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GIDEON

The children of Israel lived in the land of Caanan. The land was good for growing things and God had blessed them. But, soon the children of Israel started to worship other gods and not the one true God.

So God let them get into trouble. The Midianites came and fought the Israelites. The Israelites had to hide in caves in the hills and mountains because of the Midianites. The Midianites wrecked the Israelites' fields and killed their cows and goats. The Israelites had hardly anything to eat because of the Midianites. They cried to the Lord to help them.

A young man named Gideon was threshing wheat stalks into grain by a winepress. He was doing it by the winepress so the Midianites wouldn't see him. An angel of God came and sat under an oak tree nearby.

The angel said, "The Lord is with you, Gideon."

Gideon said, "If the Lord is with us, why are the Midianites killing all our animals and food? Where are all His miracles that He did for our fathers in bringing them out of Egypt?"

The angel said, "Go in this your might and you will save Israel from the Midianites."

Gideon said, "How can I fight the Midianites? I am the youngest in my family."

"Surely, I will be with you," said the angel.

"Please, give me a sign," Gideon said. "Don't leave until I have brought out a sacrifice and given it to you."

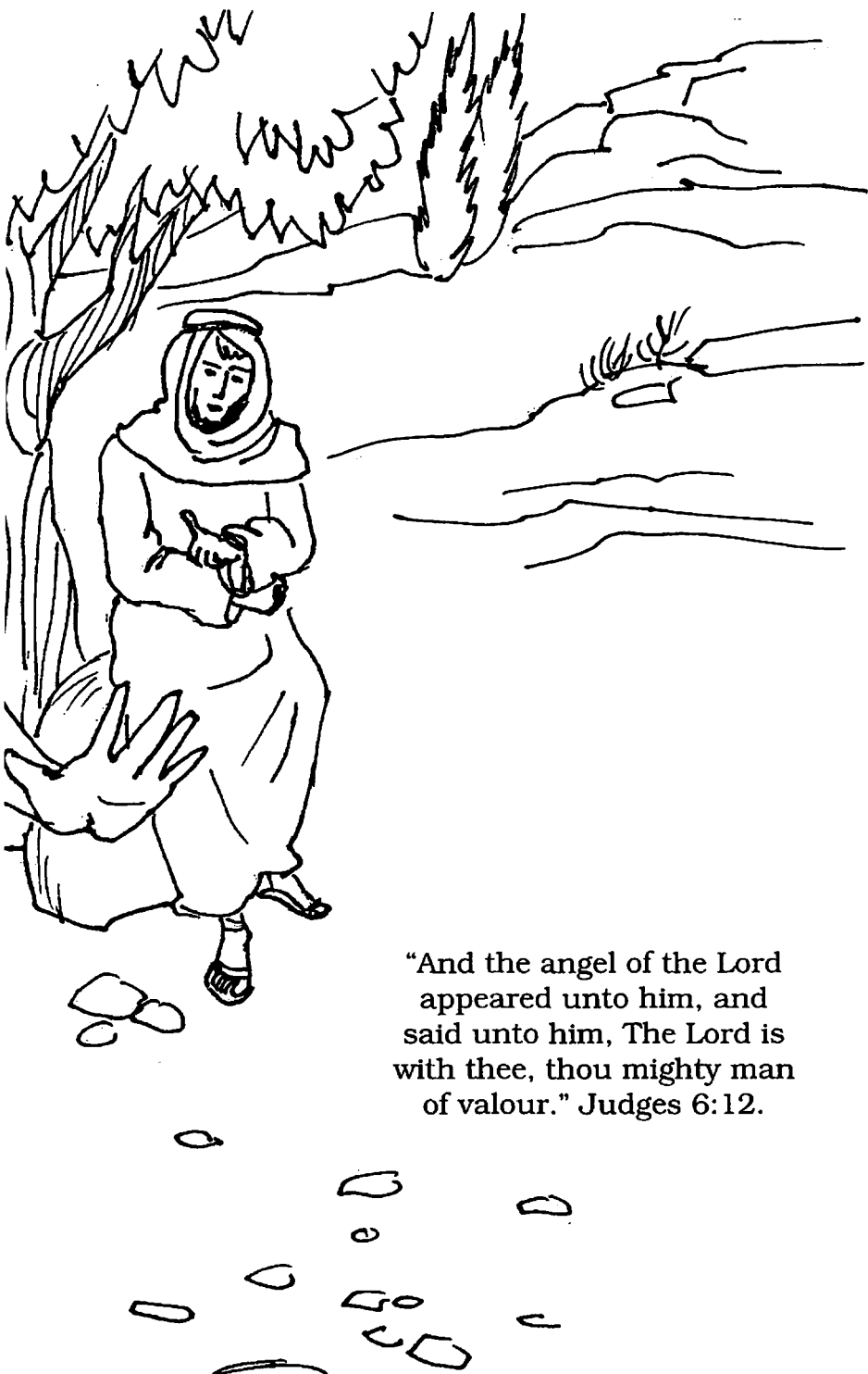
So the angel waited while Gideon fixed flour and meat. When Gideon brought it out to him the angel told him to place it on a rock. Gideon did and the angel touched it with his staff. Fire came up out of the rock and burned up the sacrifice. Then the angel disappeared.

Then Gideon knew it was an angel and was afraid that he would die. But God spoke to him and said, "Peace be to you, you will not die."

And Gideon built there an altar to the Lord.

—Joanna Booher





"And the angel of the Lord
appeared unto him, and
said unto him, The Lord is
with thee, thou mighty man
of valour." Judges 6:12.

Hens And Roosters

"Wash your hands and come to the table," called Mother from the kitchen. Dad, Jerry and Randy obeyed and came into the dining room just as Linda sat down a plate of fried chicken.

"Oh, that looks good," said Dad as he went to his place at the head of the table.

"And it smells good too!" agreed Randy as he sniffed the fragrance.

"So, little brother," said Jerry as he sat down, "what came first, the chicken or the egg?"

"Oh, that's easy," replied Randy. "God made chickens first and then they laid eggs."

"Did God make hens first or roosters?" teased Jerry.

"Well, He must have made them at the same time," said Randy, "or there wouldn't have been any baby chicks."

"Oh? How come?" teased Jerry. "God may have made a bunch of hens and then when the eggs hatched there were some baby roosters who grew up to be dads."

Randy frowned and looked at his dad. "That's not right, is it, Dad? God made a rooster and a hen at the same time, didn't He?"

"Yes, son," agreed Dad. "In the beginning God created both male and female of every creature. That way that specie of animal could reproduce."

"It takes a dad and a mom to have a baby, doesn't it?" Randy asked Dad.

"Yes, Randy. God set that law when He created all living beings. Out in nature animals mate. Sometimes the male stays with the female to help with the babies and some-

times the male doesn't. They live by instinct, but men and women are to live by God's spiritual law."

"Sometimes lion or wolf dads will kill the male babies," said Jerry. "That way the sons won't grow up to fight the dad."

"That's mean!" declared Randy. "I'm glad my dad isn't a lion or a wolf! I wouldn't be able to eat fried chicken with him at the same table!"

Everyone laughed. Then Mother and Linda sat down at the table. The family bowed their heads and Dad thanked the Lord for the food and for His blessings.

Suddenly, baby Allen cried. "Oh, he doesn't want to be left out of the family circle," said Mother as she went to get him from his crib. What a blessed family they were!

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who bothered the Israelites?
2. Where did the Israelites have to live because of the Midianites?
3. What was Gideon doing by the winepress?
4. Who came to Gideon?
5. Who did the angel say was with Gideon?
6. What did Gideon bring to the angel?
7. What did the angel do to the sacrifice?
8. Where did the fire that burned the sacrifice come from?
9. What did Gideon build to the Lord?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 6:1-25.

(Answers: 1. The Midianites. 2. In caves. 3. Threshing wheat. 4. An angel. 5. The Lord. 6. A sacrifice. 7. He touched it with his staff. 8. Out of the rock. 9. An altar.)

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A SIGN FROM GOD

God spoke to Gideon the same night that the angel came to him.

God said, "Take your father's two bullocks and pull down the grove of trees that are around his altar to Baal. After you are done, make a fire out of the trees and sacrifice one of the bullocks on it to me."

So Gideon took ten of his father's servants and did as God said. He did it at night so no one would see them.

The next morning the men of the city got up and found the altar and trees torn down. They were very angry.

"Who has done this?" they said.

When they found out it was Gideon, the son of Joash, they came to Joash's house.

"Bring out your son, Gideon," they said, "He tore down the altar to Baal. For that he must die."

Joash said, "Will you fight for Baal? If he is a god let him fight for himself."

So the men went away.

The Midianites, the Amalekites and all the people of the east came to fight against the tribe of Benjamin. They camped in the valley of Jezreel. Gideon blew a trumpet and gathered men to fight with him.

Then Gideon said to God, "If You will be with me and save us like You said, give me a sign. I will put a sheepskin out on the ground all night. If in the morning there is dew only on the skin but the ground around it is dry, I will know You are with me."

Gideon laid out his sheepskin and went to bed. In the morning he picked up the skin and it was so wet he squeezed a whole bowlful of water out of it.

Gideon said again to God, "Please don't be angry with me. Please give me one more sign. This time let the sheepskin be dry, but the ground wet with dew."

When Gideon got up the next morning the skin was dry and all the ground around it was wet. So Gideon knew the Lord was with him.

—Joanna Booher



“...The Lord said,...throw down
the altar of Baal...and cut down
the grove that is by it.”

Judges 6:25.



King Dad

After supper, when the dishes were washed, it was time for family worship. The family all gathered in the den and sat in a circle. "What shall we read about tonight?" asked Dad as he thumbed through the Bible Story book.

"Let's read about a famous Dad," said Randy.

"Who would that be?" questioned Dad.

"Well," thought Randy. "I guess a king would be a good dad. Read about a king dad."

His father chuckled. "That leaves out Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and many other good dads." "Joseph became a ruler," commented Jerry. "He had two sons but the story in Genesis doesn't tell us much about his boys, does it, Dad?"

"No, but they must have been obedient and they did receive a blessing from their grandfather Jacob, or Israel, before he died.

"Did King David have any sons?" asked Randy.

"Yes, he had several sons and daughters," replied Dad. "He loved them but his children didn't always obey him. We could read about King David's family in First and Second Samuel. Solomon took the throne after his father. He did good for awhile and gave good advice to his sons. We can read his instructions in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes. But Solomon did not leave a good example for his son to follow. A good father will be a righteous example for his sons."

Thoughtfully, Linda spoke, "Job was a good dad. He sacrificed sin offerings for his sons and daughters in case they had displeased the Lord."

"Very good, Linda," agreed Dad. "Job was a good dad and at the end of his suffering, he had twice as many

children as he had had before. However, there is not much written about Job as a father. Are there any New Testament fathers?"

"Peter was a dad but I don't think Paul was," replied Jerry. "Really, there aren't too many dads mentioned in the New Testament."

"That's because the New Testament is mostly letters of instruction to the new church," said Dad. "However, the first four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John talk a lot about a father. Who was He?"

"Jesus!" guessed Randy.

"No, but who was His Father?"

"God!"

"Yes, He is the best King Father and we have His instructions in the Holy Bible. God's example of love and patience is a challenge to all of us men everywhere."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who spoke to Gideon?
2. What did God tell Gideon to do to the grove of trees by the altar to Baal?
3. What did God tell Gideon to do to the bullock when he was done?
4. Who got upset with Gideon for tearing down the altar to Baal?
5. Who did Gideon's father say could fight for himself?
6. When the Midianites came to fight the Israelites, what did Gideon ask God for?
7. What did Gideon lay out on the ground and pray to be wet?
8. Was the sheepskin wet, like Gideon prayed for?
9. Who was with Gideon?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 6:25-40.

(Answers: 1. God. 2. Tear them down. 3. Sacrifice it to God. 4. The men of the city. 5. Baal. 6. A sign. 7. A sheepskin. 8. Yes. 9. God.)

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THE SWORD OF THE LORD

Gideon gathered his men together to fight against the Midianites. They camped beside a well. The Midianites were camped in the valley of Jezreel.

God said to him, "You have too many men. If you win with this many, you will think you won by your own strength. Tell all the men who are afraid to go home."

Gideon did and twenty thousand men left. There were still ten thousand men.

God said, "You still have too many. Take the men to the water to drink and I will tell you which ones to keep."

Gideon did and God said, "Keep the ones that bring handfuls of water to their mouths to drink. The ones that kneel down tell to go back to their tents."

Now there were only three hundred men left. God said, "I will save you from the Midianites with these three hundred men."

That night, God said, "Go down and fight the Midianites. I have given them into your hand. But if you are afraid, take your servant and go listen outside one of their tents."

So Gideon took his servant and went down to listen.

A man said to his friend, "I had a dream last night that a loaf of bread rolled into the tent and knocked it down."

His friend said, "That means that Gideon will fight and win against us because the Lord is with him."

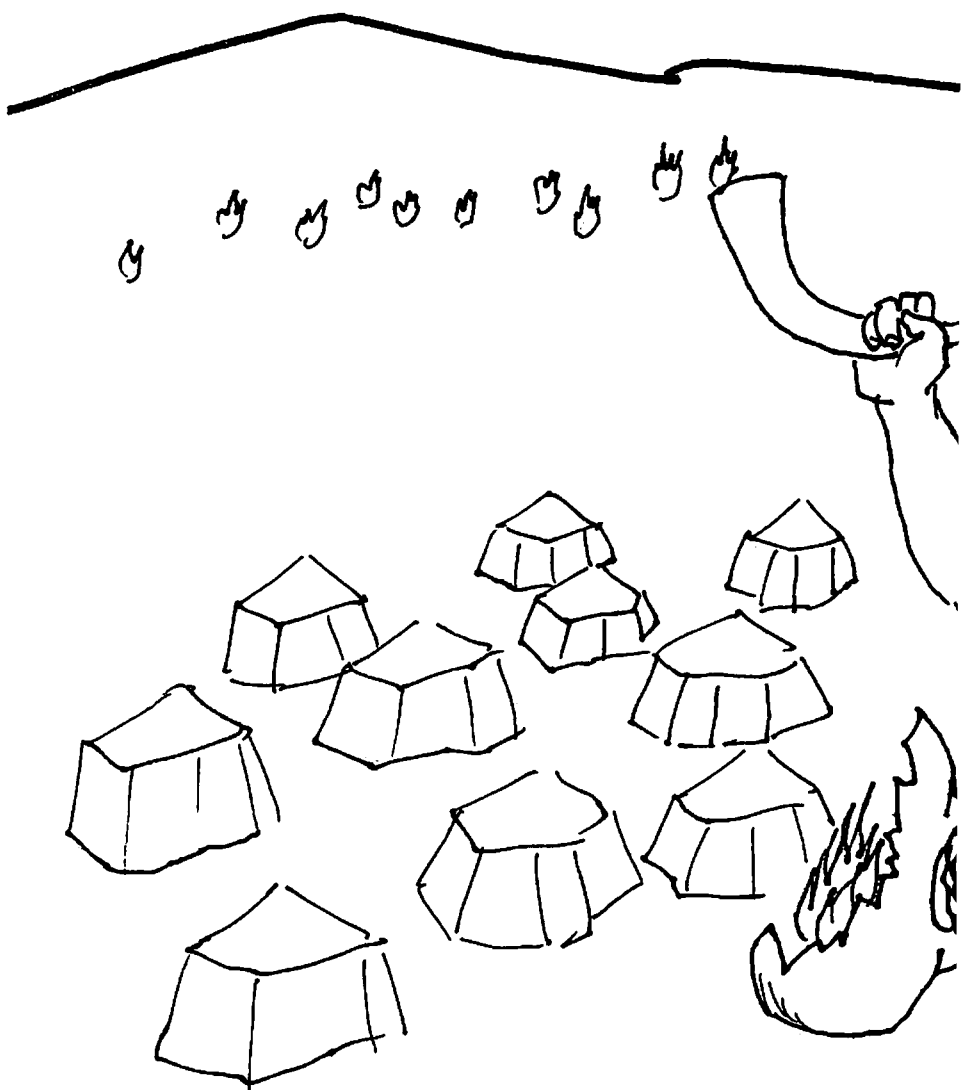
Gideon went back to his men and said, "Do as I do. Take a trumpet and a pitcher with a lamp inside. When I blow the trumpet, you blow the trumpet." He split his men into three groups and put them on three sides of the valley.

In the middle of the night Gideon blew his trumpet and all his men blew their trumpets. They broke their pitchers so the lights shone out.

"The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" they shouted.

The Midianites heard the noise and saw the lights all around and were so afraid they ran away. The Israelites and Gideon's men chased after them and won the fight that night.

—Joanna Booher



"And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers,...and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon."
Judges 7:20.



Kitchen Kindness

It was a cold, wintery day outside but in the kitchen it was warm and pleasant. The toasty aroma of hot bread drifted from the oven and more goodies were in the making.

"Linda, please get the salt for our cookies," said Mother.

"Okay, I will," replied Linda as she put baby Allen in his swing. She wound the crank and set his swing in motion. Suddenly, the phone rang. Linda answered and was happy to hear Grandma's voice on the other end of the line. The ringing phone woke up Allen so Linda patted him while she talked to Grandma.

Mother heard the dryer buzz so she went to hang up the clothes before they wrinkled. The cookie dough waited until Mother came back to finish mixing it.

"Grandma, did you want to speak to Mother?" asked Linda. "Okay, here she is."

She handed the phone to Mother who gave Linda the cookie dough to form into cookie balls with the scoop. Soon 18 cookies were in the oven baking.

Randy came into the kitchen looking for a snack. He saw the cookies in the oven. "When will they be done?" he asked.

"In about 10 minutes," replied Linda. "Here, I'll give you one scoop of cookie dough and don't get anything more until the cookies are ready. Then you can have two."

"I want more than two!" demanded Randy.

"What is the problem?" asked Mother as she hung up the phone. "Randy, don't get into the dough."

"Linda gave this dough to me," replied Randy, "but it doesn't taste so good. Did Linda make it?"

"No, I did," said Mother. "What's wrong with it?" She took a clean spoon

and took a bite of the dough. "Linda, did we put the salt in this dough?"

"Oh, I think I forgot," exclaimed Linda. "Now what shall we do?"

"Let's add the salt now," said Mother as she measured out salt and sprinkled it into the dough. "We don't like things to taste salty, but salt brings out other flavors."

"I will wait and eat some cookies later," said Randy.

"You can have as many as you like of these cookies," said Linda as she brought the first batch out of the oven. "Maybe a little salt sprinkled on them might make them taste better."

"What kind words seasoned with grace," said Mother with a smile. "Kindness brings out the kindness in others."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was camped in the valley to fight against the Israelites?
2. What did God say to Gideon about his men?
3. Who did God tell Gideon to send home first?
4. What did God say to Gideon about his men then?
5. How many men did God use to fight against the Midianites?
6. What did God tell Gideon to do if he was afraid?
7. What did Gideon's men do to their pitchers?
8. What did Gideon's men shout?
9. What did the Midianites do?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 7.

(Answers. 1. The Midianites. 2. You have too many. 3. All those who were afraid. 4. You still have too many. 5. 300. 6. Go down and listen outside one of the Midianites' tents. 7. Broke them. 8. "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." 9. Ran away.)

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JEPHTHAH

A man named Gilead had a son named Jephthah. He had other sons too but they did not have the same mother as Jephthah.

When Jephthah grew up his brothers said to him, "You are not a true son so you cannot have a blessing from our father like us." And they made Jephthah leave.

Now Jephthah was a very good fighter.

After some time, the Israelites got into trouble. The Ammonites came down to fight them.

The elders of Gilead sent for Jephthah and said, "Come and lead us in the fight against the Ammonites."

Jephthah said, "You sent me away and now you want my help? If I come and help you will you make me your leader?"

The men said, "Yes." So, Jephthah came to be their captain.

