

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS GOES TO EGYPT

Joseph awoke from a frightening dream! "Wake-up! Wake-up!" he called to his wife Mary. "We must go to Egypt! I have just had a dream that Jesus is in much danger. In the dream God said, 'Take Mary and the young child to Egypt. They will be safe there.' Hurry Mary, we must leave while it is dark."

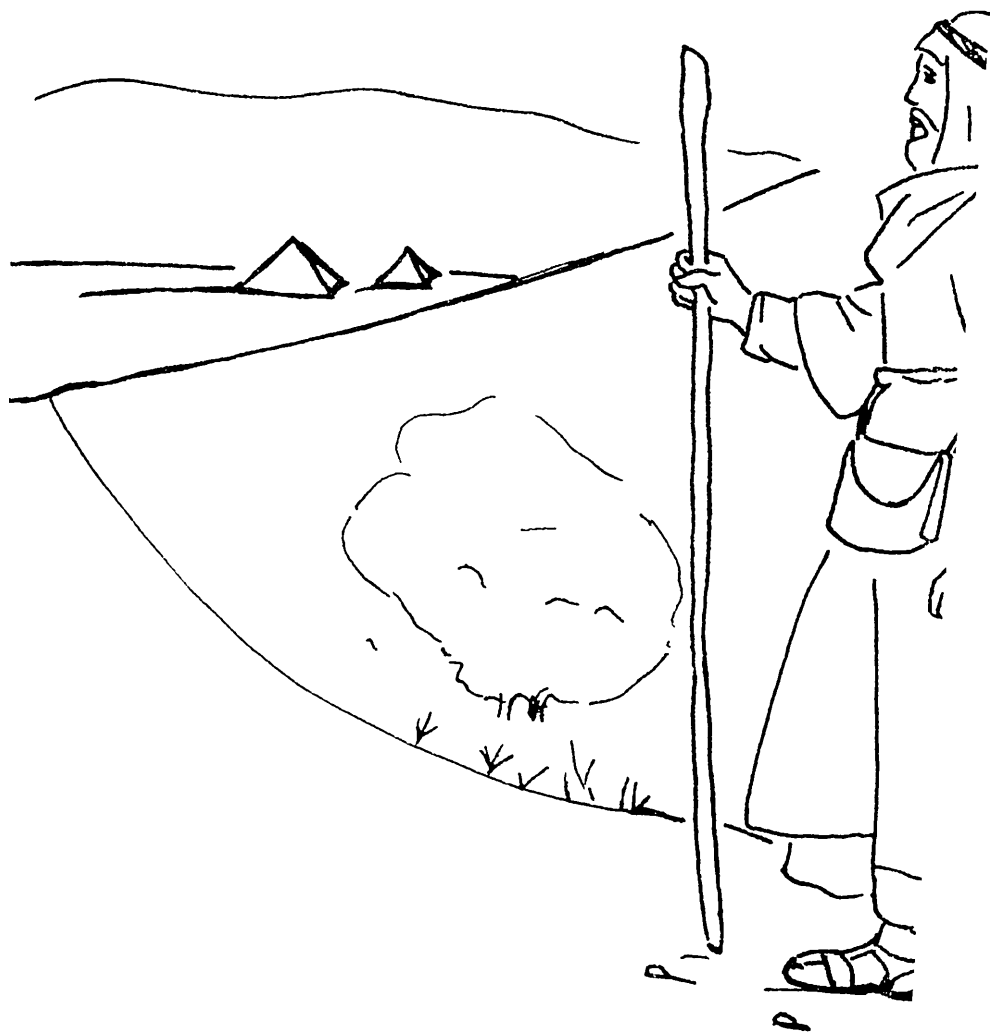
Mary was frightened but obediently began packing the things they must take. Soon they were on their way. "I am thankful the kings gave us the gold. We can use it for things needed for this journey and in Egypt until I can make some money," Joseph said.

"Yes, God has always taken care of us, and I know He will again. But why must we go so far away for protection?" Mary asked.

"A prophet once said that God would call His Son out of Egypt."

Later, after King Herod died, Jesus' family was led of God back into the land of Israel. But when they heard that Herod's cruel son was the new king they were afraid and settled down to live in the city of Nazareth in Galilee. This also fulfilled the prophecy, "He shall be called a Nazarene." (someone from Nazareth.)

One day Mary heard the sad news of what happened in the city of Bethlehem after they escaped that night. King Herod sent his soldiers into the city and had all the baby boys killed that were two years old or younger. Mothers carrying babies ran through the streets hiding from the wicked soldiers. Fathers carried their little boys to the mountains under their robes to hide them in caves. Little boy babies were hid everywhere but still the soldiers found them. How happy Mary and Joseph were that they had obeyed God and moved to Egypt.



"Blessed are they that do t



s commandments,"

Revelation 22:14.

Protection From Storms

Mike, Richard, Janet and Mother were all in the Crossroads Shopping Mall when the hurricane Margaret broke loose in a fury. There was a hushed, frightened quietness in the shopping mall as many people gathered in the center of the walkway and watched out of the huge diamond cut bubble glass artfully arranged on the roof and center side of the shopping mall. Hard driven rain was beating down on the glass like tiny nails being pounded by a heavy hammer. The cold wind was whistling through any crack it could find and there was a coolness inside the shopping mall. Palm trees planted around the outside of the mall were bending over nearly to the ground as the wind struggled to snap them off at the trunk. Soon the cars in the parking lot were sitting in water half a foot up on their wheels. Still the rain kept beating down on the shopping mall, the cars, and the trees. Everyone in the shopping mall knew that the winds and rain would not permit them to go home until the storm let up. After a few minutes of listening to the savage growl of the storm, Janet became worried. What if one of those diamond cut glasses on the top roof of the shopping mall broke under the hurricane's strong winds? If that happened, they would all get wet, cold and maybe cut by the splattering glass. Now just what if that happened? Janet was so worried that she began to cry.

Mike comforted Janet and told her not to cry. The building was made to resist strong winds. Before it was built, architects planned the strongest material to uphold it during 150 mile-per-hour winds. They structured the shopping mall with slight giving so that the wind and rain would not weaken the material. The architects and builders made that shopping mall so that it could last through any kind of hurricane. Mike told Janet all this but still Janet was worried and scared as she saw what the rain and winds were doing to the trees and parking lot outside.

Then Mother reached down and put her arms around Janet, hugging her tight. Mother told Janet about Jesus who told the wild winds on the Sea of Galilee to be still (Matt. 8:23-27). Mother told Janet that Jesus was just as strong and powerful today and that He would speak the storm into silence just as soon as He desired. He only let the storm come to draw little people to Him so that He could love and protect them in His big caring arms. Then Mother bowed her head and prayed to Jesus to comfort and protect them during this storm and in those to come. She told Jesus that they would always run to Him for shelter in every storm of life because they knew He had the whole world in His hand and could care for them better than anyone or anything else. After Mother was through talking and praying, Janet felt much better inside. She knew then that Jesus would protect them—and He did!

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



1. Where were Mary and Joseph going?
2. Why must they leave Bethlehem?
3. At what time of day did they leave?
4. Why must they go to Egypt?
5. What happened after King Herod died?
6. At what city did they live?
7. Why did they live in Nazareth?
8. What happened in Bethlehem after they moved to Egypt?
9. Is it best to obey God?

(Answers: 1. To Egypt. 2. Baby Jesus was in danger. 3. While it was dark. 4. Because God said He would call His son out of Egypt. 5. Joseph and Mary were led of God back to Israel. 6. Nazareth. 7. Because the prophet said Jesus would be called a Nazarene. 8. King Herod had all the boys two years old or younger killed. 9. It is always best to obey God.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 2:13; Hosea 11:1; Judges 11:13; Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8 and 6:12.

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JESUS VISITS THE TEMPLE

Jesus hurried down the road toward Jerusalem with many, many people from Nazareth who were going to celebrate the Passover Feast. During the Passover Feast the people lived out doors in booths and ate special foods for eight days. What fun!

People were pushing through the crowded streets when they arrived. Some boys He knew called to Him to share in their game, but He was too interested in going into God's temple to take time for that! He could play games at home!

He went with the other men to the temple to present themselves to God. When He had a spare moment He listened to the older men tell stories of the first Passover, many years before, when the people were held as slaves in the land of Egypt. They were freed from slavery one night when a death angel passed over their homes but went into the Egyptian's houses and killed the oldest son of each family. When the men finished telling stories about the Passover, Jesus quietly slipped into the temple to talk with the teachers of God's law.

When the eight exciting days were over, many godly people started home together with Mary and Joseph. They walked all day long thinking Jesus was among them. But when evening came they realized He was not! Back to Jerusalem they hurried, but it was three days before they found Him.

Mary couldn't understand why her good son would do such a thing, but Jesus thought she should understand that now He was old enough to be busy at the temple for God, His Father.

Jesus went with them and obeyed them in every thing.

“I must be about my



Father's business."

Luke 2:49.



Jobs for Jesus

"Mother, we want to do something for Jesus, but we don't know what to do," said Jeff, as he came into the kitchen where Mother was cooking supper.

"Yes," said Kathy. "We are just too little to do most everything we think of to do."

"Too little," repeated Mother. "No one is too little to work for the Lord. There is always 'little' jobs for every 'little' one to do."

"I think you are discouraged by seeing only the big things to do," said Mother. "Look for the little jobs that count a whole lot. You can pull the weeds out of the flower bed at the church house and you can sweep off the sidewalk. You can pick up litter around the church ground also."

"Really, though," said Kathy. "I want to 'help' some one. I wish I could be a nurse like Sister Martha and care for the sick people in their homes."

"There you go again," said Mother. "You are looking at jobs that are too big for you right now. Why don't you get a pencil, paper, and colors and make cards for the sick ones. That would cheer up their day to receive a get-well note from you. Maybe sometime soon we can cut a few flowers from our garden and take them to the sick."

"We can pray for them, too, can't we Mother?" said Jeff.

"Yes, let us always remember the sick in our prayers," she agreed. "That is a special work for Jesus."

"That is what Bro. Richard does," said Jeff. "He prays for the sick even in the middle of the night when they call him for prayer. I want to be like Bro. Richard some day and be a minister of God. I would like to tell people about Jesus and be a friend to them like Bro. Richard does, to win souls to Christ."

"Jeff, that is a very good desire," said Mother. "You pray about that and see what Jesus would have you do with that desire. You don't have to grow up and be big, though, to tell people about Jesus Christ. You can testify right now.

Don't ever join in with children who make mockery of holy ways or teachings. If you ever have a chance to tell others that you are a Christian and a Christian does not do that, do not be afraid to say so. You are even old enough to testify in prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. Keep your heart clean and pure before the Lord and some day God may call you like He did little Samuel. Keeping our hearts clean and pure from the world is part of staying busy for the Lord."

"Mother," said Kathy, "could we make some cookies right now for Sis. Gladys and Bro. Wilfred? They have been sick for so l-o-n-g! Jeff and I can make a card to say we are praying for them, also."

"Okay," said Mother, "as soon as we finish supper, we can bake cookies. Then we can take them over first thing in the morning. That touch of thoughtfulness will cheer up their whole day!"

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. To what city was Jesus going?
2. What were the people to celebrate?
3. Where was Jesus interested in going?
4. What did He like doing?
5. Who did Jesus talk with at the temple?
6. How many days did the Passover last?
7. How many days was Jesus gone from His parents?
8. Why did Jesus think Mary should not worry about Him?
9. Was Jesus obedient after this?

(Answers: 1. Jerusalem. 2. The Passover Feast. 3. To the temple. 4. Listening to old men talk about the first Passover. 5. Teachers. 6. Eight. 7. Three days. 8. He thought she should know that He was old enough to be busy for God. 9. Yes.)



Lesson Text: Luke 2:40-52.

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JESUS IS BAPTIZED

John was different from the other people who lived around him. He loved to be alone in the wilderness. Alone in the wilderness he talked a lot with God. One day God told him to go to the Jordan River and preach to the people that they must REPENT and be baptized. All day long John preached and baptized the people who wished to be baptized. The next day he did the same. For many days he preached and baptized. One day Jesus came to be baptized. "I am not worthy to baptize you," John said. "You must baptize me."

"No," Jesus said, "I want to obey every commandment of God so I, too, must be baptized."

"Okay," John said. Then he put Jesus down into the river water. When he came up out of the water, the heaven opened and the Spirit of God shaped like a dove flew down and sat upon Jesus. At the same time a voice from heaven spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

God was pleased because Jesus was baptized. He is happy every time one of His children is baptized. Every person on the earth can become one of God's children by repenting of their evil thoughts and actions and believing in Him. Then when they are baptized God is pleased just as He was when Jesus was baptized.

Young children should tell Jesus they are sorry for bad actions and be good every day. Then when they are old enough to understand about baptism they should be baptized.

Remember, Jesus was baptized because He wanted to obey every commandment of God!



'He that believeth and is ba



...tized shall be saved; . . . " Mark 16:16.

Third Commandment

Steven and Buddy were playing trucks and cars together. Both boys were laughing and having a fun time. When something silly would happen, Buddy would say, "Oh, my --!" using God's name in vain, and then both boys would giggle.

Soon Steven's mother called him to come home and eat supper. Then Buddy's mother called him to come in and eat.

Steven hurried home with his cars and trucks. He washed his hands and gathered with the family around the table full of food. After everyone was seated, they bowed their heads to say the evening supper prayer. Steven's father thanked God for food, clothes, a house, family and friends. Then he said "Amen."

The family began to chat pleasantly as they filled their plates. Paul, Steven's brother, went to pass the mashed potatoes and he accidentally put his elbow in the mashed potatoes on his plate. Steven giggled and said, "Oh, my --!" before he even thought.

Suddenly everyone stopped talking and looked shocked at Steven.

"What did you say?" Steven's dad asked sternly.

Steven looked sadly down at his plate, while his father sat back in his chair.

"Young man," Dad said, "Have I not told you to never carelessly swear the Lord's name? It is a direct disobedience of the third commandment."

"Yes, sir," Steven said sadly. He knew this already but Buddy had sounded so funny and smart that Steven had let the swearing slip into his thoughts.

"Steven," said Dad, "before we ate, I prayed to God, our Father in Heaven, and I thanked Him for everything we have. God made the earth and everything we see. He made us and gives us breath. We would not be here if it wasn't for God. In return for His goodness, God wants us to respect Him. He has clearly said, 'Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.' That means to never carelessly use the holy name of the Lord God Jehovah, Jesus Christ, or any part of their names."

"Buddy says it all the time," said Steven.

"Maybe Buddy doesn't know how much that grieves God's heart," said Dad, "but you know. I want God and Jesus Christ to be your friend, Steven, only use their holy names when you are praying or speaking good of them. The Lord will bless you for it."

"That is right," agreed Mother.

"You see, Steven, it is a very serious thing," said Dad. "Now I will give you three choices to clear up those three words you said. Do you want to go to bed without any supper or do you want me to wash your mouth out with soap or will you bow your head and ask God to forgive you and help you to never carelessly say His name again?"

"I will ask forgiveness from the Lord," said Steven quietly. Then he bowed his head and really meant the prayer he said.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. What did John do in the wilderness?
2. What did God tell John to do?
3. Did Jesus come to be baptized?
4. Why did Jesus want to be baptized?
5. What happened when Jesus came out of the water?
6. What did the voice from Heaven say?
7. Is God pleased when people are baptized?
8. How does one become God's child?
9. Is being baptized a commandment of God?

(Answers: 1. He talked with God. 2. To preach and baptize. 3. Yes. 4. He wanted to obey all of God's commandments. 5. The heaven opened and God's Spirit in the shape of a dove sat on Jesus and God spoke. 6. "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 7. Yes. 8. By repenting of evil and believing. 9. Yes.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 3:1-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23; John 1:29-34.

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SATAN TALKS TO JESUS

Jesus walked on the dusty road until it changed into a trail. Then He walked on and on until not one person nor one house could be seen. He wanted to be far away from everyone so He could talk with God, His Father. On and on He walked until the earth had turned its back to the sun and darkness covered everything.

For many days Jesus stayed in the wilderness alone with God. He slept on the ground and had nothing to eat. After staying there without anything to eat for forty days He was very, very hungry. Satan knew He was very hungry so he came and said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God command these stones be made bread."

Jesus answered Satan saying, "God said, 'Man shall not live by bread only but by every word . . . of God.'" By what Jesus said, Satan knew Jesus would not change the stones to bread. He then said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, jump off the pinnacle of the temple, for God promised to take care of you."

"To jump off of something high would be tempting God," Jesus told him, "and tempting God is sin."

"Then just fall down and worship me," Satan said, "and I will give you all the beautiful things of the world."

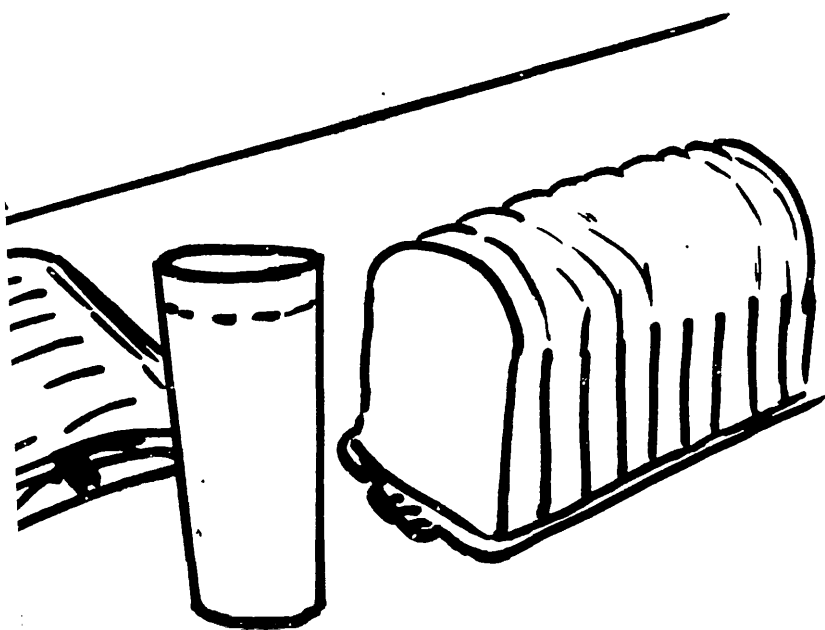
"I will not worship you," Jesus answered, "for God says that nothing should be worshipped except Him."

Jesus would not do what Satan asked of Him so Satan went away and left Him alone. After Satan left, the angels came and brought Jesus everything He needed. How happy Jesus was that He obeyed God in the wilderness!



**“ . . . Man shall not live
by bread alone, . . . ”**

Matthew 4:4.



Key of Promise

There is a passage in the *Pilgrim's Progress* about Doubting Castle and Giant Despair. Let us talk about it for a while.

Christian, who was a pilgrim walking toward Heaven or the Celestial City, has a friend walking with him named Hopeful. Christian and Hopeful have many adventures as they travel the King's Highway toward Heaven. For a few days of their journey, the Highway went along side a river where they had ease and pleasure. Suddenly the King's Highway became rough and rocky, turning away from the pleasant river. Christian did not like the change so he persuaded Hopeful to go over the fence and walk through By-path Meadow. Then they layed down under a tree and went to sleep until the sun came up in the morning.

While they were sleeping, Giant Despair found them, woke them up and made them go to Doubting Castle where he locked them up in a dark, stinking dungeon. There they stayed three days without any food or water. Christian and Hopeful were so sorry that they had left the King's Highway! Giant Despair also got a big club and beat Christian and Hopeful until they were very sore and bruised.

Giant Despair threatened Christian and Hopeful and told them they would never leave his Doubting Castle alive. He wanted them to not love Jesus or God and he told them lies and threats for many days. In the stinking dungeon Christian and Hopeful cried and prayed to God for help.

Then Christian remembered the Key of Promise he had in his shirt pocket close to his heart. He told Hopeful about the Key and Hopeful encouraged Christian to use the Key on the dungeon door. The Key worked! It opened up the door! That same Key of Promise opened up two more doors in Doubting Castle, freeing the two friends from the dark dungeon they had been in.

Giant Despair heard the creaking of his front gate and jumped up to see

who it was. When he saw his prisoners leaving, he was very angry and went running after them. But Giant Despair could not catch them now.

Christian and Hopeful climbed back over the fence and were so happy to be back on the King's Highway! They left a sign by the fence of By-path Meadow to warn other pilgrims to stay out of that place.

If Christian had not had the Key of Promise in his shirt pocket, they would never have gotten out of Doubting Castle alive.

Now, dear children, do you know what that Key of Promise was? Psalms 119:11 says: "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." The Key of Promise was the Word of God. You can use the Word of God to fight off the giant discouraging problems of life. Memorize as much of God's Word as you can! —Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. Where did Jesus go?
2. For how many days did He not eat?
3. Was Jesus hungry?
4. What did Satan want Jesus to do?
5. Did Jesus obey Satan?
6. Why did Jesus not jump from the temple?
7. Who did Satan want Jesus to worship?
8. Who did God say should be worshipped?
9. What happened to Jesus after Satan left Him?

(Answers: 1. Into the wilderness, far away from everyone. 2. Forty. 3. Yes. 4. To change stones to bread. 5. NO! 6. Because it would be tempting God. 7. Satan wanted Jesus to worship him. 8. Only God. 9. Angels came to Jesus.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12, 13; Luke 4:1-13; Deut. 8:3, 6:16; Ps. 91:11 and 12; Exodus 34:14.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS VISITS AT NAZARETH

Jesus came out of the wilderness where Satan had tried to get Him to do evil. He had won over Satan. Now He was on the road walking toward Galilee. He was filled with the Spirit of God and had power to heal sick people, to make blind eyes to see, and relieve all kinds of sadness and sin.

He visited in first one village and another. Everywhere He went the people believed He was a glorious man of God, that is everywhere except His hometown of Nazareth. When the people met to worship God, Jesus went also. Many times He was the one who read and explained the Word of God to them.

In Nazareth on the day of worship He went to worship with the other people. He stood up and read from Isaiah 61:1. He read, "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, . . ."

