

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Jesus sat down on a rock beside Jacob's well. While He rested His disciples went into the city to get something to eat. While He was alone a Samaritan woman came to the well for water.

"Will you give me a drink?" Jesus asked her.

"I will be glad to give you a drink," she said, "but tell me, why are you so different than other Jews? Most of the Jews won't even speak to a Samaritan.

Jesus was not like the other Jews, for He came to save every one. He told the woman if she would go call her husband He would give her a drink of living water.

"I have no husband," she answered.

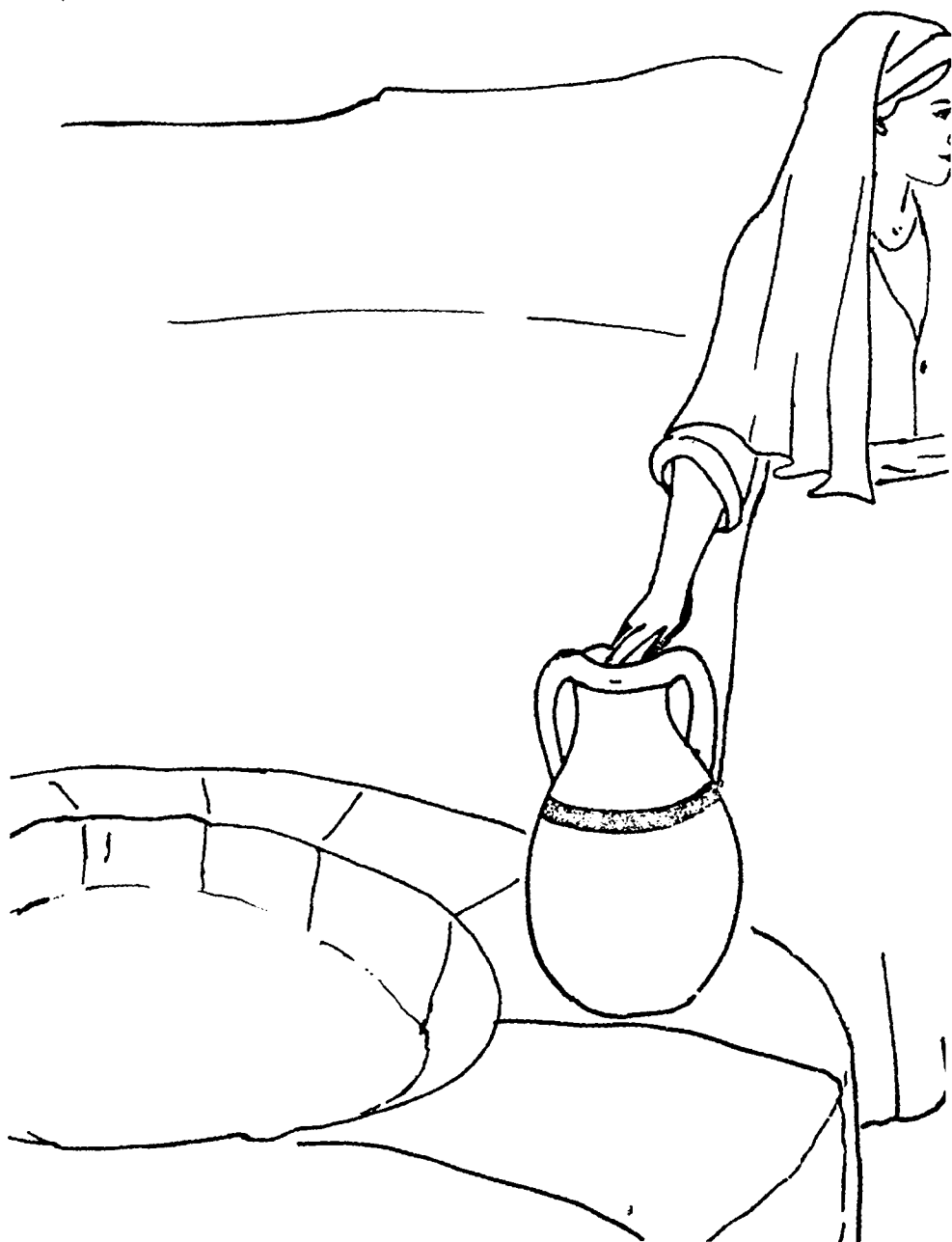
Jesus said she was telling the truth, that she had had five husbands, but the one she now had was not her husband. The woman was surprised that He knew all about her. He must be a man of God, she thought. So she asked Him, "Where shall people worship God?

Jesus answered her by saying, "The hour cometh and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: . . . God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

The Spirit of God caused the woman to know that what Jesus said was true. She wanted to tell others about this great person, so she left her clay water pot and ran into the city to tell others.

Soon people were walking out of the city going toward Jacob's well. They wanted to see and hear this wonderful Man which the woman had met. Many believed that Jesus was the Son of God.

**"Come, see a man, which told
me all things . . ."** John 4:29.





Should I Lie, Should I Not?

Mama was busy putting cookies on a cookie sheet when Linda came in from outside to tell Mama something.

"Mama," Linda said, "Jack took some money from your purse without asking."

"He did?" Mother asked in surprise. She glanced over at her purse that set on the cabinet top and sure enough, it was tipped a little and her coin purse was laying beside it.

"He took the money across the street to buy some pop," Linda added.

"Well, I will go and get him," Mother replied. She put the cookie sheet into the hot oven, set the bowl of dough in the cold refrigerator, then went outside to find Jack.

Jack was already coming across the street with a can of pop in his hand. When he saw his mother, Jack lowered his head and put the pop behind him.

"Jack, what do you have in your hand?" Mother asked him.

"The man across the street gave me some pop," Jack replied.

"Did he just give it to you?" Mama asked.

There was a long awkward pause because Jack didn't want to answer. He bent his head lower to where he could see his bare toes wiggling up and down in the dirt. Should he tell Mama he took money from her purse, or should he lie and make her believe the man just gave the pop to him? One loud voice inside Jack's mind was telling him to lie and Mama would never know the difference. But another little, soft voice was telling Jack that liars some day go to the lake of fire.

"Jack," Mama asked again; "did the man just give you that pop?"

"Well, I gave him a little money for it," Jack replied. He looked up at his mother. Now he felt some lighter.

"Where did you get the money, Jack?" she asked.

Oh, no, thought Jack, why did she have to ask that? Should he tell her that he got it from his piggy bank or should he tell her the truth? The pop in

Jack's hand behind his back was beginning to feel awful heavy.

"Well, Mama, you have so much money," Jack said, "that I didn't think you would miss it from your purse." Now he felt lighter, but what was Mama going to do to him and the pop?

"Jack, give me the pop since it was bought with my money," Mama said. "You never take money from me or any one without asking. That is stealing. Those who steal are called thieves. If you steal and lie, you will be punished, maybe not here on earth, but some day in the devil's hell where you will burn forever and ever."

With sad eyes and slow hands, Jack gave his mother the pop. "I'm sorry, Mama," he told her.

"Since you told me the truth," Mama said, "I will let you work for the pop if you would like. Come in the kitchen and dry the dishes after I wash them and help me fold clothes. If you willingly work, I will let you earn the pop. Thank you, Jack, for telling the truth."

—Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where did Jesus sit?
2. Who came to the well?
3. Why was the woman surprised that Jesus asked for a drink?
4. Was the woman's answer honest?
5. What did the woman think of Jesus?
6. How are people to worship God?
7. What is God?
8. Why did the woman know what Jesus said was true?
9. Did the people believe what the woman said about Jesus?

(Answers: 1. At Jacob's well. 2. A Samaritan woman. 3. Because most of the Jews would not speak to a Samaritan. 4. Yes. 5. She thought that He was a special man of God and could answer her questions. 6. "In spirit and in truth". 7. God is a Spirit. 8. The Spirit of God made her feel He was true. 9. Yes, and they came out to see Jesus.)



Lesson Text: John 4:4-42.

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FAITH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

One day when Jesus was back in His home town, He went into the temple to teach. The people were surprised to hear Him teach with such wisdom and authority. "Why does He think He knows so much?" they asked. "This is Mary's boy and the brother of James, Joses, Juda and Simon. His sisters live here, too. They are all common people just like us. Who does He think He is, that He can tell dead men to live again, and command the devils to leave people? Why doesn't He do some miracles like this for us?"

This made Jesus feel sad. He loved the people He grew up with, but He couldn't work miracles there because they did not believe God's power was with Him.

Jesus left their town and went into other towns nearby. These people were happy to see Him because they believed in the miracles they saw Him do at Jerusalem when they were there for the Passover.

There was another man from a city far away who had not seen the miracles Jesus did, but he had faith in Jesus anyway. He came to Jesus to get Jesus to heal his sick boy.

Jesus said to him, "Do you also have to see a miracle before you will believe?"

The man said, "Please, heal my son now or he will die."

"Go thy way, thy son liveth," Jesus said.

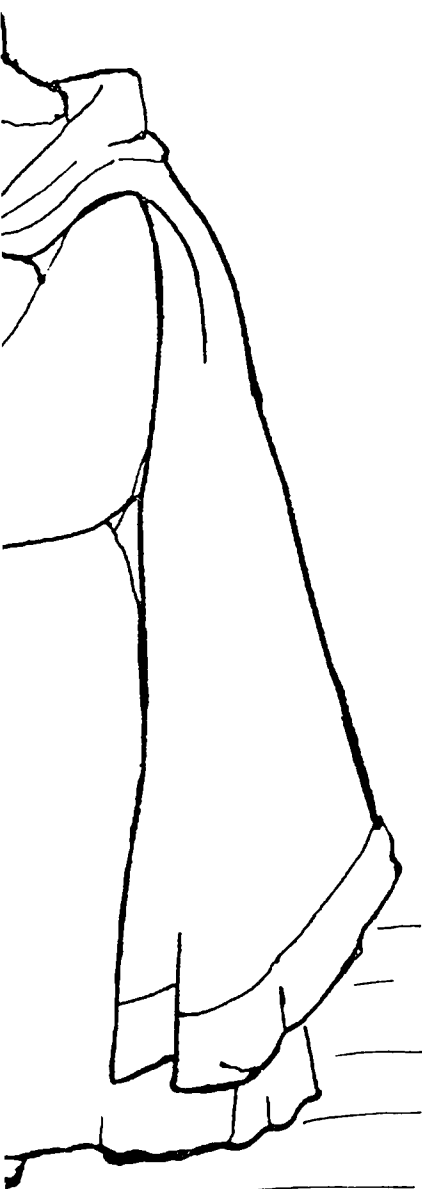
Before he got home a servant came and told him, "Your son is alive and well."

This son was healed because the man had faith, but Jesus couldn't heal people in His home town because they had no faith.

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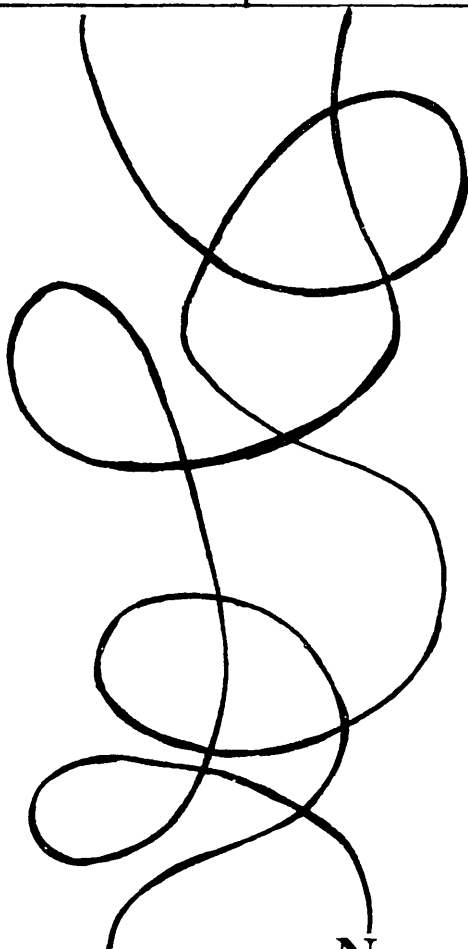


ve he is precious: . . . " | Peter 2:7



Trace the lines to
find the blessing.

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Blessing

Faith Makes Work Easier

Tom and Tim were twin brothers. They were all excited one summer afternoon as they went to tell their Dad some fun news. Dad was just getting the lawn mower out of the shed when they rushed up to him.

"Dad, can we go play baseball this evening?" Tom asked.

"Yeah, all the other boys' dads are taking them to play," added Tim.

"Take us too, okay, Dad?" Tom pleaded.

"Well, just a minute," Dad said with a chuckle. "I didn't know anything about it until just now and I have a lot of things yet to do this afternoon."

"Ah, you always have things to do," frowned Tom.

"I'll tell you what boys," Dad said, "I need to change the spark plugs in the car and change the oil in the truck. If you two will mow and trim the lawn, then I will do those two things and that will give me the time to take you boys to play baseball."

"Hurray!" shouted the boys, "we will start right now!"

Dad helped them with the mower and then he started to work on the car. In a short time, Tom became tired of mowing. He stopped the mower beside Tim who was trimming the edge.

"I don't think we will ever get this work done before tonight, do you think so?" Tom asked Tim.

Tim looked up over the big lawn that was yet to be mowed. "Dad said he would take us," he replied.

"Only if we get the yard work all done," said Tom, "and that is hard work. Let me trade with you for a while."

So Tom and Tim traded lawn mower and edger. After a while Tom was discouraged again. He walked over to where Tim was mowing.

"I think Dad wants us to be so tired we don't even feel like playing baseball by tonight," Tom told Tim.

"He said he would take us, though," replied Tim. "Keep working, Tom, and you'll feel better after it's done."

"Well, I'm tired of edging," Tom said. "Let me mow again." So Tom and Tim traded jobs again.

Soon Tom stopped the lawn mower to go get a drink. While he was gone, Tim started up the mower and kept on working. Tom came out of the house rubbing his stomach.

"That drink of water hurt my stomach," Tom told Tim. "I doubt I will get to go because I feel bad."

"Finish edging the sidewalk," said Tim, "or I won't get to go either."

All afternoon Tim encouraged Tom, and they were just finished with the lawn work when Daddy came up to the house to clean his hands.

"Are you two ready to go play baseball?" Dad called to them.

"Yeah!" shouted the boys together.

Then Tom said to Tim, "You were right—I do feel better now that the work is done, and we do get to go after all!"

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where was Jesus teaching?
2. Why were the people surprised?
3. Did the people have faith in Jesus?
4. Could Jesus do miracles in his home town? Why?
5. Were the people in other towns happy to see Jesus?
6. Did they believe the miracles Jesus did in Jerusalem?
7. What did the man ask Jesus to do?
8. What did Jesus say to the man?
9. Why did Jesus heal in some towns and not in his home town?

(Answers: 1. In His home town. 2. Because He was a common person like themselves, yet He had great wisdom and authority. 3. No. 4. No, because the people did not believe in Him. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. To heal his son. 8. "Go thy way, thy son liveth." 9. Jesus healed in the towns where the people believed in Him.)



Lesson Text: Mark 6:1-6, Matthew 13:54-58, John 4:43-54.

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MATTHEW A GOOD DISCIPLE

Jesus had many disciples besides the twelve apostles. In one day He sent out seventy disciples in groups of two into different cities, towns, and villages. Later they returned and reported about their trip.

Some men that Jesus called said they would follow Him, but they did not. There were others who said they wanted to follow Him but wished to do other things first.

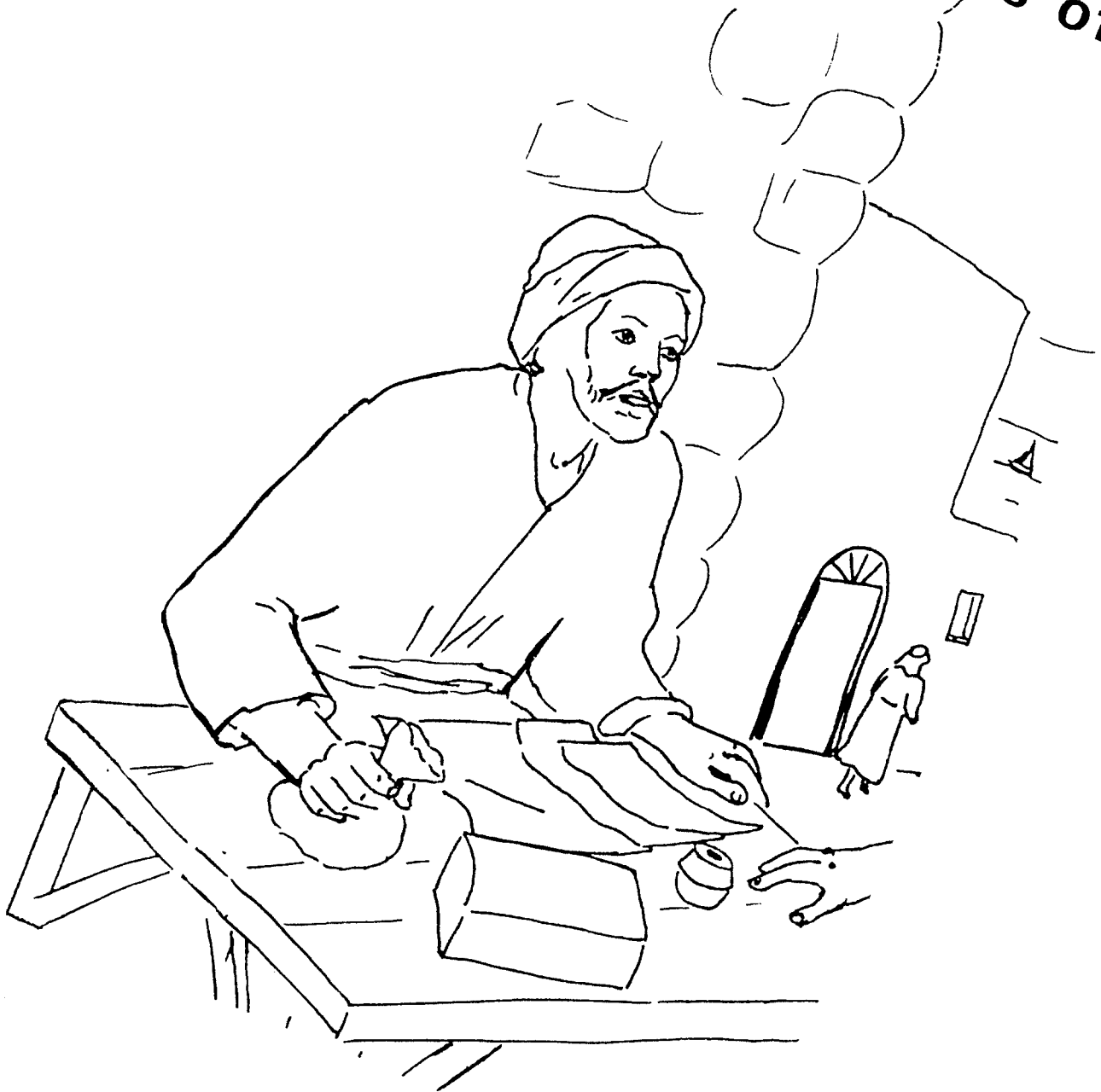
Matthew did not ask to do other things before following Jesus. When Jesus saw Matthew working at the receipt of customs collecting taxes, He said to Matthew, "Follow me." Matthew "left all, rose up, and followed Him."

Day after day Matthew followed Jesus. Sometimes it was hot, oh, so very hot. Sometimes he was tired walking through the dusty streets. Sometimes Matthew did a lot of writing. He kept records of places that Jesus went and things that He did. He wrote the things he felt were the most important into a book. Later the book was printed and given the name Matthew, because it was written by him. This book is now a part of our Holy Bible.

We cannot be an apostle like Matthew, but we can follow Jesus. We follow Jesus by doing things that please Him. He told us what pleases Him in the Sermon on the Mount which Matthew recorded in the fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of his book. Have someone read to you these chapters from the Bible if you cannot read them. Listen carefully and try to do just as they say to do.

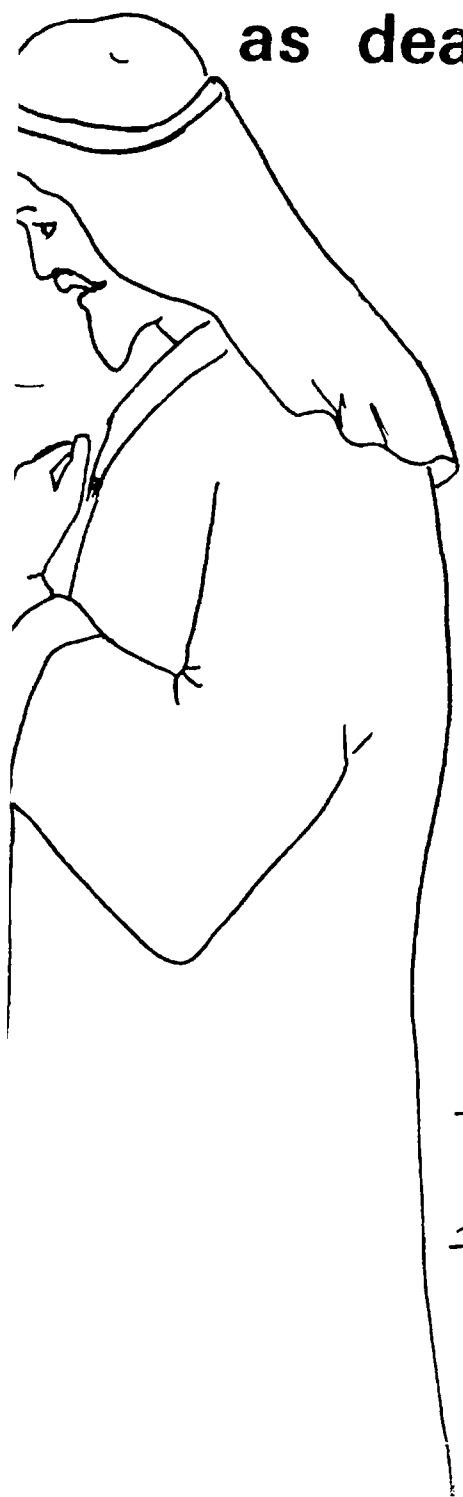
Living like the Bible teaches is the only way to follow Jesus, and be a good disciple like Matthew.

