

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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FLIES, DEAD COWS AND BOILS

The Lord told Moses, "Go to the river where Pharaoh is and tell him, 'Thus saith the Lord, Let My people go, that they may serve Me. Or, if you will not, I will send swarms of flies upon all the Egyptians. You will have flies on you and on your servants and in your houses and in your servants' houses.'"

And the Lord did so. Flies came to the Egyptians and swarmed around them, but where the Israelites lived there was not a single fly.

The land of Egypt became dirty because of the flies.

Pharaoh called for Moses, "Go," he said, "and sacrifice to your god, but don't leave Egypt."

"We can't do that," Moses said, "Your people would not like the way we sacrifice and they would stone us. We shall go three days' journey into the wilderness."

"I will let you go," said Pharaoh, "Only do not go very far. Ask your god to take away the flies."

So Moses prayed to God and the flies left completely.

Then Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he would not let the people go.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go tell Pharaoh, 'Let My people go and if you do not I will send death to your cows and horses and donkeys and sheep. Many of your animals will die. But none of the Israelites' animals shall die. Tomorrow will I do this.'"

So, on the morrow the Lord did as He had said and all the cows in Egypt died. But none of the Israelites' animals did.

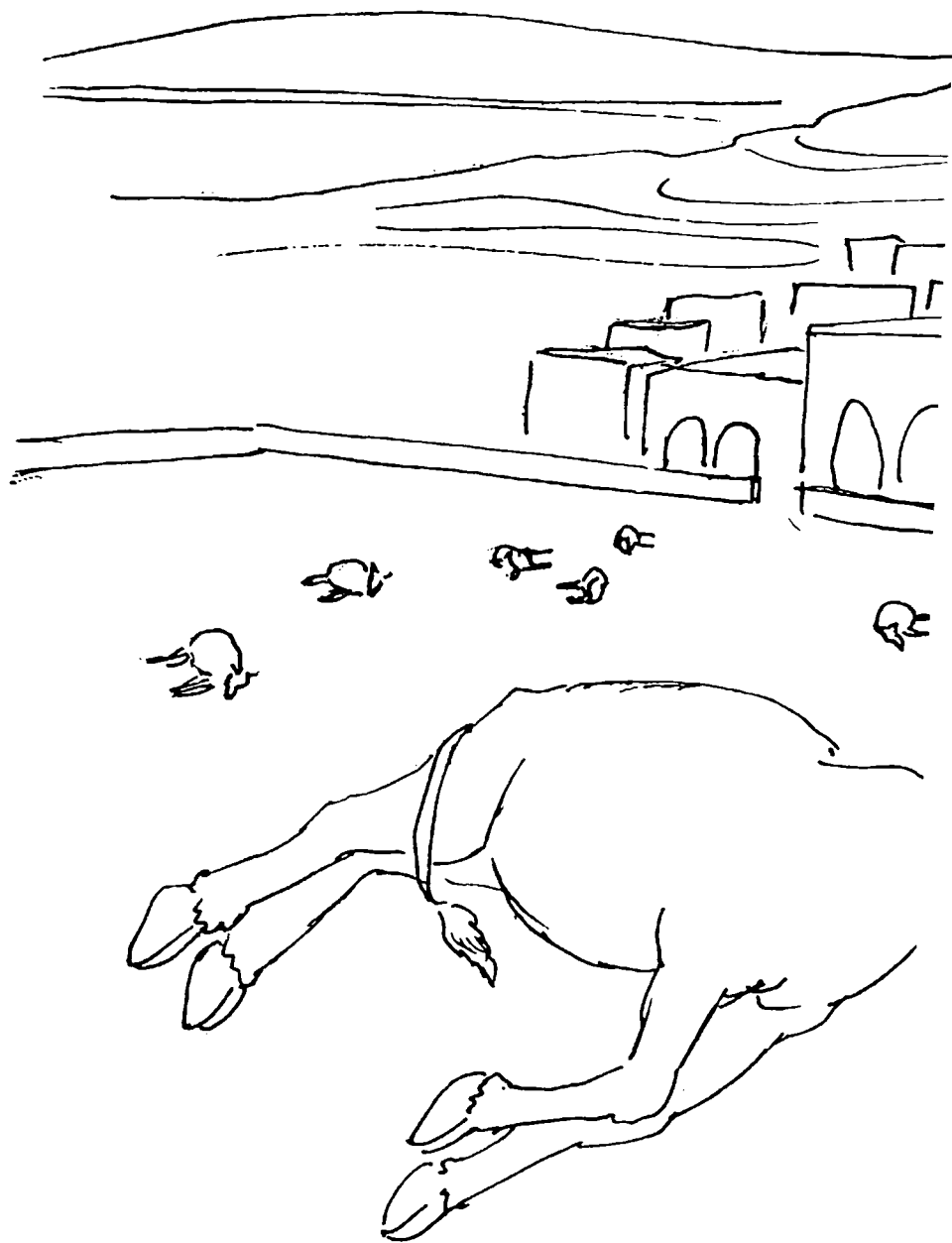
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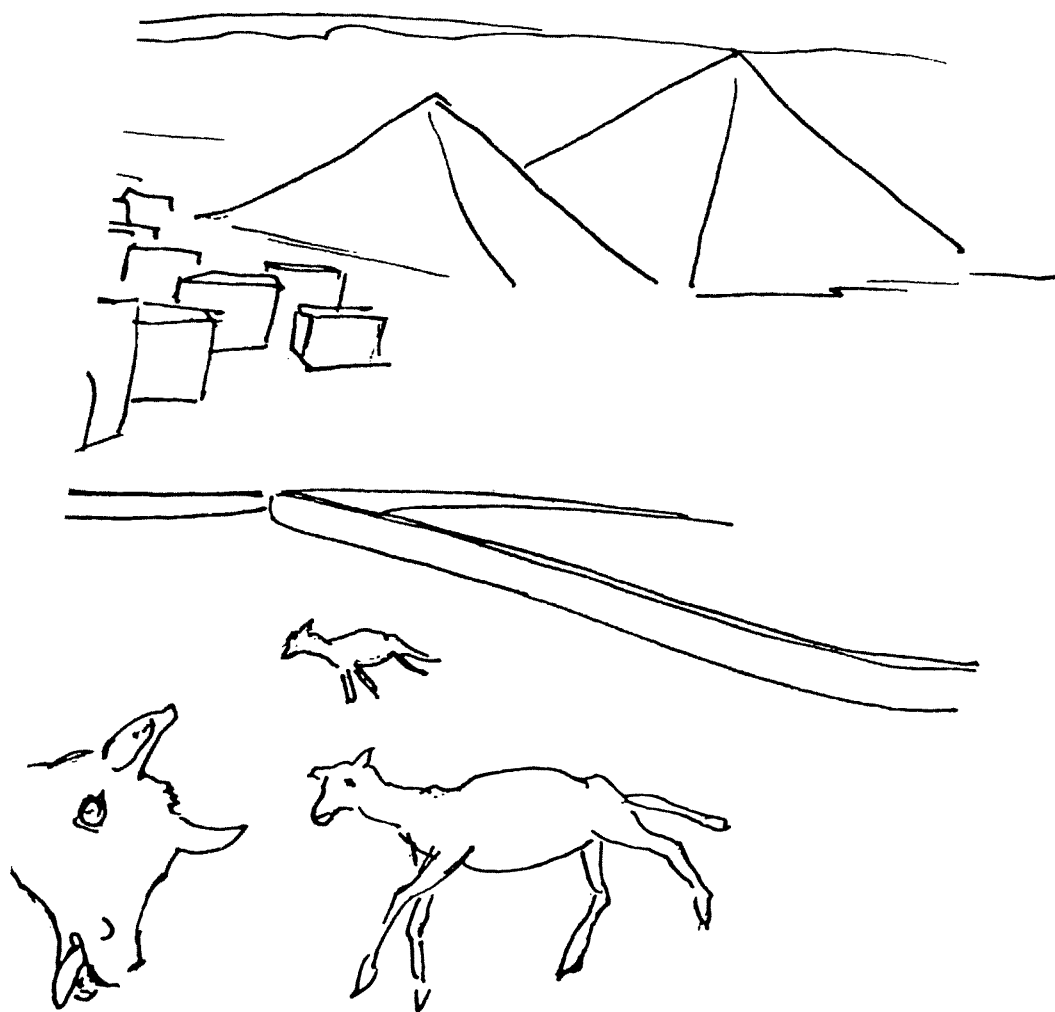
The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of ashes and sprinkle them toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh, and it will become small dust that will cause boils to break out on all the Egyptians."

So, Moses did so and painful boils broke out on all the Egyptians. The magicians could not even stand before Moses and Aaron because they hurt so much.

But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart and he would not let the Israelites go.

—Joanna Booher





..And all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle
of the children of Israel died not one. Exodus 9:6.

Shoe Heap

Dad opened the front door and stumbled over some things on the floor. Dad looked down to see what it was, then he went into the dining room where the family was at the supper table waiting for him.

"It is ridiculous how many shoes are in the entrance hall," Dad declared. "This habit of leaving shoes cluttered by the front door is going to stop. No one wants to fall into our house like I just did. Now I want all of you to go get every pair of shoes that is yours and neatly line them up in the utility room."

"Ah-h-h," groaned Jerry, Linda and Randy.

"Hurry up and mind me," said Dad. The children obeyed then returned to the table. Dad continued speaking, "Next time you come through that door, don't leave your shoes in a heap in the entrance hall. Take them off and carry them to the utility room where you can lay them out neatly. Do you all understand me?"

"Yes, Dad," they nodded. They were hungry and ready for Dad to bless the food.

For awhile the children remembered to take their shoes to the utility room but as time passed they became careless. Mother noticed the shoe pile-up first. Not wanting Dad to stumble over them, Mother gathered up about eight pairs of shoes and took them to the utility room. For several days Mother did this until Dad saw her with an armload of shoes.

"What are you doing, Honey?" Dad asked Mother.

"Oh, I'm clearing the entrance hall floor," she replied.

"I told the children to do that. Here, let me have those shoes." Dad took them from Mother and walked to the entrance hall. He opened the front door and tossed the shoes on the lawn. "The children must learn to obey me,"

said Dad. "From now on that is where their shoes will be if they don't put them where they belong."

Later, Jerry asked Mother, "Have you seen my work boots?"

"Where did you leave them?" she replied.

"They were right here at the front door."

"And where did Dad tell you to put them?"

"In the utility room where they belong, but I looked and they weren't there either."

"Dad tossed them on the front lawn to teach you a lesson of obedience. Now gather up your shoes and put them where they belong. Linda and Randy will get theirs when they come looking for them. You must learn to obey Dad so you will obey your heavenly Father." —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. God said He would send a swarm of what on the Egyptians?
2. Were there any flies in the Israelites' houses?
3. What happened to the land of Egypt because of the flies?
4. What did God say would happen to all the Egyptians' animals?
5. Did any of the Israelites' animals die?
6. Did Pharaoh let the Israelites go after the flies and animals died?
7. What did Moses sprinkle toward heaven?
8. What broke out on the Egyptians?
9. Did Pharaoh let the Israelites go after the boils?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 8:20-9:12.

Answers: 1. Flies. 2. No. 3. It became dirty. 4. They would die. 5. No. 6. No. 7. Ashes. 8. Boils. 9. No.)

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HAIL AND FIRE

The Lord said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and go to Pharoah and say to him, 'Thus saith the Lord, Let My people go that they may serve Me. Now will I smite your people with trouble and show My power. For this very reason I let you become Pharoah: so I could show My power through you.'

Gather all your cattle and animals in the fields for I am going to send hail that will kill all animals left in the field."

Those of the Egyptians who now feared God hurriedly gathered their cows into their houses. But the ones who did not fear God left their animals out.

God told Moses, "Raise your hand toward heaven and I will send hail upon all the Egyptians and their cows and plants."

Moses did so and thunder rumbled through the sky and fire ran along the ground. Both hail and fire fell from heaven and burned and killed the animals, men and plants that were left outside.

Never had anything like this happened before in the land of Egypt. Many fields of barley and flax were destroyed. Only the wheat fields and rye were not ruined.

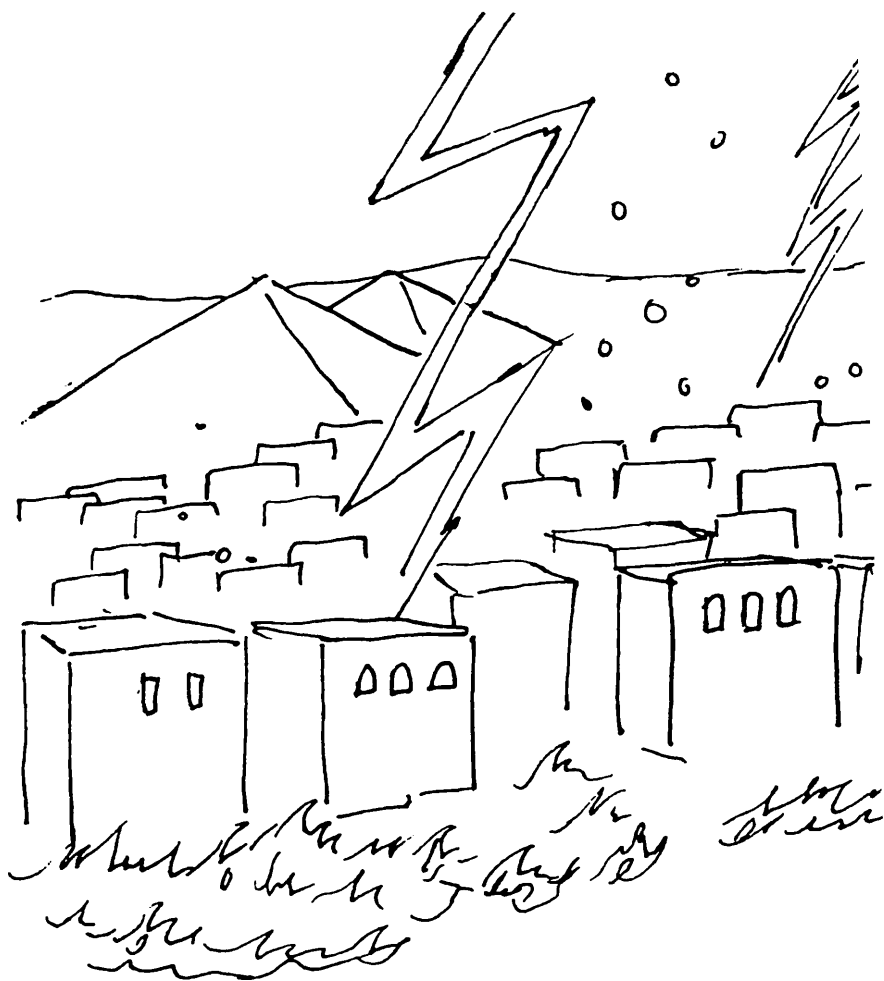
Pharoah sent and called for Moses and Aaron. "I have sinned against the Lord," he said. "He is righteous and I and my people are wicked. Please ask the Lord to take away the thunder and hail and I will let you go."

Moses said, "I will go out of the city and pray to the Lord to stop the hail so you will know that He owns the earth."

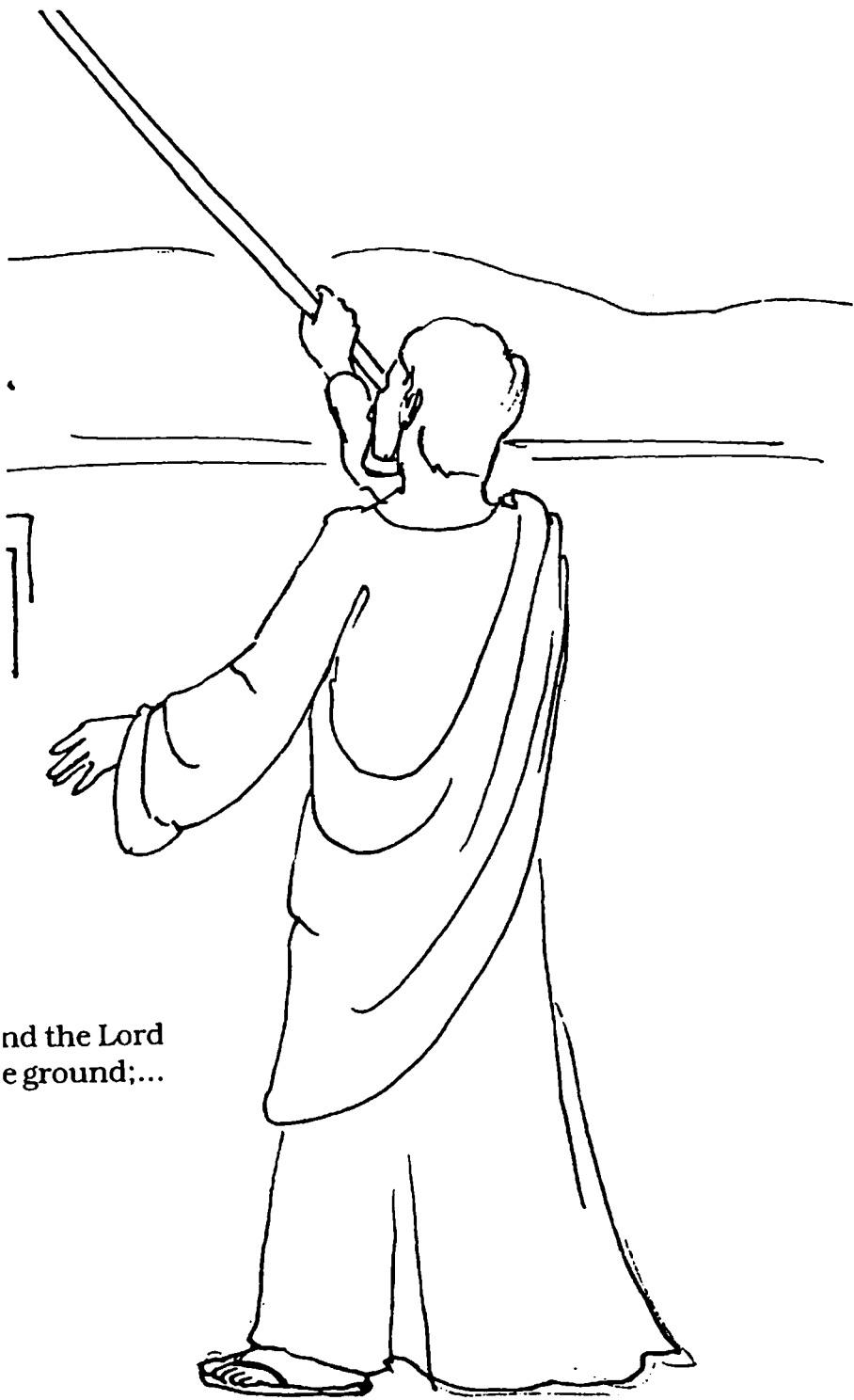
Moses prayed and God stopped the thunder and hail.

When Pharoah saw that it was stopped, he sinned greater and hardened his heart. He again would not let the Israelites go.

—Joanna Booher



And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven and sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along under the wheels.
Exodus 9:23.



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Flash! Boom!

Mother was stirring gravy in the skillet on the stove and Linda was setting the table when Dad and Jerry came into the kitchen dripping wet. Carefully, they took off their boots and wet clothing.

"I hope it doesn't rain like this for forty days," Jerry joked. "We don't have an ark built."

"A big storm is moving in," said Dad. "Let's turn off all the computers and electrical things. Mother, is supper about ready? We need to move to the center of the house because we are under a tornado alert."

"Wash your hands and sit down at the table," replied Mother. "Let's try to eat peacefully even though the wind is blowing in a storm."

Everyone was seated at the table and Dad had just offered thanksgiving to God when—FLASH! BOOM! Lightening and thunder split through the sky, shaking their house a little.

"Maybe we ought not to eat supper right here," said Linda with a shaky voice.

"Don't talk but eat," said Dad. "We will move into the hallway...(FLASH! BOOM!)...right now!" He picked up his full plate and led the family, who had their plates, into the center hallway of the house.

"Sit down and cross your legs. Then you can use your lap for a table," said Mother. Baby Allen was sleeping cradled in her arms and Randy was snuggled beside her. FLASH! FLASH! BOOM-M-M! Suddenly all the lights went out! Strong winds shook the house and windows rattled. Icy balls of hail slammed against the roof and bounced in the yard.

"Let's pray again," said Dad. They did and stayed in the hall until the high winds and heavy rain stopped.

After the electricity came back on, they listened to the news and learned that several tornadoes had touched the ground around them. Fast whirling tornadoes had twisted huge trees and lifted houses. People had hid in storm cellars, bathrooms and closets. A few people were killed.

"We need to build us a storm cellar," Mother said to Dad.

"Yes, that would be good," replied Dad. "But the best protection we can have is the hand of God over us. He is above the storm and He has power to keep us safe."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did God say He had let Pharaoh become king?
2. What did God say He was going to send on the Egyptians?
3. Which Egyptians gathered their cattle and animals into their houses?
4. What fell from heaven when Moses raised his hand?
5. What ran along the ground?
6. What was killed?
7. Fields of what were destroyed?
8. What did Pharaoh say he had done against God?
9. Did Pharaoh let the children of Israel go after the hail?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 9:13-35.

(Answers: 1. To show His power through him. 2. Hail. 3. Those who feared God. 4. Hail and fire. 5. Fire. 6. All that was left outside. 7. Barley and flax. 8. Sinned. 9. No.)

