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Where Are the Righteous?

Abraham was sitting in his tent, resting during the heat of the day, when he looked up to find that he had three heavenly visitors. One of them was the Lord Himself. After the visitors ate the meal Abraham and Sarah prepared for them, the men rose and walked away from the tent and looked toward the city of Sodom. Abraham joined them.

"Should I hide my plans from Abraham, who will become the father of a mighty nation?" the Lord asked. "I know him. He will teach his children to follow after the ways of the Lord, and because of this, all of my promises to Abraham and his family will come to pass. Because the wickedness in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and because of their sins, I will go down and see whether they have done everything I have heard about and destroy them."

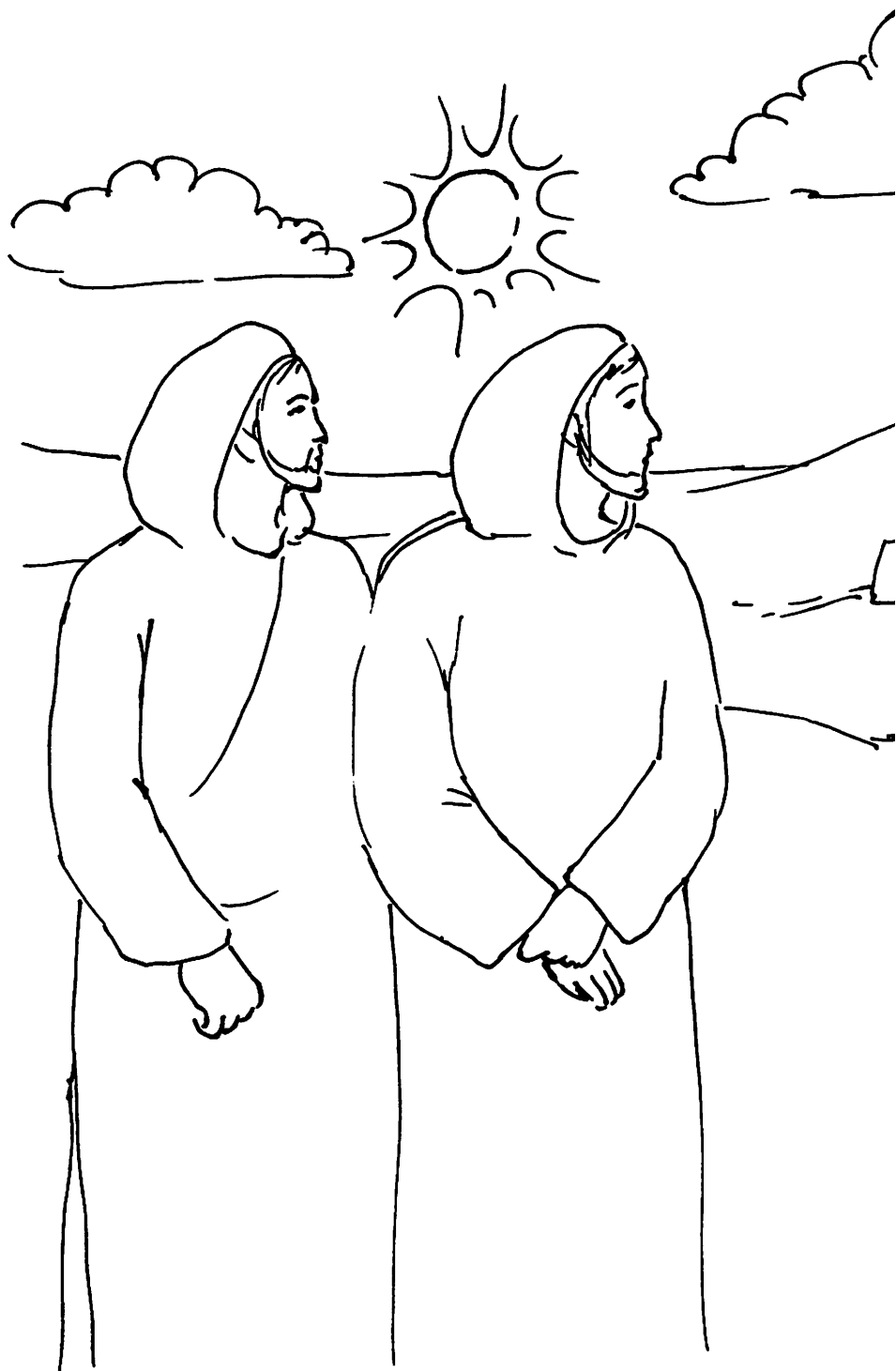
After the Lord said this, His two companions left and headed toward Sodom. Abraham stayed to speak with the Lord. "Will you destroy the righteous with the wicked?" Abraham asked. "If you find fifty righteous people in the city, will you not spare it for their sake?" "If I find fifty righteous people in Sodom, then I will spare the city for their sake," the Lord replied.

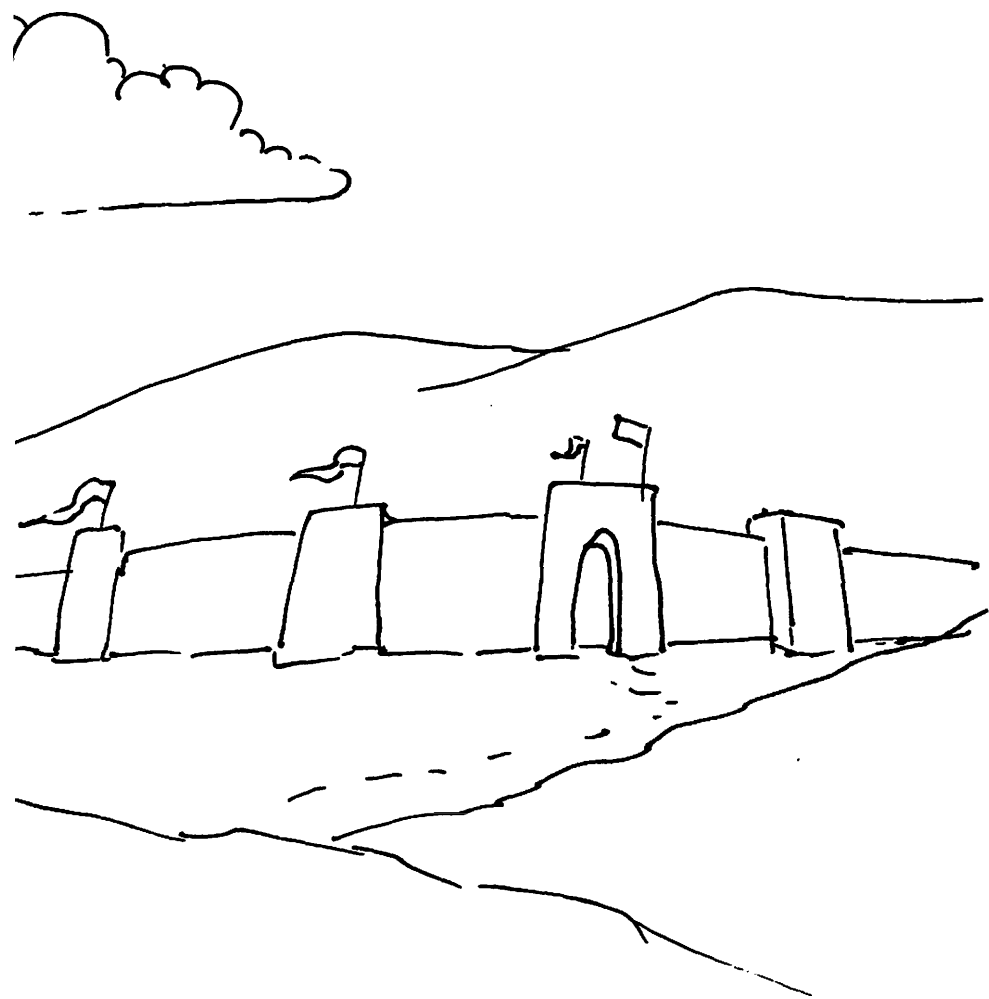
"I know I am speaking to a great Lord when I am as unworthy as the dust," Abraham said. "But if you find forty-five righteous people in the city, will you spare it for them?" "If I find forty-five righteous people, I will not destroy the city," the Lord replied.

"Please do not be angry with me, Oh, Lord," Abraham requested. "But what if only twenty righteous people are found. Would you spare the city for their sakes?" "I will not destroy the city if twenty righteous people are found," the Lord said.

"I only have one more thing to ask," Abraham said. "If there are only ten righteous people found, will you spare the city for the sake of ten?" "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten," the Lord replied.

The Lord left as soon as He finished His discussion with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his home. —Sis. Monica Murphey





“And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom:
and Abraham went with them....” Gen. 18:16

By the Morning Glories

(Continued from last week)

The next morning Connie walked up Magnolia Court to the corner of Hill Drive where the morning glories were in open bloom. The blue bell flowers sparkled with dew drops in the sunshine. Connie admired them while she prayed for courage to go to the front door and knock.

What if Cara would be rude again and not want to speak to her? Then her mama might tell Connie to go home and that would be so embarrassing. Maybe she should not bother the Drake family and just play with Donnie.

Connie was about to walk home when the Drake's front door opened and a bigger girl walked out on the porch. "Oh, no!" said Connie to herself. "Cara did not say she had a BIG sister!" Connie thought she had moved away from all big girls. Now here was another one who lived up the street from her and was a sister to a girl her age! "Oh, Lord, this isn't fair!"

Connie walked behind the climbing vines of morning glories and watched Cara's big sister. The girl yawned and stretched with her arms held straight above her head. She ran her fingers through her short hair then sat down on the porch step and looked across to the morning glories. Connie ducked but not fast enough.

"Hey, you, behind the morning glories—come over here to me," called the big girl. "I would come to you, but I don't want to get my new tennis shoes wet in the dew."

Connie looked down at her wet bare feet. She liked to be bare foot in the warm summer time and she had no desire to walk over to a big girl who probably would laugh at her wet toes. *Should she run home now or wait until that big girl left?*

The big girl just stayed on the porch step, playing with her hair and humming some song. The wait could take forever. What should she do?

Suddenly, Connie stood up from behind the flowers. She squared her shoulders, and started walking down the curb toward home.

"Hey, little girl, what's your name?" called the big girl.

"Ask your mama," replied Connie. "I told her yesterday."

"Oh, you're that new little girl who is Cara's age." The big girl sniffed and sneezed. "Oh, it is still a little chilly outside. I had better go in before I catch a cold." She jumped up from the step. "Bye, little barefoot girl! Don't get too wet!"

"Bye, Miss Sneezzy!" replied Connie. "Tell Cara 'Hi' for me."

"How can I when I don't even know your name?" said the big girl.

Connie stopped walking and looked at Cara's big sister. Maybe she wouldn't be mean like those other big girls. "Tell Cara that Connie said 'Hi'," replied Connie. "I will come back later or she can come to see me down the street."

"Okay," replied the big girl with a smile. "My name is Christy, you are welcome to come back later. Cara is still in bed."

"Okay," replied Connie. Christy seemed to be a nice big girl. "Oh, Lord, help us to be friends," she prayed on the way home.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell
(To be continued)

Questions:

1. Who was one of the visitors?
2. What cities was the Lord thinking of destroying?
3. Why was the Lord going to destroy the cities?
4. Where did the Lord's two companions head?
5. What was the lowest number of righteous the Lord agreed to spare the city for?
6. Why did the Lord tell Abraham of His plans?
7. Why did the Lord believe His promises to Abraham's family would happen?
8. "Will you destroy the ____ with the ____?"

Answers: 1. The Lord. 2. Sodom and Gomorrah. 3. The people were wicked and sinful. 4. Toward Sodom. 5. Ten. 6. Abraham obeyed Him. 7. He knew Abraham would train his family to follow Him. 8. Righteous, wicked.

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Strangers in Sodom

The two angels left Abraham's tent to see the evil and wicked city of Sodom for themselves. The Lord sent them to destroy the city.

Lot sat inside the gates of that great city when the visitors arrived. "Come to my house and spend the night," Lot offered, bowing low to greet the visitors. "Wash your feet. Then you can get up early tomorrow morning and continue on your journey."

"No, we will stay in the streets all night," the two visitors replied.

Lot insisted that the visitors should stay with him, so the two men followed Lot to his home. Lot had a feast prepared for them, and they ate. Before the two strangers laid down to sleep, a mob of excited men surrounded Lot's house.

"Lot," the men cried. "Where are the men that you brought to your house? Bring them out to us."

Lot went outside and tightly closed his door. "Do not treat strangers so rudely," Lot said. "I have two daughters. Let me bring them out instead, but do not hurt these men. They are under the safety of my roof."

"Stand back," the men said. "We will deal with you later."

The men came to the door, getting ready to break it down. The two angels pulled Lot back into the house with them. Suddenly, the angry mob became confused. They could not see! No one in the crowd could find the door. The two angels had caused everyone in the crowd to become blind.

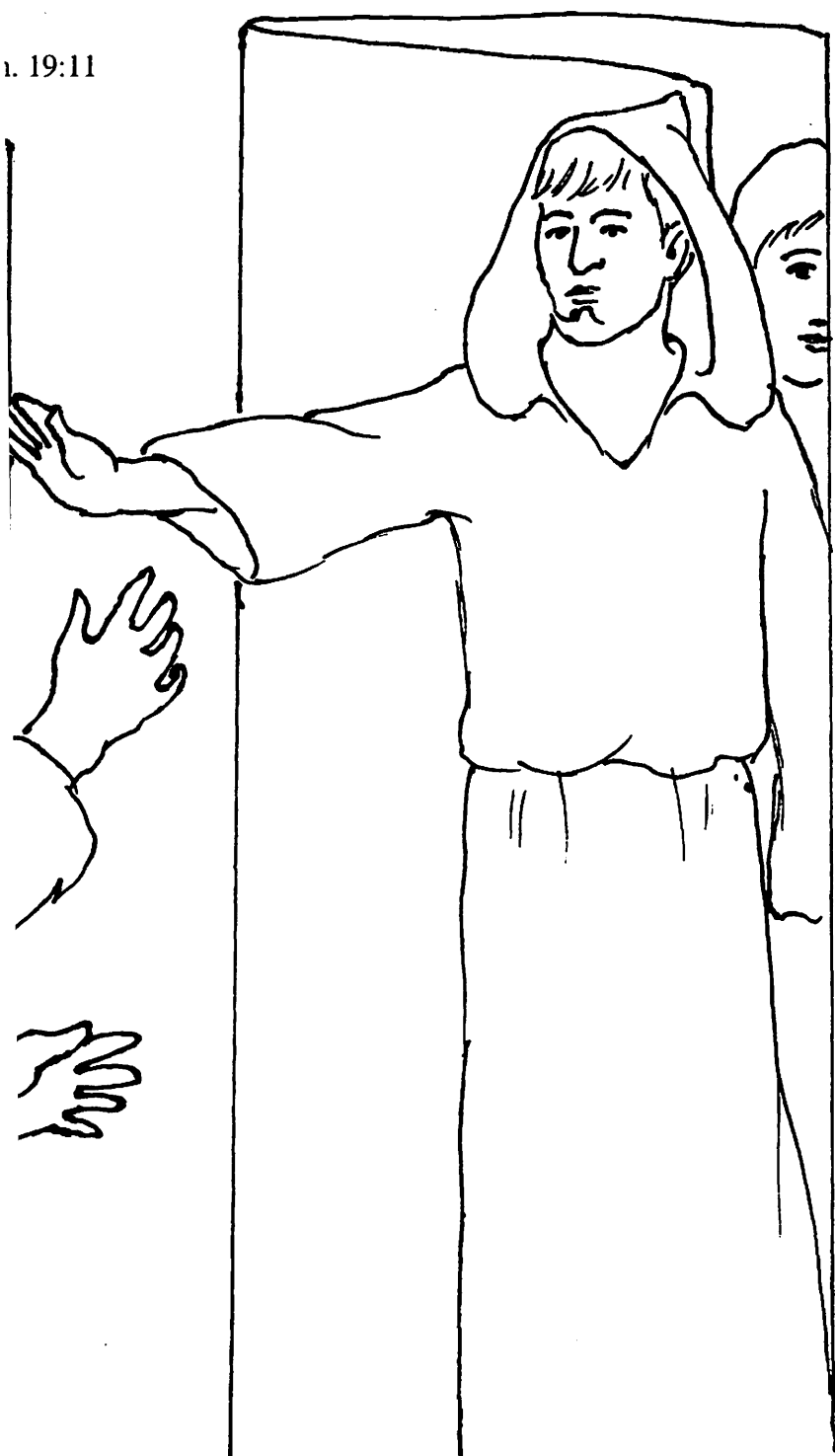
"Do you have any family in the house besides yourself?" the angels asked Lot. "If you do, take them out of the city. The Lord has sent us to destroy it."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“They smote the men that were at the door...with blindness....”



l. 19:11



Getting Acquainted

(Continued from last week)

After meeting Christy that morning, Connie wasn't too eager to walk back up the street to visit Cara. She decided Donnie was the best play mate for the day.

They were playing a good game of horse and wagon. Connie liked to be the horse while Donnie was the driver. She ran as she pulled the wagon. She kicked her heels and neighed loudly.

"Whoa, there, settle down, you ole mare," called Donnie as he shook the jump rope that was the pretend reigns.

"Ne-e-eigh!" said Connie. She kicked again and nearly turned over the wagon.

Donnie yanked on the reigns. "Quit being such a bad horse, or I'm going to go play hot wheels!"

"Alright," sighed Connie. "Where do you want me to go."

"Go the way I pull the reigns," said Donnie.

"Well, you are taking me to the house."

"I know. It's time for a cookie break. I don't think horses like cookies so you can wait outside until I'm done."

"Well, *this* horse eats cookies!" declared Connie. Then she saw someone coming down the street. It was Cara! That new girl wanted to make friends after all! Connie ran to meet her.

"Hi, Cara, come on to my house," said Connie. "We are getting ready to have cookies and milk."

"Oh, that sounds good," said Cara. "My mama said I could come down for one hour. That means I go home at 10:30. Do you know how to tell time?"

"Tell time?" repeated Connie. "What do I need to tell it?"

Cara giggled. "No, silly, you must know how to tell time so that you won't be late to things. I will show you how."

"Okay," agreed Connie.

Donnie had already gone into the house to get his cookies so Connie opened the door for her and Cara to go inside. Mama was in the kitchen with him.

"Mama, this is my new friend, Cara," said Connie. "She has already gone to kindergarten and she knows how to tell time. She said she will teach me how to tell time as soon as we get some cookies and milk."

"Hello, Cara," said Mama. "Would you like some chocolate chip cookies?"

"Yes, please," replied Cara.

Mama smiled and Connie knew that she liked Cara's manners. She even thanked Mama for the cookies. Now, Connie wasn't going to let Cara forget to teach her how to tell time. In a grownup way she asked Mama, "What clock do we have that tells time the best?"

"Let's show Cara what clocks we have and see which one she likes," replied Mama.

"I'd like one that has numbers on it," said Cara politely.

"Oh, I see," said Mama. "Maybe you can use this one."