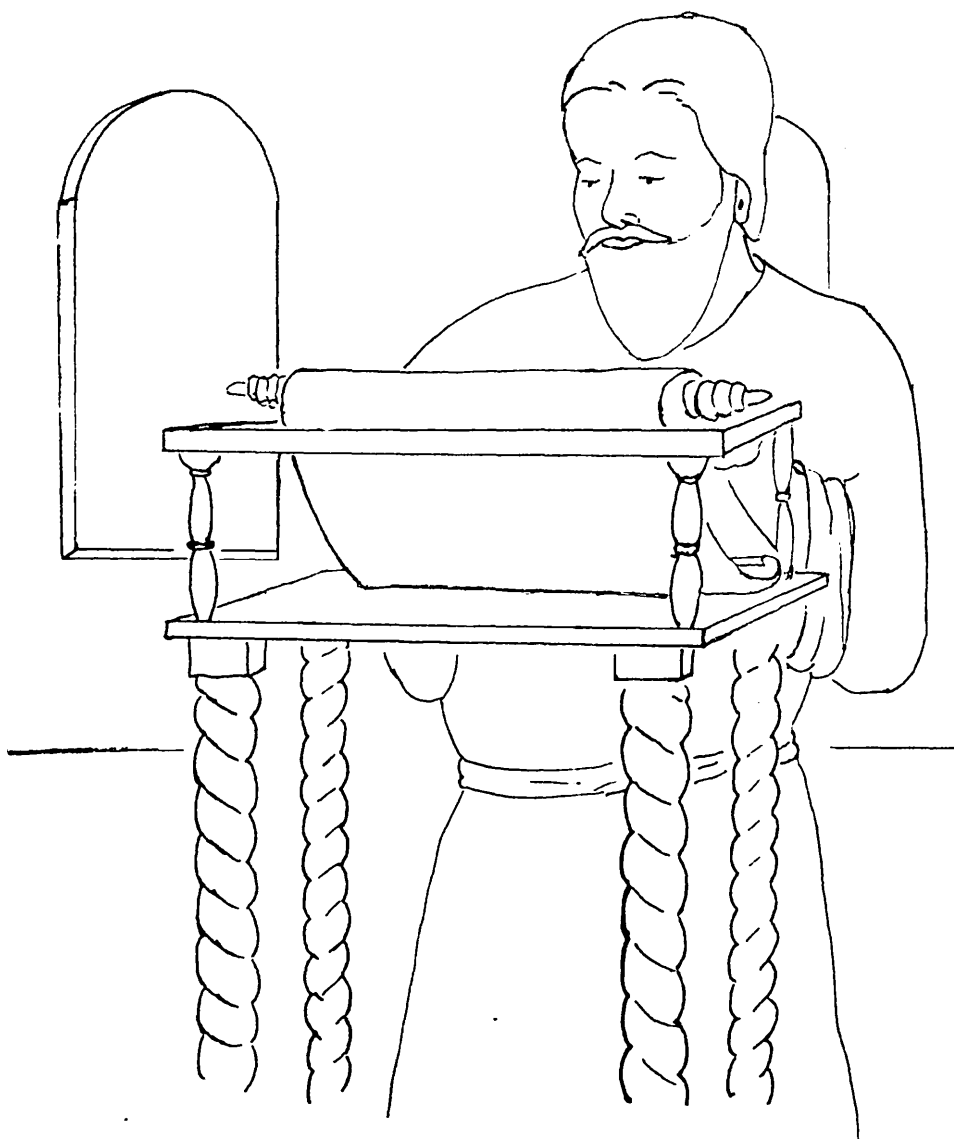
When He had finished reading He said to the people that all those who need help can get it today, for God had given Him power to help everyone. The people were surprised to hear Jesus say that He had power to help everyone. "He is just a carpenter, the son of Mary," they said. "He cannot help us."

Then Jesus told them that they were like other people who did not get help, because they did not want to take it from the persons whom God sent to give it.

This made the people so angry at Jesus that they tried to kill Him by pushing Him down a high, steep hill. Jesus walked away right through the middle of the crowd.



**"I was glad when they said,
Let us go into th**



house of the Lord."

Psalms 122:1.

Faithful Won His Crown

In the story of *Pilgrim's Progress*, the King's Highway comes to a wilderness where it is hot and sandy. Christian and Faithful walk up the King's Highway and into this wilderness where they once more meet Evangelist. Evangelist was a good man who first told Christian about the Celestial City.

Christian welcomed Evangelist and remembered his kindness and unwearied labors for their eternal good. Christian told Evangelist all about his adventures while traveling on the King's Highway. Evangelist encouraged Christian and Faithful. He said their Father and King of the Highway had a golden crown waiting for them in the Celestial City. As soon as they got to the end of their journey, they would put this beautiful crown on their heads. That crown and the happiness with it would be worth all the suffering and problems they were to endure on the Highway.

Evangelist told Christian and Faithful that Vanity Town was just ahead of them on their journey. In Vanity Town was a wicked fair where pleasures, lusts, and dishonest things were sold. Liars, thieves, murderers, swearers and other bad people were at this fair. Evangelist told his two friends to beware of the wickedness in this town when they walked through it.

"Be faithful to the King," said Evangelist, "and He will give you your crown at the end of your journey!"

Sure enough, wicked people at the fair did not like Christian and Faithful because these two friends did not buy anything. Also, these two dressed and talked different than anyone at the fair. Christian and Faithful had on such lovely clothes that Envy was jealous. Christian and Faithful talked so perfect and good that Pickthank felt guilty and wanted to find fault in them. All the wicked people at the fair talked so loudly about Christian and Faithful that an unjust judge had them locked up in jail.

Christian and Faithful were sad to be in jail but they knew they had not done

any wrong. They still loved God the King, but the people at Vanity Fair served the devil and did not love the King who gave golden crowns to his chosen few.

Faithful talked kindly to the crowd standing by the jail and this made his enemies more upset. They called for a trial and took Faithful to court where the Unjust Judge sat behind his desk. Envy, Pickthank, and Superstition spoke against Faithful. The jury had Mr. Liar, Mr. Cruelty, and other bad men in it. They decided that Faithful must die even though they really could find no harm he had done personally.

Then the King of the Highway sent angels to rescue Faithful and bring him to the Celestial City or Heaven where Faithful put on his Golden Crown and lived happily ever after.

Christian was sad Faithful was not traveling with him any more but soon Christian met Hopeful and they went on up the King's Highway together.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



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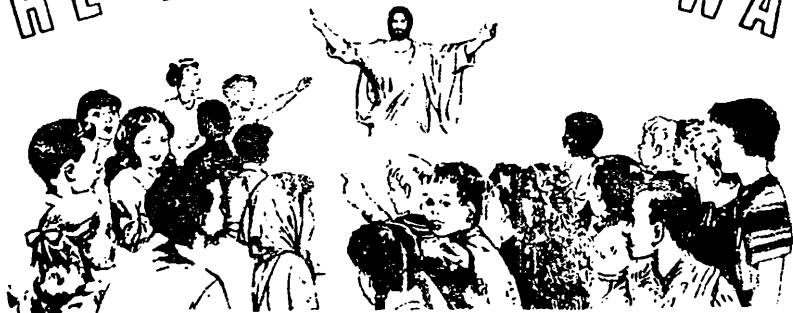
1. Where did Jesus go?
2. What did the people believe about Jesus?
3. Where did Jesus go on the day of worship?
4. What did Jesus read?
5. What did Jesus say after He finished reading?
6. Were the people surprised at what Jesus said?
7. What did they say about Jesus?
8. Who did Jesus say they were like?
9. What did the angry people do?

(Answers: 1. Jesus went to Galilee. 2. They believed He was a pious man of God. 3. He went to worship with the other people. 4. Isaiah 61:1. 5. He said He had power to help everyone. 6. Yes. 7. "He is just a carpenter. He cannot help us." 8. Other people who did not get help. 9. They tried to kill Jesus.)



Lesson Text: Luke 4:14-30.

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JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE IN CANA

Jesus and His disciples went to a wedding. His mother Mary was there and she noticed that there was not enough drink for all the people who were there. During the thirty years that Jesus had lived with her, Mary had learned that He could take care of every problem. She went to Him and said, "They have no wine."

Jesus did not act like He cared about the problem but said, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come." However, Mary knew He honored her wishes, so she told the servants, "Do whatever He tells you to do."

Jesus turned and said to the servants, "Fill the waterpots with water." The servants filled six big stone waterpots with water. After they had filled the waterpots, Jesus said to them, "Draw some out and take to the hostess of the wedding feast."

The servants took some out of a waterpot and took it to the hostess of the wedding feast. When he had drank some he exclaimed, "The good wine is usually served first, but the best you have saved for last. This wine is even better than the other."

Mary was not surprised that Jesus did this miracle. But His disciples had never seen Him do anything like this!

"This surely is the Son of God, just as John the Baptist told us," one of them said.

"He must be, for only God has power to change water into a delicious drink!" Andrew answered.

Mary was glad she had come to this wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. She was glad others had a chance to understand who Jesus really was!



“ . . . and his disciples be



ved on him."

John 2:11.

The Pin Experiment

"Now, class," said Sis. Mary, "let's have an experiment. We will test to see what cleans this heart the best."

Sis. Mary was the Sunday school teacher at the Church of God chapel. She had six children sitting around a little table where they could color their Sunday school papers. Each child eagerly watched as Sis. Mary laid a big, red felt heart on the center of the table. Stuck into the heart were many silver straight pins like mothers use to pin up dresses.

"Why are all those pins stuck in that heart?" Tony asked Sis. Mary.

"Those pins represent bad, painful sins that hurt a heart," said Sis. Mary. "We don't want them on this heart. Let's see if we can wash them off with a wet washcloth."

"Look," cried Christy, "that washcloth didn't pick up those pins at all!"

"No, it didn't," said Sis. Mary. "Neither can water wash away sins out of a person's heart. A heart full of sins has to have something better to clean it than just a common wet washcloth. Let's try some tweezers. With tweezers we won't get our fingers stuck with a pin."

With tweezers, Sis. Mary pulled out a pin stuck into the felt heart but when she went to pick up another pin, the first pin fell out of the tweezers and stuck on the heart again.

"What else do you have to clean the heart?" asked Karen.

"Well, I have a pencil eraser," said Sis. Mary. "Do you think that will do the cleaning?"

"No-o-o!" said all the children in a chorus.

"Here I have one more thing," said Sis. Mary. "I KNOW it will do the cleaning because I have seen it pick up pins before." She showed her class a penlite flashlight that had a big magnet on the end of it. She turned on the light over the heart and then all the pins began to pull out of the heart and come to the magnet.

"Look! It's pulling out the pins!" all the children exclaimed.

"Yes," said Sis. Mary. "What did I say the pins represent?"

"Our sins," said the class together.

"Yes, this was a heart full of painful sins but now look what the light has done! There isn't one pin left on the heart but they are all stuck to the magnet light. Now I can pick up this red felt heart and it doesn't stick me. It feels soft. Now let me tell you who this light represents," said Sis. Mary.

"I know," said Danny. "It is Jesus! He is the light of the world."

"That is right," said Sis. Mary. "Jesus is the only one who has power to pull sticky, painful sins out of a heart. He takes all those bad sins away and makes the heart soft and tender to His voice. Remember, children, that Jesus is the only one who has power to change a heart and make it clean and pure."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



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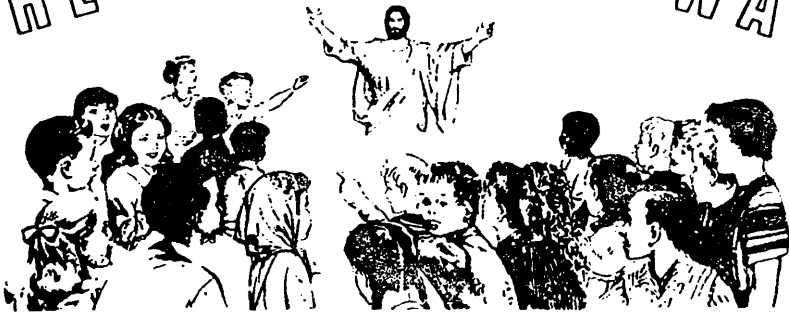
1. Where did Jesus and His disciples go?
2. Did Mary believe Jesus could solve any problem?
3. What did Jesus tell the servants to do?
4. What did the governor of the feast say about the drink Jesus made?
5. Was Mary surprised at what Jesus did?
6. Who had told the disciples that Jesus was God's Son?
7. Did this miracle make the disciples believe in Him?
8. Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God?
9. In what town was the wedding feast?

(Answers: 1. To a wedding feast. 2. Yes. 3. Fill the waterpots with water. 4. It is better than the first. 5. NO. 6. John the Baptist. 7. Yes. 8. Answers should be "Yes". 9. Cana.)



Lesson Text: John 2:1-11; 1:35-40.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS FINDS HELPERS

One day John the Baptist saw Jesus walking down the road. He said to Andrew and the others who stood beside him, "Look, He is the Son of God!" Andrew ran after Jesus and talked a little with Him, and followed Him to His home. Then he told his brother Peter about Jesus.

The next day Jesus was walking in Galilee and saw Philip and said unto him, "Follow me." Philip was happy to be one of Jesus' helpers. He found his friend Nathanael and brought him to Jesus also. Nathanael was so surprised that Jesus already knew him that he said, "Thou art the Son of God; . . . the king of Israel."

Soon people everywhere were wanting to see Jesus and hear Him teach. Beside Lake Gennesaret the people crowded so close to Him that He got into a boat and had the owner to row out into the water so He could better speak to them. After He had finished speaking He told Simon Peter to row on out into the deep water. When they got to the deep water Jesus said, "Now let down your net for a lot of fish."

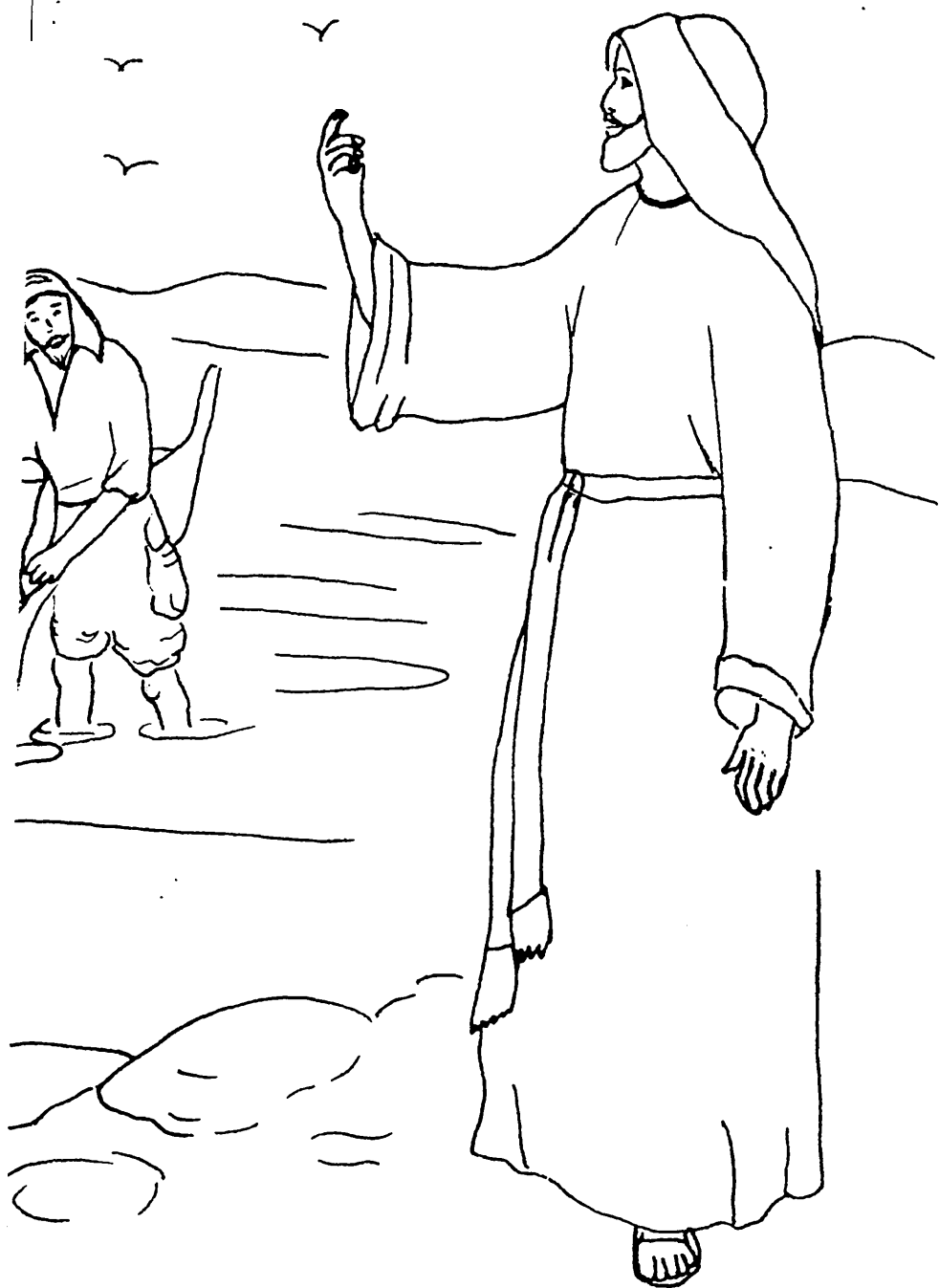
"We have worked all night and have caught no fish, but I will do as you say," Peter said.

Soon the net was so full of fishes that it began to break. Peter called to his partners James and John to come and help. The fish in Peter's net filled both ships so full they began to sink. Peter then knew who Jesus was and cried out, "I am too sinful to be near you."

Jesus answered Peter in a comforting way, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." How happy Peter felt!



“ . . . Follow me and I will . . . ”



ake you fishers of men."

Matthew 4:19.

Toys That Lie

"Hey, Paul," called Rocky to his friend, "look at my He-Man I got for my birthday! He moves his arms and everything while he rides Battlecat."

Rocky came running over to Paul's yard where Paul stood on his front porch.

"Here, Paul," Rocky said as he laid five plastic figures on Paul's porch. "You can play like you're Skeletor and Battlecat and I will be He-Man. Maybe your sister can be Teela—we need a girl for this one—and let's pretend Skeletor kidnaps Teela and He-Man comes to her rescue riding Battlecat. Now if you are Skeletor you will always have to let me win when we fight because I'm He-Man and He-Man always wins. He is the Master of the Universe, you know. Now, Paul," Rocky continued, (he noticed that Paul just sat down nearby and looked at the figures) "you surely have watched He-Man on TV before? Wow! Is he strong! Look at his arms, how big they are! He wins every fight he is in! Pow! Pow! Pow-pow-pow!" He had hold of the He-Man figure and was socking the air with one then the other plastic fist.

Paul still didn't say a word nor did he touch one of the figures laying on the porch before him, but he was busy thinking. He did not watch cartoon Masters of the Universe on TV because his parents taught him the truth and did not fill his mind with foolish cartoon make-believe. Paul was not used to seeing a nearly naked man with a shield and hatchet riding on such a mean looking creature. He did not want his cute sister to make-believe she was a wicked woman wearing a snake (cobra) outfit. And Paul certainly did not want to be an ugly skeleton creature carrying a rod with a goat head on it. Battlecat was supposed to be an ape-like brute. Paul wanted nothing to do with any of these weird figures.

"Well, Paul, are you going to play with me or not?" asked Rocky as he carefully straightened out each strange figure. "I just got them for my birthday

and they're brand new, you know. Why don't you want to touch them?"

"I know they're brand new," said Paul, "but I don't like to make-believe lies. You see, Rocky, I really know the truth. He-Man has no power over the universe. God does. God made the world and everything in it. God made the world a lot more pretty than the fake 'world' He-Man goes with. I just don't care about He-Man, Battlecat, Gray Skull Castle or any of that weird stuff. Let's play cars and trucks or something sensible like that."

"Hey, Paul, that's a great idea!" exclaimed Rocky. "Let me hurry home and get my new red corvette hot wheel I got for my birthday! The doors and hood really open on it and everything!"

With a swoop of his arms, Rocky gathered up his plastic figures and headed home eager to get his car. Paul stood up on his porch to watch Rocky go. Paul was sure glad he didn't have to play with that stuff!

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. What did John say to Andrew?
2. What did Andrew do after he saw Jesus?
3. Who did Andrew tell about Jesus?
4. Who did Philip tell about Jesus?
5. From whose ship did Jesus teach?
6. What did Jesus tell Peter to do?
7. Who did Peter call to help?
8. How many fish were in the net?
9. What did Jesus want Peter to do?

(Answers: 1. "Look, He is the Son of God!" 2. Andrew talked with Jesus and followed Him to His home. 3. His brother, Simon Peter. 4. Philip told a friend, Nathanael, about Jesus. 5. Simon Peter. 6. Go out into the deep and put your net into the water. 7. His partners, James and John. 8. So many they filled two ships. 9. Jesus wanted Peter to catch men.)

Lesson text: John 1:35-40; Luke 5:1-11; Mark 1:16-20; Matthew 4:18-22.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS BEGINS HELPING PEOPLE

It was the day to worship God so Jesus went into the synagogue where the people were gathered to worship. He taught them about the wonderful things of God. The people here at Capernaum were glad to listen to Him. While they were listening a man which had a spirit of the devil began shouting, "Let us alone, . . . thou Jesus of Nazareth. Have you come to destroy us? I know you can for you are the Son of God." Jesus commanded the devil to come out of the man and the devil came out.