"Be ye . . . followers of Go"



as dear children."

Ephesians 5:1.



Consecrating Food

Roger loved to eat. He could eat three fried chicken legs, two helpings of mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, two hot rolls, two big glasses of lemonade, and still have room for a large piece of cherry pie with two dips of ice cream. After a big dinner like this, Roger would soon be wanting a couple of cookies or some potato chips or a snack of some kind. Roger just loved to eat and eat.

This made Roger rather fat. When he would walk to keep beside-a friend, Roger would get out of breath and need to stop and get a better breath of air. Roger was too fat to be healthy.

Finally Roger's mother decided to put him on a diet. That meant Roger could not eat all the time and that he should not think about eating so much. His mother said he could now have only two fried chicken legs, one helping of mashed potatoes and gravy, a lot of green beans, a little corn, one hot roll, maybe two big glasses of lemonade, and a smaller piece of cherry pie with one dip of ice cream. Then Roger had to forget about eating until the next meal, which he thought would never come.

Roger just wasn't happy when he couldn't eat often. He would try to play cars, but the wheels on the cars would remind him of chocolate donuts. Then he would sneak into the kitchen to see if there were any chocolate donuts. Once in the kitchen, he would always see something good to eat, then his mother would catch him munching on food again.

One day in between meals Roger's mother found him nibbling on potato chips.

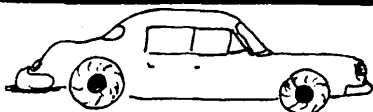
Roger's mother said to him, "Roger, if you are ever going to be healthy, you must consecrate. That is a big word that says: 'Give unto the Lord.' When you are tempted to eat snacks in between meals, pray to the Lord and in your mind give up that snack to the Lord. Don't think about eating, but think about Jesus, and how He fasted for forty days and forty nights without

any meal at all. Jesus knew how to consecrate. We must learn to do that also. It is important that we have healthy habits, and it pleases the Lord that we learn self-control."

It was not easy for Roger, but he did what his mother suggested, which was to consecrate to the Lord all the times he wanted to eat extra. Instead of thinking about chocolate donuts when he played cars, he tried very hard to remember hungry Jesus who could have turned rocks into bread. Jesus would not do it because it was the devil who told him to, so Roger would not go to the kitchen for chocolate donuts because he wanted to be strong like Jesus.

When Roger grew up, he was a strong, healthy man, and he wasn't fat, either.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. Did Jesus have only twelve disciples?
2. Did all the men whom Jesus called follow Him?
3. What was Matthew doing when Jesus called him?
4. What did he do after Jesus called him?
5. Name one very important thing that Matthew did?
6. What is the name of Matthew's book?
7. Where can the book be found?
8. How can we be disciples of Jesus?
9. How is the only way to please Jesus?

(Answers: 1. No. 2. No. 3. He was sitting at the receipt of customs. 4. He arose and followed Jesus. 5. He wrote a book about places Jesus went and the things Jesus did. 6. Matthew. 7. In the Holy Bible. 8. We can be Jesus' disciple by doing things that please Him. 9. Living like the Bible teaches.)



Lesson Text: Matt. 8:18-22, 9:9-13, Mark 2:13-17, Luke 5:27-32, 9:57-62.

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JESUS' ENEMIES

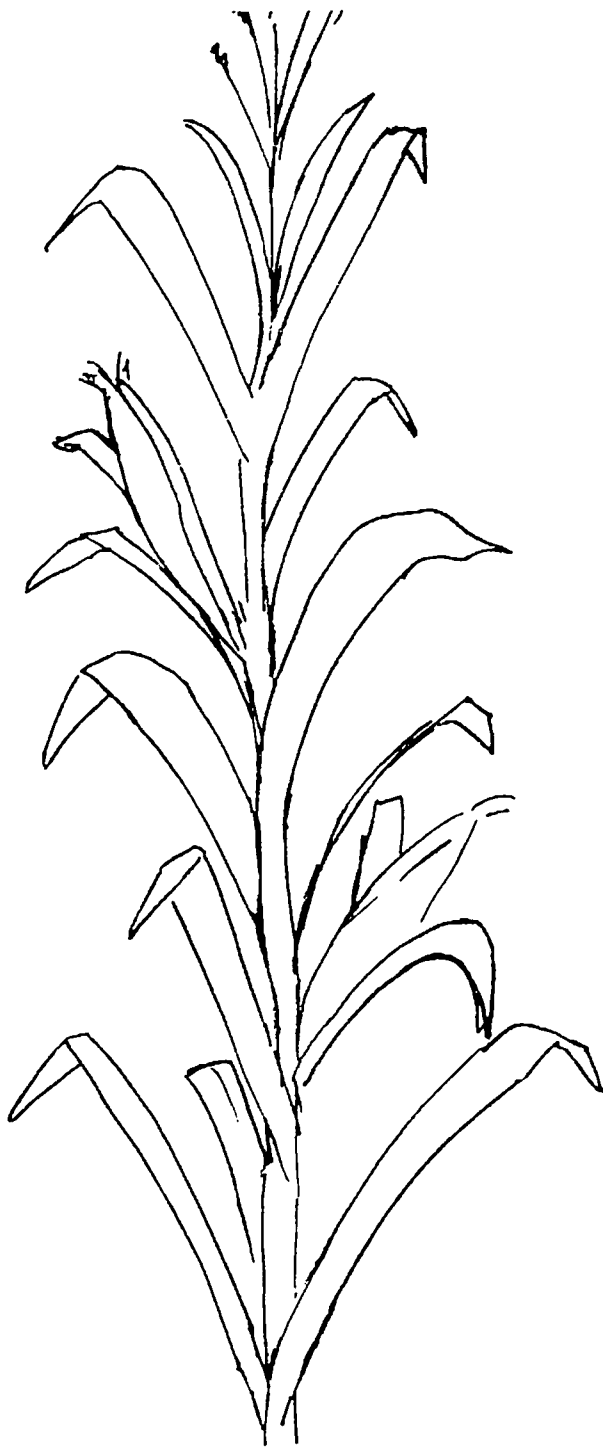
Many, many people loved Jesus and followed Him. But there were some people who did not like Jesus. They were the Pharisees and Sadducees. These people followed after Him only so they could criticize what He was doing.

One Sabbath day the disciples were hungry so they picked some corn to eat. The Pharisees saw it and said, "Your disciples are disobeying God by working on the Sabbath day." They said that gathering a few ears of corn was breaking the law which said that they should not work on the Sabbath day.

Another time they criticized Jesus for working on the Sabbath because He healed a man by only speaking to him. The Pharisees were speaking when they were criticizing Jesus, and they did not feel that they had broken the law. Day after day they criticized Jesus. They hated Him because many, many people were believing in Jesus and not believing in what they were teaching.

Jesus did not let what they said bother Him. The same day there was a man with a crippled arm in the synagogue. When Jesus was ready to heal the man, He said to him, "Rise up, and stand forth in the midst." Then He said to the man, "Is it acceptable to God to do good or to do evil? to save life or to destroy it?" Then He healed the man, so they could all see it.

At still another time Jesus was invited to eat in a man's house. The man had also invited many poor sinners. The Pharisees saw Jesus eating with them and criticized Him for eating with evil people. Jesus said, "I did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." Don't let criticism keep you from doing the right.



“Be strong in the



Lord."

Ephesians 6:10.

Susan Shows Kindness

"Mama, I have a problem," Susan said as she sat down beside her mother who was putting a hem in one of Susan's new dresses.

"Well, everything I do, Carol doesn't like. If we play dolls, Carol wants her dolls to wear my doll clothes and if I don't let her, then she says she doesn't like me and sometimes she will knock my doll down and then run home. Any time we don't do what she wants to do then she gets upset at me and talks ugly to me. I want to be her friend, but," Susan sighed, "it is so hard."

"Are you fair with Carol?" Mother asked Susan.

"I try to be," replied Susan. "Carol just never wants me to have anything she doesn't have. She wants to be the best in everything."

"There are some people like that," said Mother. "They criticize what other people do so they will be praised. Carol is probably jealous of you. If you have something she likes better than what she has, then Carol wants what you have or she complains about it if she can't have it. People who are like Carol are not happy. They are not easy to get along with as you have already told me. Susan, don't you be like Carol but learn to be contented with what you have."

"Oh, I am happy with what I have!" exclaimed Susan. "I like the clothes you make me, and I am glad for the toys I have. I am glad for a house to live in and you make such wonderful meals, Mother." Susan hugged her mother. "I just love you!"

Mother smiled as she hugged Susan in return. "Try to be kind and patient with Carol," she told Susan. "She must not be happy like you are. Maybe you can show her how to be contented and not so jealous."

The next day, Mother watched Susan and Carol play. Susan put dishes on the play table for their play dinner, but Carol didn't want to eat right then so Susan quietly rocked her doll like Carol was doing. Carol just didn't want to do

anything to please Susan though Susan tried to please Carol. Finally Carol went home after telling Susan she was not fun to play with.

Susan was very hurt inside when she came in to her mother for comfort. Mother put her arm around Susan and gave her a kiss.

"Let's talk about Jesus," Mother said. "Do you remember how many times the Pharisees found fault with Jesus? Jesus went about doing good, but all the scribes and Pharisees did was follow after Him, criticizing everything they could. They were unhappy, and they were jealous of Jesus. Susan, do you want to read about Jesus?"

Susan's discouraged face lightened up with a smile. "Where is the Bible Story Book, Mother? Yes, let's read about Jesus!"

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How many people liked Jesus?
2. Who were the people who did not like Jesus?
3. Why did His enemies follow Him?
4. What did the Pharisees say about Jesus' disciples?
5. Had the disciples disobeyed God's law?
6. What did they do themselves that they criticized Jesus for doing?
7. Why did they hate Jesus?
8. How did Jesus show He was not afraid of their criticism?
9. Should we stop doing right if we are criticized for it?

(Answers: 1. Many, many people. 2. The Pharisees and the Sadducees. 3. So they could criticize Him. 4. That they were disobeying God. 5. No. 6. Talking on the Sabbath day. 7. They hated Jesus because people were no longer believing in their teachings. 8. He asked the crippled man to stand so all could see Him. 9. No.)



Lesson Text: Matthew 12:2-7, Mark 2:27, 28; 3:6, 7; Luke 6:1-12.

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JESUS APPOINTS THE TWELVE APOSTLES

Jesus was busy every day teaching and healing all those who came to Him for healing. Sometimes He commanded evil spirits to come out of the persons before they could be healed. He had many men who daily followed Him and helped with this work. Sometimes they went into towns and villages to prepare for Jesus to visit there. Sometimes they worked among the crowd that thronged Him.

Jesus knew God's plan was that He should appoint twelve men as apostles to be His special helpers. These men were to be used of God in preaching that the Kingdom of God was to begin reigning on the earth soon after Jesus' death and resurrection.

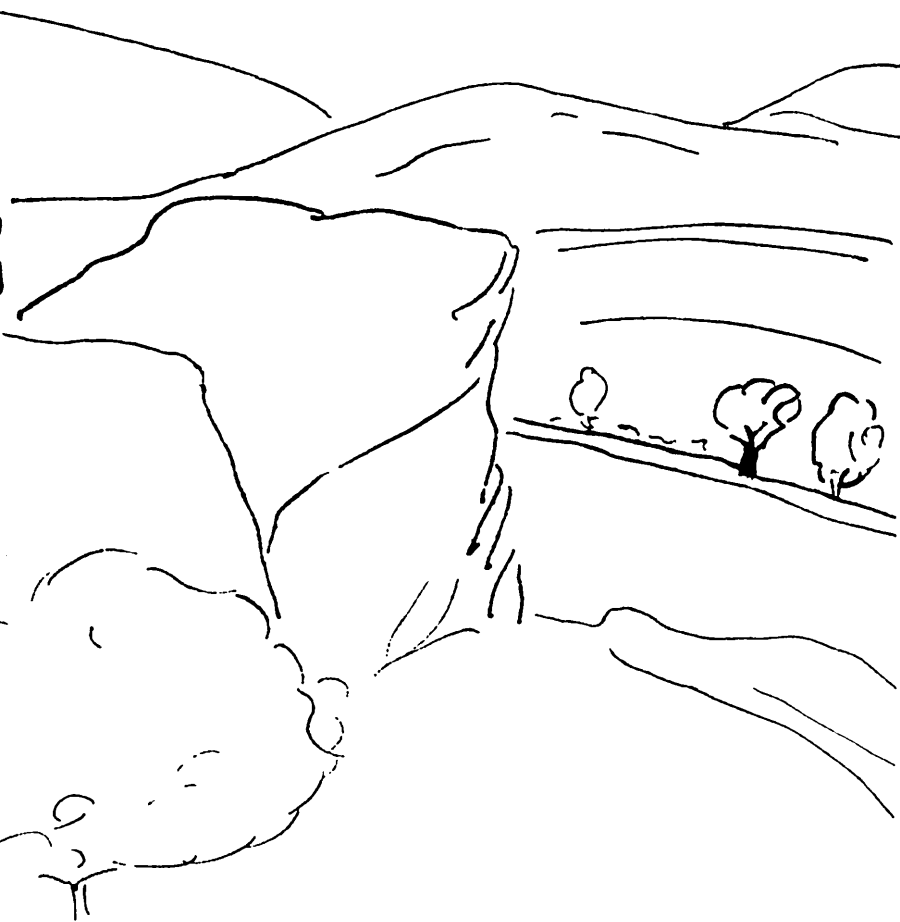
It was very important that Jesus choose exactly the right persons. After a hard day's work teaching and healing, Jesus went away into a mountain. There in the mountain He spent the night praying to His heavenly Father who told Him which ones to choose.

Jesus then called certain of His disciples to come up into the mountain with Him. Then "He ordained twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them forth to preach and to [have power to] heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils." (Mark 3:14, 15). The names of these twelve are, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Jesus. (Matthew 10:2-4).

There on the mountain Jesus chose twelve men to be His special helpers. He still needs helpers, just like you little children, who will follow Him and do His will.



"Be obedient . . . unto C



rist;"

Ephesians 6:5.

Just As Needed Today

It was Sunday morning and seven children were in Sunday school listening to Sis. Maple.

"Now, class," said Sis. Maple, "I want you all to sit down, and we will talk about the apostles. Jesus had twelve chosen men to be with him, remember? Later, one of those men betrayed Him."

"That was bad of Judas to betray Jesus, wasn't it?" Sarah said, as she quietly sat down beside Martha.

"Yes, it was," agreed Sis. Maple.

"I wish I could have been there," said Tony. "I would have never left Jesus. I would have been His friend forever and ever."

"You can be a friend of Jesus today," said Sis. Maple. "Jesus needs boys and girls today for his friends just as he needed them when He was on the earth."

Tony thought about that for a minute while the class listened to Sis. Maple tell how the apostles were sent out two by two to heal and do miracles in the name of Jesus.

Then Tony said, "I still wish I would have been Peter or one of the apostles. Just think how wonderful it would have been to see those people happy when they were healed!"

"Yes," said Sis. Maple, "Jesus made many people happy. The apostles knew Jesus and believed He was the Son of God. They also obeyed Jesus and they made many people happy. We can be that very same way today. If you know Jesus and let Him live in your heart, then you will bless people and do good to them."

Linda had a question for Sis. Maple. She raised her hand.

"Where were the apostles' mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters? Did they have any?" Linda asked.

Sis. Maple nodded her head. "They all had some family," she replied. "Simon Peter and Andrew were brothers and they were apostles. Alphaeus was the father of Matthew and James the younger so they were brothers and apostles together for Jesus. Then we know that James the elder and John were brothers

and their father was Zebedee. Some wise historians say that young Thaddaeus was James the elder's son. Philip had four daughters who each taught about Jesus."

Mike had listened to Sis. Maple very carefully. "Were all the apostles brothers or related?" he asked.

"No," said Sis. Maple. "Bartholomew, Thomas, and another Simon were not related to anyone close to Jesus that we have recorded. Neither was Judas Iscariot."

Sarah sighed, "Poor Judas," she said, "I don't want to ever be like him!"

"I don't either!" agreed all the children.

"If you will be a godly man and let Jesus rule in your heart, then you will be just as important to Jesus as Peter or any other of the apostles," said Sis. Maple. "Jesus needs your life, labor, and love just as much as He needed the 12 apostles. Remember that as you grow older."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Was Jesus a busy man?
2. What was He doing?
3. How many helpers did Jesus have?
4. How many apostles did He choose?
5. What were the apostles to preach?
6. How long did Jesus pray before choosing the apostles?
7. Besides preaching, what two other jobs did they have?
8. Can you name the apostles?
9. Must we always try to do the will of God?

(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. He was teaching, healing the sick, and casting out evil spirits. 3. Many. 4. Twelve. 5. That the Kingdom of God was to begin reigning on the earth soon after Jesus' death and resurrection. 6. He prayed all night. 7. They had power to heal sickness, and to cast out devils. 8. Simon called Peter. Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, James, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas Iscariot. 9. Yes.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 10:1-5, Mark 3:6-19, Luke 6:12-19.

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JESUS HEALS A MAN AT BETHESDA

It was another busy day for Jesus. He walked over to the pool called Bethesda. There were many shepherds and their sheep around the pool. Some of the sheep were to be used as sacrifices for sin as part of the Jewish worship service.

There were also five porches built around the pool. Under the shade of these porches lay many sick people. They were waiting for the time that the angel from God would stir up the water in the pool. The person who was first to get into the water after the angel's visit was sure to be healed! Jesus looked around at the sick people. There were so many and each one was hoping this might be the day he would be healed. One man had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus walked over to where he was and said, "Wilt thou be made whole?"

The man answered, "I would love to be well, but I have no one to help me into the water. Someone else always gets in first."

Jesus said to the man, "Rise, take up thy bed, and walk."

Immediately the man was well, and took up his bed and walked away.

Later, Jesus went into the temple, and there stood the man that had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus said to him, "Behold, thou art made whole [well] sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

Jesus expected the healed man to change his actions and to do only those things that please God. Jesus also expects us to show our appreciation for what He does for us by doing those things that please Him.



“Sin no more, lest a worse tl



ing come unto thee." John 5:14.



Bedtime Devotions

It was bedtime for Tom and Racheal. Mother and Daddy had the children gather with them in the den for the evening devotions.

Daddy opened the worn family Bible and began to read more about Jesus and how He healed sick people. Jesus was so kind to the ones who believed on Him and obeyed His Word! It just touched Racheal's heart. She sighed when Daddy finished reading that evening's chapter.

"I just love Jesus so much!" Racheal exclaimed. "He always does what is right! He is so kind and helpful to the sick! No doctor or nurse could ever do what Jesus does!"

"That is right, dear," Mother said softly. She put her arm around Racheal and drew Racheal close. "Jesus is compassionate and merciful to those who seek shelter in His arms."

"Now it is time to pray," Daddy said as he carefully laid the Bible on the end table.

Daddy, Mother, Tom and Racheal all knelt down on their knees beside the couch. Daddy prayed first:

"Our kind and gracious Father, we come to you with grateful hearts for all your many blessings to us. We thank you for the job you have given me that I may supply the family's needs. We thank you for good health, family and friends . . ."

After Daddy said "Amen", Mother prayed: "Dear Lord, we thank you for today and for how you protected us each one, keeping us safe from harm and danger. We know it is only your mercy and love that blesses us through each day . . ."

Mother finished praying, and Tom prayed:

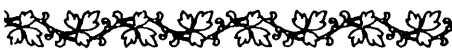
"Dear Jesus, thank you for helping me through my school work today. I didn't think I would make it, but I'm glad you helped me finish one more time. Thank you for clothes to wear, food to eat, and a house to live in. Thank you for a Daddy and Mother who love me and want me to be better than I am sometimes. Give me a good night of

sleep so I can get up early in the morning and finish making my cardboard rocket before I have to go to school again. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

Then Racheal prayed:

"Dear Jesus, we thank you for how you healed all those sick people back when you were on the earth. We know you still heal sick people today because you healed me of the measles and whooping cough. You healed Aunt Sally of cancer and you kept Uncle Bill's heart beating when the doctors said it would stop. You have healed so many, many people that we just thank you for all you have done! Thank you dear Jesus! Amen."

As each one arose from their knees, their hearts felt light, and happy. The very presence of Jesus seemed to shine in the room. —Sis. Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. What is the name of the pool that Jesus visited?
2. How many porches were around the pool?
3. Who lay in the shade of the porches?
4. What happened when the angel visited the pool?
5. For how long had the man been sick?
6. Did Jesus heal the man?
7. What did Jesus say about the man sinning?
8. What did Jesus expect from the healed man?
9. What does Jesus expect from us?

