the Kingdom of God. He said that the Spirit of God is like the wind. It can be felt, but cannot be seen. One can see what the wind does, as it moves the leaves on a tree, a balloon, a piece of paper, a kite or sometimes your hair, but the wind cannot be seen.

The Spirit of God forgives sin and makes one feel very, very good but no one saw the Spirit doing it. This is being born of the living water. Being born of the Spirit happens when a person gives himself and all that he has to Jesus and the Holy Spirit comes into his heart to live. This person will look and act different from the other people in the world that are not a part of God's Kingdom.

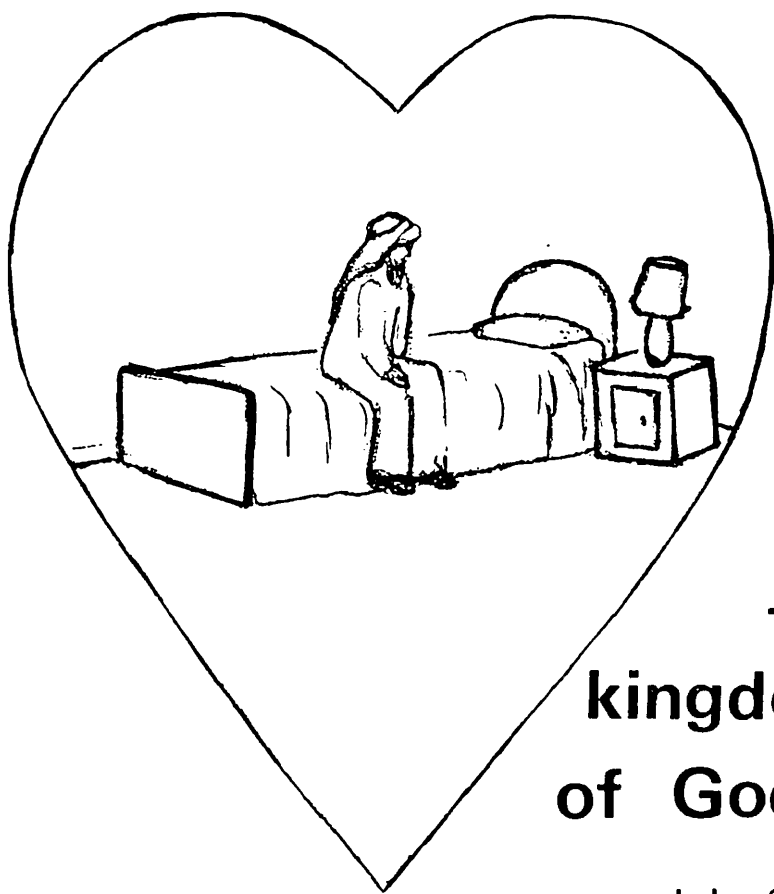
Jesus wants everyone to be a part of His Kingdom. He says that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord can be saved and enter His Kingdom. He did not come into the world to make people feel bad because of the evil things they were doing. They are already guilty. He came that everyone could see God's love toward them and believe in God and be a happy part of the Kingdom of God!

“Suffer little children to come



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Luke 18:16.

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Grow Up Strong

"Mama, Tony is eating all the mashed potatoes and gravy," said Rhonda. "And he already ate all the green beans that were left in the bowl!"

"Well, I like to eat," said Tony, who was busy pouring the last of the gravy over the last of the mashed potatoes.

"I don't mind you children eating good at meal time," said Mother. "But I do not like you eating a lot of candy, cookies, and other snack foods, or sweet drinks."

Rhonda frowned a little. She had heard that so much. Mama always let Tony eat what he liked, but she always stopped her from eating all that she liked of candy, cookies, and snacks.

"Why do you let Tony eat and eat mashed potatoes and I can't eat and eat potato chips?" asked Rhonda. She didn't like mashed potatoes nearly as much as she did potato chips.

Mama laughed. "Tony probably won't eat too many mashed potatoes because it will soon fill his tummy," she said.

"When I grow up, I want to be big and strong," said Tony. "That is why I need to eat my meat and vegetables and drink lots of milk, isn't it, Mother?"

"Yes, that is right," said Mother. "If you want your bones, muscles, and body tissues strong and healthy, eat solid meals with meat. Eat green, white, yellow, orange, or red vegetables. Eat apples, peaches, oranges, pears, strawberries, bananas, and other good fruit. Drink lots of milk, water, and fruit juices. Both of you like hot rolls and breakfast cereals. Those are healthy also."

"That is better for you than potato chips," Mother told her daughter who liked sweets and snacks so well. "I want you children to grow up and be strong in your bodies; but what is more important than that?" she asked them.

"We need to be strong in the Lord," said Tony who had just finished eating.

"How do we become strong in the Lord?" asked Mother.

"We have to be born into God's Kingdom, then read the Bible and its stories and do what it says," replied Tony. "We

sing only good songs and think only good thoughts that God is pleased with."

Rhonda knew too, and she said, "We don't watch TV movies that show people shooting and killing and we don't say naughty things about our body or someone else's."

"Yes, yes, yes!" exclaimed Mother. "You children are right! I want you each one to grow strong in your body, soul and mind. That is why I feed you good food, read you Bible stories, and keep you from evil TV movies. This will help you grow strong and useful for the Lord. The Lord can then bless you with a satisfying life."

"Now," continued Mother, "would you children like an apple for dessert?" She gave them each a smooth, round, red apple to eat. —Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. How big and great is the Kingdom of God?
2. Who is King of God's Kingdom?
3. Why is Jesus such a good King?
4. How are we to get into this Kingdom?
5. Why is the Spirit of God like the wind?
6. How does one feel after Jesus forgives sin?
7. What is being born of the Spirit?
8. Who does Jesus want in the Kingdom of God?
9. Why did Jesus come to the earth?