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LOCUSTS

God told Moses, "Go speak to Pharaoh again. It was I who hardened his heart, so that I could show more of My power, and so you could tell your children of the mighty wonders I did in the land of Egypt. Say to Pharaoh, 'Thus saith the Lord, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go or I will send locusts upon your land and they will eat the fields that are not already destroyed. The ruin will be like nothing you or your fathers ever saw.'"

Moses went before Pharaoh and told him what God said, then walked out.

Pharaoh's servants said to Pharaoh, "How long will you let this man bother us? Just let him and his people go and sacrifice."

So, Pharaoh called Moses back and asked, "Who all will you take with you?"

Moses said, "We will take our young people and our old people and all our animals and have a feast to the Lord."

"No," said Pharaoh, "I am sure that you plan to do evil." Then Pharaoh drove Moses and Aaron out of his court.

God said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt that the locusts may come and eat all the plants in Egypt."

So Moses did and God sent a mighty east wind. The wind blew all day and all night and in the morning it brought locusts. The locusts covered Egypt until the land was dark with them. There had never been locusts like this before and never were after.

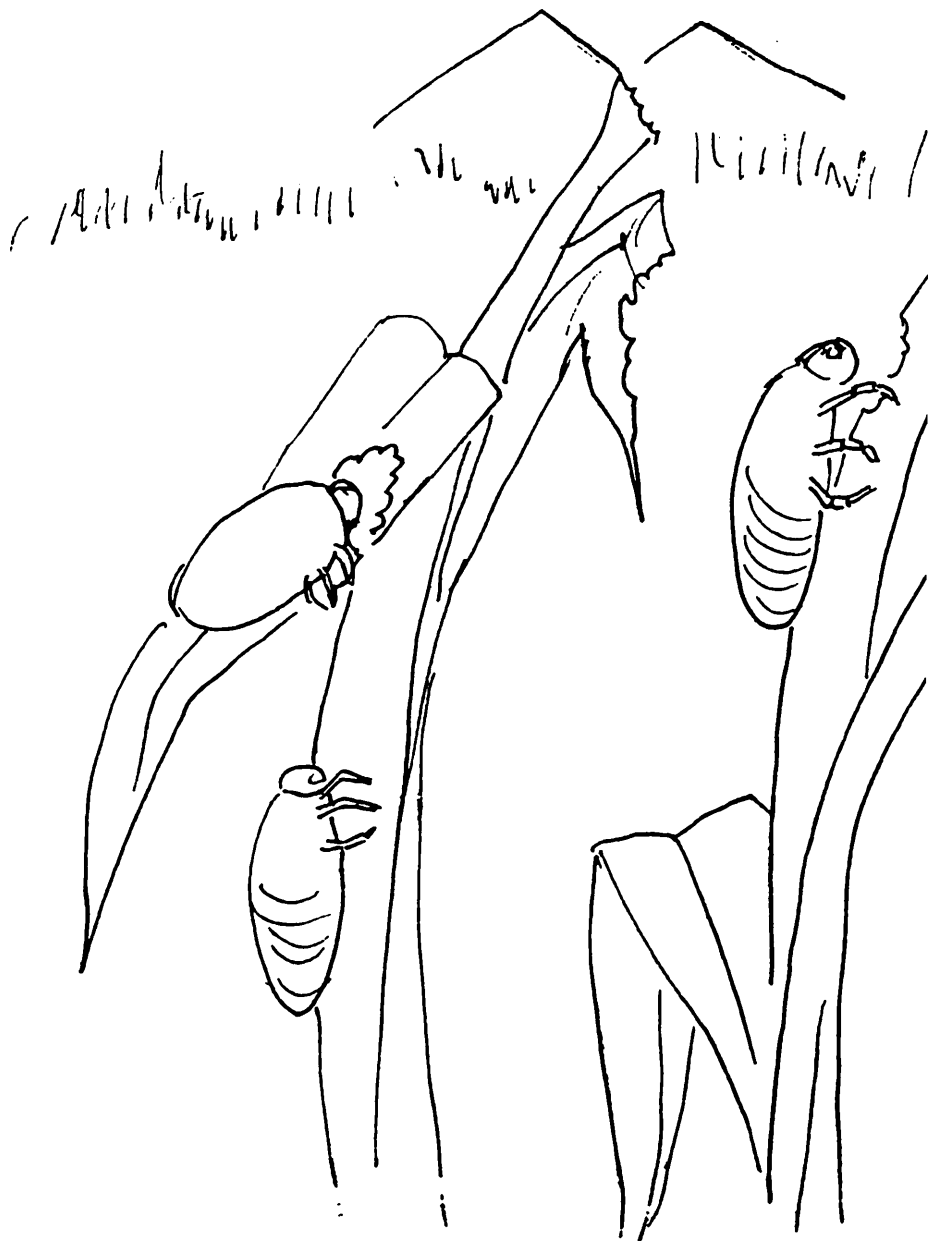
Pharaoh sent for Moses. When he came, Pharaoh begged, "I have sinned against your God and you. Please forgive me just this once and ask your God to take away these locusts."

Moses asked God and God sent a mighty west wind. The west wind blew all the locusts into the Red Sea so there was not a single one left in all Egypt.

But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart again so he would not let the children of Israel go.

—Joanna Booher

For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees...and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt. Exodus 10:15.





In the Garden

Mother, Jerry and Linda were busy hoeing out weeds around the green bean vines. Dad had tilled the aisles and uprooted many of the weeds but it left weeds between the green bean plants.

"Why do the weeds grow faster than the green bean plants?" asked Linda. "My back and arms are already tired."

"What? You mean you're tired of the game of hoeing?" said Mother. "Pretend this is a computer game and you're working your way out of this garden, but first you have to destroy all the weeds that are in the path. When you get to the end of the row, you can get a drink before you start the next row."

Linda rolled her eyes upward. "Hoeing isn't my kind of game," she stated. About that time a grasshopper jumped on Linda's leg. "Ah-ah-ah!!" she screamed as she kicked her leg and brushed off the grasshopper.

Jerry laughed. "Come on, Linda! That was only a grasshopper. He doesn't want a bite of your sour leg!"

"You can laugh if you want too but I don't care about bugs like you do!" retorted Linda. "Mother, I need to check on Randy and Allen and see if they are okay."

"Don't lay your hoe down, young lady," said Mother. "Dad can see the boys on the porch from where he is in the driveway. He will call me when they need some attention. Now I suggest you get friendly with that hoe and keep up with me and Jerry. Here, chop that big weed right there and don't cut the base of any green bean plants. It takes skill to hoe and you need to learn how while you're young."

Linda sighed as she obeyed. Once in awhile she would see a grasshopper. "I hope you eat up the garden," she said to one grasshopper. "Then I won't have to hoe or pick beans."

"Now that's some attitude," said Mother who overheard Linda. "I suppose you don't want to eat any green beans either? I will keep that in mind the next time you come to the table hungry."

By sundown the garden was hoed. "We are tired but soon we will eat green beans with new potatoes," said Mother. "But I did hear Linda say she wanted grasshoppers to have hers."

"Oh, Mother, I was just teasing," replied Linda. Now that the hoeing was done, she felt pleased inside and actually she did like green beans. She didn't want grasshoppers reaping her reward. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God say He was going to send on the Egyptians?
2. Did Pharaoh listen?
3. Who got tired of being bothered by Moses and Aaron?
4. Did Pharaoh let the Israelites go?
5. What kind of wind brought the locusts?
6. How long did the east wind blow?
7. Did Pharaoh ask for forgiveness?
8. The west wind blew the locusts where?
9. Did Pharaoh let the Israelites go?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 10:1-20.

(Answers: 1. Locusts. 2. No. 3. Pharaoh's servants. 4. No. 5. A mighty east wind. 6. All day and all night. 7. Yes 8. Into the Red Sea 9. No.)

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DARKNESS

The children of Israel were slaves in the land of Egypt. The Lord sent Moses to free them from the Pharoah but the Pharoah would not let them go. The Lord hardened Pharoah's heart time after time as He sent plague after plague. The Lord did this so He could show all of them that He was the one God.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go and stretch out your hand toward heaven that there may be darkness in Egypt, darkness so thick that it can be felt."

Moses did so and darkness fell on Egypt. It was so dark that the Egyptians could not see each other. All of them stayed in their houses and did not even get up for three days. But the Israelites had light in their houses.

Pharoah called for Moses and said, "Go. Serve the Lord. Take your little children, only don't take your flocks of sheep and herds of cattle."

Moses said, "You must give us animals to sacrifice and you must let us take our flocks and herds. For we do not know what the Lord wants us to sacrifice. We'll find out when we get where He wants us."

But the Lord hardened Pharoah's heart and he would not let them go.

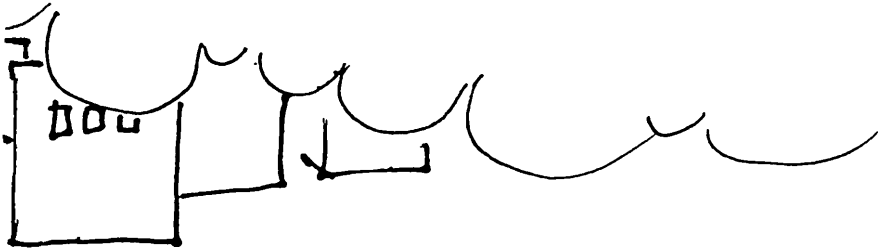
Pharoah said to Moses, "Get away from me. If you see me again, know that you will die."

Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will see your face no more."

—Joanna Booher



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a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three
days. Exodus 10:22.

Evil At Night

(Based on a true story.)

At night when you're in bed and the light is turned off, is your bedroom dark? Have you ever been afraid of the dark? Do you think people do more evil things in the dark or in the sunlight? Let me tell you a sad story.

Late one night an assistant manager of a Taco Bell in Oklahoma City locked the doors and helped three employees finish cleaning. They had been busy that first Saturday in June and they were ready to go home and rest.

"By the next time you see me, I might be a new dad," the assistant manager said to the others. "I love my two sons but this next one is supposed to be a baby girl. I'm just tickled pink."

Jamar laughed. "Maybe you need me to count that there money for deposit. I can tell your mind ain't on countin'."

"Just mind your own business and I'll take care of mine," replied Terrance with a smile. He did have a lot of money to add but by the time the others were done, so was he.

Every night all employees left Taco Bell together and so it was this night. Terrance tucked the deposit bag under his arm, locked the door behind them and hurried to his car.

"See ya Monday!" he called out to the others. He slipped into his car and turned the key to the ignition when a dark figure suddenly appeared at his window. A gun was pointed at him.

"Hand over the money," said a rough voice.

"He isn't going to get this money!" thought Terrance. He jerked his car in reverse but the gunman was

quick also. He fired one shot from his gun which hit Terrance in the chest. Terrance's car went out of control and hit a post. The gunman ran but he was caught and taken to jail.

Terrance was taken to a hospital and then to a funeral parlor. When his wife heard the news, she began to sob. Sunday evening, Terrance's baby daughter was born but he wasn't there to hear her first cries or hold her warm body.

Because one man chose to do evil in the dark, this family will grow up missing their daddy. All sin is dark, ugly and brings sorrow. Maybe that is why more sin is done at night than in the daylight.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. The Israelites were what in the land of Egypt?
2. The Lord sent Moses to do what for the Israelites?
3. What had God sent a lot of on the Egyptians?
4. What did God say He would send on the Egyptians?
5. How thick was the darkness?
6. What did the Israelites have in all their houses?
7. For how many days was darkness in the land of the Egyptians?
8. Did the Egyptians get up or leave?
9. Did Pharaoh let the Israelites go?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 10:21-29.

(Answers: 1. Slaves. 2. Free them. 3. Plagues. 4. Darkness. 5. So thick it could be felt. 6. Light. 7. Three days. 8. No. 9. No.)

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THE PASSOVER

God told Moses, "One more plague will I send on Egypt. After that Pharaoh will let you go. In fact, he will kick you out. Tell all the children of Israel to borrow from their neighbors. Tell them to borrow jewels of silver and gold."

The Israelites did so and the Egyptians were happy to give them the jewels because they had great respect for Moses.

Moses said to Pharaoh, "Thus saith the Lord, About midnight I will go out into Egypt, and all the oldest children will die...from the oldest child of Pharaoh to the oldest child of the maid, and all the oldest offspring of animals will die. But none of the children of Israel will die—so you may know that I have put a difference between the Egyptians and Israelites. And all your servants will come and bow down to me and say, 'Go away from us.' After that I will leave."

The Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you. This is so that my wonders will be greater in the land of Egypt."

Then the Lord gave instructions to the children of Israel so that none of them would die.

Each Israelite had to kill a perfect male lamb, the firstborn lamb, and wipe its blood on the doorframe of their houses. Then they roasted the lamb and ate it with unleavened bread. They ate this passover supper standing up, with their shoes on their feet and their staffs in their hands. Every Israelite was told to stay in the safety of their houses that night while the angel of death passed through the land.

That night the angel went through the land of Egypt and all those without blood on their doorframes lost a firstborn son. There was a cry throughout Egypt as the sons died...from Pharaoh's son even to the oldest son of the captive in the dungeon.

Pharaoh called Moses and said, "Go. Take your flocks and herds and all your people. Just go!"

So Moses and all the children of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt with all their possessions and the gifts from the Egyptians. Over six thousand Israelites left Egypt that day. The Israelites called that day, Passover, as a remembrance that God had led them out of the land of Egypt.

—Joanna Booher



And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two sideposts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. Exodus 12:7.



The Flames Passed Over

(A true story.)

On a globe, find the continent of Africa and then find the country of Sudan which is below Egypt and by the Red Sea. Today in Sudan, Christians are persecuted and killed because they will not forsake Christ.

These Christians may not know much about the Bible because they don't own one to read but they have heard the voice of Jesus and they have believed on Him. Remember John 3:16? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

At some time in everyone's life, the voice of God talks to each one. God knows every language in the world and He cares about the poorest person as much as the rich of this earth.

Kamerino was a very poor boy in Sudan. For several days he had not eaten one bite of food. His body was weak. Kamerino knew he was starving to death at ten years old. His mother and father had been killed by the Islamic army so he was living with his grandmother.

"May I go with my three friends to look for some food in the field nearby?" he asked his grandmother.

"Oh, my grandson," cried Grandmother. "There are dangers in the field but then I don't have any food to give you here. If I let you go, promise that you and your friends will return at night."

"I promise," replied Kamerino soberly.

Early the next morning the four young boys left their village in search of food. Sometime that morning, Islamic soldiers saw them.

"Boys, come here!" yelled the officer.

Kamerino and his friends did not want to join the Islamic army which

killed Christians and stole food. The boys ducked below the grass, ran and hid.

The soldiers circled the field where the boys were hiding. They set it on fire. Scared, three boys ran out and were captured by the Islamic soldiers. The flames burned the grass to the ground, then the soldiers found Kamerino's burned body. They left him for dead.

When Kamerino did not return that night, Grandmother sent searchers out to look for the boys. They found Kamerino crawling toward the village. Later, when missionaries came to the village, they took Kamerino to a hospital where he is recovering from his burns but, best of all, where he is learning more about Jesus.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. How many more plagues did God say He would send on Egypt?
2. What did God say would happen to all the firstborn sons in Egypt?
3. What did the Israelites have to kill?
4. What did the Israelites have to do with the blood of the lamb?
5. What did God say His angel would do when he saw the blood?
6. What kind of bread did the Israelites have to eat that night?
7. Did Pharaoh's son die?
8. Did Pharaoh let the Israelites go?
9. What did the Israelites call that night?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 11:1-12:51.

(Answers: 1. Just one. 2. They would die. 3. A perfect firstborn lamb. 4. Wipe it on the doorframes of their houses. 5. Pass over them. 6. Unleavened bread. 7. Yes. 8. Yes. 9. Passover.)

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THE RED SEA

All the children of Israel marched out of Egypt to go to the land that God would show them. Caanan was the land that God wanted to take them to. God used a pillar of cloud in the daytime and a pillar of fire in the night to lead the Israelites. With the pillar of cloud, God led the people to the edge of the Red Sea. Then God hardened Pharaoh's heart.

Pharaoh said to his servants, "What have we done? Why did we let the children of Israel go from serving us?" Pharaoh gathered his chariots and soldiers and rode out after the Israelites.

The children of Israel looked up as they stood by the sea and saw all Pharaoh's men behind them. They cried to the Lord in fear. They said to Moses, "Why did you bring us out here to die? We should have just stayed in Egypt."

Moses said, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. For the Lord shall fight for you."

God told Moses, "Lift up your rod over the sea and divide it. The people will go through the sea on dry land. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart so he will follow you into the sea and I will defeat him."

Then God made the pillar of cloud, which led them, to stand behind them. The cloud became darkness to the Egyptians but light to the Israelites all through the night. And God sent a mighty east wind which blew the sea back so in the morning the Israelites walked across the sea on dry land. The waters of the sea were a wall on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians saw the Israelites go and chased after them. When they got into the sea, God took the wheels off their chariots.

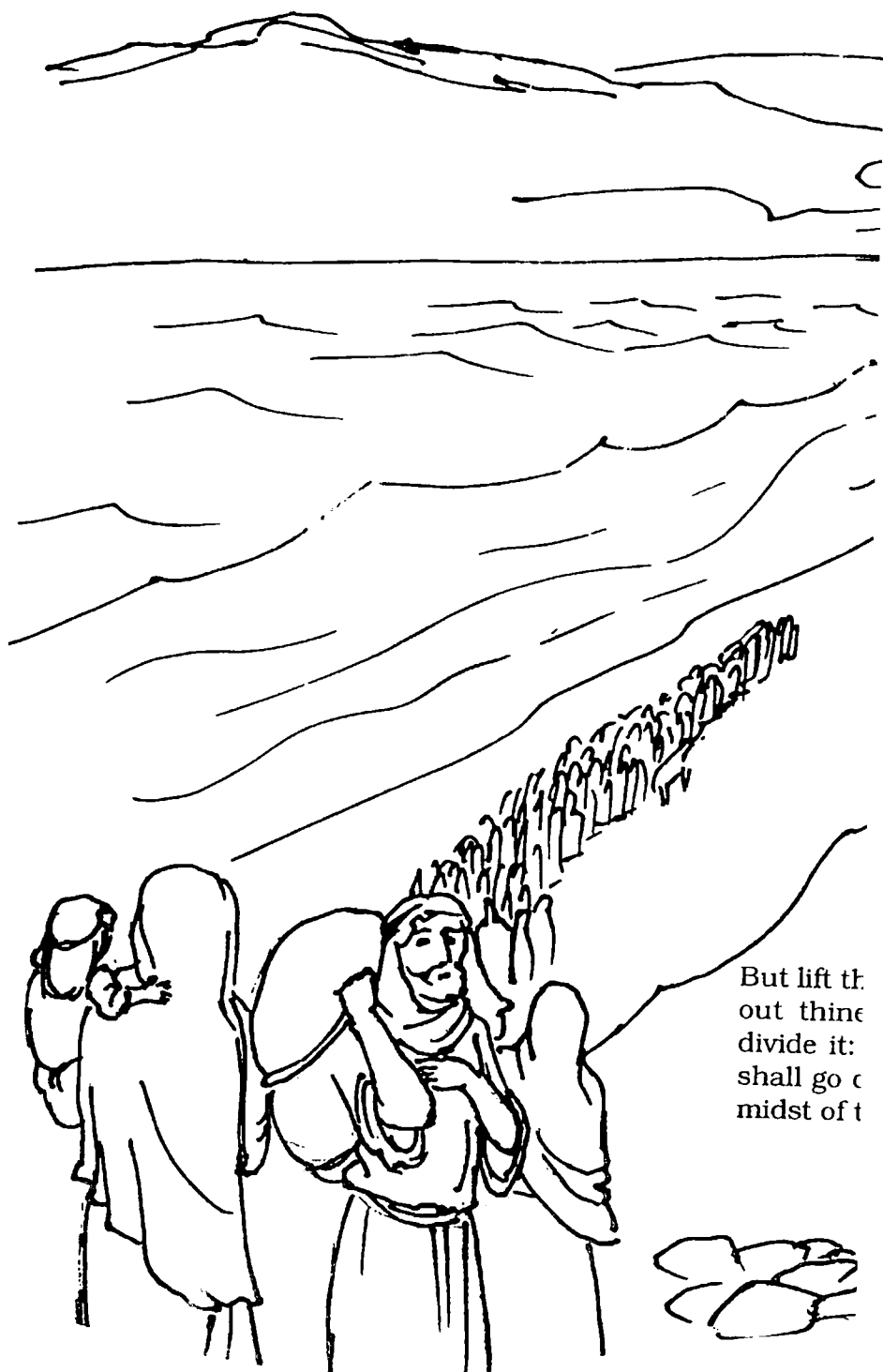
The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from Israel for their God fights for them."

God said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea and the waters will come back and cover the Egyptians."