(Answers: 1. Bethesda. 2. Five. 3. Many doing actions that are pleasing to Him.)
appreciation for what He does for us by
sin again. 9. He expects us to show our
8. He expected the healed man not to
more lest a worse thing come unto thee."
years. 6. Yes. 7. Jesus said, "Sin no
stepped into the water was healed. 5. 38
sick people. 4. The first sick person who



Lesson Text: John 5:1-14.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS DELIVERS LEGION

In the mountain, nearby the sea, there lived a wild man. At the foot of the mountain was a place where the people of the city buried their dead. The wild man lived in this place. Day and night he roamed the mountains cutting himself and mournfully crying out. He would not wear clothes and he was strong enough to break every chain. He was called Legion because many evil spirits lived in him.

One day Jesus came in a boat to this place. As soon as He came out of the boat, the wild man saw Him and came running and fell down at Jesus' feet. He said, "I know you are the Son of God, but don't torment me."

Jesus was not afraid of the wild man, He knew an evil spirit caused the man to act crazy. Jesus commanded, "Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit."

Then the unclean spirits cried out saying, "Send us into those pigs over on the hill."

Jesus did send the evil spirits into the pigs, and all of the two thousand pigs ran violently down a steep place into the sea and were drowned. The men who were feeding the pigs also ran away. They ran into the city and told the people what had happened.

Soon a lot of people came out to see. When they got to Jesus they were surprised to see the man called Legion dressed and sitting quietly at Jesus' feet.

"I want to go with you," the man called Legion said.

"No," Jesus answered him, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee"



“ . . . Tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee.”

Mark 5:19.



The Forest Wolves

John Beebe sat in his mountain cabin at Evans, Colorado. About ten o'clock in the morning, he heard a knock at his door. He arose from his rocking chair, hobbled across the plank floor, and opened the door. There stood a little girl about nine years old. "Yea, who are you?" he asked, "and what are you doing here?"

"Mary Sutherland," she answered, "and I'm lost in the woods, can you find my home?"

"What are you doing playing in the forest so early in the morning?" he asked.

"Sir," Mary said, looking up into his wrinkled face, "I live in these mountains. Yesterday afternoon my daddy and I went into the woods looking for our cows. We found the calves and Daddy told me to follow them home. I followed them a while, but they didn't stay together. I tried to keep them together, but I couldn't. Finally I was chasing a stray calf when it ran so far away that I got lost. I have wandered all night in the mountains."

"What?" Mr. Beebe asked. "You've been in the forest all night? Get in here my child, and I'll get you some breakfast. It's a wonder the wolves haven't already made breakfast out of you! This month is November, ain't it? The wolves are eating everything they can find. Ain't you afraid of wolves? I'm sure some came after you, didn't they?"

Mary came inside the warm cabin and sat down by the wood stove. She warmed her hands and back.

"The wolves followed right behind me. Sometimes they bit at my heels, but I wasn't afraid. Can you find my home? I want my mommy and daddy."

"After you eat some of these here biscuits, and drink this cup of warm milk," he said.

Mary ate the biscuits and milk. She was hungry, but more than anything she wanted her mother and daddy.

Many people had hunted throughout the night for the lost girl. Before long she was found and reunited with her family.

The old man told that Mary had said she wasn't afraid of the wolves.

"Why?" she was asked.

"Because I was asking God not to let them bite me, and I knew He wouldn't. Mommy told me that if I am good the Lord would always take care of me. I knew I had been good, so I knew God wouldn't let the wolves bite me."

This was a great testimony to all the people who were involved in the search. All knew that in ordinary cases the fierce packs of bloodthirsty wolves would devour a man and even a horse.

From the time Mary left her father in Platteville, until she came to Mr. Beebe's cabin was eighteen hours. At least for twelve of these hours she wandered through the mountain forest in darkness. She walked at least twenty-five miles, protected by a faithful God.

—Charlotte Huskey

Questions:

1. Where did the wild man live?
2. Why was he called Legion?
3. What did the wild man do when he saw Jesus?
4. What did Jesus say to Legion?
5. What happened to the pigs?
6. What did the men do who were feeding the pigs?
7. When the people came from the city, what was Legion doing?
8. What did Legion want to do?
9. What did Jesus tell Legion to do?

(Answers: 1. In the place where the city people buried their dead. 2. Because many evil spirits were living in him. 3. He ran and fell at Jesus' feet saying, "I know you are the Son of God, but don't torment me." 4. "Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit." 5. The pigs ran into the sea and were drowned. 6. They ran into the city to tell what had happened. 7. Legion was dressed and sitting at Jesus' feet. 8. He wanted to go with Jesus. 9. Jesus said, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee.")



Lesson Text: Matthew 8:28-34, Mark 5:1-19, Luke 8:26-39.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A CENTURION SHOWS FAITH

One hundred Roman soldiers stood at attention before their captain, a centurion. The centurion commanded them to march. They marched. He commanded the soldiers to stop. The soldiers stopped. He commanded a soldier, "Bring your sword and drop it at my feet." The soldier brought the sword and laid it at the centurion's feet.

The centurion was a powerful man and could do many things, but one day his servant became very sick. Day after day the centurion wished to help the servant get well, but the servant only grew worse.

Then one day the centurion sent to Jesus to ask if Jesus would please heal the servant. Jesus said He would go and heal the servant. On the way they met some friends of the centurion. The friends said, "The centurion feels unworthy to have you come into his house. He said, 'I know Jesus can command this sickness to go, just like I command my soldiers. The sickness will obey Him just like my soldiers obey me.' "

Jesus was amazed that a Roman centurion would have so much faith. He said to those who followed Him, "I have not found so great faith, [even in the land of Israel]." Then to the friends He said, "Go thy way; and as [he] hast believed, so be it done."

The centurion's servant was healed the same hour that Jesus spoke to the men.

Ask God to help you believe His Word, the Holy Bible. It has power to heal, save from sin, and work miracles. If we have faith like the centurion, we too can receive many blessings.

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ive faith
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Quicksand

Out in the salt-tanged, chilly air of Alaska, three friends with shotguns under their arms, waded into the sea shallows while the tide was out. Each man had on waist high rubber waders for protection against the cold water. The three men spread apart from each other to hunt better.

Suddenly one of them gave a loud shout. His right foot had sunk into something like custard. Quickly his foot began to sink down as he twisted to get out. Then the man's left leg began to sink also.

He gave another loud shout for help and his friends saw that he was in bad quicksand that pulls a person down, down, down until it covers the head. The two men knew their friend would not live long because the tide water was coming in and the quicksand was pulling him down fast.

First the two helpers threw branches out for their friend to grasp. But the sinking man was already too deep in the quicksand to climb out. One helper went to call the fire department while one helper stayed on the shore near his sinking friend. They began to pray.

"Oh, dear Lord," sighed the sinking man, "help me get out of here before the tide water is over my head! Save my life, dear Lord!"

In half an hour, a fire truck pulled up on shore. They stretched out 35-foot ladders to the sinking man. Two big, strong men climbed out on those ladders and attempted to pull their friend out of the quicksand. He didn't budge.

The helpers tied a rope under his arms, around his chest and tied the other end to the fire truck. The truck roared and began to tighten the rope but the man still didn't come out. Instead, he began to cry in pain because the quicksand pulled him down and the fire truck pulled him up, and he felt like his body was pulling apart. The fire truck stopped pulling.

Everyone was very quiet and very sad. Already the cold, salty sea water was around his shoulders. If they could

not help him, their friend would drown and the sticky, slimy, muddy quicksand would bury him.

"Oh, Father," prayed the sinking man, "if this is my death, thy will be done. But if you will, let me out so I can live more days for you. In Jesus name I pray. Amen."

One friend was determined not to give up. He climbed out on the ladders and handed his friend the fire hose. With cold hands, the sinking man grabbed the hose and sprayed the high pressured water around his body.

By divine guidance, the water hose went into his waist high rubber waders. The force of the water blew his waders out like a balloon. Quickly the helper grabbed his friend and yanked him out of the waders and the quicksand.

Everyone breathed a prayer of thanksgiving to God for saving their friend's life.

—Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How many soldiers stood before the centurion?
2. Did the soldiers obey the centurion?
3. Who was sick?
4. Where did the centurion send for help?
5. Why did the centurion think Jesus need not come to his house?
6. What did Jesus say about the faith of the centurion?
7. When was the servant healed?
8. What kind of faith should we ask Jesus to give us?
9. What will this kind of faith cause a person to do?

(Answers: 1. 100. 2. Yes. 3. A centurion's servant. 4. To Jesus. 5. He thought Jesus could command the sickness to go with only a word. 6. Jesus said, "I have not found such great faith." 7. The same hour Jesus spoke to the centurion's friends. 8. Faith like the centurion. 9. To believe in Jesus' Words recorded in the Holy Bible.)



Lesson Text: Matt. 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JAIRUS HAS FAITH

Jesus got into a ship and went to the other side of the sea. When He got out of the ship, many people gathered around Him. Jairus was one of them. He came up to Jesus and said, "My daughter is lying at home sick, so sick she is about to die. Will you please come and lay your hands on her, that she may be healed and live?"

Jesus went with Jairus. As they were walking to his home, many people thronged after them. One woman wanted to be healed so badly that she worked her way through the throng and touched Jesus' clothes. Immediately she was healed. After Jesus talked to her a little while they walked on.

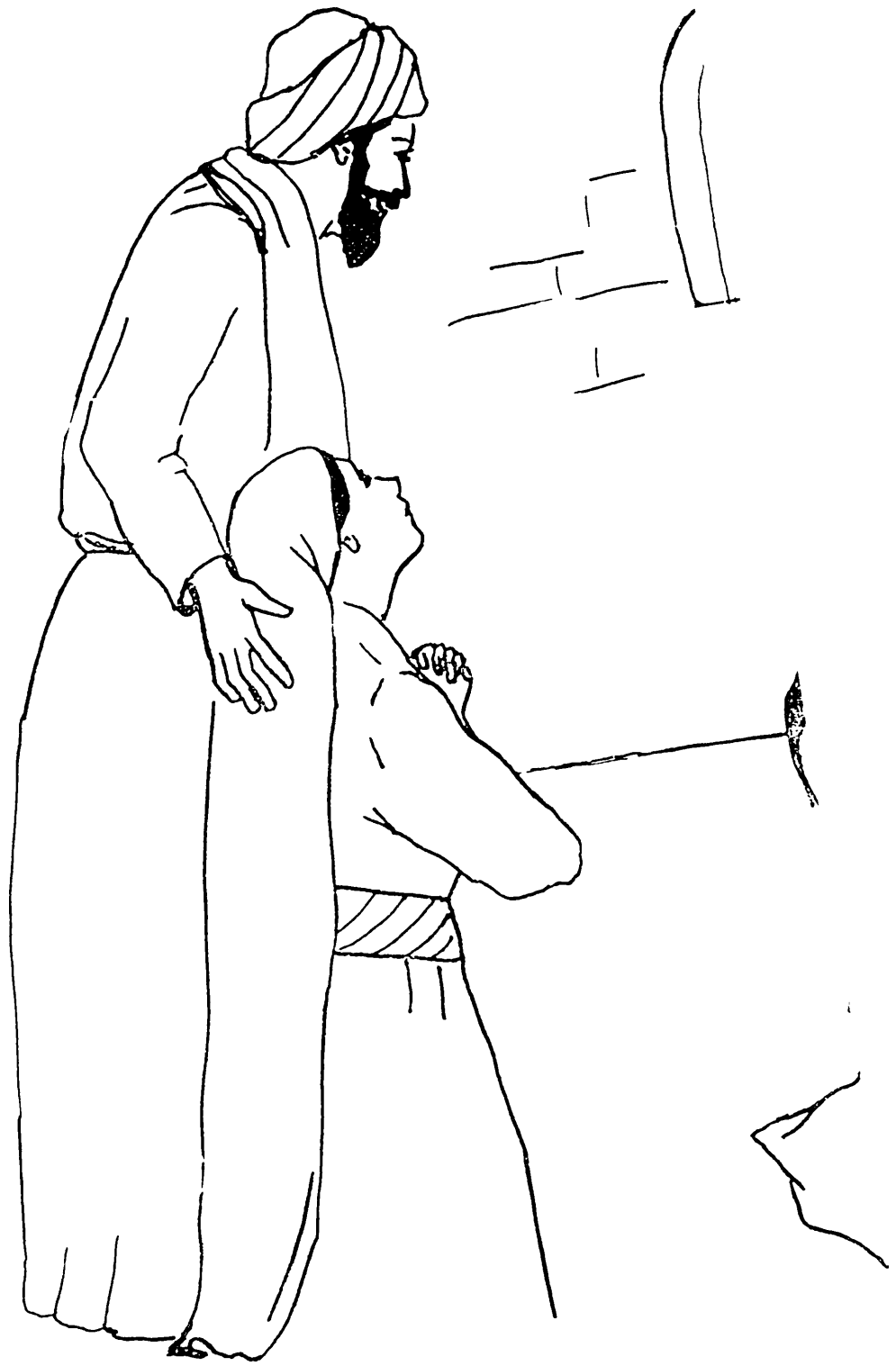
Soon they met some men coming from Jairus' house, who said to him, "Your daughter is already dead. Why bother Jesus to come any further?"

Jesus knew how sad Jairus felt, so he said to Jairus, "Fear not, only believe and she shall be made whole [well]."

When they finally got to his home, many people were crying because of her death. Jesus said unto them, "Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth." Then they all laughed at Him, for they knew that she was really dead.

Jesus saw they did not believe so He asked them to go outside while He healed the girl. Only her father, Jairus, her mother, and Jesus' three disciples were left in the room. Jesus took the girl by the hand and said, "Arise", and her spirit came back into her body.

We must be like Jairus who believed in Jesus when others did not. Never let what others say discourage you from believing Jesus.



**"Be not afraid,
only believe."**

Mark 5:36.



A Slave Boy

Many years ago cruel men went into the jungles of Africa and kidnapped men, women, and even children. At the point of a gun, they forced the people through the long trails to the seashore where large ships waited to take the stolen persons to far away countries where they would be sold as slaves.

Many ships filled with slaves were brought to India. Some missionaries took in the children or other persons who did not sell for slaves. At the mission compound they were given a place to stay, food, and taught a trade. One little boy was very happy to learn about Jesus from the missionaries.

One day as the missionary passed through the school room she heard him praying. He was saying, "O, Lord Jesus, I thank you for sending big ship into my country and wicked men to steal me and bring me here, that I might hear about you and love you. And now, Lord Jesus, I have one great favor to ask. Please to send wicked men with another big ship, and let them catch my daddy and my mommy, and bring them to this country, that they may hear the missionaries preach and learn to love you."

In a few days the missionary saw him standing on the seashore, looking very intently as the ships came in.

"What are you looking at, Tom?" she asked.

"I am looking to see if Jesus Christ answers my prayer."

For two years he was seen day after day watching the arrival of every ship. One day, as the missionary was watching him, the boy danced about exhibiting great happiness.

"Well, Tom, what gives you so much joy?" the missionary asked.

"O, Jesus Christ answer prayer. Daddy and Mommy come in that ship."

Sure enough, they did. —Selected

A child six years old, in a Sunday school, said: "When we kneel down in the school room to pray, it seems as if my heart talked."

Light's Power

A monster rose up from the earth

A monster dark as sin.

He said: "I'd like to live with you
If you will let me in!"

I heard that monster at my door

I heard his knock again.

I shook with fear from just the thought
Of peeking out at him!

Down on my knees I knelt to pray

For more help from heaven.

In a flash of light help came

And sent the monster runnin'.

That monster is so big and mean

But Jesus' light is bigger.

Dark sin I'll never let in

'cause my Lord is stronger!

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who came to see Jesus?
2. What did Jairus want Jesus to do?
3. Whom did Jesus and Jairus meet?
4. What did they tell Jairus?
5. What did Jesus say to Jairus?
6. What did the people do when Jesus said the girl was not dead?
7. What did Jesus do to heal the girl?
8. What happened after Jesus said, "Arise"?
9. Should we let others cause us not to have faith?

Answers: 1. Jairus. 2. Go and heal his daughter. 3. Some men from Jairus' house. 4. That his daughter was already dead. 5. "Fear not, only believe and she shall be made whole." 6. They laughed at him. 7. He took her by the hand and said, "Arise." 8. The girl's spirit came back into her body. 9. NO.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 9:18-26, Mark 5:21-43, Luke 8:40-56.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS HEALS THE BLIND AND DUMB

One day Jesus was walking down the road. Two blind men stumbled along behind Him. As the blind men felt their way along the road, they cried out, "Have mercy on us! Have mercy on us!"

When Jesus got to the house where He was going, He went in. The two blind men felt their way to the door and went in, too. After they were in the house, Jesus said to them, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?"

They said, "Yes, Lord."

Then Jesus touched their eyes and immediately the blind men could see. Jesus asked them not to tell anyone. But they could not keep quiet. They told it through the whole country.

Jesus went out of the house and was soon met by a man who had a devil living inside him. The man could not talk. Jesus healed the man so he could speak, and also demanded the unclean spirit of the devil to come out of the man.

After the devil was gone out of the man, Jesus said to the people who were watching. "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he [the spirit] walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he [then] saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out." Jesus said that everyone must be careful to keep his heart filled with the Spirit of God so that the devil cannot enter into his heart. A person who has once let the devil into his heart must be very, very careful once the devil is cast out.

Always remember, those who are sick or have the devil in their heart, or any other kind of problem, need to go to Jesus. He will help those who come to Him.



**“When a
... man keepeth his palace, h**



goods are in peace." Luke 11:21

Josh Prays for Janet

Josh was seven years old when Janet became seriously ill. Janet was so sick that her arms and legs would draw tight to her body. Sometimes her whole body would draw up tight until Janet was drawn into a tight knot. It was very painful, and Janet would try hard to make her arms, legs and body lay flat again. But no matter how hard Janet tried, she could not make her body lay flat. Sometimes, when Janet's body drew up into a knot, she would at the same time shake violently. Poor Janet suffered and suffered. The doctor could do nothing to stop these awful convulsions. Her mother worked hard rubbing Janet's muscles and nursing her until Mother, too, tired out. Many other people came to help nurse Janet, but with all the good care of the doctor, nurses, and Mother, Janet only grew worse.

Janet's body would draw up into a knot causing her intense suffering. She rolled and tossed on the bed in great pain, until her muscles relaxed again. Then she would gasp for breath and lay still for a moment. Her soft blue eyes seemed to be pleading for someone to please stop the terrible pain. All the helpers felt sorry, but they were already doing all they could.

Josh stood at the door and watched sometimes when Janet was suffering. Now he noticed that Janet was suffering all the time. The pain and drawing of her muscles only stopped once in a while, just long enough for Janet to give a sigh of relief, then she would have another convulsion.

Josh knew Jesus was everywhere and had all power and could heal Janet, so he went to his mother, whom he called Mamie and said, "Mamie, can I go in and make a prayer to God for Sissy?" for that is what he called Janet.

Mother said, "Yes, go."

Josh went into his room, and kneeling humbly by the side of his bed, as he did when he prayed each night and morning, he then prayed, saying, "Oh, God, please to bless little sister, she is very sick. Please stop her knotting-up so she

won't have any more. For Jesus' sake, amen."

Josh came back and told his mother what he said in prayer and added; "Mamie, I don't think she will have any more."

From that very moment the convulsions left Janet. They never returned; and the child was soon entirely well.



Be kind to older people
Help them if you can;
Smile when you see them,
Shake their wrinkled hand;
Listen when they talk,
Don't run when they walk:
Respect the older people—
They have many years behind them!



Questions:

1. Who was following Jesus?
2. What did Jesus ask the blind men?
3. How did the blind men answer Jesus' question?
4. What did the blind men do after they could see?
5. Who else was brought to Jesus?
6. Could the man speak after Jesus demanded the devil to go?
7. What do the spirits do after they are cast out of where they are living?
8. How can a person keep the unclean spirit from getting into their heart?
9. Where should a person go if they need help?

(Answers: 1. Two blind men. 2. "Believe Lord." 3. "Yes, I am able to do this." 4. They went through all the country telling that Jesus had healed them. 5. A dumb man with an evil spirit. 6. Yes. 7. The evil spirit goes around seeking rest, if it finds none, it returns to the place it came out. 8. Keep their hearts filled with God's Spirit. 9. To Jesus.)



Lesson Text: Matthew 9:27-38, Luke 11:14-26.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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TWO MEN RECEIVE LIFE AGAIN

As Jesus was walking toward the city gate of Nain, He met some men carrying a dead man. They were going to bury the young man. Jesus saw the crying mother walking behind them. He felt sorry for the poor woman. Her husband had died and now her only son had died, too. How lonely and sad she was.

Jesus came to her and said, "Don't cry." Then He went and touched the bier on which the dead man lay. Everyone stood still to see what would happen. Jesus then spoke to the dead man, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." The young man sat up and began to speak. Then Jesus took him to his mother.

Another time Jesus' friend, Lazarus, died. He had been dead four days before Jesus came to see his sisters, Mary and Martha.

"Oh, Jesus," Martha said, "if you had been here my brother had not died."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

"I know he shall live again in the resurrection," she answered.

"I am the resurrection," Jesus said.

Then came Mary crying to Jesus. He asked where Lazarus was buried. As they went to the place, they talked and Jesus felt so sad that He also cried. When they got to the cave in which Lazarus was buried, Jesus asked that the large stone be taken from the door. Then He called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."

Lazarus came walking out of the cave.

Jesus loved others so much that He felt sorry when they were sad. He did what He could to comfort them and we should do the same.





the brokenhearted, . . .” Luke 4:18.

Watch What You Say

Buzz-z! The dryer was telling Mother that the last load of clean clothes was finished drying.

"Children, help me sort and fold the clothes, and then we can go to the grocery store quicker," Mother said to Pam and Jack as she opened the dryer door and gathered the warm, sweet-smelling clothes.