(Answers: 1. It is so big it starts in Heaven and fills the whole earth and will last forever. 2. Jesus. 3. He knows everyone's troubles and can help all at the same time. 4. We must be born into this Kingdom. 5. The Spirit can be felt but not seen. 6. Very, very good. 7. Being born of the Spirit is giving one's self and all he has to Jesus and the Holy Spirit then coming into his heart. 8. EVERYONE who will come. 9. To show God's love to the people.)



Lesson Text: Luke 16:16, Acts 2:21, John 3:1-18.

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ENTERING HEAVEN

One day some people came to Jesus and said, "Will very many people be saved?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone should try very hard to please God. For many will be knocking on the gate of heaven and crying, 'Let me in, let me in!'

"God will answer, 'Go away, I don't know you.'

"They will say, 'Don't you remember that we ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets?'

"But He will say, 'I tell you, I don't know you that do sinful things. Go away!'

"These people shall cry and grit their teeth when they see those entering heaven who have not practiced sin."

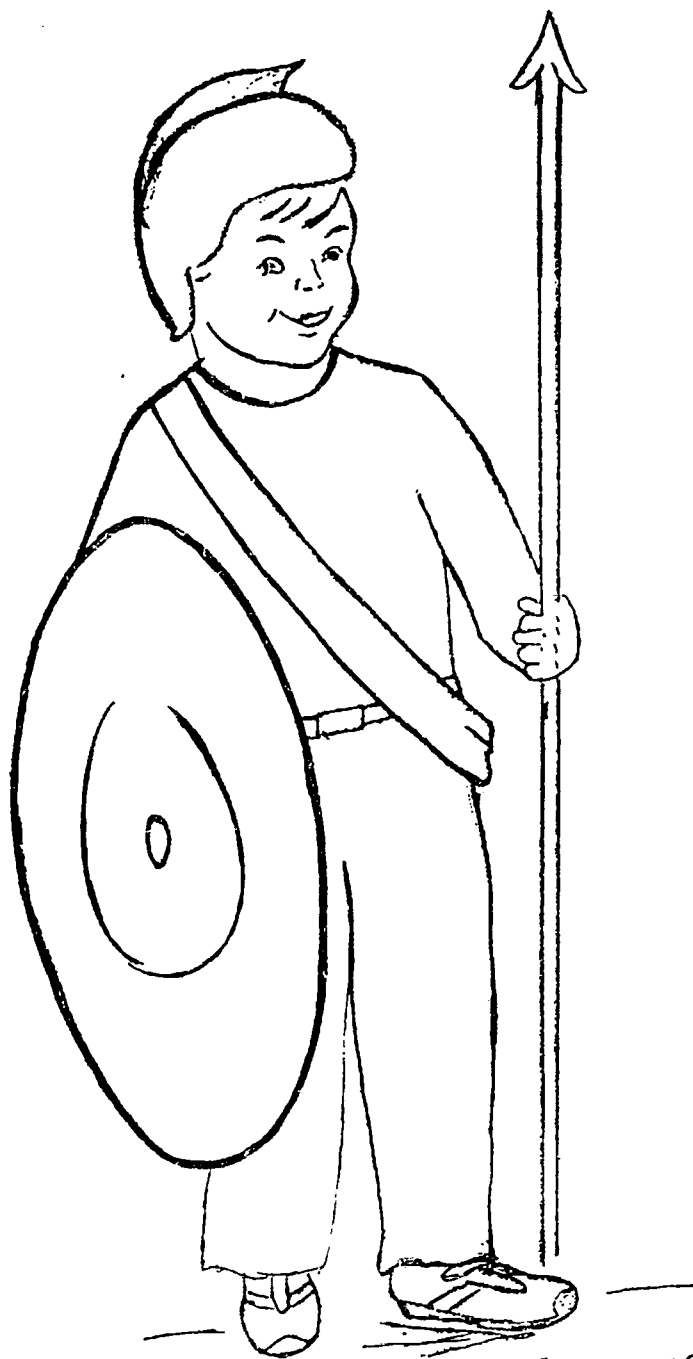
You have the seed of the Kingdom of God in your heart already if you have asked God to forgive you for the times you have sinned. If you have not, you should do so right away. This seed in the heart must be kept growing until the soul leaves the body and goes to God in heaven. (That will be when you die.)

To please God and keep this seed growing, you must be strong and not do the sinful things that other children do. You must also be brave and suffer when others make fun of you because you are a Christian. Sometimes others may hit you or spit upon you. That is what sinners did to Jesus, too. Remember, you are a soldier in His Kingdom. You are a part of the heavenly Kingdom.

If you continue to live for Jesus, God will say to you at heaven's gate, "Come in, I'm glad to have you!"



“Strive to enter in at the



trait gate: . . . " Luke 13:24.

Jennie Goes to Heaven

Not long ago I was nursing a little girl, Jennie, who was very sick. Every time Jennie became sick she worried about dying, because she was so afraid to die.

Jennie's friends were her family and the wild birds and animals which lived in the woods on her father's farm. She loved all of them, but strangers were to her very frightening. When she thought of death, she thought of missing her old friends and seeing only strangers.

Jennie was very sick again. "Don't let me die," she said. "I don't want to die."

"Jennie," I said, trying to comfort her, "you have two brothers in the other world. They will be glad to see you."

But she still cried, "Hold me tight, don't let me die."

"There are thousands of other kind, good people over there too, that will be nice to you."

Day after day we tried in vain to comfort Jennie. Then one day as her mother and I were talking to her about the angels and wonderful things in heaven, she answered in the usual way only in a weaker voice. "No, no," she cried, "they are all strangers!" She squeezed my arm tightly. "I don't want to go to the other world. Don't let me go! They're all strangers," she said as her voice weakened more.

I smoothed her hair, and tried again to say something to comfort her, but she continued to cling to me saying, "They are all strangers."