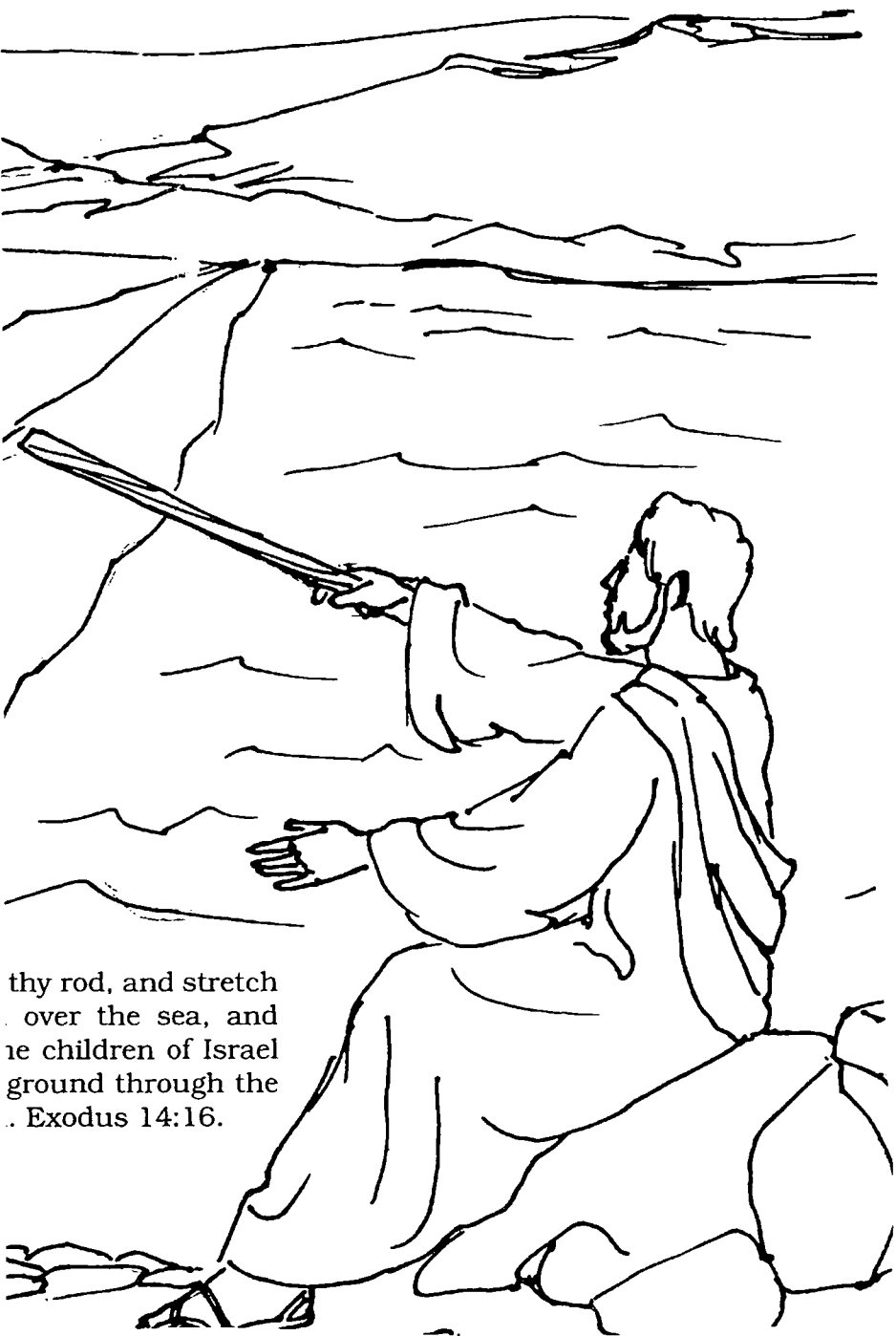
Moses did and the waters of the Red Sea returned and covered the Egyptians, their chariots, and their horses so not a single one was left.

When the Israelites saw this, they feared God and believed in Him and His servant, Moses.

—Joanna Booher



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Fleeing Through The Air

(A true story.)

During the 1960's and early 70's American soldiers fought in Vietnam to free that country from Communist rule. Finally, the American government decided we had lost too many men in the war. The enemy was a monster without mercy.

In April of 1975, American soldiers were ordered to leave Vietnam. This would leave thousands of people without hope for freedom. Among these suffering people were thousands of little babies and young children left without parents.

When American husbands and wives heard about these helpless victims of war, they wanted these babies to come to America to live. They paid money so a baby could come overseas and be their child.

Karen was a stewardess for Pan American World Airways which sent jetliners to Saigon, Vietnam, to bring home soldiers. However, she will never forget the flights they made bringing to America tiny, helpless passengers.

She flew on a giant 747 that was reformed into something like a hospital nursery. It was stocked with hundreds of baby bottles and formula, thousands of diapers, and hundreds of bassinets for the babies to lie in.

When the jet landed on the runway at Saigon, several old army buses chugged toward the plane. They were crammed with babies and children. With a whoosh, the plane doors opened and the soggy heat and stale smells of Saigon drifted into the cabin.

Karen stepped to the door, bent down and took hold of three screaming babies handed to her. As she rushed to put the babies each in a bassinet, her eyes filled with tears. She was helping to rescue these tiny human beings from certain death.

As the plane roared into the sky and soared over the ocean, Karen changed diapers, fed and burped babies, cuddled and rocked them, and she prayed for them.

More than 400 children were taken on that first load and all together over 2000 orphans were put into the arms of waiting parents-to-be.

This happened over 25 years ago. Today they are adults living in a free country where they can learn and prosper. Also, they can worship God without fear of persecution that the Christian Vietnamese suffer. Karen is thankful that she helped deliver these lives from death or from the slavery they would have suffered.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did God want to take the Israelites?
2. What did God use to lead the Israelites during the day?
3. What did God use to lead the Israelites during the night?
4. Why did Pharaoh chase after the Israelites?
5. What happened to the Israelites when they saw Pharaoh's army behind them?
6. Whom did Moses say would fight for Israel?
7. What did the east wind that God sent do to the Red Sea?
8. Did the Israelites walk safely across?
9. Did the Egyptians get across the Red Sea?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 13:17-14:31

(Answers: 1. Caanan. 2. A pillar of cloud. 3. A pillar of fire. 4. Because God hardened his heart. 5. They became afraid. 6. God. 7. It blew a path through the Red Sea. 8. Yes. 9. No.)

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BITTER WATER AND MANNA

After Moses led the children of Israel up out of the Red Sea, he led them into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days and found no water. They came to a place called Marah, but they could not drink the water there because it was bitter.

The children of Israel complained. Moses cried to the Lord and the Lord showed him a tree to cut down and throw in the water. When Moses did, the waters became sweet.

The Israelites went on into the wilderness of Sin. They started to complain again. They said, "We're hungry. In Egypt we had plenty of fresh bread. Did you bring us out here to starve us to death?"

The Lord told Moses, "I will send them bread from heaven. They must go out and gather a certain amount every day. This I will do to see if they will obey My commandments. On the sixth day they must gather twice as much to last them through the seventh day, which is the sabbath."

So God did as He had said. In the morning after the dew melted there was something white like frost on the ground. The people saw it and wondered, "What is it?"

Moses told them, "This is the bread that God has given you to eat. Gather enough to eat every day, but no more than that."

The people called the bread: Manna, which means "What is it?" The manna tasted like wafers made with honey. The people gathered it every morning and when the sun was up it melted.

Some of the people disobeyed and saved some manna for the next day. But when they checked it the next day it stank and had worms in it. Moses was very angry with them for their disobedience.

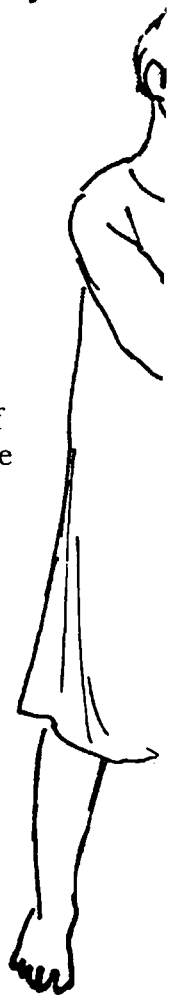
At the end of six days, Moses told them to save twice as much manna. The people did and the next morning the manna did not stink or have worms in it. Some of the people went out to gather on the sabbath day but there was none on the ground.

The Lord said, "How long will the people disobey Me? I have told you not to gather on the sabbath so you will rest."

So the people rested on the sabbath day. God commanded Moses and Aaron to save a bowl full of the manna for all generations, so their children could see how God had supplied their need for bread. —Jcanna Booher



And when the children of
Israel saw it, they said one
to another, It is manna:
for they wist not what it
was.... Exodus 16:15.





His Word Is Like Bread

(A true story.)

When Jesus was fasting 40 days, the devil tempted Him to turn stones into bread. Jesus answered, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4.)

This means that we are not as needy of natural food as we are spiritual food. Just by His spoken word, God created all that we see. His Written Word also gives us courage and hope to be faithful to Jesus. Cherish God's Holy Bible.

In China the Communists took Bibles, hymnbooks, and any other Christian books and threw them into a hot bonfire. They forced the Christians to attend the burning. During a moment when no Communist was looking, one brave brother reached his hand into the fire and pulled out a page from a Bible. He tucked it into his shirt.

A few days later several Christians gathered at this brother's house to read from that one page of the Bible. This was all the Bible these hundred or so believers had but they were thankful to share this one page. Every week for two years they would gather to pray and read from Matthew 16 where Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Many of these believers went to prison and faced death holding onto these scriptures from God's Word. For two years that was all the Bible the Christians in Chungking possessed.

One day they were able to secretly send a letter to other Christians in America. It came to Pastor Wurmbbrand and he cried when he

read the letter. It said, "Dear Brethren, Don't strive to become better Christians. Strive only to be the kind of Christians whom Christ meant us to be, Christ-like Christians."

Pastor Wurmbbrand bought several Chinese Bibles. A friend snuck these Bibles into China, found the Christians in Chungking, and gave the Bibles to them. They were overjoyed to have ALL the Word of God!

In our country we are free to own and read the Bible whenever we want to do so. Do we value this freedom? Do you read and study God's written Word? Do you memorize verses?

Treasure the Holy Bible and be thankful you have the whole book to study. This gives us spiritual life just like bread feeds our body.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What was wrong with the water at Marah?
2. What did the Israelites do when the water was bitter?
3. What did the Israelites ask for next?
4. Did God send them bread?
5. What did it look like?
6. What did the Israelites call this bread?
7. What happened to the manna when the people saved it for the next day?
8. How much manna were the Israelites supposed to save on the day before the sabbath?
9. Did the manna they saved for the sabbath go bad?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 15:22-16:36.

(Answers: 1. It was bitter. 2. They complained. 3. Bread. 4. Yes. 5. White frost on the ground. 6. Manna. 7. It stank and had worms in it. 8. Twice as much. 9. No.)

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WATER FROM A ROCK AND THE AMALEKITES

The children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin and camped in Rephidim. But there was no water there for them to drink. So they complained to Moses.

"Give us water to drink," they said. "Did you bring us out here to die?" They were so angry they wanted to stone Moses.

Moses cried to God and said, "What shall I do?"

God told Moses, "Take your rod and go stand in front of the rock at Horeb. You must strike the rock with your rod so water will flow out."

So Moses did as God commanded and water flowed out for all the people to drink.

An army of Amalekites came to fight against Israel. Moses told a man named Joshua to go fight these Amalekites.

So Joshua went to battle in Rephidim and Moses went with Aaron and Hur to the top of a hill above the battle. When Moses raised his hands in the air, the Israelites started winning. But when Moses lowered his hands, the Amalekites started winning.

Moses' hands became heavy. Aaron and Hur took a stone and sat Moses on it. Then, one on either side, they held Moses' hands up. They held his hands up all day and Joshua's men defeated the Amalekites in that battle.

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came to see Moses and brought Moses' wife and sons. Moses told him all that had happened and how the Lord had led them and blessed them. Jethro was very happy to hear these things.

The next day Jethro noticed how the people of Israel stood around Moses all day, from morning til evening.

"Why do the people do this?" Jethro asked.

Moses said, "They came to ask about God. When they have a problem they ask me what God says they should do and I tell them God's laws."

Jethro said, "This is not good. You will surely get so tired that you will wear away and the people too. Listen to my advice and God will bless you. You should pick good, righteous men and put them as judges over the people.

"Take these men and teach them God's law and then they can judge the people in all small matters. Only the big problems they may bring to you."

Moses saw that this was good advice and followed it. Then Jethro, his father-in-law, said good-bye and went back to his own land.

—Joanna Booher



ses' hands were heavy; and they took a
nd put it under him, and he sat thereon;
ron and Hur stayed up his hands,...until
ng down of the sun. Exodus 17:12.



When In Trouble, Call God

(A true story.)

Jennifer and her dad heard the rain beat upon their two story cedar cabin set among huge pecan trees by the Guadalupe River in Texas. They were listening to the weather reports to learn how high the river was and how much more rain was expected.

Around 10:00 in the evening Dan said, "It sounds like the river isn't going to rise anymore so we are safe. Let's hit the sack and get some rest."

Jennifer obeyed her dad but she couldn't sleep. She tossed and turned in her bed for two hours or so then got up to go to the bathroom. When she stepped on the carpet, she felt that it was wet. She turned toward the river and listened. The swoosh of rapids filled her ears. It was beneath their house!

"Daddy! Wake up!" she screamed rushing to his bedside. "There's water in the house!"

Dan jumped out of bed and rushed to the front door. When he opened the door he saw Duchess, their black mastiff, standing in six inches of water. He knew the river had already flooded their gravel roadway which was their only way to escape. They were trapped. Cold water lapped around their ankles and was inching higher.

"What are we going to do, Daddy?"

"Here put on this life jacket," her dad replied as he put one on also.

The muddy water was creeping up the wood paneled walls, lapping under the electrical outlets. Afraid of electrocution, Dan dashed to the breaker box and pulled the main switch, plunging them into darkness. "Call 911," he told Jennifer but she found the telephone was silent.

They went upstairs but the water climbed behind them. From the window, they watched cars and huge trees swirl down river like rubber ducks in a

bathtub. Suddenly, their cabin shifted and sank. They were floating!

Dan knew it would be a matter of minutes before the house sank. Holding tightly together, father and daughter plunged into the cold, angry water. Dan tried to shield Jennifer from the tossing debris as the water current washed them toward the Gulf of Mexico. His ribs shattered and his left leg snapped before they were able to crawl on top of some jammed trees at a river fork.

For nearly eighteen hours they endured rain, coldness, and pain, praying for help. Finally, by helicopter, they were pulled from their island of rubble and taken to safety. Call on God when in trouble. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. When the water was bitter at Rephidim, what did the children of Israel want to do to Moses?
2. Of who came to fight the Israelites?
3. Whom did Moses send to fight the Amalekites?
4. What did Moses do that helped the Israelites to win?
5. What did Aaron and Hur do when Moses' hands got tired?
6. Who came to visit Moses?
7. How did Jethro feel when he heard how the Lord had been with the Israelites?
8. Why did the people stand around Moses?
9. What did Jethro tell Moses to do so he would not wear out?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 17:1-18:27.

(Answers: 1. Stone him. 2. The Amalekites. 3. Joshua. 4. He raised his hands. 5. They held his hands up. 6. Jethro, Moses' father-in-law. 7. Happy. 8. To be judged and hear God's law. 9. Make judges over the people.)

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GOD'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

The children of Israel travelled to the desert of Sinai and camped there by mount Sinai.

Moses went up into the mountain to talk to God and God told him, "If the children of Israel will do as I say, I will be their God and they will be My people. I will make them a kingdom of priests and holy men."

Moses went down and told the people God's words. The people said, "All that God has said, we will do."

Moses told the people's words to God and God said, "Moses, I am going to come down and talk to you out of a cloud so all the people will hear and believe in Me. Go tell the people to wash themselves and be clean. In three days I will come down on top of mount Sinai. No one is allowed to touch the mountain. If they do, they will be put to death. When the trumpet sounds on the third day, all the people must come near to the mountain to hear Me speak."

So the people obeyed God's words. On the third day, the sound of a trumpet sounded loudly and God came down in fire and smoke on mount Sinai. The whole mountain quaked greatly. The trumpet grew louder and louder until Moses spoke to God. God answered him by a voice. Then Moses went up into the mountain and talked to God.

These are the words that God said:

"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make any graven image nor bow down to them.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honour thy father and thy mother.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

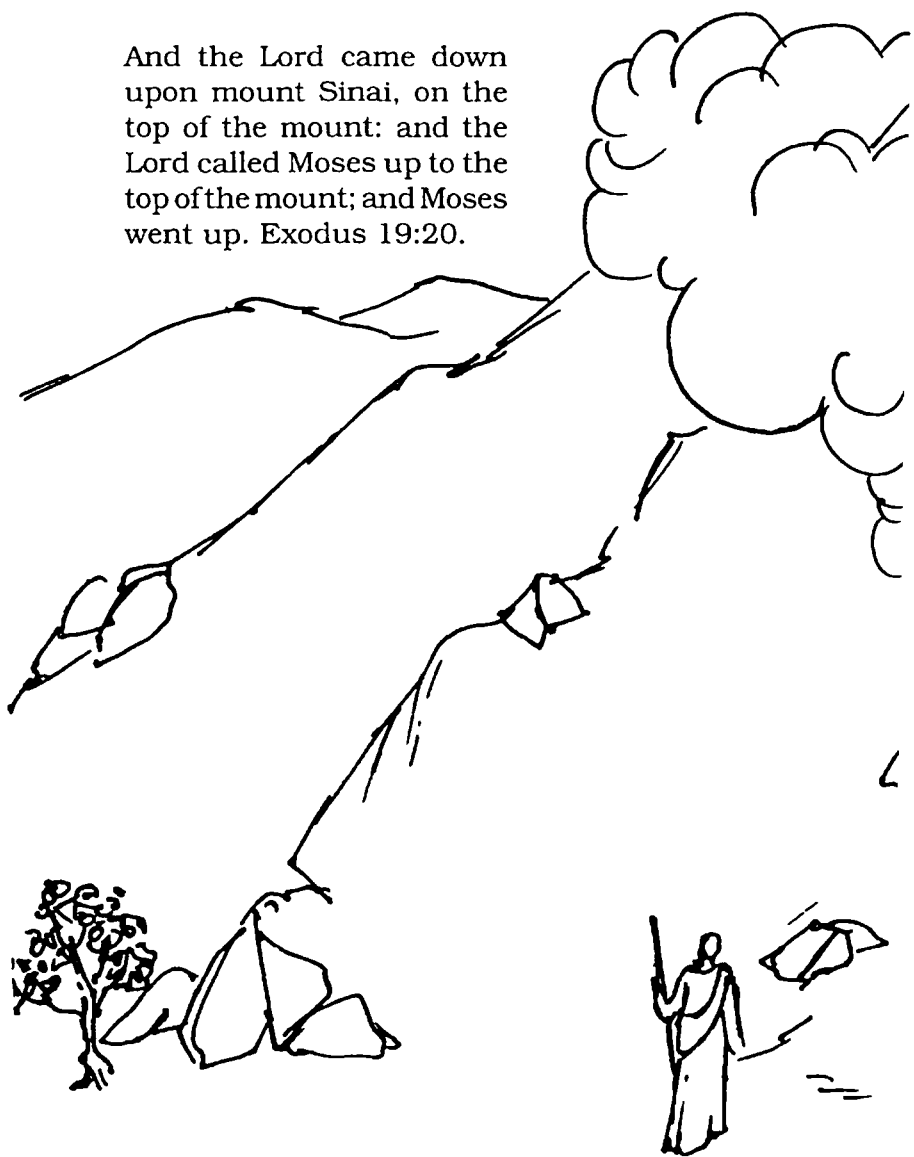
Thou shalt not covet anything that is thy neighbor's."

When the people saw the thunderings and smoke and noise of the trumpet, they stood back in fear. They said to Moses, "You speak to us, but don't let God speak to us or we'll die."

Moses said, "Don't be afraid, for God came down to prove you, so you will fear Him and not disobey Him."

—Joanna Booher

And the Lord came down
upon mount Sinai, on the
top of the mount: and the
Lord called Moses up to the
top of the mount; and Moses
went up. Exodus 19:20.





Beyond The Law

(A true story.)

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone in the world obeyed the ten commandments? That's the way God wants it to be. Better yet, Jesus gave us two greater commandments found in Mark 12:30-31. He told us to love the Lord our God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. If we will do this, we will obey the ten commandments and follow Jesus to heaven.

In the country of Pakistan the government does not rule by the ten commandments. They go by the Koran, a book written by Mohammand.

On September 3, 1999, a group of seventy people met to worship the true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. While they were singing and praying, a gang of Muslims surrounded the church. They cut the electric and telephone lines, leaving the inside of the building in inky blackness and the people no way to call for help.

Pastor Rahmed Masih was preaching from Acts 4:12 and encouraging the congregation to trust in the salvation given to them by Jesus Christ. Suddenly Muslim men rushed into the church, waving guns and swinging an axe. The Christians tried to leave but the attackers stopped them. Many were beaten and had their clothes torn from their bodies. The pastor's Bible was burned and the church altar abused. Finally the attackers left; the building destroyed. The Christians' bodies were hurt, but their faith in Jesus Christ was stronger.

These attackers were never arrested nor punished for the crimes they committed. In fact, the government leaders are Muslims and they don't think any law was broken. If

Christians had attacked Muslims and burned a Koran, the Christians would have been punished by law.

Pastor Rahmed Masih knows that Christians are not treated fairly in Pakistan but he lives by the two commandments that Jesus gave. He and other pastors asked missionaries to bring a Mobile Medical Clinic to their country. Now that it is there, these pastors and doctors help the poor and needy whether they are Muslim or Christian.

The Muslims question how the Christians can be so kind to them because they are not kind nor fair to Christians. Many of them are turning to Jesus because they see His love in the lives of these obedient Christians. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. God wanted to make the Israelites a kingdom of what?
2. Did the people agree to obey God?
3. God said He would come down on mount Sinai in how many days?
4. What did the people have to do to prepare for God?
5. What noise sounded on the third day?
6. What do we call the laws that God gave to the people?
7. Do you remember what any of the commandments were? (Name them.)
8. How did the people feel when God spoke to them?
9. Whom did the people ask to speak to them instead of God?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 19:1-24:4.