Pam came right away, but Jack had to go wash his hands first.

"Hurry, Jack," Pam said. "You just want us to have the clothes all ready folded before you get here!"

"That's the name of the game!" Jack teased as he breezed into the kitchen.

"Here, Jack, you can fold the wash cloths," Mother said.

"Say 'pretty please with a cherry on top,' " Jack replied.

"No time for cherries, just mind your mother," she answered. "I'm in a hurry."

Jack picked up the wash cloths and one by one began to fold them. "This is crazy, man," Jack retorted. "What other dude has to help his mother with the clothes?"

"Jack, I wish you would not talk like a heathen," Mother sighed. "The way you talk reflects what kind of person you are. You don't want people to think of you as uneducated and wild."

"Well," Jack said, "I don't use the kind of lingo that jerk down the street uses."

"Jack!" Mother said sharply. "No, you do not have to cuss and swear and neither do you have to use such boisterous language. Your mother and father do not talk that way and Jesus certainly did not."

"Ah," Jack said, "I'm just a kid!" He flipped the last wash cloth onto the stack.

"Yes, you are just a child but the habits you form as a child will often stay with you as you grow up," Mother told Jack.

Pam had been listening, but now she had something to say. "Some of my friends say, *gosh*, *gee*, *golly*, and by-words like that, but I don't say that."

"No," agreed Mother, do not say any form of language similar to God's name."

"That guy down the street says the real stuff," Jack said. "He says . . ."

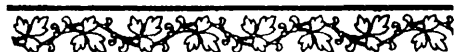
"Sh-sh-sh!" Mother and Pam said together.

"Don't even repeat him," Mother added. "In the Judgment Day, we will have to give an account of every word which we have spoken. You don't want any cuss words on your record. It is better to not even repeat what you hear if it is not worth saying. That goes for naughty jokes, also."

"So when are we going to the grocery store?" Jack asked, changing the subject.

"As soon as you put the wash cloths in the linen closet," replied Mother.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell



I'm not too big but still rather small

Though some day I will be tall.

Whatever size I grow to be,

I want Jesus to keep watch of me.



Questions:

1. Who did Jesus meet at the city gate?
2. What was the mother doing?
3. What did Jesus say to the mother?
4. What did Jesus do to comfort the sad mother?
5. What happened to Lazarus?
6. What did Jesus say to comfort Martha?
7. How did Jesus show his sorrow?
8. What did Jesus do that brought comfort?
9. Should we do things to comfort others who are sad?

(Answers: 1. Some men carrying a dead man. 2. She was crying. 3. Jesus said, "Don't cry." 4. He made the man live again. 5. Lazarus died. 6. "Your brother shall rise again." 7. Jesus showed sorrow by crying. 8. He gave Lazarus life again. 9. YES.)



Lesson Text: Luke 7:11-18, John 11:1-45.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS ANSWERS JOHN'S QUESTIONS

There was a man named John who taught about God and baptized those who came to him for baptism. He was so greatly blessed by God that some people thought he must be the Saviour, whom they were expecting. One day some of them asked John if he was. "I am not," John answered. "The Saviour will be so much better than I, that I am not worthy to even take His shoes off."

One day John said that King Herod was doing wrong because he married Herodius, who was divorced from his brother, Philip. This made Herod and Herodius so angry that they put John in prison. While John was in prison he heard more and more about Jesus. One day he sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus if He were really the Christ, the Son of God who would save people from their sins.

Jesus told John's disciples to return and to tell John all the things they had seen and heard; how "the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me." Jesus knew that John would believe He was the Christ, the Son of God, if he knew of all these miracles which only the Christ could do.

What Jesus was doing proved that He was the Christ, the Son of God. Every person proves what he is by what he does. A good boy proves he is a good boy by being good. A thief is a thief because he steals. A painter is a painter because he paints. A mother is a mother because she has children. And so it is, a Christian is a Christian because he lives like Christ.



“Even a child is known



his doings." Proverbs 20:11.

Freddie's Failing

Little Freddie was like some other boys and girls I know. If his mother wanted him to do something for her, he would always say that he would rather do something else.

For instance, if mother said, "Now, Freddie, please come and dry the dishes for me," as likely as not Freddie would say, "Oh, I'd rather clear the table."

If mother said, "Freddie, please run next door and borrow a half pound of butter from Mrs. Jones," Freddie would probably say, "I don't want to go all that way; couldn't I sweep the sidewalk?"

It was always "something else," never just exactly what mother wanted.

One day—a very busy day—mother said, "Freddie, please set the table for supper. Be a good boy."

"But I don't want to set the table," said Freddie; "couldn't I go and feed the chickens instead?"

"But I want you to set the table," said mother; "the chickens can wait a while."

"I know," said Freddie; "but I want to feed the chickens."

"Oh, very well," said mother, too weary after washing and ironing all day to bother with his contrariness. "Go and feed the chickens then."

Freddie went out the back door and walked slowly down the garden to the chickens, taking time to kick a ball about on the way, as well as to talk to the little boy next door. Indeed, he took so much time to feed the chickens that it was quite late when he returned.

Opening the kitchen door, he was surprised to notice that the table was still bare.

"Aren't we going to have any supper tonight?" he called.

There was no reply.

He went to the back door and shouted again.

This time there came a voice from next door. "Oh, is that you, Freddie?" Mother asked.

"Nobody's set the table," Freddie cried. "Aren't you coming?"

"Oh, I want to talk to Mrs. Jones," said mother. "Don't worry. I'll be back soon."

And with that mother went back into Mrs. Jones's house and shut the door.

Poor Freddie, who was feeling very hungry by now, sat down on a kitchen chair.

Some tears began to trickle down his cheeks, for it was very quiet and lonely sitting there by himself in the gathering darkness.

Then suddenly the door opened and in came mother. Freddie thought he had never been so glad to see her before.

"May I set the table now?" he asked before mother could say a word. "I'll be ever so quick, really I will, Mamma."

"All right, Freddie," said Mother. "I was going to let you go to bed without any supper, but I think you have learned your lesson."

Questions:

1. What did John do?
2. Why did some people think John was the Christ?
3. Why did Herod put John in jail?
4. Who did John hear about while in jail?
5. What was John's question about Jesus?
6. How did Jesus answer John?
7. Why did Jesus answer John in this way?
8. How does every person prove what he is?
9. How does any person prove he is a Christian?

(Answers: 1. John taught about God and baptized. 2. Because he was blessed of God. 3. John said Herod was doing wrong by having Philip's wife. 4. Jesus. 5. Was He the Christ, the Son of God? 6. Jesus said to tell John what He was doing. 7. Jesus knew John would know He was the Son of God by what He was doing. 8. He proves what he is by what he does. 9. By having Christ-like actions.)



Lesson Text: Matt. 11:2-6, Luke 3:15-20; 7:15-23.

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THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

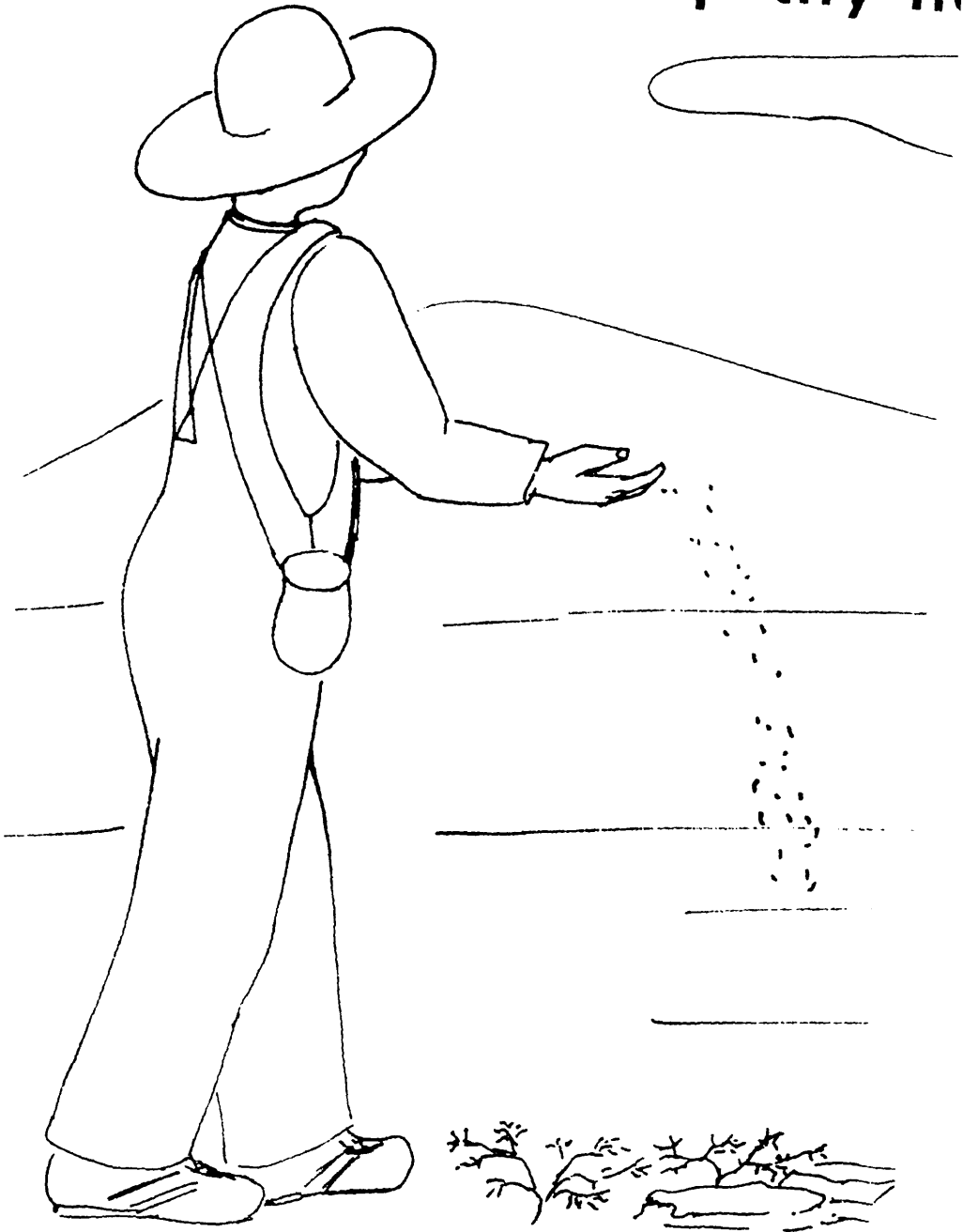
Jesus taught many lessons by short stories called parables. This is one of His parables:

One day a man went out to plant seed in his field. He took a handful of seed from his bag and threw it over the ground. Most of the ground was soft and as the seed fell they sank down into it. Soon the seeds grew into plants, that later produced fruit. Some of the seeds flew outside of the field and fell on the hard road. Some seed fell into the nearby thorn bushes. There were also some stony places in and around the field. Some seed fell in those places.

The birds saw the seed that fell on the road and they flew down and ate it. The seed that fell on the stony ground grew up real fast, but soon the hot sun made it wilt and die. The seeds that fell into the thorn patch could not grow very well because the thorns choked them.

Jesus told this story so we would know that the good news that Jesus will save is preached just like the man planted his seed, but sometimes people's hearts are not ready to receive the Word of God. Some hearts are hard like the road, and unbelief, like the birds, destroys the seeds. Some hearts are hard like the earth with stones under it. They like being a Christian until they have to suffer because of it. Other's hearts are all tangled up in working and having fun so their hearts are like a thorn bush and soon the seed of God's Word is choked. But there are many hearts that are soft and ready to receive the Word of God. They are like the good ground. Soon the Word of God grows and produces good actions which is its fruit.

“Keep thy h



rt with all diligence,"

Proverbs 4:23.



Seeds of Togetherness

"Come and eat," Mother called to her three children who were in the back yard playing. Right away Mark, Debbie, and Titus laid aside their toys and hurried to the back door. One by one they neatly washed their hands and politely sat down in their places at the table. Mother and Daddy were already seated.

Everyone was happy for the sunny weather and loving friendship they were sharing. After a prayer of thanksgiving for the food, each one in turn around the table passed the fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, spinach, black-eyed peas, hot rolls and butter. Mother had already poured chilled lemonade into their ice-filled glasses.

While they ate, they visited with one another and told funny, cute, or embarrassing stories that had happened to themselves. For dessert, Mother had baked a fresh, homemade apple pie. Daddy was given the dipper for the ice cream and he put a scoop of ice cream on each one's piece of pie.

Finally the last bite was eaten and everyone was satisfied with their meal.

"You know," said Mark as he leaned back in his chair to relax, "I am so glad we don't have a television. Most of my friends who have a TV eat their supper sitting in front of it. Their mother may be watched TV through the day and didn't take time to fix them a good supper so they eat TV dinners every night. All my friends think and talk about Spider Man, Dukes of Hazard, Star Wars, and other nonsense like that. They talk about He-Man more than they talk about their own Dad!"

"I'm glad we don't have a TV either!" said Debbie. "I wouldn't want to watch all that shooting and killing right while we are eating. I enjoy our family talks while we're at the table and I sure enjoy Mother's good meals!"

"Me, too!" agreed Titus. "My friend Tommy said he wants to be like the Incredible Hulk some day—but not me! I'm going to be big like my Daddy! See, Mama," said Titus, "I ate all my spinach just like Daddy did!"

"You sure did," agreed Mother, "and you ate all your pie and ice cream, too!"

"Honey," Daddy said to his wife, "I trust our children grow up to have peaceful, happy homes like we have been blessed with. Really, we would not have these happy, close times if there was a television blaring nearby. Now we can be still at times and let God through the Holy Spirit talk to our souls. God is pleased to dwell with us in our peaceful home. There will never be a television in this home."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Pray to God when things go right,
Pray to God when things go wrong;
Pray to God by your bed at night,
Pray to God all the day long.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What is a parable?
2. What did the man do?
3. What happened to the seed that fell on the road?
4. What happened to the seed that fell on the stony ground?
5. What happened to the seed that fell in the thorns?
6. What do the birds represent?
7. Why do some people not like being a Christian?
8. Is your heart hard like a road or a stone?
9. Is your heart soft like the good ground?

(Answers: 1. A short story used to teach a lesson. 2. He planted seed. 3. The birds ate it. 4. It grew up real fast but soon wilted in the hot sun. 5. The thorns choked it. 6. Unbelief. 7. They don't want to suffer. 8. Answer should be no, if you answered yes, ask God to take your hard heart and give you a soft one. 9. We hope everyone who reads this has a soft heart.)

Lesson Text: Matthew 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:4-18.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE PARABLE OF THE TARES

Jesus left the house and walked to the seashore. All along the dusty road, people saw Him. They hurried to tell others and soon many people were following Him. At the seashore there were so many people crowding around, that Jesus got into a ship and sat down. Then He told them many lesson stories, called parables.

He said, "The world is like a great field. The Son of God planted many good seeds in this field. The good seeds are the people who are a part of the kingdom of God. After the seeds were planted, He went away. While He was gone, the devil came and sowed bad seeds, called tares, in the same field.

"The good seeds and the tares grew together in the ground. They looked very much alike. Day after day, the plants grew. Finally the plants were big enough to have fruit, and the men who cared for the plants noticed that some were not good plants. They went to the Son of God and asked, 'Sir, shall we pull up the tares?'

"The Son of God answered them, 'No, for when you pull up the tares, you may root up the good plants. Let them grow together until the end of the world.' "

"At the end of the world," Jesus said, "The Son of God will send His angels to gather out of His kingdom all those who do iniquity, or wickedness. He shall cast them into a furnace of fire where there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine as the sun."

Are you a good seed, or a tare? Remember, the good seeds are the people who belong to the kingdom of God, and they will go to heaven when they die. Let us all be like the good seeds.





**“ . . . the righteous shall shine
forth as the sun . . . ”
Matt. 13:43.**

Sowing the Word

"Mama, our apples are turning red, and are nearly ready to pick," Johnny said as he came into the kitchen where Mother was busy cooking supper. Mother quietly smiled at Johnny in reply.

Johnny was still excited. "Aren't you glad that they are ready to eat?" he asked. "I love apple pie, applesauce, apple jelly, and all the other good things made from apples. Don't you, Mama?"

"Yes, I do, Johnny," Mother said. "You get so excited about apples that you remind me of another Johnny I have read about. Did you ever hear the story of Johnny Appleseed?"

"No," said Johnny. "Was his Mama 'Mrs. Appleseed'?"

Mother laughed. "Johnny Appleseed's real name was John Chapman, but they called him Johnny Appleseed because he planted apple seeds in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Johnny Appleseed loved apples and he wanted everyone to have plenty of apples to eat."

"Where did he get the apple seeds?"

"First, he got the seeds from apple cider presses in Pennsylvania. As years went by, Johnny would get seeds from the apples on the trees he had planted," said Mother. "Everyone loved to see Johnny Appleseed come, because he was a kind man who made peace with everyone and every thing. He made friends with different animals, and he even made friends with the Indians who really didn't like the settlers living on their land. The Indians also liked apples. Guess what else Johnny gave to the people when he gave them apples and seeds?"

"Did he give them money?" asked Johnny.

"No, no," Mother said with a smile. "He gave them something more valuable than money! He read to them from the BIBLE that he carried with him everywhere he went. Johnny read the Bible to the Indians, too. He told them the ways of God who made the apples and all good things on the earth. He

told stories about Jesus to the Indian children, and to the settler's children. They all liked Johnny Appleseed because he showed them how to live kindly, lovingly, and happily."

"Was Johnny Appleseed saved?"

"Yes, he was," replied Mother. "He knew God the Father, Jesus the Son, and he listened to the Holy Spirit. That is why he was such a good man. Only a Christian could be friends with so many kinds of people, and always be able to get along with them."

"Well, I'll pretend I'm Johnny Appleseed," said Johnny. "Give me a sack and I will go and gather apples right now. Where is my Bible?"

Johnny was inspired to be a man sowing the Word of God, just as Johnny Appleseed did 100 years ago.

—Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. Where did Jesus go?
2. Where did Jesus sit while He talked to the people?
3. What is the world like?
4. What did the Son of God plant in the field?
5. What did the devil plant?
6. Why didn't Jesus want the tares pulled up?
7. When did Jesus say they would be pulled up?
8. What is to happen to the tares?
9. What will the righteous do at the end of the world?



(Answers: 1. To the seashore. 2. In a ship. 3. A great field. 4. Good seed. 5. Some bad seed called tares. 6. He said that some good plants might be accidentally rooted up. 7. At the end of the world. 8. They are to be burned. 9. Shine as the sun.)

Lesson text: Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS SENDS THE 12 APOSTLES

It was an exciting day for the Apostles. They were going to work for Jesus! All twelve Apostles were listening carefully as Jesus told them what they were to do. "Go not into any city of the Gentiles, or into any city of Samaria," He said. "Go only into the Jewish cities, for they are the lost children of Israel. I want them to hear the message first. As you go, tell them to repent, for the kingdom of heaven is very close.

"You must heal the sick ones, cleanse the disease of leprosy, and give life back to those who are dead. Cast the devil out of those who are wanting to be free from his power. You have received this power from me, so don't charge money for any service you give to others."

Jesus continued speaking. "Take no money with you, nor two coats, nor shoes, nor staves. You are my workmen and I will provide everything you need. When you go into a city, ask who is worthy to have you stay in their home. Then you must stay in that home, eating whatever they give you.

"There may be some families which will not want to live for me. They will not like your preaching. I have no peace for you to leave at that house. If a city doesn't like your preaching, then when you leave that city, shake off the dust from your feet. Unless they repent, I will not receive them into heaven."

The Apostles went, as Jesus said, into city after city, preaching everywhere that men should repent because the Kingdom of God was near. They healed the sick and cast out many devils, just as Jesus had told them to do.





They
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out
and
preached

Mark 6:12.

Willing to Listen

Paul and Tom were brothers who shared the same bedroom, and were only one year apart in age.

On Sunday mornings, Mother would come into their bedroom calling, "Wake up, sleepy heads; it's time for Sunday School!"

Paul would soon sit up in bed, rub his eyes, and get up to dress and eat breakfast. Tom would just roll over in bed and pretend he didn't hear.

After much coaxing ("Get out of bed, Tom." "Get dressed, Tom." "Come and eat, Tom." "Hurry, Tom, hurry!" "Don't be late, Tom."), Tom finally made it to Sunday School.

Mother would sigh as she watched Tom follow Paul into their Sunday School room. What would it take to make Tom hurry for church and Sunday School?

During church services, Tom would sit beside Daddy, Paul beside Mother, and Mother and Daddy would sit close together. Paul liked for Mother to find the songs in the song book when everyone sang. Paul would get down on his knees and pray when it was prayer time. Mother hardly ever told Paul to pray. He just did it, because he knew it was time to talk to God and ask for God's blessing on that service. Paul liked to listen to the message, also.

Poor Tom didn't do well in church. When everyone knelt down to pray, Tom wasn't willing to pray. Daddy had to whisper, "Tom, kneel!" Tom would say, "Can I go to the bathroom?" and Daddy would whisper, "No! You should have already gone!" Then, making a sour face, Tom would get down to pray. Sometimes he would get restless and peek around, and Daddy would have to tap him on the shoulder so that Tom would bow his head again.

During the good message, Tom would sit maybe a hundred and ten different ways and maybe take that many, or more, looks around the chapel. Tom didn't pay attention to the minister.

Daddy would sigh to himself as he drove the family home after church.

What would it take to make Tom willing to be quiet and enjoy church?