After a while I noticed the tightness of her grip loosen and she lay quietly upon her pillow for a moment. Then as if drawn by a magnet her arm lifted off the bed and she pointed to the corner of the room. All the fear was gone from her eyes, and in its place was a brightness, which looked like a divine light. The brightness in her eyes grew until she raised her thin, weak body off the pillows and sat up. Then she reached her arms even higher as if saying, "Take me up, I want to go."

"Mamma, Mamma," she called in excitement, "they aren't strangers, no, they aren't strangers. I'm not afraid now."

Mother bent over and kissed her forehead, and Jennie lay back on her pillows to sleep forever in Jesus' arms!

—Charlotte Huskey



Questions:

1. What did the people ask Jesus?
2. What did Jesus say that we should do?
3. Why did God not let the people in heaven?
4. What did the people do when they saw the good people going in?
5. What should people do so they can enter heaven?
6. How long should the seed of the Kingdom of God keep growing?
7. How can one help the seed grow?
8. In whose Kingdom are we soldiers?
9. What will God say to those who continually please Him?

(Answers: 1. "Will very many people be hard to please God? 3. The people did not get into heaven because they were doing sinful things. 4. They cried and cried their teeth. 5. They should ask forgiveness for sins and do only things pleasing to God. 6. As long as the person lives. 7. By not doing sinful things and by suffering when others make fun of you. 8. Jesus' Kingdom. 9. "Come in, I'm glad to have you!")

Lesson Text: Luke 13:23-28, Acts 14:21, 22, Hebrews 12:1.

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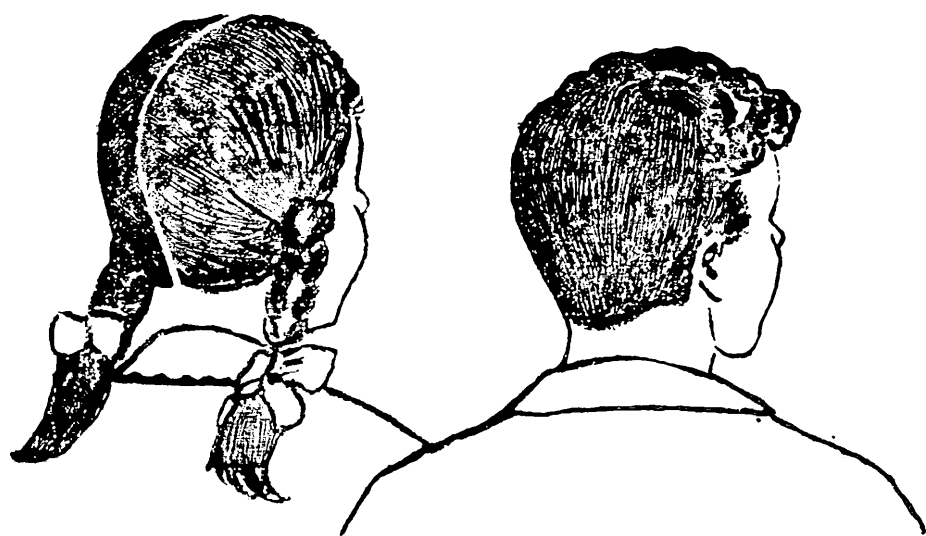
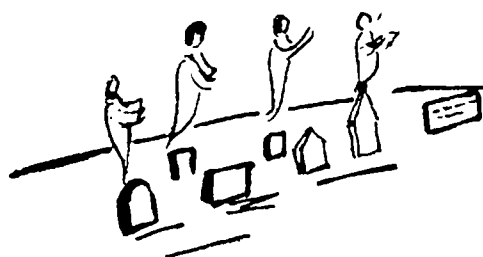
THE KINGDOM'S LAST DAY ON PLANET EARTH

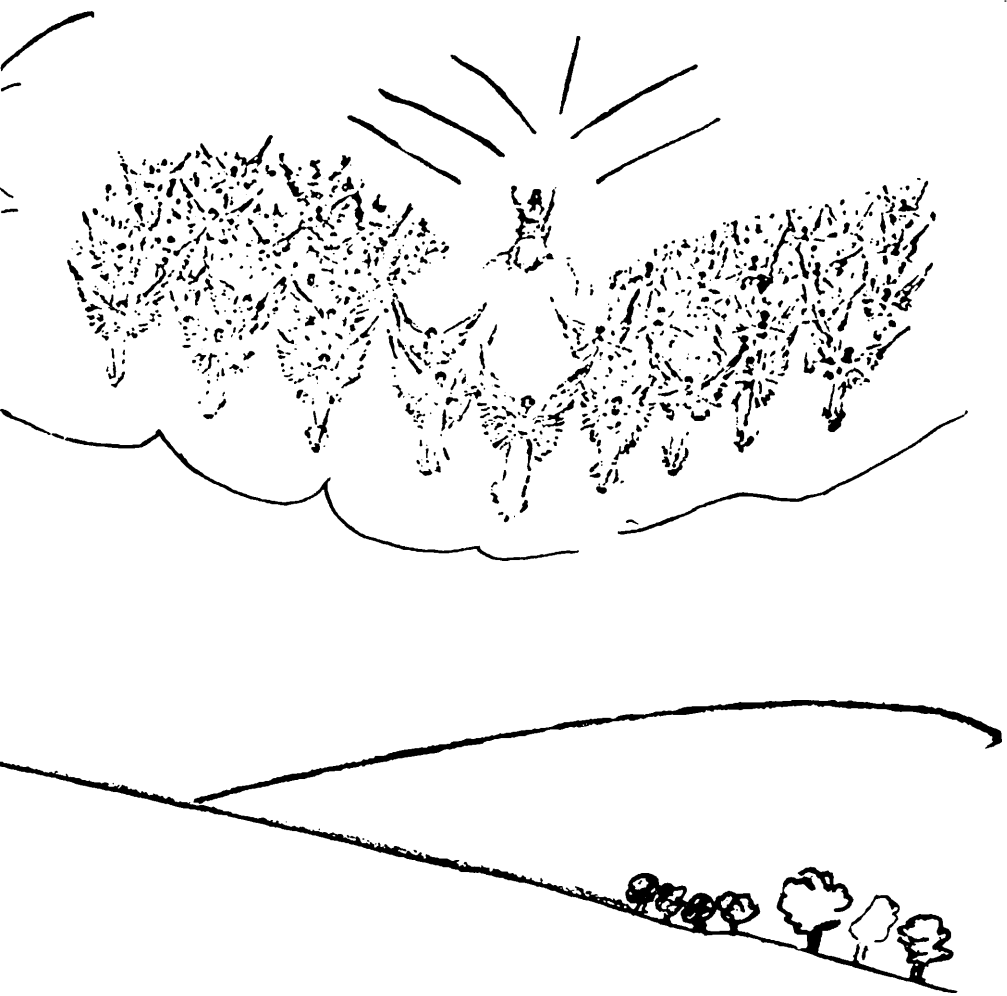
The Kingdom of God is so-o-o big that some of the people in it are in heaven and some are on the earth. Some day the earth shall be destroyed and then the Kingdom will only be in heaven.