Jephthah made a promise to the Lord. He said, "If You will help me to win against the Ammonites, then whatever comes out of my house when I come back, I will sacrifice to You."

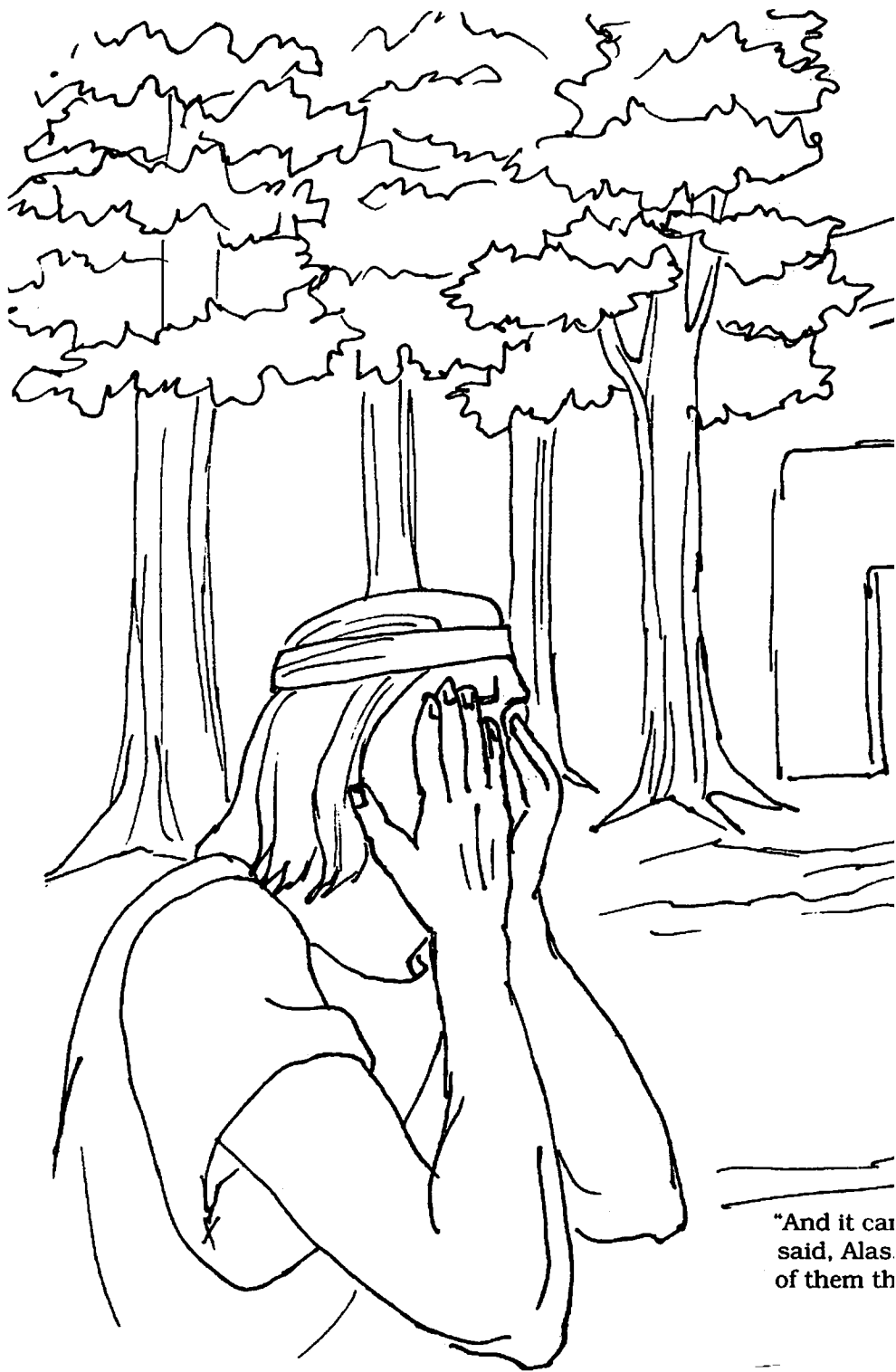
Jephthah and the Israelites went to fight against the children of Ammon and won a great victory. As he came back, his daughter came out of the house to meet him, singing with a timbrel. She was his only child.

When Jephthah saw her he fell down and cried and said, "Alas, my daughter, you have made me very sad. Because I have made a promise to the Lord and I cannot take it back."

After Jephthah told his daughter what he had promised the Lord, she said, "Let me go into the mountains with my friends and weep for two months. Then I will come back and do as you have promised."

Jephthah said, "Go."

So she went and wept in the mountains and then came and served in the tabernacle for the rest of her life. She was never allowed to marry. And it was so that every year after that, the Israelite daughters went to the mountains and wept for the daughter of Jephthah. —Joanna Booher



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ass, when he saw her, that he rent his clothes, and
ughter! thou has brought me very low, and art one
ble me: for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord,
nd I cannot go back." Judges 11:35.

Randy's Birthday

"Here we are at Grandma's house!" shouted Randy as he opened the car door and jumped out into the cold north wind.

"Hurry inside," exclaimed Mother as she took Allen out of his car seat. Soon all the family was out of the weather and warming beside a glowing fire Grandpa had built in the fireplace.

"Give me a hug, Jerry," said Grandma. "You're never too big to hug your grandmother!"

"I'll hug you, Grandma," said Randy. "Did you get my birthday cake made?"

"Was it a big chocolate cake?" asked Grandpa. Randy nodded. "I think I saw Grandma take that cake to the neighbor's just a while ago," teased Grandpa.

"Who else is having a birthday?" asked Randy with a frown.

"Don't let Grandpa worry you," said Grandma. She smiled and hugged Randy. "I wouldn't give your birthday cake to anyone else but you. This is your special day and we are going to have cake and ice cream to celebrate!"

Randy gave Grandma a big smile and hug. Then he saw four gifts lying in the nearby corner. "Are these for me?" he asked excitedly. "When do I get to open them?"

"After we eat," replied Mother, smiling. "Now wash your hands, comb your hair and let's eat."

Randy didn't have to be told twice. In a few minutes everyone sat down at the dinner table. Grandma had really been cooking! There was fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, buttered corn, hot homemade rolls and 7-Up to drink.

"Grandma, you made just what I like!" said Randy. He was almost too full to eat the chocolate cake—almost, but not quite. "You make the best cakes in the world," he told his Grandma with a hug. "I love you!"

"I love you, too, Randy," she replied.

"Sounds like you are happy enough today that we can wait on the gifts until tomorrow," teased Grandpa.

"No way!" exclaimed Randy. Then he gave Grandpa a hug.

"Thanks," said Grandpa. "Was that because I gave you such a nice grandmother?"

"Yes," laughed Randy, "and because I love you, too!"

It is so wonderful to have loving grandparents. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Jephthah's brothers do to him?
2. What could Jephthah do very well?
3. When the Ammonites came to fight against the Israelites, who did the elders of Gilead send for?
4. What did Jephthah ask them to make him?
5. What did Jephthah promise to sacrifice to God if he helped him win?
6. Did God help Jephthah win?
7. What came out to meet Jephthah when he came back?
8. How did Jephthah feel when he saw her?
9. Did Jephthah do as he had promised God?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 11.

(Answers: 1. Made him leave. 2. Fight. 3. Jephthah. 4. Their leader. 5. Whatever came out to meet him first. 6. Yes. 7. His only daughter. 8. Very sad. 9. Yes.)

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SAMSON

The children of Israel did wrong in the sight of God. So God let them be bothered by the Philistines for forty years.

There was a man named Manoah who had a wife but no children.

An angel came to Manoah's wife and told her, "You will have a son. You must not drink anything from grapes nor eat any unclean animal. This son will begin to win against the Philistines for the Israelites. He must never cut his hair and he must not drink anything from grapes. He will be a Nazarite."

The woman went and told her husband that an angel had talked with her and what he had said.

So Manoah prayed to God and said, "Please let the man of God come back and teach us how to raise this son."

God heard him. One day while the woman was in the field, the angel came to her again. She ran and brought her husband.

Manoah asked the angel, "How shall we raise this son?"

The angel said, "The woman must do as I have said. She must not drink anything from grapes nor eat any unclean thing. She must never cut her son's hair and he must never drink anything from grapes."

Manoah said, "Please stay until we have fixed some meat for you."

The angel said, "Even if you fix it, I won't eat it. And if it is meant to be a sacrifice, offer it to the Lord."

Manoah fixed the meat and some meal and laid it on a rock before the angel. The fire burned the sacrifice and the angel went up to heaven with it.

When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces. The angel did not come back.

"We will surely die," Manoah said, "Because we have seen God."

But his wife said, "If God were displeased with us, He wouldn't have accepted our sacrifice to Him or told us these things."

Later, Manoah's wife had a son and named him Samson. And the child grew and the Lord blessed him.

—Joanna Booher

“And Manoah arose,...and came to the man, and said
man that spakest unto the woman? And he said,



him, Art thou the
' Judges 13:11.



The Man Who Set The Pattern

(Based on a true account.)

"Mary, we must move closer to the ironworks where we have so much invested," said Mr. Washington to his young wife. She sighed and looked at her six-year-old son, George. He enjoyed living by the wide, curving Potomac River. She hoped he would have room to run and play at their next home.

That wasn't a problem at the 260-acre Ferry Farm where the family moved. There young George enjoyed hunting, fishing and horseback riding. When he was eleven years old, his beloved father died. From then on, George wanted to be with his stepbrother, Lawrence, who was 14 years older. Lawrence had built a handsome mansion at Mount Vernon which was named after a British admiral on a warship. Lawrence encouraged George to join the British Navy, but George's mother refused to let George do so.

Mary had her son to copy the 110 "Rules of Civility and Decent Behaviour in Company and Conversation." He learned to live by these rules which developed politeness and honesty into his character. She also taught him to pray and to give God the credit when he achieved.

When the thirteen young colonies were forced to break away from the British government, forty-three-year-old George Washington was elected as commander in chief of the militia.

With modesty, he told the Second Continental Congress that he would volunteer his service. Through cold winters and during starvation, Washington never drew a dime for his service in the Revolutionary War.

His boyhood training in the woods aided Washington as he led his armed countrymen against the strongholds of the British forces. Sometimes loos-

ing the battle, sometimes winning, Washington never forgot from where his source of strength came. His handwritten diary has prayers and praises to the Great Almighty.

After the war was won, and Washington had retired to Mount Vernon, a friend wrote to him exalting his greatness. "You should be proclaimed king over the Colonies!" declared his friend. Washington was grieved at the thought. "...You could not have found a person to whom your schemes are more disagreeable...." he replied.

Soon after George Washington was elected the first president, he assisted Congress in setting up guidelines for future presidents. He desired that only men of integrity be voted into the position and serve the country in four year terms. His example set this national pattern. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who bothered the Israelites for forty years?
2. Who came to Manoah's wife?
3. What did the angel say she would have?
4. What did the angel say the child must never drink?
5. What did the angel say the child must never do to his hair?
6. Did Manoah's wife tell her husband?
7. What did Manoah want the angel to teach them?
8. What did the angel do when Manoah laid the sacrifice on the rock in front of him?
9. What did Manoah and his wife name their son?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 13.

(Answers: 1. The Philistines. 2. An angel. 3. A son. 4. Anything from grapes. 5. Cut it. 6. Yes. 7. How to raise the child. 8. Went up to heaven in the fire. 9. Samson.)

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THE RIDDLE

Samson grew up. One day he went down to where the Philistines lived and saw a woman that he liked.

He told his parents, "Get her for me, for I want to marry her."

They said, "Why do you want to marry a Philistine? Why not an Israelite?" But they did not know that God wanted to use this to cause a fight between the Philistines and the Israelites.

Samson went down to visit the woman again. On the way, he met a lion that roared out at him. The Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson and Samson tore the lion with his bare hands and killed him. Samson didn't tell anyone about it.

Later Samson went down to marry the woman and he found the body of the lion. A swarm of bees had made some honeycomb in the lion's body. Samson took the honey and went on his way, eating it. He gave some to his parents too but didn't tell where he got it.

Before he married the woman, Samson decided to have a feast. Thirty other men came to be his friends at the feast.

Samson told them a riddle. "Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness." Samson said, "If you can find the answer to this riddle by the end of seven days, then I will give you each a pair of new clothes. But if you can't find the answer, then you have to give me thirty pairs of new clothes."

The men thought and thought, but they couldn't find the answer. So, they said to the woman Samson wanted to marry, "Ask Samson what the answer is. If you don't, we will kill you and your father."

So the woman begged and begged Samson and at the end of the seven days he told her.

She told the men and they told Samson the answer. "What is sweeter than honey? And what is stronger than a lion?"

Samson was very angry. The Spirit of the Lord came upon him and he went out and killed thirty men. Then he took their clothes and gave them to the men. After that he went home.

—Joanna Booher

"Then went Sam:



own,...to Timnath,...and, behold, a young lion
l against him." Judges 14:5.



Judgment Against Sin

(Based on a true account.)

The oldest son of ten children, James learned early how to work on his father's large farm in Tennessee. His Scotch-Irish parents taught him high standards of conduct which stayed with James all his life. Drinking beer or liquor, dancing and card-playing for money were declared evil. By obeying his parents, James was spared many sorrows in those frontier days of the early 1800's.

When he was nineteen, James went across the mountains to study at the University of North Carolina. Three years later he graduated with honors and came back to practice law in Columbia, Tennessee. James was careful to be honest and loyal in his duties as a lawyer. His polite conduct and integrity brought him favor with people. One person who found him especially pleasant was Sarah Childress whom he married on New Year's Day, 1824. They had no children.

James and Sarah Polk moved to Washington, D.C. when he was elected to take Andrew Jackson's old seat as a U.S. representative from Tennessee. His great speaking ability gave him power in the House of Representatives. In one step after another, James climbed higher up the ladder of political power until he became the 11th president of the United States.

While he was president, war was declared with Mexico and Texas. New Mexico, and California were gained after much bloodshed. Sam Houston was quoted as saying, "The only thing wrong with Polk is that he drinks too much water." Through all the time he was in the White House, President Polk and his wife forbade drinking, dancing and card-playing in the national mansion.

Polk also made a successful agreement with the English to claim the

Oregon Territory for the United States. Now the borders of the United States were from the Atlantic to Pacific Oceans, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes.

In his final State of the Union message to Congress, James Polk said, "Peace, plenty and contentment reign throughout our borders and our beloved country presents a sublime moral spectacle to the world...we settle all our political arguments by the peaceful exercise of the rights of free men at the ballot box...."

President Polk was a good moral man who desired to see high standards upheld in the nation he loved and served. It is God's will that all leaders hold such righteous respect toward the judgment against sin.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What kind of woman did Samson want to marry?
2. What came out at Samson when he went to visit the woman?
3. How did Samson kill the lion?
4. What did Samson find in the body of the lion later?
5. Did Samson tell anyone about what he had done?
6. What did Samson say he would give to the thirty men if they figured out his riddle?
7. Who did Samson finally tell his answer to?
8. Who did the woman tell?
9. What did Samson do because he was so angry?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 14.

(Answers: 1. A Philistine woman. 2. A lion. 3. With his bare hands. 4. A honeycomb. 5. No. 6. Thirty pairs of clothes. 7. The Philistine woman. 8. The men. 9. He killed thirty men and gave their clothes to the thirty men who found out his riddle.)

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THE JAWBONE

After some time had passed, Samson went to visit his wife. When he got there, he found out that her father had given her to be someone else's wife.

"I'm going to get even," Samson said. He caught one hundred foxes and tied their tails together, two by two. Then he put torches between their tails and set them loose in the Philistines' cornfields.

The fields burned up and the Philistines were very angry. "Who has done this?" they said. When they found out it was Samson they went and killed his wife and her father.

Samson said, "For that I'm going to do one more thing to you and then I'll stop." He fought them all by himself and won against them. Then he went away to live by himself on a rock.

The Philistines came after him with a big army and camped near the Israelites. The Israelites asked them, "Why have you come here?"

They said, "We want Samson. We are going to catch him and tie him up."

The Israelites went to Samson and said, "Why are you getting us in trouble with the Philistines? What did you do to them?"

Samson said, "I did to them what they did to me."

The Israelites said, "We are going to tie you up and give you to the Philistines."

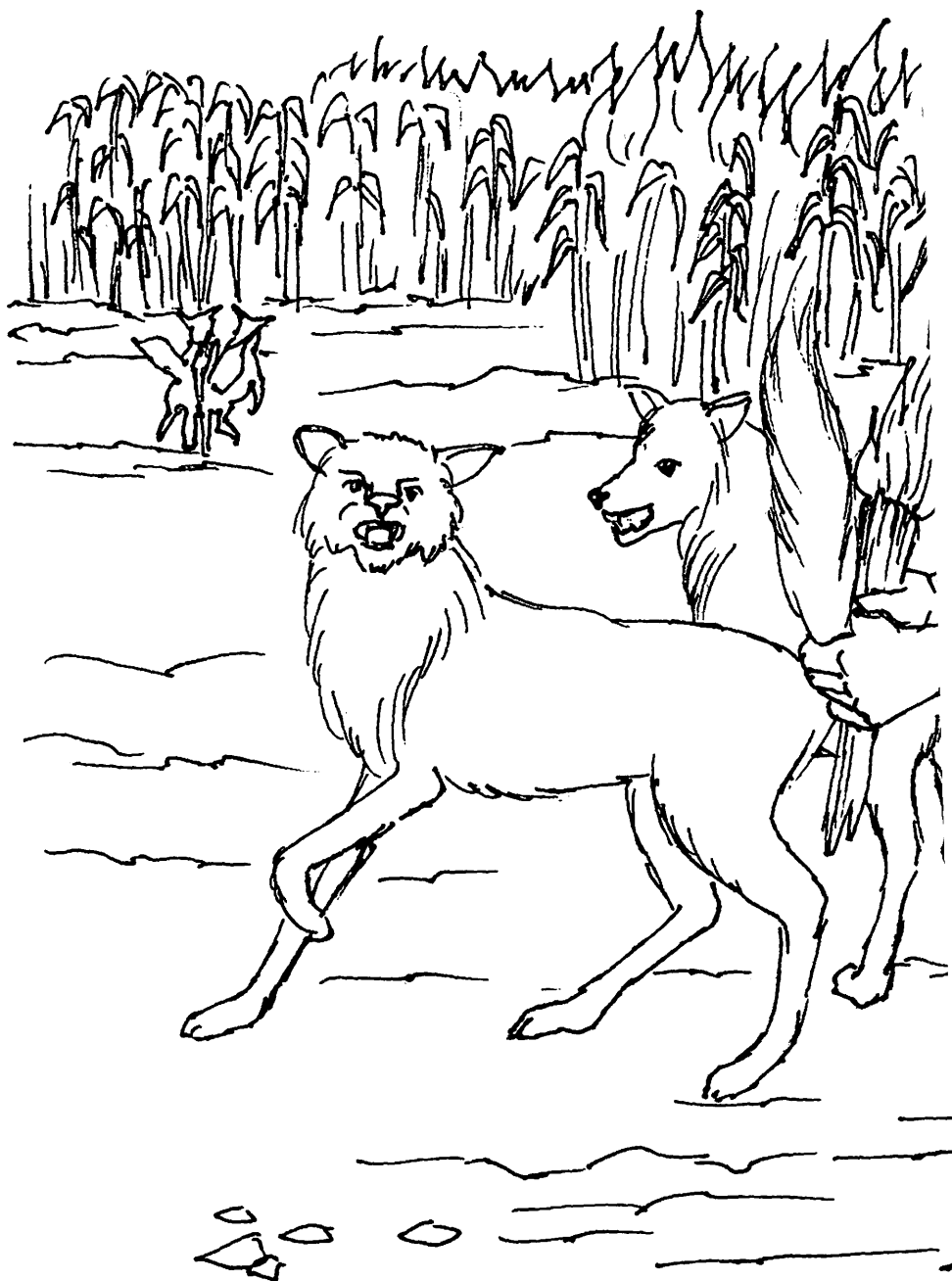
Samson said, "Promise me you won't kill me yourselves."