One Monday morning, Uncle George and Aunt Sally came by to visit. They were on vacation, going to camp meetings, and visiting relatives. Paul and Tom both liked Uncle George and Aunt Sally, who bought the boys snacks and treats.

"Let us take the boys with us," Uncle George said. "We will bring them back in a week or two."

Daddy and Mother said, "You can take Paul, but Tom better stay with us. He doesn't like to sit still in church very well."

Now Tom was sad. He wanted to go, too, but although he pleaded, Daddy still said, "No."

This made Tom want to sit still in church so he could have a good report, too. The closer he listened, the quieter he sat, and the better he liked church!

—Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why were the Apostles excited?
2. Why were they listening to Jesus?
3. Where did Jesus tell them to go to first?
4. What were they to say?
5. Were the Apostles to charge money for healing?
6. What were some things they were not to take?
7. What would happen to the people who didn't like the preaching?
8. Did the Apostles preach and heal?
9. Should we be helpers for Jesus?

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(Answers: 1. They were going to work for Jesus. 2. Jesus was telling them what to do. 3. To the Jewish cities. 4. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." 5. No money, shoes, staves, nor two coats. 7. They could not go to heaven unless they repented. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)

Lesson text: Matt. 10:1, 5-15; Mark 6:12, 13.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE KING KILLS JOHN

King Herod the Great had three sons. One son, named Philip Herod, married Herodias. They had a little girl named Salome. After a few years, Herodias became angry with Philip. She took Salome away from her father. They went to Galilee to the palace of her father's brother, and lived with him. He was known as King Herod.

In Galilee, John the Baptist was preaching the truth. He said to Herod, "It is not right for you to have your brother's wife." This made the king so angry that he wanted to kill John! But the king was afraid to kill him. He was afraid God might punish him for it, and that the people who loved John would not like him.

Herodias was even more angry than Herod! She also wanted John to die. She watched for a chance to get Herod to have John killed. One day she saw her chance!

It was Herod's birthday, and many of Herod's friends were there to enjoy a party. Herodias sent Salome out to dance for them. Herod was so pleased that he said, "Ask whatever you wish and I will give it to you, even if it is half of my kingdom!"

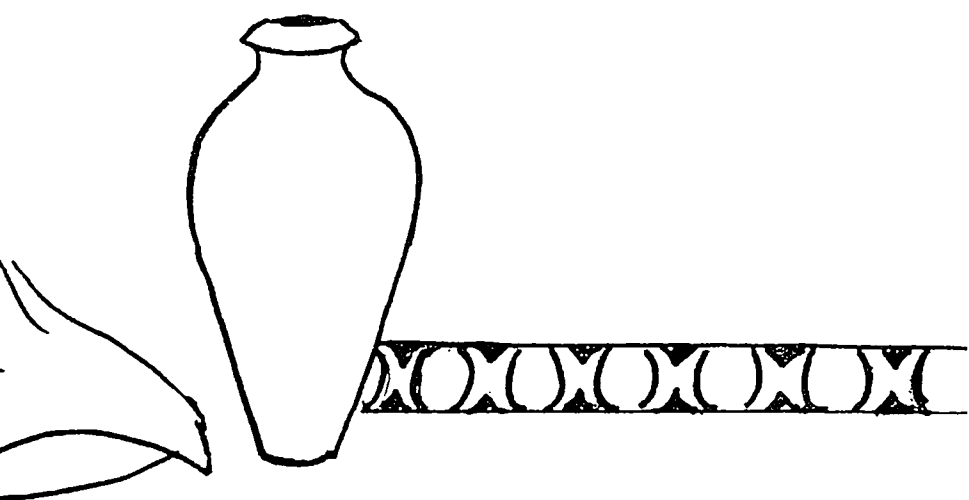
Salome hurried off to ask help from her mother. "What shall I ask him for?" she asked.

"Ask him for the head of John the Baptist!"

"Oh, no! Not that!" thought Salome, but she was afraid to disobey, so she asked for his head.

Herod had John the Baptist killed. John's disciples came for his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus about John's death.





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ul". Matt. 10:28.**

Because of a Doll

Kate was crying as she ran inside her house to Mother. Kate was boo-hooing so loudly that Mother could hear her coming, although Mother was in the laundry room putting dirty clothes in the noisy washer.

"I don't like Terri any more!" Kate said as she sobbed into Mother's skirt. "I HATE Terri!"

"Now, now, now," Mother said, as she patted her little girl's shoulders and back. "First of all, we don't hate anyone. I have always told you that."

"But Terri is terrible!" sobbed Kate. "She broke the arm off of Mary Beth who is my best doll! And Terri never even said she was sorry—she just ran home and— I wish she didn't live by me!"

"Let's stop this naughty talk right now," Mother said. She guided Kate to the kitchen where they sat down, Kate on Mother's lap. "You need to get ahold of yourself and stop crying. You're only angry. Stop sobbing so that you can explain to me what happened."

Soon Kate led Mother outside under the spreading cedar tree where she and Terri had been playing with their dolls in the shade.

"See my doll?" Kate said sadly. She picked it up and showed Mother where the arm was dangling from the doll's body. "Terri wanted to put another dress on the doll than what I wanted on it. She pulled the doll by the arm and just look what happened!"

"I'm sorry," Mother said. She was already adjusting the doll's arm and popping it back into place on the doll's body. "There, Kate," Mother said. "I think we have the doll's arm back on."

"Do you really?" asked Kate. She could hardly believe that Mother had mended the doll so quickly.

"Here is Mary Beth," said Mother. "She's as good as new!"

"Thank you! Thank you!" exclaimed Kate. "Let me go show her to Terri!" Then Kate stopped in her excitement, because she remembered what she had said to Mother about Terri just a few

minutes ago. A sad look came over her face. "If I hate Terri, I guess I should not go over to her house any more, huh, Mother?"

"But you don't have to hate Terri, Kate," Mother said. "Look, your doll is fixed. Terri probably ran away because she was sorry and you said some unkind things to her. Remember to keep your anger under control so that you won't say things you regret later. It is so hard to forget unkind words. Try to never speak to someone when you are that angry, but quickly pray to Jesus instead. Ask Him to give you patience and strength. Jesus will help you, and you won't be ashamed later of any unkind words."

"Thank you, Mother," Kate said again as she hugged and kissed her good mother. "Now I'm going to talk to Terri and tell her that everything is going to be all right after all!"—Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. Who did Philip marry?
2. Where did Herodias take Salome?
3. Who was preaching in Galilee?
4. Do you think John was brave?
5. What did John tell King Herod?
6. What important day was it?
7. What did Salome do that pleased King Herod?
8. Did the king kill John the Baptist?
9. What did John's disciples do?



(John.) day. 7. Dance. 8. Yes. 9. They buried your brother's wife." 6. Herod's birth-
4. Yes. 5. "It is not right for you to have palace in Galilee. 3. John the Baptist.
Answers: 1. Herodias. 2. To her uncle's



Lesson Text: Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-30; Luke 9:7-9.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS FEEDS 5,000

Every day many people came to Jesus for help. It made Jesus and the Apostles very tired! One day they were so tired, that they decided to go away into a desert place to eat and rest. The lonely desert was on the other side of the lake, so they went across the lake in a ship.

The people saw Him leave in the ship and they started walking around the lake to find Him. As they walked, many more people joined them. Soon all the people found Jesus again and stayed with Him all day!

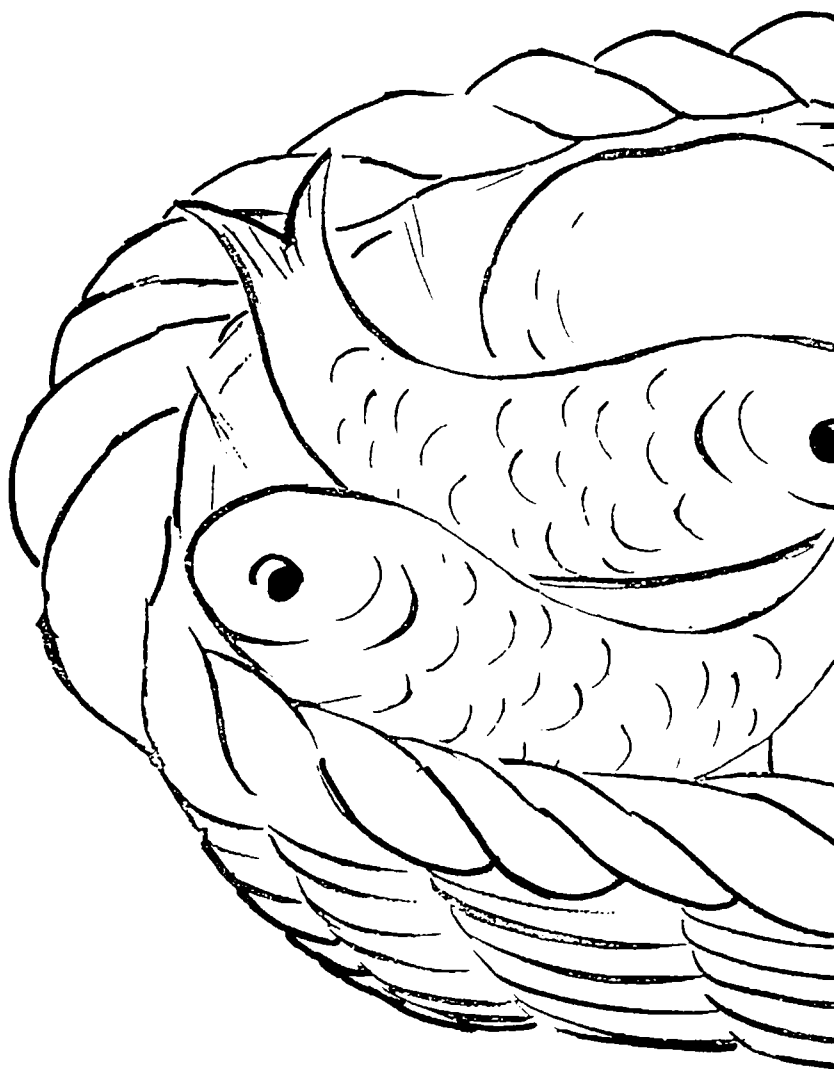
When evening came, the Apostles wanted Jesus to send the people to get themselves some food. Jesus wanted to feed the people, but there were only five loaves of barley bread and two fish. There was only enough food for a few men, and there were 5,000 men, besides all the women and children!

Jesus had the people sit on the ground. Then He blessed the bread and fish and had the Apostles pass the food around so that each person could get some. The bread and fish multiplied until every person had all the food they wanted! Then the disciples took up all the leftovers and there were twelve baskets full of food. What a miracle!

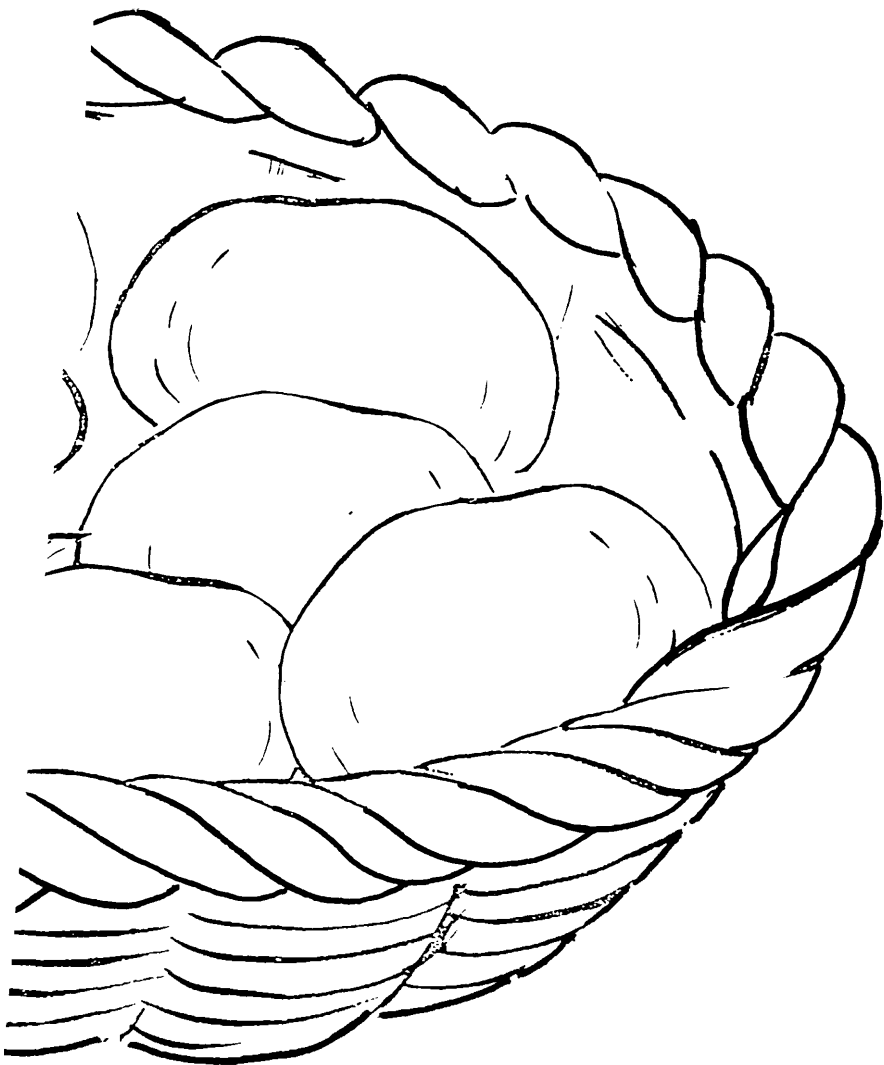
After this miracle, the people wanted to make Jesus their king. "We would have plenty of everything if He were our king," they said. Jesus knew that they wanted Him as king only because of the good things He did, and not because they loved Him. He disappeared!

We should love Jesus for what He is, not what He does.

**“Labour not for the meat which
which endureth unto ever**



**perisheth, but for that meat
sting life . . .” John 6:27.**



Kidnaped!

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be kidnaped? Perhaps you have asked yourself just what you would do if a stranger suddenly picked you up and hurried you away in his car. Well, here is the story of a little boy who had this experience.

I am going to call him Raymond,

He was just six years old at the time this happened, but though he was very young, he loved to do what he called his "missionary work." That is, when the minister at his church said that he needed money to send to the missionaries in foreign lands, Raymond would set out bravely to call at the neighbor's homes and tell them all about it.

One day, Raymond had been out collecting his "missionary money." He was almost finished. As he was walking home along a country road, he suddenly heard a car slow down and stop beside him. A strange man put his head out of the window and asked Raymond whether he wanted a ride.

"No, thank you," said Raymond, remembering his mother's strict warning that he was never to accept a ride from a stranger.

The stranger opened the door and got out.

"Get in there," he ordered, picking Raymond up bodily and shoving him on the front seat.

"But I don't want to ride!" shouted Raymond. "Let me out!"

"What's your name?" asked the stranger.

"Raymond."

Now the car was speeding past his home, and Raymond saw all the old familiar places being left behind.

Oh, dear! he thought, where is he going to take me?

Then he remembered that mother had said that if he was working for Jesus, he need never be afraid, for the angels would surely look after him. So he began to say a little prayer; but he was so frightened that he said it out loud.

"What was that you were saying?" asked the man.

"I was asking Jesus to save me," said Raymond, as the tears rolled down his cheeks.

"Oh, very well, then, very well," said the man, putting his foot on the brake. "Get out, get out!"

With that he stopped the car, opened the door, and pushed Raymond onto the grass at the side of the road.

As Raymond stood there wondering what to do next, a woman from a nearby farm came up to him and asked, "What in the world are you doing all alone out here?"

Raymond told her all that had happened. Getting her own car, she soon hurried him back to his mother.

Mother said he was a very brave boy, but Raymond said he was quite sure all the time that Jesus would help him because of the "missionary money" he had in his pocket that afternoon.

I think He did, too, don't you?

—Selected

Questions:

1. Did many people come to Jesus for help every day?
2. Why did Jesus want to go to the desert?
3. How did Jesus get across the lake?
4. How did the people get to Jesus?
5. Why did the Apostles think the people should leave?
6. How much food did Jesus have?
7. How many people ate?
8. Why did the people want Jesus to be their king?
9. Should we love Jesus only for what He gives to us?



(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. To eat and rest. 3. Riding in a ship. 4. They walked around the lake. 5. To get themselves some food. 6. Five loaves of bread and two fish. 7. Five thousand men, besides women and children. 8. Because He gave them good things. 9. No.)

Lesson text: Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-15.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

Jesus told the Apostles good-bye as they got into a ship and started toward Capernaum. Then He turned to the crowd that lingered on the shore and sent them away for the night. After that, He walked up a mountain to pray.

Soon a terrible storm blew across the sea. Through the darkness Jesus could see far out across the water. He heard the wind howling and saw the waves tossing high. The Apostles were toiling hard as they rowed the ship.

Jesus prayed on. He liked to talk with His heavenly Father in prayer. He prayed until after 3:00 the next morning. Then He decided to go to the Apostles in the ship. By this time they were far out on the sea. Jesus didn't get into another ship to go to them. No, He just stepped on the water as if it were solid ground, and walked three and one-half miles to the ship. As He got near, the Apostles cried out in fear.

"It is I; be not afraid," Jesus called back to them.

Then Peter asked, "Jesus, may I come to meet you?"

Jesus told Peter to come. Peter stepped out of the ship and walked on the water, too. How happy he must have felt! Before long, however, he looked at the violent waves and he became afraid. He began to sink. He cried, "Lord, save me!"

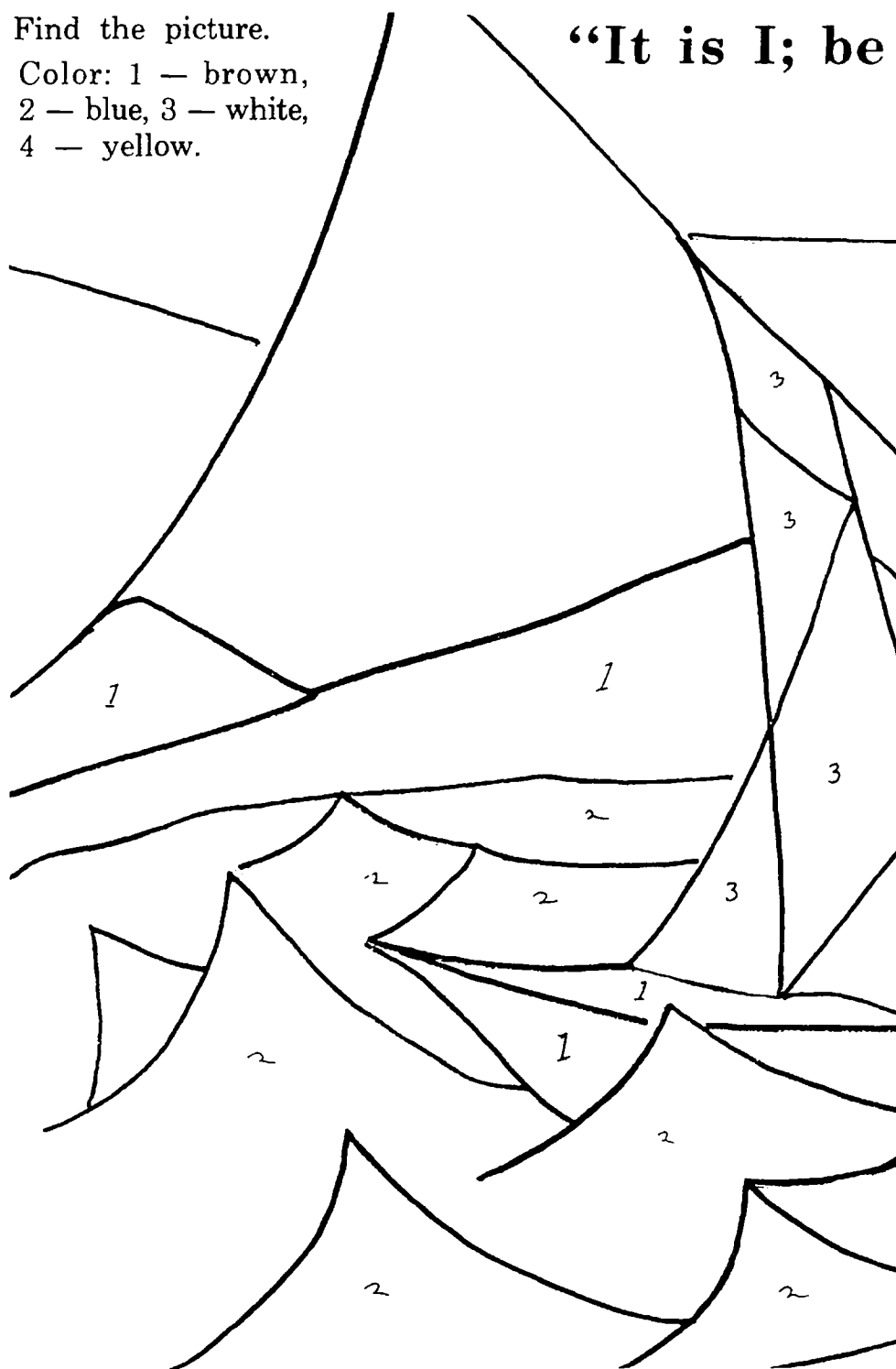
As soon as Jesus got into the boat, the wind stopped blowing and the sea was calm. The Apostles rejoiced and worshiped Jesus.

When we are unhappy, it is like being in a storm. If we ask Jesus to help us, He will come and calm the storm and make us happy again.