One day as we are all doing our usual work and play, Jesus will come. Some children will be going to school. Others will be having summer vacation. Some will be working while others are sleeping. Some people will be shopping, others selling. Men will be building houses, driving tractors, and working on cars. Women will be sewing, cooking, and caring for children.

While everybody is doing their usual things, suddenly a flash of great light shines and the loudest noise every heard sounds. Everyone will hear the noise! Everyone will see Jesus in the clouds! The whole earth will melt away in fire!

As fast as you can blink your eyes all the dead people will arise in everlasting bodies. All the living people will be changed into everlasting bodies, also. Those who have been dead will go to Jesus first and the others follow right behind. Millions and millions of people will be floating in space waiting to be judged by Jesus. They will not have to wait long, for He can do it in an instant. The unrighteous will then be put on the left side and they will go into everlasting punishment, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. The children of God will be joyfully taken into the new dwelling place, which Jesus has prepared for them, to enjoy eternal happiness with all those who have chosen to be a part of the Kingdom of God. Be ready for his last day by living for Jesus!





**“ . . . the earth also and the
works that are therein shall
be burned up.”**

II Peter 3:10.

The Grand Parade!



What a procession it will be when Jesus comes again! It will not pass down the main streets of our cities but it will come streaming down the skies. At the head of it will be the dear Lord Jesus Himself, the Friend of little children, robed as a King and crowned with "many crowns."

Behind Him, as far as the eye can see, will be the angels, millions upon millions of them, each one brighter than the brightest star. Together they will form a river of light across the heavens, a pageant of royal power too marvelous to imagine.

As this procession draws nearer and nearer to the earth, all eyes will turn toward Jesus, so glorious there in His kingly dress. People will recognize Him at once as the very same Jesus who lived among men in the long ago. (Acts 1:11.) It will not be somebody else but the same Jesus of whom we read so much in the Bible; the same Jesus who healed the sick and opened the eyes of the blind, who made deaf people to hear, and who raised the dead to life; the same Jesus who fed the hungry and cheered the sad, who even showed disappointed fishermen where to fish. Yes, it will be the same Jesus who loved to laugh and play with little children, even though some big people, who were looking on, thought He shouldn't waste His time like that.

He will be the very same Jesus who was put to death by cruel men who hated Him. You remember the story, of course, about the "green hill far away, without a city wall, without a city wall, where the dear Lord was crucified, who died to save us all." But though He was killed and buried in a tomb, as you know, He rose from the dead and ascended to heaven to sit down at the right hand of God. Now, after hundreds and hundreds of years, He is coming back again, just the same as he went away but crowned with glory and majesty, and all the holy angels with Him.

Yes. He will be the same Jesus to whom we have prayed our little prayers and brought all our requests for help; the same Jesus who has heard and answered us so many times—who has come to our rescue over and over again, just when we needed Him most. Won't it be wonderful to see Him?

The Bible says that in that day He will "send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Matthew 24:31.

That means that Jesus knows where all His friends are living. He knows their street numbers. He knows whether they live in mansions, or apartment houses, or slums, or whether they have no home at all. He won't miss a single one of them. —Selected



Questions:

1. What is the name of this lesson?
2. Where are the people in God's Kingdom today?
3. Will people be doing their usual work or play the day Jesus comes?
4. How will we know that Jesus is coming?
5. Will everyone see Jesus?
6. How long will God take in changing everyone into an everlasting body?
7. What will happen to the earth?
8. What will happen to the wicked?
9. What will happen to the righteous?

(Answers: 1. The Kingdom's Last Day on Planet Earth. 2. They are in heaven and in earth. 3. Yes. 4. We will all see a bright light and hear a very loud noise. 5. Yes. 6. As long as it takes to blink an eye. 7. The earth will burn up. 8. The wicked will go to everlasting punishment. 9. The righteous will go to a happy dwelling place.)



Lesson Text: Acts 1:11, Rev. 1:7, I Thes. 4:16, 17, I Cor. 15:51, 52, Matt. 13:24-43, II Thes. 1:7-9, Matt. 25:31-41, II Peter 3:3-13.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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ISAIAH SEES THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Isaiah lived in a way that pleased God. He spoke often with God and God spoke to him. Some exciting things God told him were about His Kingdom. God said that His Kingdom would be like a great mountain that would fill the whole earth. It would be bigger than all the other hills and mountains around it. Christ Jesus, who was the descendant of King David, would be the King and government of it.