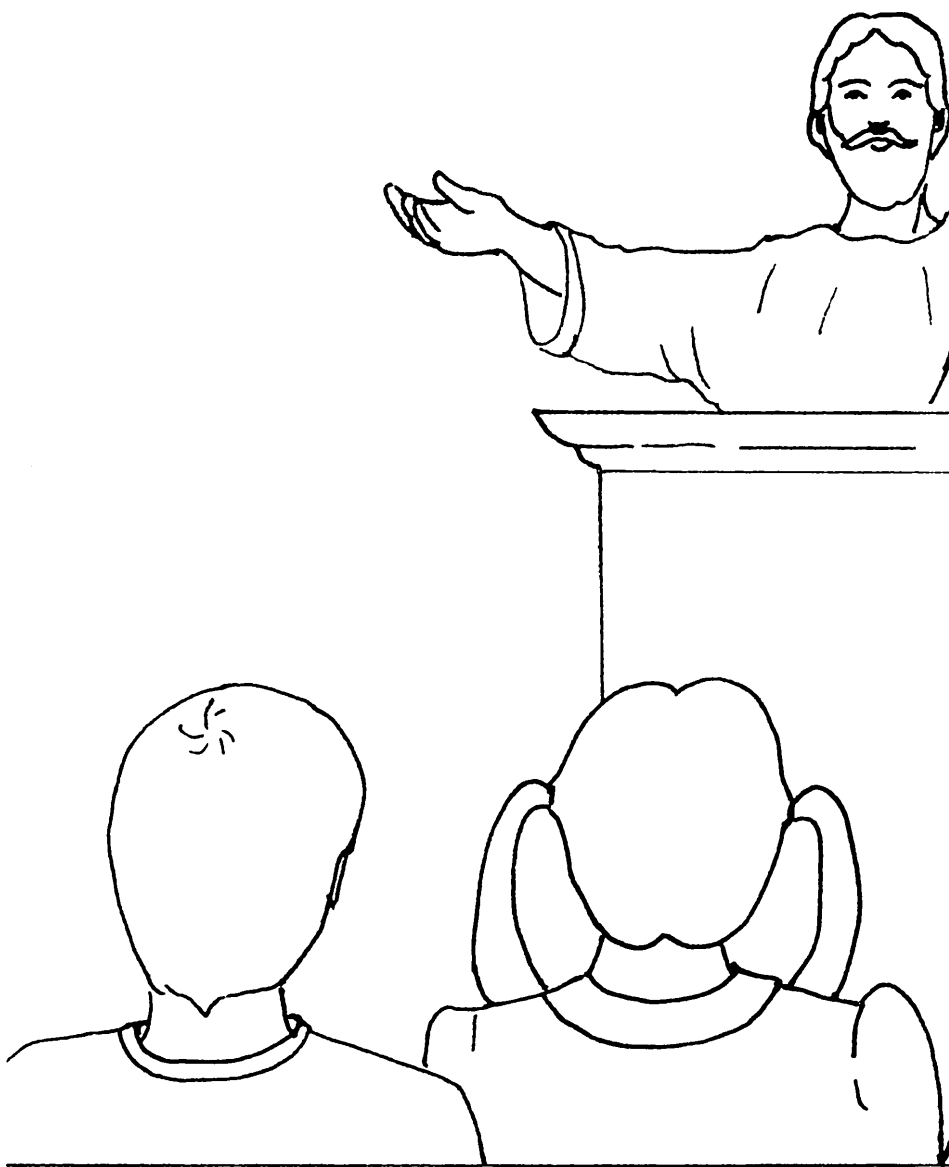
Everyone was so excited about the devil obeying Jesus that they began spreading the news everywhere.

After Jesus left the synagogue, He went into the house of Peter. There He healed Peter's mother-in-law of a great fever. She got right up and served them.

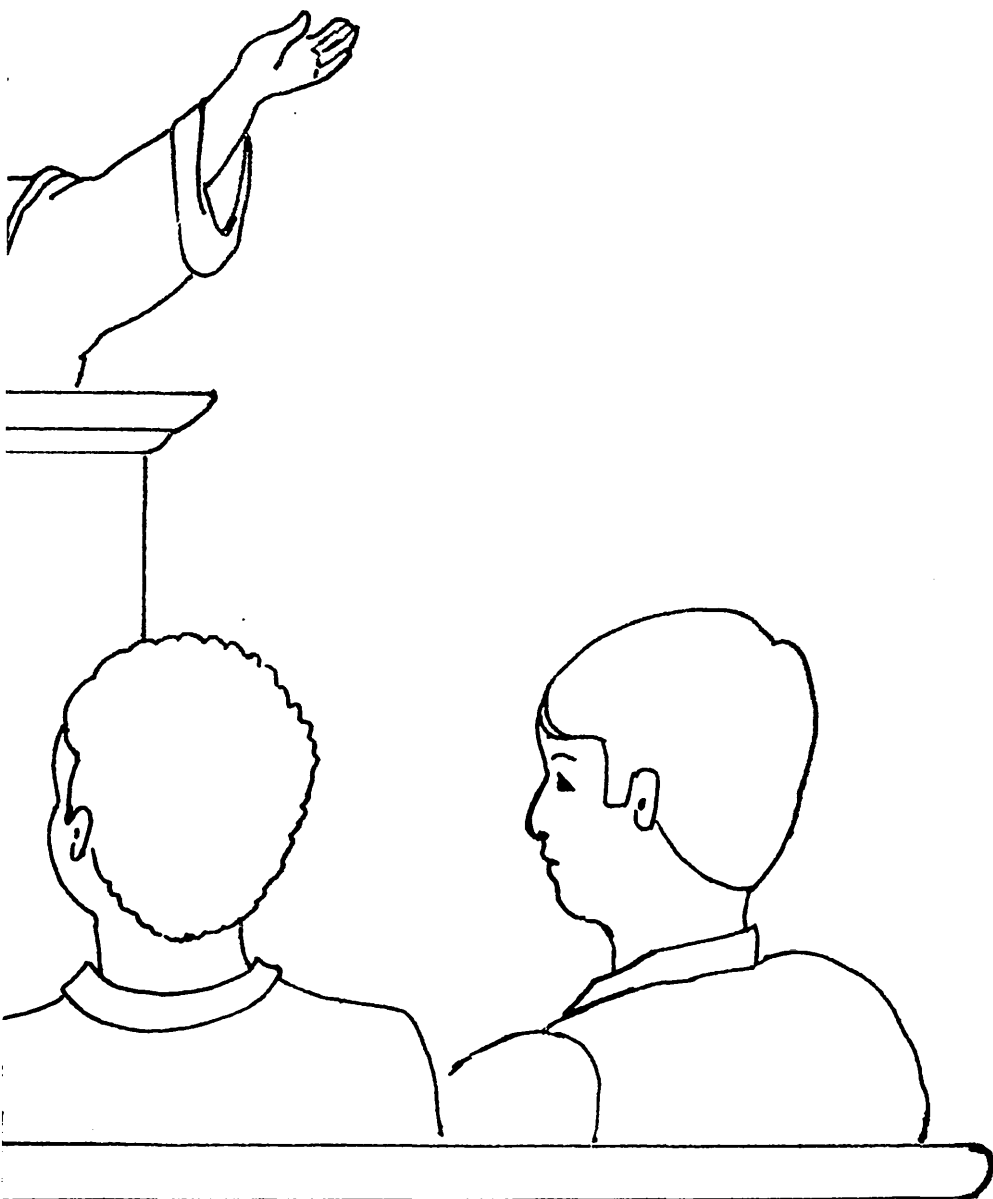
When the sun was going down that evening, everyone in the city had gathered around Peter's house. They were hoping to see Jesus. They brought people who were sick for Jesus to heal. Jesus laid His hands on them and they became well. He also made the devils go away from those who possessed them. That evening Jesus and His disciples were very tired.

The next morning while it was still dark, Jesus got up and walked out of the city into a lonely place so He could pray. His disciples, Peter, Andrew, James, and John, saw Him leaving the house, so they followed Him. They loved to be with Jesus all the time but especially when He worshipped God.

When we go to Sunday school or church service we are worshipping God also, just like Jesus and His disciples did.



“Thou shall worship the



rd thy God,"

Matthew 4:10.

The Peace Inside

The rain is coming down in a gentle, gray mist, sprinkling the tree leaves in their autumn colors of red, yellow, orange, and green. Silver pools of water gather on the black asphalt pavement and passing cars splash this water around and around their rolling tires. Little rain drops drip off of the cars and the houses, too. Many houses look dark and silent in the rain but not so with the Simpson's house.

Let us be visitors for just a little while and see what is happening in the Simpson house.

In the den, Matthew is playing with his two sisters, Debbie and Leah. Matthew is standing near the tall gold and white lamp on the end table by the green chair. Under the lamp on the end table lays Matthew's BIBLE opened to his favorite book of the BIBLE—the book of Matthew. Matthew is attempting to teach from his BIBLE his two sisters who are sitting across from him on the couch.

Debbie and Leah each have a doll in their arms and a doll sitting between them. They are all sitting very still, listening to everything Matthew tells them. Even the dolls are quiet because the girls tell them to be so. Matthew is talking.

"Now it can be raining and dark outside, but we can be warm and cheery inside. The ground may be all wet and muddy so that we can't go out to play but we can have a nice time inside the house. We don't have to be out in the rain getting cold but we can be inside where it is warm and Mother is cooking supper.

"Jesus said we can be just like this in our inner soul when we live for Him. Our friends can be sad and dreary. We can be hit and shoved by others. We can get hurt and cry on the outside. But on our inside, we can always have happiness and peace. Jesus will make us happy inside. There is so much quietness and peace in our hearts when we listen to Jesus talk! We thank Jesus

for giving us peace on the inside. We thank Jesus for giving us a nice, warm house and for everything that is good. We live in peace with Jesus."

Now Matthew has finished talking and has closed his BIBLE. Debbie opens up a song book. "Number three-two," she says.

The two girls stand and help Matthew sing, "Tis' a king-dom of peace, it is reigning within. It shall ever increase in my soul; We possess it right here when He saves from all sin, and 'twill last while the ages shall roll."

After the song, the three children bow their heads for prayer, then dismiss their service. Now we will dismiss ourselves from this peaceful place.

—Connie Sorrell



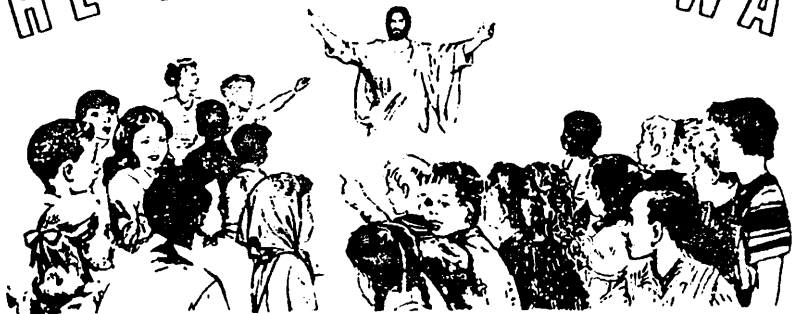
Questions:

1. Why did Jesus go into the synagogue?
2. Did the people in Capernaum like to hear Jesus?
3. What did the devil say to Jesus?
4. What did Jesus do to the devil?
5. Where did Jesus go after leaving the synagogue?
6. What did Jesus do at Peter's house?
7. What did Jesus do for the many people who gathered outside the house?
8. What did Jesus and His disciples do early the next morning?
9. What are we doing at Sunday school and church service?

(Answers: 1. Jesus went into the synagogue to worship God and teach the people about God. 2. Yes. 3. "Let us forgive to worship God and teach the people about God. 4. Jesus sent the devil away. 5. To Peter's house. 6. He healed Peter's mother-in-law. 7. He healed all sick ones and made the devil go away from those who were possessed. 8. They went to a lonely place to pray. 9. We are worshipping God as Jesus did.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 4:23-25; Mark 1:21-38; Luke 4:31-44.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS CLEANS THE TEMPLE

Jesus went everywhere teaching the people to love God. He felt sorry for the poor and sick and all those who had trouble. He healed the sick and crazy ones. Those who had evil spirits inside them He made the evil spirits leave the people. The people loved God more because of the things Jesus said and did.

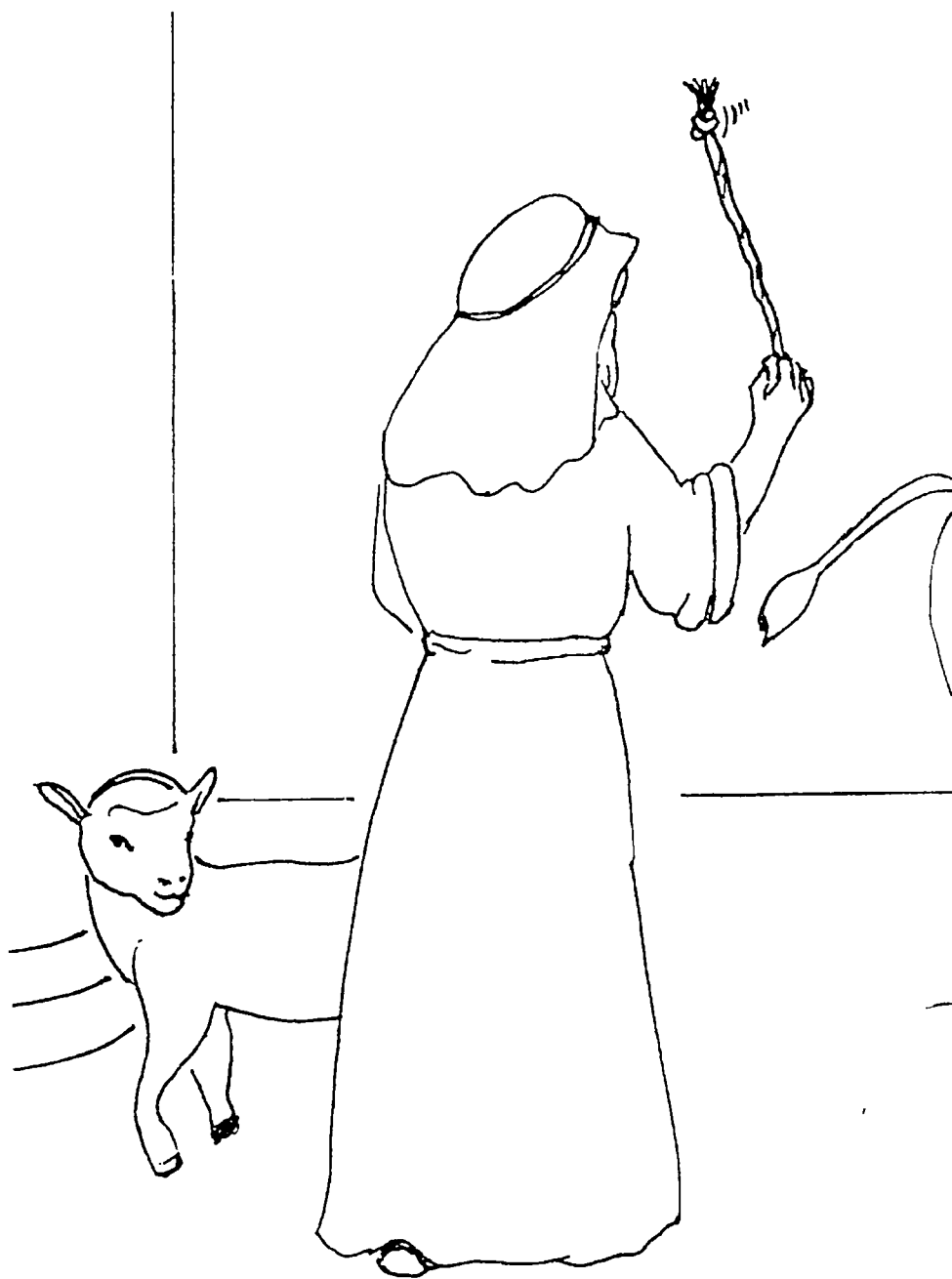
The leaders at the temple were doing a lot of evil things that made the people not want to worship God at the temple. The leaders were cheating the people by giving very little in exchange for their money, and by selling animals, to be used as offerings, for a lot more money than they were worth. This caused the poor people to suffer even more.

Jesus knew this was wrong but year after year He went to the Passover Feast and saw these evil leaders make the people sad. Jesus wanted the people to love to worship God. The temple was to be used for worship and prayer.

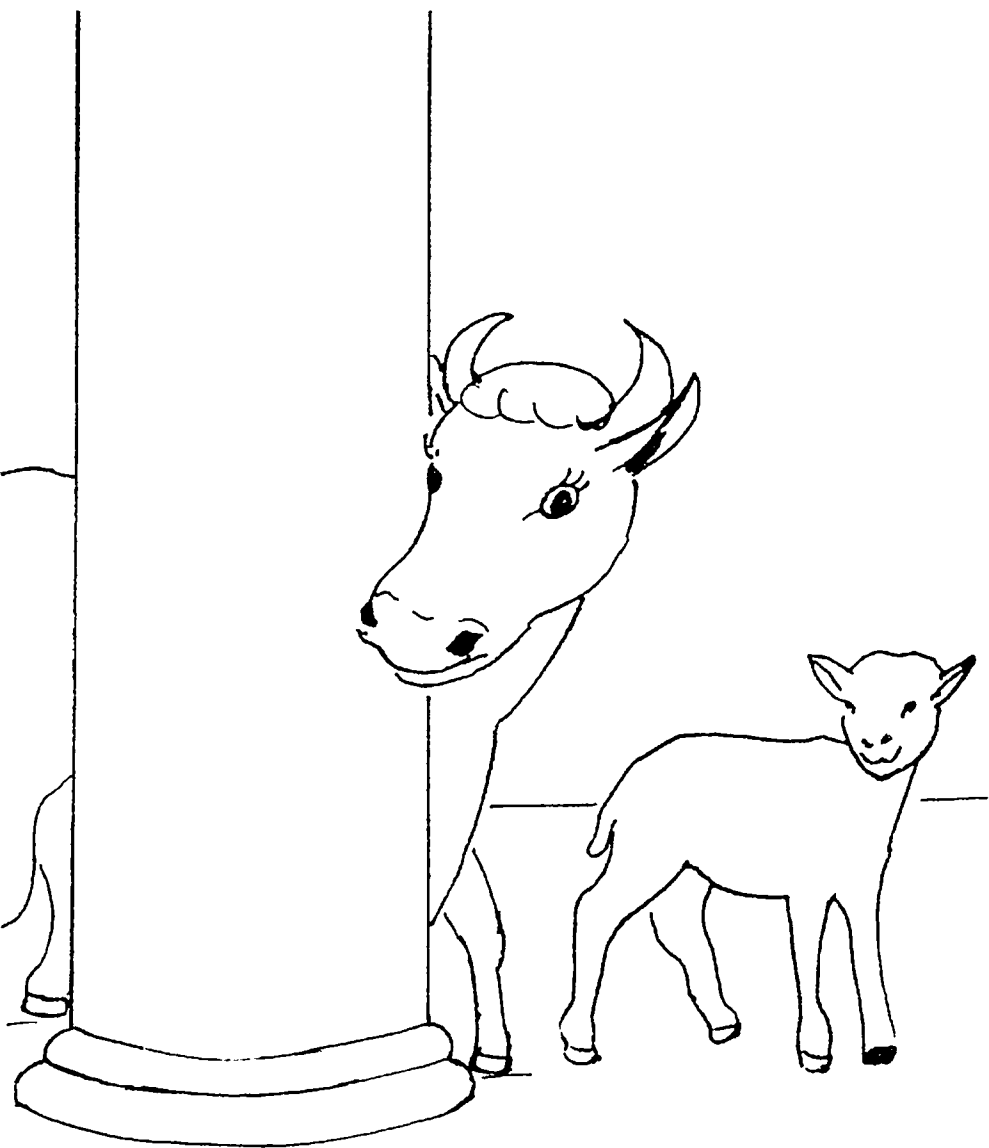
One day when the leaders had many animals for sale in the temple, Jesus made a whip and drove the animals out. He went to the tables for changing money and turned them over. "God's house is a house of prayer, but you have made it a place for selling," Jesus told the men.

The leaders shouted angrily at Him, "Show us a sign if God has sent you to do this!"

"I will build this temple again in three days after you destroy it," He said. Jesus was calling His body "the temple" and He did arise from the dead three days after they killed Him. Many remembered these words and believed He was the Son of God.



**“ . . . My house shall be a den
but you have made it a den**



**led the house of prayer;
thieves.”**

Matthew 21:13.

The Injured Squirrel

"Why, look at this squirrel," said Sister Sally smiling. "He is a friend to your grandma."

Christy and Carla also smiled as they all watched the squirrel nibble goodies on the corner of their grandma's big porch.

"He knows that I always have food there," said Grandpa.

Suddenly the squirrel jumped up to a tree limb and scampered from branch to branch until it was across the road.

"I wish we could play with him," said Christy.

"Look!" said Carla. "There he is playing in the road!"

"Oh, no, here comes a car!" cried Christy.

Both girls jumped off the porch and ran toward the squirrel hoping to scare it out of the car's way. They were too late. The car left the squirrel laying on its back with its feet kicking and pawing the air. The girls burst into tears.

"Oh, no, this is terrible!" said Grandma.

"He isn't bleeding anywhere," said Carla. "Maybe he will be okay in a little while."

Grandma hurried to her back yard and got an empty bird cage. Carefully they put the injured squirrel in the cage and carried it to the porch. The squirrel laid very still. It looked like it would never move again. Christy sat on one side of the cage and Carla sat on the other. Grandma had to fix supper but still the girls sat by the motionless squirrel.

When their grandpa came home from work, they told him all about the poor squirrel.

"You know, Grandpa," said Christy, "I think we ought to pray for him. Jesus said he cares about the little birds. Surely He cares about little squirrels, too. Can't we pray for our squirrel, Grandpa?"

"Well," said Grandpa, "I suppose we could. Do you believe that Jesus will answer prayer when we pray?"

Both girls nodded their heads that they believed.

"Let's pray for him right now," said Christy. She shut her eyes tightly and began to pray.

"You're going to be okay now, little squirrel," said Carla, "because we prayed for you and Jesus heard our prayers."

"Now let's go and eat our supper," said Grandpa.

After supper they all went back out to check on the injured squirrel. It was sitting up in the cage!

"Let's give it something to eat, Grandma," said Christy. "Our squirrel is already well!"