Find the picture.

Color: 1 — brown,
2 — blue, 3 — white,
4 — yellow.

“It is I; be



ot afraid.”
Mark 6:50.



Ants

Ray and Amy were playing on their tricycles when they saw little, bitty, red ants marching, one after another, in a line across the patio. Each little ant seemed to be carrying something. Some ants carried bread crumbs. Some carried wads of mud, and some had grass.

Ray and Amy laughed when they saw several little ants working together to pull a pork 'n bean down the ant trail.

"Mama, come and see these little, bitty ants!" Ray and Amy called to their mother who had just stepped outside.

Mother came over to watch the ants, too. She noticed another line where the ants were going to get the food. Then they found the ant hill where one ant after another was hurrying down one side, while other ants were hurrying up another side. The ant going in the hill was taking in his food, and the ant coming out was leaving his food.

"The ants must be getting ready for winter," Mother said. "They are storing up food for the cold winter days ahead."

"They surely are little bitty," Ray said. "I could kill all of them if I walk up and down this line."

"No, don't step on the ants!" cried Amy. "That wouldn't be nice, would it, Mother?"

"Let me teach you a little poem," Mother replied. "It says, 'I would not crush a little ant that hurries through the grass, For God took time to make him, so I will let him pass.'"

"God did make the little ants," Ray said as he stood back to let the ants work.

"Yes," said Mother. "The Bible even talks about ants and praises them."

"It does?" asked Amy. "What does it say about ants?"

"It says, 'Go to the ant, thou slug-gard; consider her ways, and be wise,'" said Mother. "See how busy these ants are? They are very quick and always busy. They do not stop for anyone or anything. Not one ant says, 'I can't do anything. I'm too tired. I'm too little,' or

'I don't want to work!' Every one of these ants are busy, busy, busy. See how determined they are to fill up their ant hill?"

"I wonder what it would be like to be an ant," said Amy. She thought they looked so cute marching one by one to the ant hill and then back for more food.

"We probably look like ants to God," said Ray. "Think how little we must look to great, big God up in the sky!"

Mother smiled. "Yes, we probably do, Ray," she said. "Yet no matter how little we are, God cares about every problem we have. There is no problem too big or too little for God. If we will stay true to God all the days of our life, He will take care of us."

—Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. Did Jesus tell the Apostles "good-bye"?
2. Why did Jesus go into the mountains?
3. What happened on the sea while Jesus was praying?
4. At what time did Jesus go to the Apostles?
5. How did Jesus get to the ship?
6. Did Peter also walk on the water?
7. Why did Peter begin to sink?
8. How did Jesus help Peter?
9. When did the storm stop?



(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. To pray. 3. A terrible storm blew across it. 4. After three o'clock in the morning. 5. He walked on the water. 6. Yes. 7. He was afraid. 8. Jesus took him by the hand. 9. When Jesus entered into the ship.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-24.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

A lot of people were at the seashore. "Have you seen Jesus?" they asked one another. "He was here yesterday."

One man stood up and said, "There was only one ship here last night and it is gone. He must have gone to the other side."

Many agreed that He must have gone to the other side, so they got into other ships and went over, also.

Jesus had walked across the lake. He knew they had come to find Him because He had fed them a few days ago, so He gave them a lesson about spiritual food. He said, "Men should not spend so much time working to get food for the body. They should spend more time working to get food for the soul. The soul will last forever," He said. "Work your hardest to get food for it. I am the bread from heaven that men need for their souls."

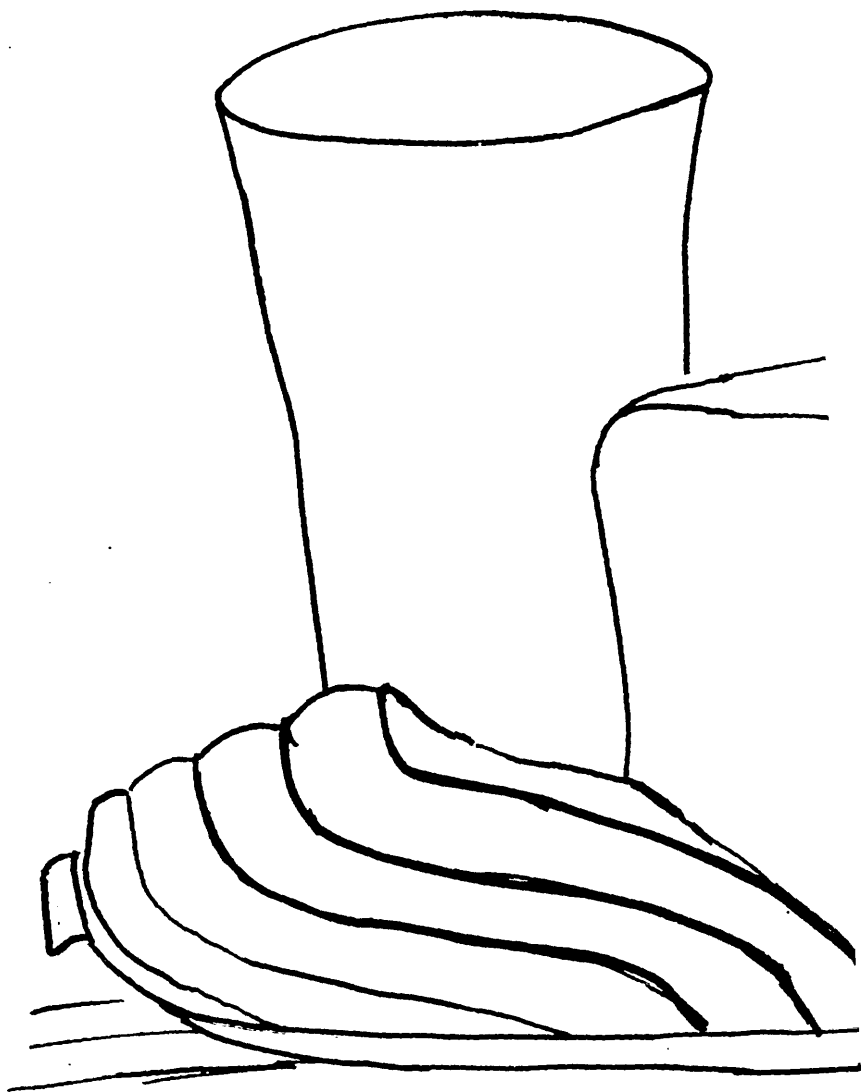
Some men did not like Jesus. They came only to see the things He did. They whispered to each other, "He did not come from heaven! He is Joseph's son. Why does He say He came down from heaven?"

Jesus could not hear them, but He knew what they asked, so He answered, "You do not understand that I came from heaven, because my Father has not enlightened your hearts. I am the bread of life which came from heaven. He that believes on me shall never hunger again."

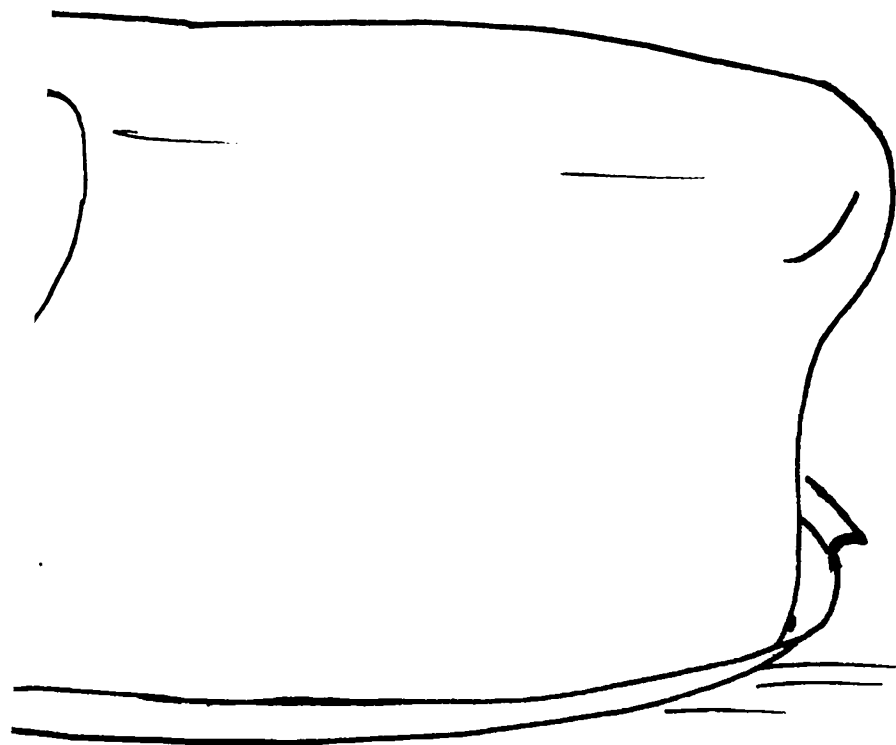
"Then give us this bread," the people said.

"I cannot give it to you unless you believe that I came from heaven. This bread is my body. I will die on the cross and whoever believes enough in me to obey me shall have eternal life."

“ . . . He that eateth of tl



bread shall live forever.”
John 6:58.



New Forever

Steven was at the car wash helping his father wash their 1984 LTD, when Rex and his father drove up to wash their new 1988 Cadillac.

"Come and look at our new car!" Rex called to Steven.

With a chamois (chammy) in hand, Steven walked over to the next car stall to see the nice, red car that Rex was beaming about.

"It has all the newest features," Rex said. He was eager to show Steven all the things his new car did until his father frowned and told him to stop pushing buttons and tinkering.

"I like the stereo system," Rex said. Listen to this!"

Rex began to adjust the stereo and turn it up loud. Steven wasn't used to such loud, screaming stuff and it hurt his ears. Neither could he take the cigar smoke smell that came from the car seats. "You have a nice car, all right," Steven told Rex, "but I had better go back and finish helping Dad wipe down our car. Mom wants us to hurry home—she has supper nearly done."

Rex was already involved with his stereo and music. He nodded at Steven. "See you later," he said dully because the loud music was all he could hear or think about by this time.

As Steven walked away to help his father, he could not help but feel sorry for Rex. Rex didn't go to church and learn about Jesus and salvation. His father and mother didn't live together anymore, either. Even though Rex had a new car, Steven felt sorry for him.

"Did you see Rex's new car?" Dad asked Steven as he gave one last wipe over the chrome bumper.

"Yeah. It's a nice color," said Steven, "but I still like our car. It's just right for us."

"I still like it too," Dad said as they climbed into their car. "New things don't stay new forever, do they, son?"

Steven shook his head. "We can be happy forever, though," he said. "If we stay saved and keep living for Jesus,

we can be happy for ever and ever, can't we, Dad?" Dad nodded as Steven continued. "And everything will stay new for ever and ever in heaven, won't it?"

And Dad nodded again.

—Connie Sorrell

Quik Clean



Questions:

1. Where were the people?
2. For whom were they looking?
3. Where did they go to find Jesus?
4. For what kind of food did Jesus say we should work?
5. Who is food for the soul?
6. From where does this soul food come?
7. Why couldn't Jesus give food to some men?
8. Will those who believe in Jesus be satisfied?
9. What can we do to prove that we believe in Jesus?



(Answers: 1. At the sea shore. 2. Jesus. 3. On the other side of the sea. 4. Food for the soul. 5. Jesus. 6. From heaven. 7. Because the men did not believe that Jesus came from heaven. 8. Yes. 9. O-bey His Word.)

Lesson Text: John 6:22-58.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



Vol. 38, No. 4 Primaries (USPS549-000) Part 20 Nov. 15, 1987

CLEAN HANDS OR A CLEAN HEART?

A group of smart men with very clean hands gathered around Jesus. They came to ask Him a question. One man said, "The elders teach us God's commandments and they say that hands should always be washed before eating. Your disciples eat without first washing their hands. Why don't they listen to the elders?"

Jesus answered, "You wash your hands before eating, and do a lot of other things to keep clean, but you do not obey God's commandments."

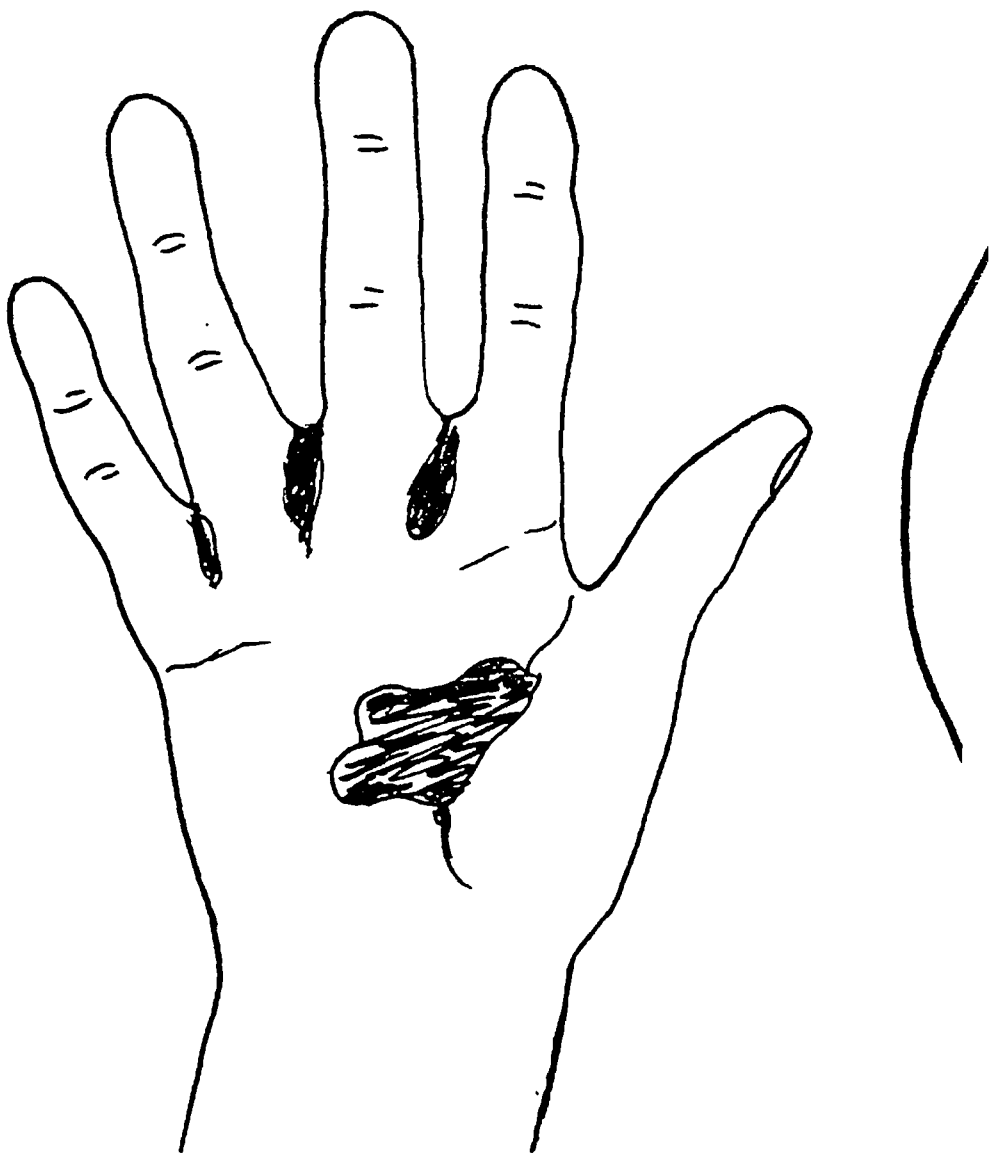
Then Jesus called the people together and said, "Not that which goes into a mouth makes a man unclean, but that which comes out of his mouth makes a man unclean."

After the men had gone away, Jesus' disciples asked Him to explain it more clearly. Jesus said, "Do you not understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the belly. . . . The words which come out of the mouth come from the heart."

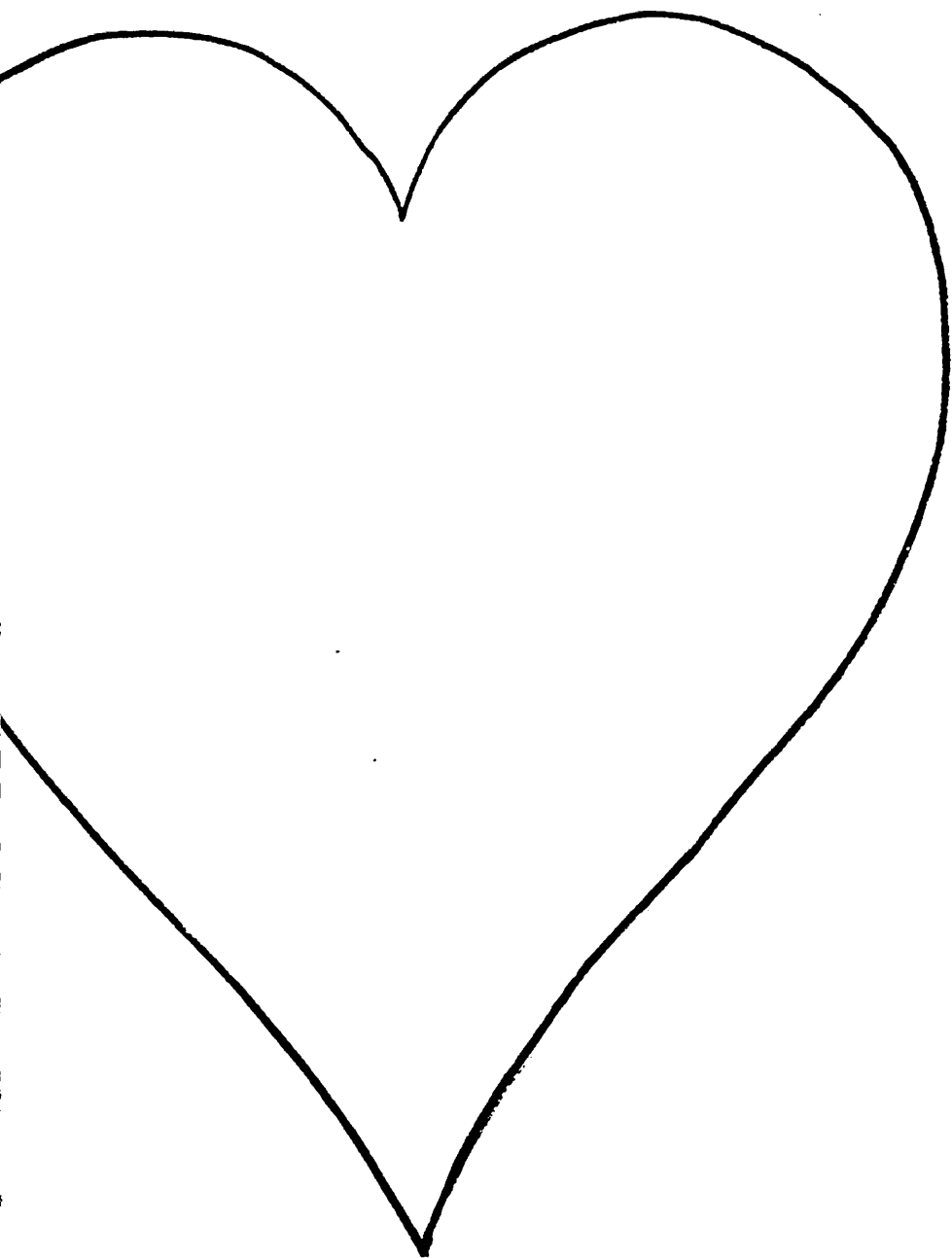
When Jesus said this, the disciples understood that He was talking about the soul becoming unclean when a person speaks hatefully to others, says ungodly things, tells lies, or does other evil things.

Jesus explained that all the evil things that people do are done because the doers' hearts are evil. If the heart is clean, then the words and actions will be clean. If the heart is evil, the actions and words will be evil.

Some people keep their hands clean, but their souls are dirty. Some people keep their souls clean, even if their hands are dirty. Let's all have clean hearts, instead of dirty hearts.



“That which cometh out . .



defileth a man.” Matt. 15:11.

Heaven's Music

Paula loved her Aunt Lila very much. Aunt Lila was a nice person, but she did not live for Jesus. Jesus cared about Aunt Lila's soul and He was sad with the way she lived. Paula knew this, and she would often pray for Aunt Lila to get saved.

One thing that Aunt Lila did which was bad was to dance. Paula went to Sunday School and church, and she knew why it was bad to dance to wicked music.

Once Aunt Lila took Paula shopping to a big shopping mall where there were many kinds of stores. They went into a candle store where the lighted candles smelled sweet. Paula liked it there. They went into a Hallmark card store where pretty cards lined the walls. Paula liked it there, too. They went into an ice cream parlor where there was lots and lots of ice cream. Paula REALLY liked it there!

Then they went into a record store that sold rock 'n roll music. Paula did not like it there! The music was so loud that it made her ears hurt. There were bright, flashing lights moving in different directions and it made Paula's eyes ache. She put her hands over her ears and shut her eyes so tight that tears squeezed out of them and ran down her cheeks.

"Paula, what is wrong?" asked Aunt Lila, but Paula couldn't hear her. Aunt Lila put her arm around Paula's shoulders and then Paula looked up into Aunt Lila's troubled eyes.

"May I wait outside of this store until you are through?" asked Paula.

"We will both go if it bothers you," said Aunt Lila.

After they were outside of the record store, Paula said, "That noise doesn't sound at all like the pretty music I like."

"That was dancing music," said Aunt Lila. "You haven't learned to dance yet, have you?"