"Yes," said Cara. "It has a six and a ten on it." Then she told Connie all she knew about telling time.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

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Questions:

1. Who were the two visitors?
2. Why did they come to the city?
3. Who met the visitors at the gate?
4. Where did the visitors go to spend the night?
5. Who wanted the strangers to come outside?
6. What were the men going to do to the door?
7. What did the visitors cause to happen to the crowd?
8. What did the visitors warn Lot to do?

Answers: 1. Angels. 2. To destroy it. 3. Lot. 4. Lot's house. 5. A mob of men. 6. Break it down. 7. They all became blind. 8. Take his family and leave the city.

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The Fate of Sodom

When Lot and Abraham separated their families, Lot moved to the city of Sodom. One day, two angels came to the city. "Take your family and leave this city," the angels warned Lot. "We are going to destroy it because the people here are wicked and sinful."

Lot went out to his daughters and sons-in-law. "Get up and leave this city. The Lord is going to destroy it," Lot warned them. His sons-in-law thought he was joking.

When the sun came up the next morning, the angels rushed to Lot. "Get up," they insisted. "Take your wife and your two daughters that are still at home and leave so that they will not be destroyed with the city."

Lot was taking his time getting ready when the angels took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters. The angels hurried them out of the city.

Once they were outside of the city's gates, the angels warned, "Run for your life. Do not look back. Do not stay close to the city at all. Keep running until you get to the mountains so that you will not be destroyed."

"I cannot go to the mountains," Lot protested. "I am afraid something will happen to me there, and I will die. Let me go to Zoar. It is a city near here."

"I will allow you to do this," the angel consented. "And I will spare this city that you speak of. Run quickly, because I cannot do anything until you are gone."

Lot's family kept running as the Lord sent fire and brimstone from heaven to destroy the cities. Lot's wife looked back as they ran. Because of her disobedience, the Lord caused her to turn into a pillar of salt.

The sun had risen when Lot and his two daughters reached the city of Zoar. Abraham got up early in the morning and went to the place where he stood before the Lord. He looked toward the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. He saw the billowing smoke rising from the cities. God remembered Abraham and spared his family from the fate of the wicked cities.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“..His wife looked back from b



d him, and she became a pillar of salt." Gen. 19:26



First Time in Cara's Mimosa

(Continued from last week)

"Mama, can I go up to Cara's house to play?" asked Connie one summer morning after breakfast.

Mama began her usual list. "Did you brush your teeth? Did you make your bed? Did you put away your night gown? Is your bedroom tidy?"

Connie nodded yes to each question. "Okay, you may play at her house until 11:30," replied Mama. "I want you to come home for lunch."

"Oh, I will, Mama," said Connie as she hurried out the door. She knew the morning would pass very quickly when she was having fun. Panting from running, Connie knocked on Cara's front door. Her mother said she would send Cara right out as soon as she had breakfast.

While she waited, Connie looked around. Holly bushes grew along one end of the porch. Their dark green leaves were pretty, but when Connie reached out to touch one, the sharp needle point end poked her fingers. Their clusters of shiny red berries looked good enough to eat, but Connie remembered the poisonous mushrooms and decided not to taste any.

Out in the yard stood a tall Mimosa tree with two of its branches spreading over the busy black top road of Hill Drive. Straight down at the corner were the climbing morning glories near the tall street light. The little morning glory flowers were wide open facing the soft morning sun. Their bell shaped bodies dangled in the gentle breeze and Connie thought maybe if she walked closer to them, she would hear them ring.

Suddenly the door opened behind Connie and Cara said, "Hi, Connie! Let's play outside this morning. What do you want to play?"

"Do you have a bike?" asked Connie. She really enjoyed riding Ole Betsy up and down her street.

"No," said Cara. "I don't have a bike and I don't like riding Christy's big monster bike. I like to climb trees, but then you can't because you are in a dress."

"I can climb trees!" replied Connie. "See, I have bloomers on."

Cara smiled. "You have pockets on your dress, too. Let's fill our pockets with these holly berries, climb the Mimosa tree and shoot berries at each other."

It sounded fun to Connie. Soon the girls were up in the tree. Cara had one half of the tree and Connie had the other half. The fuzzy pink flowers on the Mimosa tree smelled sweet and attracted little honey bees. The girls shot berries at the bees, each other, and at passing cars. They were laughing and having so much fun when one of the passing cars looked familiar to Connie.

Honk! Honk! It was Daddy coming home for lunch! "Oh, Cara, I have to go home! It is lunch time!" said Connie as she slid down the tree.

"Bye, Connie!"

"Bye, Cara," she called as she ran home. Daddy was already inside when she got home. Mama was so happy to see Daddy that she didn't seem to notice Connie was late, but she did tell Connie she had to stay home that afternoon. She obeyed without complaining even when it came to the dreaded nap time. As she drifted off to sleep, she wondered if Cara had to take naps. Surely when she started to school, she wouldn't have to take naps any more! Connie couldn't wait until school started!

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

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Questions:

1. What did the angels warn Lot?
2. What did Lot's family think when he warned them?
3. Who hurried Lot's family out of the city?
4. "Do not look _____."
5. Who looked back?
6. What happened to Lot's wife?
7. What did the Lord send to destroy the cities?
8. What two cities were destroyed?

Answers: 1. To leave the city. 2. He was joking. 3. Angels. 4. Back. 5. Lot's wife. 6. She turned into a pillar of salt. 7. Fire and brimstone. 8. Sodom and Gomorrah.

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A Promise Fulfilled

Abraham was one hundred years old when he and Sarah had the son that the Lord had promised them. They named him Isaac, which means laughter. Sarah said, "God has made me laugh. All that hear about this will laugh with me. Who would have thought that Abraham and I would have a son in our old age?"

When Isaac was older, Abraham had a great feast prepared for him. Sarah saw Hagar with Isaac's half brother Ishmael. It made her angry to think that someone besides Isaac had a right to inherit Abraham's belongings. "Make this woman leave," Sarah commanded. "Her son will not inherit your possessions like my son will."

Abraham was very sad. "Do not grieve," the Lord told Abraham. "Isaac will be the father of a great nation. I will also make Ishmael lead a nation, because he is your child."

Abraham woke up early the next morning and prepared bread and a bottle of water. He took them to Hagar, who carried them over her shoulder. Hagar and Ishmael left and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba.

They walked until there was no more water in Hagar's bottle. She placed Ishmael under the shade of a bush. Hagar sat down a little ways from Ishmael.

"Do not let me see my child die," Hagar cried, weeping and exhausted. The Lord heard the cries of Hagar and her son.

"What is wrong, Hagar?" the Lord asked. "Do not be afraid. I have heard your son's voice. Take his hand and lift him up. I will make him the leader of a great nation."

God caused Hagar to look up. She saw a well of water. Hagar filled her bottle and let her son drink.

God was with Ishmael. Ishmael grew up in the wilderness. He learned how to shoot with a bow and arrow. His mother found a wife for him in Egypt. They had many children and Ishmael became a mighty leader.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...And she saw



well of water...."Gen. 21:19



An Unaccepted Invitation

(Continued from last week)

On Friday, Mama was busy washing and packing clothes for all the family because it was Monark Springs campmeeting time. Daddy wanted them all ready to go as soon as he got home from work.

Connie ran up to Cara's house to tell her she would be gone over the weekend. They sat on Cara's front porch and talked. "Do you ever go to a campmeeting, Cara?" she asked.

Cara shook her head.

"Well, I wish you could come with us," said Connie. "Of course, we have a very full cabin, but Grandma Eck says the more the merrier. She and Grandpa like for everybody to stay in the cabin."

"I don't think my parents would let me go," said Cara with a shrug.

"Well, we can pray about it," said Connie. "It is really fun! Aunt Berniece and Uncle Bennie come and sometimes Aunt Ruthie and I have to sleep on cots so the big people have enough beds in the cabin. Grandpa gets up when the first bell rings so he can be in early morning prayer meeting and then peel potatoes, but the rest of us don't have to do that. We just get up for breakfast time, because right afterwards, Aunt Inez has children's meeting. That's when we sing and listen to Bible stories."

"No, I don't think that sounds like fun," said Cara. "My parents don't care about Bible stories. Dad says they are just worshiped fairy tales and he doesn't know why people believe in them."

Connie had never heard such foolishness! She just stared at her bare toes for a while. "Well, my family believes in them," she finally replied. "That's why we go to campmeeting and have so much fun. My grandpa is a good singer and we always have singings around the cabin in between church time. If it wasn't for the Bible and the stories in it, my grandpa wouldn't have anything to sing about and I like to hear him sing."

"Sometimes Grandma Drake comes to visit, but she likes for us to keep quiet and not be seen," said Cara. "I don't like old people too much."

Connie frowned at Cara. "That isn't nice to say," she told her. "I love being with my grandmas and grandpas. Mine are more special than any others in the whole wide world!"

"That's groovy, chick!" said Cara as she jumped up from the step by Connie. "I'm going inside and you can go to your crowded ole cabin at camp meeting!"

When Cara slammed the door, Connie felt like crying. She had not meant to fuss with Cara. What went wrong? She hurried home to talk it over with Mama. In tears, she explained it all as Mama worked.

"Honey, you were trying to tell Cara about campmeeting," said Mama gently, "but maybe Cara felt like you were boasting. Probably deep inside, Cara would like to know about God and the Bible, but because of what her daddy says, she was rude to you and shut you off. Let's pray for her and ask the Lord to help you be a friend that will show her the love of God."

After prayer, Connie felt better. Mama helped her call Cara on the telephone, and they had a nice chat before Connie left with her family to Monark Springs campmeeting.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued)

Questions:

1. How old was Abraham when Sarah had a son?
2. What did they name their son?
3. What does Isaac mean?
4. Who wanted Hagar to leave?
5. Where did Hagar go?
6. Who spoke to Hagar?
7. What did Hagar see?
8. What happened to Ishmael?

Answers: 1. 100 years old. 2. Isaac. 3. Laughter. 4. Sarah. 5. To the wilderness. 6. The Lord. 7. A well of water. 8. He grew to be a leader.

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The Sacrificial Ram

Before Jesus died for us on the cross, people were required to offer up animals as a sacrifice to get forgiveness for their sins. Adam and Eve's own children were among the first to offer up sacrifices to the Lord.

One day, the Lord called Abraham's name. "Here I am," Abraham answered. "Take your son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him up for a burnt offering on one of the mountains there," the Lord told Abraham.

Abraham woke up early the next morning and saddled his donkey. He selected two servants to attend him on his journey. Then, Abraham called for Isaac to join them. They gathered wood for the burnt offering and went towards the land of Moriah.

"Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told his servants. "Isaac and I will go up the mountain and worship. Then we will return to you."

Abraham took the fire for the burnt offering and a knife. He and Isaac left the others to make their sacrifice to God alone.

Isaac was confused. "I see the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

"God will send us a lamb for a burnt offering," Abraham replied.

Finally, they reached the place that God had told Abraham of. Abraham built the altar and laid down the wood. He tied Isaac's hands and legs and put him on the altar.

Abraham stretched out his hand and took up the knife he had brought. He raised it high over Isaac. Suddenly, Abraham heard a voice. It was an angel. "Abraham," the angel said. "Do not harm the boy. I know that you fear God, because you were willing to give your own son up for a sacrifice." Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw a ram caught in a thicket by his horns. Abraham took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“And Abraham lifted up his eyes....
and behold behind him
a ram caught in a thicket....” Genesis 22:13



Merry Crowded Cabin

(Continued from last week)

Connie began to put on her sandals when the car tires rolled over the gravel driveway at Monark Springs camp ground. She jumped out of the car as soon as Daddy turned off the motor. Donnie jumped out, too, and they raced to the cabin door. Night service had just ended, and Grandma Eck was outside the cabin visiting.

"Oh, here, I see the children made it in," she told a friend.

"Hi, Grandma!" said Connie and Donnie together as they hugged her. "Have you been missing us in the cabin?" asked Connie.

"We are ready for you," replied Grandma, as she opened the cabin door. "Come in and make yourselves at home. We left the bed in the corner open for Vernon and Bertha and here are some cots for you, Connie and Donnie. The baby beds are for Lonnie and Cindy."

Connie glanced around the dimly lit gray brick cabin. It looked just like she remembered it with the three big beds in a row. The ones to her right were made up with quilts or bedspreads. The green cots folded out for night time had sheets on them. Connie and Donnie each claimed a cot and then they helped carry in their luggage. The cabin felt quite full by the time everything was in it.

"We still expect Bennie and Berniece," said Grandma. "They will probably get in during the night."

"Hurrah!" shouted Connie. "I want to see Marvin and little Garyld again." After she was ready for bed, Aunt Ruthie and Uncle Larry came into the cabin for the night. Oh, how happy they all were to see each other!

Connie was sleeping so good that she did not know when her cousins came in, but she was happy to see

them all when she woke up in the morning. Now the cabin was full to overflowing and this made them all feel happy.

Right after breakfast, the bell rang for children's meeting with Aunt Inez under the tabernacle. Connie helped Lonnie and Marvin walk down the gravel driveway to the meeting. Soon they were singing happy songs and quietly listening to Bible stories.

"Oh, if only Cara could enjoy this!" thought Connie. "She would know these Bible stories are good and true!"

Playing with the children between services, Connie felt the kindness and happiness of her friends. In the cabin after night service, Mama popped popcorn on the one burner hot-plate. There were good cookies and snacks to share with the cousins, aunts and uncles who dropped by to visit. Connie knew that it was God and Jesus who made them love each other and be happy. The Bible told her so, and she believed it.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

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Questions:

1. How did Abraham answer when God called his name?
2. Who did the Lord ask Abraham to sacrifice?
3. What land did the Lord tell Abraham to go to?
4. Who came along with Abraham on his journey?
5. Why was Isaac confused?
6. What did Abraham say God would send?
7. Who called out to Abraham to stop?
8. What did Abraham see in the thicket?

Answers: 1. "Here I am." 2. His son, Isaac. 3. Moriah. 4. Isaac and two servants. 5. They had no lamb to sacrifice. 6. A lamb. 7. An angel. 8. A ram.

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A Meeting at the Well

Abraham was old. His wife, Sarah, was dead. Abraham began to think about finding a wife for Isaac. Abraham called for his oldest servant. "Promise me that you will not find a wife for my son among the Canaanites," Abraham said, "even though the Canaanites are living all around us. You will go to my relatives and find a wife for my son."

The servant promised Abraham he would do what Abraham desired. He took ten camels and left for Mesopotamia. When he got there, the servant paused to let his camels drink at a well. "Lord, please help me this day and show kindness to my master Abraham. I stand here at the well, where the daughters of the men of the city come to get water. I will say to one of the girls, 'Let me drink from your pitcher.' She will say, 'Drink, and I will let your camels drink also.' Let this girl be the one that you have chosen for your servant Isaac. Then I will know that you have shown kindness to my master," the servant prayed.

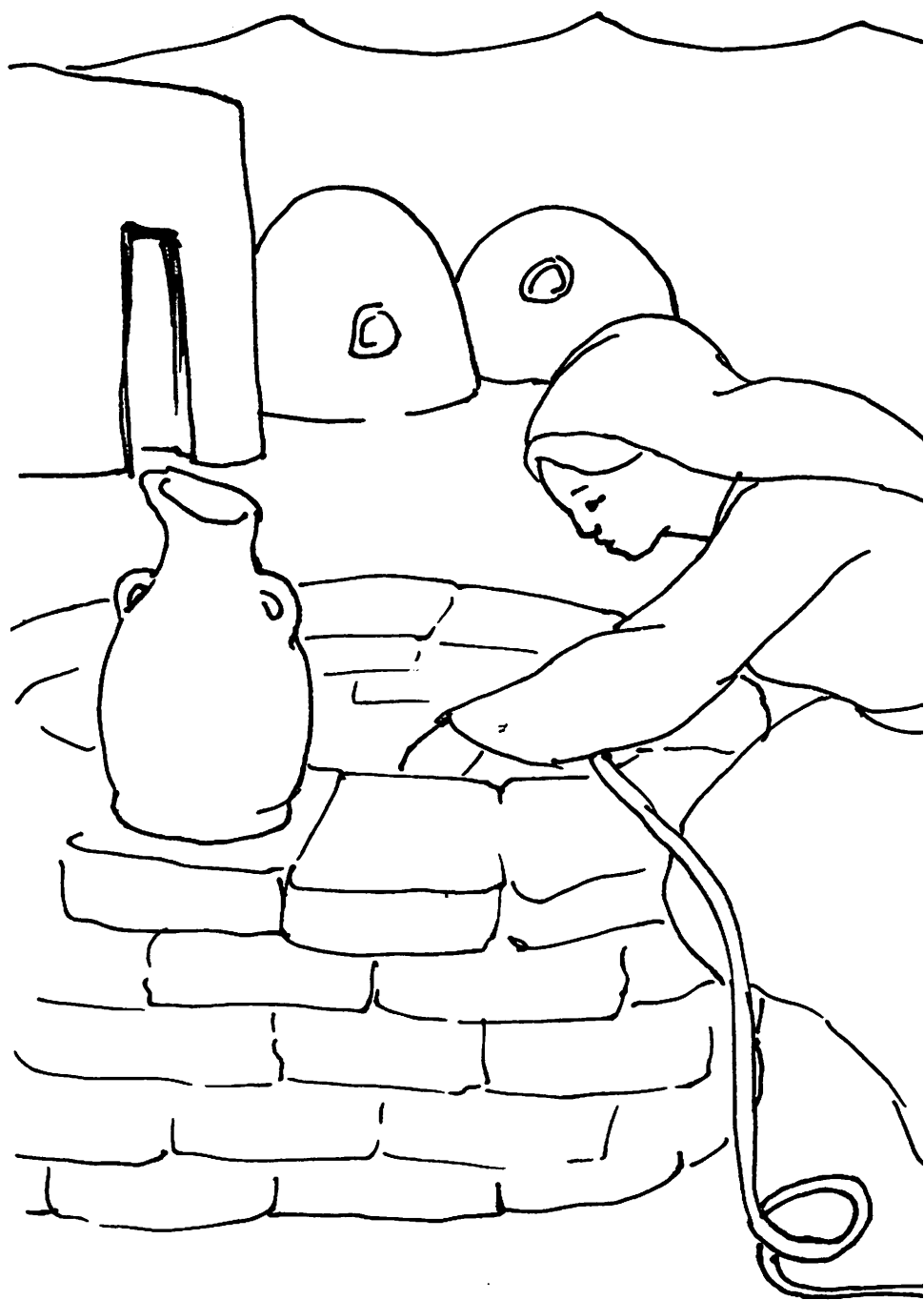
Soon after the servant's prayer, Rebekah, the daughter of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came to get water from the well. Rebekah was a very pretty girl. She went down and filled her pitcher with water.

The servant ran to meet her. "Let me drink some of the water from your pitcher," the servant asked.

"Drink, please sir," Rebekah replied. "I will get water for your camels, also." Rebekah ran to the well again and drew water for all of the servant's animals. The servant stood, wondering if this was the chosen damsel for Isaac or not. "Whose daughter are you?" the servant asked. "Is there room in your home for me to stay?" "I am the daughter of Nahor," Rebekah answered. "We have plenty of room for you to stay."