The next morning Grandpa opened the cage door so the squirrel could go back to its home. It paused a moment at the door, nodded its head and winked its eye as if to say "Thank you", then scampered through the tree branches.

—Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. What was Jesus doing?
2. How did He show God's love for the people?
3. Why did the people not want to worship God at the temple?
4. For what was the temple to be used?
5. What did Jesus do with the animals?
6. Why were the leaders angry?
7. What was Jesus' sign that God sent Him to clean the temple?
8. What was Jesus calling the temple?
9. How many days was Jesus' body dead before he made it again?

(Answers: 1. Jesus was teaching the people to love God. 2. By healing the sick and crazy ones, and making evil spirits leave people. 3. The leaders were doing evil things, like cheating the poor. 4. The temple was to be used for worship and prayer. 5. Jesus drove them out of the temple. 6. Jesus destroyed their way of making money. 7. He would build the temple in three days. 8. His body. 9. Three days.)

Lesson Text: John 2:13-25.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS HEALS A LEPER

People everywhere were talking about the miracles that were happening. Some were coming hundreds of miles to bring sick people to be healed. Some were coming in boats across the Jordan River.

Out in the country, away from the cities, lived a group of lepers. They too heard about Jesus healing the sick. "I wish someone would carry me to Jesus," said one very sick man.

"But we cannot get near the crowd, for they too, will get our disease," said another leper.

"I hate being a leper," cried a little boy sitting on the ground. "I want to be at home with my mamma."

"You can't, for being at home would cause her and all your family to be sick just like you are."

"I know, but I still hate it."

One of the lepers decided he would go to Jesus for healing. He did not cry out, "Lepers, lepers," as he usually did when he came near to anyone. Instead he watched from a distance until he was sure which man was Jesus. Then he watched until the crowd moved aside a little and he could get close to Jesus. Then he ran and fell kneeling on the ground in front of Jesus. "Jesus, I know you can heal me if you want to," he cried out.

"I will, be thou clean," Jesus said, as he reached out and touched the leper. "See thou say nothing to any man, but go . . . shew thyself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing."

The leper was so excited about being well, that he told it everywhere he went.



“The prayer of faith shall



ve the sick.”

James 5:15.

Willing Workers

"Mama, can I help fold the clothes?" Jessie asked.

"Yes, dear," said Mother. She handed Jessie a bath towel to fold.

Soon Mother and Jessie had all the clothes folded and tucked neatly in their proper places. After a while Jessie saw that Mother was dusting the furniture.

"Let me help you!" said Jessie. She carefully removed the knick-knacks from the piano top as Mother wiped a dust cloth over the smooth surface. Together Mother and Jessie dusted furniture in the living room, den, dining room and bedrooms.

"Now, let me vacuum for you," said Jessie. "That will give you time to rest."

Mother was pleased to see Jessie so eager to help clean house. She showed Jessie how to vacuum back and forth and in a pattern so she would not miss any of the floor. Then Mother made sandwiches for lunch.

"Mama, I put the vacuum up," said Jessie as she came into the kitchen to eat lunch.

"Thank you," said Mother. "You are really helping me, Jessie."

After Mother and Jessie ate, they cleaned up the kitchen together. Then there were more clothes to fold and put away. Jessie helped Mother sort buttons and find some to sew back on Daddy's shirt that was missing a few buttons.

"Now, it is time to fix supper," said Mother, looking at her clock on the kitchen wall.

"Oh, may I open up the cans of vegetables and put them in the pans?" asked Jessie.

"Yes," said Mother, "and there will be other jobs you can do for me also."

Jessie set the table and stirred the gravy for Mother. She was happy to see Daddy and Tommy come in to eat.

"Jessie has really helped me today, Daddy," said Mother as she and Jessie set the food on the table where Daddy and Tommy, washed from work, were sitting in their chairs ready to eat.

"Well, that is fine," said Daddy. "Tommy has been a big help to me

today, also. He has handed me tools when I needed them and together we got the car fixed again."

"How nice!" said Mother as she patted Tommy on the shoulder. "It sure feels good to have a helping hand with the work."

Mother and Jessie sat down at the table and everyone bowed their heads for prayer. Daddy prayed.

"Dear Father, we thank you for the many blessings you give us each day. We thank you for food, clothes, a house, family and friends. We thank you for your Son Jesus who died for our sins. Help us to show love one to another that all may know we are a disciple of Jesus. Thank you now, once again, for the food and make it nourishing and strengthening to our bodies. Amen."

"The children have been showing us love today, Daddy," said Mother softly. "Don't we appreciate their kind deeds of love for us?"

"Yes, I should say!" agreed Daddy. "God will bless them for their love and respect also." —Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. What were the people talking about?
2. How far were some coming to be healed?
3. Who lived in the country?
4. What did one leper decide to do?
5. Did he kneel before Jesus?
6. What did he say to Jesus?
7. What did Jesus do for him?
8. What did Jesus say the leper should do?
9. Why didn't the leper keep quiet about being healed?

(Answers: 1. The miracles Jesus was doing. 2. Hundreds of miles. 3. A group of lepers. 4. To go ask Jesus to heal him. 5. Yes. 6. "I know you can heal me." 7. He touched him and healed him. 8. He should show himself to the priest and not tell who healed him. 9. He was too excited about being healed.)



Lesson Text: Mark 1:39-45; Luke 5:12-17.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS HEALS A SICK MAN

There was a sick man who lived in Capernaum that could not walk. He wanted to see Jesus. "Jesus can make me well," he said to his friends. They also believed that Jesus would make him well, so four of them carried him in his bed to the house where Jesus was preaching. "The house is full and people are packed in the doorway and all around the house! What shall we do?" they questioned. "How can we get this man in his bed to Jesus?"

The men thought and thought. Finally one said, "I think we could remove the tile from the roof and get into the house.

"Maybe we could," they agreed together. So up on the roof they went. Carefully one by one they removed the tile from the roof. They stacked them in a safe place so they could replace them again after Jesus healed their friend. When the hole was big enough, they brought the bed with their paralyzed friend in it up on the roof also. Carefully they let them down over the heads of those who were listening to Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the sick man, "Thy sins be forgiven thee." Jesus told the sick man his sins were forgiven because He knew the people needed to know that He also had power to forgive sins. After forgiving the man's sins, Jesus said to him, "Take up thy bed and go to thy house." Immediately the paralyzed man stood up, picked up his bed and walked out of the house.

The people were so amazed they began praising God! Some said, "We have seen strange things today." Others said, "We never saw anything like this. How great God is!"

**"The Lord hath
done great
things for us;"**

Psalms 126:3.





Giving Gospel Tracts

It was time for camp meeting on the old campground. All the big people were busy cleaning and repairing the tabernacle and campground buildings. Bill and the other boys helped with the small jobs

Then Bro. Frank called the boys to him. He was an older minister who liked to talk to the children sometimes. He had a kind face and a big heart that never wanted anyone hurt. Bro. Frank loved Jesus very much.

"How would you boys like to do a work for Jesus?" asked Bro. Frank.

"What is it?" asked some and "What will we do?" asked others but right away Bill said, "Yes, I want to!"

"Okay, Bill," said Bro. Frank. "You come with me."

Bill ran to tell his parents that he was going somewhere with Bro. Frank. They agreed to let him go because they knew Bro. Frank to be a good man who would watch well after Bill.

Bro. Frank and Bill met with some young men who were getting ready to hand out gospel tracts and handbills about the coming camp meeting. They gathered in a circle and bowed their heads for a word of prayer before they divided by two and went out into the streets of town, knocking on doors and visiting with the people, then inviting them to meeting with the handbill and gospel tracts.

Bill and Bro. Frank went together. If the people weren't home, Bro. Frank left a handbill and tract anyway.

"Can't let them miss the opportunity just because they weren't home," he said to Bill.

However, there were several people home that Bro. Frank was able to speak with. One woman wanted Bro. Frank to request prayer for her. She was interested in Jesus Christ and promised to read the gospel tracts. Bro. Frank told her someone could come and give her a ride to church every night if she would like. She did come to church and later was saved.

"You see, Bill," said Bro. Frank, "Jesus died for everyone's sins. He wants all to be saved who will yield their life to Him. Jesus wants the brothers and sisters in the Lord to reach out and spread the gospel to people everywhere. It is our duty to be Jesus' helper."

"Working for Jesus is enjoyable when you want to," continued Bro. Frank. "I have always enjoyed giving the truth to others. Now what do you say to a hot fudge sundae? Let's go over to the Dairy Queen and have us one!"

Bill was ready for something cool and refreshing to taste but he truly felt the most refreshing feeling of all was to know someone may be saved because he had cared enough to hand them a gospel tract and speak to them about their soul.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. Where did the man live?
2. What was wrong with the sick man?
3. Why didn't his friends take him in the door?
4. How did they get the sick man to Jesus?
5. When Jesus saw their faith, what did He say?
6. Why did Jesus say, "Thy sins be forgiven thee?"
7. What was the second thing Jesus said to the man?
8. What did the man do?
9. What did the people say about what happened?

(Answers: 1. In Capernaum. 2. He could not walk. 3. There were too many people. 4. They made a hole in the roof and let him through it. 5. "Thy sins be forgiven thee." 6. So that people would know that He had power to forgive sins. 7. "Take up thy bed and go to thy house." 8. He stood up, picked up his bed, and walked out of the house. 9. "We have seen strange things," and, "We never saw anything like it. How great God is.")



Lesson text: Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:18-26.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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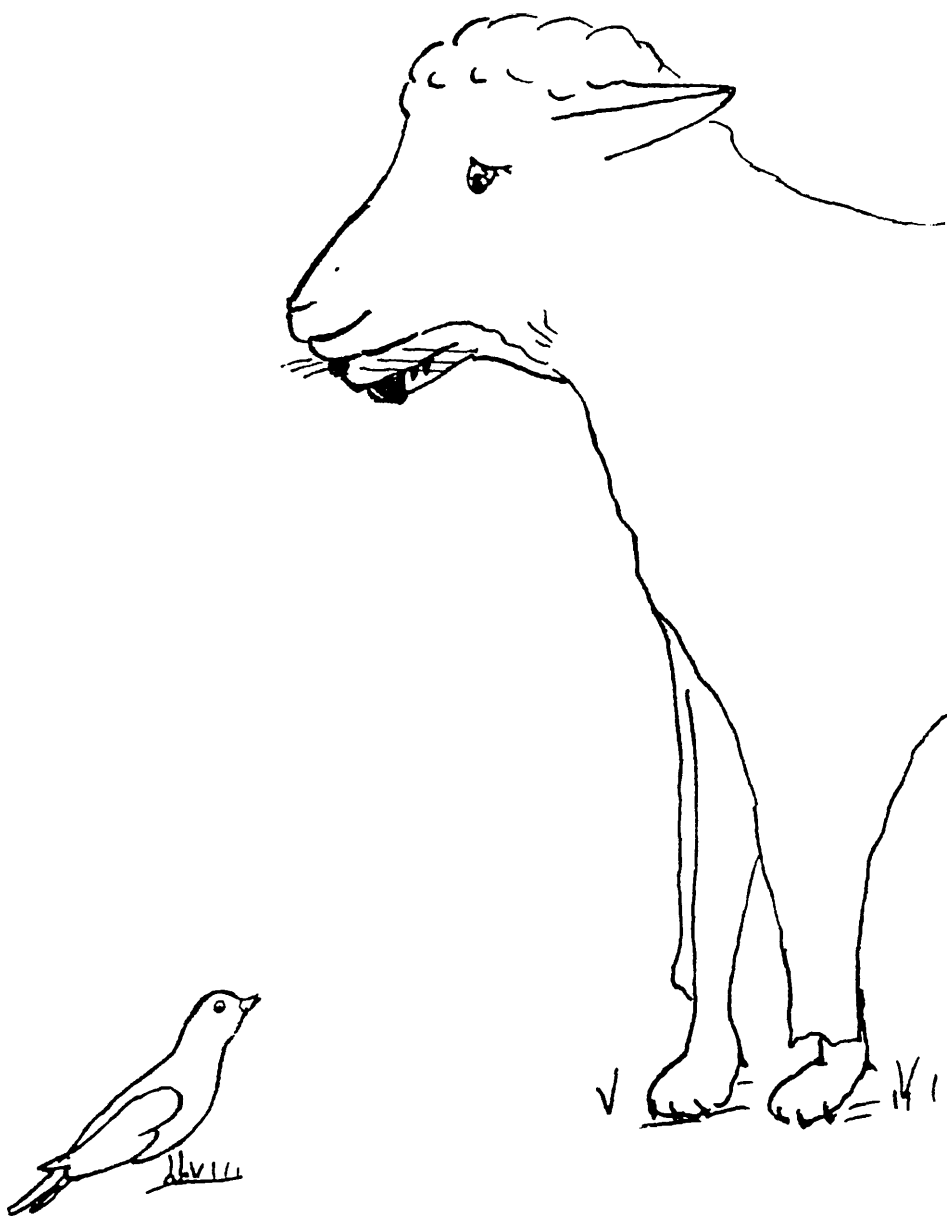
WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT FALSE TEACHERS

Jesus told the people they should be very careful what preachers they listened to. He said that there were many men and women who had wicked hearts but acted nice sometimes to fool other people. They are just like wolves wearing sheep's wool. They will teach lessons that are not good, even though they sound like they might be lessons from Jesus.

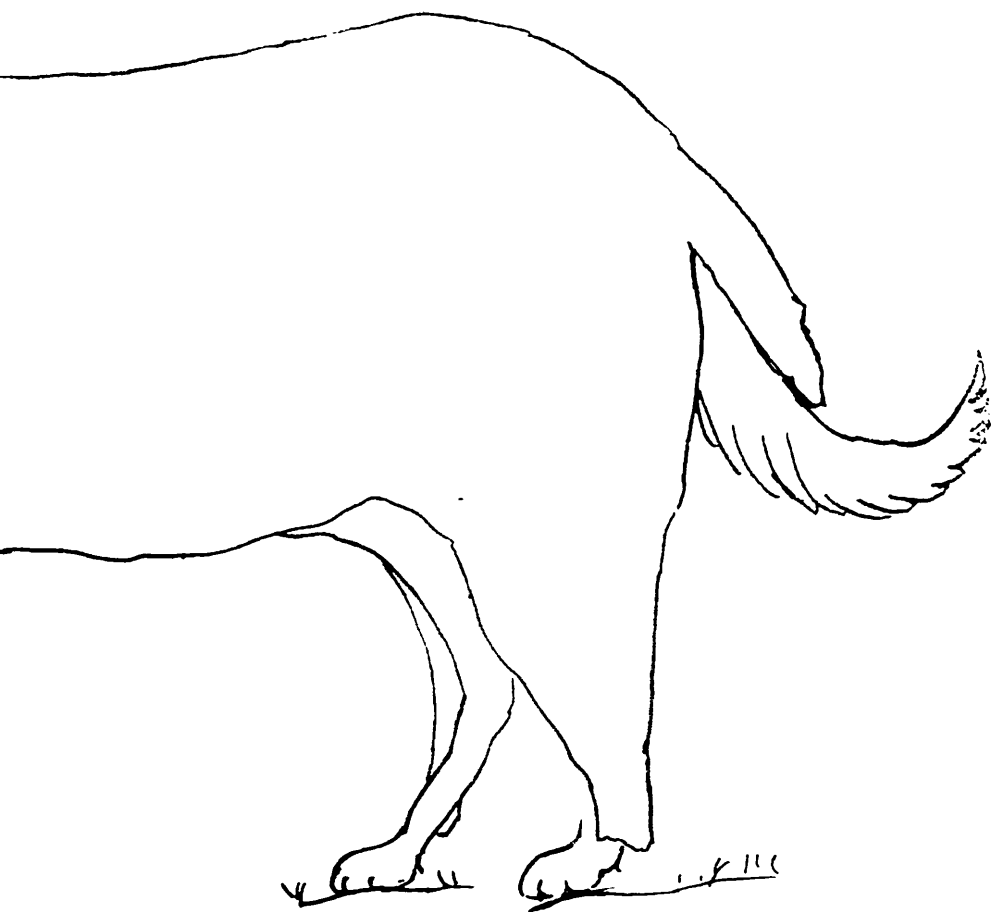
Everyone, especially children, must be careful and not listen to their teaching. It is very important that children are taught by godly men and women. Mothers and fathers should be very careful that their children are taught by God-fearing people. For children learn much by what the teacher says, but a great deal more by what the teacher does.

False teachers are known by what they do. They will do things that are not right. Some will tell untruths, which is what they are doing when teaching wrong. Some will cheat from others, or dress immodestly. There are many other ways that a person can tell whether a teacher or preacher is good, or if he is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Can you name some ways?

Sometimes you may hear people teaching from the radio or TV. They may sound like they are teaching a good lesson about God, but be very careful, they may be teaching something false. Some of these people have power to do great miracles, too. God's Word tells us that the "false prophet which did miracles" will be thrown into the lake of fire. Another place in God's Word says that the lake of fire was made for the devil and his angels. We know false prophets are angels of the devil even though they appear to be godly.



“Beware of false prophets



..''

Matthew 7:15.

Matthew Meets Jesus

This is a story about how Matthew, the disciple, first met Jesus Christ.

Matthew was by then an older man like a grandfather with a beard and mustache. Every morning he would leave his big, rich, comfortable home and go to work at his poll office. Matthew made people pay taxes to the Romans or Caesar. Before poor people could walk or ride a donkey down the Damascus-Acre road, Matthew would stop them, check everything that they had with them, then make these poor people pay some of their money before they could travel that road.

No Jew liked to pay coins of silver to Matthew because the Jews had helped make that road and they thought they should travel it free. Matthew knew that the Jews did not like him. When he was seated at his desk in his outside office, Matthew had tall, strong Roman soldiers standing by him so that the people would be afraid to maybe hit him and not pay. No one talked much to Matthew and no one really was his friend.

After many years of taking taxes and being hated, Matthew became more lonesome and tired of his job. When a young man, he could have worked at the Temple of Solomon and become a priest, because he was a Levite. Now he had taken money from Jews to give to the Romans and the Jews did not hardly want him to walk into the Temple. Matthew was often very lonely.

One day while Matthew was collecting taxes, he overheard the people talking about a man who was healing all kinds of sickness. As Matthew quietly and quickly took the tax coins from the people, he listened carefully to their talk about this wonderful man called Jesus Christ. Most of the people said Jesus was indeed a prophet! Matthew decided he would find out just who Jesus was.

Soon Jesus came to the town of Capernaum where Matthew lived. Matthew asked another tax collector to come take the people's taxes while he went to

see and hear Jesus. Matthew hurried to the seashore along the Sea of Galilee. There he saw hundreds of people, but he could not see Jesus. Then the many, many people began to move toward the hills where it was whispered that Jesus was going to talk.

Matthew went right up to the front of the crowd and there he saw Jesus! Jesus had calmly sat down and Peter, Andrew, James, John, Bartholomew and James were seated nearby. Matthew sat down nearby, also, and then Jesus began to preach the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew was so influenced by the sermon that he never forgot it. He may have written notes while he listened because he often took notes on his job. Anyway, Jesus won the heart of Matthew by the Sermon on the Mount.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

***** Questions:

1. What did Jesus say to be careful about?
2. Are there many or only a few false preachers?
3. By what kind of teachers should children be taught?
4. How much do the children learn from what the teacher says?
5. Does a child learn more by what a teacher does than by what he or she says?
6. Do some false preachers have power to do miracles?
7. Where will the false prophet which worked miracles be thrown?
8. For whom is the "lake of fire"?
9. What is another name for false prophets?

Answers: 1. False prophets. 2. There are many. 3. Godly teachers. 4. Much. 5. Yes, a great deal more. 6. Yes. 7. False prophets which work miracles. 8. The lake of fire is for the devil and his angels. 9. Angels of the devil.

Lesson Texts: Matt. 7:15-24, Mark 12:38-40; 15:5, 6, 21-23. Rev. 16:14; 19:20.

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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT THE RICH AND POOR

Jesus climbed up a hill and sat down to teach the people. Many poor people were following Him. The little girls and boys had on clothes that were old and worn. Some had on ragged clothes, but most of the children's clothes were clean and mended, for their mothers loved them and did all they could to keep the children well dressed. Poor fathers, who had no place to work and earn money, also stood around Jesus listening to Him teach.

There were also some rich men who did not have to work, listening to Jesus. They felt proud that they were not like the others.

Jesus looked kindly toward the poor and said to them, "Blessed be ye poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that are hungry now: for ye shall be filled . . . Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company [not be your friend], and shall reproach [make fun of] you, . . . rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven:" The poor smiled when Jesus said these words.