(Answers: 1. Priests and holy men. 2. Yes. 3. Three days. 4. Be clean. 5. The sound of a trumpet. 6. The Ten Commandments. 7. (Any of the Ten Commandments) 8. Afraid. 9. Moses.)

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A HOUSE FOR GOD

After Moses had written down God's laws, he made an altar and sacrificed oxen on it to God. He also made twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. (The twelve tribes of Israel were the children of the twelve sons of Jacob.)

Moses called the people together and read God's covenant, or promise, to them. Then he sprinkled them with the blood of the oxen and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that God has made with you."

God told Moses to take Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu and seventy elders of Israel and come worship Him. But they must stay a distance away. So Moses took them and they worshipped God from afar and saw His angel.

God called Moses to come up closer so He could talk to him and give him the law written on tables of stone. Moses took Joshua some of the distance with him and left Aaron and Hur in charge of the people.

God said, "Tell the children of Israel to bring Me gifts. Whoever will give willingly, have them bring Me gold, silver, and brass. And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood. Oil for light, spices and precious stones. I want them to make Me a place to stay with them, a sanctuary. I will tell you how to make it and you must follow My instructions exactly."

God told Moses how to make everything that would be in this sanctuary, or tabernacle. Moses was to make a box-like ark to put the tables of stone in, altars and tables covered with gold, walls of blue, purple, and scarlet material and a veil inside the tabernacle to separate the "Holy Place" from the "Holiest of Holies."

God told Moses to make Aaron and his sons priests in this tabernacle and told Moses how they must be dressed. They were to wear scarlet, blue, and purple robes and precious stones on their shoulders and chests. Aaron was to wear a hat with a plate of pure gold on it that said, "Holiness to the Lord."

God said to Moses, "I have put into the hearts of wise-hearted men wisdom, so they will know how to make all these things. Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. If any man does work on the sabbath, he will be put to death."

Then God gave Moses two tables of stone. On these tables of stone were written God's laws, written with God's own finger.

—Joanna Booher



And he gave unto
Moses,...two tables of
testimony, tables of stone,
written with the finger of
God. Exodus 31:18.



Linda's Playhouse

In his back yard, Randy and his cousin, David, were playing near Linda's playhouse. David stood on the front porch and peeked into the little window.

"We don't want to go in there," said Randy. "Linda always makes me play dolls when I'm in her playhouse."

"Linda isn't here so we can go inside," said David. "It looks neat." He opened the door and both boys stepped inside. "What does she have in the refrigerator? Does this stove really work? It looks like there has been water in this sink," said David.

"Don't bother anything," said Randy. "Really we shouldn't be in here because this is Linda's house and she doesn't like anyone in here without her."

"We aren't going to bother anything so she won't care," answered David. "Let's sit down at this table and pretend we are at a restaurant."

David sat down in a small chair by the short table. Just then the boys heard voices. They peeked out the window and saw Linda and a friend walking toward the playhouse.

"Hey, we got to get out of here!" exclaimed David.

Randy opened the door and both boys escaped in front of two astonished girls.

"You boys better not have messed up anything in my playhouse," said Linda, but the boys were already running towards the woods, too far away to reply.

Linda came in and glanced around the little room. "Well, it looks okay," she said to Keri, "I wish they wouldn't just come into my playhouse without asking. That isn't polite."

Soon the girls were busy playing house with their dolls. Randy and David decided to sneak up on the girls and scare them. The boys stood at the back corner of the house listening to

the girls chatter. Squatting down, they crept to the front porch and peered into the window.

"Oh, my baby is choking!" exclaimed Linda as she scooped up her doll and patted it on the back. "You drank your milk too fast. There, honey, do you feel better?"

The boys snickered and the girls saw them at the window. "You boys leave my house at once!" demanded Linda as she stepped to the door. "This is MY playhouse and I don't want you guys tearing anything up!"

"Ah-ah!" screamed the boys as they ran back to the woods.

Do you protect your house and play things? Are you careful with other people's belongings?

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. God told Moses to take Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and seventy elders and do what?
2. Were they all allowed to come near to God?
3. Whom did Moses take with him part of the way?
4. What did God ask the children of Israel to bring to Him?
5. What colors of material did God ask for?
6. What kind of stones did God ask for?
7. What was Moses supposed to make for God with the gifts?
8. What two things did God give Moses?
9. Who wrote the law on the two tables of stone?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 24:4-28:43, 31:1-28.

(Answers: 1. Come worship Him. 2. No. 3. Joshua. 4. Gifts. 5. Blue, purple and scarlet. 6. Precious stones. 7. A tabernacle. 8. Two tables of stone. 9. God.)

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THE GOLDEN CALF

Moses stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights. When the children of Israel saw that Moses was taking so long to come down, they came to Aaron and said, "Make us gods to lead us, because who knows what has become of Moses."

Aaron told them, "Give me your earrings of gold." When he had received the jewelry, he melted it all together and made a calf of gold for the people.

Then the people said, "These are your gods, oh, children of Israel, which brought you out of the land of Egypt."

Aaron made an altar before the calf and said, "Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord."

So the children of Israel rose up early the next morning and offered burnt offerings on the altar. Then they ate and drank and played.

God saw it and said to Moses, "Get down the mountain, for the children have disobeyed Me quickly and are worshipping a golden calf. Let me alone so I may destroy them in My anger."

Moses said, "Lord, these are your people that You brought out of the land Egypt. Turn away from Your anger. Remember Your promise to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob to make these people a great nation."

So God repented of the evil which He thought to do to Israel. Moses went down the mountain with the two tables of the law of God.

He met Joshua and Joshua said, "There is the noise of war in the camp."

"It is not the noise of war," Moses said, "It is the noise of singing." When Moses came near and saw the golden calf and the people worshipping it, he became very angry and threw down the stone tables of God's law and they broke.

Moses took the golden calf and ground it to powder and cast it in the water. Then he made the children of Israel drink of it.

He said to Aaron, "Why did you do this?"

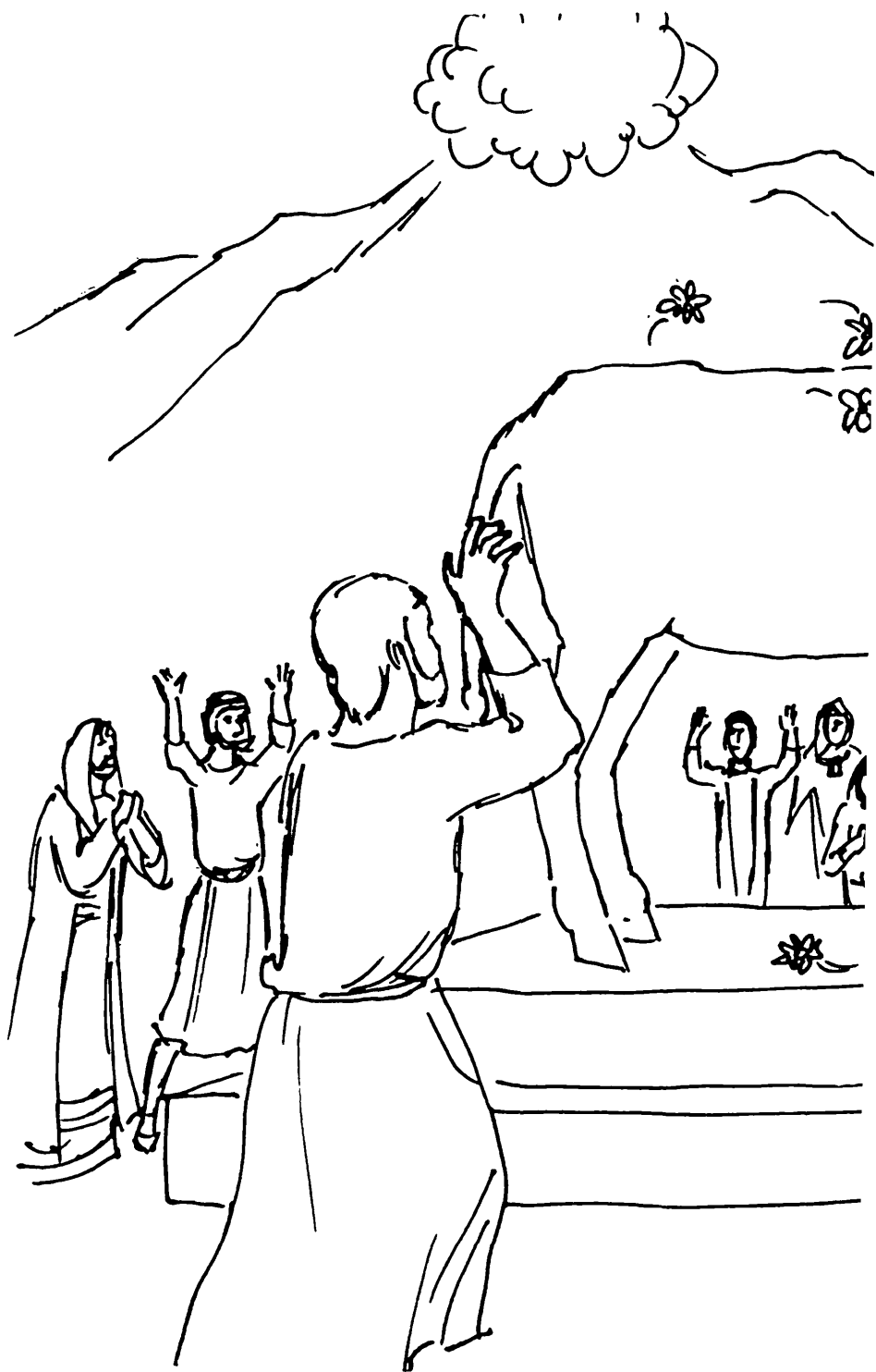
Aaron said, "Don't be angry. They begged me for gods so I took their jewelry and put it in the fire and this calf came out."

Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves to the Lord and I will go ask His forgiveness."

Moses went up to God and said, "These people have sinned a great sin. Please forgive their sin...but if You will not, take my name out of Your book of life instead of theirs."

God said, "Whoever has sinned against Me, his name will I take out of my book. Now go and lead the people to the land I have told you of."

—Joanna Booher



they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which
ht thee up out of the land of Egypt. Exodus 32:4.



Loving God's Creatures

Some people just about worship their pets. In America alone there are over 112 million dogs and cats kept as household pets. Often they are loved like family. Three out of five dog owners said their dog was one of the most important things in their lives. These people said they would spend thousands of dollars to care for their pet should it be injured or become ill.

Larry and Alexandra have unusual pets that they care about. One of them is a red kangaroo named Quigley. On a nice December morning, Quigley was loaded into a truck specially made for him. He is a big seven-year-old male with powerful hind legs that could take him right out of any ordinary truck. Carefully, Larry drove the truck to an animal hospital and parked in front of the door.

Alexandra guided Quigley out of the truck and into the waiting room. Quigley was going blind and he trusted Alexandra to lead him. She walked in front of him, talking softly all the while, and often he touched noses with her to know where she was. He walked down the rubber matted hallway using his front feet like hands to feel the way.

In a large examining room a crowd of doctors and staff watched as Quigley entered. "Hello, Sweetie," said Dr. Moore.

"Uh-oh! He's going to turn into a monster," said Alexandra. Sure enough, hearing a male voice caused Quigley to rise his full six feet and bristle with anger. Larry grabbed Quigley's heavy tail and kept him off balance until Alexandra could calm him. Once he was under control, everyone kept quiet while the lights were turned out and Dr. Moore looked into his milky white eyes. Quigley had

cataracts and needed surgery which would cost about \$2000.

Larry and Alexandra didn't know what to do. Their zebra was needing more treatment for cancer of the liver and their camel was recovering from a broken leg. Their money was low but Quigley needed his eyes so they decided to pay for the surgery. Now Quigley can see his pen that he lives in.

It is good to take care of our pets. Make sure they are fed, watered, and given plenty of room to exercise. Be kind to them but remember, most animals don't live as long as people and they don't have souls redeemed by the blood of Jesus. A person's life is more valuable than an animal's.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. How long was Moses on the mountain?
2. What did the children ask for?
3. What did Aaron make for them?
4. What did the Israelites do to the calf of gold?
5. Who saw the Israelites' sin?
6. Was God angry?
7. Did God destroy the children of Israel?
8. What did Moses do to the stone tables of the law?
9. Did God take Moses's name out of the book of life?
10. Whose name did God say He would take out of the book of life?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 32:1-35.

(Answers: 1. Forty days and forty nights. 2. Gods. 3. A golden calf. 4. They worshipped it. 5. God. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. He threw them down and they broke. 9. No. 10. Whoever had sinned.)

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MOSES SEES GOD

God was displeased with the children of Israel for worshipping the golden calf. So the children of Israel mourned.

Moses went into the tabernacle to pray to God. All the people got up to see him go into the tabernacle. When Moses went in, the pillar of cloud came down and stood at the door as God talked with him. All the people bowed down and worshipped when they saw this sight. The Lord talked with Moses as friend to friend and Moses went out of the tabernacle again. But Joshua stayed at the tabernacle.

Moses said to the Lord, "Lord, You said that we would be Your people. Please show me for sure that You will be with us and lead us to the promised land. Show me Your glory."

The Lord said, "You have found grace in My sight so I will do this thing. I cannot show you My face, for no one can see My face and live, but I will put you in a cleft of the rock and put My hand over you as I pass by. Then I will lift My hand and let you see My back parts."

Then the Lord told Moses to carve two tables of stone like the first ones and bring them with him up on Mount Sinai the next day. The Lord said He would write the law on those tables of stone again as he had the first time.

So Moses went up on the mountain with the tables of stone. God placed Moses in a cleft in the rock and proclaimed, "The Lord, The Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy, forgiving iniquity...and that will by no means clear the guilty..." When Moses heard this he quickly bowed down to the ground and worshipped.

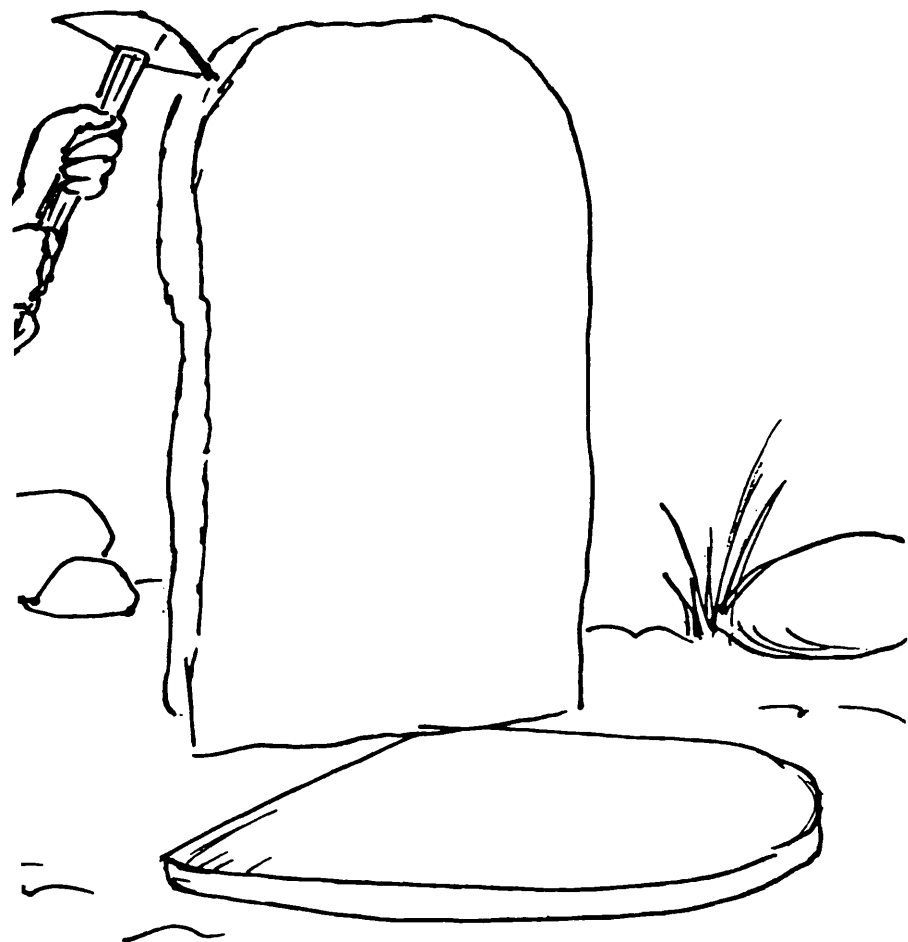
Moses asked God to forgive the Israelites' sins and God gave to Moses the law again.

When Moses came down the mountain, the people and Aaron were afraid to look at him. He did not know why until they told him that his face shone from being in the presence of God. So Moses put a veil over his face as he talked to the people and told them God's law. When he went back to talk with God, he took off the veil, but when he talked with the people he covered his face.

—Joanna Booher



and the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables
stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these
tables the words that were in the first tables, which
thou brakest. Exodus 34:1.



The Two Voices

Dad and Jerry were hauling a truck load of lumber to their house one Saturday afternoon when Dad glanced down at his gas gauge.

"Look for a gas station with cheap gas," he said to Jerry. "This two-ton won't go much farther without some fuel."

They drove along the interstate for awhile then Jerry said, "I see a truck stop ahead on the left side of the road. Does it have cheap enough gas?"

"I wish it were cheaper but it is better than some," replied Dad as he swung the truck onto the off-ramp by the gas station.

As soon as Dad pulled up to the gas pump, Jerry jumped out of the truck and opened the tank lid.

"Can you handle it by yourself?" Dad asked Jerry. "I need to go inside and I'll pay for it when you're done."

Jerry replied with a smiling nod. He took the pump nozzle and put it into the hole of the gas tank. He felt the cool gas surging through the pump handle and into the truck. When it was done, he put the pump handle back in place and closed the gas lid on the truck.

Then Jerry went into the gas station. Dad wasn't in sight so Jerry sat down at a nearby booth. On the table in front of him was a can of beer and half a cigarette ground out.

"Someone must be sitting here," thought Jerry as he stood up. He looked around the store. No one but the clerk was in sight and he was wiping off a counter behind the desk.

A voice spoke to Jerry. "Why don't you just sip on that beer and see what men like about it?" Jerry glanced at the beer and cigarette. "What did people like about that

stuff?" he wondered. "Does it taste like strong Root Beer?" Again Jerry looked around the store. No one was watching him.

Then another voice spoke to Jerry. "If you take a sip, you will never be able to say, 'I haven't tasted beer.' You know it is harmful. Be strong enough to leave it alone."

Just then Dad walked around a row of groceries. He had two icy drinks in his hand. Jerry turned his back on the beer and cigarette and went to his dad. The devil wasn't going to make a fool out of him.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the people do when they knew God was displeased with them?
2. What happened when Moses went into the tabernacle?
3. How did Moses and God talk to each other?
4. What did Moses ask God to show him?
5. Did God agree to let Moses see His glory?
6. Was Moses allowed to see God's face?
7. What did God tell Moses to bring with him up the mountain?
8. Why were the people afraid to look at Moses when he came down?
9. What did Moses put over his face when he talked with the people?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 33:1-34:35.

(Answers: 1. They mourned. 2. The pillar of cloud came down and stood at the door. 3. As friend to friend. 4. His glory. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. Two tables of stone. 8. Because his face shone. 9. A veil.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE BUILDING OF THE TABERNACLE

Moses gathered all the people together and said, "This is the word of God. The Lord wants a tabernacle where He can live among us. Everyone that is of a willing heart, bring an offering to the Lord."

So the children of Israel brought their gifts. The men brought gold and silver and brass and blue, purple, and scarlet. The women also brought their gifts of fine linen and blue, purple and scarlet that they had woven with their hands. They brought spun goat's hair. The rulers brought precious stones. All those who had willing hearts brought gifts to the Lord.

Moses pointed out the men that God had shown him to carve and create the instruments for the tabernacle. These men went to work. They built the ark of wood and covered it with gold. They put two cherubims on top that stretched their wings over the ark. Rings were put on the sides so poles could be slid through them to carry the ark.

They made a table of wood, covered with gold, to hold bowls, spoons, a golden candlestick and bread. They also made a tall golden altar with a horn on each corner and a big low brass altar with a horn on each corner and a laver to hold water for washing. The laver was made from brass and had mirrors on it.