They promised and tied his arms with two new cords. Then they brought him to the Philistines. When the Philistines saw him they shouted with a great shout. The Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson and the cords melted off his arms like grass. He picked up a jawbone of a donkey and killed a thousand men with it.

After that he was very thirsty and cried to God, "Lord, You helped me fight the Philistines. Now are You going to let me die of thirst?"

The Lord made a hollow place in the jawbone of the donkey and Samson drank out of it and wasn't thirsty anymore. —Joanna Booher

"And Samson went and caught three hundred fox
midst between two tails." Ju



and put a firebrand in the
5:4.



A Man Of God's Choice

(Based on a true account.)

Born in a crude log cabin near Hodgenville, Kentucky, on February 12, 1809, Abe learned early how to work hard. When he was eight, his family moved to Indiana where a year later, his mother died of the milk sickness.

In 1819, Abe's father married Sarah Bush Johnston who had three children of her own. She gave Abe love and confidence in himself. She taught him to read and encouraged him in his home studies. All his life, Abe devoted much time to reading good literature, including the Bible, and he lived by the Holy Scriptures that he read.

When Abe was nineteen, he and a cousin, John Hanks, floated down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers as deck hands on a flatboat loaded with farm vegetables. It was on this journey and others like it that Abe saw the evil in slavery. John Hanks wrote:

"We saw Negroes chained, maltreated, whipped and scourged. Abe saw it; his heart bled, said nothing much, was silent from feeling, was sad, looked bad, felt bad, was thoughtful. I can say that it was on this trip that he formed his opinions of slavery...I have heard him say so often."

His pleasant, humble manner won him favor in his law business and later in the political arena. When he was elected to run for the U.S. Senate, Abe Lincoln startled his supporters by stating:

"...A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this Government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved, I do not expect the house to fall, but I do expect it will cease to be divided."

His friends warned him to not be so bold for fear he would not be elected.

However, others were of the same opinion as Lincoln. The Lord needed a humble man such as Abe Lincoln to lead the anti-slavery cause.

In his speech, after becoming the sixteenth president of the United States, Lincoln said, "...no State upon its own mere motion can lawfully get out of the Union... We are not enemies, but friends...."

One month later the Civil War broke out in all its fury. Though Lincoln wanted to end slavery, he did not want war. As he said in 1864: "I claim not to have controlled events but confess plainly that events have controlled me. Now at the end of three years' struggle, the nation's condition is not what either party or any man devised or expected. God alone can claim it."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. When Samson came back to visit, what did he find had happened to his wife?
2. What did Samson catch and tie their tails together?
3. What did Samson put between the foxes tails?
4. What happened to the Philistines' fields?
5. What did the Philistines do when Samson went to live on the rock?
6. Who went and talked to Samson?
7. What did the Israelites do to Samson?
8. What did Samson use to kill the Philistines?
9. What did God give Samson out of the jawbone of the donkey?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 15.

(Answers: 1. Her father had given her to someone else. 2. Foxes. 3. Torches. 4. They burned up. 5. Came after him. 6. The Israelites. 7. They tied him up and gave him to the Philistines. 8. The jawbone of a donkey. 9. Water to drink.)

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SAMSON'S WEAKNESS

Samson was in the city of Gaza one night. The Philistines heard it and went and surrounded the city. They planned to catch him in the morning. But, in the night, Samson picked up the big heavy city gate and carried it to the top of a hill. So, the Philistines didn't catch him that time.

Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. He went to visit her often.

The Philistine lords came to Delilah and said, "Ask Samson how he is so strong because we want to catch him. If you find out for us, we will each give you a lot of money."

So Delilah asked Samson, "How are you so strong?"

He told her, "If I am tied with new bowstrings, then I will lose my strength."

Delilah tied him with the bowstrings. She had the Philistines hide in her house. Then she said, "Get up, Samson, the Philistines are here!" Samson got up and broke the bowstrings.

Delilah said, "You are teasing me. Please, tell me how you are so strong."

This time, Samson said, "If you tie me with new ropes that have never been used, I will be weak."

Delilah tied him with new ropes and said, "Samson, the Philistines are here!"

Samson got up and easily broke the ropes.

Delilah said, "You've teased me again and told me lies. Tell me how you are so strong?"

Samson said, "If you weave my hair to a loom I will be as weak as any other man."

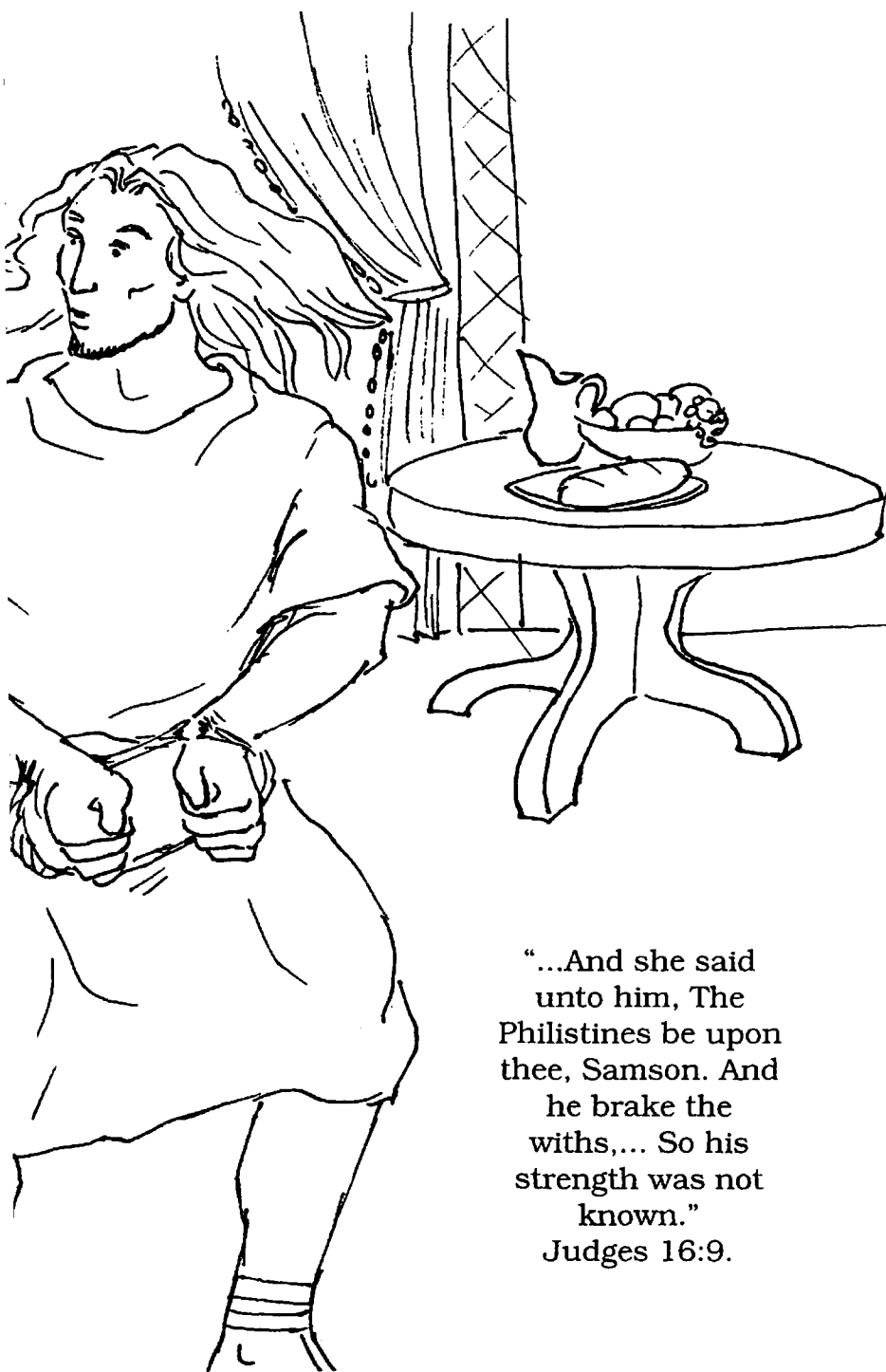
Delilah wove his hair to the loom and stuck a pin in it to hold it down. Then she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!"

Samson got up and carried off the pin that was supposed to hold him down.

Delilah said, "You don't love me at all. That's why you won't tell me how you are so strong." She begged and begged him day after day to tell her how he was so strong. She begged so much that she made him very tired of her asking.

—Sis. Joanna Booher





“...And she said
unto him, The
Philistines be upon
thee, Samson. And
he brake the
withs,... So his
strength was not
known.”

Judges 16:9.

Pursuing Peace

(Based on a true account.)

"Tommie, is your shirt buttoned and your hair combed?" asked Mother. "We need to leave for church promptly."

Tommie stood quietly while his Mother's quick eyes inspected his grooming. Neatness and being on time was important to his family and if Mother wasn't checking him, his two older sisters were.

"You look fine," said Mother with a smile. "Now hurry to the buggy and mind you, don't touch the wheel when you climb aboard."

Tommie obeyed his mother. Soon the family was riding behind their two sleek horses trotting to a chapel in Augusta, Georgia, where their father was pastor.

At church, even young Tommie could tell the congregation was nervous and upset. He knew why. Just that week one of his father's friends had stood at their garden gate and shouted, "Mr. Lincoln's elected. There'll be war!"

Sure enough, war did break out. Living in the south, Tommie witnessed the destruction that war brings to lives and to property. His father's chapel was used as a temporary hospital for wounded Confederate soldiers and their suffering touched Tommie's tender heart. From the Civil War, he learned that war is an ugly, painful way to settle a problem.

Because of the war, Tommie didn't start to school until he was nine years old and was eleven before he could read very well. Once he learned to read, books became his best friends. He read history books, biographies of famous leaders, and he studied the Bible. His parents wanted him to be a minister but Tommie had other thoughts. He went into college and studied law. In 1882 he graduated from the University of Virginia and went into law practice.

As a lawyer, he carried his middle

name of Woodrow. He was a wise lawyer, honest in his trade. Often he prayed for the Lord's guidance in decisions he had to make. His integrity won many friends to his side. He married one friend, Ellen Louise, and they had three daughters.

Through hard work and by God's help, Thomas Woodrow Wilson became the 28th president of the United States on March 4, 1913. When World War I began, he remembered the tragedies of the Civil War and he worked toward world harmony. By his words of peace, he fought for freedom for all people. In December 1920, Woodrow Wilson won the Nobel Peace Prize. —Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Samson do to the gate of Gaza?
2. Who was the woman Samson fell in love with?
3. What did the Philistine lords ask Delilah to find out?
4. What did the Philistine lords say they would give to Delilah?
5. What two things did Samson say they should tie him with to make him weak?
6. What did Delilah say when she had tied Samson up?
7. Was Samson weak when they tied him?
8. What did Delilah ask Samson over and over?
9. How did Samson feel toward Delilah after awhile?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 16:1-16.

(Answers: 1. He picked it up and carried it to the top of a hill. 2. Delilah, a Philistine. 3. How Samson was so strong. 4. A lot of money. 5. Bowstrings and new ropes. 6. "Get up, Samson, the Philistines are here." 7. No. 8. "Why are you so strong?" 9 Tired of her asking.)

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THE END OF SAMSON

Delilah kept asking Samson to tell her how he was so strong. She begged so much that she made him very tired of her asking.

Finally, Samson told her, "I have never cut my hair because I am a Nazarite. If my hair is cut, I will be as weak as any other man."

Delilah called for the Philistines and told them to hide in her house. When Samson was asleep, she had his hair shaved off. Then she said, "Samson, the Philistines are going to catch you!"

Samson got up, but his strength was gone. The Philistines caught him and tied him up. They put out his eyes and made him their slave. They made him grind in the prison. After awhile, Samson's hair started to grow back.

One day, the Philistines had a party. They came to sacrifice to their god, Dagon. They said, "Our god has given Samson to us. Samson used to fight and win against us, but now he is our prisoner. Thank you, Dagon."

The Philistines were very happy and having a good time. They said, "Bring Samson out before us so he can make us laugh."

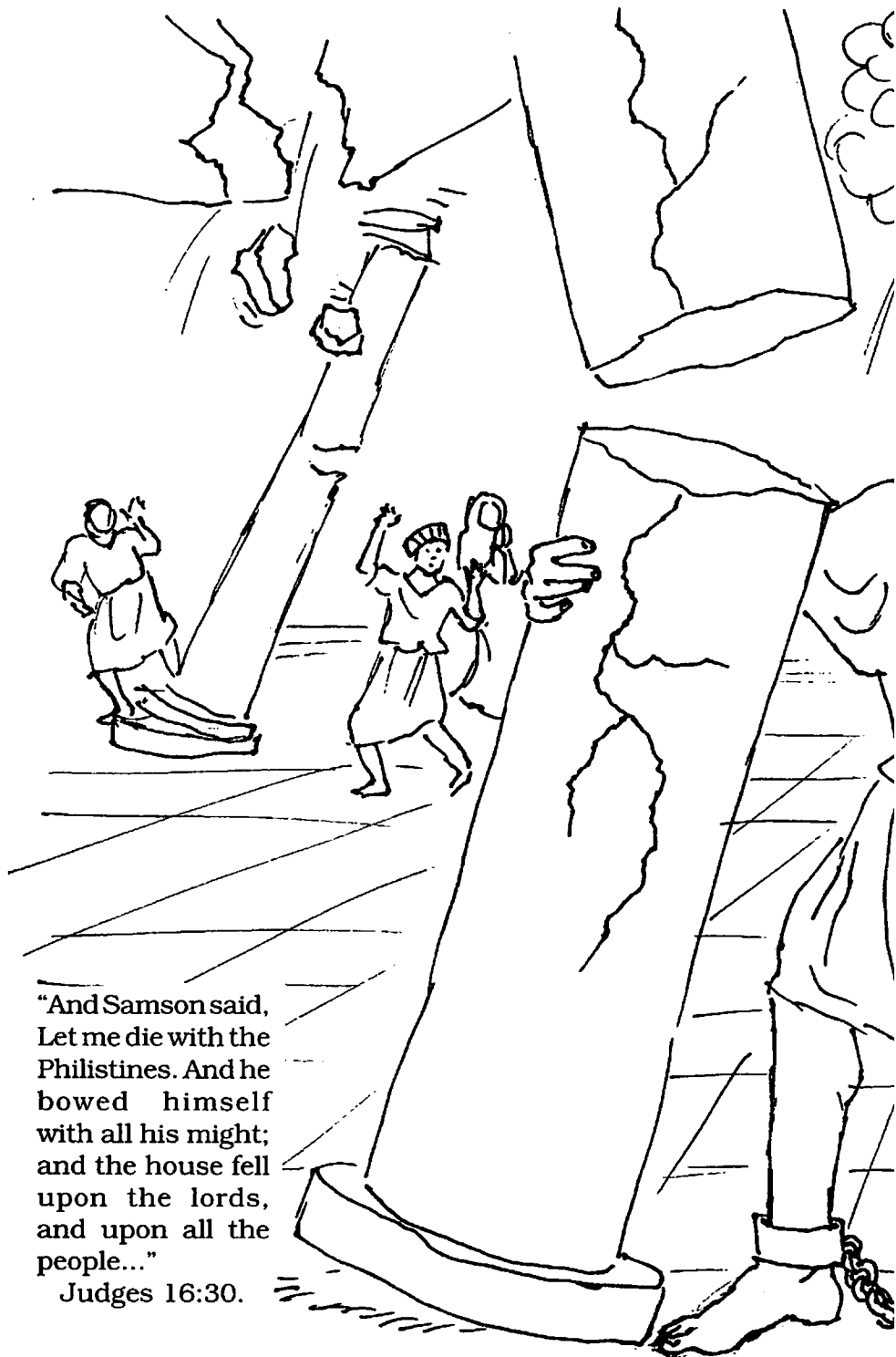
So Samson was brought out of prison to the great big house. The people all laughed at him. A boy led him around by the hand because he could not see.

Samson said to the boy, "Take me to the pillars in the middle of the house so I can lean against them."

The house was a very big house. It had two layers and there were three thousand people on the roof. All the lords of the Philistines were there.

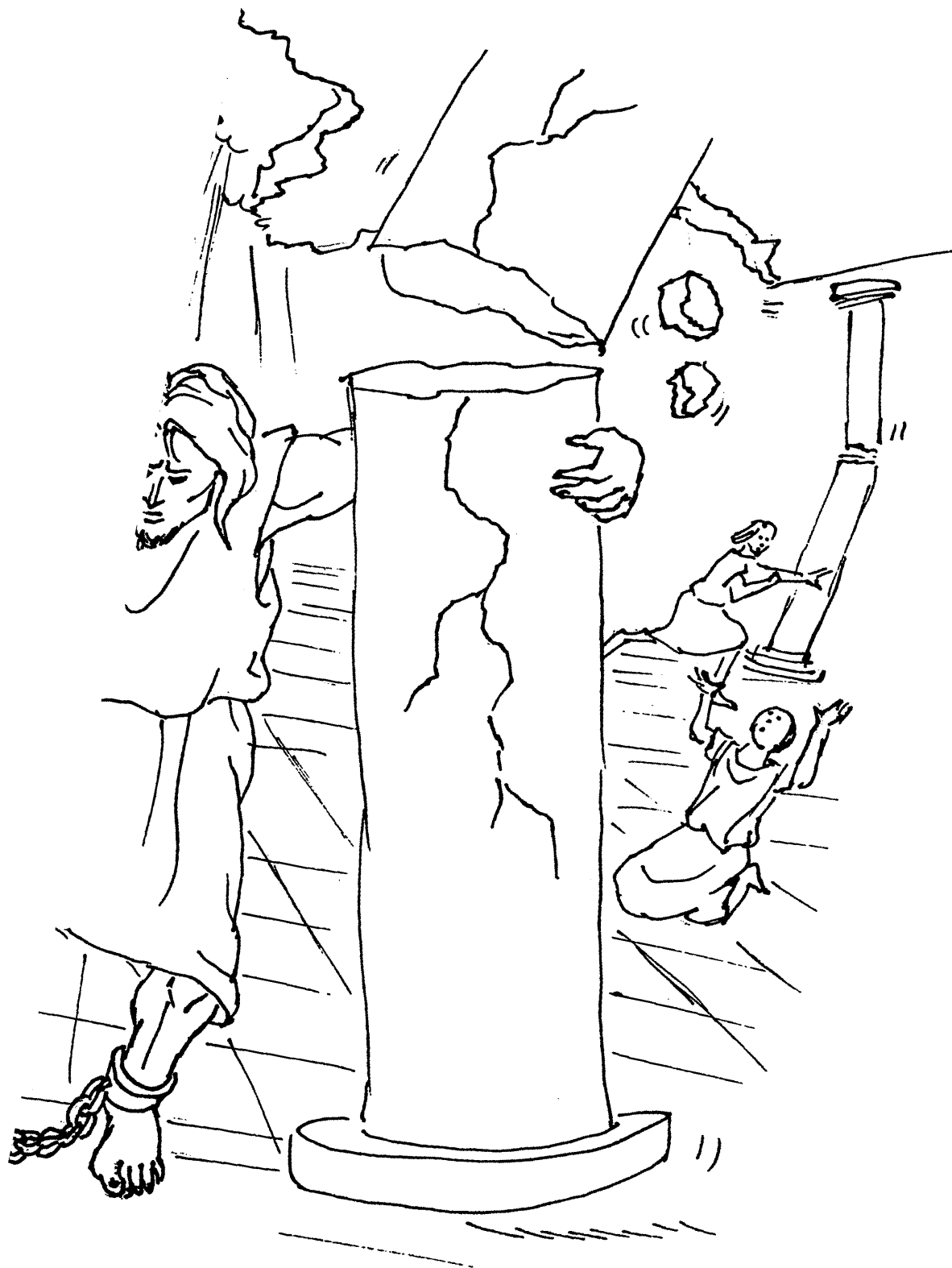
Samson stood by the pillars and prayed, "God, please remember me. Let me get even with the Philistines one last time." He put one hand on the pillar on the right, and one hand on the pillar on the left. "Let me die with the Philistines," he said and pulled on them with all his might. The pillars broke and the house fell down, killing all the three thousand people and Samson.