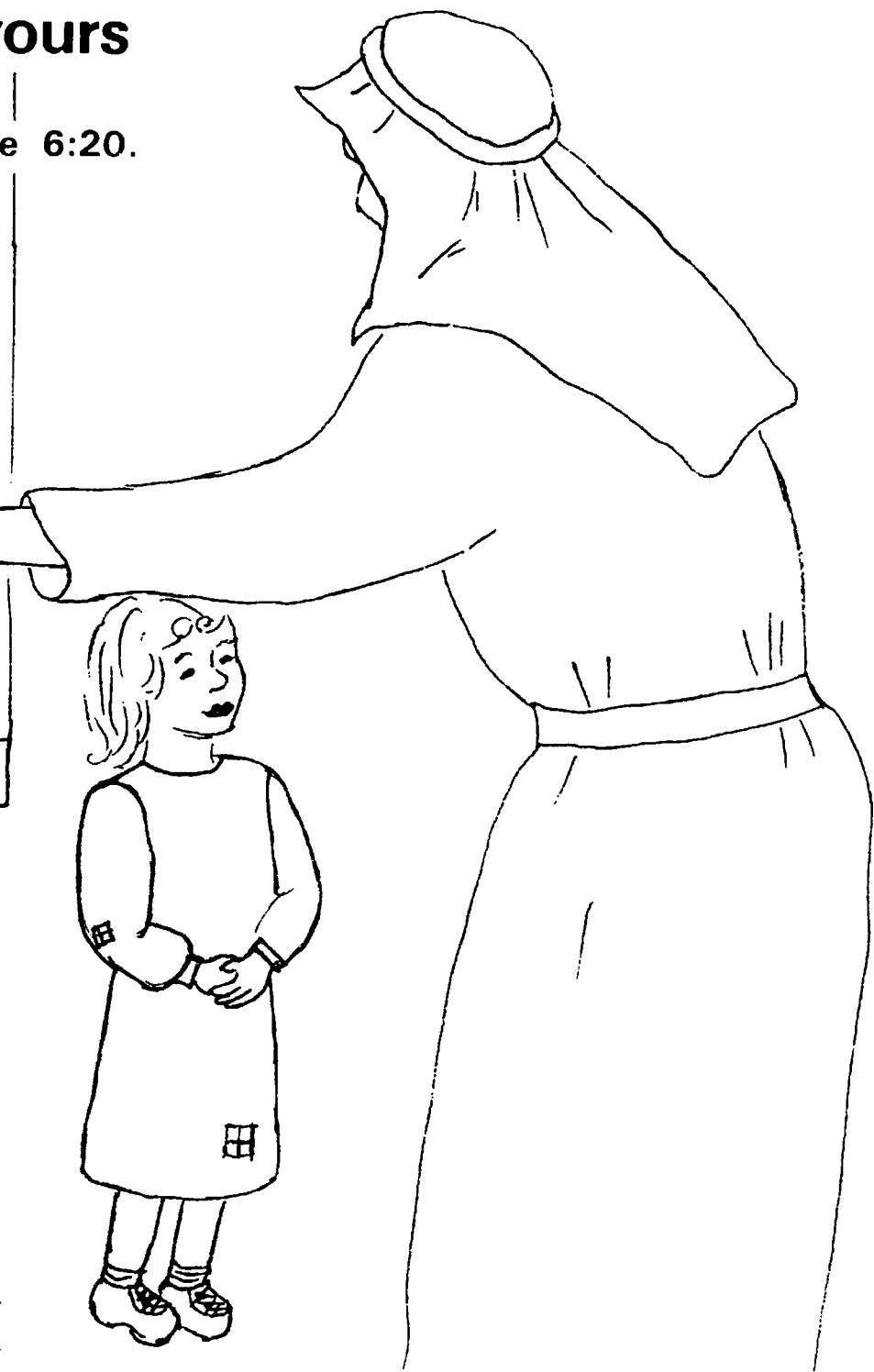
Then Jesus said, "Woe unto you rich, . . . for it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle [under a low fence] than for a rich man to enter into heaven." Everyone looked toward the rich men and felt sorry for them. Some of the rich men looked sorrowful too, but some of them were angry at Jesus for what He had said. Jesus explained to them that most rich men are proud and trust their money to get them whatever they want. But Heaven cannot be bought with money. If a rich man will trust God and not His money, then it will be possible for the rich people to also go into heaven.

**“ . . . Blessed be ye poor: for
is the kingdom of God.”**



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e 6:20.



Matthew Watches Jesus

This is a story about how Matthew watched Jesus before he became a disciple of Jesus.

After Jesus finished preaching the Sermon on the Mount, crowds of people still followed Him, astonished at His words and amazed at the miracles He did. Matthew's younger brother, James, was already a disciple of Jesus.

Matthew saw a leper come to Jesus for healing. Jesus just touched the leper and his skin was not decayed and smelly anymore. Matthew was amazed to see the man really healed by Jesus' touch!

Then a CENTURION came and asked Jesus to heal his faithful servant who was sick. Jesus was going to go to the centurion's house but the centurion believed if Jesus only said the word, his sick servant would be healed. Jesus blessed the centurion for his faith then the servant was healed.

That evening, Jesus and all these many people went to Peter's little humble shack by the Sea of Galilee. Not all those many people could get inside Peter's little house and, besides, Peter's mother-in-law was very sick. Jesus was kind and patient about it all. He touched Peter's mother-in-law and made her well. Then Jesus sat down outside Peter's door and healed people all evening.

Jesus probably saw Matthew sitting nearby watching everything He did. Jesus knew it was unusual for a rich tax collector like Matthew to come to a humble shack like Peter's. Most tax collectors were too proud to come to a humble shack door, unless they came to collect annual property tax.

Each time Jesus came to Matthew's town, Matthew went to listen to Jesus.

There were also some scribes near Matthew who did not like Jesus. They were trying to find something wrong in everything Jesus did. Matthew could hear them whispering among themselves. That is when a man sick with palsy was put down through the roof of Peter's house. Jesus was pleased in the sick man's faith and in that of his friends.

"Thy sins be forgiven thee," Jesus said to the sick man.

Oh, then the scribes by Matthew really did whisper together! "He can't forgive people's sins," they whispered, "only God can do that!"

"Why are you thinking evil?" Jesus asked those naughty scribes. "I can forgive sins just as easy as I can heal sick bodies."

Matthew began to think, "If Jesus can forgive sins, maybe He will forgive mine. Maybe Jesus will be my friend and make me contented and happy. I wish I could quit my job as tax collector and be a friend of Jesus."

Later, Matthew's wish did come true.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

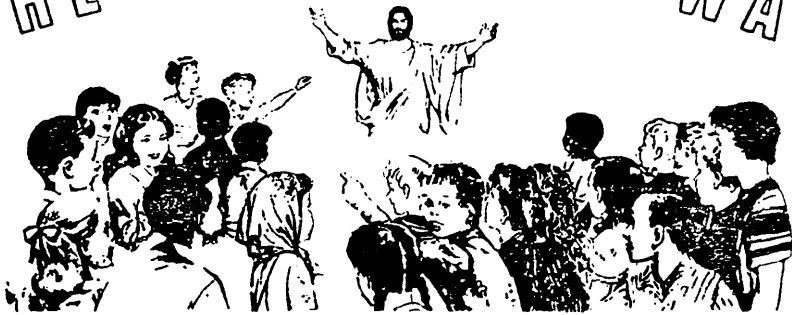
***** Questions:

1. What was Jesus doing?
2. Who was listening to Jesus?
3. What did Jesus say about the poor?
4. What did He say about those who are hungry?
5. How should we act if someone will not be our friend?
6. How should we act if others make fun of us?
7. Why did the people feel sorry for the rich men?
8. Why did Jesus say that very few rich men went to heaven?
9. How is it possible for rich men to go to heaven?

Answers: 1. Sitting on a hill teaching the people. 2. Many poor people and a few rich men. 3. He said the poor were blessed of God. 4. The hungry will be filled. 5. We should be happy anyway. 6. We should also be happy even if people make fun of us. 7. Because Jesus said it was easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle than for a rich man to go to heaven. 8. Rich men trust their money to buy everything they want. Heaven can't be bought with money. 9. The rich man can go to heaven if he will trust in God and not his riches.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:3, Luke 6:20-25; 14:12-14; 18:18-27.

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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT LOVE

One day many people followed after Jesus. There were so many people that He went up onto a hill and sat there so he could teach them better. The people listened carefully as He taught them strange new lessons. One lesson He taught was about LOVE.

He said that God loves everyone, the bad people and the good ones. The sun shines upon both, and He gives rain to both. You are God's little children and God wants you to love everyone just as He does. If people are good to you, show love to them by being good to them. If people are mean to you, show love to them also by being good to them. Love both your friends and your enemies.

God wants you to show others that you love them by doing good things for them. He wants you to show that you love Him by doing whatever He tells you to do in His Word. Everyone shows love by what he does.

"Today I am giving you a new commandment," Jesus said. "It is, love one another; as I have loved you. I love you enough to give myself for you. You, too, must give yourself for others. This is a new commandment, but it is not the very greatest one."

The very greatest commandment that God gave 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:" Mark 12:30. The second to the greatest reads, "Love thy neighbour as thyself."

When evening came and Jesus was through teaching, the people went home to tell their families and neighbours about the wonderful new lessons they had learned. They knew now that love was the most important thing to have in their hearts.

“ . . . Love your enemies, do



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to them which hate you.”

Luke 6:27.



Matthew Changes Jobs

This is a story about how Matthew became a disciple of Jesus.

Matthew had been at Peter's house by the Sea of Galilee. Matthew had seen Jesus heal the sick people who came to Him and then Matthew had heard Jesus forgive one man of his sins. Jesus had healed that sick man and said he could forgive sins just as easy. Matthew was amazed! He did not fuss and argue as the scribes and try to find fault with Jesus but Matthew liked Jesus.

Matthew had to go back to his outside office and take taxes again from the people, but while he worked, he thought about Jesus.

"I wonder," Matthew thought to himself, "I wonder if Jesus could forgive my sins and let me be his friend. I am so tired of collecting taxes. I am so tired of paying King Caesar. No one likes me because of this job and I am so lonesome. I wonder," thought Matthew, "I wonder if Jesus would take me for his friend."

Soon Jesus came again to Capernaum. Jesus may have traveled the Damascus-Acre road where Matthew worked taking money from those who traveled there.

Jesus knew Matthew's heart. Jesus already knew that Matthew was lonesome and wanted to be His friend. Jesus looked over at Matthew who was quietly counting out money while two big Roman soldiers stood looking on. Matthew looked up and saw Jesus standing nearby. Then Jesus spoke, "Follow me."

Matthew did not wait, pause or hesitate, but laid aside the money and all his tax records and went with Jesus. Some other tax collector had to come and finish out Matthew's job. Matthew was now a friend and disciple of Jesus!

Matthew now had a bigger, better job to do than collect tax money. Jesus knew that Matthew had gone to school and was well educated. Matthew could speak and write at least four languages: Aramaic, Hebrew, Greek and Latin. Matthew knew the Old Testament very

well. As he listened to Jesus talk, Matthew knew just where Jesus was quoting from the Old Testament.

Matthew believed in his heart that Jesus was the Messiah who the Old Testament writers had written about. Matthew listened to Jesus, ate meals with Jesus, slept with Jesus, worked with Jesus, and loved Jesus.

After Jesus went back up to Heaven to be with God the Father, then Matthew got out a pen and scroll of parchment and wrote what he had seen Jesus do. Matthew wrote what he had heard Jesus say. Matthew had learned as a tax collector how to write good notes so now he wrote good notes about Jesus.

Matthew probably wrote all these things in the Hebrew language. Today the Bible book of Matthew is one of the most widely translated and read books of all books. Everyone should read the book of Matthew and almost everyone in the world has read at least some small part of it.

Matthew was a very fruitful disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ!

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

***** Questions:

1. Where did Jesus sit to teach the people?
2. Did Jesus teach a few or many people?
3. What was the lesson about?
4. How do children show love?
5. Does God love everyone?
6. Who are we to love?
7. What was Jesus' new commandment?
8. What is the greatest commandment?
9. What is the second to the greatest commandment?

Answers: 1. On a hill. 2. Many people. 3. LOVE. 4. By what they do. 5. Yes. 6. Everyone. 7. "I love one another as I have loved you." 8. "I love the Lord my God with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength." 9. "I love thy neighbour as thyself."

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:43-48; 22:37-40. Luke 6:27-35. John 13:34-35; 14:15-26.

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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT CRITICISM

Have you ever called someone a cry-baby, a tattletale, or a meany? Many times children, and adults also, say or think ugly things about others. Jesus told us not to do that. He said that we should first think about our own ways that aren't always perfect. Hasn't everyone told on others who were disobeying? But you didn't think you were a tattletale, neither should we think others are tattletales. Whenever you feel like calling someone a tattletale stop and think about the time you told on someone.

Be careful not to accuse others for Jesus said that if we accuse others of wrong, that others will accuse us. But if we will be understanding with others, then others will be understanding with us. People, who talk about other people having terrible actions, sometimes have worse actions. Jesus told about a man who wanted to get a little speck out of his brother's eye. He could not get it out because a large stick was in his own eye! Many children like to tell how other children should be better, but they are doing even worse things themselves. It is very hard to help others to be better than we are. If someone tries to make someone else good while he is bad, it is like one blind man leading another. They will probably both fall into the ditch!

Everyone is known by their actions. A good child has good actions, an evil child has bad actions. Christians should not gossip or criticize. Instead of criticizing we need to be understanding, kind and loving. Then everyone will know we are Christians. Remember, you can't remove a speck out of another's eye if a beam in your eye is making it hard for you to see clearly.

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and ye shall not be
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Luke 6:

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Jesus and Matthew are Friends

This is a story about how Matthew, the disciple, fixed a big dinner for Jesus.

Matthew was so pleased and happy when Jesus said unto him, "Follow me"! Matthew did not wait or pause one minute but went straight to Jesus as soon as Jesus called him.

"Master," Matthew may have said, "I am not worthy to be your friend! You are so kind and good and righteous! I am but a sad, lonely tax collector! Please, Master, may I feed you at my house? I want you to know how much I want to be your friend! Please, dear Master, come eat at my house."

Jesus must have said, "Yes, I will come," because we read in Mark's story how Jesus was eating at Matthew's house when those sassy scribes came to cause trouble.

"Look at Jesus," those scribes said, "He is eating with a bunch of tax collectors! We don't like those tax collectors who are friends of King Caesar. Why those tax collectors take money from us and give it to the King and we don't like them at all. Now, look, Jesus is *eating* dinner in the house of a tax collector!"

Those scribes were really talking bad about Jesus being a friend of Matthew's. They did not like Matthew and they didn't want Jesus to like him either. But Matthew had been kind and loving to Jesus. Matthew understood what Jesus said and Matthew believed Jesus was the Son of God.

So when the naughty scribes kept talking bad about Matthew, Jesus calmly told them to be still. Jesus told those scribes that he liked Matthew and that He came to save Matthew from his sins. Because Matthew was Jesus' friend, Jesus was Matthew's friend. Jesus did not quit loving Matthew just because those bad scribes talked naughty about Matthew. Jesus and Matthew were good friends forever.

In the *Evening Light Songs* book, number 103, it says: "There is not a

friend like Jesus. Patient, tender, kind and true; If you'll be a friend of Jesus, He will be a friend to you."

Yes, this is very true. If you will be a friend of Jesus, he will be a friend to you. Matthew found this to be true and you will also, dear children. Be a friend of Jesus today, tomorrow, and for the rest of your life.

As soon as you hear Jesus say to you, "Follow me", do not wait, pause, or hesitate but right away follow Jesus. Obey His voice when He talks to your heart.

When you are a friend to Jesus and let Him live in your heart, He will be your friend. No matter what other people may say to you, as long as you obey and love Jesus, He will never leave you.

Jesus stayed Matthew's friend and Jesus will stay your friend also!

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. Is Jesus pleased when we think ugly thoughts about others?
2. If we accuse others, will we be accused?
3. Why couldn't the man get the speck out of his brother's eye?
4. A bad person trying to make someone else good is likened to what?
5. How will a good child act?
6. How will an evil child act?
7. Should a Christian gossip or criticize?
8. How will others know that we are Christians?

(Answers: 1. NO. 2. Yes. 3. He had a large stick in his own eye so he could not see very well. 4. A blind man leading another blind man. 5. He will act good. 6. An evil child will act bad. 7. No. 8. People will know we are Christians if we are understanding, kind, and loving.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:7; 7:1,2, Luke 6:36-45, John 7:24.

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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT HIS CARE FOR US

Many people followed Jesus as He went around teaching and healing the sick. Most of the people who followed Him were poor. Sometimes they felt that no one cared for them. One day Jesus said, "I and my Father in heaven care for everyone of you."

How happy this made them feel. The children laughed, the tired mothers smiled and the fathers lifted their sad heads as if a great load had dropped from their backs.

You need not fear about what you shall eat or what you shall wear. For God knows you have need of all these things. Look at the blackbirds. They don't work hard or worry about having enough food. God takes care of them. The little sparrow is worth almost nothing but not one of them dies without God knowing it. You are worth much more than a bird and if God takes care of the birds, He will surely take care of you. Even King Solomon didn't have clothing as beautiful as the flowers. God dresses the flowers and they only last a few days. Won't He also dress you?

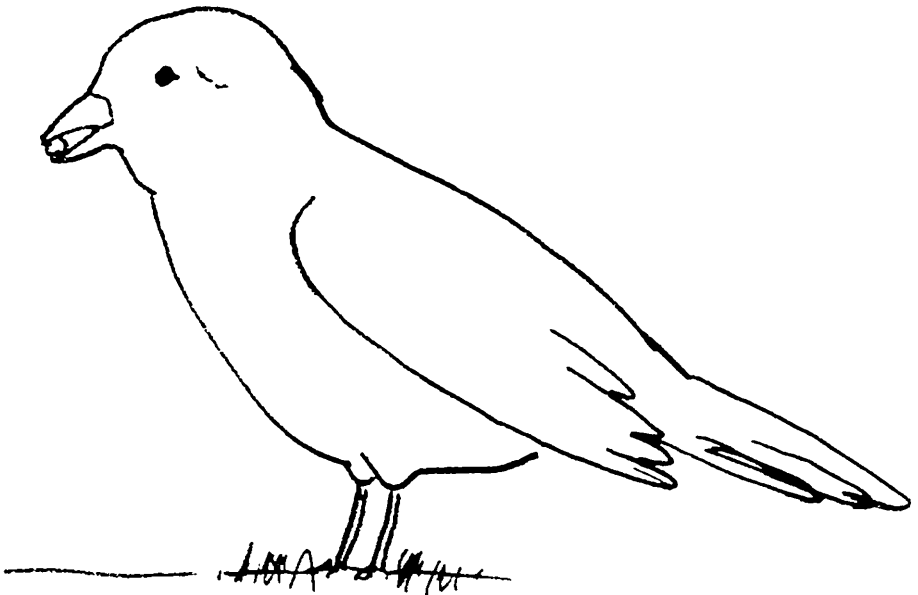
The people had never heard such good news. They excitedly repeated what they heard, but Jesus was still teaching so they got quiet and listened again. He said that you must first seek the kingdom of God; and all the things you need shall be added unto you. Neither should you be afraid of people. People can only hurt your body, but they can't hurt your soul. You should fear God for He can destroy your body and your soul, and yet He loves you so much that He even knows how many hairs are growing on your head.

What great care God has for people all over the world! He cares so much that He wants us to live right and go to heaven.



**' . . . ye are of more value
than many sparrows.'**

Matthew 10:31.



A Protecting Hand

Mrs. Goodyer looked at the clock for the twentieth time that evening.

"Eleven-thirty, and such a stormy night, too! Where can the boy be? I do hope he is not in trouble. He is getting so difficult and rebellious."

Once more she knelt beside the kitchen table, and with her hands clasped on her Bible she prayed that God would protect her dear Tom, bring him home safely, and turn his heart to the Lord.

At last, well past midnight, there were sounds in the yard. Evidently Tom had returned and was putting his bicycle away.

A few minutes later Tom entered, looking very pale and weary.

"Hello, Mother," he said. "Still up? I think I'll go straight to bed. I'm a bit tired tonight."

"You're very late," said Mother. "Has anything happened?"

"I'll tell you all about it in the morning," he said, and with that he went upstairs to bed.

Mother, rather worried and anxious, followed.

"Tom," she said, "what has happened?"

"Well," said Tom, "Will and I had a strange experience about an hour ago. We were cycling home through the storm, when we felt ourselves moving rapidly downhill. It was very dark and we had no light to see where we were going. Suddenly I felt a hand on my shoulder, pulling me back. I thought it must be Will, and called to him. He called back to me that he had just felt a hand on his shoulder, and thought it was mine. So we both stopped and got off our bikes. We wondered what it all meant. Will said, 'I think I will walk to the bottom of the hill.' I agreed. When we got to the bottom of the hill we found a pile of stones right across the road. If we had run into it, we both would certainly have been killed."

"Thank God," murmured Mother, stroking Tom's hair. "I am so thankful that He cared for you."

"But, Mother, how could God have had anything to do with it?"

"Tom, when was it you said you felt that hand on your shoulder?"

"About an hour ago. I suppose it must have been about eleven-thirty."

"I was praying for you then," said Mother. "That's why I am sure God had something to do with it. He sent His angel to protect you tonight, Tom."

"Do you think so?" asked Tom.

"I'm sure He did," said Mother, "because He wants you to give your life to Him. I hope you will someday."

And so saying, Mother kissed him goodnight and tiptoed out of the room.

When she had gone, Tom lay thinking for a little while. Somehow he still felt that hand on his shoulder. Was Mother right after all? If so, he was a most unthankful boy! At least, should he not say "Thank you" to God for looking after him? He thought he should. He got out of bed and knelt in prayer.

Mother, listening, heard the movement, guessed what it meant, and rejoiced with exceeding joy. From that night on Tom was a different boy.

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***** Questions:

1. Were most of the people who followed Jesus poor?
2. How did these poor people feel?
3. What did Jesus say that made them happy?
4. What is clothed more beautifully than was King Solomon?
5. Who takes care of the birds?
6. Who will take care of us?
7. What does Jesus want us to seek?
8. Should we also trust Jesus to protect us from other people?
9. Does anyone know how many hairs are growing on his head?

Answers: 1. Yes. 2. They felt that no one cared for them. 3. Jesus said that He and God cared for them. 4. The flowers. 5. God. 6. God. 7. Jesus wants us to seek the kingdom of heaven. 8. Yes. 9. No, but God knows.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 6:25-34; 10:28-31, Luke 12:1-31.

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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT WITNESSING

Every day Jesus taught His followers about God's way. He taught them to share what they know about God. He said that Christians are like candles, they give light so others can see their way. People who walk in the dark without a light will often stumble and hurt themselves. People who live in spiritual darkness make wrong choices and get into sin. Many times they get hurt and suffer because of their sinful actions. As the Christian shares with others what he knows about a better way of living, he is giving them light. It's like shining a light on their path so they can see what way to go or what choices to make. The Christian who does not share is as foolish as a person who lights a lamp and puts it under a box.