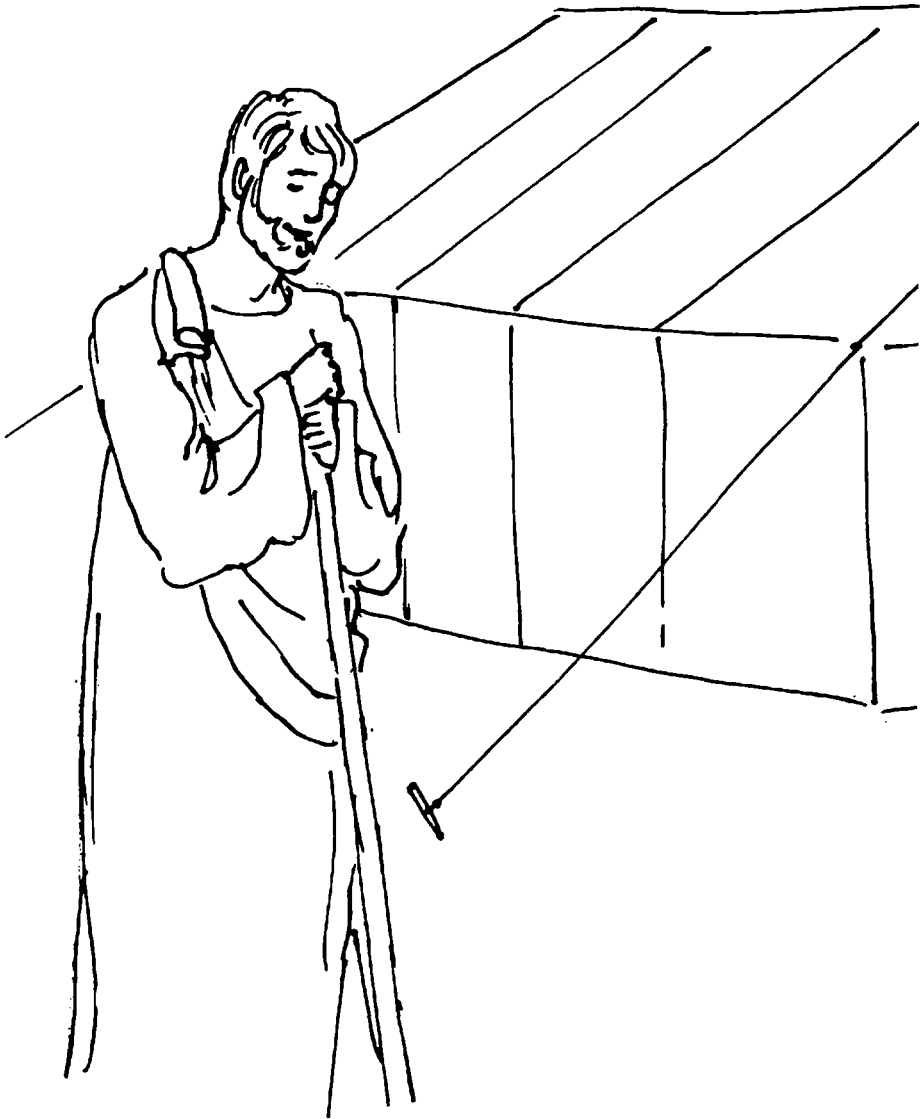
They sewed curtains together from the blue, purple and scarlet. With the curtains and long poles, they made the walls of the tabernacle. With the woven goat's hair they made the tent-like roof.

With the blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen they also made the priest's clothes. They beat gold into thin wires and wove it into the material that Aaron, the priest, would wear. They carved the names of the twelve tribes of Israel into the precious stones and put them on Aaron's shoulders. They also put twelve carved stones on Aaron's chest.

Finally they were done. Moses looked on all the work and it was as the Lord had commanded. And Moses blessed the children of Israel.

—Joanna Booher

And Moses did look upon all th
Lord had commanded, even so
Exodus 39:43.



and, behold, they had done it as the
they done it: and Moses blessed them.



Do You Mean What You Sing?

(A true story.)

Many years ago in the country of Romania, Soviet armies came into the province of Bessarabia and took control of the government. These communist soldiers walked the roads, rifles in their hands.

The first Sunday morning after the armies arrived, Christians went to church like they had before. They sang praises to the Lord, they prayed together, and they listened to a sermon by their pastor.

In one chapel, three Soviet soldiers entered with rifles in their hands. They said, "Finish this meeting. We have listened to what has happened here. We have heard you singing that you wish to go to heaven. Well, we will give you the chance to go to heaven."

Aiming their rifles at the church attendants, they said, "Everyone who really wishes to go to heaven, pass to the right and you will go to heaven. Those who do not really mean it, pass to the left. You have five minutes."

A murmur rippled through the crowd. Some sang that song about heaven just because it was number 248 in the hymnbook. They hadn't paid close attention to the words. Had they really sang about going to heaven?

Others began to tell their loved ones good-bye. Their hearts were in tune with God and they knew how to trust on His promises. Their song of praise had been with meaning. These dear children of God embraced their loved ones. Tears of love were shared.

However, most of the congregation was ready to leave for lunch. Yes, they loved Jesus and they

wanted to go to heaven but not right now. One couple was newly married and they wanted to have a family. Another couple had small children to raise and one man felt he should stay to care for his elderly parents. "Time is up!" shouted the soldiers. "Who goes to the right and who to the left?"

Quickly, most of the people moved to the left. The soldiers opened the door and the people rushed out, anxious to go home and eat their lunch. Just a handful of Christians remained in the chapel.

The soldiers put down their rifles, and said, "We are Russian Christians and we want to worship without hypocrites." These few believers worshipped the Lord in one spirit.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God want, so He could live among the children of Israel?
2. What kind of hearts did God want to bring Him gifts?
3. What did the Israelites make out of the blue, purple, scarlet and fine linen?
4. What was the ark made of?
5. What was the ark covered with?
6. Two what stretched their wings over the ark?
7. What were on the corners of the altars?
8. What was woven into Aaron's clothes?
9. Did the children of Israel do the work as God had commanded?

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 35:1-39:43.

(Answers: 1. A tabernacle. 2. Willing hearts. 3. Curtains for walls. 4. Wood. 5. Gold. 6. Two cherubims. 7. Horns. 8. Threads of gold. 9. Yes.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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WE WANT MEAT!

The children of Israel camped in the wilderness. God was with them as a pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. He came down and lived in their tabernacle. He gave them enough manna to eat for every day. But the children started complaining again.

The children of Israel cried to Moses, "Give us meat to eat. We remember the fish we ate in Egypt. If only we had stayed there."

God heard this and He was very displeased. So was Moses.

Moses said to God, "God, why have You given me these children to care for and to listen to their complaints? This burden is too heavy for me."

God heard and He said, "Pick seventy men out of the camp and bring them to the tabernacle. And I will put My spirit in them and they will care for the people of Israel also. As for the people, I have heard their cry for meat. I will give them meat, and they won't just have meat for one day, or two, or five, or even ten or twenty. But they will eat meat for a whole month. They will be sick of it because they complained and wanted to go back to Egypt."

Moses said, "Lord, how will You feed all the people of Israel meat? Where will You find enough flocks and herds for that?"

God said, "Is My hand waxed short? Watch and see if I can do this."

So Moses did as God said and picked out seventy men to help him. He brought them to the tabernacle and God came down and filled them with His Spirit.

Then God sent a wind that blew quails in from the sea. The birds fell all around the camp. There were so many they were stacked three feet high on the ground.

The children of Israel got up the next morning and gathered the quail. They gathered all day and all night and all the next day too. Then as they cooked and ate their meat, the Lord sent a plague on them. Because they had complained many of them died. —Joanna Booher



And while the flesh was yet
between their teeth,...the
Lord smote the people with a
very great plague.

Numbers 11:33.



Kindness Pays Off

(A true story.)

When I was in first grade, there was a girl who came to school rather sloppy. She was bigger than most of us so it was really noticeable that her hair wasn't combed or that her dress was wrinkled. Sometimes she wore a striped blouse and a plaid skirt. She never wore socks but came barefooted in too large of shoes. Worst of all, she would come to school smelling like a wet bed.

The children made fun of Virena.* They would pinch their noses and move away from her when she walked by. They called her names and no one ever wanted her on their team when we played games.

At home, I told my mother about Virena. "Oh, that poor girl," said my mother. "She must not have a mother to take care of her. It isn't all her fault that she comes to school so dirty but she needs to be taught better at home. Connie, be a friend to Virena. Don't make fun of her with the other children but be nice to her."

Now that was a challenge! I didn't laugh and call her names but it was hard for me to talk with her. Soon the other children noticed my kindness to Virena so they included me in their chants and scorn.

I would hear my friends say, "Don't sit by Connie, she has Virena's germs!" To tease them, I would touch their arms or backs. They would squeal and push me away but I would touch them again. In time we made a joke about it and I became a link between Virena and the other children. I would let her sit by me and then my friends would sit on my other side.

Virena never told me "Thank you" but I could tell by the gratitude in her eyes that she appreciated my kindness. I felt warm and happy when I

was nice to Virena so I knew Jesus was pleased with me too.

The next year when we started second grade, Virena didn't come to school. She must have moved away from town because I never saw her again at school. Sometimes I thought about her and wondered where she was.

My friends and I grew up and graduated from school. I got married and became a mother. One day I went to a bank to do some business. The neat, polite teller at the bank window looked very familiar to me. I glanced at her name plate and read, "Virena."

We smiled at each other and her eyes told me she knew who I was. Oh, how thankful I am that I was kind to her in the days when we were children! Now she helps me.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(*Name is changed)

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God give the children of Israel to eat every day?
2. What did the children of Israel ask for?
3. Was God displeased?
4. What did Moses ask for?
5. Did God answer Moses' prayer?
6. How long did God say the children of Israel would eat meat?
7. What did God say to Moses when he doubted God could do this?
8. What did God blow in from the sea?
9. What happened to many of the people who complained?

LESSON TEXT: Numbers 11.

(Answers: 1. Manna. 2. Meat. 3. Yes. 4. Help. 5. Yes. 6. For a month. 7. "Is my hand waxed short?" 8. Quail. 9. They died.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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JEALOUSY

As the children of Israel camped at Hazeroth, Moses decided to marry again. He took another wife who was an Ethiopian. Her skin was black and she was foreign. Aaron and Miriam, Moses' brother and sister, did not like it that he married an Ethiopian. They started to talk bad about him because of it.

They said, "Has the Lord truly only spoken through Moses? Hasn't He spoken through us too?"

Now Moses was the meekest man on earth.

God heard the words of Aaron and Miriam. God spoke to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam and told them to come to the tabernacle. He came down in the pillar of cloud in the door of the tabernacle.

God called Aaron and Miriam forward and said, "Hear now My words. If there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, will speak to him in a dream or a vision. But My servant Moses is special. I will not talk to him like that. He is faithful in all My house. I will speak to him clearly and plainly, mouth to mouth, and not in dark dreams. Why weren't You afraid to speak against My servant, Moses?"

Then God departed in anger, lifting the pillar of cloud from off the tabernacle. As soon as He did, Miriam became a leper—white as snow!

Aaron begged Moses, "Please, my lord, please don't make us bear this sin. We have been foolish and sinned. Please don't let Miriam die from this leprosy."

Moses cried to God and said, "Please heal her, Lord."

God said to Moses, "If her father had only spit in her face, she would have been ashamed seven days. Shut her out of the camp for seven days and then let her back in after that."

So, they put Miriam out of the camp for seven days. They did not pack up and leave while she was out of the camp. When they let her back in, she was healed of the leprosy. After that, the people of Israel packed up and travelled to the wilderness of Paran. —Joanna Booher



...And behold, Miriam became
leprous, white as snow:...

Numbers 12:10.



Reckless Driving

Late one night I drove my small, red Geo into a quiet little town on Highway 33. We were headed home from a weekend trip and my tired children were sleeping while I listened to a gospel tape to stay awake.

As I came into town, the narrow two lane highway became a four lane highway with three or four signal lights along the way. The second light stopped me with a red light.

I was waiting for the green light to flip on when a loud, souped-up, older model sports car pulled up beside me. Rock 'n roll music was blaring from the radio, pouring out the rolled-down windows, and vibrating even my car.

Naturally, I looked over to see who was driving such a noise maker in the middle of the night. My glance met the glaring eyes of a teenage boy. His straight black hair was pulled into a rubber band at his neck and it trailed down his bare back. I could see his arm had some tattoos on it and a small chain glittered around his neck.

When the light turned green, he stomped on the gas pedal and sped ahead of me. Through town we drove together. At the last light, another car was in his lane and slowed him down. I went on ahead and was in the lead when the highway became two lanes of traffic again.

That teenage boy did not like following my little car. He kept his car close to my back bumper even though I was driving the speed limit. I was looking for a good place on the shoulder to pull over and let him pass me. We were going up a hill when suddenly he swung out from behind me and passed me.

This was not a wise thing to do because he could not see if another car was coming toward him or not. He

was putting his life and another driver's life in jeopardy. I slowed my car so that he could pass quicker. At the top of the hill he zoomed away and quickly disappeared from my view.

A few more miles down the road, I could see in the distance the flashing red and blue lights of a highway patrol car. Did that reckless driver get caught for speeding? As I drove past, I saw this young man talking to the officer. His carelessness may have cost him some money, but the ticket would be a small price to pay compared to the loss of his life if he had hit another car while passing on that hill.

Sometimes it is hard to be patient, but patience at the right time could save our life. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of woman did Moses marry?
2. What did Aaron and Miriam start to do because they did not like it?
3. What kind of man was Moses?
4. Who called Aaron and Miriam to the door of the tabernacle?
5. How did God say He would speak to His prophets?
6. How did God say He would speak to Moses?
7. What happened to Miriam?
8. Who asked God to heal Miriam?
9. When did God heal Miriam?

LESSON TEXT: Numbers 12.

(Answers: 1. An Ethiopian.
2. They spoke against Moses.
3. Meek. 4. God. 5. In dreams. 6. Clearly and plainly, mouth to mouth.
7. She became a leper.
8. Moses. 9. After seven days.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE SPIES' REPORT

God told Moses, "Pick out twelve men to go and look through the land of Canaan which I promised to give to the children of Israel."

So Moses did. The twelve men went into the land of Canaan and came to a creek. They cut down a cluster of grapes there and had to carry it on a pole between the shoulders of two men because it was so big. They also gathered pomegranates and figs. They spied out the whole land for forty days and then came back to the camp of the children of Israel.

They said to Moses and Aaron and the people, "The land of Canaan is very rich and wonderful as you can see by the size of the fruit we brought back. But the cities of it are walled, and fierce people live in them. They are strong and big, we were like grasshoppers in their sight and we cannot win against them."

Only two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, disagreed. Caleb said, "Let us go up at once, and possess the land, for we are well able to take it!"

The other ten spies said, "No, they are too powerful for us."

The children of Israel listened to the ten spies' bad report. They cried and said, "If only we had stayed in Egypt and died there or in the wilderness." They even said, "Let us make a leader who will take us back to Egypt."

When Joshua and Caleb heard that, they were very sad. They said, "We are strong enough! The Lord is with us! Don't make Him angry by not believing Him."

But the children of Israel would not listen and wanted to stone them!

The Lord came down on the tabernacle in His cloud. He said, "How long will these people not believe Me and anger Me. Let Me kill them."

Moses said, "Please, no, Lord. The Egyptians will hear it and say You weren't able to take these people into the Canaan land. Show Yourself great in mercy and forgive them."

"I will forgive them," said God, "But none of these people who did not believe My promise will get to go into Canaan. They will all die and their children will go there instead."

—Joanna Booher



And they came unto the brook of Eshcol,
and cut down from thence a branch with
one cluster of grapes, and they bare it
between two upon a staff;... Numbers 13:23.



Looking Up

(A true account.)

Working in a Romanian Communist prison camp as a slave, Sabina Wurmbrand helped dig a huge canal. Thousands of women were doing this hot, strenuous job and hundreds of them became sick and died.

In Sabina's camp, there was a young Jewish lady doctor whom she tried to befriend. Sabina said, "You, as a Jewish lady, should not be in despair, for God has promised to our forefather, Abraham, that the Jewish people will have a bright future. They will be like the sand on the seashore and the stars in the sky."

The young doctor looked at Sabina with tears flowing from her sad, beautiful eyes. "Surely like the sand on the seashore," she said, "trodden under the feet of everyone as we are trodden here under the feet of the Communist guards. Don't speak to me any more about your God!" Sabina left her alone but she prayed for her.

A few days later, Sabina woke up deathly sick. Prison guards carried her out and threw her into a van which took her to a hospital prison. The women were packed two or three to a bed, waiting to die and be put in a nearby cemetery.

That evening as Sabina and many other skinny, ill women laid on their beds, about ten officers entered the room. They stood proudly at the doorway, glaring down at their weak victims. Then one officer said, "Now you see, we, the Communists, have all the power. We prevailed. We are stronger than your God. We have hospitals. We have medicine. We have doctors and we don't need your God nor your Christ. In here, in our hospital, you are not meant even to mention the name of God or Christ."

No one spoke. No one had the

courage nor the strength to speak against him. Then Sabina felt the Holy Spirit come upon her. She said, "Mr. Officer, as long as death and sickness will be on earth, we absolutely need God. We need Jesus Christ the Son of God, the only Giver of Life."

The officer flew into a rage of words and Sabina quietly answered him again. Finally, he and his men went out and slammed the door.

The women were so happy that someone had spoken for Jesus Christ! Many of them sat up and hugged each other. Sabina rejoiced that Jesus had given her courage to speak for Him.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. How many spies did Moses send to Canaan?
2. What did the spies carry on a pole?
3. How many of the spies thought they could not win against the people of Canaan?
4. Who said they could go up and possess the land of Canaan?
5. Who did the people listen to?
6. What did the people do when they heard the bad report?
7. How did God feel when he heard the children of Israel doubt him?
8. Who asked God to forgive the Israelites?
9. Did the people who doubted get to go to Canaan?

LESSON TEXT: Numbers 13-14

(Answers: 1. Twelve. 2. A cluster of grapes. 3. Ten. 4. Joshua and Caleb. 5. The other ten spies. 6. They cried. 7. He was angry. 8. Moses. 9. No.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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PRIDE IN THE CAMP

The children of Israel were camping in the wilderness. God gave them food to eat and Moses and Aaron offered sacrifice to God for them. God also chose the sons of the tribe of Levi to serve Him in the tabernacle, carrying the ark and singing.

One day three Levites, Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, decided they were good enough to offer sacrifice for the people like Moses and Aaron did. They gathered two hundred and fifty men out of the camp and brought them before Moses and Aaron.

They said, "You're taking too much on yourselves, Moses and Aaron, to think that God has only chosen you to be His priests. We are all holy, the whole camp. Why are you lifting yourselves up above us?"

When Moses heard this, he fell on his face. He said, "You take too much on yourselves. Do you think it is a small thing for God to choose you to serve Him in the tabernacle? Why do you want to be priests too? Bring censers of incense to the tabernacle tomorrow and the Lord will say who is His."

So the two hundred and fifty men gathered at the door of the tabernacle with their incense the next day.

God said to Moses and Aaron, "Separate yourselves from these wicked men so I may destroy them."

Moses and Aaron fell on their faces and said, "Lord, a few men have sinned, will You destroy the whole congregation for them?"

God said, "Tell the people to get away from Korah, Dathan and Abiram's tents."

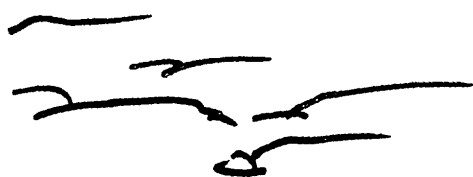
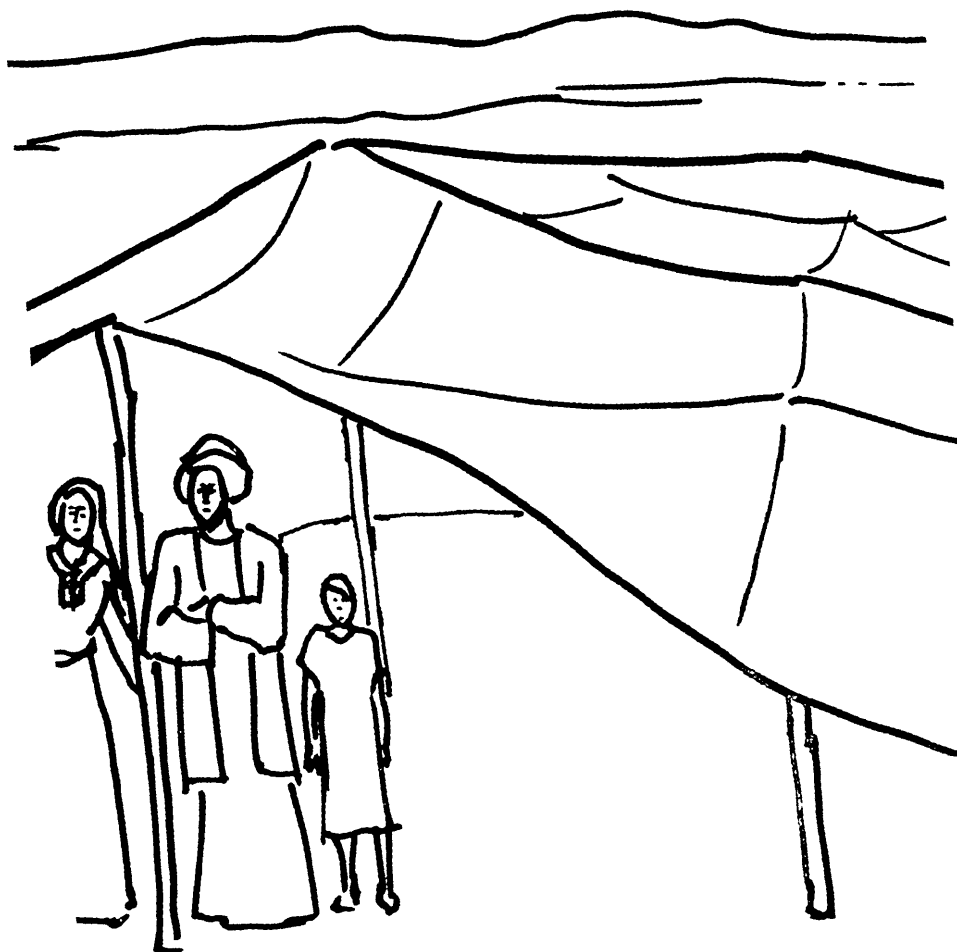
Moses got up quickly and told the people. He said, "If these men die naturally, then you will know the Lord is not with me. But, if the earth opens up and swallows these men, you will know the Lord is angry with them."