—Joanna Booher



"And Samson said,
Let me die with the
Philistines. And he
bowed himself
with all his might;
and the house fell
upon the lords,
and upon all the
people..."

Judges 16:30.



A Cross On The Hand

(A true story.)

In the country of North Korea it is forbidden to be a Christian. The children are told that this life is all there is; heaven is a lie. They are forced to "worship" their government leader, Kim Jong Il, and obey him without question. Juche (joo-chay) which is self-reliance, is their religion. Depend on yourself and your government, they are told.

However, many of the people hunger for spiritual food. Something inside of them whispers, "There is a Creator who made you. He wants you to live with Him in heaven after you die. Seek to please your Creator."

Life is hard in this cold northern country. Terrible floods wash away their food crops during their short growing season. This means that there is not enough food to eat during the year. Since 1996, at least three million people have died of starvation. Most of them are children under nine years old and older people over sixty.

One day some visiting businessmen from a Christian country were entering a hotel in North Korea when a teenage boy rushed up to them. He took hold of one of the men's hands and began to press his forefinger along the man's palm. Embarrassed, the visitor tried to pull his hand away, but the boy hung on. Then the visitor realized what form the boy was making on his hand.

The boy was drawing the sign of the cross on the Christian visitor's hand. The boy was skinny and looked frail but his eyes were strongly pleading a message. Without words he was saying, "There are Christians here who want to meet with you!"

Secretly, the next morning the visitors met with the boy. They learned that his Christian father was in prison

but the family still loved Jesus Christ. This young believer had four things he wanted the visitors to do for him. (1) Take his tithe he had saved over the years. (2) Baptize him in water. (3) Give him communion of unleavened bread and grape juice. (4) Provide him with a Korean Bible.

The teenager barely had any food to eat and he didn't have warm clothes to wear against the harsh winter winds but he did not ask for temporal things. He realized that spiritual blessings for the soul are much more important than earthly things that pass away.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Samson finally tell Delilah why he was so strong?
2. What did Delilah do to Samson while he slept?
3. Was Samson strong after his hair was cut off?
4. What did the Philistines make Samson?
5. What did the Philistines do to Samson's eyes?
6. What happened to Samson's hair in prison?
7. What did the Philistines have a party for?
8. Why did they ask for Samson to be brought out?
9. What happened when Samson leaned against the pillars?

LESSON TEXT: Judges 16:17-30.

(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Had his hair cut off. 3. No. 4. Their slave. 5. Put them out. 6. It started to grow back. 7. To worship their god, Dagon. 8. So they could laugh at him. 9. The building fell down and killed all the people.)

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RUTH

In the time of the judges, there was a famine in Israel. The fields of food didn't grow and there was not enough to eat.

A man named Elimelech took his wife, Naomi, and his two sons and moved to the land of Moab. While they lived there, Elimelech died. Naomi's two sons married two girls of Moab. Later, the two sons died.

Naomi decided to go back to her home, the city of Bethlehem. She had two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. She said to them, "Go back to your homes and families. My sons are dead so you don't need to stay with me."

Orpah and Ruth said, "We want to go with you."

Naomi said, "I don't have any more sons to be your husbands. You should stay here so you can marry someone else."

So Orpah went home. But Ruth said, "I want to stay with you. I want to be your family and serve your God. Please don't ask me to leave you."

Naomi let Ruth go with her and they went to Bethlehem. When they got to Bethlehem the people of the city said, "Is this Naomi?" Naomi means "pleasant."

Naomi said to them, "Don't call me Naomi, call me Mara," (Mara means bitter) "for the Lord has made my life bitter," she said.

Naomi and Ruth needed food to eat and it was harvest time for barley. Ruth said to Naomi, "Let me go and pick up ears of corn in someone's field." Back then the farmers let the poor people and strangers pick up the leftovers in their fields that their workers didn't get.

Naomi said, "Go, my daughter."

Ruth went and gathered in the field of a man named Boaz.

As Ruth picked up the barley, Boaz saw her and asked his workers, "Who is that woman?"

They told him, "She is the daughter-in-law of Naomi."

Boaz went to Ruth and said, "Don't go to another field to gather barley. Stay here and stay close to my women. I have told my men not to bother you. If you are hungry, come and eat and drink." —Joanna Booher

“And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave th
will go,...” Ruth 1



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Spiritual Pulp

(A true story.)

A huge Russian truck rolled slowly into a Cuban sugar mill. Groaning under its heavy load, the truck stopped beside large steel grinders, which are big round barrels with hundreds of teeth in them.

The mill foreman saw the truck and the thousands of small boxes packed on it. "What is going on?" he wondered as he rushed over to talk to the truck driver. He tapped on the truck window. "We grind sugar cane here," he said to the driver. "Not little boxes. What's in them?"

The truck driver didn't say a word. He simply showed the foreman a card that said, "G-2 Internal Security Police." The foreman backed away. No one was to question the Cuban KGB. He could not tell them what to do even though he was the boss of the sugar mill.

Silently, he and the other workers watched as the two government officers and four soldiers began unloading the truck. A switch was thrown and the drums spun to life with a loud roar. Box after box was emptied into the whirling blades that ripped and ground and chewed the contents into sweet pulp—a spiritually sweet pulp. For, you see, these machines were shredding the Word of God. As the Bible pulp burned in fire, the smoke incense arose to the Lord God above. One hundred thousand Bibles were thrown into this hungry mouth that day. Only the leather covers were saved, and made into purses.

But that didn't stop the Cuban Christians from getting and reading the Word of God. No, their souls were hungry to learn from God's Word and they secretly printed more copies.

It would mean life in prison or even death to have a Bible in Cuba,

but the Christians lived by the Word of God, not by the rule of an atheist dictator.

Since this happened in 1970, more than five hundred thousand Bibles have been given out in Cuba. A better breakthrough to spread the gospel came in 1999. In that year alone three hundred thousand Bibles were given out and one million children's Bible Story Books were given out as well.

Communism has tried in many countries to stop people from worshipping our true God but there is some desire built in every person to worship our Creator. God put this desire in each person and He gave us His Holy Word so we will know how to serve Him. Let us always love the Word of God and study it daily.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What is a famine?
2. Where did Elimelech take his family to live?
3. What happened to Elimelech and his sons in the land of Moab?
4. What did Naomi want to do after her husband and sons had died?
5. Who wanted to go with Naomi?
6. Who would not leave Naomi?
7. What did Ruth want to go and do?
8. Who asked about Ruth?
9. Whose field did Boaz tell Ruth to stay in?

LESSON TEXT: Ruth 1-2:9.

(Answers: 1. A time when the fields and food won't grow. 2. The land of Moab. 3. They died. 4. Go back to her home in Bethlehem. 5. Her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. 6. Ruth. 7. Gather ears of corn in someone's field. 8. Boaz. 9. His own.)

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BOAZ

Boaz spoke very kindly to Ruth when she came to gather in his field. He told her to stay in his field and not go to another. He told her to stay close to his women and that his men wouldn't bother her.

After he said these things, Ruth bowed down on her face before him and said, "Why are you being so nice to me? You know I am a stranger."

Boaz said, "I have heard how you have been so kind to your mother-in-law and how you have left your home and family to come here. God bless you."

When it was time to eat, Boaz made sure that she got enough to eat. He told his workers to purposely leave some barley behind for her.

Ruth stayed in his field until evening. She took her food home to Naomi. Naomi said, "Where did you gather today? Who has been so kind to let you gather so much?"

Ruth said, "It was a man named Boaz."

Naomi said, "May God bless him."

So Ruth gathered in Boaz' fields until the end of the barley harvest.

After some time, Naomi said, "I want you to be well and happy, Ruth. Now, Boaz is our near relative and our relative is supposed to take us as his family and take care of us. Tonight he is working at the threshingfloor with his men. Get washed up and I want you to go there tonight. Don't talk to him until after he has laid down to rest. Then uncover his feet and do as he says."

Ruth said, "I will do what you have told me."

Ruth went to the threshingfloor and watched until Boaz laid down to sleep. Then she went over to him and uncovered his feet and laid down at his feet.

Boaz woke up afraid in the night. There was a woman at his feet. "Who are you?" he said.

Ruth said, "I am Ruth. You are our near relative. Please take us as your family."

"I want to. You are a very good woman," said Boaz, "But you have a closer relative than I. I'll have to ask him first." He gave her a bundle of barley and sent her home to Naomi.

—Joanna Booher

"And now,...fear not; I will do to thee all that thou rec
city...doth know that thou art a virtuous woman." Ri



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Shut Chapel Doors

(A true story.)

In Hua Du village near Guangzhou, China, Pastor Li has been leading worship services with as many as six hundred people attending. These services were held every week in a secret place where only the true believers gathered. In China, it is against the law to meet without permission. Chairman Mao must approve of the written messages given in open public places. He has the words changed so that God is not honored but the government is given praise. Those who really want to serve God with an honest heart meet privately in hidden places.

Pastor Li is a sincere minister of God who reads all the Word of God to the people. When the police discovered where Pastor Li was teaching in Hua Du, they set about to stop him. First the police put up signs that said: "According to the instruction spirit from senior officials, our village is now beginning to develop a safe, civilized village campaign." Then the sign went on to say that "people from outside cannot come to our village to organize illegal gatherings." In other words, Christians cannot meet together to worship God with anyone such as Pastor Li.

The PSB officers welded steel doors over the entrances to the building where Pastor Li taught and they built a brick wall blocking anyone from coming there. They hired people to walk around the village and ask questions if several persons seemed to go in the same direction at one time. Christians have been arrested and put in prison when found out.

But all of this persecution has not destroyed the Church of God that meets in fields and woods about the village. The chapel doors can be barred and welded shut but the Church of

God will always fellowship and worship their King of kings and Lord of lords. With joy they come to praise Jesus Christ, knowing that any time the PSB police could come, arrest them all and take them to prison.

How thankful are we to worship with God's people every service time? In America, we don't suffer the persecution that other Christians face in some foreign countries, but we have to press forward against spiritual laziness and the selfish lust for pleasure. We don't attend worship services to be entertained but we come there to pray quietly and seek God's pleasure. Our hearts must be in tune to praise the Lord in one song of holiness. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Ruth do after Boaz spoke so kindly to her?
2. Why did Boaz say he was being so nice to her?
3. Did Ruth gather enough food?
4. What did Naomi say Boaz was to them?
5. What was their nearest relative supposed to do to them?
6. What did Naomi tell Ruth to do after Boaz laid down to sleep?
7. Why did Boaz wake up in the night?
8. Did Boaz want to take Naomi and Ruth as his family?
9. What did Boaz give Ruth before he sent her home?

LESSON TEXT: Ruth 2:8-3:15.

(Answers: 1. She bowed down on her face before him. 2. Because he had heard of her kindness to her mother-in-law. 3. Yes. 4. A relative. 5. Take them as family. 6. Go up to him and uncover his feet. 7. He was afraid. 8. Yes. 9. A bundle of barley.)

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GRANDMOTHER NAOMI

Ruth went home to Naomi and told her, "Boaz says he wants to take us as family but that there is a nearer relative than he. The nearer relative is the one who's supposed to take us in. Boaz is going to ask him this morning if he will make us his family. If the relative won't, then Boaz will." Ruth showed Naomi all the barley that Boaz had given her.

Naomi said, "Just sit down and we'll have to wait to see what happens."

Boaz went to the city gate and saw the relative who was closer to Naomi going past. He said to him, "Wait. Sit down here for a moment, please." Then Boaz called ten elders of the city and asked them to sit down too.

Boaz said to the relative, "You know that Naomi has come back and her husband died. He has some property and you are his closest relative so you are supposed to buy it. Let me know if you are going to or not, because I am supposed to if you won't."

The relative said, "All right. I will buy the property."

"But," Boaz said, "If you buy it, you also have to marry Ruth, the Moabitess, the daughter-in-law of Naomi."

"I can't do that," the relative said. "I will let you do it instead." The relative took off his shoe and gave it to Boaz as a sign that Boaz could buy the property and marry Ruth.

The elders and the people all blessed Boaz and said, "May you have many children and become wealthy and famous."

Boaz went and took Ruth as his wife and took care of Naomi. Later, Ruth had a son and named him Obed.

Now Naomi was a grandmother. All the women of the city said to her, "Blessed be the Lord, Who has given you a wonderful daughter-in-law, Ruth, who has given you a grandson. Now your family will not die but may become famous. And you will have great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren."

The women were right. Obed had a son named Jesse, and Jesse had a son named David who became a king of Israel. —Joanna Booher



And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people,...I have bought all that was Elimelech's,...of the field of Naomi. Moreover Ruth the Moabitess,...have I purchased to be my wife,...” Ruth 4:9-10.



Stand Up For Honesty

Quietly, Jerry came home from school and went to his bedroom. He wanted to think for awhile before facing his family. Also, he didn't want his mother to see his swollen nose and black eye. He wasn't sorry about the stand he had made. He just wished the whole thing hadn't happened.

Soon Linda knocked on his bedroom door. "Jerry, can I come in?" she asked.

"Why? What do you want?"

"My friend Teresa told me what happened today and I want to tell you how proud I am of you."

There was a long pause, then Jerry said, "Thanks." But he didn't want Linda to come in. She would probably holler when she saw his face swollen and blue.

In a couple of hours, supper time came and Jerry couldn't hide any longer. Mother and Dad always liked to have all the family around the supper table. Jerry washed his hands and slowly joined the others in the dining room.

Mother gasped when she saw Jerry and Dad stared in shock. "I had some evil contact with a fist," said Jerry with a half grin as he sat down in his chair.

Linda rushed to praise her brother. "Jerry really was a strong Christian today," she said. "Some bully wanted Jerry to cheat and lie but he wouldn't do it."

"Oh?" said Mother. "Would you please tell us what happened, Jerry?"

"Oh, today we played baseball during P.E. time and I was catcher like usual. D.C. got mad at me because I caught the ball before he got to home plate. But he really was mad when the coach asked me if I had the ball before Tyler touched

home plate. I had it half a second before Tyler slammed in."

"Did the coach see him hit you?" asked Mother.

"No, he caught me later after school. I could have slugged him back but I didn't want to lower myself to his poor sportsmanship level."

"You did the right thing, son," said Dad. "Do you want me to talk to the school coach about this?"

"No," said Jerry. "The other guys will tell the coach and D.C. will be in trouble. In fact, no one likes to play with him anyway. I figure he is the loser more than me because the guys don't want him around for sure now. Maybe if I show him some kindness, he will change his bully ways."

"What a hero!" cheered Mother.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who did Boaz have to talk to before he could take Ruth and Naomi as family?
2. Did Boaz see the other relative passing by?
3. Did he stop to talk to Boaz?
4. Who else did Boaz ask to stop and sit down?
5. Did the relative want to buy Naomi's husband's property?
6. Did the relative want to marry Ruth?
7. Did Boaz marry Ruth and take care of Naomi?
8. What was the name of their son?
9. Who was Obed's grandson?

LESSON TEXT: Ruth 3:16-4:17.

(Answers: 1. The other nearer relative. 2. Yes. 3. Yes. 4. Ten elders. 5. Yes. 6. No. 7. Yes. 8. Obed. 9. David, king of Israel.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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HANNAH'S PRAYER

There was a man named Elkanah who had a wife named Hannah. Elkanah loved his wife, Hannah, very much. But, Hannah did not have any children and this made her very sad.

Every year Elkanah and Hannah went to the house of God to give their sacrifices to Him. One year Hannah was so sad that she cried and cried and would not eat. Elkanah said to her, "Why are you crying and why won't you eat? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

Hannah went to the house of God to pray. She said to God, "If You will give me a son, I will give him back to You."

A man named Eli was the priest in the temple at that time. He sat by a post of the temple and as he sat there he saw Hannah. She was praying and her mouth was moving but no sounds were coming out. Eli thought she was drunk.

"How long will you be drunk?" he said to her.

"I am not drunk," Hannah said. "I am praying because I am so unhappy."

"Go in peace," Eli said to her. "May your prayer be answered."

So Hannah was not sad anymore. She ate and went home with her husband.

Later, Hannah had a son and named him Samuel. Samuel means "Asked of God," for, Hannah said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

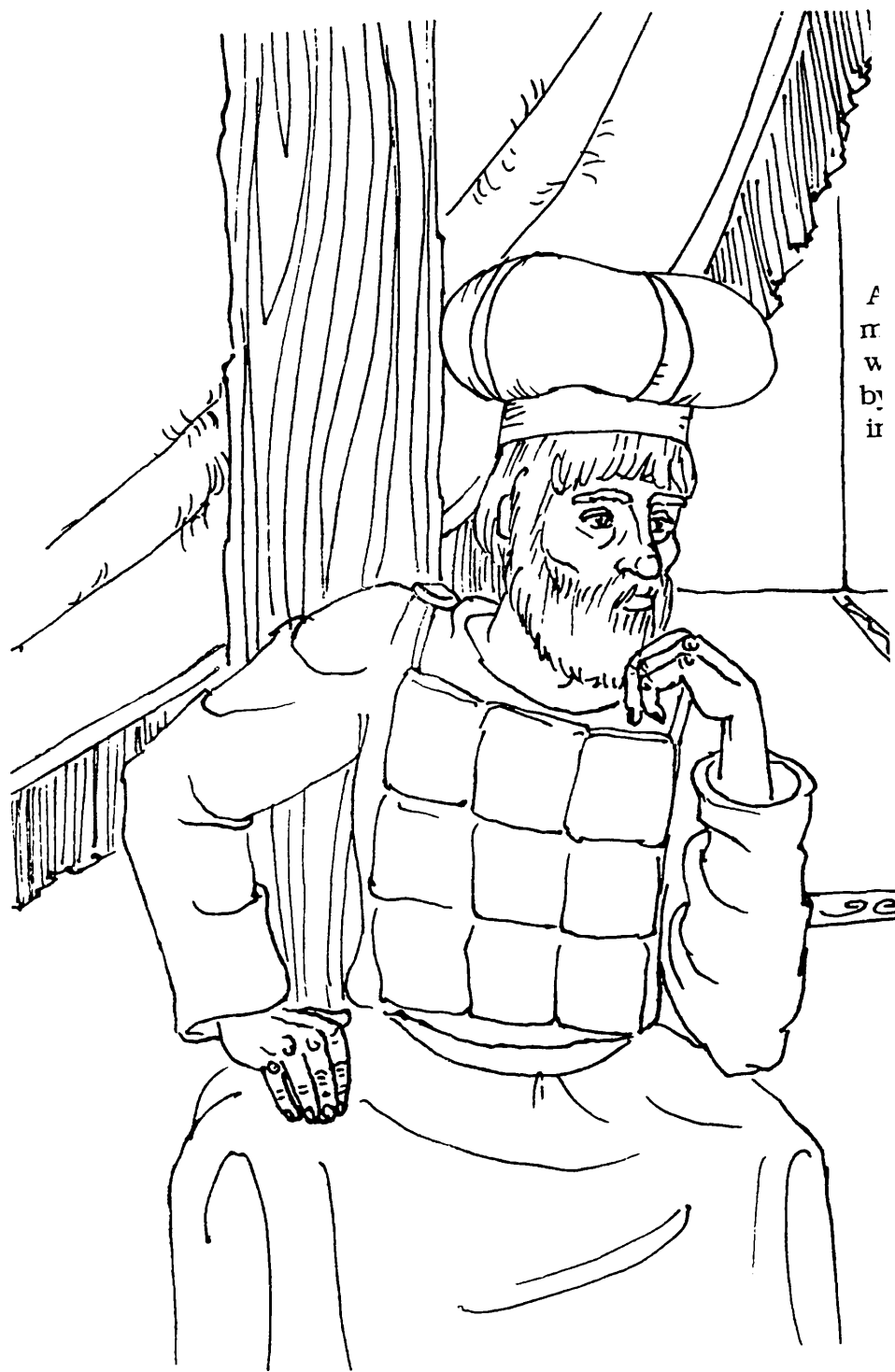
Hannah waited until Samuel was bigger than a baby and then took him to the temple. She said to Eli, "I am the woman that was crying and praying here. God has answered my prayer for a son and now I am giving him back. As long as he lives he will serve the Lord."