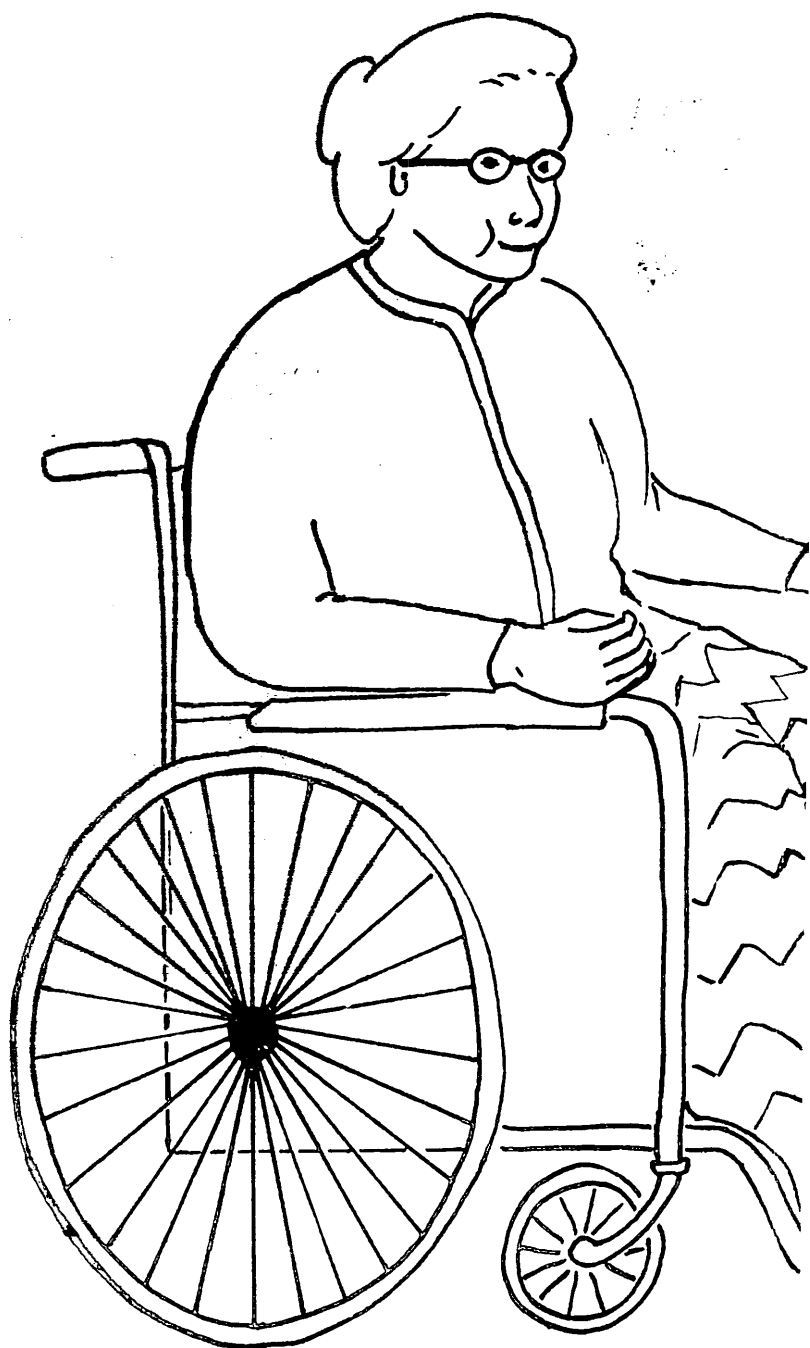
Jesus said that Christians are also like a city that is on a hill. His light can be easily seen just as a city upon a hill can be easily seen. When a traveler is lost he can easily find his way when he sees the city high on a hill in the distance.

Jesus said if we tell others about Him, He would tell God about our needs and ask God to bless us. If we will not tell others about Jesus, He will not talk to God about us.

Just before Jesus went back to heaven, He said to His disciples, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, . . ." Matt. 28:19. Jesus wants all of His children to tell others about God. If we are His children it is our job to tell all nations about Him.

Jesus promised in His Word, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20.

How important it is that each of us share Jesus! If we tell others about Him, He will be with us and help us.



"Go ye . . . and teach a



nations, . . . " Matthew 28:19.

Witnessing For Jesus

"These are the best chips I've ever tasted!" Debbie exclaimed as she put another chip into her mouth.

"Have you tried the ones in the green bowl?" Mother asked.

"Yes, but they aren't very good!"

"Do you know what makes them taste so different?" Mother asked.

"No," Debbie answered.

"The chips you like have salt sprinkled on them. The others do not," Mother explained. "Debbie, do you know that Jesus said Christians are just like salt in the world?"

"How are we like salt?"

"Salt makes the food taste better, just like a Christian makes the neighborhood where He lives a better place in which to live. Every Christian helps make his family, his school, his church, and his friends a little better."

"I'm a Christian," Debbie said, "but I don't think my school is better because I go to it."

"Yes, it is better. The Spirit of God is in your heart and it shines through you. It shines when you smile. It shines when you help someone that is hurt. It shines when you bow your head and give thanks for your lunch. It shines those times you do not get angry when others do things that hurt you. Other children and adults see your actions and some of them will be challenged to do better also. Do you see how you make your school better?" Mother asked.

"Yes, and I see why Christians make the world better just as salt makes food taste better. And now I also see how Christians are like a light, and a lighted city on a hill. Almost everything we do is seen by someone and by seeing our good actions they see the light of Jesus shining."

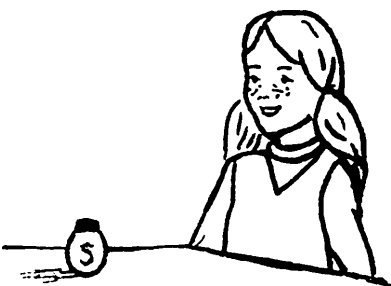
"That is a good thought! I'm happy you understand Jesus' teaching."

"But I wish I could be better," Debbie sighed. "Miss Tanner is reading us a story about a little girl whose parents were missionaries in China. She had to go live in England away from them. In

England she visited several neighbors and talked to them about Jesus. I wish I was brave like her and could share Jesus with our neighbors."

"We will pray for God to give you more courage to share Jesus with others. He will help you," Mother said smiling. "But don't forget you are also sharing Jesus with others by your Christ-like actions."

—Sis. Charlotte



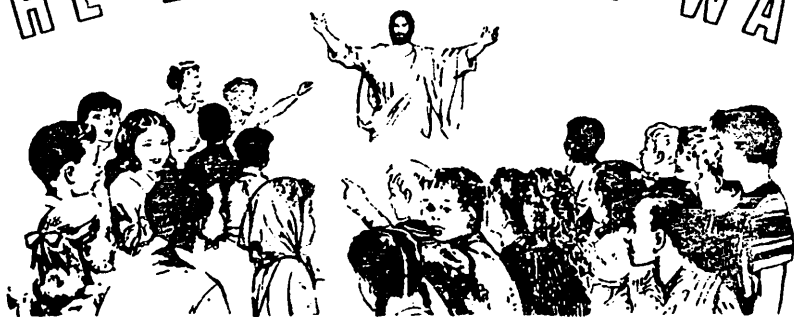
Questions:

1. In this lesson what is Jesus teaching about?
2. What did Jesus say Christians were like?
3. Why do people need light?
4. Why do people need spiritual light?
5. How foolish is a Christian who will not share Jesus?
6. What will Jesus do for those who tell others about Him?
7. What will happen to those who will not tell others about Jesus?
8. What did Jesus say just as He went back to Heaven?
9. What did Jesus promise those who teach all nations about Him?

(Answers: 1. Sharing Him with others. 2. Candlers. 3. So they will not stumble and get hurt. 4. So they won't get hurt by doing sinful things. 5. He is as foolish as a person who lights a lamp and covers it with something dark. 6. He will tell God about them. 7. Jesus will not tell God about them. 8. "Go teach all nations." 9. He promised to always be with them.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:13-16; 9:37-38; 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-18, Luke 24:46-48.

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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT ADULTERY

It was early in the morning. Jesus had just begun teaching in the temple when several angry men came rushing in. Some were dragging with them an adulterous woman. She was untrue to her husband. The angry men forced their way through the crowd and flung the woman down in front of Jesus. "Master," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the sin of adultery. Now, Moses' law says that she should be stoned! But what sayest thou, [should be done unto her]?"

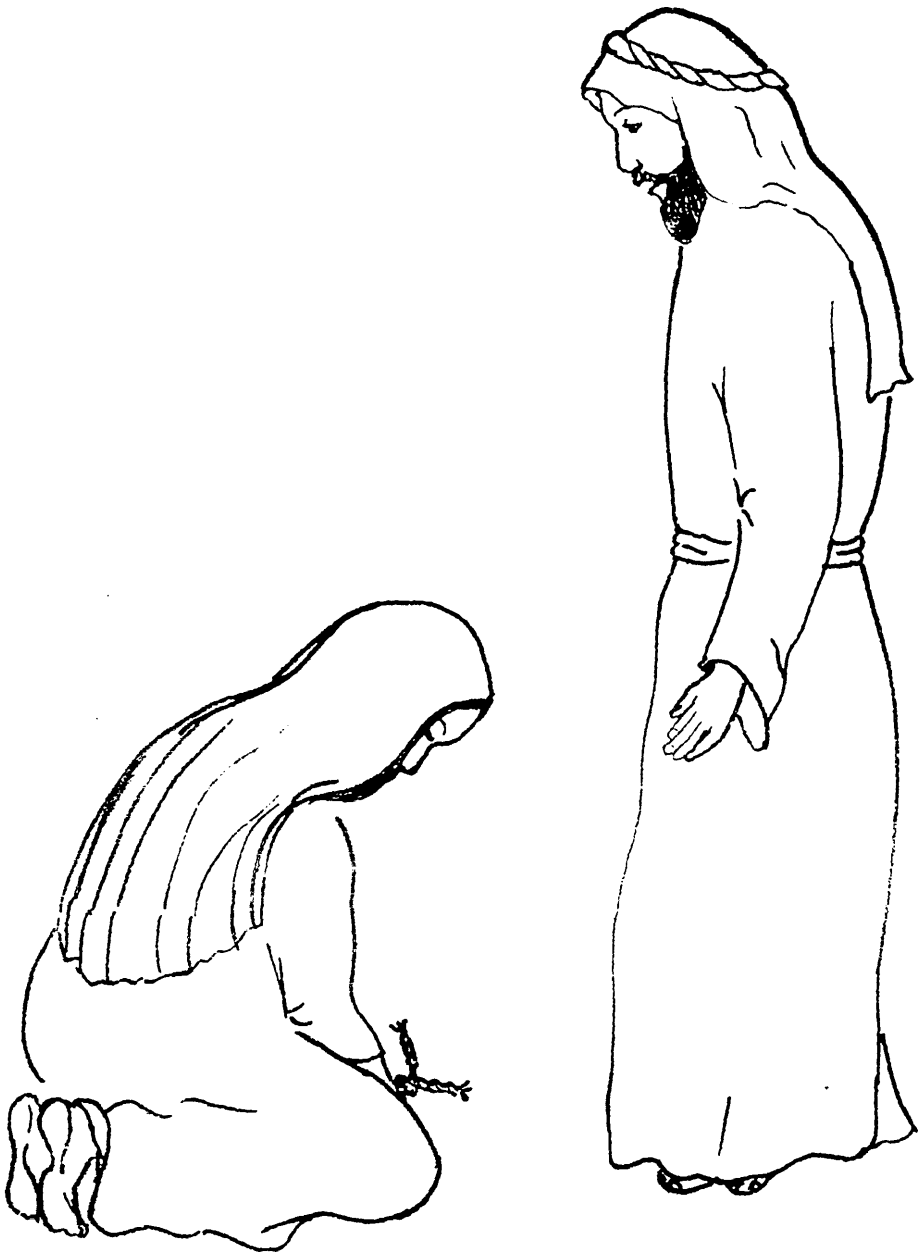
Jesus said nothing. Instead he bent down and began writing on the ground. The angry men watched Jesus as He wrote. Angrily they demanded an answer. "What shall we do to her?" they asked.

Finally Jesus stood up and said to them, "Whoever is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." Then He bent down again and continued writing.

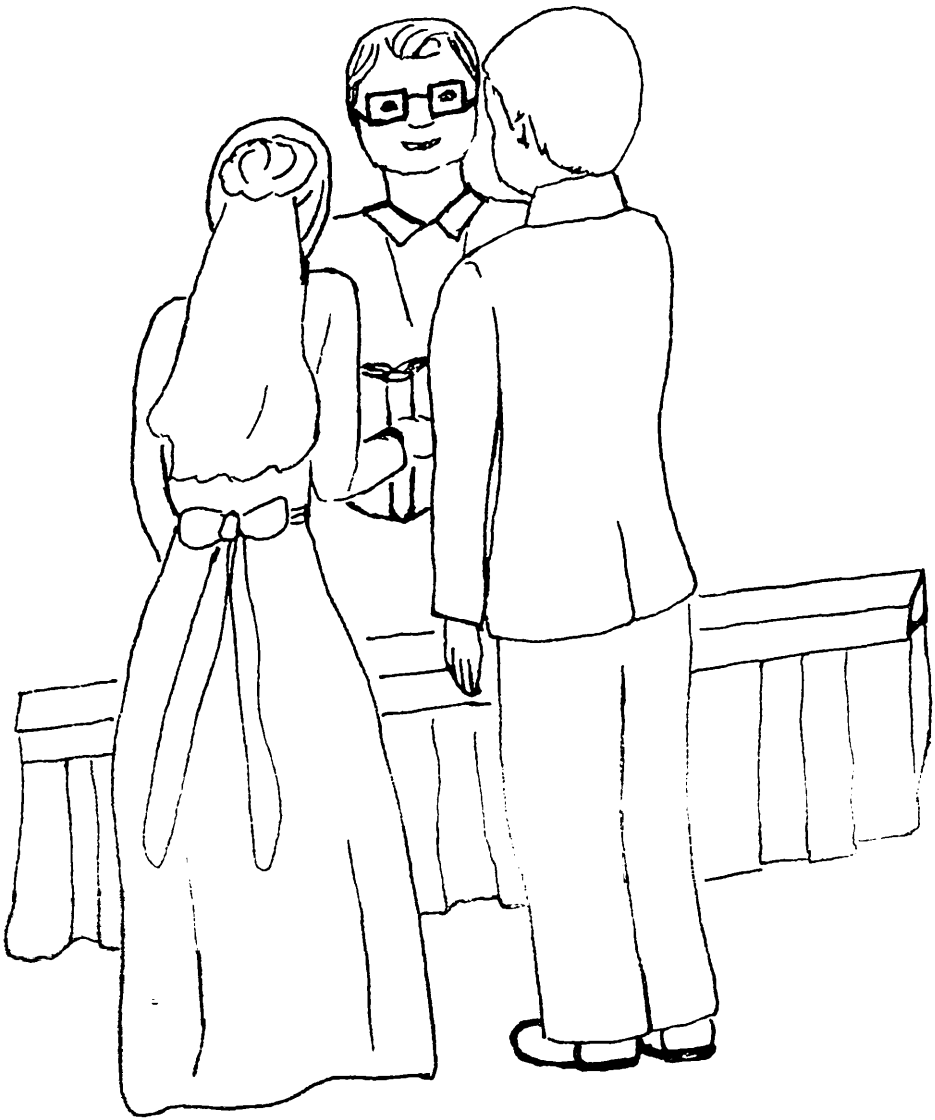
The oldest man felt badly because he too was doing sinful things. He quietly left the room. Another man felt the same way and slipped out also. Each of the angry men knew they too were sinning so one by one they all left, leaving the woman alone.

Jesus stood up again and saw that they were gone. He knew the woman was ashamed and sorry because of her sinful actions, so He forgave her and said, "Go, and sin NO more."

Another time some men asked Jesus about adultery and He said, "Whosoever shall put away [divorce] his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."



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Matthew 5:32.

Faithful to the Job

Sherry was sitting on her front porch step and she was crying when the mailman came by to deliver the mail.

"Why are you crying, little girl?" he asked.

"Because my brother and sister won't play with me," said Sherry.

"Why is that?" he asked.

"We were playing 'Dairy Queen'," said Sherry, "and they wanted me to wash the dishes and sweep the floor and I didn't want to!"

"Oh, I see," replied the mailman. "What did you want to do instead?"

"I wanted to make the ice cream cones and take the money," said Sherry. "That is much more fun than washing the dishes and sweeping the floor!"

"Oh," said the thoughtful mailman. "Maybe your brother and sister got tired of washing dishes and sweeping floors also!"

"Well, I don't care!" exclaimed Sherry.

"Yes, you do care," said the mailman, "or you wouldn't be crying. Sometimes it is wise to help each other with the less fun work, so the most fun work will go better. I wouldn't mind taking turns with my job, but I have also learned that with every job, there comes bad times and good times."

"Take turns with the man who gets to sell stamps in the post office," said Sherry, as she wiped the last tear from her cheek.

"That seems like a good idea, doesn't it?" said the mailman. "But tell me if you think it would work. What if no one wanted to deliver mail when it is raining? It isn't much fun then. When the snow and ice is on the ground and nearly everybody is staying in where it is cozy, who wants to go out in the cold and deliver mail all day? Do you think I should let someone else do it then?"

"Well," said Sherry, "then you wouldn't get cold."

"But then there are times when that man inside the post office has problems with the machinery, problems with customers, and then HE wishes he was out delivering mail, especially on days like

today when the sun is shining so warm and soft and little birds are singing sweetly and the air smells good and fresh. Should I let someone else deliver the mail today while I worry over some machinery inside a boxed in building?"

"These are the most fun days to deliver mail, aren't they?" said Sherry.

"Yes, they are and it makes up for all the not-so-fun times," said the mailman. "Now I had better be on my way! Learn to be fair in taking turns and be faithful at each job! See you tomorrow, little girl!"

As the mailman waved goodbye to Sherry, she went to look for her brother and sister who were still playing "Dairy Queen."

"It's my turn to wash the dishes," Sherry said to them, "and then I will sweep the floor." —Connie Sorrell

***** Questions:

1. Where was Jesus teaching?
2. Who came to see Jesus?
3. What did they ask Jesus?
4. Who did Jesus say should throw the first stone?
5. Why did the men leave the temple?
6. What did Jesus say to the adulterous woman?
7. Did other men ask Jesus about adultery?
8. How did Jesus answer them?
9. What did Jesus say about a person if they divorce their husband or wife and marry another?

(Answers: 1. In the temple. 2. Some angry men bringing an adulterous woman. 3. Shall we stone her for punishment? 4. Jesus said, "Whoever has no sin, throw the first stone." 5. Each of them was committing sin. 6. "Go and sin no more." 7. Yes. 8. Jesus said, "Whoever divorces a husband or wife and marries another person is committing adultery." 9. Jesus said they are committing adultery.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:27-32; 19:4-9, Mark 10:11-12, Luke 16:16-18.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT MURDER

Jesus taught a lesson about murder. He said to the people, "You have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill: and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5:21, 22.

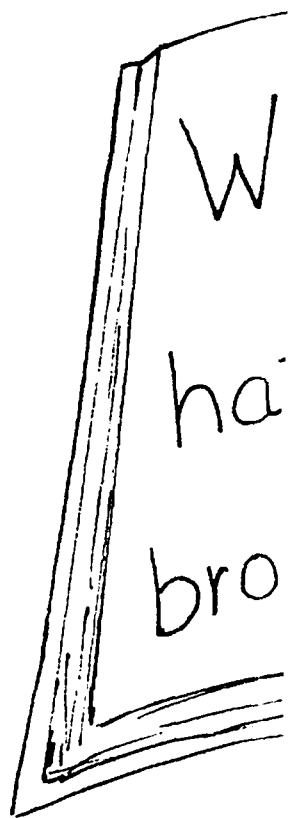
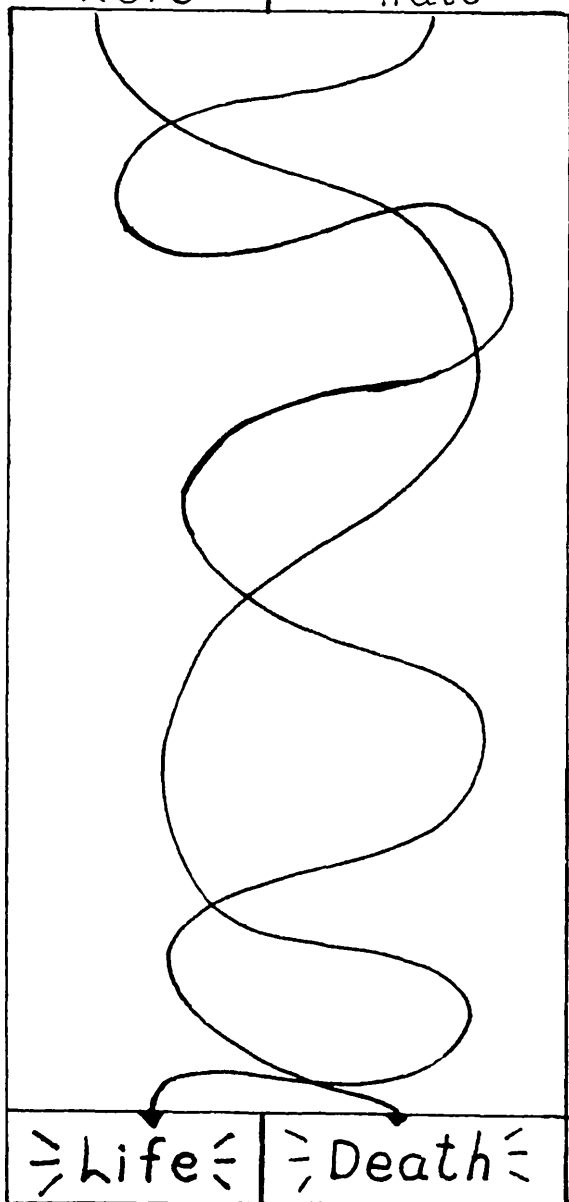
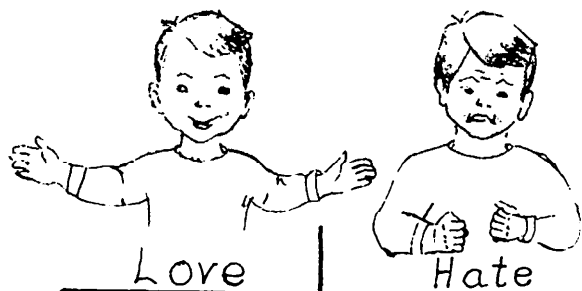
Jesus knew that people usually murder because they are angry. People will do things to us that make us angry, but Jesus will give us power to forgive them and to not stay angry. If we get angry at someone, we must ask Jesus to help us forget all about it. Sometimes doing something nice for the person that you are angry with is the easiest way to get over being angry.