As soon as Moses finished speaking, the earth opened right underneath the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram and swallowed them all. It swallowed their wives, children and servants and closed back over them.

—Joanna Booher



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unto the congregation, saying,
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ch nothing of theirs, lest ye be
ll their sins. Numbers 16:26.

I Now Believe

(Continued from last week.)

In the prison hospital, Sabina had witnessed for Jesus to several Communist officers. One officer had left the room in a rage. When the men were gone, the poor dying women had hugged each other. They rejoiced that Sabina had gained strength to speak against such a cruel brute.

Early the next morning, before the sun was up, a guard entered with a list of three names. These were women declared fit to go back to work. Sabina Wurmbrand was the first name on the list although she was starved and dying.

A guard threw her back into the same van that she had come in, and they took her back to the same prison cell that she had been in. When the other slave workers saw Sabina, they started crying.

"Take her back! She is too sick! Don't leave her here!" they said. But not one guard listened or cared.

The next morning when the thousands were gathered to march to the field, Sabina had to go also. The other prisoners took her on their arms as they marched for endless miles. Communist guards with rifles shoved them along and big watch dogs walked to the side of the prisoners. The tired women were hungry and miserable but they were forced to walk—in fear of a bullet or a dog bite.

When they arrived at the canal, Sabina was too weak to work so her prison friends put her down on the ground. No one was allowed to stand near her or give her a drink. Many cried as they looked upon her dying form. Even the Jewish doctor lady was sorry.

Then someone slipped past the guards. That someone was Jesus. He came and touched Sabina's sickly

body. That evening when the prisoners were herded back to the prison, Sabina was with them.

Excitement over Sabina's healing spread all over the prison. All the women knew they had witnessed a miracle of divine healing.

Sabina was lying on her straw mattress on the concrete floor when the young Jewish lady came to her. "I have witnessed the miracle healing of your body," she said to Sabina. "I now believe there is a Jesus Christ."

The suffering had been difficult but Sabina felt those words made it all worthwhile. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who offered sacrifice to God for the children of Israel?
2. What tribe did God choose to carry the ark and sing?
3. How many Levites wanted to offer sacrifice like Moses and Aaron?
4. What did those three Levites think they were?
5. What did Moses do when he heard this?
6. Whom did Moses say would choose who should serve in the tabernacle?
7. What did God want to do to those proud people?
8. Who asked God not to kill all the people?
9. What happened to the three proud Levites and their families?

LESSON TEXT: Numbers 16.

(Answers: 1. Moses and Aaron. 2. The tribe of Levi. 3. Three. 4. Holy. 5. Fell on his face. 6. God. 7. Destroy them. 8. Moses and Aaron. 9. The earth opened up and swallowed them.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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COMPLAINERS

The children of Israel travelled to the desert of Zin. In this desert there was no water to drink.

The children of Israel gathered before Moses and Aaron and said, "We wish we would have died with the others that have died. Why did you bring us into this wilderness? You have not brought us to a land rich with figs or vines or pomegranates. There is not even any water for us to drink."

Moses and Aaron went to the door of the tabernacle and fell on their faces.

The Lord said to Moses, "Take your rod and Aaron and the people and go to the rock. Speak to the rock and water will come out of the rock for the people to drink."

Moses took the rod and went. When all the people and Aaron were gathered he said, "Hear now, you rebels, must we get water out of this rock for you?" He struck the rock twice and water flowed out.

But God was not happy with what Moses had done. God said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me and follow My words exactly as I said, I will not let you bring the children of Israel into the land of Canaan. Someone else will lead them there and you will die without ever setting foot in Canaan."

The children of Israel packed up and travelled again. They journeyed past the Red Sea again. Their hearts became discouraged because of the way. They started to complain, against God and Moses.

They said, "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? There is no bread or water. We are tired of this light bread: manna."

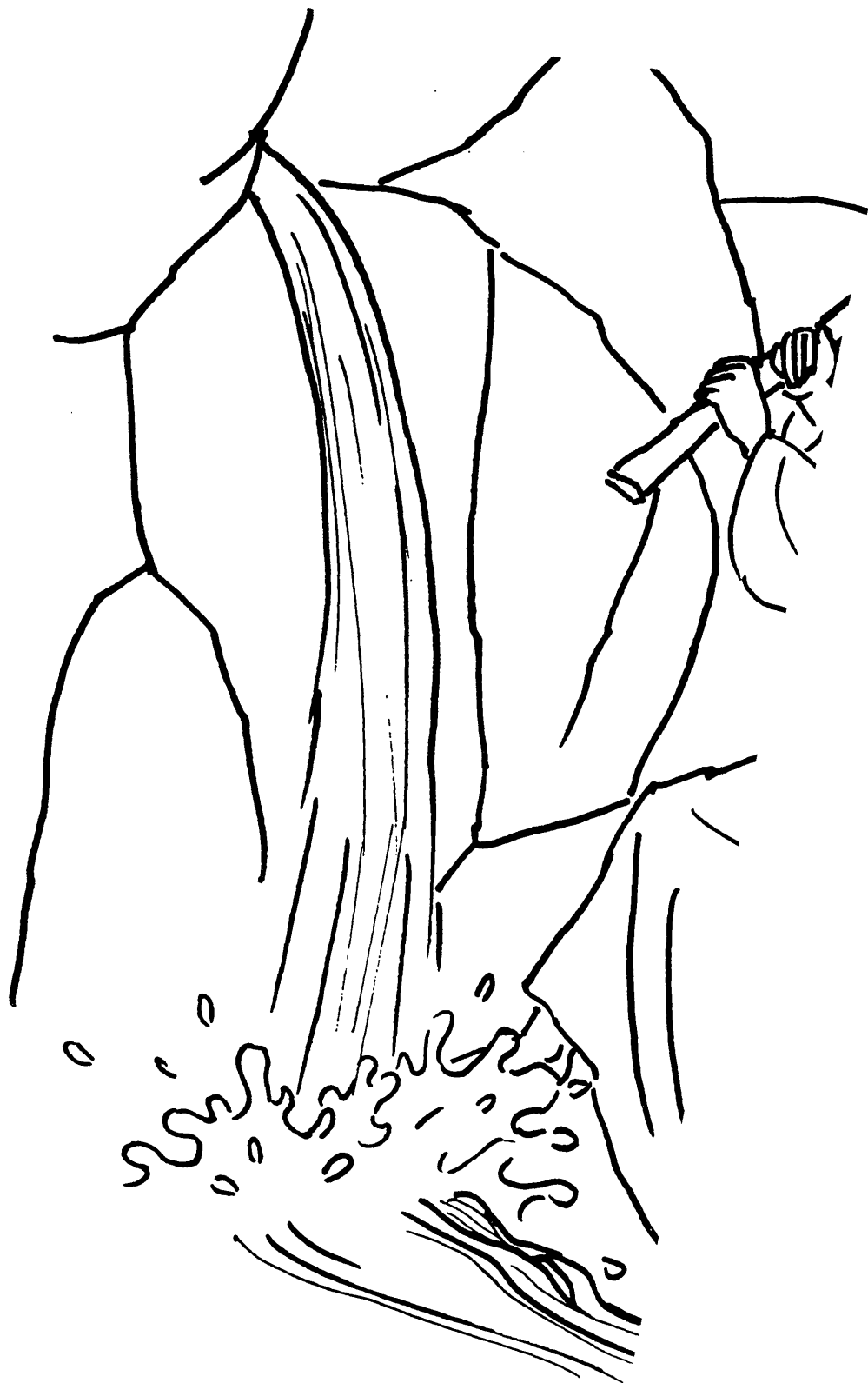
The Lord did not like their whining so He sent fiery snakes among the people. The snakes bit the people and many of them died.

The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned. Please, pray to God that He will take away the snakes."

Moses prayed and the Lord said, "Make a fiery snake and put it on a pole. And whoever has been bitten, if they will look on the snake, they will live."

So Moses made the snake of brass and put it on a pole, and all the people who looked at the snake lived.

—Joanna Booher



And Moses lifted up his hand, and
with his rod he smote the rock
twice: and the water came out
abundantly,... Numbers 20:11.



Wearing An Attitude

(A true account.)

Many people were at the Logan County courthouse that day. I made my way through the crowd to the courtroom. Pausing at the wide doors, I looked for a familiar face.

Suddenly, I saw Cherie, an old time school friend, who was reporting for the local newspaper. I quietly went and sat beside her.

During intermission, I asked, "Cherie, can you tell me what this trial is about?"

"Yes, Connie," she replied. "It seems that these two teenage boys challenged each other to a drag race. So after school the boys, each in a sports car, lined up at the end of Main Street in downtown Mulhall.

"The police and school officials knew about it but they didn't stop the boys. School children were lined up along the sidewalk waiting for the race. Excitement sizzled among them as the two drivers revved up their engines.

"Just as the GO signal was given to the two drivers, one six-year-old girl decided to cross the street. She darted out at the same time the cars roared into action. Some yelled at her to move, but before she could the car in the nearest lane struck her.

"People screamed! The race stopped. An ambulance arrived but it was too late. The sweet, blonde, blue-eyed little girl was gone from this earth forever. Her parents are grieved.

"The teenage boy who was driving was charged with manslaughter in the second degree. Some say it was the school officials fault for allowing the race and the town sheriff should have stopped it."

I was really sad to hear about this terrible accident. How would the judge rule in this case? The boy's parents

were pleading. "He's a good boy—please don't send him to prison for this accident." The girl's parents were crying. "If he would have stopped or swerved, we might still have our daughter."

When court session began again, I watched as the boy came into court for the first time that day. He walked cocky and he wore a tee shirt which stated on the front, "If you don't like how I drive" and on the back, "stay off the sidewalk."

The statement on his tee shirt told the judge he was not sorry that he had killed a little girl. The judge ordered him to serve two years in prison and then if he behaved, he would serve the rest of the time on parole.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did the people want in the wilderness of Zin?
2. What did they wish had happened to them?
3. What did God tell Moses to do to the rock?
4. What did Moses do to the rock?
5. What did God say Moses could not do because he hit the rock?
6. What did the people say they were tired of next?
7. What did God send among the people?
8. What did God tell Moses to make and put on a pole?
9. Did the people who looked at the snake of brass die?

LESSON TEXT: Numbers 20-21.

(Answers: 1. Water. 2. They wished they had died. 3. Speak to it. 4. He struck it twice. 5. Go into Canaan. 6. Manna. 7. Fiery snakes. 8. A fiery snake. 9. No.)

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BAALAM

Balak, the king of Moab, heard of the Israelites. They had won several wars with the Canaanites and the Amorites. Balak was worried.

There was a man that God talked to named Balaam. Balak sent messengers to him, "Please, come and curse these Israelites so we can fight and win against them."

But Balaam said, "God wants me to bless them instead."

Balak sent more honourable princes to Balaam. He said, "I will make you a great man and give whatever you ask of me. Please, come and curse this people."

Balaam said, "Even if Balak gave me houses of gold and silver, I cannot say anything but what the Lord tells me. But I will ask God."

That night the Lord said to Balaam, "If the princes come to you in the morning, go with them but only say the words that I give you."

The next morning, Balaam got up and saddled his donkey. He went with the princes of Balak.

God was not happy with him for disobeying. God sent an angel with a flaming sword to stand in his way. The angel stood in the way twice and Balaam's donkey tried to get out of his way. Both times Balaam struck his donkey. The angel went further, to a place where there was no room to go to the right or to the left. The donkey saw the angel and fell down. Balaam was very angry and struck his donkey with his staff.

God opened the donkey's mouth and she said, "Why are you hitting me? Haven't I carried you faithfully for years?"

Then Balaam saw the angel of the Lord and fell on his face.

The angel told him, "Your donkey saved your life. You may go on to Balak's, but you must only say the words that the Lord gives you."

Balaam went. He offered sacrifices to God and God put words in his mouth. He said, "How can I curse him whom God has blessed?" And Balaam blessed Israel three times.

Balak did not like to hear his enemies blessed and was angry at Balaam. He tried two more times to get Balaam to curse Israel but Balaam couldn't. Finally Balak gave up and sent Balaam away. —Joanna Booher



And the Lord opened
the mouth of the ass,
and she said unto
Balaam, What have I
done unto thee, that
thou hast smitten me
these three times?
Numbers 22:28.



Seeing The Need

(A true story.)

It was a bitter cold wind that whipped around the small, gray, wooden house. Irene drew her fur coat tighter about herself as she and her husband picked their way through the litter in the dirt yard and to the sagging front porch.

"Do you think anyone is home?" Irene asked.

"We will soon find out," replied her husband as he knocked on the door.

A boy about eight years old answered the door.

"Hello," said Irene, "Is your mother home?"

"No, Mama's not home. She's working."

"We are here on a little mission of love," said Irene. "May we come in?"

The boy stepped aside and the couple walked into the dimly lit room where the children huddled together for warmth. A chest of drawers was in a corner and beside it was a bed with a torn mattress on top. An open Bible lay by the bed. On the floor a chipped blue pan held some lumps of corn meal mush the children had been eating by fistfuls. The black wood stove was cold.

In visiting with the children, they learned that Arthur Lee was eight years old. Violet was next in age, then Danny, and the baby, David Ray.

Irene began to cry when she saw the baby. He was lying on a pile of straw and rags that had once been a big chair. David Ray was wearing a tattered undershirt and a diaper that hadn't been changed for some time.

As she helped change the baby, Irene thought of her own warmly dressed children and of her baby sleeping in a lovely birch crib with clean white sheets. It was plain to see

that this family needed some tender, loving care.

The couple soon left but they were back that afternoon with blankets, shoes, diapers, food and clothes. The mother had been home to start a fire in the stove but she was gone again to another job.

"We will be back again tomorrow to meet your mother," said Irene to the children.

"Thank you for these gifts," said Arthur Lee. A sparkle of happiness shone in his eyes. "Mother will want to meet you and thank you, too."

Irene's husband patted him on the shoulder. "We were glad to help. Now you all get some sleep and we will see you tomorrow."

"Thank you!" called the children and Irene's heart echoed that praise to her heavenly Father.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was worried when he heard about the Israelites?
2. Who did Balak send for?
3. Why did Balaam say he would not come and curse the Israelites?
4. What did Balak say he would give Balaam if he cursed the Israelites?
5. Did Balaam ask God what to do?
6. Did Balaam do what God told him to do?
7. What did God send in Balaam's way?
8. What did the donkey do when Balaam hit him with his staff?
9. What did Balaam do to Israel?

LESSON TEXT: Numbers 22.

(Answers: 1. Balak. 2. Balaam. 3. Because God wanted him to bless them. 4. Whatever he asked. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. An angel with a flaming sword. 8. Talked to him. 9. Blessed them.)

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JOSHUA TAKES COMMAND

Moses went up into Mount Pisgah. There God showed him all the land that would belong to the people of Israel. Then Moses died and God buried him somewhere in the valley. No one knows where Moses is buried.

After Moses died, the Lord spoke to Joshua and said, "As I was with Moses, I will be with you. Lead the people of Israel over the River Jordan into the land of Canaan. All the land that they walk on will belong to them. Be strong and of good courage."

So Joshua sent two men to go spy out the land of Canaan. The first city to conquer was Jericho. The spies came to Jericho and went in there. They stopped in the house of a woman named Rahab.

It was told the king of Jericho that two spies were in his city. Quickly he sent men to Rahab's house and they said, "Bring us the two men you have in your house because they are spies."

Rahab said, "Two men came to me but I didn't know where they were from. They have left the city already but if you hurry you can catch them."

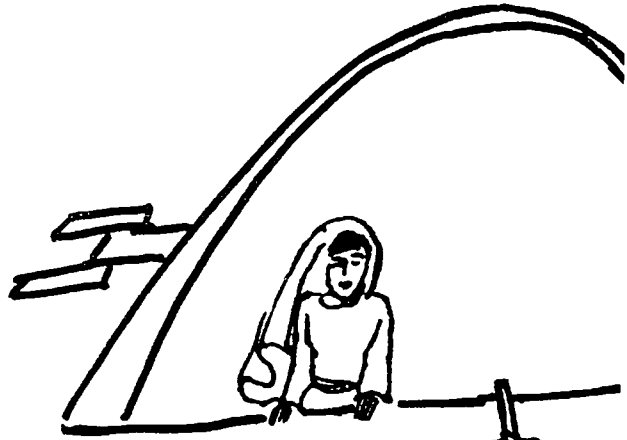
The men quickly went out the city gates to try to catch the spies.

Then Rahab went up to her roof where she had hidden the spies under mats. She told the men to come out and said, "I know that God has given the Israelites this land. We have all heard how God parted the Red Sea for you and helped you win many wars. And we are all afraid of you. Because I have been kind to you and hid you, please don't kill me or my family when you win your war against this city."

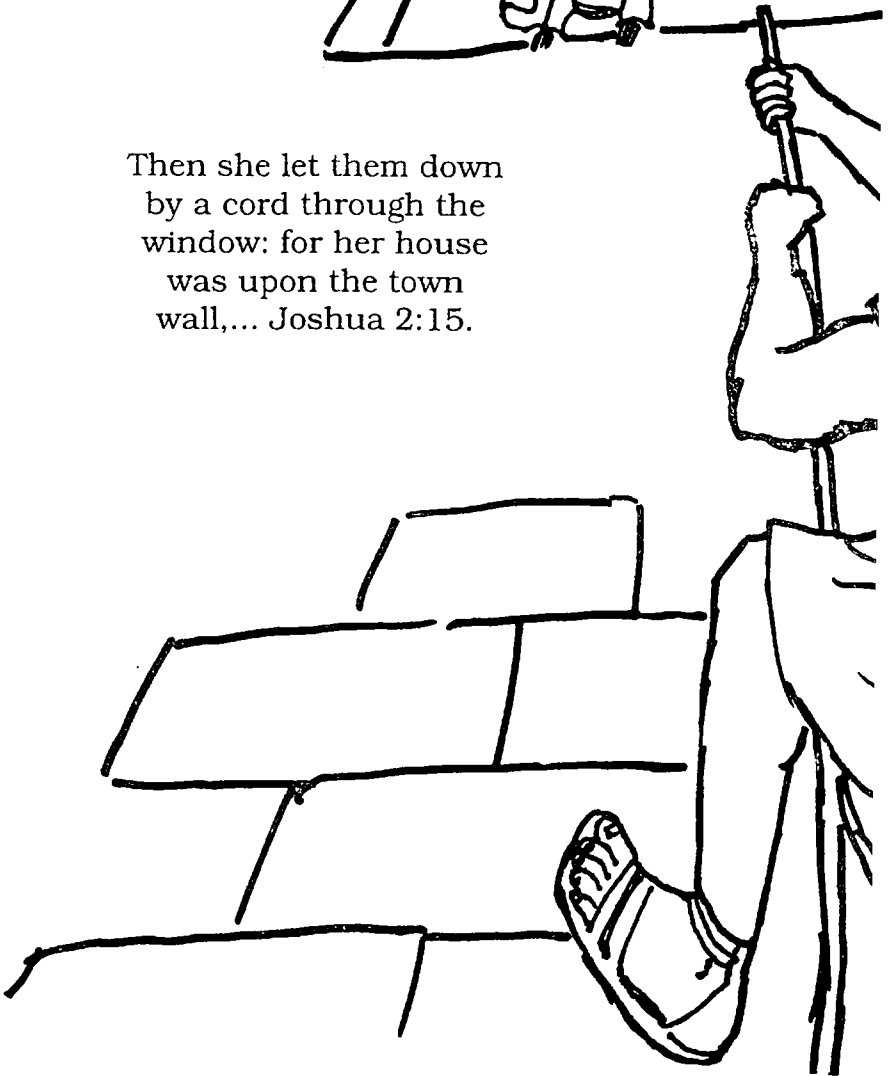
The men promised to save Rahab and she let them down out of her window by a red rope. They told her to tie the rope in her window so all the Israelites would know not to kill her or her family. As soon as the men were gone she did.

After three days the spies came back to Joshua and told him all they had seen and heard. They said, "Truly the Lord has given this city to us, because all the people are afraid of us."

—Joanna Booher



Then she let them down
by a cord through the
window: for her house
was upon the town
wall,... Joshua 2:15.





Attending To The Needs

(Continued from last week.)

True to their word, Irene and her husband, Bob, went to visit the four children and their mother the next day. Virginia, the mother, was at home when they arrived and she was very grateful for all that they had given the children.

After a friendly visit, Bob asked Virginia, "Now what things do you need the most?"

"What a loaded question!" thought Irene looking at the poverty of the room around her.

Virginia was a small woman who spoke quietly. "I think a refrigerator would be nice so the baby's milk won't sour, and some coal for the stove would be better than the scrap linoleum I am using."

Bob nodded. "That sounds practical to me. We will see what we can do."

Irene put an arm around Virginia's shoulder. "I noticed that your Bible is by your bed."

Virginia smiled. "Yes, I don't know what I would do without the Lord's Word to give me courage and strength for every need," she said. "Every day I tell the children, 'The good Lord will see us through!' And He does, too."

"We are glad to know you are a Christian," said Irene. "You are welcome to worship with us at our chapel any time."

"Oh, thank you, but I work on Sundays now and can't get to church meetings very often. The children can go with you, though, if you want to bother with them. I could have them ready so you won't have to wait on them when you come to pick them up."

"That will be fine," said Irene, glancing at her husband who nodded his consent. "We will be by to get your children around 9:00 because Sun-

day School starts at 9:30."

"Thank the good Lord!" exclaimed Virginia. "You are angels sent from God to answer my prayer!"