Everyone in this Kingdom would be peaceful. People with mean, ugly, hateful natures would be changed so completely that they would be able to be loving and kind to everyone. They would even be so humble that they could be taught by a child. There would be no war, nor hurting in this Kingdom.

The person who was sad, and lonely would be happy and cheerful. They would be like a desert that was filled with flowers. Those who were bound with fear and other habits would be set free by Jesus' power. Those who were blind, lame, deaf, or dumb would be healed of their afflictions.

In God's Kingdom there is protection for He said that neither a lion nor any beast should be able to walk in this way. He will take care of all His trusting children.

Some Christians are expecting Jesus to come again and burn over the earth and make a nice place for the saved people to live, but Jesus has already made a good Kingdom for each of us to enjoy right now.

If you will get saved, you can be a part of the wonderful Kingdom which God told Isaiah about.

**“He hath se
up the broken**



Those born into God's Kingdom are changed.

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arted." Isaiah 61:1.



Having Elderly Friends

"Teresa, come in and wash up," Mother called. "We need to go over to Sister Johnson's for a little while."

Teresa helped Mother carry out the hot plate of good food and cool dessert for Sister Johnson. Then she helped Mother carry it into Sister Johnson's house.

"Sister Johnson fell and hurt her leg," Mother said. "This week we will take her lunch every day."

Teresa was sorry it had happened so she sat very quiet and read a couple of old story books while her mother and Sister Johnson visited. The books were old but well cared for. They had pretty pictures of chubby children and nice looking adults dressed like people used to dress in the old days.

"I have had those books ever since I was a little girl," replied Sister Johnson. "A nice neighbor lady gave those to me. Her name was Mrs. Gladstan. In the cool mornings of summer time, my sister and I would help Mother in the house and garden. Then when the hot afternoon came, my sister and I would ask Mother for some fruit or vegetables that we could take to Mrs. Gladstan who was elderly and not able to keep a garden herself. Mother would give us some things and sometimes we would take flowers also. Mrs. Gladstan would always thank us so sweetly then she would say, 'Would you girls like for me to read to you a story out of my books?' We would always say, 'Yes, indeed, if you will please!' Because secretly that was why we went to her home. It would be cool and pleasant out under her front shade trees and we would sit on old crate boxes while Mrs. Gladstan's sweet voice read the fun stories to us. When Mrs. Gladstan went to be with Jesus in Heaven, she left two books for me, and two books for my sister."

Teresa looked at Sister Johnson who now was elderly. "That must have been a long, long time ago," she said.

"No, it doesn't seem too long ago," replied Sister Johnson. "Time goes by

very quickly. Some day you may be old and needing help. You will like to have little children come and spend time with you also."

All that week Teresa cheerfully went to visit Sister Johnson and take her lunch. She enjoyed looking at the books also.

There were many more visits between Teresa and Sister Johnson in the following year because Sister Johnson grew worse in health. Then, one day Sister Johnson passed away to be with Jesus in heaven. Inside the front cover of those two old books she had written Teresa's name because she wanted her to have them. Teresa was delighted! She had not expected this treasured keepsake of their friendship.

—Connie Sorrell



1. Of what did God tell Isaiah?
2. How big is the Kingdom to be?
3. Who was to be the King of this Kingdom?
4. What will happen to mean hateful people when they come into the Kingdom of God?
5. Will the people in this Kingdom hurt each other?
6. Into what will the sad and lonely people be changed?
7. What will happen to those who have afflictions?
8. Does God promise to protect those in His Kingdom?
9. Is Jesus coming to set up another Kingdom or has He already set up His Kingdom?

(Answers: 1. The Kingdom of God. 2. It is so big that it filled the whole earth. 3. Jesus Christ. 4. They will be changed to good people. 5. 170. 6. Into a cheerful one. 7. They will be healed. 8. Yes, 9. No. Jesus says that we will meet Him in the air when He comes again and will be forever with Him and God.)



Lesson Text: Isaiah 2:1-5; 9:6; 11:1-10; 35:1-9; 61:1, 2.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JOHN TELLS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

God needed a special person upon the earth to prepare the people to receive Jesus. The people were expecting God to send them a king who would destroy their enemies and make their nation a wonderful, peaceful place in which to live. Jesus, however, was coming to be the King of their hearts, not their nation.

John was chosen for this job. He came to the country around the Jordan River preaching about the Kingdom of God. "You may prepare for the coming King," he said, "if you will repent of your sins and be baptized. Being descendants of Abraham will not make you a part of His Kingdom. Being baptized without changing your actions will not help either. A person must help the needy, be honest, not accuse falsely, nor do violence, and be content, then being baptized will help toward entering the Kingdom of God."

The people were so impressed at John's message that they began thinking perhaps this man is to be the promised king.

John knew their thoughts and said, "No, I am only a voice for God. There is coming one after me, who is much mightier than I. I have baptized with water and God has cut off your sins as a man cuts a branch from a tree, but the King who is to come will also take the root of sin from the heart and baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

One day John saw Jesus and said, "There is the man of which I spoke. He will take away the sin of the world."

Come be a part of this great Kingdom! Jesus will then be King in your heart. You will be a servant or soldier of a King who rules both heaven and earth!



**"Repent ye: for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand."** Matthew 3:2.



Plenty For All

Mother had been reading to Jerry about the Kingdom of God. Tonight it had been the story of the woman of Samaria whom Jesus met at the well. They had just reached the place where Jesus says to the woman: "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14.

"What does that mean, Mamma?" asked Jerry. "How could a well of water spring up? Don't you have to let a bucket down into it?"

"That's a good question," said Mamma. "With most wells you do have to let a bucket down, or use a pump, to get the water up; but Jesus says that with His well it is different. The water flows up and over, all on its own, and it keeps on flowing forever."

"But how could it?" asked Jerry.