Hannah and Elkanah worshipped and then they went home. Samuel stayed and served the Lord in the temple. Every year Hannah and Elkanah came back to the temple and Hannah brought a new coat for her son, Samuel.

When Eli saw them, he blessed them and said, "Because you have given your son to the Lord, may you have many more children."

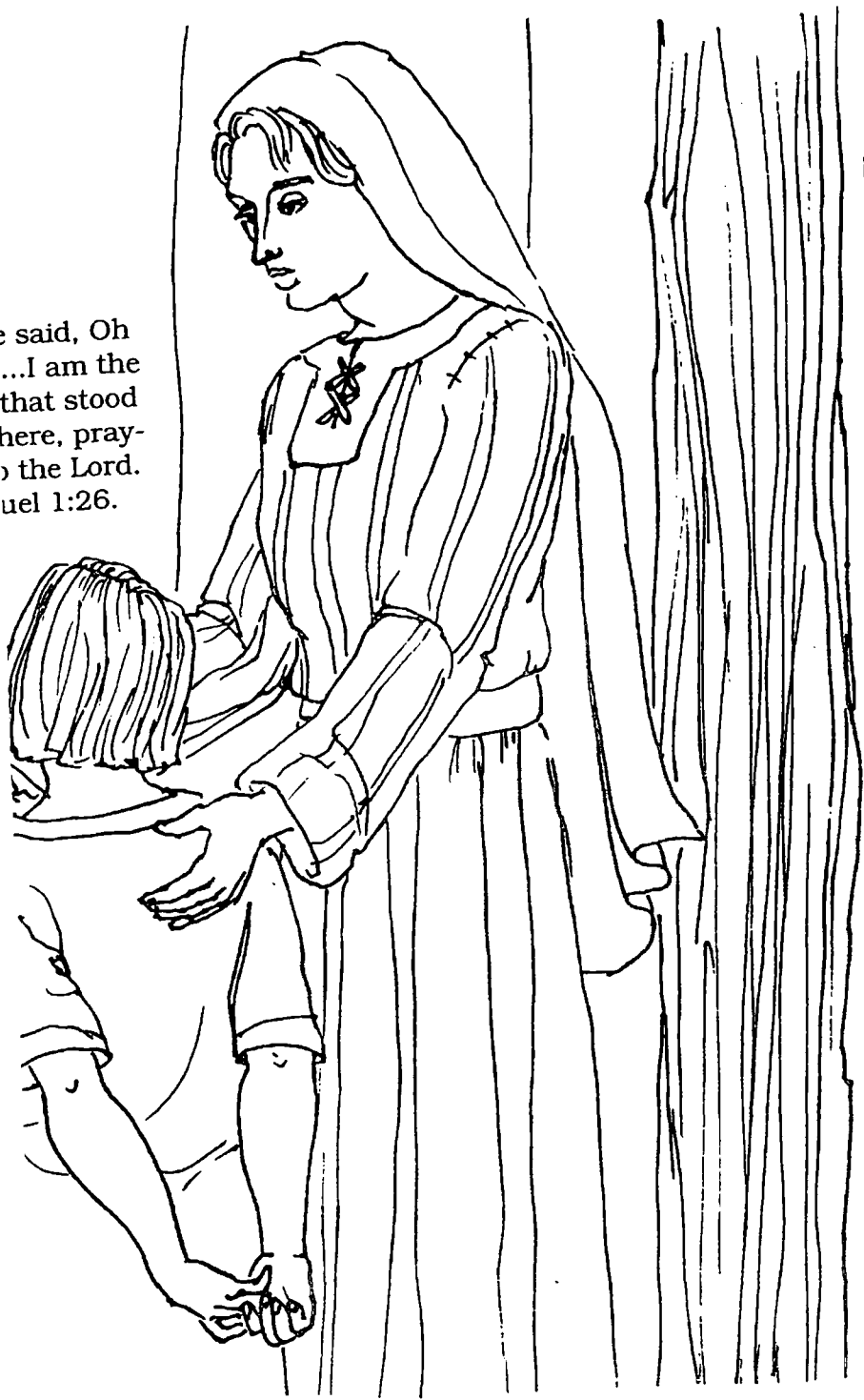
And Hannah and Elkanah did. Hannah had three sons and two daughters after that.

—Joanna Booher



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Helping Mother

Mother and Linda were making supper in the kitchen when baby Allen began to cry.

"Linda, would you please peel the rest of these potatoes and put them in this pan to steam," said Mother. "Allen needs attention but I will be back soon."

"Okay," agreed Linda as she took the potato peeler from Mother. She knew Allen did need Mother and supper needed to be finished also. She had just put the last potato in the pan when she saw the fried chicken needed to be turned.

Linda had never worked with the hot skillet of grease and chicken but she had watched Mother do it. She put on an oven mitt, took the long meat fork in that hand, and carefully turned the floured side of the meat down into the grease. The golden crispy chicken looked tasty as it crackled and fried.

Steam was coming from the pan of green beans so Linda turned off the burner under it. The corn was done also, and the hot rolls were browning in the oven. Linda glanced at the table. She had been so busy cooking she had forgotten to set the table. Quickly, she wiped the table with a clean cloth. Then she set a plate, knife, spoon, fork, napkin and glass at each person's place.

"Oh, Linda, you have things nearly ready," said Mother with relief as she came into the kitchen with Allen in her arms. "Have you made the gravy yet?"

"No, Mother, I don't think I can," replied Linda.

Mother put Allen in his baby swing setting in a corner of the kitchen. "Help me make the gravy," Mother

said to Linda, "and then you can make it next time."

Using some of the chicken grease in the skillet, Mother put flour into it. Stirring this, she added milk and potato water until the gravy was just right. It wasn't too thin nor too thick.

"I think I can make gravy next time," said Linda.

"You can certainly do it," said Mother. "Now would you please push Allen in his swing and I will call your daddy, Jerry and Randy to the table to eat."

Soon the family was gathered around the supper table. "Please bow your heads and let us pray," said Daddy. When he asked the Lord to bless the hands that had prepared the food, Linda felt warm inside.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What was Elkanah's wife's name?
2. Why was Hannah sad?
3. What did Hannah tell God she would do if He gave her a son?
4. What was Hannah doing in the temple?
5. Who saw Hannah praying?
6. What did Eli think Hannah was?
7. Did Hannah have a son?
8. What did Hannah name her son?
9. What did Samuel do in the temple?
10. What did God do for Hannah since she gave her son to Him?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 1:1-28, 2:18-21.

(Answers: 1. Hannah. 2. Because she did not have any children. 3. She would give him back to God. 4. Praying. 5. Eli. 6. Drunk. 7. Yes. 8. Samuel. 9. Serve God. 10. He gave her more children.)

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THE VOICE IN THE NIGHT

Eli and his sons were the priests in the house of God. But, Eli's sons were bad men. When the people came to sacrifice, they did not offer the sacrifices to God like they were supposed to. God did not like this.

Eli did not like it either but he did not stop his sons.

God sent a man of God to Eli and He said, "I promised that your family would be priests forever. But your sons are very wicked and have sinned against Me. So, I am going to let them both be killed in the same day. And I will raise up a faithful priest who will do right."

One night as Eli lay down to sleep, God called to the boy, Samuel.

God said, "Samuel."

Samuel thought it was Eli calling him and went to him. "I'm here, you called for me," he said.

"No, I didn't," Eli said, "Go back to bed."

Samuel went back and God called again, "Samuel."

Samuel went to Eli's bed again. "I'm here, you called."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go lie down."

Samuel lay down in his bed. The Lord called him the third time, "Samuel."

When Samuel came to Eli this time, Eli saw that it was the Lord who was calling Samuel. "When He calls your name again," Eli told Samuel, "Say, Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

Samuel lay down. The Lord came and stood and called Samuel again, "Samuel, Samuel."

Samuel said what Eli told him to say and God talked with Samuel. God told him what He was going to do to Eli's sons because they had sinned against Him.

The next morning, Samuel did not want to be around Eli because he did not want to tell him what God had said about him. But Eli called Samuel to him and said, "What has the Lord showed you? Do not hide it from me."

So Samuel told Eli everything God had said. Eli said, "It is the Lord, let Him do what is right to Him."

Samuel grew and the Lord talked to him. Everyone knew that he was the Lord's prophet because what the Lord told him came to pass.

—Joanna Booher

And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me.... I Samuel 3:5.





Angels Singing

(A true story.)

This is a true story about a three-year-old boy who heard special music one time.

It was a warm summer night and like always Jared said his prayers with his mother, two sisters, and brother. His dad was already asleep in bed when they prayed.

When Mother came into Jared's bedroom to tuck him in, he said, "Please play our game."

Mother smiled as she gently touched each of his eyes, then his head. "Winkin, Blinkin, and Nod, go to dreamland in the starry sky." She kissed Jared's forehead. "Sleep tight, Sweetheart. See you in the morning." He nodded as he drifted off to sleep.

Along about midnight, Jared was awakened by lovely music. He sat up in bed and listened. He thought that perhaps a family member had a radio on. He went out into the hallway to see but no one was up. Then Jared glanced out his bedroom window and saw a soft glow of light.

He rushed to his window and stood in awe at the sight of angels singing in a white cloud in the sky. Beautiful music seemed to echo in the air.

Suddenly Jared felt someone beside him. He looked up to see his mother. She had heard Jared at first and came to check on him but now she heard the music.

"Do you see the angels, Mama?" he asked pointing over the swimming pool toward the clouds.

"No, I don't see your angels," whispered Mother, "but I do hear the heavenly music." A sacred peace seemed to wrap around them as

Mother and son shared a glimpse of heaven.

The music and singing stopped. The night returned to normal. Jared and Mother sighed together.

"We had better get back to bed," said Mother as she tucked Jared in again. Soon both were sound asleep.

In the morning, not another family member knew about the singing and music. Only Jared and Mother had heard the angelic visitors which they clearly remembered.

About two weeks after this visit, Jared was swimming in the family pool with his sisters, brother and dad. His Mother was resting inside the house, when he accidentally drowned. His mother knows that he is now singing with the angels that he had heard and seen on that one special night. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the priest?
2. Were Eli's sons good men?
3. Did Eli stop his sons from being bad?
4. What did God say would happen to Eli's sons since they were so bad?
5. Who heard a voice in the night?
6. Who did Samuel think was calling him?
7. Who was calling Samuel?
8. Did Samuel want to tell Eli what God had said?
9. What did everyone know Samuel was?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 2:12-17, 27-3:20.

(Answers: 1. Eli. 2. No. 3. No. 4. They would be killed in one day. 5. Samuel. 6. Eli. 7. God. 8. No. 9. A prophet.)

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GOD'S WILL IS DONE

The Israelites went out to fight against the Philistines. The Philistines lined themselves up to fight and when they started to fight, the Israelites ran from them. The Philistines chased them and many of the Israelites were killed.

The people of Israel came into the camp from being beaten and the elders of Israel said, "Why did we lose so badly today? Let us get the ark of God and take it with us into battle. Then surely we will win!"

So, the people of Israel sent and brought the ark of God. When the ark came into the camp all the people shouted with a great shout so the earth rang.

The Philistines heard the shout. "What is this?" they asked. When they heard that the ark of God was with the Israelites they were afraid. "Woe to us!" they said, "For God is with them. This is the God that beat the Egyptians so badly! But, be brave," they told themselves, "Fight like men!"

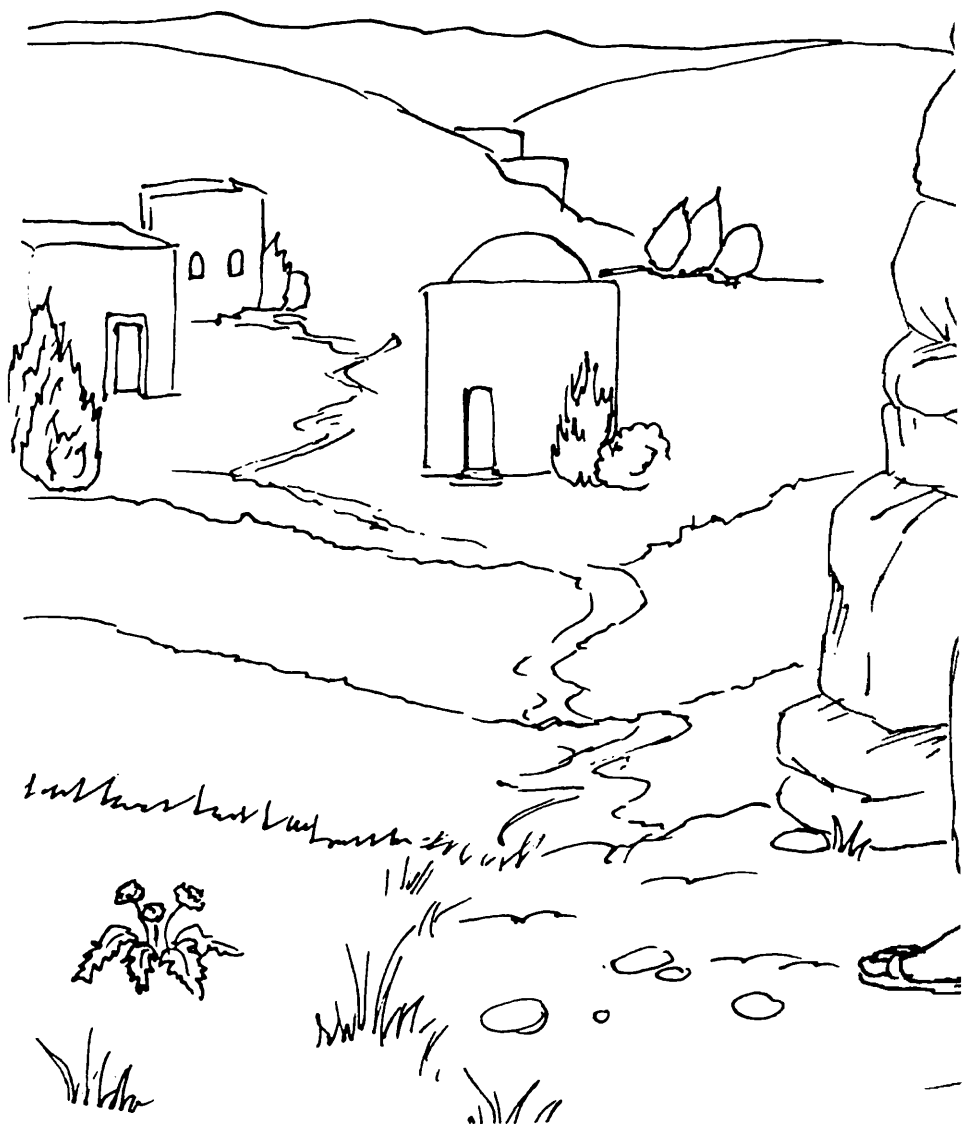
So they went to battle again. And the Israelites ran from the Philistines again. The Philistines captured the ark of God and Eli's two sons were killed and many other Israelites were killed.

An Israelite ran out of the battlefield and came to the town where Eli lived. When he told the news of the battle all the people in the town cried out loud. Eli was sitting by the road on a stone. He was worried about the ark of God since they had taken it to battle. He heard the crying of the people and asked what was wrong. When the man came, his clothes were torn and he had put dirt on his head. He told Eli that his two sons were killed and the ark was taken. Eli fell off the stone backward and his neck broke so he died.

The people of Israel were very sad. Eli's son's wife said, "The glory is gone from Israel because the ark of God is taken."

—Joanna Booher

And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the
wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the
ark of God.... I Samuel 4:13.





A New Person

(A true story.)

"I'm tired of livin' poor and not havin' any money," declared Will to his mother. "I'm gonna get a job and leave this ole place behind."

"Okay," replied his mother. "Just make sure you get an honorable job and keep good company."

His mother sighed when he slammed the front door behind him. Willard was her second child of nine children. They did have it rough in the hills of Kentucky but she had tried her best to make the tumbled down shack a home. She hoped her Will wouldn't go to drinking like most men she knew, but that was all Will knew also.

His first job was at a pool hall where drinking and gambling was the rage. Will became a good pool shark and began to work at other pool halls and bars. He kept company with gamblers and wild women. He knew this would grieve his mother so he wouldn't go home to see her.

Time passed. Will joined a smuggling gang who robbed anything from diamonds to guns. He had plenty of money to buy whatever he wanted but what he really wanted, he couldn't buy. That was HAPPINESS. As a poor boy growing up, Will had thought money would make him happy. As a rich man, he knew differently. Will was rich with money, but he was lonely, sad and confused.

One day he was arrested for robbery and had to serve nine and a half years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. While in prison, his father and then his mother died. He went to each funeral with shackles on his hands and feet. Will was ashamed of his life.

After he left prison, he was on the streets of Chicago, when he heard a

man say to him, "Excuse me, friend. You look like you could use some help. Would you like a nice hot meal and a good place to sleep?"

"I ain't got no money," replied Will.

"You don't need money," said the kind man. "Everything at the mission is provided by Christians who love the Lord. Come with me."

After a hot meal, Will went to his first church service. At fifty-six years of age, he heard about the love of Jesus and His free gift of salvation. When Will prayed for Jesus to come into his heart, he cried like a baby. His desire for cigarettes, gambling and wild living left him and he became a new person in Christ.

Today Will doesn't have a lot of money, but he has true riches in his heart and in heaven.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Who fought against the Israelites?
2. Who won the fight?
3. What did the Israelites think would help them win the fight?
4. How did the Philistines feel when they heard the Israelites had the ark of God with them?
5. Who won the second fight?
6. Who were two of the men who were killed in the fight?
7. Why was Eli sitting by the road?
8. What happened when Eli heard the bad news?
9. Who had the ark after the fight?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 4.

(Answers: 1. The Philistines. 2. The Philistines. 3. The ark of God. 4. Afraid. 5. The Philistines. 6. Eli's sons. 7. He was worried about the ark. 8. He fell backwards and broke his neck so he died. 9. The Philistines.)

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GOD VISITS THE PHILISTINES

The Philistines took the ark of God home to Ashdod with them. They brought it into the house of their god, Dagon. When they came in the next morning, Dagon had fallen down before the ark of God. They set him back up and left. On the second morning they came in, they found Dagon had fallen down before the ark again. His head and arms were broken off too. The priests of Dagon were afraid after that and would not go into that house again.

Then all the people of Ashdod started to get sick. The Lord made them sick. The men of Ashdod said, "The ark of God will not stay with us." They sent for the lords of the Philistines and said, "What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel?"

The lords said, "Take it to Gath." When the Philistines took it there many more people started to get sick.

So they sent the ark to Ekron. When the people of Ekron saw the ark of God coming, they cried and said, "They have brought the ark of God to us to kill us all." They called the lords of the Philistines together and said, "Send the ark away, back to its own place so we won't all die."

The ark of God was in the land of the Philistines seven months. The Philistines called their priests and diviners and said, "What shall we do with the ark? Where do we send it?"