After friendly good-byes were said, Bob and Irene left. That Sunday they took the children, baby included, to Sunday School and church. Bob talked to the adult class about the needs of Virginia's family. Different ones volunteered to donate or buy things for them.

Soon Virginia had a refrigerator, chairs, a better bed, sheets, more blankets, and a crib and sheets for the baby. The wood stove was replaced with an oil burning stove and the class pledged to pay for one year's supply of oil for the stove.

During this time, Virginia and Irene became friends.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Moses see from Mount Pisgah
2. Who buried Moses?
3. Who took command after Moses died?
4. What did Joshua send into Canaan?
5. What city did the spies go into first?
6. Whose house did the spies hide in?
7. Did the king's men find the spies?
8. Where had Rahab hidden the spies?
9. What did the spies tell Rahab to tie in her window so they would know to save her family?
10. What did the people of Canaan feel toward the Israelites?

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 1-2.

(Answers: 1. The land of Canaan. 2. God. 3. Joshua. 4. Two spies. 5. Jericho. 6. Rahab's. 7. No. 8. On her roof. 9. A red rope. 10. Fear.)

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THE BATTLE OF JERICH0

Joshua led the children of Israel to the banks of the River Jordan.

God told him, "Tell the priests, who carry the ark, to step into the waters at the edge of the river."

When the priests did, all the waters of the river piled up on one side. All the rest of the water ran off on the other side. The priests stood with the ark on dry ground while all the people of Israel walked across Jordan.

Joshua told the people, "One man from each of the twelve tribes must pick up a rock out of the middle of this river. We will pile them on the other side as a memorial of this day when God stopped the River Jordan."

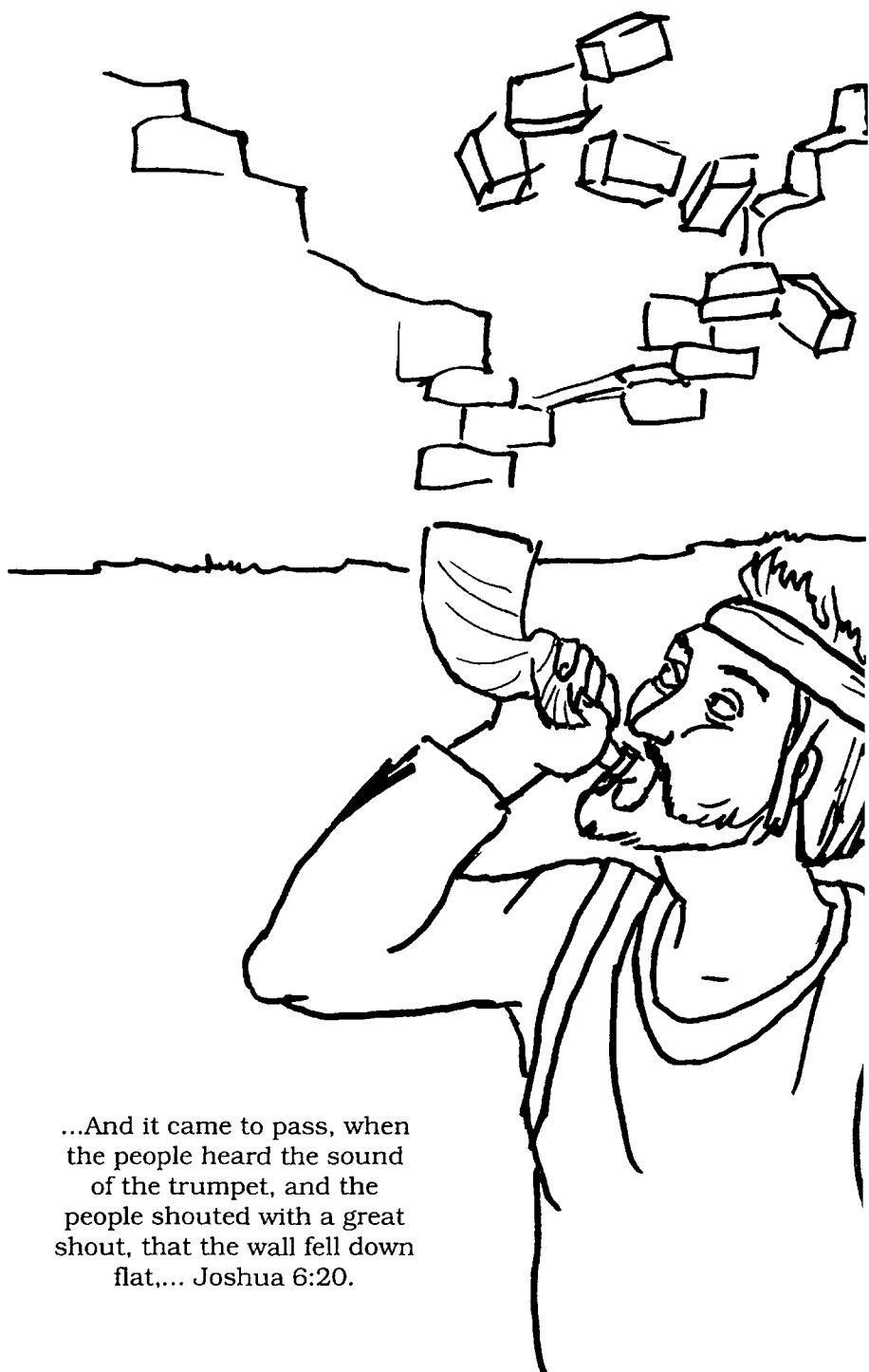
The people camped by the city of Jericho. God talked to Joshua and told him how He wanted the people of Israel to fight against Jericho.

Joshua came back to the Israelites and told them God's words. God said to march around the city. All the men of war were first in the line. Seven priests, carrying trumpets, were supposed to walk in front of the ark. The ark, carried by the priests, would be next in line. The people were not supposed to make any noise until Joshua told them to.

So all the people marched around the city one time the first day. Then they went back to camp. They came the second day and marched around the city and went back to camp. The third day they did the same thing. They kept doing the same thing for six days. They did not say a word nor make any noise. Nothing happened.

The seventh day, the children of Israel marched around Jericho seven times. On the seventh time, Joshua told the priests to blow very hard on their trumpets and he told the people to shout with a great shout.

The priests blew very hard and the people shouted very loudly and the walls of the city of Jericho fell down flat! Then all the men of war rushed into the city and conquered it. They brought out Rahab and her family and let them live with the children of Israel. —Joanna Booher



...And it came to pass, when
the people heard the sound
of the trumpet, and the
people shouted with a great
shout, that the wall fell down
flat,... Joshua 6:20.



Ask The Great Giver

(Continued from last week.)

Often when Irene would visit Virginia and her children, she would take some of her five children with her. The older four always wanted to do something more for the poor family but the baby was just a few months old and did not understand the needs.

"Oh, what a darling baby!" exclaimed Virginia when she saw Marguerite. "She looks about the same age as my David Ray."

"They are both seven months old," agreed Irene. She watched as Virginia smiled and played with Marguerite. As usual, the baby did not respond with any sound. Gently, Irene said, "Virginia, let me tell you about our baby. Before she was born, I had a severe case of German measles. Somehow this affected Marguerite's ears. She was born deaf. Every doctor that we have taken her to tells us the same thing. Nothing can be done for her. She has a defect inside her ears and she will never be able to hear."

This time it was Virginia's turn to comfort Irene. "I am very sorry to hear that! It seems a pity that such a beautiful child will never hear the sounds of life. Have you taken her to the Great Physician? He is able to heal, you know."

"Yes, we know that," sighed Irene. "We have just accepted our little Marguerite as she is. We know the Lord loves her and He will help her in life."

Virginia patted Irene's hand with confidence. "I will take Marguerite to the Lord in continual prayer. He is able to make the deaf ears to hear."

"Thank you," Irene said gratefully. "I, too, pray for Marguerite but I guess I just ask the Lord to give her strength of character to accept the life of deafness."

Marguerite was nearly a year old when her family noticed a change in

her. At first they couldn't believe that she was hearing, but after a few simple tests, they realized that she could hear a door slam or a book drop.

Irene took her baby to a hearing clinic for testing and it confirmed what they thought—Marguerite was hearing! The doctors were astonished but Virginia wasn't surprised.

"God did it, Irene. Didn't I ask Him for a refrigerator and a good stove, and didn't He give them to me? Now He has answered prayer for your baby girl. There's nothing He can't do if we just ask Him."

Then the two mothers praised the Lord together. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who stepped into the river of Jordan first?
2. What happened to the water of Jordan when the priests, with the ark, stepped in?
3. What kind of land did the children of Israel walk across the river on?
4. Where did the tribes get the rocks that they piled as a memorial?
5. What did the people of Israel do for six days?
6. How many priests carried trumpets?
7. Were the people supposed to make any noise when they marched?
8. How many times did the people march around the walls on the seventh day?
9. What happened when the people shouted?
10. Were Rahab and her family saved?

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 3, 6.

(Answers: 1. The priests. 2. The waters on one side piled up and ran off on the other side. 3. Dry land. 4. Out of the middle of the river. 5. Marched around Jericho. 6. Seven. 7. No. 8. Seven times. 9. The walls fell down flat. 10. Yes.)

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ACHAN'S SIN

God told the children of Israel to burn the city of Jericho and not take anything from it for themselves. But, one man disobeyed. God saw this man disobey, and He did not like it.

The next city the Israelites had to win against was Ai. Joshua sent men to look at it. They came back and said, "It is a very little city. We don't all need to go and fight against it. Just let two or three thousand go."

So, two or three thousand Israelites went to fight against Ai. But the Israelites ran away from the men of Ai in fear, and thirty-six of them were killed.

Joshua was so sad when he saw this happen. He tore his clothes and fell on his face before God. He said, "Why did You leave us, God? Why did You let us lose?"

God said, "Get up. Israel has sinned, that's why you lost. One of the Israelites has disobeyed Me. I will show you who it is and you must burn him and his family for his sin."

So Joshua called the tribes of Israel before him and God showed him which man had done wrong. It was a man named Achan of the tribe of Judah.

Joshua said, "Don't hide your sin. Confess it."

Achan said, "I have sinned against God. When I was in Jericho, I saw some Babylonian clothes and some silver and gold. And I wanted them, so I took them and buried them in the ground under my tent. They are still there."

Joshua sent men to look and they found the stolen things in Achan's tent.

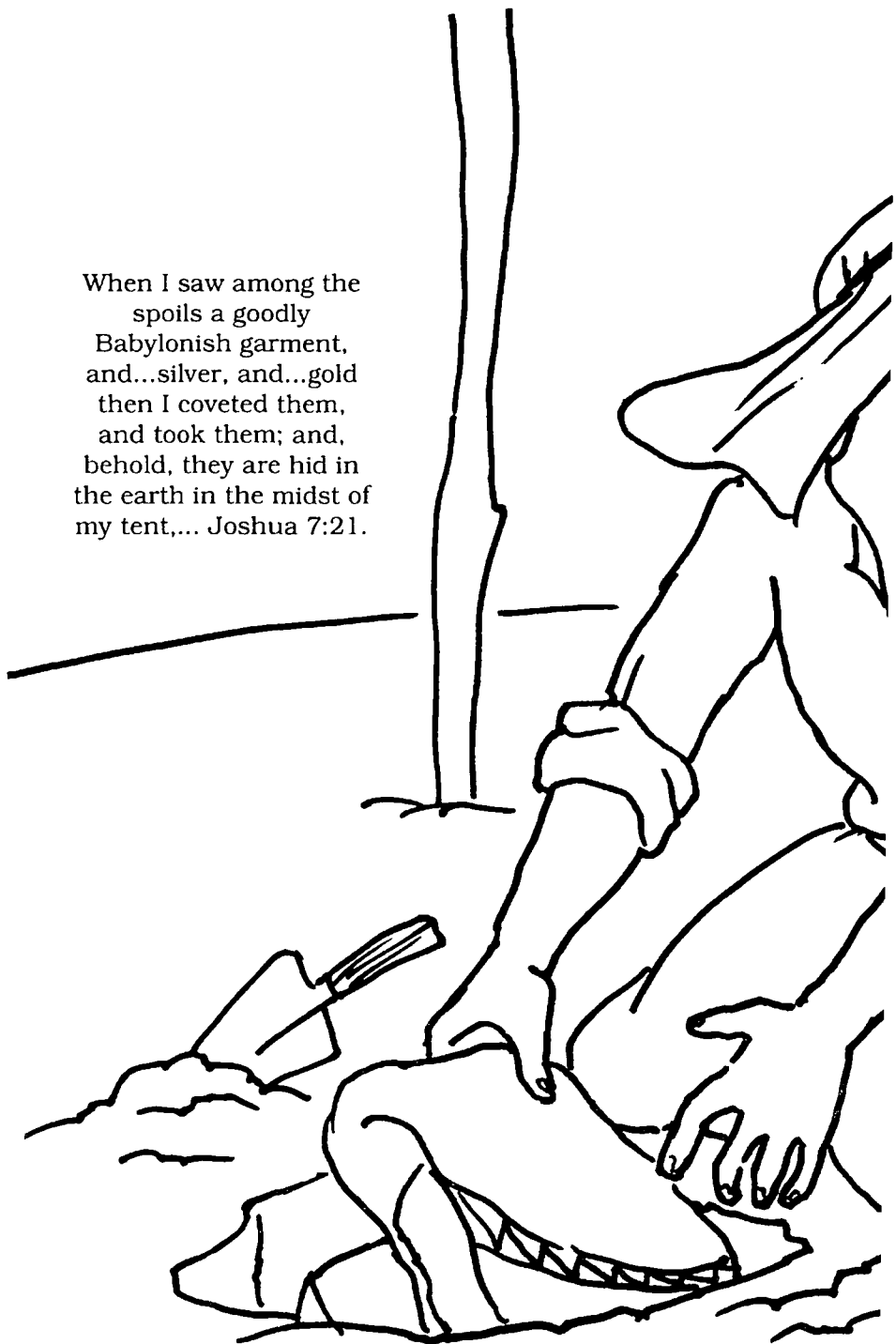
Joshua said to Achan, "Why have you troubled us? The Lord will trouble you this day." Joshua took Achan and all his family to the valley of Achor. The people of Israel stoned them all there and burned them as God said.

Then God forgave the children of Israel and said to Joshua, "Don't be afraid. Go and fight against Ai again and you will win."

Joshua obeyed God and went to fight against Ai. The children of Israel won a great victory that time.

—Joanna Booher

When I saw among the
spoils a goodly
Babylonish garment,
and...silver, and...gold
then I coveted them,
and took them; and,
behold, they are hid in
the earth in the midst of
my tent,... Joshua 7:21.





The Blonde Man With A Shiny Bike

(A true story.)

Karen Sue was new at witnessing for the Lord. She was with a group of missionaries in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, which is a country overseas in Europe. Often the missionaries would go to the streets and sing gospel songs while they politely handed out salvation tracts. Since she was a shy person, it really took courage for Karen Sue to help do this. She would pray in her heart continually for divine strength to smile and speak the right words.

One day the group decided to enter a new area of town. There were liquor stores and rough people on the streets.

"We will have to be extra careful," said an experienced missionary. "In this part of town the people may throw things at us, so let's stay close together as we walk and sing."

For some reason, Karen Sue was the last person behind the group as they began their march down the street. She felt fear tightening her throat so that she could hardly sing, but she could pray in her heart and that she did earnestly.

Karen Sue glanced over her shoulder and a young man pushing a bicycle smiled at her. His calm smile quieted her nerves. When Karen Sue looked again, she noticed that he had blonde hair and blue eyes. His clothing was clean and light—very different from all the other darkly dressed men they were passing. His bicycle was a shiny ten-speed.

"If he leaves that outside a store while he shops," she thought, "someone will steal that bike from him."

However, he never stopped but continued to ride just behind Karen Sue and the group she was with.

Somehow his presence gave Karen Sue a peaceful feeling and she was able to join into the singing as they marched down street after street. The blonde man followed and Karen Sue could feel him watching her, but it didn't make her nervous.

Finally, the group had made a full circle and arrived back at the mission station. "I want to speak to that blonde man and thank him for his presence," thought Karen Sue as she quickly turned around to find him. The man wasn't there. She looked up and down the street but saw no sign of him anywhere. She asked her friends if they had seen him, but they had not.

As Karen Sue thought about the man, she remembered that he had had a glow about him. Did God have an angel who rode a bike?

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God tell the Israelites to do to Jericho?
2. Were the Israelites allowed to keep anything for themselves?
3. How many men went to fight against Ai?
4. Did the Israelites win?
5. How did Joshua feel when they lost?
6. Why did God say they had lost?
7. Who had disobeyed God?
8. What happened to Achan and his family?
9. Did the Israelites win against Ai the second time?

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 7-8.

(Answers: 1. Burn it. 2. No. 3. Two or three thousand. 4. No. 5. Very sad. 6. Because one of them had sinned. 7. Achan. 8. They were stoned and burned. 9. Yes.)

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THE "TRAVELLERS"

All the kings of the land of Canaan heard how the Lord was with Joshua and the Israelites, and they were afraid. They did not want to be killed too. So, the kings of the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and Jebusites joined together. They decided that if they all joined together, the Israelites could not win against them.

The Hivites, who lived in the city of Gibeon in Canaan, heard of the power of the Israelites and their God too. They decided to look like travellers. They put on old, worn-out clothes and shoes. They put old sacks on their donkeys and put old, moldy bread in them. They took old, torn bottles of old wine and went to Joshua.

They said, "We have heard of your God and we want to make peace with you."

Joshua said, "Where are you from?"

The men of Gibeon said, "We are from a far country and have travelled a long way. Our bread was fresh when we took it out of the oven at home, but now it is moldy and our clothes are old and worn from the trip. We are your servants. We want to make peace with you."

Joshua and his men listened to the men of Gibeon and believed them. They did not ask God about it. They made a deal of peace with these Hivites.

They agreed not to kill the Hivites and that they would serve the Israelites.

Three days after that, the Israelites heard how that these "travellers" really lived very close by in the land of Canaan. God had told the Israelites to kill all the Canaanites. Now, the children of Israel did not know what to do. They had agreed not to kill the Hivites.

Joshua called the Hivites and said to them, "Why did you lie to us?"

They said, "We were afraid you would kill us because your God told you to, so we did this to save our lives. Now, do with us as you think is right."

So Joshua made them forever servants to the children of Israel. The Hivites carried water and chopped wood for the children of Israel from that time on.

—Joanna Booher

And they said unto Joshua, We are thy s
come ye? And they said unto him, From a
Lo



. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence
ar country thy servants are come because of the name of the
God:... Joshua 9:8-9.



Colored Pictures

(A true story.)

It was 1936 and Pete's father had not had a job for several months. The family lived in a small but clean house where the cupboards were bare. Every day Mother, Dad and Pete would go to the mission for a bowl of soup and two crackers.

The air was turning cold. Frost was biting at the windows. Red, orange, yellow and brown leaves were drifting down from the trees. All this made Pete excited.

"Mother, Christmas will be coming soon, won't it?" he said at bedtime one night. "What will we do for Christmas this year?"

Dad and Mother exchanged glances of sadness. "I don't think we will be able to have a lot of gifts this year," said Mother softly. "If we have each other, that will be enough, won't it, Son?"

Pete nodded slowly. He said his prayers and Mother tucked him into bed. Soon he was asleep, but Dad and Mother were not. They were discussing what they could do to make Christmas special for Pete.

The next morning Dad said, "Pete, I have an idea. I know how you like to draw. You like pretty pictures don't you?"

"Yes, I do," agreed Pete.

"Well, let's draw and color each other pictures this year," said Dad. "We can let our imaginations fly just like the colored leaves floating in the air. I will get us some paper, pencils and crayons. We will keep our pictures a surprise for each other on Christmas day. How does that sound?"

Pete was smiling. "All right, Dad!"

So the family was busy drawing and coloring pictures in secret. The night before Christmas, they each

one privately rolled their pictures up with string.

Christmas morning Pete was up first. "Mother! Dad! Hurry up and get around! I want you to see what I have drawn for you!" exclaimed Pete as he bounced into their bedroom.

Soon the family was gathered in the tiny front room, each with their rolls of pictures in their hands. Pete gave his first. He had drawn a picture of his family standing by a big nice house. It was so good that his mother kept it for years to come. After Pete was grown, he said many times that that was the best Christmas he ever had.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. How did the kings of Canaan feel when they heard how the Lord was with Joshua and the Israelites?
2. The Hivites decided to look like what?
3. What kind of clothes and shoes did the Hivites wear?
4. What kind of bread did the Hivites have in their sacks?
5. Where did the Hivites say they were from?
6. Did Joshua and his men ask God about the Hivites?
7. What did Joshua and his men make with the Hivites?
8. Where did the Hivites really live?
9. What did the Hivites do for the Israelites from that time on?

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 9.

(Answers: 1. Afraid. 2. Travelers. 3. Old, worn-out ones. 4. Moldy bread. 5. A far country. 6. No. 7. A deal of peace. 8. Very close by in Canaan. 9. Carry water and chop wood.)

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THE DAY THE SUN DIDN'T GO DOWN

The Canaanite king of Jerusalem heard how the Hivites had made peace with the Israelites. He was afraid when he heard this because the Hivites were a very strong people. They were one of the royal cities.

So the king of Jerusalem sent messages to four other Canaanite kings and said, "Come help me fight against the Hivites, because they have made peace with Israel."

The five kings took their armies to war against Gibeon. The Hivites sent messages to Joshua and said, "Please come save us. We are your servants and these five kings are fighting against us."