"Well, darling," said Mamma, "this is just a beautiful picture of the Kingdom of God for us. His love never stops flowing. It's like a spring that bubbles up out of the ground that no one can stop or like a mighty river that never dries up. We can take all we want of it, bucketfuls and bucketfuls, and after we have taken all we can use there's just as much left as before. And that reminds me of a story I must tell you."

"Do!" exclaimed Jerry with eagerness, for he loved stories.

"It's about a poor boy, Charlie. The doctor said he was half starved, and ordered that he be given plenty to eat to make him well again.

"The nurse brought him a big glass of milk and told him to drink it. But Charlie, looking up anxiously into her face, asked her, 'How deep do I drink?'"

"How deep?" asked the nurse. "Whatever do you mean?"

"Well, nurse," said Charlie, "at home all four of us children have to share the same glass of milk, and Mother tells me to drink first because she knows I won't

drink too much, and I know where the mark is for me to stop drinking."

"You poor little thing," said the kind-hearted nurse. "I understand, but you don't have to worry about that here. You may drink all of this."

"So Charlie drank a whole glassful of milk for the first time in his life. Then he had more and more.

"And so it is, Jerry," continued Mamma, "with the Kingdom of God. It is like an everflowing well from which we can keep on drinking without ever fearing that we shall take too much. We may be sure that while there is sufficient for all our needs, there is just as much for everybody else in the world."

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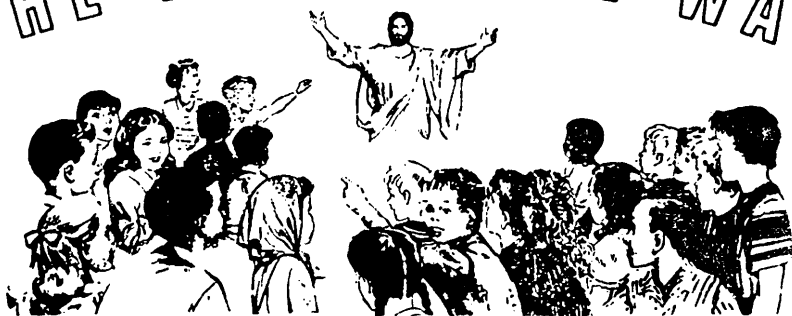
Questions:

1. For what did God need John?
2. What kind of king were the people expecting?
3. Where does Jesus want to reign?
4. What did John preach?
5. How can one become a part of the Kingdom of God?
6. Who was John thought to be?
7. What did John say about Jesus?
8. With what will Jesus baptize?
9. How big is the Kingdom of God?

(Answers: 1. God needed John to prepare the way for Jesus. 2. A king that would destroy all enemies and rule their nation. 3. Jesus wants to reign in our hearts. 4. John preached that the Kingdom of God could be entered. 5. Repent and be baptized by water and the Holy Spirit. 6. The king from God they were expecting. 7. John said Jesus was so much mightier than he. 8. The Holy Spirit. 9. Big enough to cover heaven and earth.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-8, Luke 3:3-18, John 1:6-36.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE NEW KING IS BORN

Many people heard that God was soon to set up His Kingdom! Some people were looking for the new King to be born any day! Of course, they all thought he would be born in a palace like other kings.

How surprised were some shepherds one night when a multitude of angels, singing praises to God, appeared to them. One of the angels said, "The new King is born! Go into Bethlehem and you will find Him. He will be wrapped in long narrow strips of cloth, and lying in a manger."

They found the baby! How excited they were! Although His home was a poor stable, they knew He was the King they had been waiting for. Then they told Mary and many others about the angels' visit. The people were happy to hear about the angels' message!

Eight days later, Mary and Joseph went into the temple and Simeon, a godly old man, came to meet them. He took the new King in his arms and looking up toward heaven said, "Lord, now let me die in peace, for I have seen the Kingdom of God."

Then Anna, a righteous widow, about eighty-four years old, came in and saw Jesus. She then gave thanks to God that the new King was born.

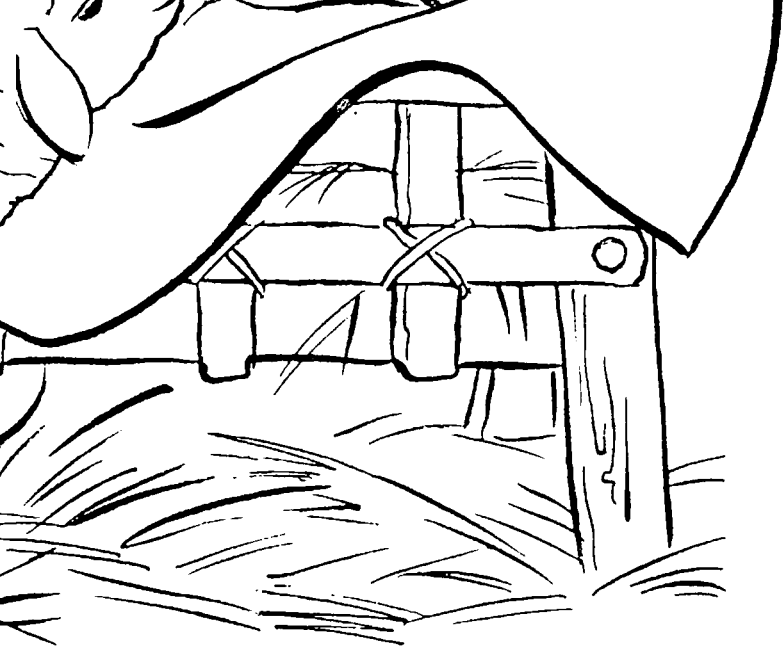
Some time after this the three wise men told King Herod about the new King. He wanted to destroy Jesus, but God warned Joseph in a dream and they fled into Egypt until Herod died.