Jesus also told the people that the devil was a murderer from the beginning and is the spiritual father of murderers. We don't want the devil to be our spiritual father, do we? Then let's not stay angry at anyone. If anyone stays angry at someone, that anger may someday explode into violent actions. Violent actions are rough, dangerous actions that may hurt or kill someone.

Jesus does not want us to hate others. He wrote in His Book, the Holy Bible, "He that hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

Sometimes people get angry and say, "I hate you!" Do you think Jesus said, "I hate you," to those men who beat Him and spit upon Him? Do you think He said, "I hate you," to those who nailed Him to the cross? Jesus never said, "I hate you," neither should we.

Remember the law says, "Thou shalt not kill." Jesus says, "Be not angry with thy brother."



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1 John 3:15

The Poor Bluejay

"No! No!" June cried, and then she saw the bird fall. "Mother, Mother," she called as she ran into the kitchen. "Jeremy just killed that pretty Bluejay that lived in the maple tree. He shouldn't kill the birds! I hate Jeremy cause he kills the birds," she cried.

Mother followed June outside. "Why did you kill the pretty bird?" she asked.

"Cause I don't like him!" Jeremy said. "He chases the other birds away from the bird feeder and won't let them eat. I don't like him, he's a mean bird."

"I don't like you either," June said to Jeremy. "You're mean, too, and God don't like you either cause He says not to kill and you killed. I hate you," she said. Then turning she ran inside the house.

"Killing that old mean bird doesn't make God dislike me, does it, Mom?" Jeremy asked as he looked first at the bird and then at Mother's face.

"No, Jeremy, God's love is strong. It is not so easily broken. But God isn't pleased when we kill and hurt animals, unless there is a real good reason for them not to live. I think God understands your reason, but next time let's try another way to solve the problem."

"I am sorry I killed it," Jeremy said, as he looked at the bird he held in his hand. "He is pretty, and I'm sure he wanted to live as much as I do. I guess I should at least bury him, maybe that will make June feel better."

"Yes, that would be nice. But I must talk to June about saying that she hated you. Do you know what the Bible says about hating your brother?"

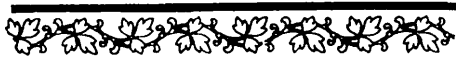
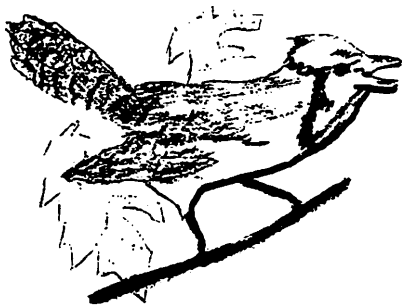
"I sure do," Jeremy exclaimed. "It says, 'He that hateth his brother is a murderer, and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.' That was our memory verse for Sunday school last week."

"That's right! June doesn't really hate you, though, you know that. She was just angry, but I must help her to understand that murder begins with anger and she must not be angry with you,"

Mother said. "Say, Jeremy, would you have killed that bird if you had not been angry at it?"

"Really, I guess I wouldn't have."

—Sis. Charlotte



Questions:

1. What did the people of old say about killing?
2. What did Jesus say about anger?
3. Why do people usually murder?
4. Has anyone made you angry?
5. What must we do when others make us angry?
6. Who is a murderer from the very beginning?
7. Who is the spiritual father of all murderers?
8. What does the Bible say about hating a brother?
9. Are people being Christlike when they say, "I hate you!"?

(Answers: 1. "Thou shalt not kill." 2. "Whoever is angry with his brother without a cause is in danger of the judgment." 3. Because they are angry. 4. Yes. 5. We must forgive them. 6. The Devil. 7. The Devil. 8. "Whoever hateth his brother is a murderer." 9. No.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 5:21, 22; John 8:33-44, 1 John 3:5.

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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT ENDURANCE

Jesus said that every person who wants to be His disciple will be treated badly by wicked people. Christians are like sheep among wolves. The sheep are sweet and gentle and do nothing to hurt the wolves, but the wolf loves to grab the sheep in his strong teeth and tear it to pieces. He doesn't care how much he hurts the sheep.

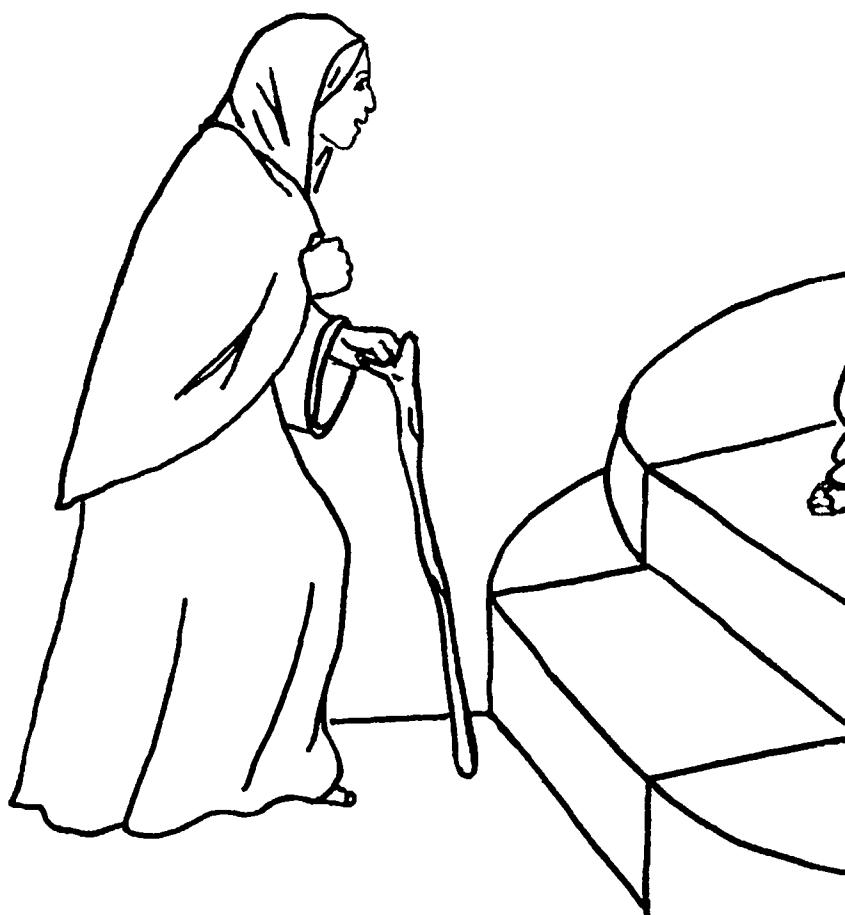
Around each child of God there are people who do not care how badly they hurt the Christian. They are ready to make fun of the Christian. They are ready to say ugly things about our Savior Jesus Christ, and make us feel like fools for believing in Him. Sometimes Christians are beaten and even killed. Each one must be strong and not let the actions of these cruel people make them discouraged. The devil makes them act like mean wolves, barking and howling and jumping at you. He wants to use them to tear you apart. Jesus will help you and protect you. He says that we must endure things like these, but that He will punish those who hurt us.

Jesus once told a story to help us remember that He will hear our prayers about those who hurt us. He said there was a widow who tried to get a judge to protect her against someone who hurt her, but he did not want to help her. "Go away," he said, but she came again and again. Finally he said, "I will help you because I am tired of your coming."

Jesus said, "Hear what the unjust judge saith? And shall not God avenge [help] his own elect [children], which cry day and night, . . . I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."

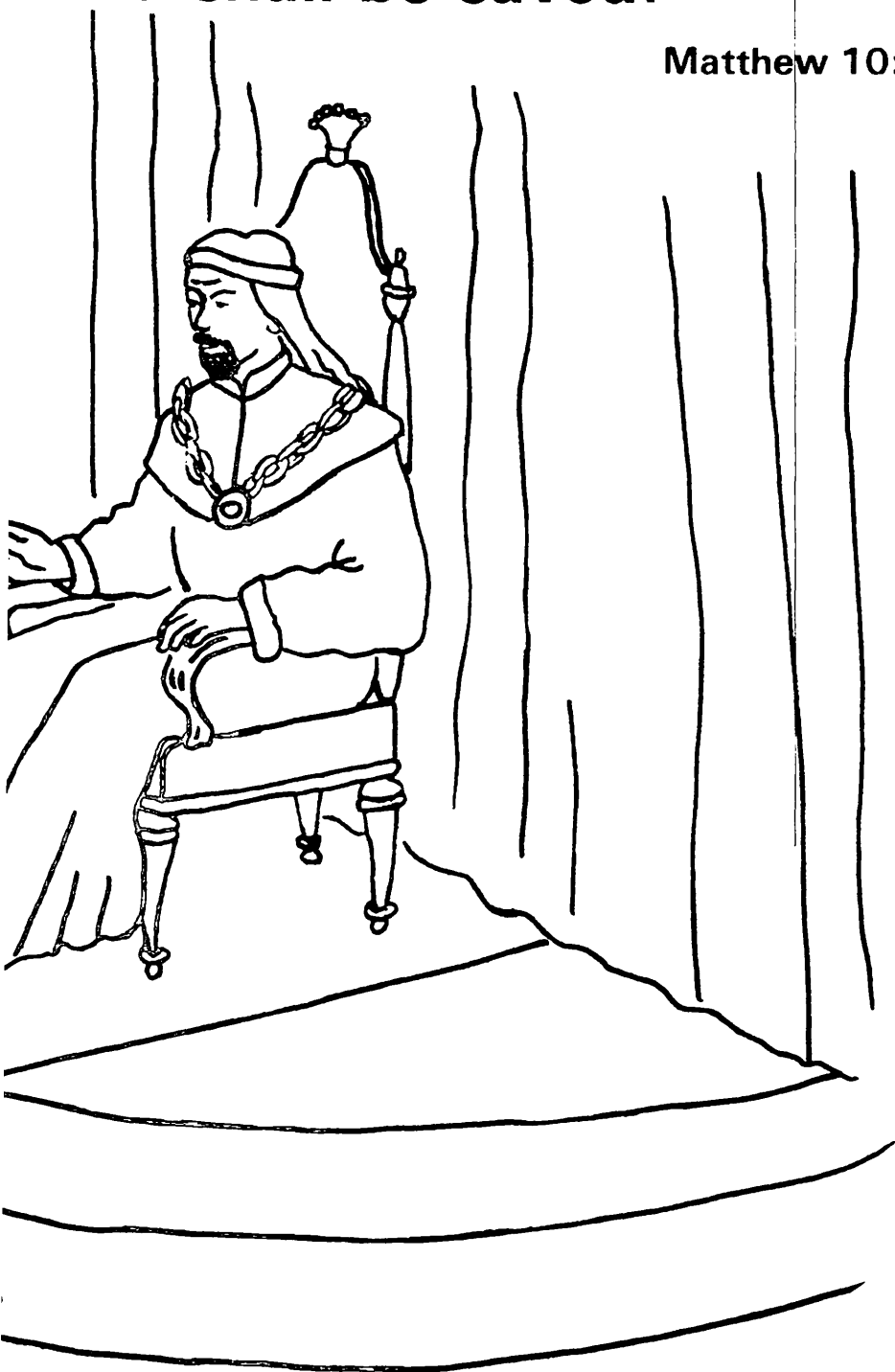
Jesus knows we must endure some trouble from other people, but He will help us out whenever the trouble gets too hard for us.

“ . . . he that endureth to th



end shall be saved."

Matthew 10:22.



Injured

"Mother! Dad! Come quick!" called Amy from the back door. "John is hurt, had!"

Mother came running from the kitchen and Dad from the den. Both rushed out to the back yard where John lay on the ground groaning. His arm was twisted in a funny way and he cried with pain when they touched it.

"I'm afraid he has broken his arm!" exclaimed Dad.

"He fell out of the swing," said Tim. "He wasn't swinging that high. I don't know how it could have broken his arm."

Dad was picking up John in his strong arms. He carried him to the house and laid him on the couch. They put a cool pack around John's arm to stop any swelling and some of the pain but still John was crying, it hurt so.

"Let's all gather around and agree in prayer," said Dad. "Jesus can stop this pain right away."

All the family bowed their heads and knelt around the couch where John lay. Each one took turns praying and asking Jesus to help John's arm. They all felt so sad that John was hurt.

John wasn't crying anymore. His arm did feel better.

"Maybe we should have it set in a cast," said Mother. All the family went to the doctor's office where John did have his broken arm protected by a chalk white cast and sling. The doctor was surprised John did not cry out with pain when he worked with John's arm.

"Jesus took the pain away," said John. "We all asked him to!"

"Well, now you ask Jesus to heal your arm back straight and normal," said the doctor. "I can't heal that arm. I've done all I can do for you."

"Thank you," said John to the doctor as he and his family left the office.

On the way home, Amy realized it was John's right arm that was broke. "We'll feed you and write for you and do everything you want us to do," she told John.

"Yeh," said Tim slowly, "but I think a guy with one hand can still dress himself and make his own bed."

"Sure he can," said John cheerfully. "It won't be long before this cast is off, too. The doctor said it will heal in six to eight weeks but I'm going to pray alot and maybe it will heal sooner yet!"

Dad and Mother smiled at each other when John said that.

"The cast may not come off sooner than six weeks," said Dad, "but that doesn't mean Jesus can't heal it sooner. You be careful and don't bump or injure that arm while it is healing and Jesus will do a perfect work on it. As that doctor said, he can't do anymore for it. Only the Lord and you can care for that arm."

In six weeks the cast was off.

"John," said Linda, "your arm looks littler than the other one, but I sure am glad it's all in one piece!"

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

***** Questions:

1. How are Christians treated by wicked people?
2. What animal is a Christian like?
3. What animal is a wicked person like?
4. In what ways do the wicked people hurt Christians?
5. What is the Christian to do about the wrong treatment?
6. Why did Jesus tell the story?
7. Why did the judge help the widow?
8. Will God help those who call upon Him?
9. Can you think of some times Jesus helped you to be gentle to those who were hurting you?

Answers: 1. Badly. 2. A sheep. 3. A wolf. 4. Making fun, saying ugly things, beating and killing. 5. He is to tell God about it in prayer. 6. So people would remember to continue praying. 7. Because she kept coming and asking for help. 8. Yes. 9. Answers will vary.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 10:16-22, 28, 38; 24:9-13, Luke 18:1-8.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT PRAYING

Praying is talking to God. If you are old enough to talk, you are old enough to pray! You may say, "Thank you God for Mother and Daddy," that is praying. There are many things we can thank God for. Can you think of some?

Have you ever said to your mother, "Please give me a drink of water"? You may ask God for things you need in the same way. You may close your eyes, or lift your eyes toward Heaven and ask God for whatever you have need of.

One time Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. He said that He would. Then He said that he didn't like people to pray just so others could hear them. He said that it is best to go someplace alone and say whatever you want to say to Him in secret, where others cannot hear you. He will hear you although no one else does, and will answer your prayer. He does not hear you because you say a lot of beautiful words, but He hears you because He loves you and you love Him and others.

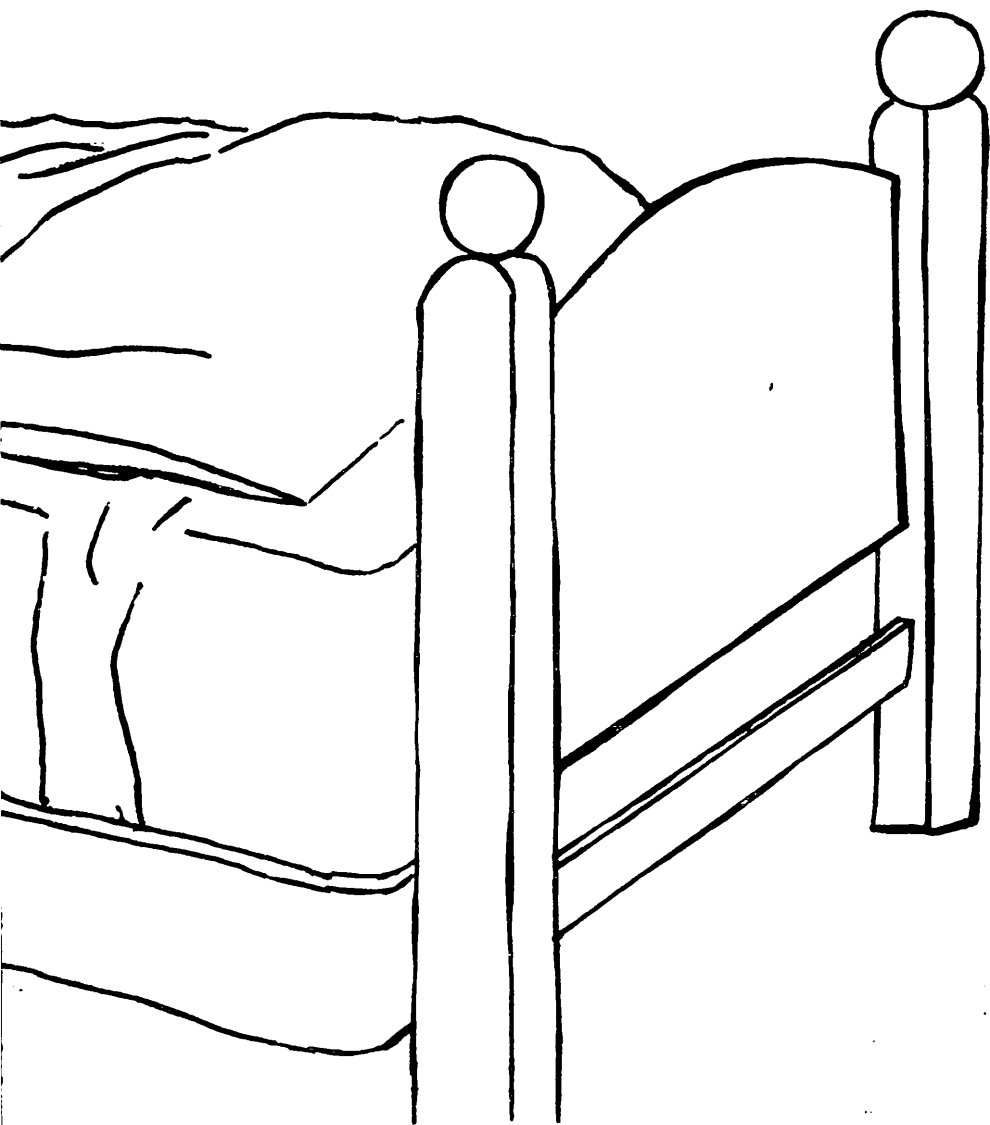
Don't be unhappy if He doesn't give you what you ask for, the first time you ask for it. He may know that it is not best that you have what you are asking for. Your parents do not give you all the candy you want because they know it is not best for you. You should ask that God's will be done in your life. Ask for your food and clothing. Ask for power to forgive all those who hurt you, and to not do naughty things that others want you to do. If you pray for these things, He will answer your prayers and give them to you.

Remember, praying is talking to God. Let us each one talk to God every day.

“ . . . Lord, teach us



o pray, . . . " Luke 11:1.



Pray With Hope

"M-m-m, my favorite cookies!" Amy said, as she took a chocolate chip cookie off the cooling rack.

Mother set out another hot cookie sheet from the oven. "Let's take some to the new neighbors next door," she said to Amy while she took up the soft warm cookies.

"Okay," Amy agreed. She helped Mother put some of the cooled cookies into a pretty can.

Mrs. Wade, the new neighbor, was very pleased Mother and Amy came to visit. "Thank you so much for the cookies," she said.

Mrs. Wade's baby daughter gave Amy a cute smile as she ate a cookie. Amy smiled back.

"What is your baby's name?" she asked.

"This is Heather," Mrs. Wade said, sitting Heather on her lap.

"May I play with her?" Amy asked.

"Yes, you may play with her every morning if you want to," replied Mrs. Wade. "Heather would like that!"

Amy was pleased too. The next morning while she played with Heather she told Mrs. Wade how she had prayed and hoped for someone to live next door who could play with her.

"Heather may not be my size," Amy said, "but she is so sweet and happy that I am glad she has come to live next door to me."

"Thank you, Amy," said Mrs. Wade. "Pray patiently and hope faithfully and some other little children could move to our neighborhood also."

"Oh," sighed Amy, "it would be nice if another girl my age could live close. I will continue to pray."

One day Amy heard the fire trucks sound their sirens and rush through town to a fire. Amy and her mother wondered what could be on fire. Soon they heard that a house had burned. No one had been hurt but the house was now all black and burned inside. Everything had burned that was in it. Two young girls like Amy had lived in the

house. Now their toys, furniture and clothes were all black from the fire.

When Mother and Amy first went to see the little girls they looked so sad. Then when they saw all the nice things Amy brought, they became more and more cheery. They liked all the clothes and had to try things on right away. It all fit the girls very well because they were just Amy's size.

When it came time for Mother and Amy to leave, Amy had made good friends with both girls.

"I am so glad you are friends with the girls," Mother said to Amy on the way back home. "Their parents plan to buy the house right behind us so they will soon be our new neighbors!"

Amy jumped and giggled for joy! Now she would have two girls her age to play with her and Heather! Jesus had answered her prayers and fulfilled her hope.