"No," said Paula. "I can't be happy with that noise, but in Sunday School we clap our hands and jump for joy

when we sing about the 'Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down In Our Hearts.' That is a happy song! Do you have joy down in your heart, Aunt Lila?"

Now it was Aunt Lila's turn to feel tears in her eyes. "No, Paula," Aunt Lila said. "You have the best songs to be happy with. Stay as sweet as you are, and stay with your Sunday School songs."

"That's the only kind of songs we will be able to sing in heaven," said Paula. "My Sunday School teacher said that the Bible says that the angels sing and praise the Lord all the time."

"Yes, no doubt they do," said Aunt Lila, "and you are a little angel yourself."
—Connie Sorrell



Questions:

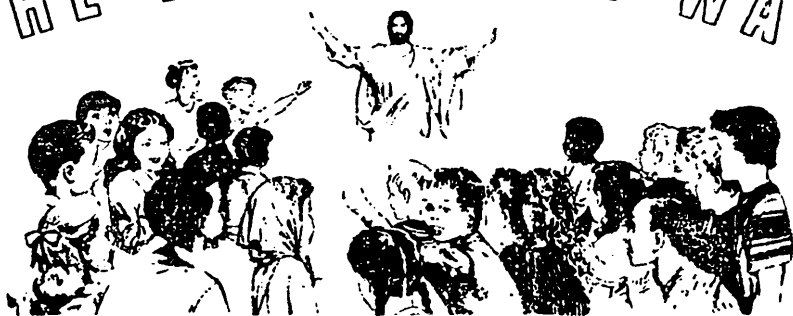
1. Did some men with clean hands ask Jesus a question?
2. What question was asked of Jesus?
3. Did the men like the answer that Jesus gave?
4. After a man is saved, how can he stay clean?
5. What kind of words and actions come from a clean heart?
6. What kind of words and actions come from an evil heart?
7. Do some people have clean hands and a dirty soul?
8. Do some people have a clean soul and dirty hands?
9. Is your soul clean?



Answers: 1. Yes. 2. "Why don't your disciples do as the elders teach?" 3. No. 4. By saying and doing right things. 5. Clean ones. 6. Evil ones. 7. Yes. 8. Yes. 9. Either yes, or no.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 15:1-20; Mark 7:14-23.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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SHE WOULD NOT GIVE UP!

Jesus was tired of being daily watched and accused by the Jews. He went away from the Sea of Galilee. He walked on and on—about thirty miles. Finally He found a house in which to stay. He went in, hoping to hide awhile so He could rest.

Jesus could not hide, for soon a Greek woman came to get Him to heal her daughter. "Have mercy on me, thou son of David," she said. "My daughter is greatly troubled by a devil."

Jesus didn't answer the woman, so she asked again and again. After a while the disciples said to Jesus, "Send her away, for she is crying after us."

Jesus loves everyone and He did not want to send her away. Finally he spoke to her in this strange way, "I am sent to help only those who are Jews. I am not sent to help people like you."

The woman still did not go away. Instead of going away, she came and worshiped Jesus. "Lord, help me," she begged again.

Then Jesus said that if He helped her, it would be like taking food from the children and giving it to the dogs.

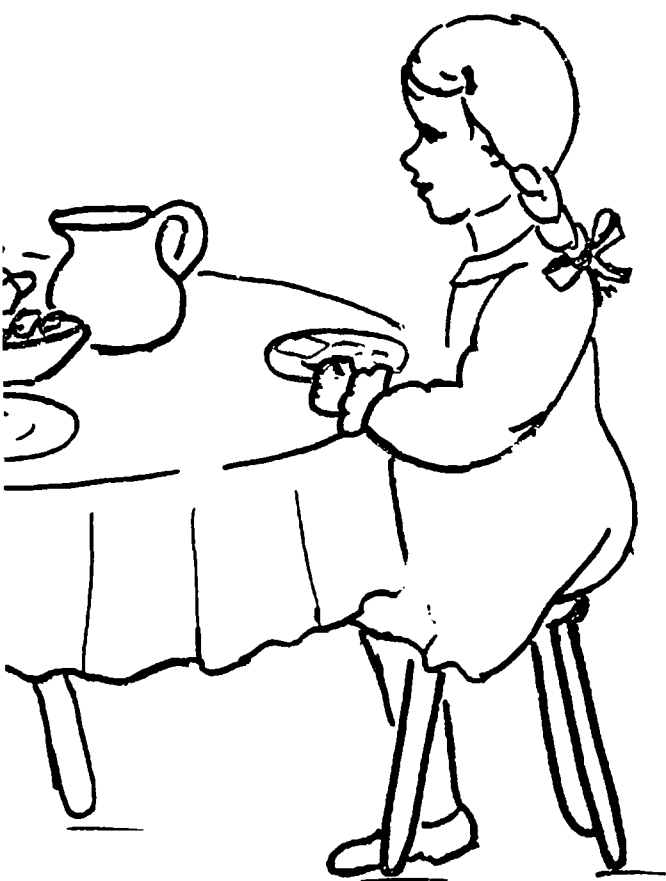
"Yes, Lord," she said, "but the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs. Just give me a crumb."

"O woman, great is thy faith!" Jesus said. Then He told her that she could have just what she wanted. That very hour the devil went out of her daughter, and her daughter was well.

Are you as determined to get blessings from Jesus as this woman was? If you are not, then ask Jesus to help you. If you are as determined as she was, you will surely get the blessings you want.



Great is th



y faith Matt. 15:28.

He Felt Her Praying

It happened on the night of Sept. 21, 1938—the night of the great New England hurricane. A truck driver whom I know had been out driving all day, and was on his way home. Suddenly the storm struck in all its fury, and the great wind went roaring over the land.

So terrific was the force of this gale that tens of thousands of houses collapsed as if they had been made of cardboard. Nearly three hundred million trees were broken off or uprooted. Hundreds of thousands of telephone poles were blown down, and twenty-six thousand motorcars were smashed. Worst of all, six hundred persons lost their lives and many thousands were injured.

As my friend drove along the highway, trees and poles fell in front of him and behind him, completely hemming him in. He stepped out of the truck and was nearly knocked over by the fury of the wind.

He wondered what to do. Looking at his speedometer he calculated that he was about sixteen miles from home. Home! How much he would give to be there now! But was his home still there? Had it withstood the storm? He thought of his wife and little girl; perhaps they needed him. Certainly they would be worrying about him. And praying for him, too, no doubt. How little Maryland loved to pray for her daddy!

He decided to abandon the truck and attempt to make his way home at any cost.

What a journey it was! Had he realized what it would be like before he started out, he would probably never have made the venture.

Every few yards there was a fallen pole to climb over or an uprooted tree to get around, and in the pitch darkness this often meant slipping into ditches filled with water or trudging across fields deep with mud. Every few moments there was a rending sound in the near-by forest as still another great tree came crashing down; and in the inky

blackness it was impossible to tell where it was going to fall.

Now and then, when he felt almost exhausted, he would wonder whether he should turn back and seek again the shelter that the cab of the truck afforded. But no. Something urged him onward. In the worst moments of that awful night he thought he could see Maryland praying for him.

How many hours it took him to cover those sixteen miles I do not know, but at last he felt that he must be almost there. And look, what was that? Lights flickering! Yes, they were hurricane lamps his wife had hung out along the road to guide him back.

After that, all was easy. He found the house still there, and mother and Maryland waiting up for him.

"But how did you get through?" was their question. "How could you stand the strain?"

"One thought kept me going," he said, looking down at his little daughter. "I felt she was praying for me."

And she had been—all night. Maryland told me herself.

Who knows what good a little girl may do when she prays for her daddy!

—Selected

Questions:

1. Was Jesus tired?
2. Did Jesus want to hide?
3. Who came to see Him?
4. What did the woman want?
5. How did Jesus answer her?
6. Did the woman become discouraged?
7. Did she get mad because Jesus acted like she was a dog?
8. What did Jesus say about her faith?
9. Did Jesus heal her daughter?



(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Yes. 3. A woman. 4. She wanted Jesus to heal her daughter of a devil. 5. He said, "I am sent to help other people." 6. No. 7. No. 8. That it was great. 9. Yes.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A DEAF MAN HEARS AND A BLIND MAN SEES

One day, a man who could not hear nor speak was brought to Jesus. "Please put your hands on him and make him well," his friends said to Jesus.

Jesus took the man away from the other people. Then He spit on His finger and touched the man's tongue. After that, He put His fingers into the man's ears. Looking up toward heaven, Jesus said, "Be opened." Immediately the man's ears were opened! He could hear and he was able to move his tongue and speak plainly.

Jesus left the town and rode in a boat across the sea to another town called Bethsaida. There a blind man was brought to Him.

Jesus took the blind man by the hand and they walked out of the town. There Jesus put spit on the man's eyes and then covered them with His hands. "Can you see now?" asked Jesus, after He had removed His hands.

"I can see men as trees walking," the man said.

Jesus put His hands on the man's eyes again. "Now look up," Jesus said.

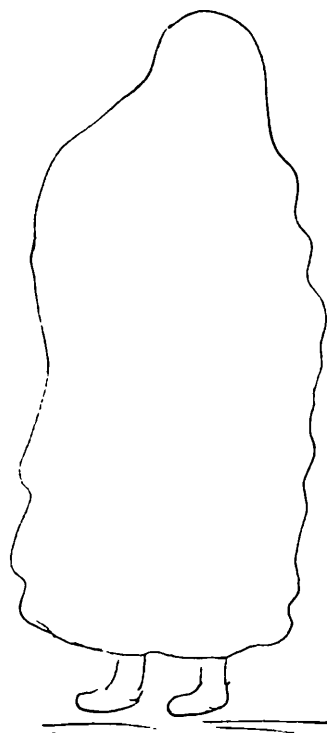
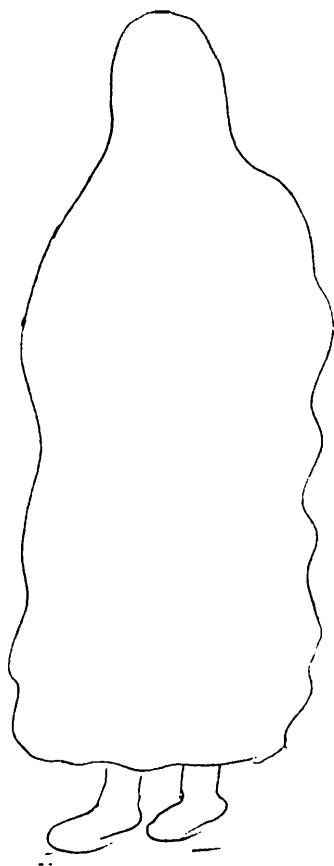
"I can see everything clearly!" the man exclaimed.

Most of us would think it terrible to have spit put on us. There were probably people who saw Jesus heal the men who thought it was terrible and foolish for Jesus to put spit on the men. But the two men who were healed, trusted Jesus to do only the right thing. If we want Jesus to heal us, we, too, must have the same kind of trust. We must say in our hearts, "Jesus, I know that whatever you do is right."

**“Thou art good, and
good.” Psa. 119:68**



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Two Brave Firemen

The trouble could not have come at a worse time. Father was away from home. Mother was still on crutches as a result of a bad accident she had been in some weeks before. Nine-year-old David and six-year-old Gordon were just getting over the measles, and Big Sister—well, she had just left for college that very afternoon.

Suddenly, as David looked out of the kitchen window, he saw smoke rising from behind the barn.

"Fire! he cried. "Fire!"

"What's on fire?" cried mother from the next room, hobbling out on her crutches.

"Look, mother!" cried David. "The grass is on fire near the barn and the flames are spreading fast. Do you see the smoke?"

Poor mother had never felt so helpless in all her life. Everything she owned was in danger, and yet, with her injured foot, she could do nothing.

"David, run for water, dear. Quick, quick!"

"Yes, mamma," cried David, grabbing two pails and running for the stream, which was at least fifty yards away.

Gordon grabbed another pail and in a flash was following his brother. Quickly they filled the pails and hurried back, pouring the water on the burning grass nearest the barn. Then back for more water, and back again to the fire.

It seemed a losing fight. What could two little boys do with three little pails and a great big fire?

"Keep it away from the gas tank!" cried mother. "See, it's going that way."

It was. Nearer and nearer it crept to the precious store of gas which father used for his tractor. If that should catch fire, then the house, barn, and everything might go.

The boys were getting tired now. It was so far to the stream! And it seemed farther every time they went down to it. Still they ran as hard as they could, and with every step they kept praying that Jesus would help them put the fire out.

Back they came with water to save the gas tank. And they saved it—just in time. Of course, they couldn't hope to stop the fire from going across the field—not with their three little pails—but they tried—oh, so hard—to keep it from creeping over to the barn and the house. And they won! The farm was saved.

Just as things were at their worst, and the boys were getting so tired that they felt they couldn't carry another pailful, the wind changed, blowing the fire down toward the stream, where, finally, it burned itself out.

Brave little firemen! Was mother proud of them? I should say she was! And so was father, too, when he got home and learned of all that they had done.

As for David and Gordon, they told me that they were sure they managed to beat the fire because of the little prayer they had prayed so often as they hurried to and from the stream with their pails.

—Selected



Questions:

1. What did the people want Jesus to do?
2. Could the man hear?
3. Could the man talk plainly?
4. What happened after Jesus touched the man?
5. Who was brought to Jesus in the town of Bethsaida?
6. Where did Jesus take the man?
7. What happened to the blind man?
8. Do we need to trust that Jesus does everything right?
9. Do other people think that we are foolish if we trust God for healing?

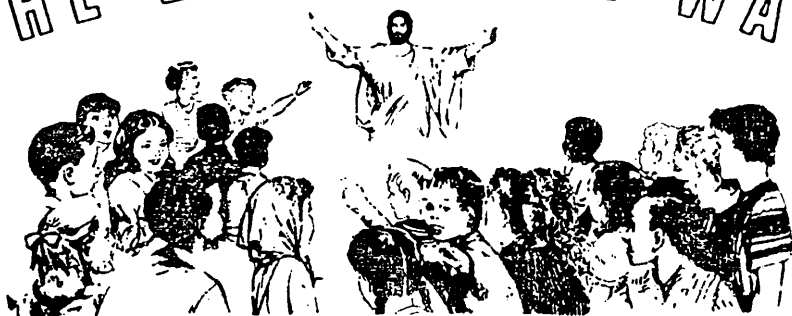


(Answers: 1. To make a man well. 2. No. 3. No. 4. The man could hear and speak plainly. 5. A blind man. 6. Out of the town. 7. At first he saw men as trees walking. 8. Yes. 9. Sometimes.)



Lesson Text: Mark 7:31-37; 8:27-36; James 5:14, 15.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS GIVES A SURPRISE!

Jesus walked all the way back to the Sea of Galilee. As soon as the people knew He was back, they began bringing their sick to Him. All day long Jesus touched and healed the sick. Some of them could not see. They had eyes, but when they opened their eyes, everything was dark just as if their eyes were still closed. Some of the people could not walk, so someone had to carry them to Jesus. Some could hop on one leg, while others hobbled along on crutches or with the help of a cane. Others could not talk. They could only make noises that sounded strange to everyone else.

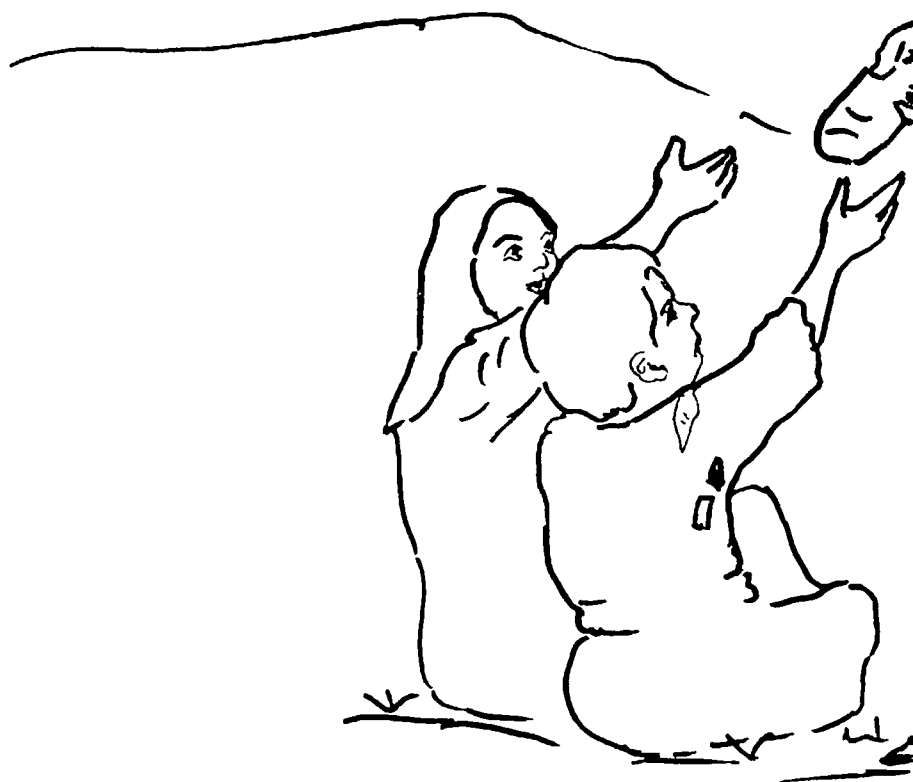
For three days, Jesus healed all the sick who were brought to Him. The people were amazed that all the sick were healed. Then Jesus gave them another big surprise!

Many of these people had come a long way to see Jesus, and had been with Him for three days now. It was a desert place and the people had no way of getting food. They had not eaten for these three days, so they were very, very hungry. First, Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then He took seven loaves of bread and gave thanks to God for it. After that, He gave it to the disciples and told them to give it to the people. All the people began eating. How good it must have tasted! Jesus then took the few fish and thanked God for them. These He broke and handed to the disciples, saying, "Set these before the people."

There were 4,000 men there that day. There were also women and children, but all of them got plenty to eat. After everyone was filled, the disciples had seven baskets full of leftover food.

Wasn't that a neat surprise?

**“. . . He sent them meat to the
full.” Psa. 78:25.**





Ungrateful Gertie

This story is about a very kind lady and a very naughty little girl.

Not far from where I live there is a grocery store which sells candy—and a great many other things besides, of course. One day the kind lady was buying some goods in this store when the door opened and in rushed five children, one boy and four little girls.

The children pressed close to the counter and began to look over all the candy that was for sale. After much talking about what they liked best, they finally put their pennies down and took the candy they wanted. That is, all except one little girl, who did not have a penny. Perhaps she had lost hers. I don't know, but when all the others ran out of the store sucking their lollipops or munching their chocolate bars, she trailed behind, looking very sorry for herself.

In fact, this poor little girl looked so sad that she made the kind lady feel sad, too, and in less time than it takes to tell, she had left her parcels on the counter and started to follow the children down the street.

There they were, not very far away. The kind lady thought she had never seen anything so mean and unkind, for the four in front were still busily eating their sweets while the little one had none.

So the kind lady hurried along, caught up with the little girl, and asked her if she would not like to come back to the store with her and get some candy for herself.

The little girl said she would, and the two walked back down the street together.

"What's your name, dear?" asked the kind lady tenderly.

"Gertie," said the little girl.

"That's a nice name," said the kind lady. "Do you like candy?"

"Yes," said Gertie.

Going back to the store, the kind lady asked Gertie which candy she would like, and the little girl pointed to sev-

eral things, all of which the kind lady bought for her.

Then what do you suppose happened? It was dreadful. I can hardly believe it, but it's true. That naughty little girl grabbed the bag of candy, and without even looking at the kind lady, dashed out of the door and down the street.

Did she say, "Thank you"? She did not.

Did she give the lady a sweet smile of gratitude? She did not.

A few minutes later I happened to meet the kind lady. She was not feeling very well pleased about it.

"The ungrateful little wretch!" she exclaimed. Though she smiled when she said it, I knew she felt very sad right inside her kind old heart. "I'll never do it again," she added. "Never."

And, if the truth must be told, she never did. For only a little while after that the kind lady passed away. How sad that almost her last thought was of ungrateful Gertie, the little girl who forgot to say, "Thank you."

—Selected

Questions:

1. Where did Jesus go?
2. What did the people do when they saw Jesus?
3. Did Jesus heal all the sick?
4. How many days did the people stay with Jesus?
5. What had they eaten during the three days?
6. How much food did Jesus have?
7. What did Jesus do before giving them the food?
8. How many people ate?
9. How many baskets of food were left over?



(Answers: 1. To the Sea of Galilee. 2. They brought the sick to Him. 3. Yes. 4. Three. 5. Nothing. 6. Seven loaves of bread and a few fish. 7. He thanked God. 8. 4,000 men, besides women and children. 9. Seven.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 15:29-39; Mark 8:1-9.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DON'T BE LIKE THE PHARISEES

The Pharisees were people who led the worship service when the people came to worship God. The Pharisees did not love God. They loved the praise and money they got from other people more than anything else.

The Pharisees followed Jesus to see if they could criticize His actions so that others would not like Jesus. Even though they were evil, they pretended to be men of God. They dressed like men of God and they sang and praised God with their words, but their hearts had no love for Him.