The servant bowed his head and praised God. "Praise the Lord of my master Abraham, who has led me to the house of my master's brother." Rebekah ran to her mother's house to tell them the news.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





“...She went down to the well and filled her pitcher....”

Genesis 24:16

One Hot August Day

(Continued)

The hot breeze rattled the dry leaves on the elm tree in Connie's front yard. As she leaned against the tree, heat waves bounded from the dry, cracked ground and warmed her cheeks. It was another scorching August day in Oklahoma.

The neighbor dogs were resting under bushes. Cats were sleeping under porch steps. Even the locusts and crickets were quiet, probably too dry to sing. Maybe down at the creek in the woods the frogs would be cool in the mud. Connie was walking to the woods when she heard Mama calling.

"Connie! Come in! It's too hot to play outside!"

Oh, no! Connie knew that Mama wanted her to take a nap. How terrible! She began to run to the woods when Mama called again from the back patio. Well, she would just check on the frogs and then go home.

The green canopy of trees made a nice shady covering along the wide creek bed. The water was down to little pools between muddy spots. The slimy mud felt cool to Connie's bare feet. No wonder the little frogs like to hide in the mud during hot days! She squished in the mud for a minute then she stopped. Maybe if she was quiet, a frog would come out. She stood still, looking all around her.

Over head, birds fluttered from branch to branch, singing bird songs to each other. A couple of rabbits hopped along the creek edge, and a slick green lizard climbed up the creek wall below them. Connie was glad to see that some things were not wasting time taking a nap.

Suddenly, she saw a frog hopping underneath a tree root. He was fat and couldn't hop very fast so she caught him easily. "Little froggy, you have the coolest place to live in the summer time," she told him. She didn't know if he could hear her because she could never see frog ears.

"I had better let you go," she finally told him. "I need to go home while Mama is resting."

Connie put down the frog who promptly hopped out of sight. She climbed up the creek bank, walked out of the woods, and went home. Carefully, she opened up the front door and stepped into the air conditioned entrance hall. She listened. Quiet. She tiptoed to the front room. Donnie, Lonnie, and Cindy were sleeping on a quilt on the floor, but where was Mama?

"Connie, why are you so muddy?" asked Mama's voice beside her.

Connie jumped and looked down at her feet and legs. "I can wash it off," she said humbly.

"You will wash it off and you will lay down," said Mama sternly. "And you will not run away again during nap time." Then she taught Connie a painful lesson so she would not run from her mama again.

The next afternoon, Connie thought of the shady woods and the cool mud. But she also remembered Mama's lesson, so she laid down and tried to nap at least a minute or two and please her loving Mama.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued)

Questions:

1. What was Abraham thinking of?
2. Where did Abraham ask the servant to go?
3. What did the servant stop to do?
4. Who came down to the well to get water?
5. Who was Nahor?
6. What did the servant ask Rebekah?
7. What did Rebekah offer the servant?
8. What did the servant thank God for?

Answers: 1. Finding a wife for Isaac. 2. Mesopotamia. 3. Water his camels. 4. Rebekah. 5. Abraham's brother. 6. For water & a place to stay. 7. Water for his camels. 8. Leading him to Abraham's brother.

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A Wife for Isaac

After meeting Abraham's servant at the well, Rebekah ran to tell her family of his arrival. Rebekah's brother, Laban, ran out with Rebekah to the well. He saw the gifts the servant had for his sister. "This man is the man that spoke to me," Rebekah told Laban.

"Why are you standing here?" Laban asked. "I have a room ready for you at the house, and a place for your camels, also." The servant came into his house. The family gave him meat to eat. "I will not eat until I tell you why I have come," the servant said.

"Speak on," they urged him.

"I am Abraham's servant," he said. "The Lord has greatly blessed my master. The Lord has given him flocks, herds, silver, gold, servants, camels, and donkeys. Abraham's wife, Sarah gave him a son. My master asked me to find a wife for his son among his relatives. I came to the well today and prayed that the Lord would bring a wife for Isaac to the well. When I was finished praying, Rebekah came to the well. When I found out that she was the son of Abraham's brother, I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord who led me the right way. Now, please give a kind answer to my master and tell me if I need to stay or leave."

Rebekah's mother and Laban answered, "It is a thing of God. Take Rebekah and go. Let her be your master's son's wife, as the Lord has spoken."

When Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the Lord. The servant brought jewels of silver and gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave Rebekah's mother and brother valuable gifts.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





“...He gave also to her brother and
to her mother precious things.” Genesis 24:53

The Avon Lady

(Continued)

Connie and Donnie were playing horse and buggy in their driveway when a cute little red car pulled into the drive. "Let's go tell Mama that Mrs. Marj is here," said Connie. She ran to the garage door, opened it and called, "Mama, Mrs. Marj is here!" Then she ran to help Mrs. Marj with her bags.

"Thank you, darlings" said Mrs. Marj as they took a bag from her. "Just don't drop it. That holds the neatest little Avon bottles you ever saw."

"Oh, we want to see them!" said Connie. "What kind of specials are in the Avon book today?" She knew Mama bought what was on special in the perfume or cologne section.

"Come on in and I will let you look at a book," said Mrs. Marj. Connie liked Mrs. Marj because she let her shop in her own book along with Mama.

"Hello, Mrs. Marj," said Mama as she welcomed her into the living room. She sat down and opened up her bags as Connie, Donnie, Lonnie and Cindy watched.

"Now look at this little beehive with a gold bee on top," said Mrs. Marj holding up the perfume bottle. "Isn't this as cute as a bug's ear?"

"How does Mrs. Marj know what a bug's ear looks like?" wondered Connie. "I've never seen a bug nor a frog's ear!"

"This cologne stick is just half a second long," said Mrs. Marj. "Isn't it neat?"

"So Mrs. Marj measures things by seconds, instead of inches like Mama," thought Connie. "Mrs. Marj is so groovy!"

Then Connie saw a white box laid to the side of the bag. "Hey, Mrs. Marj, what is in this box?" she asked.

"Oh, I don't think your mother would be interested in that," said Mrs. Marj as she put it back into the bag.

"Is it something cute as half a second?" asked Connie.

"No, it is lip stick samples," said Mrs. Marj. "We won't get into that."

"I know what they are," said Connie. "Cara has some. Could I have just one. Mama? There are some light pink ones."

Mama shook her head. "I think I will get two Wild Country bars of soap on special that are shown on the back page," she said. "That will be all for today."

"Alright," said Mrs. Marj as she wrote out a ticket for Mama. She always gathered up her things and packed them back the way she liked. "I will see you all in a couple weeks. You be good and help your mother."

They all said good-bye as Mrs. Marj went out the door and to her car. After she was gone, Mama said, "Connie, we enjoy having the Avon lady come over to visit and it is nice to shop at home. Just never ask me to buy make-up or jewelry because I never will. Makeup harms the skin and jewelry is a clutter we don't need on us. Maybe next time you can pick out chapstick or perfume on special, okay?"

Connie nodded. It seemed fair to her.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

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Questions:

1. Who did Rebekah meet at the well?
2. Who did Rebekah tell of the servant's arrival?
3. Who came out to greet the servant?
4. Why wouldn't the servant eat?
5. Why was the servant there?
6. Who agreed that Rebekah should go?
7. What did the servant give to Rebekah?
8. What did he give to her mother and brother?

Answers: 1. Abraham's servant. 2. Her family. 3. Laban. 4. He hadn't told of his errand. 5. To find a wife for Isaac. 6. Her mother & brother. 7. Jewels and clothing. 8. Valuable gifts.

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Birthright for Pottage

Abraham was very old. He lived with his family around him. When he was 175 years old, he died. Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the field of Ephron. It was where Sarah was buried also.

God blessed Isaac with many things. However, Isaac and Rebekah still hadn't had any children. Isaac prayed diligently for a child, and Isaac and Rebekah were excited to find out that one was on the way. The Lord came to Rebekah one day and spoke to her. "Two nations are growing. You will have two very different children. One of them will be stronger than the other, and the older shall be a servant to the younger."

Isaac and Rebekah named their sons Esau and Jacob. Isaac was 60 years old when his children were born.

The boys grew. Esau was good at hunting. He worked hard in his father's fields. Jacob was not so fond of being out of doors. Isaac loved Esau because he liked to hunt. Rebekah loved Jacob.

Esau was born first, so when their father died, Esau would receive the majority of Abraham's property. This was called the birthright. One day, after working hard in the field, Esau came in feeling very hungry. Jacob had made a pottage. It smelled so good to Esau.

"Please feed me. I am not feeling well. Give me some pottage," Esau pleaded.

"I will give you some pottage if you will give me your birthright," Isaac said.

"What will I have, if I die from hunger? What good will a birthright do me?" Esau asked.

"Promise me that I will have your birthright," Jacob insisted. Esau promised. Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, an



Esau
came
from
the
field

was faint.” Genesis 25:29



Preparing for School

(Continued)

One Saturday morning in August, Connie woke up excited. She jumped out of bed and hurried to get dressed. Today Mama was taking her shopping for school things. Connie was officially enrolled at Central Elementary School because on Thursday Grandma Miles and Mama had taken Connie to sign her in. She was now a registered first grader!

"Connie, come and eat some breakfast," said Mama. "Daddy will be ready to take us shopping as soon as Grandma is here to babysit the babies."

"Is Donnie going to go with us?" asked Connie as she sat down at the table to eat pancakes and chocolate syrup.

"I don't know if he wants to go," said Mama. "Ask him."

About that time Donnie came to the table, so Connie asked him.

"Oh, I don't know," said Donnie. "What's so special about buying school things, anyway?"

"You don't have to go," said Connie, "but you could help me decide on how many crayons to buy, and what kind of scissors, and what color of Kleenex box, and..."

"Good grief!" said Donnie. "You're always telling me what to do. Why all of a sudden do you want me to tell you what to do?"

"I thought you might like to go," replied Connie with a shrug.

Donnie shook his head. "No, I think I had better stay and help Grandma. She probably will listen to me better."

Soon Connie was riding in the big car all by herself with Mama and Daddy.

"Did we get a list of things to buy from my teacher? What is her name—Mrs. Short?"

"Yes, we have a list from Mrs. LONG," replied Mama. "We can probably buy most of these items at Ben Franklin's."

"Oh, good!" exclaimed Connie. "I love shopping at Ben Franklin's. Does the list have anything on it about candy or snacks? I think Vickie took cookies to school every day."

"She was in kindergarten, dear, but this is first grade. You will eat lunch in the cafeteria. We will pay for it by the week."

Connie looked out the car window at the familiar houses and trees passing by. She was soon to be on her own at a big school with hundreds of other strange boys and girls. What was that going to be like? Suddenly, nothing out the car window looked common any more.

Ben Franklin's on Oklahoma Street was very busy. Connie held Mama's hand as Daddy opened the glass door to the store. Cool air fanned her warm face as her sandals trip-trapped on the wooden floor.

"Coming for school supplies?" asked Sis. Evelyn Taylor. "They are right over here." Then she patted Connie's head. "So you are a first grader now? My! My! I remember when you were just a baby! How time flies! Just don't be afraid—Jesus will be with you at school."

Connie nodded. She had already heard that from Grandma.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

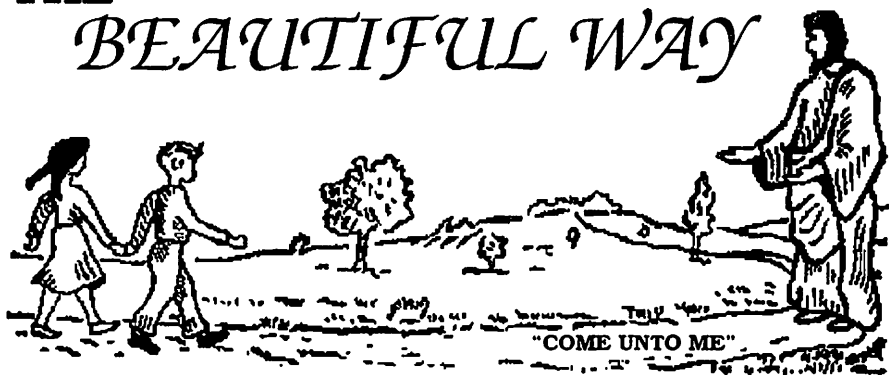
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Questions:

1. How old was Abraham when he died?
2. What did Isaac pray for?
3. Who spoke to Rebekah?
4. Who did Rebekah love?
5. Who did Isaac love?
6. What was Esau good at?
7. Who was born first?
8. What did Esau trade his birth-right for?

Answers: 1. 175 years. 2. A child. 3. The Lord. 4. Jacob. 5. Esau. 6. Hunting and working outside. 7. Esau. 8. Pottage.

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Blessed by the Lord

When a famine struck the land, Isaac moved his family to Gerar, where the Philistines lived and Abimelech was king. "Because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my commandments, I will bless you while you stay in this land," the Lord told Isaac. "You will have many descendents and I will give all of these countries to them." Isaac obeyed the Lord and stayed in Gerar.

Abimelech commanded that no one in his kingdom should touch Isaac or Rebekah. Isaac planted fields in the land of the Philistines and gained one hundred times more than he began with. Isaac grew very famous in that land. He had many servants. The Philistines looked on and were jealous of all of Isaac's wealth.

Abraham's servants had dug several wells around Gerar. The Philistines had filled them up with dirt after Abraham's death. When Isaac became very rich and powerful, King Abimelech told him he had to leave. Isaac departed from King Abimelech and set up his tent in the valley of Gerar. Isaac re-dug the wells that his father had dug. Even though Isaac had dug the well, the herdsman in Gerar argued, "The water is ours." Isaac named the well Esek. Isaac and his men dug another well. The men of Gerar claimed that one as well. Finally, Isaac dug a well he named Rehoboth. "Now the Lord has made room for us and we will be able to flourish in this land," Isaac declared.

That night, the Lord appeared to Isaac. "I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not be afraid. I am with you, and I will bless you for Abraham's sake," the Lord told Isaac.

King Abimelech and several of his men came from Gerar to visit Isaac. "Why have you come?" Isaac asked. "You turned me away."

The king and his men replied, "We saw that the Lord was with you. We decided that we should promise that we will not hurt you, and only do you good. You are now blessed by the Lord."

Isaac made them a feast and they ate and drank. The men arose early the next morning and left in peace.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“And they digged another well....” Genesis 26: 21



First Day of School

(Continued)

Connie was up early her first day of school. Mama had made her a new dress to wear, and matching bows for her hair. She fried eggs and bacon but Connie's stomach did not want to be bothered because it was busy tying *what-if* knots. What if she couldn't find the right class room? What if her teacher didn't like her? Worst worry of all—what if her class mates called her names and weren't friendly?

Mama's voice was telling Connie things to remember, but her mind was speaking louder. Suddenly, it was time to go. Mama hugged her. "You don't need to be afraid," she said. "Jesus will be with you. Just pray to Him when you feel alone."

Connie nodded and ran out to Grandma's car. Grandma was taking her for the first day, but after this she would ride the big yellow bus that stopped at the top of the street.

"Good morning, Connie," said Grandma. "You like nice today!"

"Thank you," she replied. "Grandma, do you think I am likable?"

"Why sure you are," said Grandma. "A verse in Proverbs says, *He that hath friends must show himself friendly*. If you smile, show kindness, and speak with others, they will become friends to you. Remember that the other children want to make friends just as much as you do."

Connie sighed. Grandma made it sound so easy. Grandma parked her car along a curb lined with cars. Many boys and girls Connie's size were holding hands with a Mama or Daddy as they walked toward the school doors.

"Let's have a quick word of prayer," said Grandma. They bowed their heads and Grandma prayed for Connie's safety, friendships, and other important stuff.

"Now take me to your class room," said Grandma. They gathered her school supplies. Then they held hands

like everyone else, and went through the big school doors.

BR-R-RING! Connie jumped close to Grandma who looked at her watch. "That must be the first bell," she said. "You now have five minutes to get to class before being tardy."

Connie didn't know what "*being tardy*" meant, but it sounded *naughty* to her so she started to run. "No running in the hall ways!" commanded a teacher's voice. Grandma took Connie's hand.

"We have time to walk there," she said. "Take a deep breath and relax."

Connie was thankful she did remember where her class room was on the first floor of the school. Mrs. Long was standing by the door greeting her students.

"Hello, Connie," said Mrs. Long. "I have put your name on your desk. I think it is the first desk in the third row."

"Hello, Mrs. Long," said Connie. Grandma and Mrs. Long talked a minute while Connie found her desk and put her school box in it. She sat down and waved good-bye to Grandma. She knew the Lord would be with her now.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

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Questions:

1. Who was king of Gerar?
2. What group of people lived in Gerar?
3. Why were the Philistines jealous of Isaac?
4. What had Abraham's servants dug?
5. Why did Isaac not use the first well?
6. Who appeared to Isaac and told him not to be afraid?
7. Who came to see Isaac?
8. What promise did the men give to Isaac?

Answers: 1. King Abimelech. 2. Philistines. 3. He was wealthy and famous. 4. Wells. 5. The Philistines claimed it was theirs. 6. The Lord. 7. King Abimelech and his men. 8. They would not harm him.

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Isaac is Deceived

The years passed, and Isaac grew old. His eyesight grew dim. Isaac called his oldest son, Esau, to his side. "Here I am," Esau answered his father. "I am old," Isaac told him. "I do not know when I will die. Take your weapons and go out to the field and bring me some venison. Fix the meat the way I like it and bring it to me so that I can eat. Then I will bless you before I die."

Rebekah heard Isaac speaking to Jacob. Although Isaac loved Esau, Jacob was his mother's favorite. "Your father is planning to give Esau his blessing," Rebekah informed Jacob. "Go to the flock and bring in two goats. I will make meat for your father the way he likes it. You will bring it to your father so that he will bless you before he dies."

Jacob got goat meat, and his mother cooked it. Rebekah put the goat skins on Jacob's skin so that he would feel like Esau. Jacob dressed in Esau's clothing. Rebekah gave him the meat and bread, and Jacob took it in to Esau.

"Here I am, Father," Jacob said. "Who are you?" Isaac asked.

"I am Esau, your firstborn. I have done everything you told me to do. Sit up and eat, so that you can bless me," Jacob replied. "How did you find meat so quickly?" Isaac asked.

"The Lord your God brought it to me," Jacob answered. "Come near me, so that I can feel you and know for sure that you are my son, Esau," Isaac commanded. Isaac felt Jacob's hands.

"The voice is Jacob's, but the hands are Esau's," Isaac said. "Are you Esau?" Once again, Jacob assured his father that he was Esau. "Bring the food to me. I will eat of my son's venison," Isaac said. "Then I will bless you." And he ate and drank.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“....He did eat...and he drank.” Genesis 27:25



MakeUp Temptation

(Continued)

First grade was fun to Connie! Every morning after that loud bell rang two times, Mrs. Long would stand behind her desk and greet the class. Connie's desk was right in front of the teacher's desk so she could watch Mrs. Long who was a tall lady who wore modest dresses like Mama's.