—Connie Sorrell

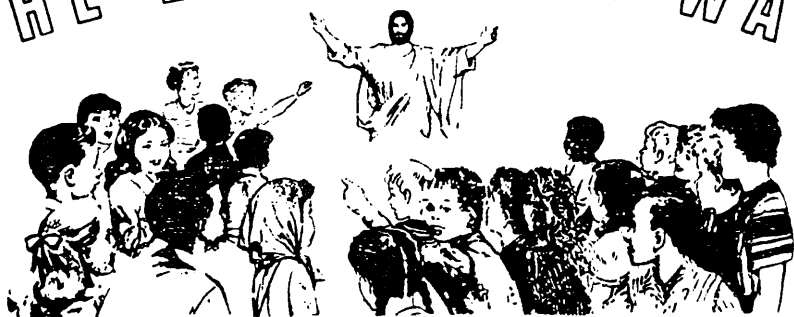
Questions:

1. What is prayer?
2. How old must a child be to pray?
3. Is thanking God for things praying?
4. Who asked Jesus to teach them to pray?
5. Where did Jesus say was the best place to pray?
6. Does Jesus hear prayers because the words are beautiful?
7. Should we be unhappy because Jesus doesn't give us everything we ask for?
8. What are some things we should ask for when we pray?
9. How often should we pray?

Everyday.)
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for food and clothing, for power to for-
7. No. 8. For God's will to be done in us.
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disciples. 5. Some place to talk. 3. Yes. 4. His
not enough to talk to God. 2.
(Answers: 1. Prayer is talking to God.

Lesson Text: Matthew 6:5-13, Luke 11:1-13, Mark 11:24-26.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT FORGIVENESS

Jesus said that all Christians must forgive or God will not forgive them. Forgiving is giving up the wish to hurt the person who has hurt you.

Jesus told this story so we could understand what God will do to those who will not forgive. There was a king who found that one of his servants owed him a lot of money. Afterwards he found that the servant had nothing with which to pay him. "I must sell you and all your family to pay what you owe me," he told the servant.

"Oh, please don't do that!" the servant cried. "Please have patience with me and I will pay you."

The king thought a long time. Then he said, "I will have patience. I will forgive the debt. You will not have to pay it at all!"

Now this servant found another servant who owed him just a tiny little bit of money. "You must pay me what you owe me!" He said.

"But, I, I, have no money now. Have patience with me and I will pay you ALL," the poor servant pleaded. The wicked servant would not have patience. Instead he had the poor servant put into prison.

Another of the king's servants saw what happened and told the king. The king said, "Bring the wicked servant to me!" The servant came and stood before the king. "You are a wicked servant!" the king said. "I felt sorry and forgave you of the big debt you owed me. But you did not feel sorry and forgive another poor servant who owed you a little bit of money. You shall be punished and will also pay all you owe me!"

This is how God will treat those who will not forgive others.



“ . . . forgive, and ye shall b



forgiven:" Luke 6:37.

Great Grandpa's Talk



"Did you go to church when you were a boy, Great Grandpa?" Kevin asked. He was helping his great grandpa one Sunday afternoon cleaning up the milk barn and getting ready to milk the cows again.

"Oh, yes, I did," chuckled Great Grandpa. "Going to church was the highlight of the week when I was a boy. We didn't go much during the week because we had chores to do and it was so far to town or anywhere."

"You probably had to have a bath on Saturday night," sighed Kevin.

"Oh, yes, Kevin," Great Grandpa said as he released the lever to fill the feed bins with grain. "We wanted to be fresh and clean when all eight of us filed into church. That's part of being respectable, you know. Don't want anybody to smell farmyard on you that morning."

"Well, sometimes I would like to sleep in on Sunday morning," said Kevin.

"No, Son, you don't want to do that," Great Grandpa said. He was cleaning out the milk filter to the big tank. "Going to the house of God is one thing that should never change in life. Young and old alike need to worship God every Sunday morning. It gets the week started right! You're not too young to take a part in the service, too, Kevin. Why, you can pray, testify, and always sing with everyone."

"Oh, I'd be afraid to pray with every one listening!" exclaimed Kevin.

"But you can!" insisted Great Grandpa. He opened up the gates to let the cows come in the milk barn. "I did when I was a boy. We had children's meeting and I would give the closing prayer."

"That was a l-o-n-g time ago," sighed Kevin.

"But worshipping God must not change, my son," said Great-Grandpa. "Make that a number one goal in life. Worship God in the Church of God every Sunday morning then *live* for God all the rest of the week."

After a while Great-Grandpa said, "The cows want to be milked every day, and they stand outside and moo and bawl if we are even late milking them. Well, Kevin, that is the way we need to be about going to the house of God. We should want to be there right when it starts and every time there are church services. I Peter 2:2 reads, 'As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby.' Go to God's house and learn all you can, that's how to someday be a godly man. A good man grows spiritually at the House of God."

Kevin took his Great-Grandpa's advice and has never forgot that talk they had in the milk barn.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What is one thing all Christians MUST do?
2. What is forgiving?
3. Why did Jesus tell the story?
4. What did the servant owe the king?
5. What did the king do toward the servant?
6. What did the wicked servant do to another poor servant?
7. What happened to the wicked servant who would not forgive?
8. Will God treat those who do not forgive the same way?
9. Have you forgiven everyone who has hurt you?



(Answers: 1. FORGIVE. 2. Forgiving is giving up the wish to hurt the person that has hurt you. 3. So we can understand what God will do to those who will not forgive. 4. A very large amount of money. 5. He felt sorry and forgave the debt. 6. The wicked servant would not forgive, but put the poor servant in prison. 7. The king punished him and made him pay the debt. 8. YES! 9. The answer should be yes, but if it isn't, ask God to help you forgive.)



Lesson Text: Matthew 5:38-41; 6:12-15; 18:21-35.

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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT TREASURES

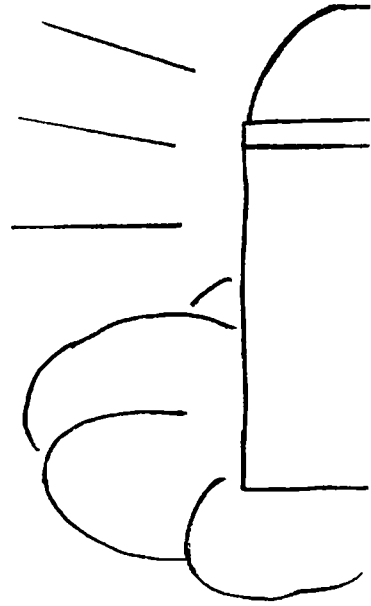
Jesus told this story to teach about treasures. He said that the ground of a certain rich man brought forth so much fruit, vegetables, and grain that the rich man had no place to store all his food. "What shall I do with all my food?" he asked himself. After thinking a while he decided to build bigger barns. "I will fill my new barns with this food and have enough to last me many years. Then I will enjoy myself eating, drinking, and having lots of fun," he said.

Suddenly his thoughts were interrupted by the voice of God, "Thou fool," God said, "this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

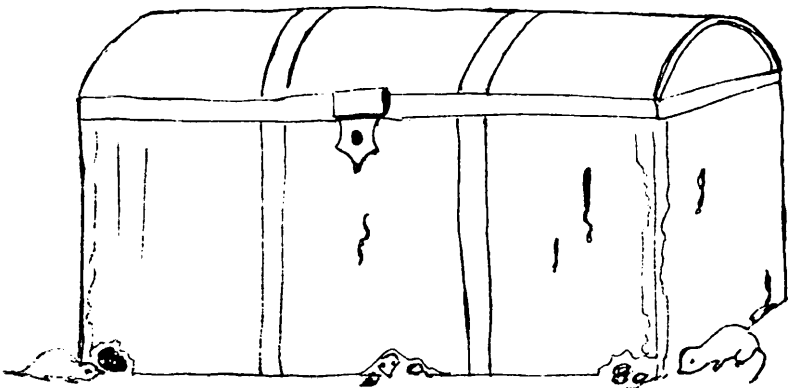
Jesus then explained that everyone who seeks to be rich in things such as money, houses, farms, businesses or anything of this world is a FOOL, just like the rich farmer. They may be able to get rich but may die just as he did before they have a chance to enjoy their riches. Then someone else will get their things.

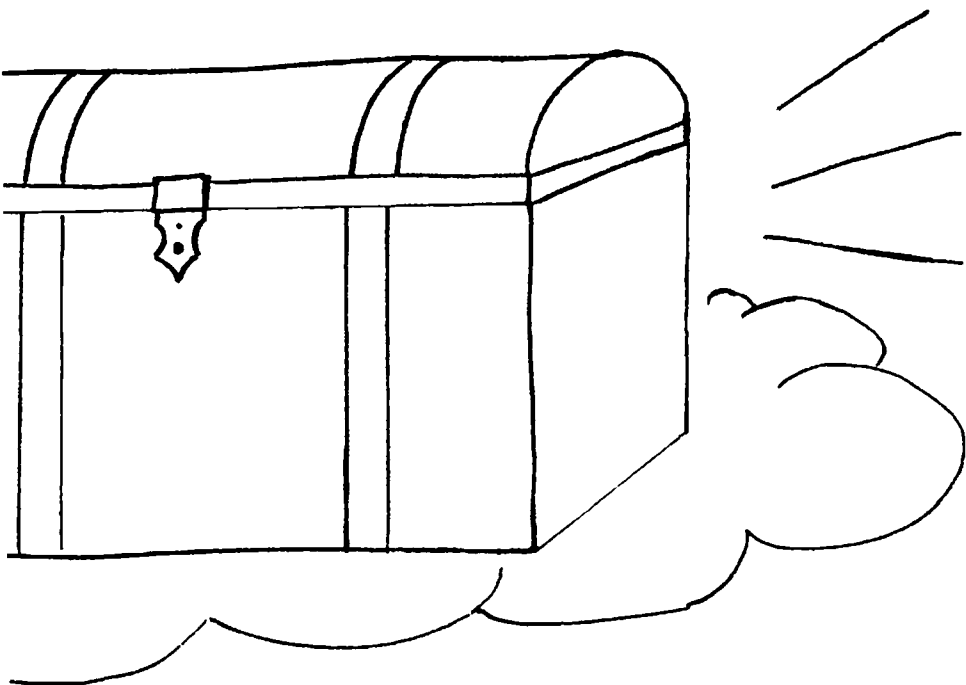
Jesus said that the wise thing to do is try very hard to lay up treasures in heaven and work only enough to have food, clothing, and whatever else is needed. Jesus says that our body is more important than the food and clothing needed to keep it well. He made the body and will also provide the things needed for it, if we will spend our time sharing Jesus with others and doing whatever else He wants us to do. In this way the Christian is laying up treasures in heaven and not on this earth.

I think we will all agree that it is better to store up riches in heaven where nothing can destroy it than on the earth. For on the earth, many things can happen to take our riches away from us.



“ . . . lay up for yourself





treasures in heaven,”

Matthew 6:20.

Our Real Home

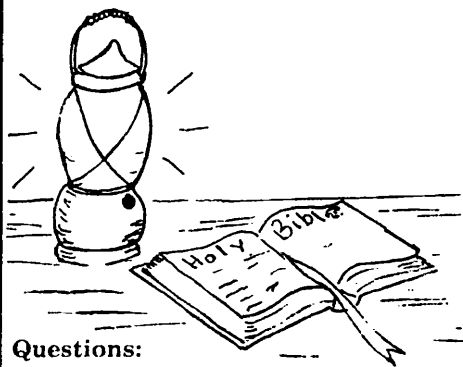
Years and years ago people did not have flashlights which light up when you push a button. They had lanterns that had to be filled with kerosene. They raised the globe and the wick would be lighted with a match. In the hills, people walked to church in the evenings or drove their horses with wagons and buggies. They would carry a lantern to meeting, and when they got ready to leave each one would light his lantern. You could see the lights of the lanterns flashing in different directions at night as the people started for home. They needed the lights to show them the paths through the woods.

Boys and girls, all of us are on our way home. God is just letting us live in this world a little while. This is not our home. God has given you a body which is your little house to live in, but it is very weak. It will wear out some day and you will have to leave it. Some time your little house, which is your body, might get sick and you can't live in it anymore or maybe your body will be in an accident. If it is bruised and hurt real bad, you will have to leave it. This world is not your home. God has given you parents to take care of you while you are too little to care for yourself. But you also have a heavenly Father who loves you and cares for you more than your earthly parents do. Your heavenly Father is wonderful, great, and good. He has lovely things for you in heaven where you will go when you leave this body, or house, that you are living in. He will give you a body over there that will never get sick, nor grow old, nor even have an accident. Heaven is a wonderful place where there is no sorrow, no fighting, nor unkindness. Heaven is full of love and people who love each other. I am sure there will be more babies over there than there are in this world. The angels will be there, and of course, our precious Jesus. It will be such a wonderful home! I want to go there, don't you?

God's Word tells us that God's laws or commandments are like a lamp or

lantern. We wouldn't know how to live right or how to find our way home without it. We need a light to show us. As we read our Bibles, which are our lights, it will show us the right way to live to get to heaven. It tells us to obey our parents who are taking care of us in this world until our heavenly Father calls for us and we leave this house, our earthly bodies.

—M. Miles



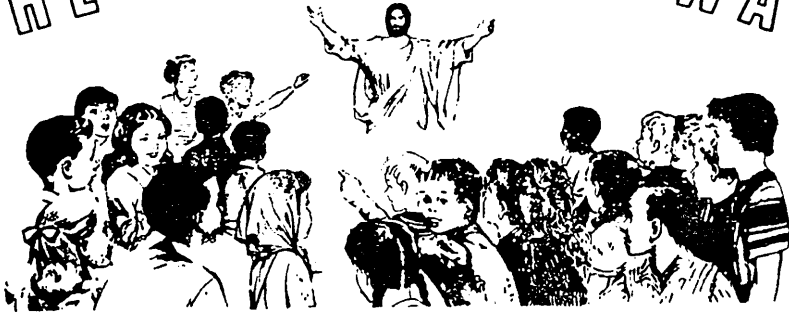
Questions:

1. Who did Jesus tell about?
2. Why did Jesus tell the story?
3. What did the man plan to do with his treasures (fruit, vegetables and grain)?
4. Did the farmer get to enjoy his treasures?
5. What did God say the farmer was?
6. What did Jesus say about other people seeking riches instead of God?
7. What did Jesus say was the wisest thing to do?
8. What did Jesus promise to those who spend their time sharing Jesus with others?
9. Why is it best to lay up treasures in heaven?

(Answers: 1. A rich farmer. 2. To teach about treasures. 3. To store it in new barns. 4. NO. 5. A fool. 6. They are fools just like the rich farmer. 7. To lay up treasures in heaven. 8. To supply all their needs. 9. Because a treasure in heaven cannot be destroyed, but treasures on the earth can be destroyed.)

Lesson Texts: Matthew 6:19-24; 13:44-46; 19:21, Luke 12:16-22, 33, 34.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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WHAT JESUS SAID ABOUT GIVING

Jesus taught that we should never be ashamed to give a small offering, if that is all we have to give. In His eyes an offering of a few pennies is sometimes more valuable than an offering of a hundred dollars.

One time Jesus was sitting in the temple watching the people put offerings into the treasure box. The rich men were putting in a lot of money. They did not put in dollars, quarters, dimes and pennies as we do. Their money was different than ours. One poor widow had only two small coins to put in the box. Both of the coins together would not be worth a penny. But with them she could have bought something to eat so she wouldn't be so hungry. However, she loved God so much she put the two coins in the offering instead of buying food. Jesus said her offering was more valuable than any of the big offerings that rich men had dropped into the box. The other men and women had plenty of money left to buy things they needed, but the poor widow gave all that she had.

Jesus tells us that if we give, others will give more back to us than what we gave. I am sure that someone gave the widow something more valuable than what she could have bought.

Another person who showed his love for Jesus by giving was Zacchaeus. When Jesus saw him in the tree, and said, "Come down for today I must abide at thy house," Zacchaeus came down and said that he would give half of his goods to the poor.

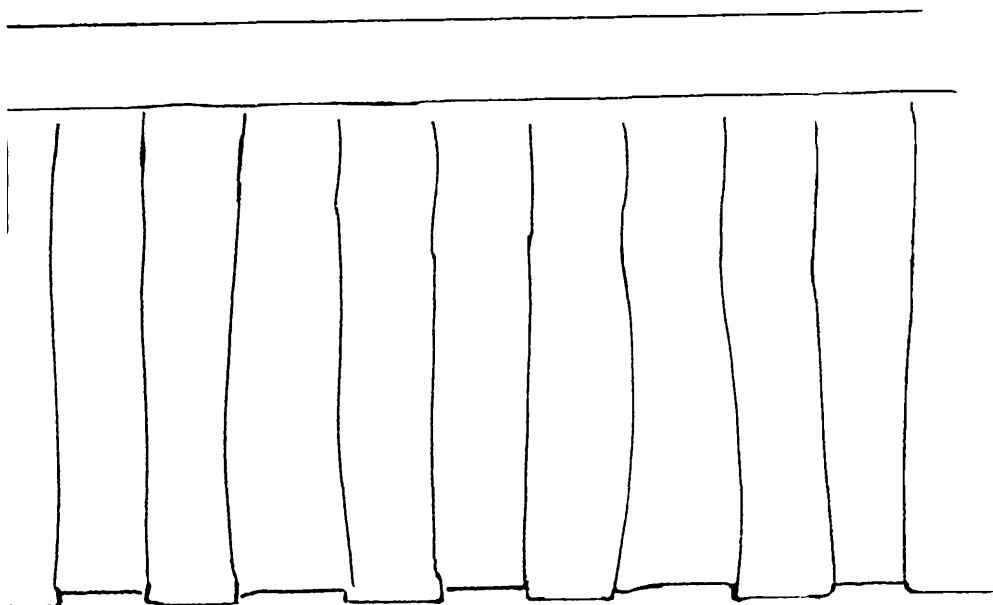
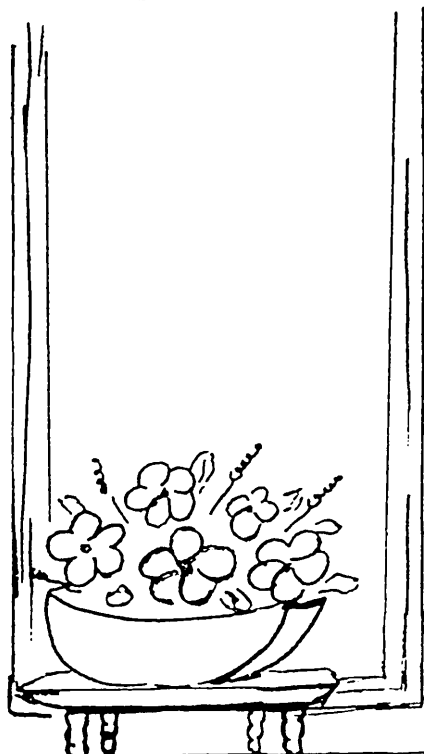
Jesus was happy that Zacchaeus wanted to give. He is happy whenever anyone gives because of love for God, even if the gift is less than a penny!

“Give and it shall be give



unto you; . . ."

Luke 6:38.



Visiting Great-Grandma

"Jennifer," said Mother, "get your shoes on and let's go see Great-Grandma Taylor for a while."

"May I take my new baby doll I got for my birthday?" asked Jennifer.

"Yes, you may," said Mother. She was busy putting Steven's socks and shoes on. Steven was Jennifer's one-year-old brother.

On the way to the nursing home, Mother told Jennifer how that Great-Grandma had had six little babies to care for when she had been a young mother.

"Great-Grandma loved her babies," Mother said. "She would sing them songs about Jesus while she rocked them to sleep. Great-Grandma taught all her children about Jesus and how He loved them. She wanted her children to live for Jesus and do all they could to please Him."

"Do Great-Grandma's children live for Jesus?" asked Jennifer.

"Some of them do," replied Mother. "If Great-Grandma had not taught my mother about Jesus and how to live for Him, then she would not have known how to teach me about Jesus."

"Great-Grandma taught my Grandma then Grandma taught you, right Mama?"

"Yes, that is right," replied Mother. "Aren't you glad that your mother lives for Jesus? Now I can teach you how to do right and please Jesus. We must know Jesus every day and talk to Him in our hearts. Then some day when we die, we will see Jesus with our eyes."

By now Mother had parked the car in front of the nursing home door. Mother got out and lifted Steven out of the car seat. Jennifer got out of the car and picked her doll off of the seat. Together they went into the nursing home where many elderly people sat in chairs, napping or visiting together. One 95-year-old lady was playing the piano.

"Hello, little girl," a gray-haired man said to Jennifer. He steadied himself with a cane as he bent over Jennifer's doll! "What is your dolly's name?" he asked.

"Hi!" Jennifer said. "Her name is 'Krisinda'."

"Oh, that is a pretty name," the gray-haired man said as he walked away with his cane.

They found Great-Grandma in the lounge, in her wheelchair with a quilted lap robe over her knees. Jennifer kissed Great-Grandma and Great-Grandma kissed Jennifer.

"See my new baby doll I got for my birthday?" Jennifer asked holding her doll up for her great-grandma to see. Great-Grandma smiled and nodded her head at Jennifer's doll. Then she patted Steven and kissed him.

Later Jennifer told Great-Grandma more about her baby doll.

"She likes to be rocked," Jennifer said, "and I sing to her about Jesus just like you did, Great-Grandma. Then if I live for Jesus like Grandma and Mother, and my baby lives for Jesus, then some day we will all be with Jesus, won't we, Great-Grandma?"

Great-Grandma smiled and patted Jennifer's hand. —Connie Sorrell

***** Questions:

1. What is today's lesson about?
2. Is a small offering sometimes as valuable as a big offering?
3. What was Jesus doing?
4. How much did the rich men put in?
5. How much did the poor widow put in the offering?
6. Which did Jesus say was of the most value?
7. Who else gave because he loved Jesus?
8. To whom did Zacchaeus give?
9. Is Jesus happy if we give because we love God?

Answers: 1. Giving. 2. Yes. 3. Watching people put offerings in the treasure box. 4. A lot of money. 5. Less than a penny. 6. What the widow gave. 7. Zacchaeus. 8. To the poor. 9. Yes.

Lesson Texts: Matthew 6:1-4; 5:42; 7:6; 10:8, Mark 12:41, Luke 6:30-34, 38.