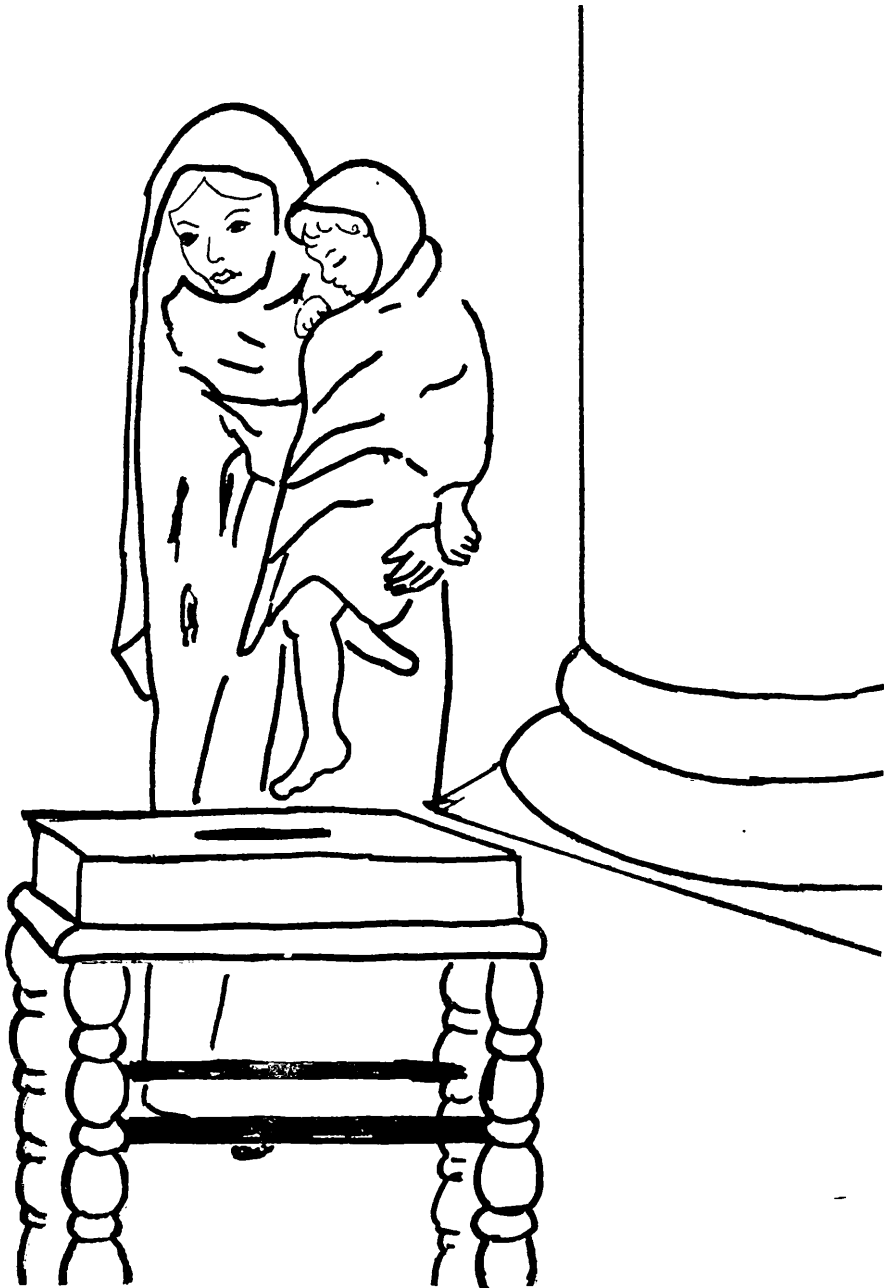
Jesus knew that it is easier for men to pretend that they are good when they are evil, especially if they see their leaders do it. Each of these leaders has a strong, silent power which causes others to also pretend to be good when they are evil. "Don't be like the Pharisees," Jesus told the Apostles.

Jesus does not want any person acting like they are good when they are bad. It is much better to just say, "I did wrong." Take your punishment and get your mind and heart cleaned of the trouble. Don't act like you haven't done any wrong when you have. You are acting like a Pharisee when you do that. Jesus is not pleased, and you are not truly happy with yourself.

Jesus is ready to forgive when we admit that we are wrong. Most of our friends and parents are also ready to forgive. Many times, when a child voluntarily admits that he is wrong, a parent will voluntarily omit the punishment. Can you see how much better it is not to pretend that we are good when we are not?

Always remember that Jesus said not to be like the Pharisees.

“ . . . There is nothing . . . hidden
that shall not be known.” Lu



e 12:2.



A Pretty Heart

One afternoon, Melissa and Charles went in a small dime store to shop with Mother. The store had many specials and Mother took a long time to look at things, but Melissa and Charles were very quiet while Mama looked.

They had been so quiet that the clerk at the check-out counter noticed it. "Because you have been so quiet," she said, "I want to give you something special." She reached under the counter and pulled out a yellow bead necklace for Melissa and a boy's ring for Charles.

"Thank you! Thank you!" said Melissa and Charles before Mother could say anything. "I've never had a necklace before," said Melissa, and she carefully put it around her neck. Charles couldn't decide which finger to put the ring on. Finally he decided it fit his thumb the best.

On the way home, Melissa kept fingering her necklace and raising it up so she could see it. Charles kept looking at his ring. He turned it around and around on his thumb.

After a while, Melissa asked Mama, "Do you think Jesus likes my necklace?"

"Melissa," said Mama, "Jesus doesn't really care to see that necklace. Jesus wants to see a pretty heart. When you put on a necklace or ring, you can think about it so much that you forget to make your heart pretty. Pride makes a heart look dark and ugly, and Jesus cannot live in a heart that is dark and ugly. Either the ugly pride will have to go out of the heart, or Jesus and His happy sunlight will have to leave. Happy sunlight in your heart makes your eyes sparkle and your face look pretty. When you live for Jesus, you don't have to wear jewelry to look pretty," Mother said, as they got out of the car at home.

"Here, Mama," said Charles. "You can have my ring if you want it." He handed the ring to Mama who put it in her pocket. Melissa just skipped away with her necklace.

Soon Daddy came home from work and it was supper time. When Melissa came to eat, her Daddy saw the necklace around her neck.

"Melissa," said Daddy, "where did you get those beads around your neck?"

Together Melissa and Charles told about the clerk who gave them the play jewelry for a reward. Mother told Daddy what she had said about the necklace.

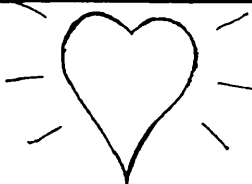
"Well, well," said Daddy. "What if I gave each of you a dollar for your cheap jewelry—what would you buy then?"

"I would get a little tractor," said Charles.

"And I would get a coin purse to put my change in," said Melissa.

"Then here is a dollar for each of you," said Daddy, and Melissa gave Daddy the necklace.

—Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. Did the Pharisees love God?
2. What did the Pharisees love?
3. Why did they follow Jesus?
4. Did the Pharisees pretend to be good?
5. How did they dress?
6. Is it easier to pretend if leaders pretend?
7. Does Jesus want us to act good if we are not?
8. Will Jesus forgive us if we admit we have done wrong?
9. Will we be happier with ourselves if we admit we're wrong?



(Answers: 1. No. 2. Praise and money from men. 3. To criticize Him. 4. Yes. 5. Like men of God. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 16:1-12; Mark 8:10-21; Luke 12:1-3.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JESUS' ENEMIES

There were some men who did not like Jesus. They were the Pharisees, the scribes (writers), and the lawyers. Almost every day some of them were following after Jesus. As they followed, they watched everything He did.

They wanted to accuse Him to the king. They knew that the king could have Jesus killed, and that is what they wanted.

They watched every day, but Jesus never disobeyed God's commandments, nor the laws of the country.

One day, a Pharisee invited Jesus to eat with him. How surprised the Pharisee was when Jesus ate without first washing His hands! Jesus knew that the Pharisee was wondering about it.

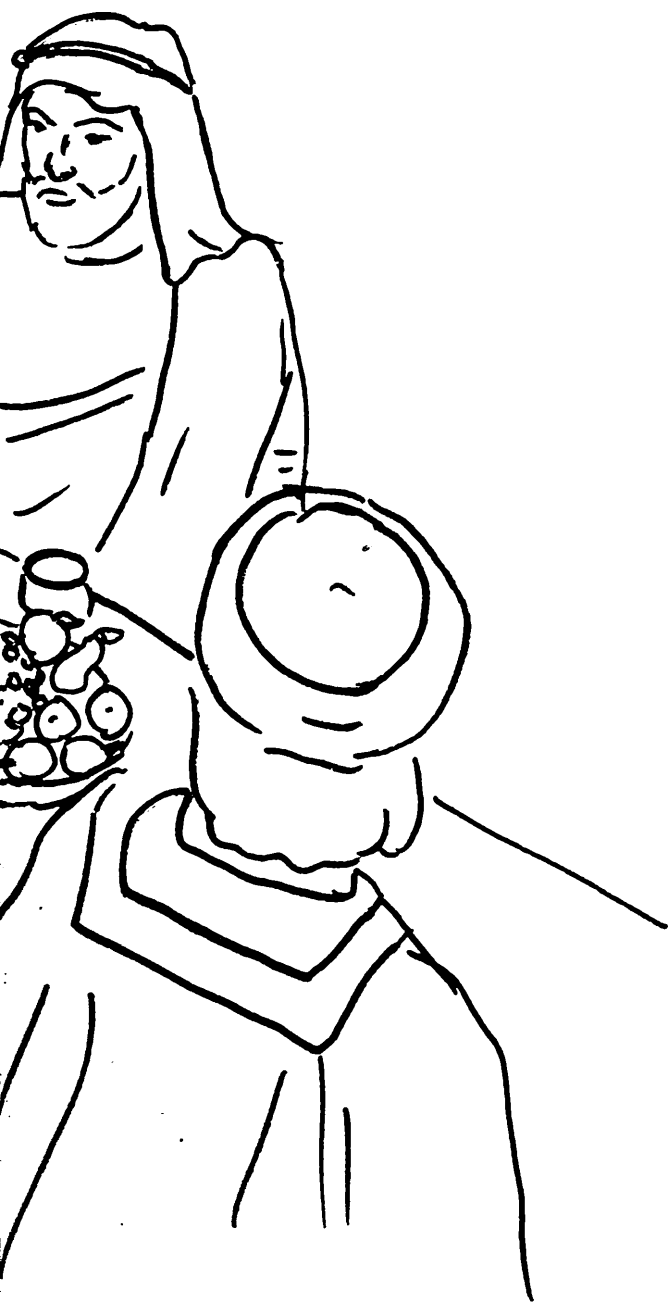
He said, "You Pharisees clean up the outside, but not the inside. Don't you know that the inside of man should be cleaned as well as the outside? You obey all the rules of religion, but you are not honest, and you have no mercy or love of God in your heart. You want the most important seat in the church so that men will think you are men of God. You are as rotten inside as graves filled with rotting, dead bodies. You lay down hard rules for others to obey, but you will not help them with even your little finger. You know how men must behave to please God, but you will not teach them the true way. Instead, you teach them to give money to the temple which could be used to care for their parents. In this way, you are causing men to disobey the commandment of God which says, "Honour thy father and thy mother."

The Pharisees became very angry when Jesus told them the truth about themselves.

“... I do always those thin



that please him.” John 8:29.



Tommy's Trumpet

Just why anybody should give a little boy a toy trumpet for a birthday present, I don't know. But people will do such things; and so Tommy found himself one day the proud owner of one of these noisy "musical" instruments.

Was he happy! He blew it and blew it and blew it, until he had everybody in the house in a very nervous state.

After a while there came a voice from Daddy's study; and it didn't sound too appreciative of Tommy's efforts.

"Tommy, I can't stand that noise any longer! Please don't blow that trumpet any more."

"But it's my birthday, Daddy."

"I know it's your birthday," said his Daddy, "and that's why I haven't said anything up to now; but there are limits."

"Well, could I blow it just a little while longer?"

"All right, just a little while, but not very long."

So Tommy blew it again, this time out in the garden. But forgetting his promise to blow only a "little while," he went on and on until a window went up with a bang and Daddy's head was poked out.

"Tommy! Stop that noise!"

"Well, it's my birthday," said Tommy.

"I know it's your birthday," said his Daddy; "but that doesn't give you the right to annoy everybody for miles around."

With much pouting and muttering, Tommy put it away. He couldn't understand why he shouldn't be allowed to blow it just as long as he wished. Why did Daddy have to bother so?

Now it so happened that Mother had prepared a delicious birthday supper for Tommy, with a big beautiful birthday cake, and because it was his birthday, Tommy thought he should be allowed to eat all he wanted; and so he did.

Afterward during the night, he felt very sick; and when he woke up in the morning, he had a terrible headache. In fact, he felt so bad that when Mother

suggested that he should stay in bed, he did so without a grumble.

Just when he was feeling very bad, he heard a familiar sound downstairs. Little Sister was blowing his trumpet! And how loud she blew it! It was terrible, simply terrible! The noise fairly made his head split.

"Mamma! Daddy!" he called. "Tell Sister to stop blowing my trumpet. I can't stand the noise."

Then he heard a voice from somewhere close by, and it sounded like Daddy's. "I thought you liked trumpets," he said. "Remember yesterday morning?"

Tommy got the point right away. It's strange, but he was much more careful about blowing his trumpet after that.

When Tommy was better, Daddy reminded him that it is always a good plan to "do unto others" as you would like to have them do to you.

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Questions:

1. Who did not like Jesus?
2. Why did they follow after Jesus?
3. Do you think Jesus knew what they were doing?
4. Could a person be killed if they disobeyed certain laws of God?
5. Can you think of a law of God that, if disobeyed, might cause us to be killed?
6. Did Jesus disobey any laws?
7. What was one important law of God which the Pharisees taught that men didn't need to obey?
8. Did the Pharisees like to look good on the outside?
9. Did the Pharisees have God's love in their hearts?



(Answers: 1. The Pharisees, scribes and lawyers. 2. To catch Jesus disobeying. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. "Thou shalt not kill." 6. No. 7. "Honour thy father and mother." 8. Yes. 9. No.)

Lesson Text: Matt. 15:1-9; Luke 11:37-54.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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WHO AM I?

"Whom do you say that I am?" Jesus asked the Apostles.

Peter, who was usually the first to speak, answered, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God."

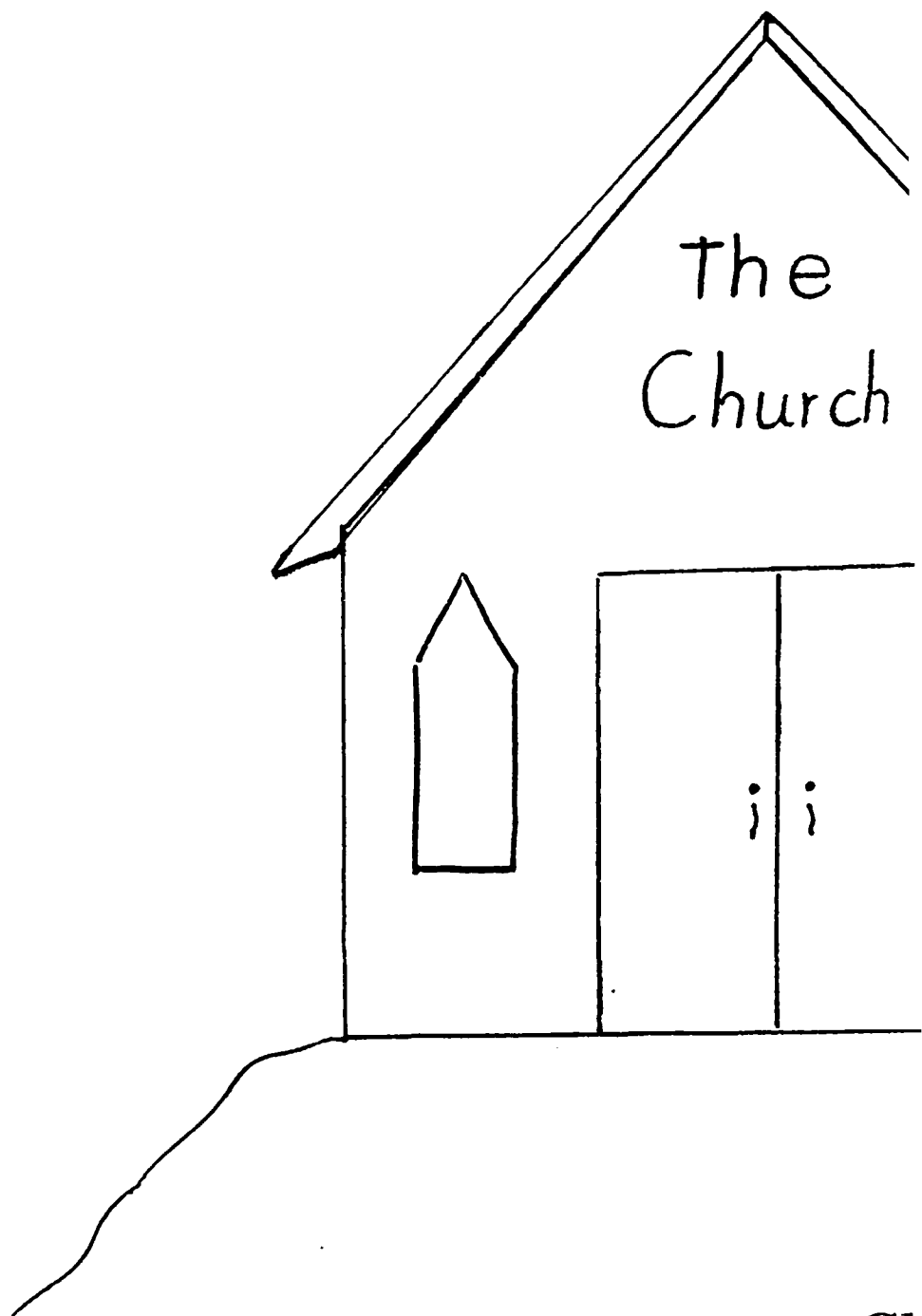
Jesus was pleased with Peter's answer. He said, "Blessed art thou, Simon [which was Peter's other name], for my Father in heaven told you this, or else you wouldn't know." Then Jesus began telling the disciples how He would be put to death, and how that He would rise again the third day.

Jesus was put to death, and He arose just like He said He would. Later, He ascended up to heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to live in the Apostle's hearts so they could have His presence again.

One time, soon after the Holy Spirit came upon the believers, Peter and John were going into the temple and saw a crippled man begging for money. "We don't have any money," they told the man, "but what we have, we will give to you. In the name of Jesus, get up and walk." The man jumped up, walking and praising God.

When the people came to see what had happened, Peter said to them, "This man is well through Jesus. Jesus is the stone which the builders set aside and killed. He has risen again and only through His name can a person have salvation.

Jesus is the Son of God, the only Saviour that men have. If you were asked, "Who is Jesus?" what would your answer be? Has God revealed to you that Jesus is the Son of the living God? If you can answer in this way from the heart, then you have a key into the kingdom of heaven.



“... And that rock was Ch



st.” I Cor. 10:4.

A Lasting Song

Jerry had a favorite song. He would sing it while he pounded with his hammer on the peg board. He would sing it while he built a cabin out of his Lincoln logs. He would sing it early in the morning and late at night just before going to sleep. Jerry just loved this song! The name of it was, "My Home is on the Rock." It is page 503 in the *Evening Light Songs* book.

One evening, Jerry was out swinging on his swing set and he was feeling very happy and content. Guess what Jerry was doing while he was swinging? Yes, he was singing.

Jerry was swinging very high, and at the top of his voice, he was singing very loudly. Here is what he was singing:

"My home is on the rock, the ever-blasting rock. I do not fear when storms are near; My home is on the rock."

Cynthia, Jerry's teenage sister, was busy trimming the lawn nearby and she could hear Jerry singing. She knew that Jerry was singing one word wrong in his song. Let's see what word it was.

After a while, Jerry slowed down in his swinging. Then he stopped swinging and singing. He came over to his sister, where she was trimming the last little bit around the patio.

"Hi, Jerry! Are you happy?" asked Cynthia.

Jerry smiled. "Yes, I am," he said.

"Well, I like to hear you sing," said Cynthia. "It makes me happy, too."

Jerry began to sing his song again. "My home is on the rock, the ever-blasting rock. . . ."

"Jerry, do you know what that song means?" Cynthia asked.

Jerry stopped singing. "It means that I am building my life on Jesus," he replied.

"Yes, that is right," Cynthia said, "but did you know that you were singing a word wrong in the song?"

"Jerry shook his head. "No," he said. "Which word is it?"

"It isn't the ever-blasting rock, but it is the everLASTING rock," explained

Cynthia. "Jesus is the rock that we build upon. Jesus will last forever and forever. That is why the song says, 'the everlasting rock.' When we build our life upon the rules and commandments of Jesus, our life will last forever and forever up in heaven."

What Cynthia said made Jerry smile a happy grin. "Some day I'm going to be up in heaven," he said. "I'm going to sing and play all the time!"

Cynthia laughed. "Yes, in heaven you can sing and play as much as you want! It will be a wonderful, happy place to be forever and ever!"

—Connie Sorrell



Questions:

1. What did Jesus ask?
2. Who answered Jesus?
3. Who did Peter say that Jesus was?
4. Was Jesus pleased with Peter's answer?
5. Who told Peter that Jesus was the Son of God?
6. Who did Peter say healed the man in the temple?
7. Who is the stone that the builders rejected?
8. Through whose name can people be saved?
9. Who is the Saviour of the world?

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7. Jesus. 8. Jesus. 9. Jesus.
4. Yes. 5. Jesus' Father, God. 6. Jesus.
"Christ, the Son of the living God."
(Answers: 1. "Who am I?" 2. Peter. 3.

Lesson Text: Matt. 16:13-20; Mark 8:21-33; Acts 4:8-12; 1 Cor. 10:4; Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:5, 6.