However, Mrs. Long had her hair cut short in a curly perm and she put on bright red lipstick. Sometimes Connie saw Mrs. Long get out a mirror, look in it, and then she would put on more lipstick and powder her nose. This fascinated Connie because her Mama and Grandmas did not do this.

Connie soon made friends with a girl named Susan. At lunch time, they would stand in line together so they could sit at the long table together. Mrs. Hardesty would sit at a little table and take their lunch tickets.

Mrs. Hardesty wore nice dresses, but she liked her short hair in a tall puff above her head. "I wonder how Mrs. Hardesty gets her hair up there that high?" Connie whispered to Susan.

"Oh, she goes to the beauty shop," Susan whispered back. "My mama has her hair done the same way. A beautician will back comb hair underneath and then comb the hair smooth on top. They spray it with hair spray until it is stiff as a board so it will stay up a long time."

This was interesting news to Connie. Sometimes when Mrs. Hardesty was seated and had her back turned, Connie's hand wanted to touch her hair and see if it was stiff as a board like Susan said it was. Her new friend seemed to know so much about proper dress and the newest styles. It seemed to Connie that Mrs. Long complimented Susan more often on her clothes than she did Connie.

One day the girls were in the ladies room after lunch, looking in the mirror at each other's faces. Susan said, "You have little eyes and

long brown hair, and I have blonde hair and big eyes, but you have better lips than I do. I think if you wore lipstick it would make your eyes look better."

Connie had never liked her eye size, and if Susan had an idea to make her eyes look better, then she was ready to try it. Susan happened to have lipstick in her purse and she carefully put some on Connie. It was the bright red color like Mrs. Long used.

When the bell rang for class, Connie went to her desk slowly. Even though Susan was proud of the make-up work she had done on her, Connie felt awkward. She kept her eyes looking down, thinking that might make her red lips look better.

Finally Connie raised her eyes to meet Mrs. Long's look. Connie was embarrassed—Mrs. Long was laughing quietly at her!

Connie raised her hand. "May I go to the rest room?" she asked. She rushed to the sink and washed off that lipstick as fast as she could. Never again would she let Susan decorate her face like that! Mama had told her make-up would make her look like a clown, and she was right. Mrs. Long had laughed at her.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

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Questions:

1. Who did Isaac call to him?
2. Who overheard what Isaac wanted?
3. What did Rebekah want for Isaac?
4. What animals did Jacob get meat from?
5. What did Jacob put on to feel like Esau?
6. Why did Isaac want to feel Jacob?
7. The voice is _____, but the hands are _____.
8. Did Isaac finally believe Jacob was Esau?

Answers: 1. Esau. 2. Rebekah. 3. Esau's blessing. 4. Goats. 5. Goat skin. 6. To make sure he was Esau. 7. Jacob's, Esau's. 8. Yes.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Jacob is Blessed

Isaac had given Esau some instructions and told him once they were fulfilled, Esau would get a blessing. When Rebekah heard his words, she hurried to tell Jacob. She dressed Jacob like Esau and sent him in to his father.

After Isaac ate and drank the food Jacob brought him, he called his son near. Jacob bent and kissed his father. Isaac smelled the dirt and sweat that were on Esau's clothing. "God will give you plenty of corn and drink," Isaac prophesied. "Let people serve you. You will be master over your brothers. Your mother's sons will bow down to you. Everyone that curses you will be cursed, and everyone that blesses you will be blessed."

Isaac completed his blessing, and Jacob left the room. Hardly any time passed before Esau came in from hunting. He had also made meat and had brought it to his father. "Sit up, father, so you can eat this meat and bless me," Esau said.

"Who are you?" his father asked.

"I am Esau, your son," Esau replied.

Isaac shook, and inquired, "Then who was it that brought me meat? I have eaten all of it before you came, and blessed him."

When Esau heard his father's words, he cried a loud and bitter cry. "Bless me, father."

"Your brother has deceived me and taken your blessing," his father said.

"Jacob has had the upper hand over me two times. Once he took away my birthright, and now he has taken away my blessing," Esau said. "Do you not have any blessing reserved for me?"

"I have made him your master, and I have promised him corn and drink," Isaac replied. "What can I give you now?"

"Do you not even have one blessing?" Esau pleaded.

"You shall live by your sword. You will serve your brother," Isaac said.

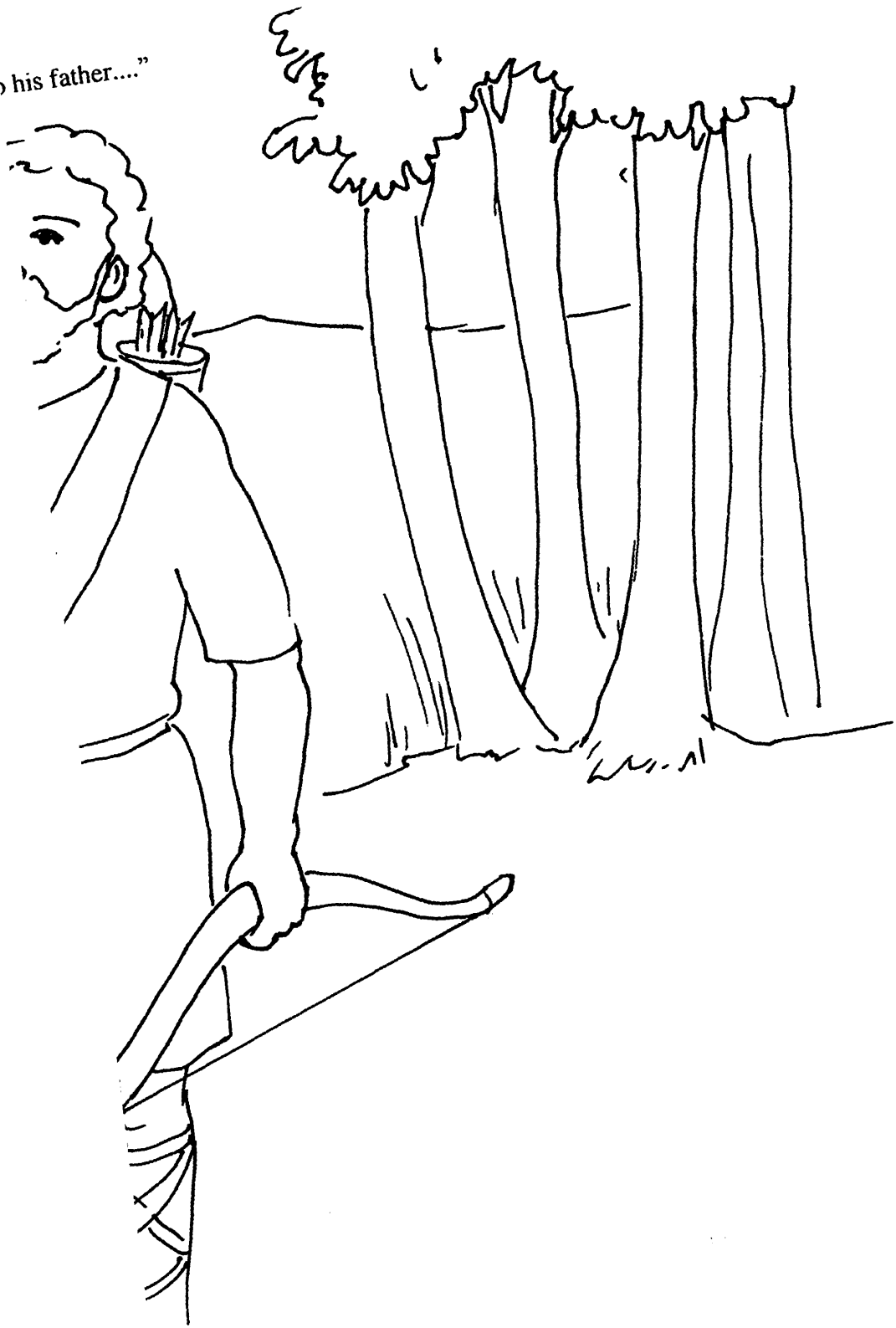
From that moment on, Esau hated his brother. Esau said in his heart, "After my family has finished mourning the death of my father, I will kill my brother Jacob."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“....Esau his brother came in from his hunting....and brought it [meat] u
Genesis 27: 30&31



his father...."



Kindness in Attitude

(Continued)

While Connie was in the kitchen helping Mama fix supper, she was busy talking about her school day.

"Susan is a nice girl, Mama," said Connie. "I know you would like her. Maybe she could come over to visit sometime."

"We will see," replied Mama.

Connie sighed. When Mama replied *we will see* she really meant *not for a long time—if ever*.

"Well, everyone likes Susan," replied Connie. "Maybe we can have her here for Thanksgiving."

"No, Susan will probably be with her family, dear," replied Mama as she checked the steaming broccoli. "I may meet your new friends on Open House night this week."

"Oh, that will be great!" exclaimed Connie. "I know the names of everyone in my class now. Most all of us are friends."

"You play with everyone, don't you?" asked Mama. "You don't leave anyone out, right?"

"I try to," replied Connie. "But there is this one girl who no one wants to play with. She wears mismatched clothes and she kinda smells like a wet bed in the morning. When she goes to the monkey bars, all the other children leave. And if she swings, they get off the swing set. If she touches any one, they pass her germs on to someone else."

With a frown, Mama set down the hot rolls from the oven. "That does not sound nice. You don't act like that, do you? I would be so ashamed if my daughter mistreated someone at school."

Connie looked down. "Well, I try to be nice to her when the others aren't around. I just don't want them to leave me out, too."

Mama's voice was a little bit angry. "So, if the other boys and girls are calling this girl names, you just join in, even though it is wrong?"

"No, Mama, I don't call her names," said Connie quietly. "I just don't go around them when they are being naughty."

Mama was quiet for a while. Then she said, "I think we need to pray for this girl. She needs a friend who can help her do better. Maybe at Open House I can meet her mother and we can visit."

"You aren't going to invite her over are you?" asked Connie in a worried voice.

"We will see," replied Mama. "It may be that we need to visit her house."

"And get all her...."

"Don't you say that to me!" said Mama. "You have germs. So does Susan. We all do. You are a better person when you help those in need. They will often be more faithful friends than the ones who seem to be so popular. We will pray for her and ask God what we can do to help her."

Connie knew by Mama's voice that she was going to have to make friends with this girl no matter what others said. "*Oh, do I ever need prayer!*" She thought.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

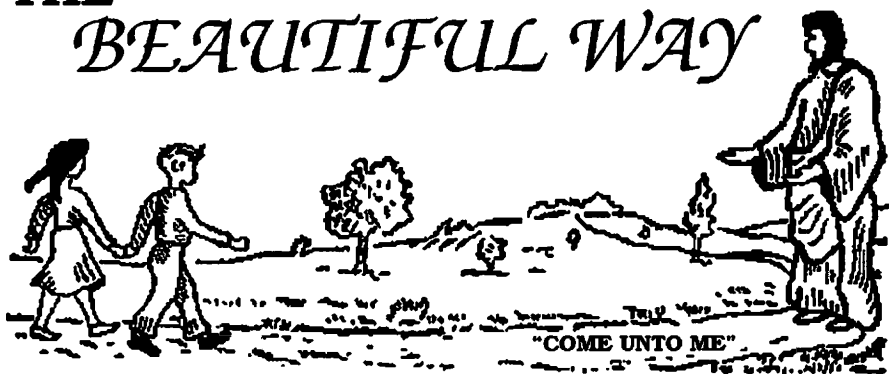
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Questions:

1. Who were to bow down to Jacob?
2. Who came in from hunting?
3. What did Esau want his father to do?
4. Who took Esau's blessing?
5. What did Isaac say Esau would live by?
6. Who would Esau have to serve?
7. Who did Esau hate?
8. What did Esau plan to do to Jacob?

Answers: 1. His brothers. 2. Esau. 3. Bless him. 4. Jacob. 5. His sword. 6. Jacob. 7. Jacob. 8. Kill him.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Ladder to Heaven

After Jacob deceived Esau, Esau planned to kill Jacob. Rebekah, their mother, heard of Esau's plan and called to Jacob. "Your brother is planning to kill you," she informed him. "Run from here to visit my brother Laban. Stay with him a few days until your brother has had time to calm down. Then, I will send for you."

Rebekah spoke to Isaac later. "I am having a hard time in my life because of the daughters of Heth living here around us. If Jacob marries one of these girls, what good is my life?" Rebekah complained.

Isaac called to Jacob. "Go to the house of Laban, your mother's brother and marry one of his daughters," Isaac advised. "May God bless you and make you fruitful, and give you the blessing of Abraham." Jacob followed his parent's advice and went to visit his uncle.

Esau saw that Jacob was gone. He married one of Ishmael's descendents.

Meanwhile, Jacob was on the long journey to his uncle's. He grew tired and stopped for the night. Jacob put one of the stones behind his head and used it for a pillow. While he slept, he dreamed about a beautiful ladder that reached all of the way to heaven. Angels of God were walking up and down the ladder. The Lord was above the ladder. The Lord said, "I am the God of Abraham your father, and of Isaac. I will give you and your children this land. You will have as many in your family as the dust on the earth. In you and your children will everyone on the earth be blessed."

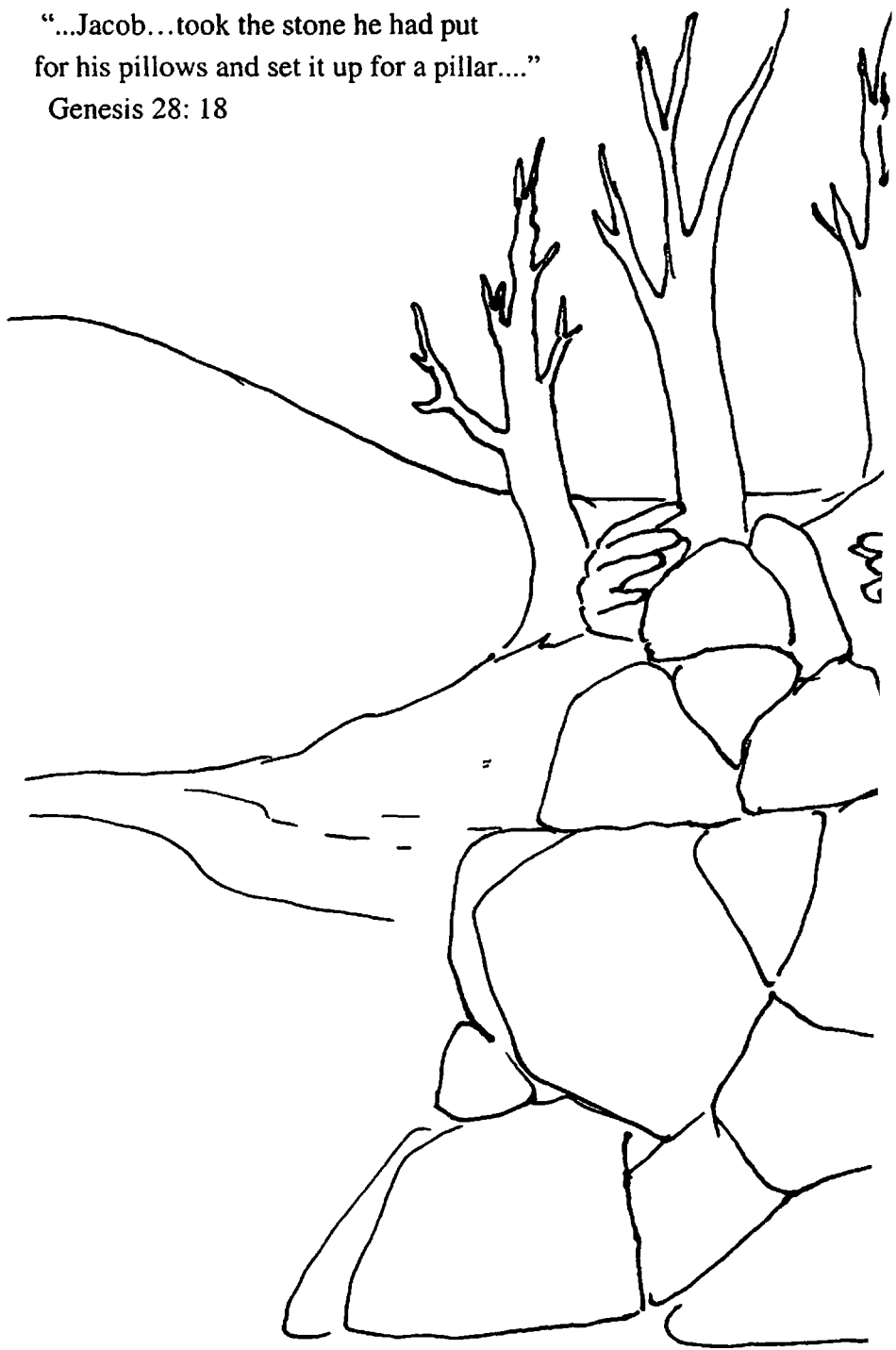
Jacob woke up. "Surely the Lord is in this place," Jacob declared. "I did not know it." Jacob was afraid. "This must be the gate of heaven," he thought. Jacob got up early the next morning and took the stone he had used for a pillow. He made it a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called the place Bethel.

Jacob made a promise to the Lord. "If You will be with me and keep me, and will give me bread to eat and clothing, and allow me to return to my father's house in peace, You will be my God. This stone will be Your house. I will give You a tenth of all that I receive."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...Jacob...took the stone he had put
for his pillows and set it up for a pillar....”

Genesis 28: 18





A Good Game of Tag

(Continued)

The play ground at Central Elementary was crowded with first graders. Children were climbing on the monkey bars, swinging, sliding, and—most fun of all—playing tag. Connie loved to out run all the children, especially the boys. She enjoyed jumping out of the way just before being tagged, then racing off like a streak behind the big tree that marked the free space.

Connie was in the free space watching for the best time to run again when she saw Violet leaning against the brick wall of the school. Violet looked sad as she watched everyone else run and play.

Connie remembered what Mama said: *"She needs a friend who can help her do better...we will pray for her and ask God what we can do to help her..."*

"Now, how am I to help Violet when I'm playing tag?" Thought Connie.

"Go ask Violet to play."

"No one else will play with her," thought Connie.

"You play with Violet."

Connie really didn't want to, but she knew it was the right thing to do. As she walked away from the free space, a boy tagged her on the arm.

"Connie's It! Connie's It!" he shouted.

"No, I'm not playing any more," said Connie.

"What's wrong? Are you tired?" he asked her.

"No, I'm just not playing," replied Connie. She walked along the fence line, behind the monkey bars, hoping that none of the other children were watching her. She looked around. Everyone seemed busy playing, so she walked over to Violet.

"Hi, Violet, want to play a game?"

Violet turned away from Connie.

"No, don't bother me," she replied.

Connie had not expected her to act like this. She stood still wondering what to do next. *"Maybe Violet thinks I'm going to call her names,"* thought Connie. She cleared her throat and said, "I'm sorry we haven't been very nice to you...."

"Stop it!" cried Violet, and took off running!