People who lived around Jesus while He was growing up thought He had special wisdom and grace. Of course He did! He was the Son of God and a King!





**“For unto
day . . . a
Christ the**



**you is born this
Saviour which is
Lord."**

Luke 2:11.

Josh Visits the King!

"Josh, Josh, wake up!" Caleb said as he shook his little brother, Josh. "Wake up and see the angels!"

"Angels? Where?"

"Look up in the sky!"

Josh looked up, he saw in the sky many, many angels and they were singing. "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men." How beautiful it sounded, even more beautiful than Mother's songs. He listened again, he could still hear it, but it was getting weaker and weaker. He watched as the angels faded away out of sight. Then all Josh could see in the sky was the usual stars and a little bit of cloud here and there.

"What did the angel say?" questioned Caleb to Simon, the oldest shepherd.

"He said, 'Fear not! I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.'"

"And what did the angel say about finding the baby?"

"He said, 'Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'"

"Can we go looking for it, please, Father?" John asked Simon, his father. "Caleb and I will go."

"I want to go, too," Josh said, who was gazing into the sky looking for more angels.

"No, you can't go, you're too little. You stay with Simon," Caleb said.

"Yes, you must go and look for this babe. He is the new King God promised to us many years ago. I wish I could go, but I dare not walk in this darkness. I will tend the sheep."

Immediately John and Caleb started through the darkness.

"John," Simon called after him, "Josh will go too, take care of him. There will never be another King like this one, so Josh will never have this chance again. Bye, Josh, and be careful."

Josh stumbled and fell many times. He hit his hands into cactus thorns, and got sharp rocks in his sandals, but

he kept up with the older boys. Finally they went over the last mound and there was a large building in front of them. Below it was the stone streets of Bethlehem.

They looked this way and that for stables. Whenever they found one, Josh had to wait in the street until they nosed around among the cattle for a mother and baby. Finally they found the place. They motioned for Josh, he could see them by the flickering light inside the stable. Josh picked his way around the house, through the cattle and as near to the manger as he dared to go.

There it was, the little baby that would some day be his Saviour and an everlasting KING! —Charlotte Huskey



Questions:

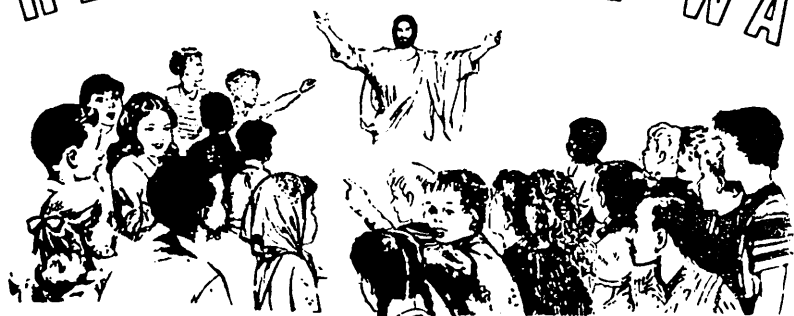
1. What were the people looking for?
2. Where did they expect Jesus to live?
3. Who told the shepherds about Jesus' birth?
4. How would the shepherds know which baby was the new King?
5. What did Simeon say?
6. For what did Anna give thanks?
7. Who was unhappy about the new King?
8. What did people who lived around Jesus think?
9. Why did Jesus have wisdom and grace?

(Answers: 1. A new king. 2. In a palace, 3. The angels, 4. The new king would be wrapped in long strips of cloth and lying in a manger. 5. Simeon said, "Now let me die in peace, for I have seen the Kingdom of God. 6. For the new King, 7. King Herod. 8. They thought He had special wisdom and grace. 9. He was the Son of God and a King.)



Lesson Text: Matt. 1:18-21, Luke 2:10, 11, 21, 25-31, 36-40; 3:21, 22; 4:14, 15.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus planned to form His Kingdom soon after His death on the cross. One day he called the people together and said unto them, "You must be willing to follow me even though it may cause you to suffer. Never be ashamed of me, for if you are ashamed of me in this sinful world, I will be ashamed of you when I come again at the end of the world. It won't be long, however, until my Kingdom will come in power. Some of you standing here shall see it before you die."

About a year later Jesus died on the cross and three days later he was alive again! The next forty days He went from place to place visiting His followers.

One day He said to His followers, "You must stay here at Jerusalem for a few days until you are baptized with the Holy Ghost." Then He floated away into the clouds.