Joshua took his men of war and went to help Gibeon.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Don't be afraid. I am with you and you will win against these kings."

The Israelites fought and chased the Canaanites all the night and into the next day. God rained stones down from heaven on the Canaanites too. And more died from God's stones than from the swords of the Israelites.

Then Joshua said, "Sun and Moon, stand still." And they did. The sun did not go down for about a whole day while the Israelites fought against their enemies. That was the only time in history when God did what man said, for God fought for Israel that day.

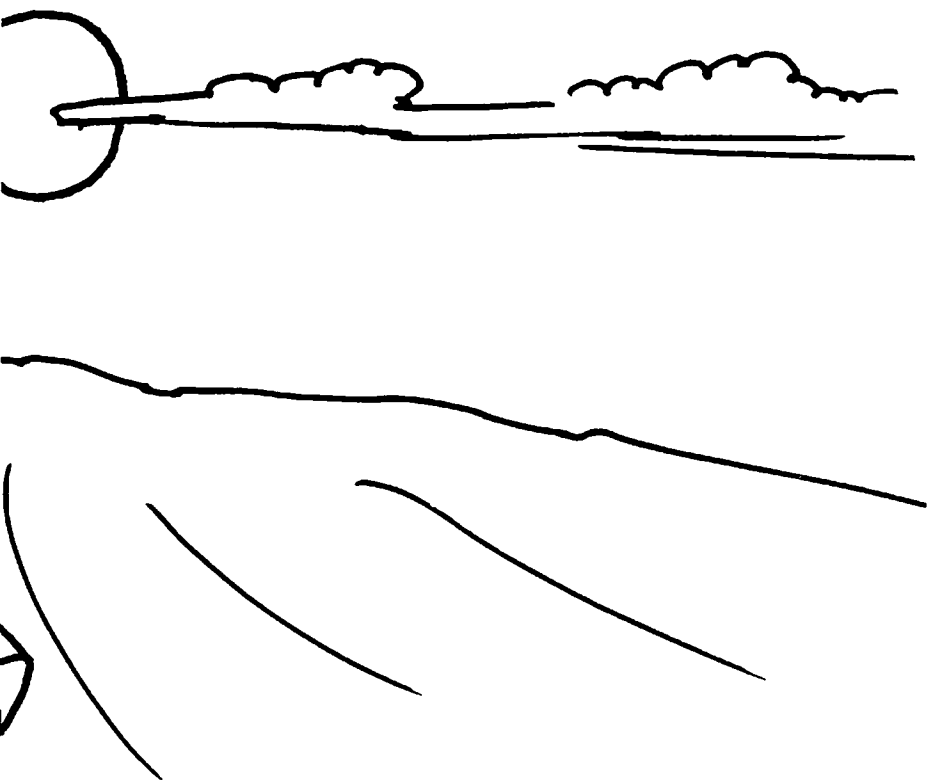
The five kings ran away and hid in a cave. But the Israelites found them and killed them. The Israelites fought against the city of Makkedah and won. They fought against the city of Libnah and won. They fought against the cities of Lachish and Eglon and Hebron and Debir and won against them all.

The Israelites fought against the other Canaanites too. They fought and won against the Canaanites in the mountains of the north and in the plains of the south and in the valleys of the west. Joshua did as God said and burned the cities of their enemies and took the whole land to belong to Israel instead.

And then the land rested from war.

—Joanna Booher





Then spake Joshua to the Lord...and he said in
the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon
Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.
Joshua 10:12.



A Gift of Service

(A true story.)

Back in the days when farmers milked cows by hand, Rob's dad would wake him up at 4:00 in the morning to help with the milking. It would still be dark outside. Rob would dress with his eyes shut and stumble down the stairs to half-heartedly help his dad.

One morning, a few days before Christmas, fifteen-year-old Rob overheard his dad say to his mother, "Mary, I sure do hate to call Rob in the mornings. He's growing so fast and he needs his sleep. I wish I could manage alone."

"Well, you can't, Adam," said his mother.

"I know," sighed his father, "but I sure do hate to wake him."

Two bright thoughts flashed into Rob's mind: his dad knew how difficult it was to get up that early and his dad loved him. From then on, Rob got up and dressed quicker when his dad called. He also put more effort into milking and feeding the cows.

On the night before Christmas, Rob lay on his side and looked out of his attic window. He wished he had a better gift for his dad than a cheap hankie. He hadn't had much money and he had stretched his nickles and dimes to buy something for all the family.

As Rob thought, he studied the stars. One looked brighter than the others. It seemed to shine right above their barn—just like that first Christmas when God gave His Son to mankind. God gave the greatest gift of all because He gave Himself.

Suddenly, Rob knew what he would give his dad! He would wake up extra early Christmas morning and do the milking by himself so his dad wouldn't have to milk!

Rob could hardly sleep for fear he

would not wake up early enough. At 3:15 a.m., he got up and put on his clothes. Carefully, he crept downstairs, slipped out the door and walked to the barn. The cows looked surprised to see him so early but they behaved well.

Easily and quickly, Rob was finished. He had just undressed and crawled into bed when his dad called, "Rob, get up. I'm going to the barn to get started."

"Okay," called Rob. Ten minutes passed and then Rob heard his dad climbing the stairs. He burst into Rob's room, laughing, "Son, you did the milking! I thank you! Nobody ever did a nicer thing!" Then father and son hugged each other.

Sometimes the best gifts are not wrapped up. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. How did the king of Jerusalem feel when he heard the Hivites had made peace with the Israelites?
2. Who did the king of Jerusalem decide to fight against?
3. How many other kings did the king of Jerusalem call to help him?
4. Who did the Hivites call to come to help them?
5. Who was with Joshua?
6. What did God rain down from heaven on the Canaanites?
7. Who told the sun and moon to stand still?
8. Did God make the sun and moon stand still?
9. Did the Israelites win against the Canaanites?

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 10-11.

(Answers: 1. Afraid. 2. The Hivites of Gibeon. 3. Four. 4. Joshua. 5. God. 6. Stones. 7. Joshua. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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IN THE PROMISED LAND

After a long time, Joshua got old. He called for the tribes of Israel and their elders. When they came Joshua said to them, "God has blessed you and been with you. He has brought you into a land that has cities already built and vineyards already planted for you. Choose you this day whom you are going to serve. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The children of Israel said, "The Lord is our God and we will serve Him." Then Joshua died at the age of one hundred and ten years.

While Joshua was alive, the Israelites obeyed God. But sometimes they did not kill all the Canaanites like God said. They let some of them live and pay them money. When the Israelites did not kill them, God let them bother the Israelites.

After many years the Israelites who had lived in the time of Joshua died and their children grew up. These children started to worship the Canaanite gods. This made God very angry and He let the Canaanites win wars against them and take their things. But when the Israelites cried out to God, God gave them judges who led them against their enemies and helped them win against them.

One of those judges was Ehud. The children of Israel had disobeyed God so God let the king of Moab capture their city.

Ehud was left-handed so he carried his sword on his right side instead of his left side like most people. He made a dagger and hid it under his robe on his right side.

Ehud went to Eglon, the king of Moab, and said, "I have a secret for you, O king."

The king sent all his servants out and went with Ehud into his summer porch. When they were alone, Ehud killed Eglon, the king, and quietly let himself out of the king's house. The servants waited and waited for the king to come out while Ehud got away. Finally they came in and found their king dead.

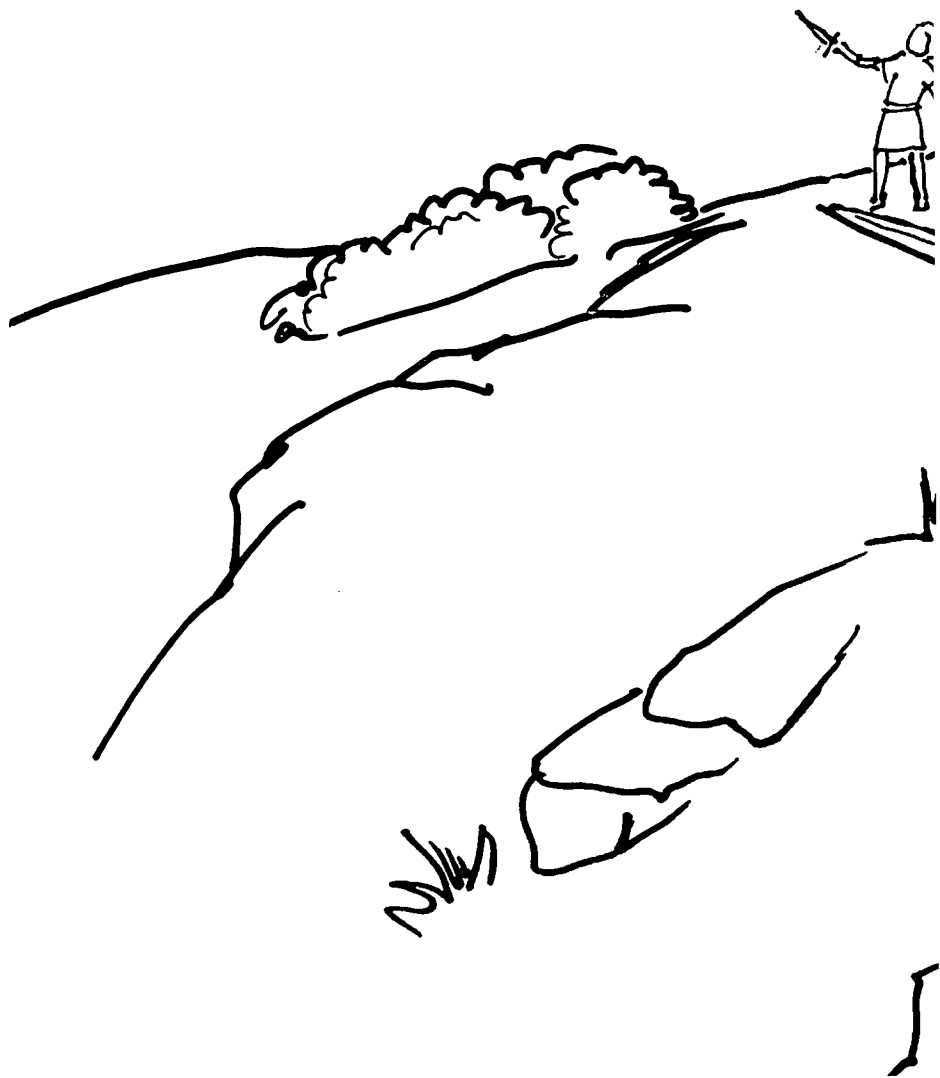
Ehud blew his trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim and the children of Israel came up to him.

"The Lord is with us," Ehud said and they fought and won against the people of Moab that day.

—Joanna Booher

And he said unto them, Follow after me:
for the Lord hath delivered your enemies
the Moabites into your hand....

Judges 3:28.





Loaning A Son For Christmas

(A true story.)

It was Christmas time but Leona did not feel merry. Weary from the day, she knelt with her young son beside his bed for the evening prayer.

"Now, Timmy, let's pray to Jesus," she said. "we need His blessing for the night."

"Dear Jesus, bless Mama and help her not to feel so tired. Help me to be good. We want to make it to heaven so we can see our daddy some day, so lead us there. Amen."

Leona hugged her son as she prayed then she tucked Timmy into bed and kissed him good-night. Tears blurred her eyes as she left Timmy's room. How she wished she could make things better for him! Since her husband had been killed in the war, they hadn't had much money to live on. Neither did they have family nearby to share in the holidays so she and Timmy would spend another lonely Christmas season together.

Hoping to forget her troubles, Leona sat down to read the evening paper. That is when she read this ad:

"Is there any place where we can borrow a little boy three or four years old for the Christmas holidays? We have a nice home and would take wonderful care of him and bring him back safe and sound. We used to have a little boy, but he couldn't stay, and we miss him so when Christmas comes. —N.M.

Newspaper: "If anyone has a little boy to lend over Christmas, write to this column as early as possible, marking "Christmas" on outside of envelope."

"How sad it must be for that couple," thought Leona. "At least I have my little boy to bring me joy at Christmas." Then a thought flashed through her mind. "Should she loan her son to them? Maybe it would be better for her

son and it would make this couple happier."

Leona prayed and asked the Lord what to do. She seemed to feel a peace about answering the ad. The next day, Leona contacted the newspaper office. They contacted the couple who wanted a little boy. Yes, they would be interested in having Timmy come stay with them. What about his mother? Would she like to come?

So it was that Leona and Timmy spent a wonderful Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Mr. N. H. Muller and his mother. Leona learned that Mr. Muller's son and wife had died the same year. Never again did she and her son spend Christmas alone because she later became Mrs. Muller.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Whom did Joshua say he was going to serve?
2. Whom did the people of Israel say they were going to serve?
3. How old was Joshua when he died?
4. What did the children of Israel start to worship after many years?
5. Who did God let win against Israel when they disobeyed?
6. What did God give the children of Israel when they cried to Him?
7. Was Ehud right-handed or left-handed?
8. What did Ehud say he had for the king?
9. Who went with Ehud and fought against the people of Moab?
10. Did the Israelites win against Moab?

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 23-24; Judges 1-3.

Answers: 1. The Lord. 2. The Lord. 3. One hundred and ten years old. 4. The Canaanite gods. 5. The Canaanites. 6. Judges. 7. Left-handed. 8. A secret. 9. The children of Israel. 10. Yes.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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THE PRINCE OF PEACE

In the beginning God created man. And God loved man and man loved God and they walked and talked together. Then, one day, man sinned and that ruined it. God hates sin and all who sin go to hell. Man had to leave the Garden of Eden because God cannot be with a man who sins.

Man could not stop sinning. He had to keep making sacrifices to God for his sin instead. Noah loved God but had to offer sacrifices to God. Abraham loved God but could not stop sinning either. Isaac and Jacob and Joseph sinned. David and Solomon sinned.

God still loved man and promised, "One day I will send Someone to save you from your sins so you won't have to sin anymore."

Finally, when the time was right, God did just that. The Holy Spirit came to a woman in the town of Nazareth whose name was Mary. She was going to get married to a man named Joseph when she found out that she was going to have a baby. But the baby's father was not Joseph. The baby's Father was God.

The ruler of the land, Caesar Augustus, said that everyone must be taxed. Everyone had to go to the city of their fathers'. Joseph and Mary were of the house of David so they went to Bethlehem, the city of David.

Mary was about ready to have her baby when they got to Bethlehem so Joseph tried to find a room for them to stay in. But all the rooms in the inns were full and there was no room anywhere. One of the innkeepers finally said they could stay in the stable where the animals stayed.

There in the stable, Mary had her baby. She called his name Jesus, as God's angel had told her to. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in the manger that the animals ate hay out of.

There were in that country shepherds in the fields, watching their sheep by night. An angel came to them and said, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy. Unto you is born, this night, in the city of David, a Saviour!"

The baby, Jesus, grew up and then died as the greatest sacrifice for all the sins of the world. Because of Jesus' sacrifice, man doesn't have to sin and can have peace with God again.

—Joanna Booher

For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11.





A Tornado At Christmas

(A true story.)

The day before Christmas in Covington, Georgia, pastures were deliciously green with winter rye grass. At River Bend Farm a large, castle-like dairy barn stood above the 700 neat acres around it. On the second floor of the barn tons of hay and feed were stored for the 65 cows who were milked on the first floor of the barn.

Then the night of Christmas Eve a terrible storm with twister winds swept through the valley of River Bend Farm. At 5:00 in the morning, the two brothers who owned the farm went out to see what damage had been done by the storm. It was yet dark, warm and foggy.

"Look, Charlie, last night's wind tore down the fence," J.T. said.

"Electric line is down too," Charlie noticed. "Get a flashlight and help me find the cows."

They could hear the cows bellowing in the distance but they could not see them. When they flashed the flashlight in the direction of the barn, both men were shocked to see the barn now a huge heap of broken wood and scattered hay. Suddenly they realized the cows were buried alive in that flattened barn.

Charlie and J.T. raced to the barn and yanked a few round bales of hay from the barn. They were able to rescue two cows but they realized the job was too big for them—they needed help fast!

Quickly, J.T. called the town's Civil Defense for equipment. Soon two big bulldozers pulled into the drive. Neighbors arrived to help. By daybreak the River Bend Farm was busy with machinery and men working as quickly as possible to save the lives of the cows trapped inside the barn. Bulldozers dug in and pushed

away wet hay. Veterinarians attended to the injured animals. Even a policeman directed the traffic of trucks and equipment.

No one complained that they were missing their Christmas time at home with their families. The men knew that those milk cows made money for J.T. and Charlie. They had to help their neighbors who were in need right then.

By nightfall, River Bend Farm was quiet and neat again. Forty-seven cows had died in the old barn but a foundation was already dug for a new one. The two brothers had met with loss on Christmas day, but they felt like their neighbors had given them wonderful gifts of time and labor.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. Who created man?
2. What did God and man do together in the Garden of Eden?
3. What did man do that made God send him out of the Garden?
4. How does God feel about sin?
5. Was man able to stop sinning?
6. What did man have to offer to God for years and years?
7. Who was Mary's baby?
8. What did Jesus grow up to do?
9. What can man have with God because Jesus died for his sins?

LESSON TEXT: Luke 1:26-35; 2:1-12.

(Answers: 1. God. 2. Walked and talked. 3. He sinned. 4. He hates it. 5. No. 6. Sacrifices. 7. Jesus, the Son of God. 8. Die as the greatest sacrifice for all the sins of the world. 9. Peace with God.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DEBORAH

After Ehud died, the children of Israel sinned against God again. So the Lord let them be bothered by Jabin, king of Canaan. The captain of Jabin's army was Sisera and he had nine hundred chariots plated with iron. Sisera bothered the Israelites a lot, so they cried to God.

Deborah, a prophetess, judged Israel at that time. She lived under a palm tree and the children of Israel came to her for judgment.

Deborah sent and called Barak and said to him, "The Lord has said to take ten thousand men and go fight at Mount Tabor against Sisera. I will draw Sisera and his army there to meet you."

Barak said, "If you go with us, I will go, but if you do not go with us, I will not go."

Deborah said, "I will go with you, but you won't get praise for this. Instead, a woman will get the praise for this victory."

So Barak and Deborah and ten thousand men went up to fight at Mount Tabor. They were on the mountain when Sisera came with his nine hundred chariots plated with iron.

Deborah said, "Up! for this is the day that you will win against Sisera."

Barak went down from the mountain with his men and fought against Sisera's men. Sisera's men tried to get away. Sisera got off his chariot and ran away on foot. Barak and his men chased after Sisera's men and chariots.

Sisera ran to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber. There was peace between Heber and Jabin, Sisera's king.

Jael came out to meet him and said, "Come in. Turn in here, my lord. Don't be afraid."

Sisera went into her tent and she covered him with a blanket. He said, "Could I please have some water to drink?"

So she gave him some milk. He fell asleep in her tent. She took one of the tent spikes that held the tent in place and hammered it into his head while he slept.

When Barak came back, looking for Sisera, Jael went out to him and said, "Come in and you will find the man you're looking for."

So Sisera died by the hand of a woman.

—Joanna Booher

And Jael went out
to meet Sisera, and
said unto him,
Turn in, my lord,
turn in to me; fear
not.... Judges 4:18.





Giving Is For Any Time

(Continued from last week.)

Giving isn't only for the Christmas season but it should last the whole year through. That's what the neighbors thought who lived by the Polk brothers who had lost so much during a tornado in the early hours of Christmas morning.

One by one, neighbors brought a cow or two to J.T. and Charlie. "Oh, you don't have to do this," the brothers would say. "We don't have to, we want to," the neighbors would reply.

When other communities heard about their tornado disaster, strangers brought good milk cows to the brothers. One group of Mennonite farmers brought 13 fine Holsteins.

"They need some hay and feed for all their new cows," said the nearby farmers. So they gave the brothers hay and feed from their barns..

Some people chose to give money. A fund for the Polk families was set up and soon over \$4,000 was given to buy material for the new barn they needed. Work days were set and in a short time a nice, big barn was ready for that summer's hay.

Several pieces of their equipment had been ruined in the tornado also. When the brothers went to buy what they needed, the owner of a tractor company sold them equipment at a very cheap cost. Everyone was so good!

In the farmhouse, between cooking for the men, the wives of T.J. and Charlie were busy writing thank-you notes. "May God bless you richly for your gift of kindness to us," they would write.

Yes, God is pleased when people work together to help those who are in need. Jesus said that we are His disciples if we have love one for another. It takes an effort to give. It often

takes a sacrifice of time and/or money.

In this New Year that is before us, let us find more ways to give and help others. If we can give a toy to another child in need, let's be willing to give. Help your mother in the kitchen and with the housework. Give your dad a helping hand with chores or yard work. Visit an elder person and sing a song to them. Send a card to someone who is sick. Take flowers to someone who has had a loved one to die. Bake cookies for your school teacher. She may give you a good grade for that!

Above all, remember to pray and thank the Lord for all the good gifts of life that He has given you.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who bothered the children of Israel?
2. Who was the captain of Jabin's army?
3. What were Sisera's chariots covered with?
4. Who judged Israel at that time?
5. Who did Deborah call to fight against Sisera?
6. What did Barak want Deborah to do if he went to fight?
7. Who did Deborah say would get the praise for this victory?
8. What did Sisera do when the Israelites came against him?
9. Whose tent did Sisera go into?
10. Who killed Sisera?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 4.

(Answers: 1. Jabin, king of Canaan. 2. Sisera. 3. Iron. 4. Deborah. 5. Barak. 6. Go with him. 7. A woman. 8. He ran off on foot. 9. Jael's. 10. Jael.)