"She might like to play tag after all!" thought Connie as she chased after Violet. She tagged her shoulder. "You're it, Violet!"

"I'm not playing!" declared Violet.

"How come? Just two people can play tag," said Connie.

Violet looked at Connie for a minute. "Okay," she said, "but I can't run as fast as you can."

"I don't have to run fast," said Connie. "I have different speeds—I'll show you!" Then she took off running slowly because she was looking back to see if Violet was chasing her. She was! The game was on! Connie let Violet catch her often, but she still felt like a winner when the game was over.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did Esau plan to do to Jacob?
2. What did Rebekah advise to do?
3. What did Isaac tell Jacob to do?
4. What did Jacob use for a pillow?
5. What did Jacob dream reached to heaven?
6. Who was above the ladder?
7. What did Jacob do with the rock?
8. What promise did Jacob make the Lord?

Answers: 1. Kill him. 2. Go to her brother's. 3. Marry one of his cousins. 4. A rock. 5. A ladder. 6. The Lord. 7. Made it into a pillar and poured oil on it. 8. That he would give the Lord a tenth of his profits.

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Jacob Meets Rachel

Jacob came upon a well in a field. Flocks of sheep were lying around it. A great stone covered the top of the well. The herdsmen rolled the stone away from the well and watered their sheep. Jacob approached the men and asked, "Who are you?" "We are from Haran," they answered.

"Do you know Laban?" Jacob asked.

"We know him," they replied. "He is doing well. There is his daughter, Rachel, coming with his sheep."

While he was speaking with the men, Rachel came up with her father's sheep. She watched the sheep for her father. When Jacob saw Rachel, he went to the well and rolled the stone from the well for her. He helped her water Laban's flocks. Jacob kissed Rachel and wept. Jacob told Rachel that he was her cousin. She ran to tell her father.

When Laban heard that his nephew was at the well, he ran to meet Jacob. Laban threw his arms around Jacob and brought him in to his home. Jacob stayed with their family for a month.

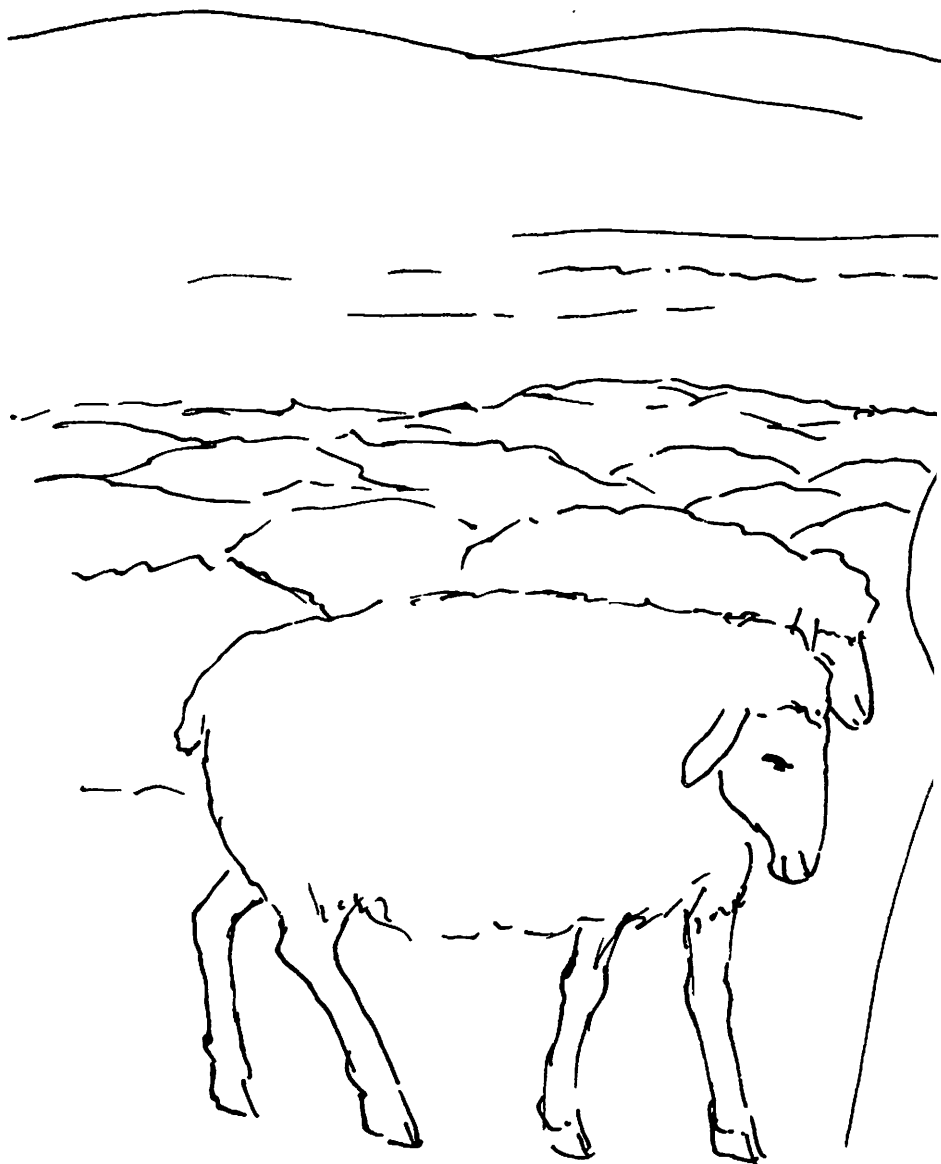
Jacob worked hard for Laban during his stay. One day, Laban came to talk with him about wages. "You are my family. You should not work for nothing," Laban protested. "What shall I pay you?"

Laban had two daughters. Leah, the eldest, had kind eyes, but Rachel, the youngest, was beautiful. Jacob answered, "I will serve you seven years if you will allow me to marry Rachel."

"I would rather have her marry you than any other man," Laban agreed. So Jacob worked seven years for Rachel. It did not seem like such a long time, because he loved her very much. Finally, when the seven years of hard work were completed, he went to Laban. "Let me marry Rachel," Jacob insisted. "My time of service is completed."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...Rachel came with her father’s sheep....” Genesis 29:9





Alick's Quiet Life

Alick lived a very quiet life on an island with his Grandfather, who took care of the lighthouse anchored on the rocky cliff above the ocean. Day and night the lights from the tall lighthouse would circle out over the ocean. First there was a white light, then blue, red, green and white again.

The lights warned ship captains: "Do not come near this island! Sharp rocks are hidden below the waves and they will tear huge holes in your ship, causing it to go down, and all of you will perish!"

During the forty some years that Grandfather had cared for the lighthouse, he had helped save many good ships from going down. Though his work was unnoticed by the world, thousands of lives had been spared because Grandfather and his assistant kept the lighthouse working.

Jim and his family lived in a cottage down the path near the lighthouse. He had a wife and six children whom Alick played with when permitted to. They were the only ones living on the island so Alick knew them very well.

There was a pretty meadow, full of flowers in the spring and summer, that the children liked to play in. The cow and two goats did not mind watching them leap and skip among the flowers, but the rabbits and squirrels scurried away at their noise.

Between the two cottages stood the lighthouse, and in front of it was the water pump where the two families got all the water for their households, and gardens. Beyond the pump were the two gardens separated by iron fencing.

Alick and Grandfather worked every warm day in their garden, tending to cabbages, carrots, potatoes, and other delicious vegetables. They planted flowers to border the garden and make it more attractive. There were fruit trees, too, so Grandfather and Alick were kept busy in the summer canning vegetables and fruits to store for the cold, stormy winter months ahead.

Every Monday they all would watch for a steamer that came to the island bringing them the supplies they had ordered for the week. This was the biggest excitement of the week, so Alick liked to be dressed and on the pier waiting before anyone else. He did not expect any letters, because he did not know anyone beyond the island.

Grandfather had stopped expecting a letter from Alick's father. Alick had heard all about his parents many times. His father was a tall, strong sailor that left his mother on the island in care of Grandfather until he could come back for her. Alick's father had sailed away, while his mother had waved and cried a long time, until Grandfather had brought her inside.

No one ever heard of Alick's father again. After the stormy night when Alick was born, his mother became so sick and worried that she soon passed away. That left Alick with Grandfather, but he did not mind. Grandfather had taught him to read and write and was good to him. Grandfather had given up on his son, and on trusting the Lord, so he did not teach Alick to pray or read the BIBLE, but Alick did not know this.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

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—Taken from *Saved at Sea*

by O.F. Walton

Questions:

1. What were the men doing at the well?
2. Who came up to the well?
3. What did Jacob help Rachel do?
4. Who ran to meet Jacob?
5. How long did Jacob stay with Rachel's family?
6. What did Jacob agree to work for?
7. How many years did Jacob agree to work?
8. Why did the seven years not seem long?

Answers: 1. Watering their sheep. 2. Rachel. 3. Water her sheep. 4. Laban. 5. A month. 6. Rachel. 7. Seven. 8. He loved Rachel.

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The Wrong Wife

Jacob, and Rachel's father, Laban, had agreed that Jacob could work seven years and marry Rachel at the end of that time. Jacob worked hard, and when seven years were up, he went to Laban and told him it was time for him to marry Rachel. However, tradition in that country stated that the oldest girl should always be the first to marry. Laban thought that Leah should be the one to marry Jacob. Laban began to plan a terrible deception.

Laban had many men from all over the country to come for the wedding feast. When it was dark, and the shadows were blocking the eyes from seeing very well, Laban brought Leah out to Jacob. The next day, Jacob saw what Laban had done.

"What have you done to me?" Jacob demanded. "Didn't I serve you for Rachel? Why have you deceived me?"

"In our country, the firstborn marries before the younger," Laban explained. "If you will work for me for another seven years, I will allow you to marry Rachel, also."

Jacob had many children. His sons were Rueben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, and Benjamin. Jacob also had a daughter named Dinah.

One day, Jacob went to Laban. "Let me go to my own country," Jacob requested. "Let me take my family and my children. I have worked for you. You know that I have done well for you."

Laban urged Jacob to stay. "The Lord has blessed me because of you," Laban said. "Tell me what you wish to work for and I will give it to you."

"I will go through your flocks today and take all of the spotted cattle, all of the brown sheep, and the spotted goats," Jacob said. "That will be my wage."

The animals that Jacob collected for his work flourished. Jacob's wealth and possessions greatly increased. He had much cattle, servants, camels, and donkeys.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

The Ship Wreck

(Continued)

It was a cold November day. Alick and Grandfather were sitting at tea. They had tried to work in the garden, but the heavy mist and fog had become rain and strong winds that forced them inside. They were planning to read a book, when suddenly the door flew open and Jim called, "Sandy, look quick! There's a red flare shooting from a ship!"

Grandfather and Alick rushed to a window where they could see out over the raging sea. Another bright red flare blazed in the sky.

"The ship is about three miles to the north of the island," said Grandfather. "They have struck the rugged rocks! Quick, Jim, out with the boat! There is no time to lose!"

Fast as lightning, the men slipped on their rain slickers and ran to the boat tied to the post by the pier. "May I go, too?" Alick asked.

Grandfather nodded and Alick climbed into the rocking boat between the two men who took the oars. The waves were fierce, pushing the boat backwards as fast as the two men could row it out. The huge waves washed over the boat and Alick began to bail out water.

"Back to the pier!" ordered Grandfather after they had struggled with the sea for several minutes. "We will not be able to help them—we are going to sink ourselves!"

On the pier, the three of them paced back and forth in the beating rain, wondering how they could help the sinking ship. They did not pray, for Grandfather had given up on trusting the Lord a long time ago when his son left and did not return. He did not tell Alick anything from the BIBLE laying on his stand, so Alick did not know how to pray.

A black night came with howling winds and beating rain. "We have no chance to rescue them in this thick

fog and blackness," said Grandfather. "We must trust the ship to fate until morning."

Alick could not sleep because he worried that the ship was sinking and no one would be saved. In all his twelve years, he had never known of a storm so wicked that Grandfather would not attempt to rescue a stranded ship. He felt sick to his stomach because he could not help the poor sailors on the ship.

At the first break of light over the water, Grandfather called, "Lower the boat, Jim! We will tackle the sea, for the winds and rain are not so strong now."

Again, Alick climbed into the row boat between the two men who were making strokes against the tossing sea. One more time, they saw a red flare light up the fog, and they still had hope of saving some persons.

Stroke by stroke they drew closer, until they could see the massive hull of the ship. They saw persons waving from the edge! There was still hope of saving lives! Alick stood up in the boat in excitement! He did not know who to thank, but he was glad the ship had survived the stormy night

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(To be continued)

Questions:

1. Who did Jacob wish to marry?
2. Who did Laban want Jacob to marry?
3. Why did Laban want Leah to marry?
4. How many years did Jacob end up having to work for Rachel?
5. What were some of Jacob's son's names?
6. Why did Laban want Jacob to stay?
7. What wage did Jacob ask for?
8. Did Jacob's animals do well?

Answers: 1. Rachel. 2. Leah. 3. Tradition. 4. 14. 5. Answers will vary. 6. He was blessed because of Jacob. 7. Spotted cattle, brown sheep, spotted goats. 8. Yes.

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Time to Leave

Jacob's flocks were doing very well. His father-in-law, Laban, had allowed him to choose only a few sheep, cattle, and goats from his flocks for the labor that Jacob had done. These animals had flourished and multiplied. Now, Jacob had much cattle, servants, camels, and donkeys. Jacob knew that God had been with him and had blessed him. Unfortunately, seeing Jacob's wealth made his brothers-in-law unhappy. "Jacob has taken away all that was our father's," Laban's sons complained. "Jacob has taken the credit for raising these flocks that are rightfully our father's."

Laban himself wore an unhappy look on his face these days. The Lord spoke to Jacob, "Return to the land of your fathers. I will be with you." Jacob called for Rachel and Leah.

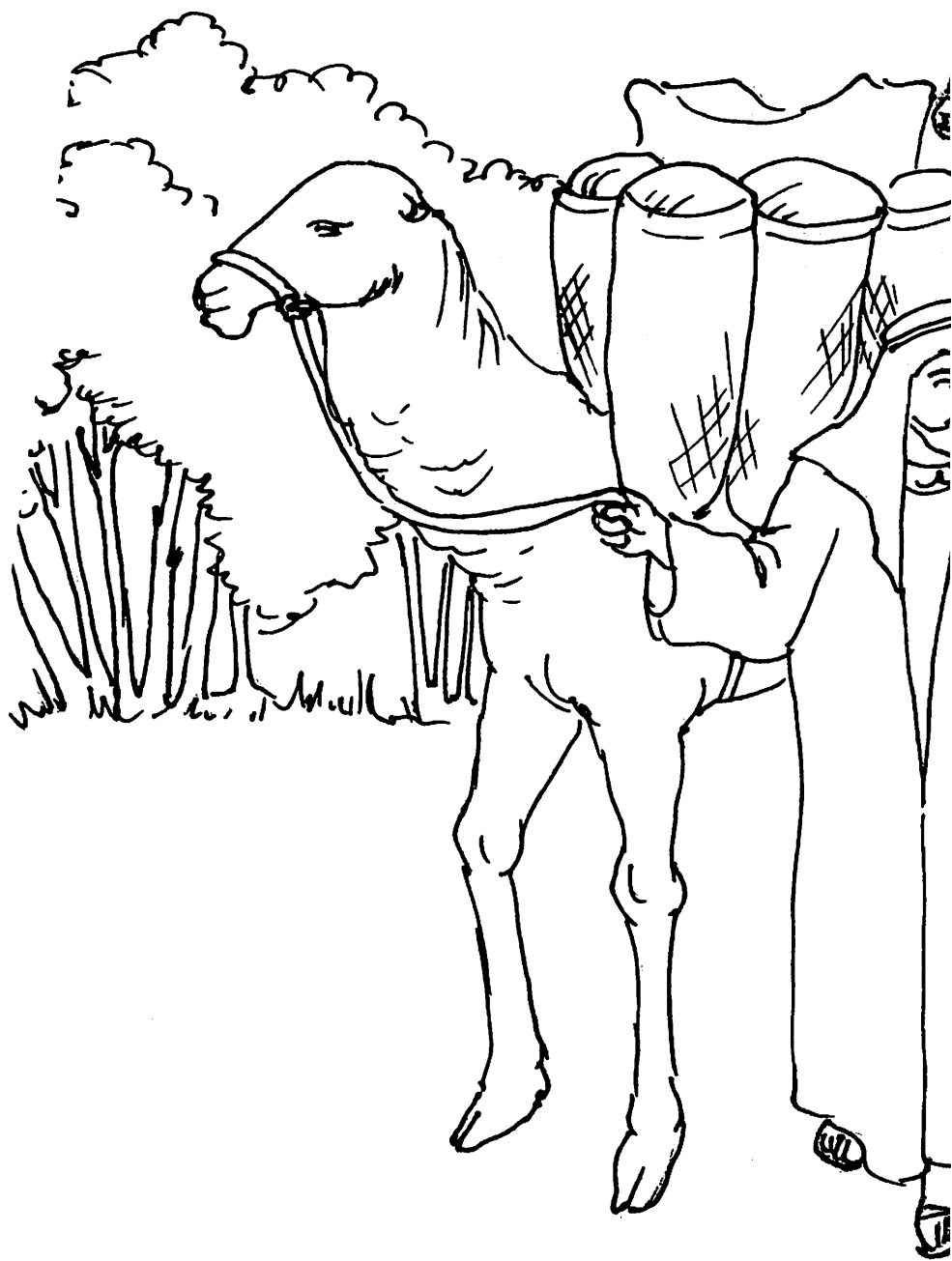
"I can see the way your father looks at me," Jacob related. "He acts differently toward me than before, but God has been with me. You know that I have served your father the best that I could. Your father has mistreated me. Ten times he changed the payment that he promised I would get for my work, but he has not hurt me. I had a dream. An angel of God came to me, saying, 'Jacob, I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar. You promised that if I kept you safe, you would give me a tenth of all of your possessions. Get up and get out of this land and return to the land of your fathers.'"