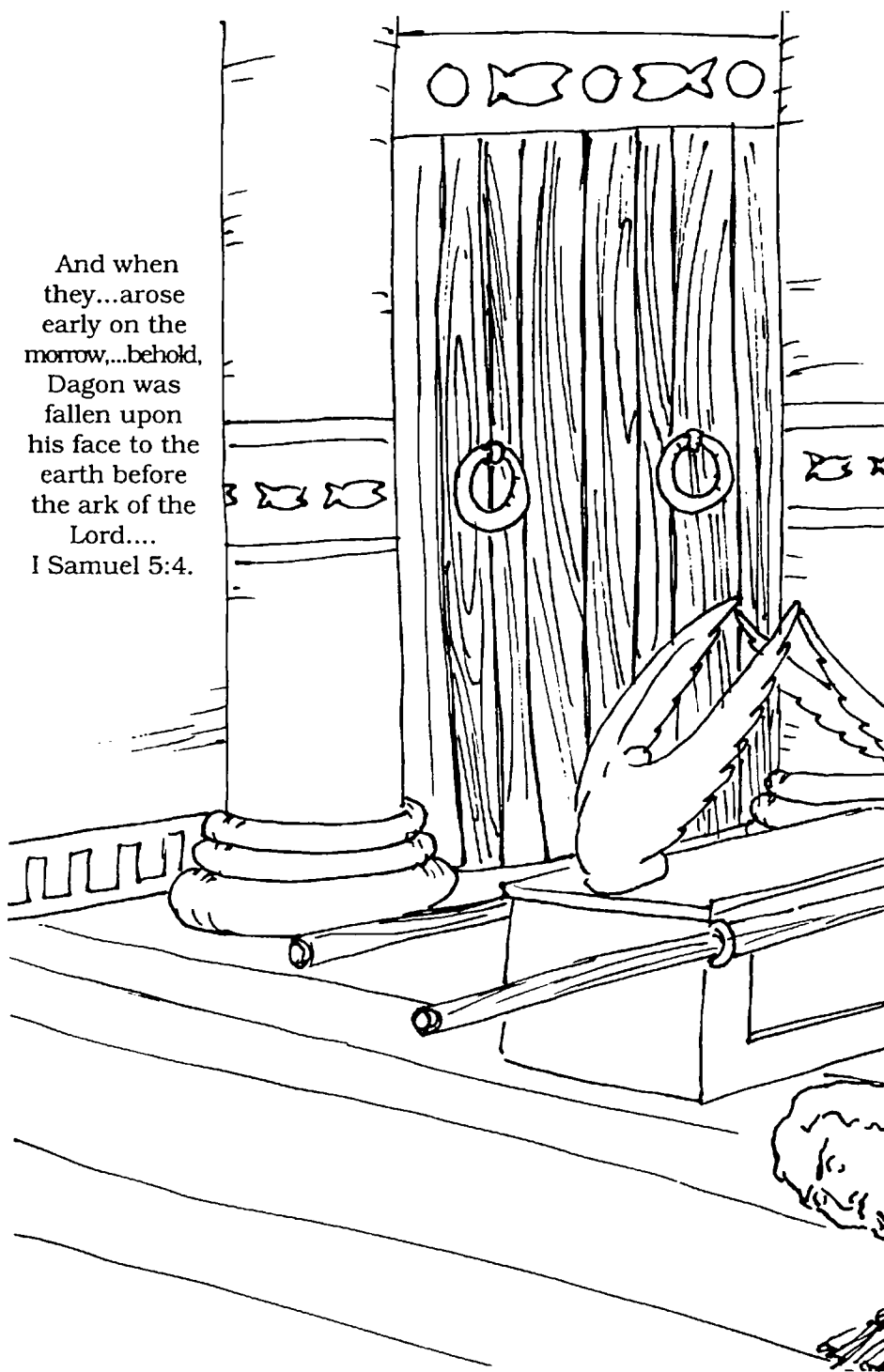
"Don't send it back without an offering or gift," the diviners said. "Send it back with an offering of gold. Put the ark on a cart pulled by two cows and let it go down the road. If it goes back toward Israel, you'll know the Lord has made you sick."

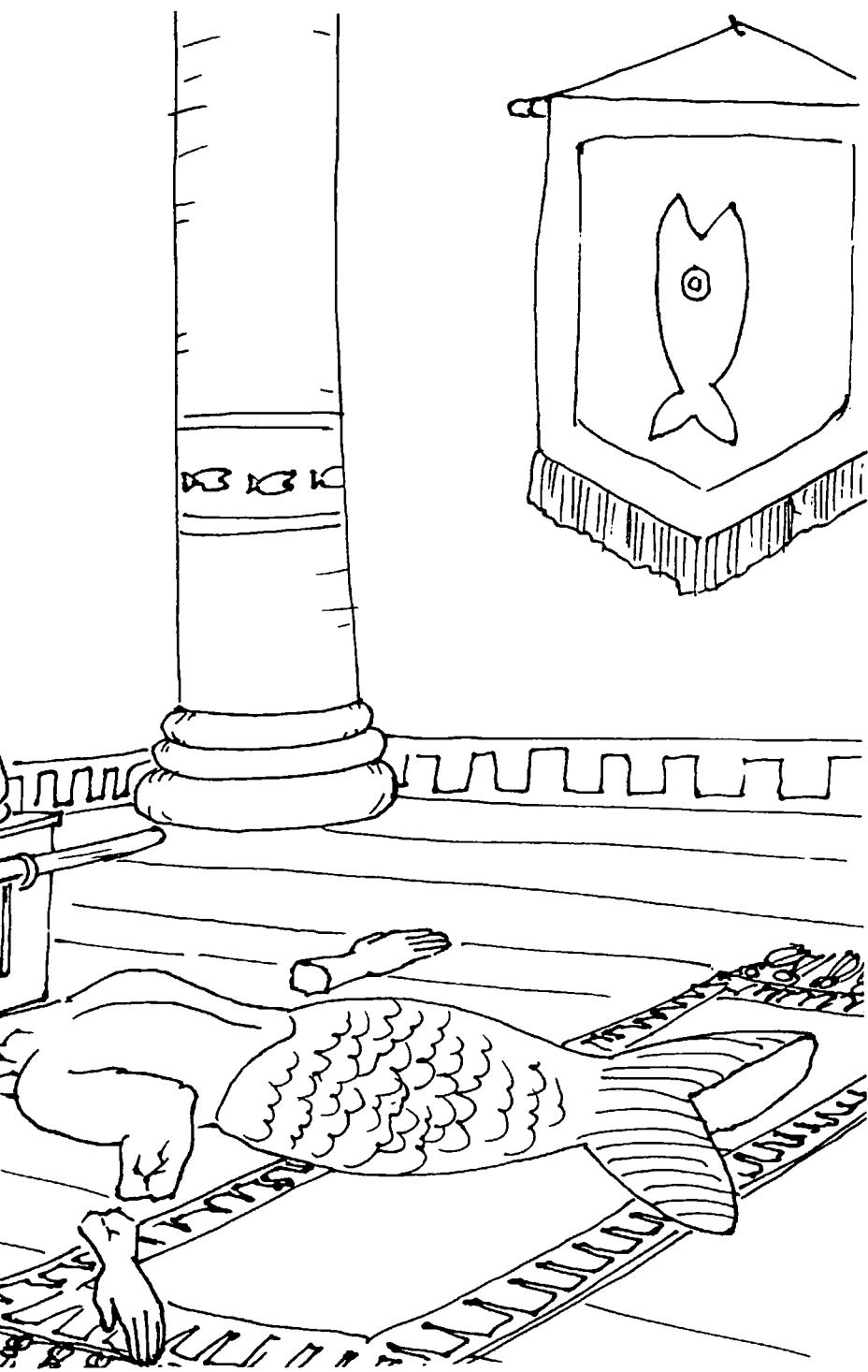
The Philistines did as their priests and diviners said. The cows pulled the cart right into Israel, mooing all the way. When the Israelites looked up and saw the ark coming they were very glad.

They set the ark on a stone and burnt the cart and cows as an offering to the Lord.

—Joanna Booher

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Lord....
I Samuel 5:4.





Burned By Hate

(A true story.)

In the country of Sudan, Africa, Christians are persecuted by the Muslims. Thousands of Christians have fled their homes in fear that they will be killed. These people have nothing but the clothes they wore when they left home. In the open grassland families struggle to find food to eat and shelter from the sun and rain. At night it can be cold, so they huddle together for warmth. All this time they watch for Muslim soldiers who hunt for them.

One time a group of Christian boys left their families to hunt for field mice and roots to eat. Muslim soldiers saw them and chased the boys who tried to hide in some tall grass. The soldiers encircled the area where the boys were hiding and they set fire to that place. As the boys ran out of the fire, they were shot. One boy laid close to the ground while the fire burned his body and all the grass around him. The soldiers saw him but thought he was dead so they left.

Later, relatives of the boys came looking for them. They found this boy badly burned and they carried him back to a hut in the village. Crying and praying, his family begged the Lord to send a miracle to save his life. The Lord had not forsaken them.

Several times a year, mission workers from America go into Sudan's grassland and give out blankets, clothes, food and New Testaments. When the workers arrived in the village, they saw how injured this boy was. "He needs medical help and a better place to sleep," agreed the workers.

Carefully, they laid the burned boy in the back of a truck and he was taken to a small brick building called a hospital. There were only 100 beds lined in a row and all of them were full

so he was put beside another child on a cot.

A Christian doctor and nurses cleaned and bandaged his swollen, bleeding body. After they were finished, he had a peaceful sleep for the first time since the burning. For many days he stayed at the hospital where missionary nurses cared for him. Slowly he is getting better.

It is the love of God in Christian hearts that has brought healing to this war troubled nation. When people do not serve the true God, they do not have His love in their hearts. Let us pray for the Muslims and others who do not know our God of love and His Son, Jesus Christ. And let us pray for those who know the Lord and are willing to love Him in spite of persecution.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. Where did the Philistines put the ark?
2. How did the Philistines find Dagon after the first night?
3. What happened to Dagon's hands and head after the second night?
4. What happened to the people of Ashdod?
5. What happened to the people of Gath?
6. What did the people of Ekron say when they saw the ark coming?
7. Who did the Philistines call to find out what to do with the ark?
8. What did the priests and diviners say they should send back with the ark?
9. Where did the cows pull the ark to?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 5-6:14.

(Answers: 1. In the house of their god, Dagon. 2. On his face before the ark. 3. They broke off. 4. They got sick. 5. They got sick. 6. "They have brought the ark of God to kill us all." 7. Their priests and diviners. 8. Gifts of gold. 9. Israel.)

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WE WANT A KING

Samuel judged Israel all his life. When he was old, he made his sons judges too. But his sons were bad and did not judge right.

The children of Israel said to Samuel, "We want a king like the other nations around us."

Samuel did not like it when he heard this. But God said to him, "Do as the people ask you. Don't be hurt, they have not refused you, they have refused Me."

Samuel told the people, "If you have a king he will take your sons and daughters to serve him and he will take part of all you have to be his...."

The people of Israel said to him, "We want a king anyway."

God told Samuel, "Make them a king."

There was a man named Kish who had a son named Saul. Saul was a handsome man and was taller than everyone else.

Kish lost his donkeys one day, so he sent Saul and his servant to find them. Saul and the servant looked far and wide for the donkeys but could not find them. Finally, Saul said, "We had better get home or my father will start to worry about us instead of his donkeys."

The servant said, "There is a prophet who lives near here. Let's ask him first if he might know where the donkeys are."

Saul and the servant went to the city where Samuel lived. They met the girls coming out of the city to draw water and asked them if the prophet lived there.

The girls said, "Yes. If you go now you will meet him before he goes to sacrifice."

Then Samuel came out of the city and met them. God had told Samuel the day before that he would meet the man who should be king of Israel. When Samuel saw Saul, the Lord said to him, "This is the one who I want to be king of Israel!"

Samuel said to Saul, "Come and sacrifice with me for today you will eat a feast with me. And don't worry about your donkeys. They are found."

The next day Samuel told Saul that he would be king. He poured oil on his head, kissed him and sent him home.

—Joanna Booher

Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it
upon his head,... I Samuel 10:1.





Victoria

(A history lesson.)

On May 24th, 1819, a baby girl was born to the Duke and Duchess of Kent in England. She was born in Kensington Palace where she lived during her childhood because her grandfather had been the King of England and her uncle was the King at the time of her birth. Her given name was Alexandrina Victoria.

When Victoria was only eight months old, her father died suddenly. She never remembered her father but she read about him in her history lessons. From babyhood on, Victoria was taught to be a lady who could speak French, German and English very well. She went to worship services every Sunday in the chapel at Westminster Abbey. Privately, she learned to pray to Jesus and she deeply respected the laws in God's written Word.

As she grew older, Victoria's lessons increased. She was skilled at drawing and painting. She was taught to sing, play the piano and dance. Studies in history, geography, math and science were thorough. Victoria liked to write. She kept a lifelong journal in which she wrote about places, people and things in her life. She had a clear, charming voice and when she spoke people listened to her.

Victoria's private teacher, Baroness Lehzen, lived at the palace with her. She loved her teacher very much and called her "Mama Lehzen." At the age of thirteen, Victoria was making a table of the kings and queens of England. It was during this lesson that Mama Lehzen said, "Victoria, some day your name will be added to this list of queens."

For a long moment Victoria was silent. Then quietly she said, "I will be

a good queen. I will be very good."

When Victoria turned fourteen, the King and Queen held a grand ball to celebrate. Many young people came. The ball lasted until 12:30, when Victoria decided to retire. That night she wrote in her diary that she was "very much amused."

Four years later on June 20th, 1837, King William IV died. In the night the Archbishop of Canterbury and Lord Conyngham came to Victoria's room to inform her of the King's death. This meant that Victoria would soon be crowned Queen of England. She was a small girl, only five feet two inches tall, but she was courageous. She held high moral standards taught her from the Word of God and she knew how to pray.

This training was an anchor to Victoria and a blessing for the thousands of people that she ruled.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. How long did Samuel judge Israel?
2. Were Samuel's sons good men?
3. What did Israel tell Samuel they wanted?
4. What did God tell Samuel to do?
5. What did Kish tell Saul to go find?
6. Did Saul find the donkeys?
7. Who did the servant say they should ask about the donkeys?
8. What did God tell Samuel when he saw Saul?
9. What did Samuel pour on Saul's head?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 8:1-10:1.

(Answers: 1. All his life. 2. No. 3. A king. 4. Make them a king. 5. His donkeys. 6. No. 7. A prophet. 8. "This is the one." 9. Oil.)

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KING SAUL

After Samuel had anointed Saul to be king, Saul went home. When Saul got home his uncle said to him and the servant, "Where did you go?"

Saul said, "We went to look for the donkeys and when we did not find them we asked Samuel."

"What did Samuel say to you?" asked Saul's uncle.

Saul told him, "He told us they were found." But Saul did not tell him how Samuel had said he would be king.

Samuel called all the people of Israel together. He said to them, "The Lord says to you, I brought you out of Egypt and saved you from your enemies. And you have today refused Me to lead you and asked for a king instead. Each tribe of you come forward and we will see who is to be king."

Each tribe came forward and of them all, Saul was chosen to be king. But Saul was not there. The people looked for him but he was not around.

The Lord said, "Saul is hiding in the baggage."

Some of the children of Israel ran and found Saul hiding there. They brought him before all the people. He stood taller than all of them. Samuel said, "Here is your king."

The people shouted, "God save the king!"

But some of the people did not want him to be king. Everyone went home. Saul went home too and a group of men went with him, whose hearts God had touched.

Nahash the Ammonite came up to fight against Israel. The Israelites said to him, "Make peace with us."

Nahash said, "The only way I will make peace with you is if I can put out your right eyes."

The Israelites were afraid. They cried and said, "Who will save us?"

The news came to Saul. The Spirit of God came on him. He sent for all the children of Israel to come and fight with him.

They did and beat Nahash the Ammonite and scattered his men. Then the Israelites said, "Who didn't want Saul to be king? Find them and kill them."

But Saul said, "No, let's not. For the Lord has saved us today."

—Joanna Booher

And Samuel said to all the people, See
chosen,...And all the people shouted, a
I Samuel 10:



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d, God save the king.



Coronation Day

(Continued from last week.)

At four o'clock in the morning guns in the Park of London thundered a salute to the Crowning Day of the new Queen of England. It was June 28th, 1833.

Soon the streets of London were crowded with people of all ages and ranks. Everyone wanted to see a small nineteen-year-old lady who would be riding to Westminster Abbey in a royal carriage drawn by eight white horses.

Young Victoria was quite calm as she ate her breakfast at ten o'clock. Ladies in waiting dressed her in a fine red velvet, blue silk and gold fringe dress which had a long train. Her coachmen helped her into the royal carriage. Graciously she thanked each one who helped her.

With a sudden pull the queen began her long ride to the Royal Chapel. Soldiers dressed in scarlet rode horses before and after her carriage to make room for her passing. Crowds of people cheered and waved to her as she slowly went by. Banners hailed her as Queen and children tossed flowers toward her. Victoria's promise to be a good queen had already won her people's friendship.

During the long coronation ceremony, something happened which showed the nation that she would be a thoughtful queen. Lord Rolle, who was eighty-two years old, was tottering up the wide steps to the throne where the crowned Queen sat when suddenly he lost his balance and fell backwards. As nearby attendants rushed to help Lord Rolle, Queen Victoria stood up from her throne and came to Lord Rolle. In gratitude he kissed her hand. Her kind move pleased the people.

The people of England and of other nations were hoping that Queen

Victoria would be an honest and wise ruler. The kings before her had been harsh and did evil before men and God. Now they felt God had favored them with a just ruler who feared God and respected His holy Word.

Later that night in her journal, the new Queen of England wrote, "I really cannot say how proud I feel to be the Queen of such a nation...may God give me guidance in the years ahead."

This request was very important because the way a ruler leads the nation, that is the general direction the people will go. If the ruler is corrupt, evilness will spread. If the ruler upholds honor and justice, the people will respect the ruler and live better lives.

Let us pray for the leaders of our country. —Sis. Connie Sorrell
(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. After Saul was anointed king, where did he go?
2. Did Saul tell his uncle that he was chosen to be king?
3. Who called the people of Israel together?
4. Who did Samuel say the Israelites had refused to be their leader?
5. When Saul was chosen to be king, where was he?
6. How tall was Saul?
7. Did all the people want Saul to be king?
8. Did Nahash, the Ammonite want to make peace with Israel?
9. What happened when Saul heard the news?
10. Who won the fight?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 10:14-11:13.

(Answers: 1. Home. 2. No. 3. Samuel. 4. God. 5. Hiding in the baggage. 6. Taller than everyone else. 7. No. 8. No. 9. The Spirit of the God came on him. 10. The Israelites.)

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SAUL DISOBEYS

Samuel called the children of Israel together and said to them, "You have done wrong in asking for a king. God wanted to be your king."

It was in the time of the wheat harvest and did not usually rain at that time. Samuel said, "I will call on God and He will make it rain and thunder to show you that you have done wrong in asking for a king."

And the Lord sent thunder and rain that day. And all the people were afraid. They said, "Pray for us, that we will not die. We have sinned."

Samuel said, "You will not die. Serve the Lord with all your heart and He will still be with you and with your king."

Saul chose three thousand men to be in his army. The Philistines came to fight against him. They had thirty thousand chariots and six thousand men on horses. When Saul's men saw it they hid in caves and behind rocks.

Some men were still with Saul, but they were afraid. Saul was waiting for Samuel to come and offer a sacrifice to the Lord for them. He waited for seven days but Samuel had not come. Saul's men kept leaving. Finally, Saul killed an animal and sacrificed it himself. As soon as he was done, Samuel came.

Samuel said, "What have you done?"