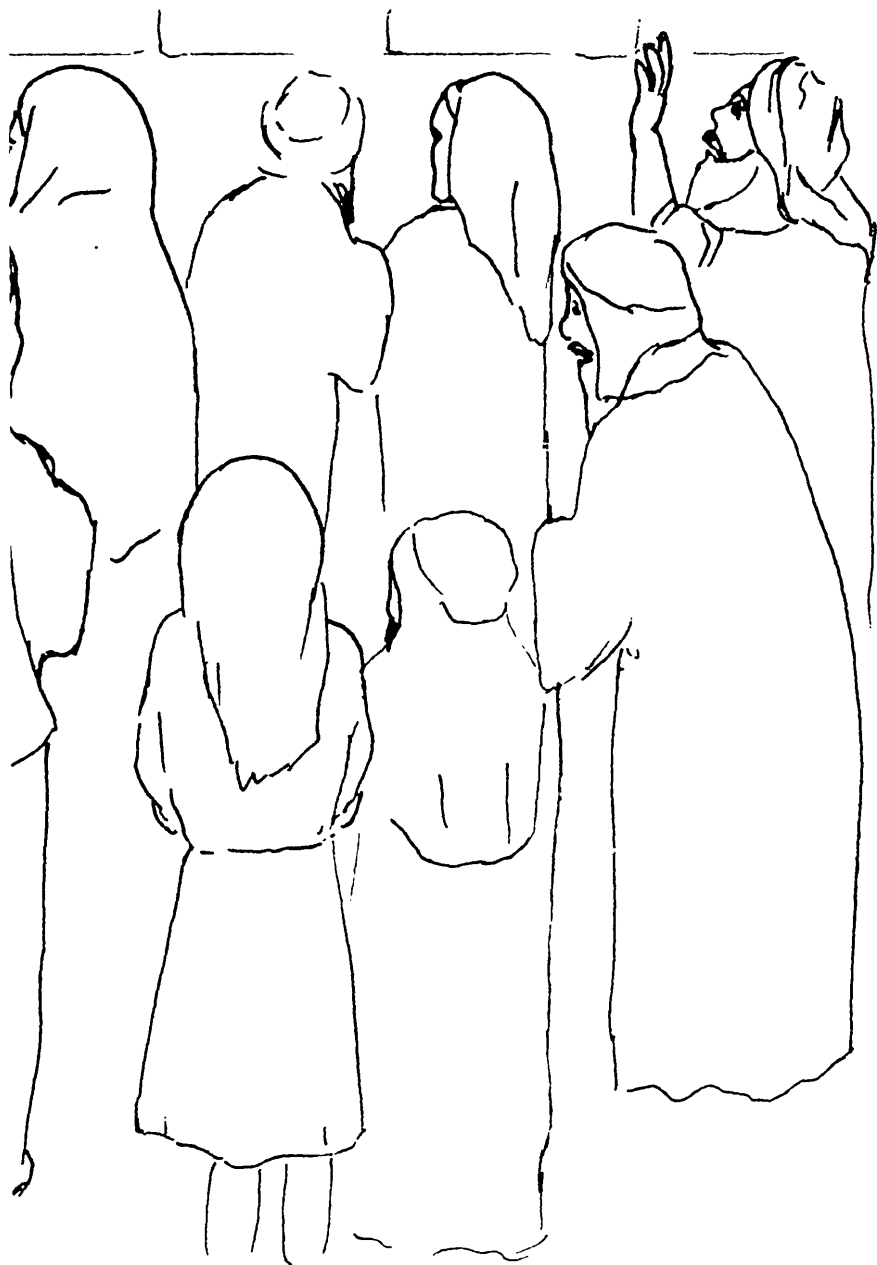
Ten days later many people were together praying and the power of the Kingdom of God fell upon them in the form of the Holy Ghost. Those who were filled with the Holy Ghost were not ashamed of Jesus again. They spoke boldly about Jesus even when they were put in jail for it.

At Jesus' death Peter was ashamed of being Jesus' disciple. Now he stood up boldly and preached, "This same Jesus, whom you crucified, God has raised from the dead and made him ruler over all kingdoms of the earth. You must repent and serve Him."

Those listening were glad to receive his words and were baptized. That day three thousand souls were added to the Kingdom of God!



**“ . . . ye shall receive power,
after that the Holy Ghost is
come upon you: . . . ”** Acts 1:8.



Power in God's Kingdom

For two years I served in the war. Sometimes we had to drink unclean water, from which I contracted a germ which caused me to have "army dysentery." This affliction grew year after year until I had diarrhea every day. This caused me to be very weak, so weak that I could not work. I went to old Doc. Cramer. After an examination, he prescribed some medicine, which I took faithfully.

Later I went to another doctor because I wasn't any better. This one advised other medicines, which I devoured. After taking remedies from first one doctor and then another, and getting no better I went to Dr. Agen of Walla Walla, Washington. He worked with me for a long time trying to solve my problem but I wasn't much better. I'd been out of the army for twelve years now, and suffered most of the time. One day he said, "James, you're not getting any better. I think you better try a rest in the mountains. Get you a cabin some where and rest, fish, or whatever you like to do."

In the month of March, I took my skillet, pans, wash pans, blankets and other things I needed and went into the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon. There I camped in a shanty built for the railroad workers when they were laying the rail through that part of the country. I fished until I was tired of fishing. I watched the birds, slept and did just whatever I wished. All this time, however, I was still sick. There was no one to bother me. Neither was there anyone to talk to, except the few of God's chipmunks which daily came in through the cracks of my shanty and fed on what they could find on the board floor.

One thing I had plenty of was time to talk with the Lord, which I began doing. Before long He had me convinced that I would be better off, if I would give my life over to Him. About all the food I could eat was a thin mush made from very finely ground wheat. One day I said "Lord, I'm all yours!" In a few

weeks I was strong enough to do normal labour. In the fall of that same year I married.

Fifteen years later I still wasn't very strong and neither was my wife nor our daughter. My son was well, he took us to one doctor after another.

My wife and I were both saved and loved to attend church services. One time we heard a man preach that when people were in God's Kingdom that they could trust God and He would heal their bodies. "This is great!" we said, so we went home and emptied out cupboards of all our medicines. I dumped the whole basket full in the trash.

In a few days I was a well man. Today I am an old man, sixty-five years old, and don't even wear glasses.

—James Bamford, Seattle, WA



Questions:

1. When did Jesus plan to form His Kingdom?
2. When is Jesus coming again?
3. Was Jesus' Kingdom to come in power before Jesus came again?
4. Who was to live long enough to see Jesus' Kingdom?
5. How long after Jesus died did His Kingdom come in power?
6. Were those filled with the Holy Ghost ashamed of Jesus?
7. Did the people receive what Peter said?
8. How many people were added to the Kingdom of God in one day?
9. Are you in the Kingdom of God?

Answers: 1. Soon after His death. 2. At the end of the world. 3. Yes. 4. Some of the people to whom Jesus was speaking. 5. 50 days. 6. NO. 7. Yes. 8. Three thousand. 9. Either yes, or no.

Lesson Text: Luke 9:27, Mark 8:38; 9:1, Acts 1:4-11; 2:1-21, 37-41, 1 Cor. 4:20.

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