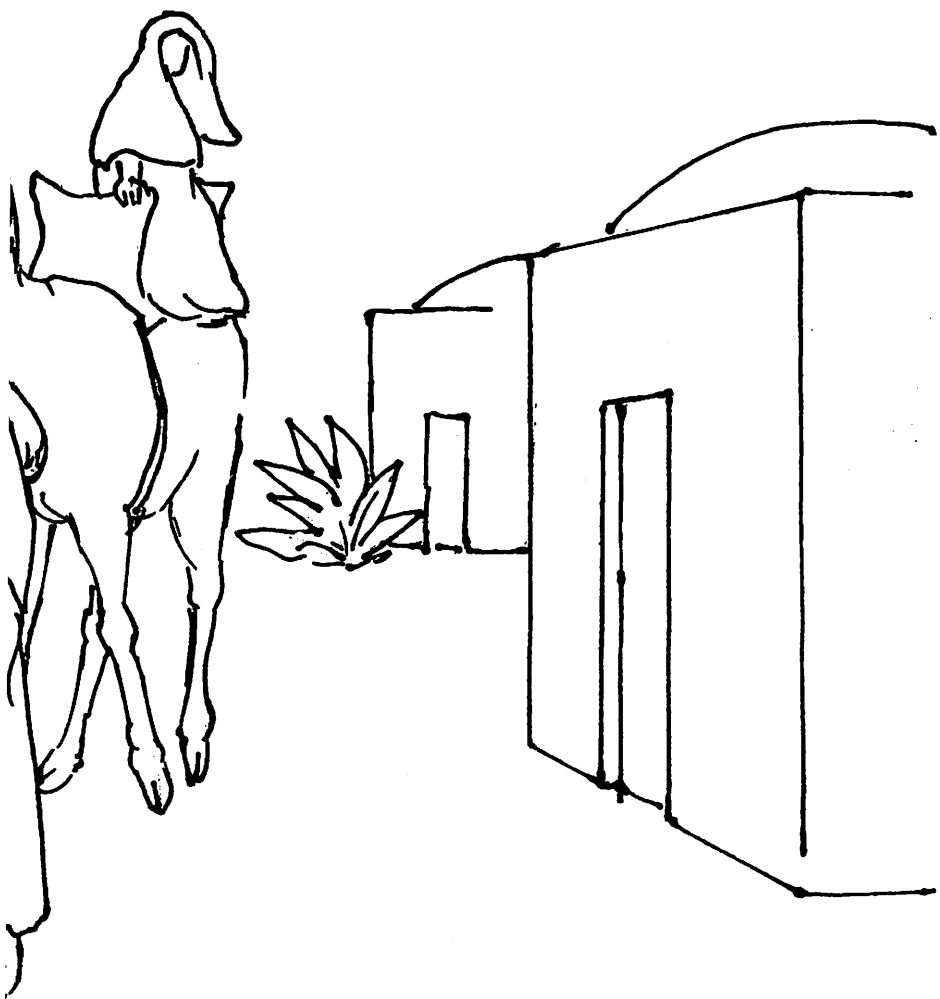
"Can we bring anything with us as an inheritance from our father's house?" Leah and Rachel asked. "He has treated us dishonestly, also."

Jacob's family began the preparations for their long journey. They gathered up all of the goods Jacob had accumulated over the years. They gathered all of Jacob's flocks.

Unknown to Jacob, Rachel had stolen some false idols of her father's. Jacob and his family were afraid that Laban would cause unpleasantness if he knew they were going to leave, so Jacob took his family and all of his possessions and stealthily stole away from his father-in-law's presence.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





“Jacob stole away unawares....” Genesis 31:20

A Blanket Bundle

(Continued)

As their row boat rose and fell upon the big waves of the sea, Alick, Grandfather, and Jim could see the great hull of the ship that had struck the sharp rocks of Ainslie Crag. Drawing near the ship, they saw in the faint light of morning many persons moving on the deck. Alick could see the worried, fearful faces of the men and women clinging to the rails of the ship, anxious to jump onto their little row boat.

In spite of the pounding rain, strong winds, and high waves of sea water pushing their little row boat, Grandfather was able to secure a rope that a sailor threw to him.

"Now," cried Grandfather, "we shall try to save a few, but we can not hold all of them, for there are too many for our small boat."

Alick shuddered at the thought of those left behind. They had but a small chance to survive in such cold, angry waters!

A big wave pushed their boat up to the ship and a sudden lull in the storm allowed a man on deck to move quickly. He held to a rigging rope with one hand, and with the other hand, he grabbed up a blanket bundle and threw it to Grandfather.

Catching the bundle, Grandfather handed it to Alick, saying, "It's a child! Put it down by you, my lad! Now let's get another quick!"

"Look out, Sandy!" hollered Jim just as a monstrous wave crashed down upon the ship. Grandfather yanked loose the rope tied to their boat so they would not crash against the ship. The wicked wave tossed their boat about in the windy storm and pushed them out to sea.

Then came a noise loud as a terrible thunderclap. Alick could hardly breathe, so dreadful was the moment. Because of the fog and rain, they did not see the ship spin around in a whirlpool of swirling water. Then an unseen force suddenly jerked the ship below the sea.

Pushing their oars against the

waves, Grandfather and Jim struggled to row back to the ship, but when they reached the place where it had been, nothing was there. The ship and all the people on it had disappeared like a black shadow against the night!

For some time Grandfather and Jim rowed against the waves over the area where the ship had been, hoping to find someone clinging to a piece of timber. No one was there to save. Tired and heavy in heart, they turned the little row boat toward the island where the lighthouse was shining white, blue, red and green lights through the misty dawn of a new day.

At last they saw the pier of home and Mrs. Millar waiting for them in the rain. She rushed to meet the men as they came up the steps. "Have you rescued any of them?" she asked anxiously.

"Nothing but a bundle with a small child," replied Grandfather sadly. "We did the best we could, but the storm was too fierce for us and the ship."

Alick quickly carried the bundle to the lighthouse. The child had stopped crying now, and he was anxious to let the little one breathe better.

Through all this trouble, no one on the island had prayed for help, but the Lord had been there watching over them just the same.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did Laban's sons not like Jacob?
2. Was Laban happy?
3. What did God tell Jacob to do?
4. Where was Jacob supposed to go?
5. What did the Lord promise Jacob?
6. How had Laban treated Jacob & his wives?
7. What did Jacob's family prepare for?
8. What had Rachel stolen?

Answers: 1. They were jealous of his prosperity. 2. No. 3. Leave. 4. The land of his fathers. 5. That He would be with Jacob. 6. Dishonestly. 7. To leave. 8. Some false idols.

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Preparing for a Meeting

Jacob and his family were nearing the land of his father's. On his way, angels of God met Jacob. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is a Heavenly Host!" Jacob called the place Mahanaim.

Jacob was a little nervous about his coming meeting with his twin brother, Esau. After all, Esau had desired to kill Jacob. Jacob had tricked Esau out of his birthright and his blessing from their father. Esau had been furious with Jacob, and Jacob left their land to find a wife and to give Esau time to have a change of heart about things.

Jacob sent servants before him to Esau. "Your servant Jacob says this," the servants told Esau. "I have been living with Laban until now. I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and many servants. I have sent them ahead to tell you these things so that I may have grace in your sight."

"Esau is coming to meet you," the servants warned Jacob. "He has four hundred men along with him." Jacob was frightened, but he knew what he needed to do in times like these. Jacob knelt down to pray. "God of Abraham and Isaac, You said for me to return to my country. I am not worthy of the mercy You have shown to me. Save me from the hand of my brother, Esau. I am afraid that he has come to kill me and my family. You have promised to do me good, and that I would have many offspring."

Jacob's family spent the night in restless apprehension. The next day, Jacob prepared a present for Esau. Jacob had his servants gather two hundred and twenty goats, two hundred and twenty sheep, forty cows, ten bulls, twenty female donkeys, and ten foals. Jacob's servants took all of these gifts and delivered them to Esau. When the servants met Esau with the flocks, each one of them said, "These are your servant Jacob's. They are a present for my master, Esau. Jacob is coming behind us."

So the presents went on before them, and Jacob's family settled in for another long night.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

"So went the present over before him:...."

Genesis 32:21





Opening the Bundle

(Continued)

The rescued bundle from the ship became heavy for Alick, who was tired from a sleepless night and a wild fight with the stormy waves at sea. Grandfather and Jim were tired, too, but they all went to the lighthouse kitchen to see whose eyes it was peeking out at them from the opening in the blanket bundle.

Mrs. Millar, Jim's wife, eagerly took the bundle from Alick, who had attended the bundle in the row boat. She sat down and carefully unfastened the blanket. "Oh, it's a little girl!" exclaimed Mrs. Millar at the sight of the pink frilly dress on the child.

Alick stared at the little girl. He had never seen a prettier face in all his life. Their talk awoke the child. She looked around and started crying.

"Poor little thing," said Mrs. Millar. "She wants her Mother."

"Ma-ma-ma!" cried the little one.

Mrs. Millar began to cry with the child. "Oh, what if this were my little Polly lost without me," she sobbed. "I feel so sorry for this little girl!"

"Now, now, honey," said Jim. "You will make the girl cry more with you crying, too."

Grandfather took the little girl from Mrs. Millar and put her on Alick's lap. "Now, Mary," he said, "please get us something warm to eat and drink. We are all very hungry and tired after such a battle with the wind and sea. This little lassie needs a bit of something, too."

So while Mrs. Millar stoked the fire and prepared something to eat, Alick and the little girl became friends. She told Alick she was two years old and called herself Timpey. She laid her head on his shoulder, and when Mrs. Millar brought her a bowl of warm milk and bread, she let Alick feed her.

"Poor little lassie," said Grandfather. "I'd say they pulled her out of bed to bring her on deck. She is very

tired, Mary, so would you please put her to bed?"

"Of course!" exclaimed Mrs. Millar. "I'll get one of Polly's gowns, and she can sleep with Polly."

However, when Mrs. Millar tried to take Timpey from Alick, the little girl cried and clung to Alick even more.

"Well, well," exclaimed Grandfather. "Let us make her a pallet on the sofa here for now. She is very tired, and we are all strangers to her."

Agreeing to this, Timpey let Mrs. Millar take her for a washing and clean gown. When she was tucked into the blanket on the sofa, she looked around for Alick. She reached out her hand to him, calling, "Handie, Timpey's handie." She wanted Alick to hold her hand while she went to sleep, so he did.

Soon everyone else went to bed, but Alick sat on the floor beside the sofa. He felt he should stay by the little girl in case she awoke and was frightened. With his head leaning against the sofa, he fell into a deep sleep also.

Alick and those on the island had rescued Timpey from the sea, but the Lord had plans for her to help rescue them from despair and the ship wreck of sin.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What met Jacob on his way?
2. What did Jacob call this place?
3. Why was Jacob nervous?
4. What had Jacob done to Esau?
5. What did Jacob send to Esau?
6. Who did the servants say were coming?
7. What was Jacob afraid would happen?
8. What did Jacob do when he was afraid?

Answers: 1. A Heavenly Host. 2. Mahanaim. 3. He was meeting his brother. 4. Tricked him. 5. Presents. 6. Esau and 400 men. 7. They would kill Jacob's family. 8. Prayed.

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Wrestling Match

Jacob sent his family to bed across the brook and found himself alone. Suddenly, there was a man before him. The man wrestled Jacob far into the night. The first rays of morning sun broke through the clouds, and Jacob was still wrestling the man. Jacob saw that the man was not tired and did not seem to give in to Jacob's pressure.

Jacob felt his thigh come out of joint as he continued to wrestle the man. "Let me go," the man said. "It is morning." "I will not let you go, unless you bless me," Jacob countered. "What is your name?" the man asked. "Jacob," he replied.

"You will be called Jacob no longer. Now your name is Israel. You have the power of a prince with God and man," the man said. "What is your name?" Jacob asked the man.

"Why is it that you ask my name?" the man wondered. The man blessed Jacob there. Jacob knew that this was a heavenly being he had been wrestling. He called the place "Peniel." "I have seen God face to face," Jacob said. "My life has been saved."

Jacob looked up and saw his brother, Esau, approaching with 400 men. Jacob was still frightened about the meeting. He put Rachel and Joseph in the back. Next came Leah and her children. Leading the group was his servants and their children.

Jacob came in front of them all. He bowed low to the ground seven times until he reached his brother. Esau ran to meet him. Jacob felt Esau hugging him and falling on his neck. Together, they lifted their faces and wept. Jacob introduced his family to Esau. Each of them bowed before him. Esau did not want to accept the many things Jacob offered him. "If I have found grace in your sight, take them," Jacob urged. "God has been gracious to me and I have enough." Esau took the gifts. Jacob and his family journeyed on and settled in Succoth, where they built a house and barns for their flocks.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“...There wrestled a man with him until the breaking



lay." Genesis 32:24.

Jesus' Little Lamb

(Continued)

Exhausted from the terrible night at sea, Alick went to sleep sitting on the floor by the sofa where little Timpey was sleeping. He was awakened by a cheery baby voice calling, "Up, Boy! Up! Up!" Her chubby hand pulled his hair to let him know she meant it. "Up, boy, please!"

Alick sat up and looked at Timpey who promptly climbed onto his lap, held out her plump bare toes and said, "Put shoes on, boy. Please?"

So Alick put shoes on her, and then Mrs. Millar came in and dressed Timpey. Sunlight streamed through the kitchen window as Alick and Timpey ate lunch. It seemed too pleasant of an afternoon after such an awful night of storms and fierce winds, but then that was how the weather was on the sea around their island.

Timpey wanted to go outside after lunch, so Alick took her to their garden. He watched the little girl as she skipped and jumped around the daisies and laughed at the butterflies. Alick turned and looked across the sea toward Ainslie Crag. Tears came to his eyes as he thought about the broken ship laying on the ocean bottom and the lives of men and women gone forever. He was grieving more than Timpey, who was as merry as any two-year-old can be.

The next Monday, when the steamer ship came to the island with supplies, Grandfather told Captain Sayers about the shipwreck. The captain promised to find out what ship it was and who the passengers were on board. In this way they would know who Timpey's family would be.

"If no one in her family claims her," said Grandfather. "Alick and I

have grown very fond of the child. We have plenty to share with her."

The captain smiled. "I know she is in good hands with you, Sandy. But her family may be very grateful to have her back. I will see what I can find out."

Timpey had learned to talk to God at bedtime. Alick watched her quietly kneel beside her little pallet. She motioned to Alick to join her.

"Help Timpey," she told him.

Then she began to pray. Alick had never prayed before in his life. Mrs. Millar told him the words Timpey was saying, so he learned to say them, also.

Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me,
Bless Thy little lamb tonight,
Thro' the darkness be Thou near me,
Keep me safe till morning light.

In her little childish way, Timpey began to tell Alick and Grandfather about Jesus, the good Shepherd, who had spared her life to witness for Him. Her simple prayer and talk about Jesus were preparing their hearts to know more about her Saviour.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What was Jacob doing with the stranger?
2. When did the man ask Jacob to let him go?
3. Why wouldn't Jacob let him go?
4. What was Jacob's new name?
5. What did Jacob call the place?
6. Who came to meet Jacob?
7. Was it a good meeting?
8. Where did Jacob's family settle?

Answers: 1. Wrestling. 2. In the morning. 3. He wanted a blessing. 4. Israel. 5. Peniel. 6. Esau. 7. Yes. 8. Succoth.

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Favorite Son

Isaac died when he was one hundred and eighty years old. After Isaac's death, Jacob stayed in the land of Canaan with his family. Now, Jacob had many sons—twelve in all. Their names were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. Reuben was the oldest of Jacob's sons, and Benjamin was the youngest.

Out of all of these sons, Jacob loved Joseph the best, because Joseph had been born in Jacob's old age. Joseph also was the son of Jacob's beloved wife, Rachel. Jacob made Joseph a lovely coat of many colors. In Jacob's time, people had to dye their fabric to make colors. When Joseph's brothers saw his coat, they hated him even more than they had before.

One time, Joseph saw his brothers misbehaving when they were supposed to be working. Joseph told their father what he had seen. His brothers felt very angry at Joseph.

"Please listen to this dream that I had," Joseph entreated one day. "We were tying bundles in the field when my bundle rose and stood upright. Then, all of the other bundles stood upright and bowed down to my bundle."

"Will you rule over us?" his brothers scoffed. "Will you indeed be greater than we are?"

Joseph had another dream. He told this dream to his brothers, also. "I dreamed another dream," Joseph related. "I dreamed that the sun, the moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me."

This time, Joseph's father was in the group that was listening to Joseph's story. "What is this that you have dreamed?" his father asked. "Will your mother, brothers, and I bow down to you?"

His brothers were very jealous of Joseph. His brothers hated Joseph even more for his dreams and for his words. However, Jacob paid attention and wondered about Joseph's dreams.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





“...He made him a coat of
many colors.” Genesis 37:3

The Gentleman's Note

(Continued)

Grandfather had reported to the steamer captain about the ship that had gone down on the Ainslie Crag rocks. They learned that the ship was named *Victory*. A list of all the passengers was found, and relatives were told all passengers had died except for this one little girl.

"I hope no one claims Timpey," said Alick to Grandfather one evening. "I know it is sad that she will never see her mama again, but I have grown so fond of her."

"Indeed," agreed Grandfather. "She has been a bit of sunshine to our lives. We can only wait and see what happens, my lad."

One Monday morning Alick and Timpey went to the pier to watch for the steamer. They saw it slowly pushing through the waves as it approached them. As soon as it had anchored, Captain Sayers sent for Alick. "There are two gentlemen on board who wish to see your grandfather," said the captain. "Please tell him to come to the steamer at once."

"Yes, sir," replied Alick. He swallowed down a lump in his throat and held on to Timpey's hand. He just knew they were asking about Timpey and perhaps would take her away.

Grandfather greeted the two elderly men who said they were the owners of the ship *Victory* that had gone down in the storm. It was a visit to gain information about the ship's last day on the sea and the whereabouts of her sinking. They said no one had claimed Timpey, and in fact, her name nor her parents' names were on the register at all.

After lunch, the men asked to see the lighthouse. With Grandfather and Alick, they climbed the many stairs and admired the grand view from the windows all around. They told Grandfather that he and Jim kept the lighthouse in very good condition.

"This tall structure must be very strong to stand through all the storms from the sea," said one gentleman.

"It should be, sir," replied Alick.

"It is built on a rock."

"And are you on the Rock, my lad?" asked the man.

"I beg your pardon?" asked Alick. He did not understand what the man meant.

"Never mind," replied the kind man. "I will ask your grandfather."

When he was asked the same question, Grandfather did not understand the question either. Finally, the elderly man asked, "When you die and leave this island, where do you plan to live then? Will your life stand against the shock of death?"

About that time, one of the sailors came to the door and reported that the steamer was ready to leave. So the two gentlemen bid Grandfather and Alick good-bye then left.

Alick followed them to the pier. The one gentleman took out a notebook, wrote on a piece of paper, tore it out and gave it to a sailor, who handed it to Alick. "He said to give this note to you," said the sailor.

Alick read the note:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand
All other ground is sinking sand.

"So what was this supposed to mean?" wondered Alick as he walked back up the path to the lighthouse. He would ask Jim about it, since Grandfather didn't seem to know.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How old was Isaac when he died?
2. Where did Jacob's family live?
3. How many sons did Jacob have?
4. Who was Jacob's favorite son?
5. What did Jacob make for Joseph?
6. What did Joseph dream happened to the bundles?
7. What else bowed down to Joseph in a dream?
8. How did Joseph's brothers feel about him?

Answers: 1. 180 years old. 2. Canaan. 3. Twelve. 4. Joseph. 5. A coat. 6. They bowed to him. 7. Sun, moon, and eleven stars. 8. They hated him.

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Plots of Murder

Joseph had eleven brothers, but Joseph was his father's favorite son. Jacob, Joseph's father, had even singled Joseph out to give him a very attractive and colorful coat. This made Joseph's brothers have very angry thoughts about Joseph. Joseph's brothers were also jealous of Joseph because he had several dreams that his family bowed down to him.