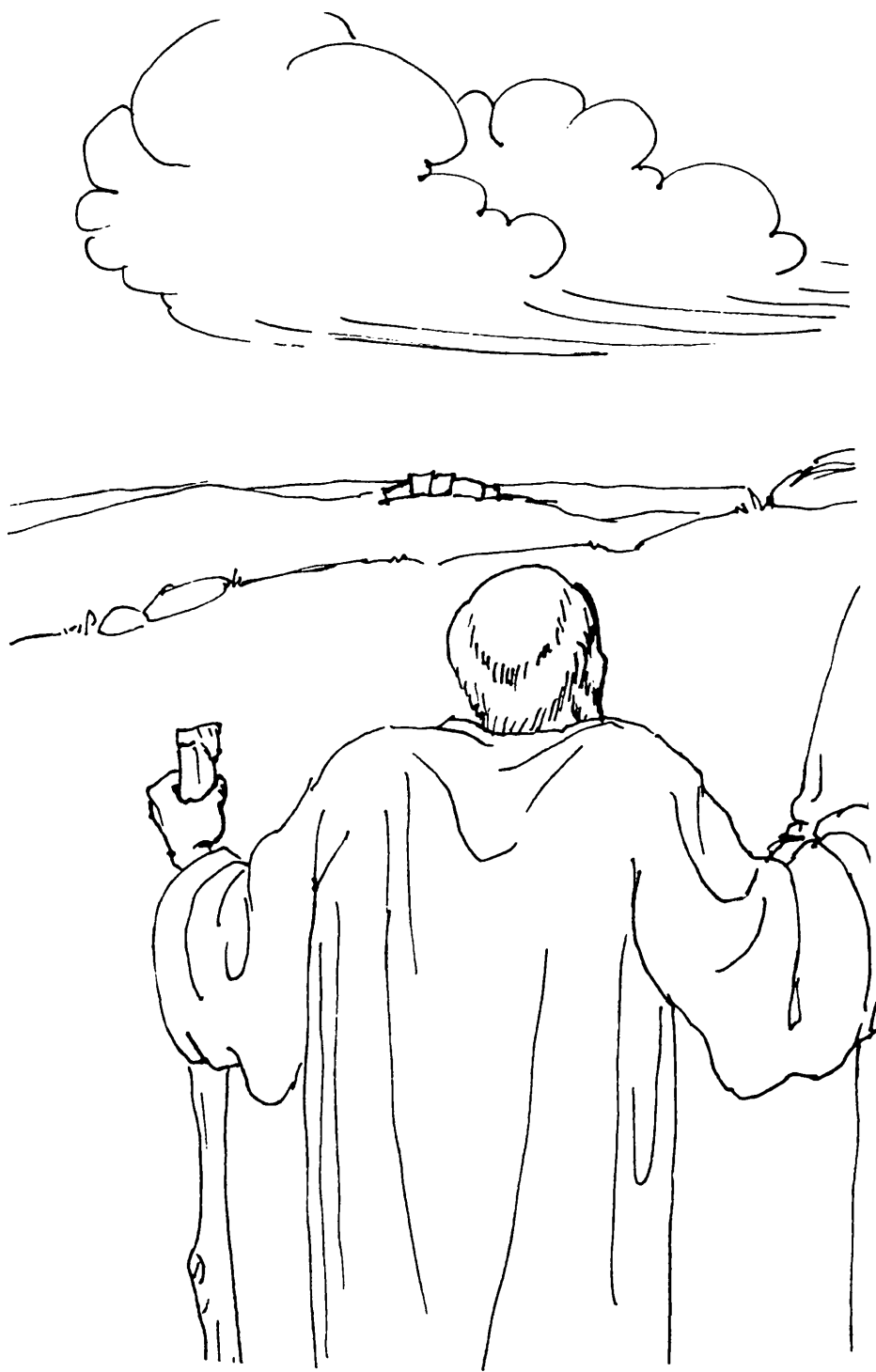
Saul said, "My men left me and you did not come. I did not want to fight the Philistines without offering a sacrifice first. Finally, I made myself offer the sacrifice."

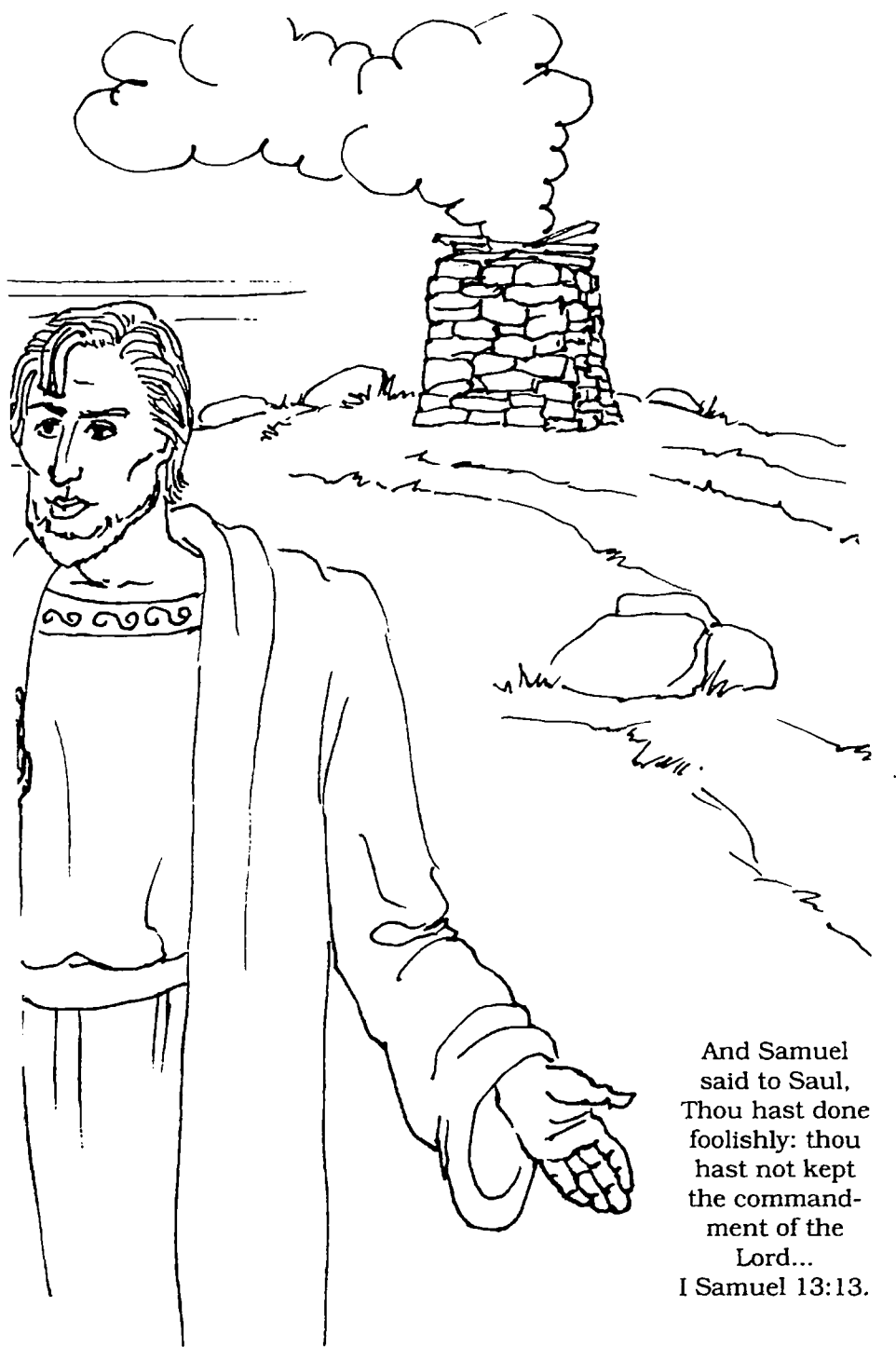
"You have done wrong," Samuel said. "Because of this, God will take away your kingdom from you. He will find another king who will be after His own heart."

Then Samuel left Saul. Saul only had six hundred men left. The Philistines came down and took from the Israelites. They also took away their blacksmiths. The blacksmiths were the ones who made swords and spears and plows and sickles.

The Israelites had to go to the Philistines to have their plows and sickles sharpened. None of the Israelites had swords now, except King Saul and his son, Jonathan.

—Joanna Booher





And Samuel
said to Saul,
Thou hast done
foolishly: thou
hast not kept
the command-
ment of the
Lord...
I Samuel 13:13.

Queen, Wife, Mother

(Continued from last week.)

Queen Victoria was faithful to her promise to be a "good queen." Guided by Lord Melbourne and her mother's brother, King Leopold of the Belgians, she learned to hold a just court and how to control the government finances. She was honest and firm with her decisions. People of England loved her.

One concern, however, was that she needed to marry. It is the duty of the reigning king or queen to give the throne an heir. King Leopold was very concerned about this matter and he began to search for Victoria a husband. Alarmed, Victoria told her uncle she did not want to marry and have the "yoke of a married woman." She wanted to stay single all her life.

Forseeing the future, her uncle insisted that she list a few young men who she would consider for marriage. Finally, she told him that her distant cousin, Albert, could be likeable. He was a German prince with one older brother named Ernest. Both boys had visited her palace when she was a young girl and they had spent happy days together.

Right away Uncle Leopold arranged for Ernest and Albert to visit Windsor Palace where Queen Victoria lived. This made her very nervous. Would Albert be likeable? Would he be kind or rude? She did not know how he would be.

Ernest and Albert arrived in England seasick and weary. It wasn't until late after dinner that Albert and Victoria met for the first time after many years. He was kind and courteous not only to Victoria but also to others. Victoria fell in love with Albert.

As a queen, she was the one expected to choose who would be her husband. After talking with Lord

Melbourne and King Leopold, Queen Victoria decided that Albert would be "a perfect match."

After much preparation, they were married February 10th, 1840. Their marriage was one of love, commitment and loyalty. Together they had nine children. Queen Victoria was a very busy lady as a wife, mother, and ruler of thousands of people. Her careful training as a child and her devotion to the Lord kept her from the pits of sin rulers before her had fallen into.

Queen Victoria guided her children's education and all of them married royalty. After her death, her eldest son, Edward, became the King in 1901. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Samuel say the children of Israel had done in asking for a king?
2. Who had wanted to be Israel's king?
3. Would God still be with Israel if they served Him?
4. Who came to fight against Saul?
5. Who had more men, the Israelites or the Philistines?
6. How did the Israelites feel when they saw the Philistines?
7. What did Saul's men do?
8. What did Saul do when Samuel did not come?
9. What did Samuel say Saul had done?
10. Who had swords after the Philistines took over the Israelites?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 12:1-13:23.

(Answers: 1. Wrong. 2. God. 3. Yes. 4. The Philistines. 5. The Philistines. 6. Afraid. 7. They hid in caves and behind rocks. 8. He offered the sacrifice himself. 9. Wrong. 10. Only Saul and Jonathan.)

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WHAT JONATHAN DID

Saul and his army of men were afraid of the Philistines. They hid in the rocks and caves so the Philistines would not kill them.

One day, Jonathan, Saul's son, said to the man who carried his armour, "Come with me and let us go to the Philistine camp. It may be that the Lord will help us fight them, for He will help us win whether we are few or many."

Jonathan's armourbearer said, "I am with you in all you say."

Jonathan did not tell his father that he was going.

The Philistines had part of their camp up on top of a rock. Jonathan and his young man crept to the bottom of it. Jonathan said, "Let's let the Philistines know we are here. If they say, 'Stay down there and we will come to you' then we'll stay here. But, if they say, 'Come up to us' then we will go up this rock to them. The Lord will help us win against them."

Pretty soon, the Philistines knew Jonathan and his man were down there. They said, "The Hebrews have finally come out of the holes where they hid themselves. Come up here!" they said to Jonathan.

"Come up after me," Jonathan said to his armourbearer, "For the Lord has given them into our hand."

Jonathan went up the rock on his hands and feet. His armourbearer came right after him and they killed all those Philistines. Then the earth started shaking. There was a very great shaking and the Philistines started fighting each other.

Saul and his men heard the noise and wondered what was happening. "Who is gone from us?" Saul asked. They counted and it was Jonathan and his man who were gone.

The noise from the Philistine camp got louder. Saul and his army got up and formed ranks. They went to help fight. The Lord helped the Israelites and they won a great victory that day. —Joanna Booher



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...And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer,
Come up after me: for the Lord hath delivered them
into the hand of Israel. I Samuel 14:12.



May I Have This?

It was a busy day at the grocery store and Mother was in a hurry to get home and make supper. Linda helped Mother by watching baby Allen and by pushing the cart. Randy was busy shopping himself.

"Can we have this, Mama?" he asked as he held up a box of cereal. "I would eat it if you bought it."

"Is it on sale?" asked Mother. "I only buy cereal that is on sale or that I have a coupon for."

"It isn't on sale, Randy," said Linda. "Go put it back."

"Mama didn't tell me to put it back," bickered Randy.

"But she told you if it isn't on sale, she doesn't want it so go put it back now."

"You're not my mama," declared Randy.

"Children!" exclaimed Mother. "Stop fussing! Randy, why don't we try this cereal? It has more vitamins, and I have a coupon for it so it is cheaper."

"Okay," agreed Randy as he put back the box he had and took the one from Mother.

For awhile Randy was content with the new cereal but then he saw something else he wanted. "Mama, look at this neat Hot Wheels Mustang! I have never seen one like it before!" Randy held it up for Mother's eyes to see. "I don't have any car like this one and it isn't much money at all..."

Randy's voice trailed off as Mother shook her head. "You have oodles of Hot Wheels," she said. "I didn't come here to buy cars."

"Well, you'll have to buy this for Barker," said Randy as he put down his car and took up a hard leather bone for the dog.

"Randy, Mother isn't going to buy extra items today," said Mother. "I have a grocery list and I plan to stay with it. I only have so much money you know."

Randy did not ask any more for things but that was because he had stuck the car into his shirt and it set inside on top of his belt. He even slipped out the door with it after Mother paid for her groceries.

At home, Mother noticed Randy playing with a Mustang car.

"Did you give the clerk money for that car?" Mother asked Randy.

Randy had to admit he had not paid for it. Mother took Randy back to the store where he had to pay for the car. Then she put the car away in one of her drawers for awhile to teach Randy to always obey and never to steal. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. How did the Israelites feel toward the Philistines?
2. Who was with Jonathan?
3. What did Jonathan want to do?
4. Who did Jonathan say could help them?
5. What did the Philistines say to Jonathan when they knew he was there?
6. Did Jonathan and his armour-bearer beat the Philistines?
7. What did the earth do?
8. What did Saul and his army do when he saw his son was gone?
9. Who won the fight that day?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 14:1-23.

(Answers: 1. Afraid. 2. His armourbearer. 3. Go to the Philistine camp. 4. God. 5. "Come up to us." 6. Yes. 7. It started shaking. 8. Formed ranks and went to help. 9. The Israelites.)

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GOD REJECTS SAUL

The prophet, Samuel, came to King Saul and said, "The Lord wants you to go and kill all the Amalekites because they tried to get rid of the Israelites on their journey to Caanan. You must kill all of them and all their sheep, oxen, camels and donkeys."

Saul gathered the people together and went to fight the Amalekites. There were Kenites who lived with the Amalekites. Saul said to them, "Go, get away from the Amalekites. You were kind to the Israelites but the Amalekites weren't and I am going to kill them." So the Kenites left the city of the Amalekites.

Saul and his army fought the Amalekites and destroyed most of them. But he took the king, Agag, captive. He also took the best sheep, camels, oxen and donkeys.

God said to Samuel, "I am sorry that I made Saul king of Israel. He is not obeying Me." This made Samuel sad too. He cried to the Lord all night.

The next morning he went to see Saul. Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the Lord. I have done what the Lord commanded."

Samuel said, "Why then do I hear sheep bleating and oxen lowing?"

Saul said, "The people saved the best sheep and oxen to offer as sacrifices to the Lord. We killed all the rest."

Samuel said, "Listen and I will tell you something. When you were little in your own sight the Lord made you king. The Lord told you to kill all the Amalekites and their animals. Why did you disobey?"

Saul said, "I have obeyed the Lord. I killed all the Amalekites except the king. The people kept some of the animals to give to God."

Samuel said, "The Lord wants you to obey Him more than He wants your sacrifices. Disobedience is a very bad sin. Because you have disobeyed, God will take away your kingdom from you."

Samuel left King Saul and did not come to see him anymore. Instead, he was very sad, and God was sorry he had made Saul king.

—Joanna Booher

And Saul said



Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of
Lord... I Samuel 15:20.



Lesson On Eternity

It was Memorial Day weekend and like usual Mother wanted to take flowers to the cemetery to put on her grandparents' graves.

"I have the flowers all ready, Honey," Mother said to Dad. "Let's all go as a family to the cemetery and then we can take our picnic lunch to the park nearby."

"Okay," said Dad. "You and the children can load up things while I check the oil in the van."

Soon the preparation was done and the family was settled in the van and headed toward the cemetery. Dad parked the van as close as possible to the family burial site.

"Look how faded and dry the old flowers look in the vase," said Linda as she walked over to the head stones.

"We are going to make a change in that," said Mother briskly. She pulled out the old flowers in the vases and arranged fresh silk flowers in place of them. "The new replaces the old," she said, "and by this time next year, these new ones will be old. That's how life is. We are here on earth but for a short time. Then our body fades into dust. Our spirit and soul leave to meet our Creator as a Judge."

"Everybody has to die, right, Mother?" asked Randy.

"Yes," replied Mother. "Every living thing will die sometime. Men and women, boys and girls are the only ones who have souls that will live forever in eternity. We choose while we live our short time on earth where we will live in eternity."

"That's why we get saved from sin, isn't it?" asked Linda.

"Yes, we bow before Jesus Christ and ask Him to forgive our sins. By

his shed blood, He can wash our sins away and we can live for Him on earth and in heaven."

"Did your Grandpa and Grandma get saved from sin before they died?" asked Jerry.

"Grandma was saved and loved Jesus. She proved her love by obeying the Word of God and staying free from sin. Grandpa went to meet a just Judge. I do not remember him asking Jesus to forgive him. It is painful to think he may be in a lake of fire right now. Heaven and hell are the only two places there are in eternity. If you don't have your sins washed away by the blood of Jesus when you die, you will not be in heaven."

Everyone was silent for a few minutes as they stood by the graves. Then quietly, they left for the nearby park. —Sis. Connie Sorrell

QUESTIONS:

1. What did God tell Saul to do to the Amalekites?
2. Did Saul kill all the animals?
3. What person did Saul not kill?
4. What did God tell Samuel He was sorry He had done?
5. When Samuel came to see Saul, what did Saul tell him he had done?
6. For what reason did Saul say the people had saved some of the oxen and sheep?
7. What did God want more than Saul's sacrifices?
8. What did Samuel say God would take from Saul?

LESSON TEXT: 1 Samuel 15.

(Answers: 1. Kill them all. 2. No. 3. The king, Agag. 4. Made Saul king. 5. Disobeyed God. 6. To sacrifice to God. 7. Obedience. 8. His kingdom.)

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GOD FINDS A KING

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you cry for Saul because I don't want him to be king? Get up, fill your horn with oil. I want you to go see Jesse in Bethlehem. I have found a king among his sons."

Samuel said, "How can I do this? If Saul finds out, he will kill me."

God said, "Take a calf with you and say you are going to sacrifice."

Samuel did as God said. He went to Bethlehem and asked Jesse and his sons to sacrifice with him to God.

When Jesse's sons came, Samuel looked at the oldest and thought, "Surely, this is the one the Lord wants to be king."

But God said to him, "Don't look on the outside. I look on the heart and this is not the one."

The next son went before Samuel but He said, "This is not the one either."

All of Jesse's sons went before Samuel and God said, "It is not any of these."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Do you have any more sons?"