One day, Joseph's brothers left to feed their father's flocks nearby. Jacob called for Joseph. "Go and see how your brothers are doing with my flocks," Jacob commanded. "Tell me how things are going." So Joseph went to check on his brothers.

The brothers noticed Joseph coming when he was still far away. "The Dreamer is coming," one of them informed the others. "Let's kill him and throw him into a hole. We will say, 'Some wild animal has killed Joseph.' Then we will see what will come of his dreams."

Reuben heard his brothers' conversation. "Let's not kill him," Reuben said. "Shed no blood. Throw him into this hole that is in the wilderness. Do not lay a hand on him." Reuben planned to rescue Joseph from the hole and bring him back to their father unharmed.

Unaware of their wicked plots, Joseph finally reached his brothers. His brothers grabbed Joseph. They took his coat and threw him into a hole. The hole was empty. There was no water in it.

The brothers sat down to eat their bread and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites approaching from Gilead. They saw the spices and ointments for sale and had a terrible idea. "Let's sell our brother to the Ishmaelites," Judah suggested. "Then we will not be blamed for shedding his blood."

Joseph was sold as a slave by his own brothers. They received twenty pieces of silver. Reuben was not present during the exchange. He returned to the hole and was very upset to find out what his brothers had done. Their father thought a wild animal killed Jacob. He tore his clothes and wept for his son.

—Sis. Monica Murphey ...





“And they took him and cast him into a pit....”

Genesis 37:24

Jim Talks about the Rock

(Continued)

When Alick and Grandfather talked to Jim about the gentleman's note, he did remember what it meant.

"I had a good mother long ago," said Jim. "She taught me about Jesus, the Rock that this note mentioned. She told me that the only way to Heaven was to believe in Jesus."

Grandfather was silent for awhile. Alick and Timpey sat quietly nearby. She knew about Jesus in her baby way. Her mother had taught her to pray, and in her childish way she had introduced Alick to Jesus for the very first time. Now he was wanting to learn more about Jesus.

"I think if I just do my best, I will make it to Heaven when I die," replied Grandfather. "That should be good enough."

"No," replied Jim thoughtfully. "that is building on the sand and not on the rock. You need to believe in Jesus as your Saviour."

"Dear me, Jim!" exclaimed Grandfather. "I have never heard you talk like this before!"

"Well," said Jim sadly. "I should not have forgotten what my good mother taught me about Jesus. I should be praying to Him and trusting Him."

For the rest of evening, no one talked about Jesus. Grandfather read the newspaper aloud, but Jim did not seem to be listening.

The next day, Jim prepared to take the row boat to town on the mainland. Every last Friday of the month, Jim or Grandfather would go to the mainland to do business and purchase needed items. All the island residents—Jim's wife, Mary, and their six children, plus Alick, Timpey and Grandfather—were on the pier to see Jim leave.

As Alick handed Jim some empty sacks, Jim whispered to him, "Alick,

my lad, keep that bit of paper; it's all true what that old gentleman said. I've been thinking of Jesus ever since, and Alick, I believe I am on the Rock now."

Then Jim was in the boat, and with a flurry of goodbyes, he pushed off with his oars. As his boat grew smaller on the waves, Alick could hear Jim singing, "On Christ the solid Rock I stand; All other ground is sinking sand."

A thick fog rolled in during the afternoon. Even the lighthouse lights could not pierce through the heavy fog. The clock chimed 7:00. It was time for Jim to be back, but he wasn't. Mary was on the pier listening for the sound of his oars.

"You must go back to the house, Mary," said Grandfather. "It is dark and damp. Your dress is wet from the sea, and you shall catch a dreadful cold. I will send Alick to tell you as soon as Jim arrives."

Finally Mary agreed to go back to the house and care for all the children.

As soon as she was gone, Grandfather said, "Alick, something is wrong with Jim. He doesn't stay away like this."

In his mind, Alick could hear Jim singing, "On Christ the solid rock I stand...."

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did Joseph's brothers hate him?
2. What did Jacob ask Joseph to do?
3. What did the brothers want to do to Joseph?
4. What did Reuben tell them?
5. What was Reuben's plan?
6. What did they do with Joseph?
7. How much money did they get?
8. What did they tell their father?

Answers: 1. He was the favorite son. 2. Check on his brothers. 3. Kill him. 4. Shed no blood. 5. To rescue him later. 6. Sold him. 7. Twenty pieces of silver. 8. A wild animal killed him.

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Blessed in Egypt

The Ishmaelite caravan arrived in Egypt with Joseph. Joseph was bought by Potiphar, an officer, the captain of Pharaoh's guard. The Lord was with Joseph and blessed everything he did. Joseph was a slave in the home of Potiphar. Potiphar saw that the Lord blessed Joseph. He liked Joseph and made him overseer of all of his possessions. The Lord blessed Potiphar while Joseph was overseer at his home. Potiphar relied on Joseph to take care of everything, except for the bread that he ate. Joseph was well liked by everyone.

One day, Potiphar's wife noticed Joseph. She tried to convince Joseph to do something he knew was wrong. He refused to give in to her whims. "I cannot do this great wickedness and sin against God," Joseph told her.

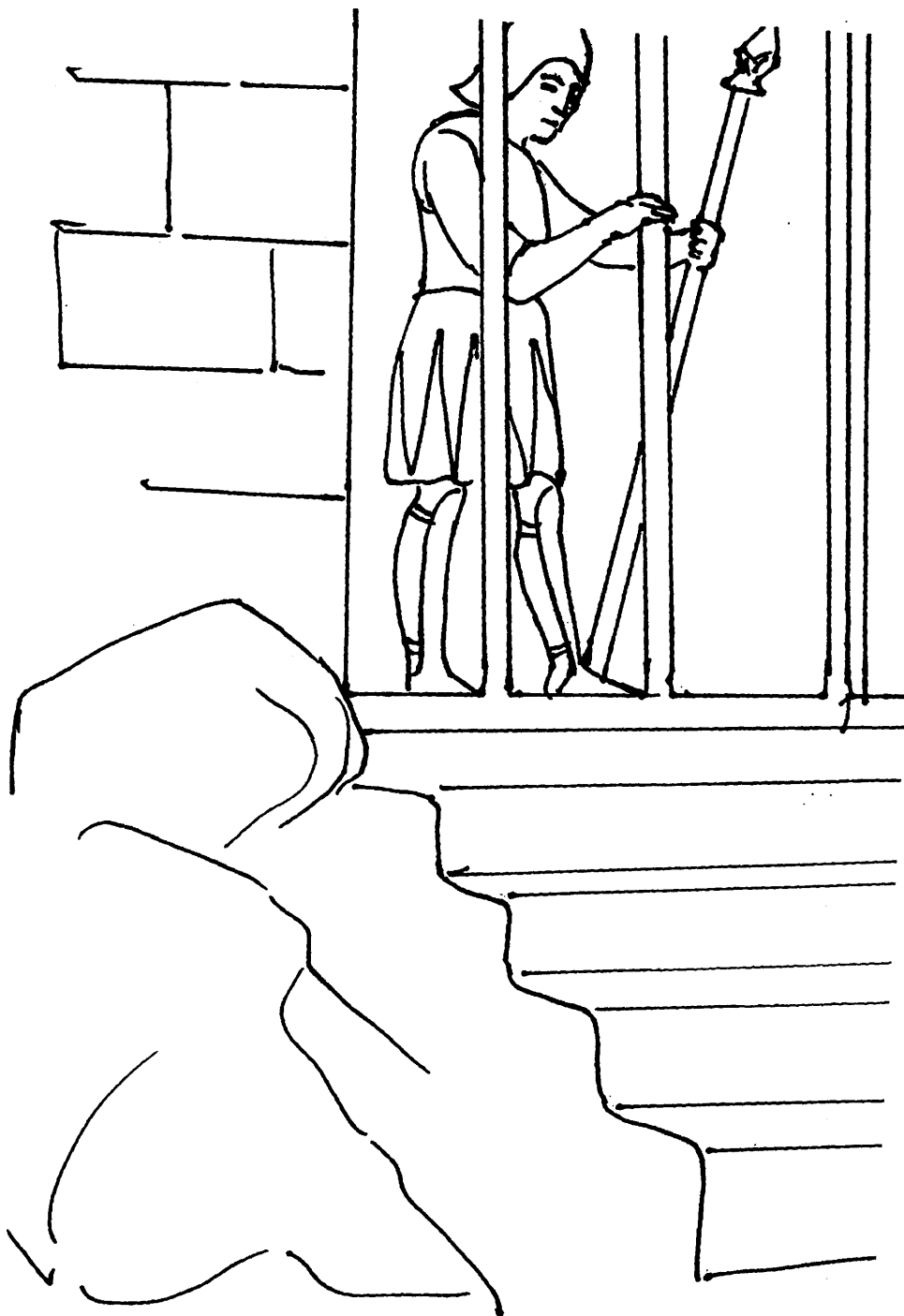
Potiphar's wife was very angry. She tried to get Joseph to do wrong several other times. One time, when she asked him, they were alone in the house. Joseph knew he needed to leave. He left his coat and ran out of the room.

The woman's screams caught the attention of the men working outside. "Joseph tried to hurt me," she accused. "When I screamed, he ran out, leaving his coat behind."

When Potiphar heard his wife's accusations, he was furious. Potiphar believed his wife. He took Joseph and left him in prison.

The Lord was still with Joseph, even in the midst of these new trials. The prison keeper noticed Joseph and gave him special privileges. The prison keeper placed all of the prisoners in Joseph's care. Everything that Joseph did prospered.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“...Joseph’s master took him, and put him into the prison....” Genes



Preparing for Changes

(Continued)

Watching on the pier for Jim, Grandfather and Alick felt the thick darkness of the damp fog rolling in from the sea. In time they heard the sound of oars. As the boat came toward the island, Grandfather called out, "Hello!"

"Hello!" called back a voice that wasn't Jim's. Coming through the fog was a small boat with four men in it. None of them were Jim.

"Is something wrong?" asked Grandfather. "Where is Jim?"

"We've got Jim with us," replied one of the men, "but he won't talk to you. He fell in the water between the boat and pier, and he drowned before any of us could get him out. We're so sorry about his death."

The fog seemed to grab Alick and choke him. Jim had left that morning so happy, and now he was gone forever! It seemed a bad dream.

"How will we tell Mary?" groaned Grandfather. "It will be so hard for her. You stay here with the sailors, Alick, and I will talk to her." All of them waited quietly for the next thing to be done. Finally he came back and led the way for the four sailors who carried Jim's body to the house. Everyone cried, and Mary became so ill that the sailors rowed to the mainland and brought back a nurse to care for her.

Later, Grandfather and Alick sat around their kitchen fire in grief. Grandfather sighed. "I wonder where Jim is now, Alick," he said.

"Grandfather," said Alick, "just before Jim pushed away from our pier, he told me he was standing on the Rock. I think Jim is in Heaven because he accepted Jesus as His Rock."

"Yes, Alick," replied Grandfather thoughtfully. "We need to get on that Rock, too. How has little Timpey been teaching you to pray?"

Oh, little Timpey was the sunbeam during those dark days when Mary Millar was so ill, and Alick had much work to do! She sang her little songs, and chattered and fluttered in the gardens and houses like a little butterfly. She did not realize all the sorrow that was on the island.

When Mary was strong enough to travel, she and her children went to live with her parents in Scotland. After they were gone, Grandfather and Alick felt very lonely. Only Timpey brought them cheer. Then they heard someone new was coming to the island to help Grandfather, but they did not know his name. Alick and Grandfather worked hard to clean the house and tidy the garden for the newcomer.

After supper, Timpey would say, "Timpey go night-night. Timpey pray. Jesus help."

Grandfather and Alick smiled at their precious sunbeam. They hoped no one would come and take her away.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where was Joseph sold?
2. Who bought Joseph?
3. Who tried to get Joseph to sin?
4. Did Joseph sin?
5. How did Potiphar's wife feel?
6. What did she accuse Joseph of?
7. What did Joseph leave behind?
8. Who was still with Joseph?

Answers: 1. Egypt. 2. Potiphar. 3. Potiphar's wife. 4. No. 5. Angry. 6. Hurting her. 7. His coat. 8. The Lord.

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Interpreter of Dreams

After Joseph's master threw him into prison for a crime he did not commit, Joseph was placed in charge of many of the prison's affairs. While he was in prison, the king's butler and baker had offended their master, and the king had thrown them into prison, also. The captain of the guard put Joseph in charge of them.

One morning, when Joseph came to check on them, he noticed that the two men were very sad. "Why are you so unhappy today?" Joseph asked.

"We have both had a dream, but we have no one here to explain it," they said.

"God is the one who can interpret these dreams," Joseph declared. "Tell them to me, please."

"I dreamed that a vine of grapes was before me," the chief butler said. "There were three branches on the vine and clusters of grapes grew on it. I took the grapes and made a drink for Pharaoh. I put it in his cup and took it to him to drink."

"The three branches are three days," Joseph explained. "In three days, Pharaoh will take you out of this place. You will have your old job back. Think about me when this happens and mention me to Pharaoh. I was stolen from my home. I have done nothing wrong."

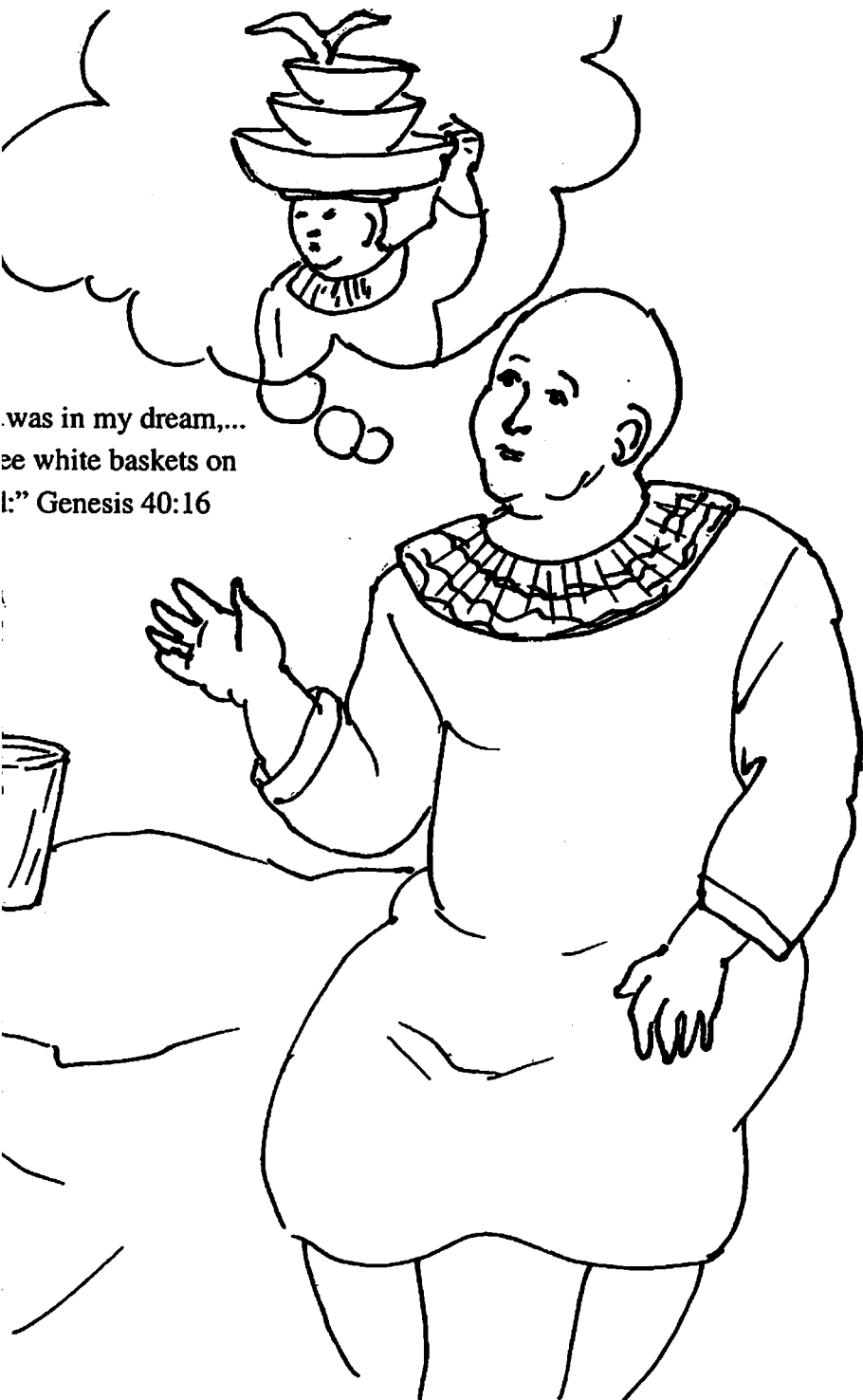
The chief baker saw that the interpretation of the butler's dream was good. This gave him the courage to tell his own dream. "I had three white baskets on my head in my dream," the chief baker told Joseph. "In the top basket, there were all kinds of meats for Pharaoh, but the birds came and ate them out of the basket."

"The three baskets are three days," Joseph said. "In three days, Pharaoh will take you out of this place and kill you." In three days everything that Joseph said came to pass. The chief butler was restored to his position once again, but the chief baker was killed.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



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Meeting the New Neighbor

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Monday morning Grandfather, Alick and Timpey were on the pier watching for the steamer to come in. All week they had wondered who the new lighthouse assistant would be.

"Puff-puff-puff!" exclaimed Timpey as they saw the steamer coming toward them. They could see a tall, sunburned man standing by Captain Sayers. "That is probably our new neighbor!" said Alick. "He looks very strong!" When the steamer landed, they hurried down the steps to meet Captain Sayers.

"This is your new help, Sandy," said the captain.

"Welcome to the island!" said Grandfather.

"Thank you," said the man to Grandfather, but his eyes were on Alick.

"This is my grandson, Alick," said Grandfather.

"Your grandson?" repeated the man looking closely at Alick. "Your grandson, indeed!"

"Come, you must be tired from traveling," said Grandfather. "We have breakfast ready. After a few bites, we shall show you the cottage you will be living in."

"That is very kind of you," said the man in a dreamy way.

Grandfather looked at the man closely. "By the way, you haven't told us your name yet, sir."

"Father!" exclaimed the man, taking hold of Grandfather's hand. "Don't you know your own son?"

"Why it is my David! Alick, look—this is your father!" Then Grandfather sobbed like a child in the arms of his son, who was also crying and clinging to Alick.

"I thought you were dead! Your wife waited for you and we never heard anything from you, son," said Grandfather when he could talk again.

"I am so sorry," replied David when he could speak. "On my first trip, we shipwrecked on the coast of China. The ship went to pieces and four of us escaped to land safely. But the Chinese gathered around us and took us as prisoners. They kept us two hundred miles inland where there were no trains, and mail was not allowed. After eleven long years of hard work, we were finally told that a war was raging, and we were soon to board a ship for England. After I arrived in England and checked about you, I learned there was a need for a new lighthouse attendant, so I applied. I wanted to keep my coming a secret until I could tell you myself."