"Only my youngest, David, who is taking care of the sheep," said Jesse.

"Bring him," said Samuel. "We will not sit down until he is here."

When David came, the Lord said to Samuel, "This is the one, anoint him."

Samuel anointed David there, among his brothers. The Spirit of God came on David.

The Spirit of God left King Saul and a bad spirit came and bothered him. Saul's servants said, "Let a man be found who can play nice music on a harp. When the nice music is played, the bad spirit won't bother the King."

So Saul said, "Find someone who can play this music."

One of the servants said, "There is a son of Jesse who can play very well on a harp. He is very wise and a good fighter."

Saul sent for David and he came and played on his harp for King Saul. Whenever he played, the bad spirit left the King and he was soothed.

King Saul loved David and told Jesse, "Let your son stay with me for I like him very much." And King Saul made David his armour-bearer.

—Joanna Booher



Then Samuel took the
horn of oil, and
anointed him in the
midst of his brethren: ...
I Samuel 16:13.



Going Into The Jungle

(A missionary story.)

The Word of God is powerful and able to change even the most wicked person into a gentle child of love. Missionaries who work in the jungles by the Amazon River in Brazil, South America have witnessed the love of God change entire tribes of warring people.

In the late 1950's and early 1960's, Christians felt the calling from the Lord to enter these tangled, damp forests and befriend the people living there. First, they struggled to survive and learn the pattern of nature. In time, Joe and Tamara, Robert and Florine Hawkins, and Neill Hawkins were able to visit the Wai Wai (YY) tribe.

These dark skinned, long-black-haired people had never seen a pale-faced person before. It took time for the missionaries to gain trust from the Wai Wai tribe. The men gave the tribesmen gifts of knives and hachets. The women traded beads and gave dresses to replace the leaf aprons that the tribe women wore. The missionaries listened and learned the Wai Wai language as quickly as possible.

The Wai Wai showed the missionaries how to make bread from the cassava leaf, how to spear all kinds of fish in the river, and how to trap wild hogs or kill an alligator for a meal of meat. The missionaries taught the Wai Wai Indians how to read marks on thin white leaves. They told them about the Creator of every living thing and how that Creator loved men and women so much He sent His own Son to earth to deliver them from badness.

The Chief Elka was the first to believe in God and His Son. He studied every talking leaf that Joe and Tamara took from the Bible and wrote in his language. After much teaching and prayer, Elka decided he wanted Jesus to come into his stomach. In his culture, the stomach is the center organ of

life. Then he wanted to be put under the water.

Elka had been a witchdoctor but he now destroyed all his charms—Jesus had claimed his life forever. "Bahm, I am so happy!" Chief Elka reported to Robert Hawkins. "I want all my people to get ears for God's Word and ask Jesus to come into their stomachs. It will make them happy, too!"

Everyone realized Elka was a changed man. He had a gentle, kind spirit about him. He didn't drink harsh liquor like before and he didn't beat his wife any more. Other wives wanted their husbands to follow Elka's example. Elka was kind to children other than his own and he soon was taking orphan babies that were left to die. God had changed his life for the better.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. Who did God tell Samuel to go see?
2. Why did God tell Samuel to visit Jesse?
3. What did Samuel think when he looked at Jesse's oldest son?
4. What did God tell Samuel He looked at?
5. Which of Jesse's sons did God choose?
6. Where was Jesse's youngest son?
7. Whose spirit came on David?
8. What kind of spirit bothered King Saul?
9. What kind of music did David play for King Saul?
10. What did King Saul think of David?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 16.

(Answers: 1. Jesse. 2. He had chosen a king from his sons. 3. This is the one. 4. The heart. 5. The youngest. 6. In the field, watching the sheep. 7. God's. 8. A bad spirit. 9. Harp music. 10. He liked him very much.)

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ONLY A BOY NAMED DAVID

The Philistines came to fight against Israel. They camped on one hill, and the Israelites camped on the other. There was a valley in between.

There was a Philistine who was a very big man. He was about nine feet and nine inches tall. He wore a helmet of copper and a coat of chainmail that weighed one hundred and eighty pounds. He had brass plates on his legs and a brass plate between his shoulders. He carried a spear and someone else carried his shield.

This giant, named Goliath, went out of his camp and yelled at the Israelites, "Someone come and fight me! If you win, we will be your servants. If I win, you will all be our servants."

The Israelites were very afraid when they heard this. Three of Jesse's sons were in the Israelite army. David was at home taking care of the sheep.

One day, Jesse said to David, "Take this food and go see how your brothers are."

When David got to the Israelite camp, he heard Goliath yelling.

"What would a man get if he kills this Philistine?" he asked the soldiers. "How dare this Philistine defy our God?"

David's brothers did not like to hear David say this. But Saul sent for David. David said to him, "I will go fight this giant."

Saul said, "You are not able. You're just a boy."

David said, "I've taken care of my father's sheep and killed a lion and a bear. This Philistine will be like them. The Lord will help me."

Saul let David go. When Goliath looked up and saw David coming he said, "What do you think I am? A dog? Have you come to fight me with sticks?"

David said, "You have a sword and spear and shield, but the Lord God of hosts is on our side!"

Goliath got up and came toward David. David ran toward him and fitted a smooth stone in his sling. He slung it over his head and let it fly. The stone hit Goliath in the middle of his forehead and he fell to the ground, dead.

—Joanna Booher



David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang
, and smote the Philistine in his forehead,... I Samuel 17:49.



Wai Wai's First Outreach

(Continued from last week.)

The locusts sang twice, perhaps three times, bringing in the yearly dry season around the Amazon River of Brazil. During these three years, Chief Elka and all his tribe of Wai Wai (YY) became Christians. The missionaries who lived nearby were teaching many of the young men how to read marks on white leaves and the nurse was teaching the women how to care for sick ones. The Wai Wai now wore clothes given to them by the missionaries and they had more food to eat because the tools the missionaries gave them made clearing land easier.

One morning Chief Elka said to Robert Hawkins, "Bahm, we must tell our neighbors about Jesus. He needs to heal their badness like He has healed us. I will send my brother and two young men with him to bring the Katwena here."

"That is a wonderful plan!" exclaimed Bahm. "We need to make gifts to send with your brother for the Katwena tribe."

Right away Chief Elka walked from hut to hut telling each family that they needed to make extra cassava bread and starchy drink for gifts to the Katwena. The people responded and by evening supplies, tools and two canoes were ready to make the trip.

Early the next morning Yakuta, the brother of Chief Elka, and two young men paddled their canoes up the Essequibo River to the Katwena tribe. They were greeted suspiciously. These two tribes had fought many battles against each other. By giving gifts and showing kindness, Yakuta proved to the Katwena that he and his friends meant only good.

Yakuta ate, slept and talked with the Katwena for two months. He told

them man's Creator had taken the badness from the Wai Wai. They no longer wanted to fight their neighbors but wanted to tell them about the Creator's Son.

"Come to our village and get ears for Jesus," said Yakuta to the men. "The white men will read to you man's Creator's words. It will make you feel good."

Finally, Yakuta persuaded seventy some Katwena to come with him. Men put their wives and children into canoes and followed Yakuta to the Wai Wai village. Chief Elka heard their paddles slapping against their canoes and he came to the shore to greet his guests. The Katwena sat tense in their canoes. The men stared, the women huddled with their crying children. They were at the mercy of this man. Chief Elka smiled and raised his arms in greeting. He was a good man now. He had Jesus in his stomach.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. How tall was the giant Philistine?
2. How heavy was his coat of chainmail?
3. What did Goliath say they would be if an Israelite killed him?
4. How did the Israelites feel?
5. Where was David?
6. Who did David say that Goliath was defying?
7. Did David's brothers like to hear him say this?
8. Who did David say would help him?
9. How did David kill Goliath?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 17:1-50.

(Answers: 1. Nine feet and nine inches. 2. One hundred and eighty pounds. 3. Servants. 4. Afraid. 5. Watching the sheep. 6. God. 7. No. 8. God. 9. With a sling and a stone.)

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GOD IS WITH DAVID

After David had killed Goliath, Saul would not let him go home. He kept him with him.

Jonathan, Saul's son, loved David as himself. Jonathan gave him his robe, his sword, his bow and his belt. They made a covenant to each other.

David did whatever Saul told him to do and the Lord was with him. Saul made him a leader of his army and all the people loved him.

One time, as Saul and David came back from a battle, the women came out singing and dancing with instruments. They sang, "Saul has killed thousands and David ten thousands."

Saul did not like this. "They're giving David more praise than me," he thought. Saul was jealous of David and watched him carefully from then on.

The next day the bad spirit came on Saul. David came and played on his harp like he usually did. Saul had a javelin in his hand. He threw it at David. David turned away and went out.

This made Saul afraid of David, for he saw that the Lord was with him. He made David go away from him. He made him a captain over his army.

Saul said to David, "I will give you my oldest daughter to be your wife if you will fight the Philistines for me." Saul thought in his heart, "I won't kill him, but maybe they will."

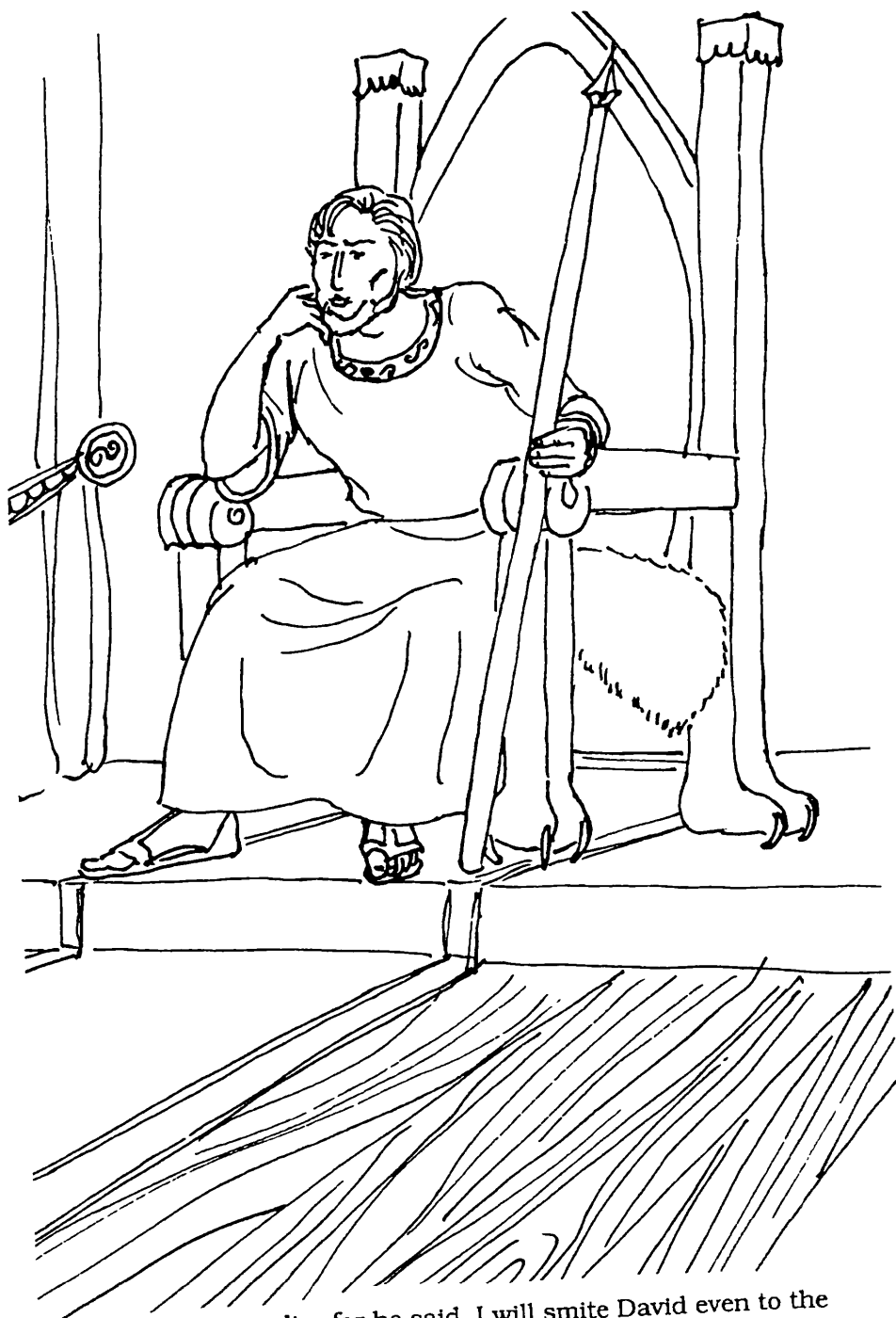
David said, "Who am I that I should be the king's son-in-law?"

When the time came for Saul's daughter to be given to David, Saul gave her to someone else instead. Saul's youngest daughter, Michal, loved David. When Saul knew this, it made him happy. "Maybe," he thought, "He will get killed fighting for her." He told his servants, "Tell David, the king will give you Michal if you kill one hundred Philistines."

David liked this idea. He went and killed two hundred Philistines. Saul saw that the Lord was with David and was more afraid of him. He gave him Michal to be his wife but became even more an enemy of David.

—Joanna Booher





And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.
1 Samuel 18:11.

The Katwena Learn

(Continued from last week.)

Chief Elka greeted the Katwena tribe with a friendly smile. "I am glad you come," he said to the first men climbing from their canoes and up the rocky slope toward the Wai Wai village. "We have food for all of you." He pointed toward stacks of cassava bread and countless pots of starchy drink.

Gradually all the Katwena tribe was persuaded to leave their canoes and feast on the food. Then Chief Elka and Yakuta, his brother, assigned temporary huts of shelter to each family. "Where do you want to sleep, Little Body?" the chief asked a timid young man who stood guarding his wife and baby son.

"I want to sleep in the shadow of the one who brought us here," replied the young father. He was put in Yakuta's hut.

On Sunday morning, Chief Elka gathered all the people to the umana (palm leaf chapel) and the Wai Wai sang their songs of praise to God. Then the chief spoke to the Katwena, "We want to tell you about our Creator and His son, Chisusu. Our Creator and Father of the sky loves us but He does not like the badness in us. His Son, Chisusu, came to earth and died for us that we can get rid of our badness. If you will believe on Chisusu and let Him live in your stomach, He will make you happy and take away your badness."

After Chief Elka spoke, Bahm, Robert Hawkins, spoke to the people. They listened quietly to the strange message that their ears heard, but they could not understand it all.

The change they saw in the every day life of the Wai Wai made the biggest impression on the Katwena. No longer did the Wai Wai Indians make strong drink or do wild spirit

dancing. Men were kind to the children and no newborn babies were clubbed to death. There wasn't any witchdoctor but a nurse stuck sick ones with a thorn and soon they were better. The sick and weak were treated kind. The love of Chisusu was shining out from the Wai Wai tribe.

Soon the Katwena were asking for clothes and the missionaries were glad to give them dresses and pants. The young men wanted to learn how to make and read marks on the white leaf. Most of all, they asked questions.

"Who are you talking to?" one man asked a Wai Wai in prayer. "I am talking to our Creator. You can not see Him. He is a spirit. A good spirit."

Patiently the Wai Wai taught their neighbors about God and Jesus.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued next week.)

QUESTIONS:

1. Did Saul let David go home after he killed Goliath?
2. Who became David's best friend?
3. Who was with David?
4. When the women sang, who did they give the most praise to?
5. How did Saul feel when he heard that?
6. What did Saul throw at David when the bad spirit was on him?
7. What did Saul want to happen to David when he fought the Philistines?
8. Which of Saul's daughters loved David?
9. How many Philistines did David kill to get Michal?
10. How did Saul feel toward David after that?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 18.

(Answers: 1. No. 2. Jonathan, Saul's son. 3. God. 4. David. 5. Jealous. 6. A javelin. 7. He wanted him to be killed. 8. Michal, his youngest. 9. Two hundred. 10. Afraid.)

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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DAVID RUNS FOR HIS LIFE

King Saul hated David because he was jealous of him. Saul told his servants to kill him.

Jonathan, Saul's son, loved David. He said to David, "Go and hide somewhere tonight. I will talk to my father about you in the field near you. Then I will tell you what he says."

The next morning, Jonathan talked with his father in the field, "Why are you angry with David? What has he done against you? He has fought the Philistines for you. Why do you want to kill him?"

Saul said, "You are right. I will not kill David."

Jonathan called David and told him what Saul had said. Then Jonathan brought him to his father and David was with Saul as he had been before.

The evil spirit came on Saul again. David came and played his harp for Saul as he usually did when he was troubled. There was a javelin in Saul's hand. Saul threw it at David, to pin him to the wall. But David ducked out of the way in time and left.

Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch the house and kill him in the morning.

Michal, David's wife, told David, "If you do not get away tonight, you will be killed in the morning."

Michal let David out a window and he escaped. Then Michal took an image and put it in the bed with a goatskin to cover the pillow.

When the messengers came to take David, Michal said, "He is sick."

King Saul told the messengers, "Bring me the bed. I will kill him in it."

The messengers went in and saw the bed. They saw that it was just an image and a pillow. They told Saul.

When Saul heard this, he was angry. He said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me? You let my enemy escape!"

Michal said, "He asked me to let him go."

David got away and went to see Samuel. He stayed with him in Naioth.

—Joanna Booher





And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped?...
I Samuel 19:17.

A Big Decision

(Continued from last week.)

The Wai Wai tribe under Chief Elka were showing the love of Christ to the Katwena tribe. The moon had gone through almost three full cycles. Many of the Katwena now had huts of their own by the Wai Wai village. They had learned to harvest fields with the white man's sharp axes and knives. For the first time in their lives they had plenty of food to eat. Something attracted them to the kindness the Wai Wai showed them and each other.

Then Fekuku became sick. "We must take him to a witchdoctor," said the Katwena to each other. "Our leader must not die."

"Take him to Achi, the missionary nurse," said Marakri, a Wai Wai. "She has a shiny thorn and bitter chalk that makes sick ones well."

The Katwena decided to take Marakri's advice. They put Fekuku in a canoe and began to paddle like mad to the hospital shelter. The trip was too much for Fekuku who died before they could reach the nurse. In great wailing of grief, the Katwena buried their leader at the head of the rapids of the Essequibo River.

In a day or two, Fekuku's baby son became hot with fever. "The spirit of the boy's father is standing over him," said the grieved wife and mother. "An evil spirit will take him too."

"No," said the nurse who had arrived. "We will care for him and pray that the Creator will heal your child."

The missionaries and advanced Christian Wai Wai fasted and prayed for the baby. In two days the baby was well. In the meantime the Katwena men held a meeting.

"Let us go back to our old village," said some of the men. "The Wai Wai are kind to us but we miss our strong

drink and they could not cure our leader."

"But we have plenty to eat and they know a secret to the mystery of death," said others.

"We want to learn more from the white leaves," said the young men. "Our wives like their bright dresses. Our children are safe here and Fekuku's son lived."

After much discussion it was finally agreed to stay longer with the Wai Wai and missionaries. The love of Jesus was attractive to them though they did not understand all about Him. Every person has a desire to know about God whether they will admit it or not. It is a God-given desire.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell
(The end.)

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Saul want to kill David?
2. What did Jonathan tell David to do?
3. What did Jonathan ask his father?
4. What did Jonathan tell his father David had done for him?
5. What did Saul say he would not do after that?
6. When David played on his harp for Saul, what did Saul do?
7. What did Saul send messengers to David's house for?
8. How did David escape?
9. How did Saul feel toward his daughter when he knew she helped David escape?

LESSON TEXT: I Samuel 19.

(Answers: 1. Because he was jealous of him. 2. Hide. 3. "Why are you angry at David?" 4. Fought the Philistines for him. 5. Kill David. 6. He threw his javelin at him. 7. To kill him. 8. Through a window. 9. Angry.)