"Oh, David, this is like receiving the dead back to life!" Grandfather was so happy!

"And I did not know I was a father until now," exclaimed Alick's dad. "He looks so very much like his mother! Oh, I am so sorry she passed away!"

The reunion was bittersweet with laughing and crying. How they gave thanksgiving to Jesus Christ who was the Rock they were now building on!

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who was placed in Joseph's charge?
2. Why were the men sad?
3. What did the butler do with the grapes?
4. What did the three branches mean?
5. What would happen to the butler?
6. What did the three baskets mean?
7. What would happen to the baker?
8. What did Joseph ask the butler to do?

Answers: 1. The king's chief butler & chief baker. 2. They had no one to interpret dreams. 3. Picked them & made drink. 4. Three days. 5. He would be free & have his job. 6. Three days. 7. He would be killed. 8. Mention him to Pharaoh.

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Pharaoh's Dream

The chief butler got out of prison and resumed his job for Pharaoh. He forgot about Joseph's plea for him to mention Joseph to Pharaoh. Two years passed. Joseph was still in prison. Pharaoh awoke one morning with a troubled heart. He called for all of the magicians of Egypt. "I have had two dreams," Pharaoh said. "I need one of you to interpret them." None of the magicians were able to help Pharaoh.

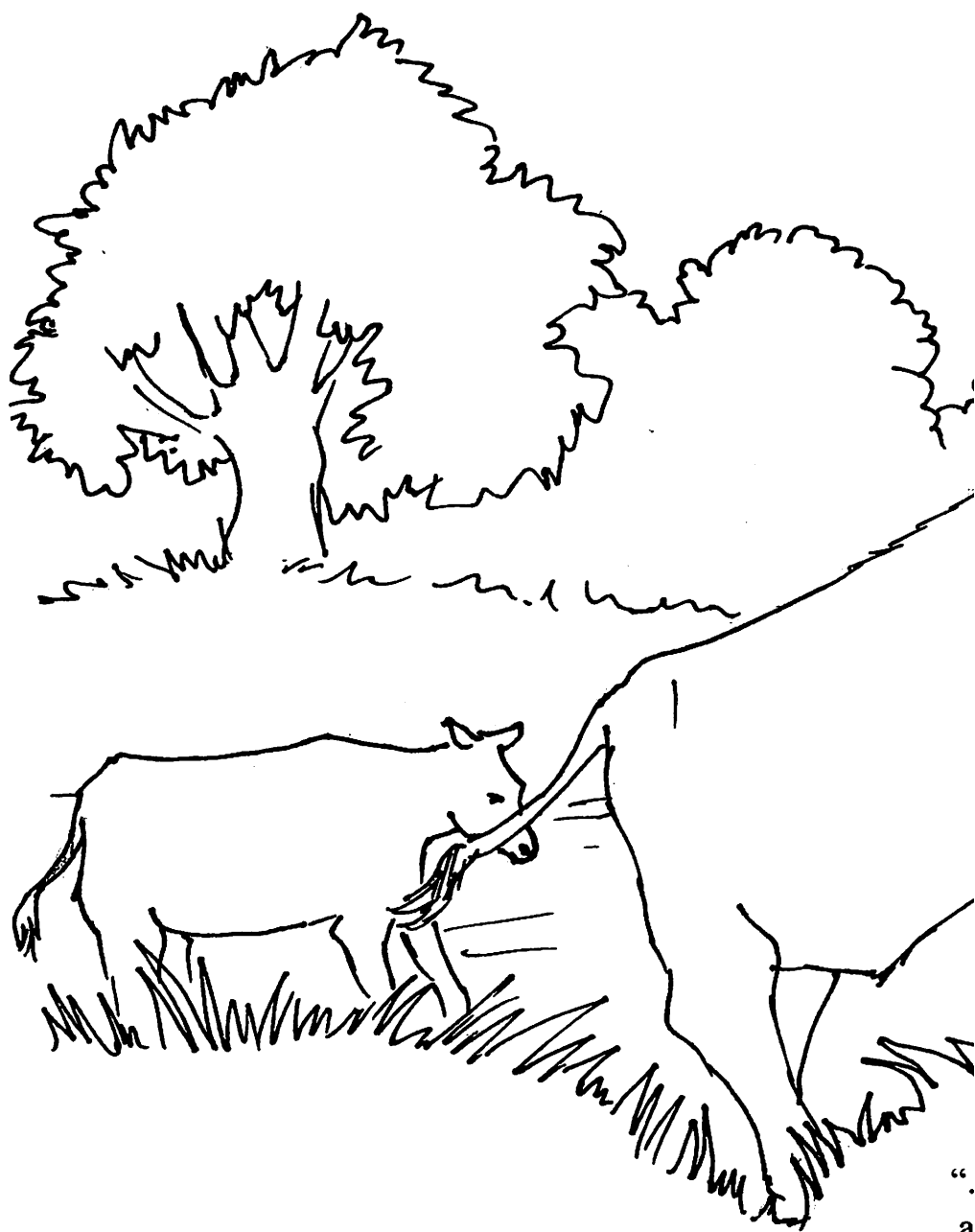
Finally, the chief butler remembered Joseph. "Pharaoh was angry with both me and the chief baker and threw us in prison," the chief butler told Pharaoh. "One night, we both had dreams. There was a young Hebrew, a servant to the captain of the guard, who interpreted our dreams."

Pharaoh called to Joseph. Joseph found himself being shaved and cleaned up. He had a new garment for the occasion. When all was ready, Joseph approached Pharaoh. "I have dreamed a dream that no one has interpreted for me," Pharaoh said. "Someone has said that you could interpret it." "God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace," Joseph declared.

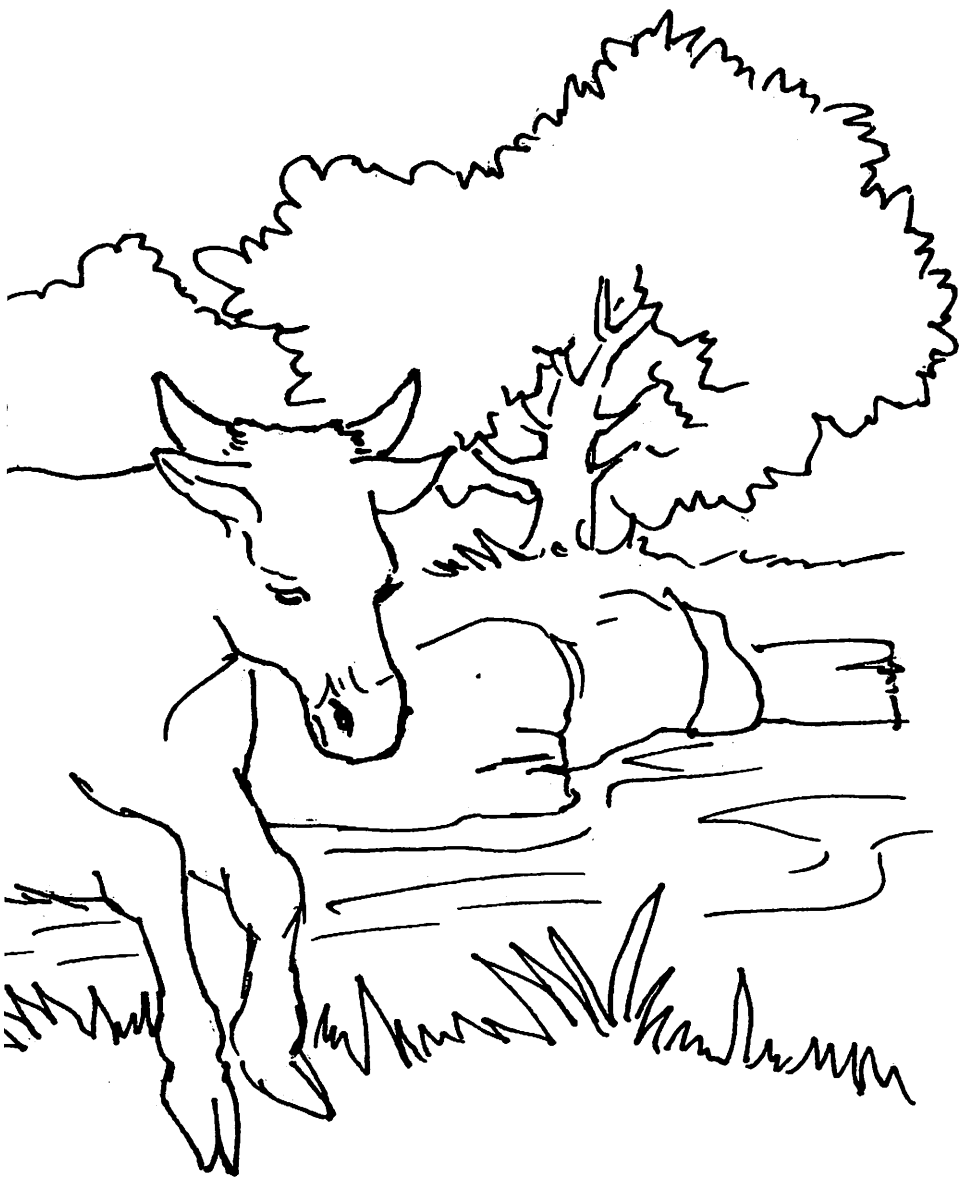
"In my dream," Pharaoh began. "I stood on the bank of the river. Seven cows came up out of the river. They were fat and had been fed in a meadow. Then seven other cows came after them. They were very skinny. I have never seen cows that looked so bad in all of Egypt! The skinny cows ate the fat cows. They were still as skinny as they were at the beginning of the dream. After that I woke up. Then I dreamed that seven ears of corn came up in one stock. They were good ears of corn. Then, seven withered and thin ears sprung up after them. The thin ears ate the seven good ones."

"God has shown Pharaoh, through a dream, what He is about to do," Joseph interpreted. "The seven good cows are seven years. The seven good ears of corn are seven years. Both dreams mean the same thing. The seven thin cows and the seven thin ears of corn represent seven years of famine. There will be seven years of great plenty throughout all of the land of Egypt. After this, there will be seven years of famine. The years of plenty will be forgotten. God will bring these things to pass shortly."

—Sis. Monica Murphey



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re came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed
ill-favored..." Genesis 41:18.

Another Family Reunion

(Continued)

A few weeks after Alick had met his father, the ship owner of *Victory* came again to the island. This time the old gentleman had a letter in his hand concerning Timpey.

Alick was alarmed. "Who is wanting to take Timpey away from us?" he asked, because he felt like her big brother already.

"Let us read this letter," said Mr. Davis. "I think you shall be pleasantly surprised." The letter explained that Timpey had been in India with her parents, who were doing mission work. The weather was not agreeing with Timpey, so when friends offered to take her back to England, her parents agreed. They would come later for her. When they heard the *Victory* had sunk, her parents were heartbroken. Somehow, they finally received word that their daughter was the only survivor and was living on this island in good company and care. They were planning to come soon and take her joyously home.

"Now don't you think this little girl needs to be with her mother?" asked Mr. Davis with a tear in his eye.

Grandfather spoke slowly, for he would miss his sunbeam. "To be sure, her mother needs her, and she needs her mother," he said.

Alick was not so sure about the matter. He had tried his best to care for Timpey, and she seemed happy to him. However, Grandfather did seem so glad to have his son back home.

Before Mr. Davis left, Grandfather talked to him about building on the Rock. They all knelt down and prayed to Jesus that he would keep them fast in the storms of life and take them to the harbor of Heaven some day. That night, Grandfather was saying, "On Christ the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand...."

When Timpey's parents arrived, it

was hard for Alick to see them all so happy, because he was feeling sad. He tried to be cheerful, and Timpey tried to cheer him. When it was time for them to leave, Timpey's father spoke to Grandfather. "I have an idea. Would you let Alick come to live with us for the winter? He could attend a very good school nearby. He could come home for holidays and weekend visits..."

"Oh, I don't know," said Grandfather.

But Alick's father liked the idea. "I think this would be an excellent opportunity for Alick, Father," he said. So arrangements were made for Alick to leave in a month and live on the mainland for the first time in his life.

The month passed all too quickly, and parting with Grandfather was difficult. As Alick boarded the steamer, Grandfather said, "Alick, my lad, keep on the Rock—be sure you keep on the Rock!"

Those were the last words Grandfather ever said to Alick, who has lived on the Rock ever since. Jesus Christ kept Alick steadfast through many storms in his life, and He will keep you, too.

The End

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What was troubling Pharaoh?
2. Who mentioned Joseph to Pharaoh?
3. What came up out of the river?
4. What did the fat cows represent?
5. What did the thin cows represent?
6. What did the thin cows do to the fat ones?
7. Was Joseph able to interpret the dream?
8. When were these things going to happen?

Answers: 1. Dreams. 2. The chief butler. 3. Fat & thin cows. 4. Seven years of plenty. 5. Seven years of famine. 6. Ate them. 7. Yes. 8. Shortly.

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Preparations for Famine

Joseph was able to interpret two dreams for Pharaoh with God's help. None of the magicians of Egypt had been able to help Pharaoh interpret his dreams. "There will be seven years of plenty, followed by seven years of famine," Joseph warned. "Pharaoh should choose a wise and discerning man and put him in charge over all of Egypt. This man should save one fifth of the food during the seven years of plenty. The food should be stored in the cities during the seven plentiful years so the people will not starve during the famine."

Pharaoh was very pleased with Joseph's ideas. "Where can we find a man, who is wise and filled with the Spirit of God?" Pharaoh wondered. "Since God has shown you these things, there is no other that is as wise and discreet as you are. You shall be in charge of my house, and your word will rule my people. Only I will be greater than you. I have set you as a ruler over all of Egypt."

Pharaoh took off the ring that he wore and placed it on Joseph's finger. He clothed Joseph in fine linen and put a gold chain around Joseph's neck. Joseph rode in the second chariot owned by Pharaoh. Servants walked before the chariot, crying, "Bow before this man."

Pharaoh gave Joseph a wife. Her name was Asenath. Joseph was thirty years old when all of this took place.

The seven plentiful years brought forth food by the handfuls. Joseph gathered up lots of the foods and put them in storehouses in the cities. Joseph gathered more corn than anyone could count.

During these years, Joseph and Asenath had two sons. Joseph's firstborn son was named Manasseh. "God has made me forget all of my hard years," Joseph declared. Joseph called his second son Ephraim. "God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction," Joseph praised.

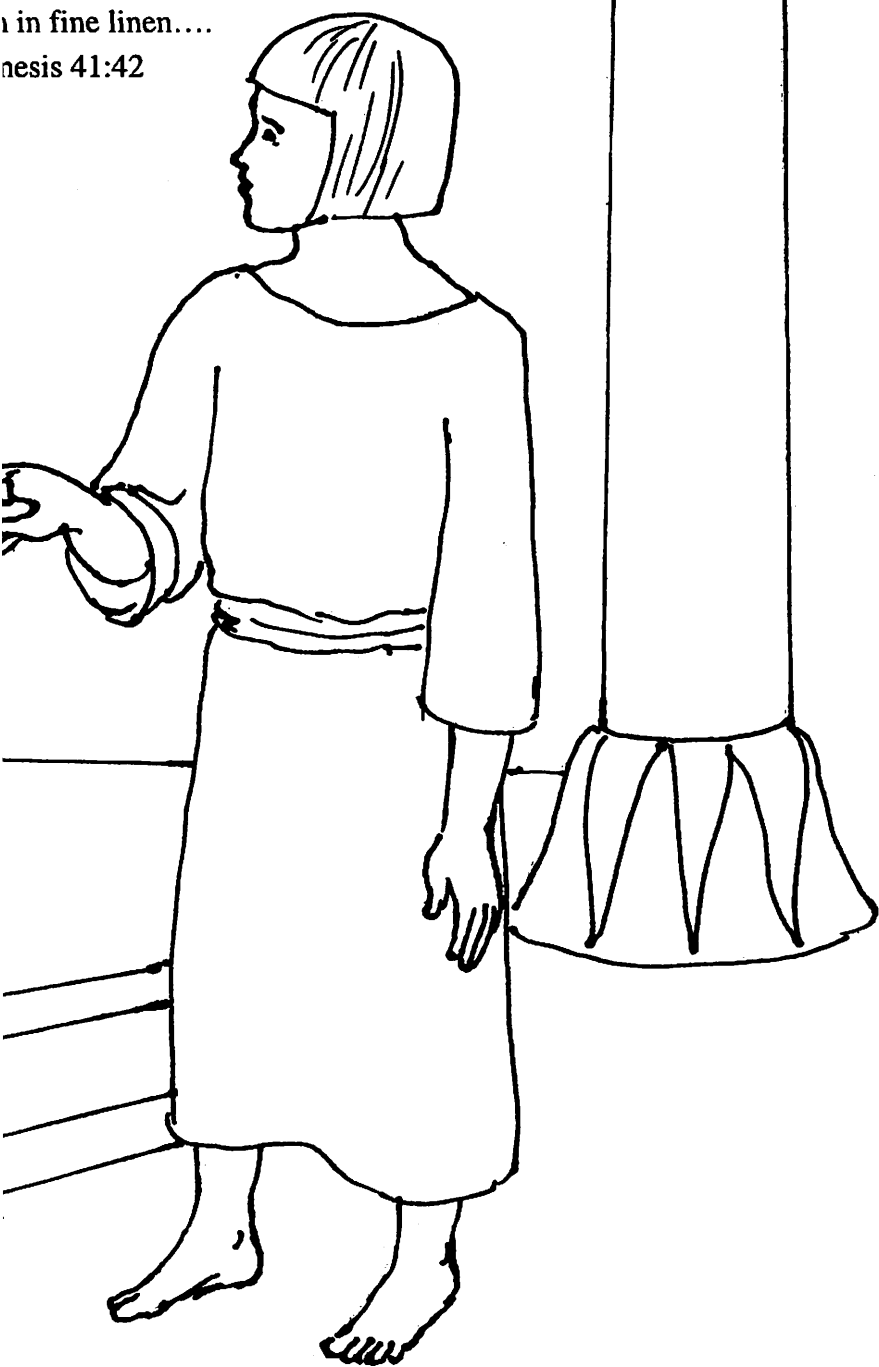
When the seven years of famine struck the land of Egypt and the surrounding lands, people came to Pharaoh, begging for bread. "Go to Joseph," the Pharaoh suggested. Joseph opened the storehouses and sold the food he had gathered to the people of Egypt and surrounding countries who came asking for food.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



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...took off his ring...and put it upon Joseph's hand,
...in fine linen....
Genesis 41:42



School Bus Line

By November, winter had arrived in Oklahoma. Mornings were cold, with frost on the ground. Connie put on her jacket, hugged Mama goodbye and walked up Magnolia Court to Hill Drive where she waited for the big yellow school bus.

The school bus line was formed in Cara's driveway. There were seven children who waited for the bus. Two big boys, one big girl, Connie and Cara, and two girls just bigger than Connie. Every morning, the big girl, who was Cara's sister, Christy, would get on the bus first. Then the two big boys, the next size girls, then Cara and last Connie.

Now that the mornings were cold, the students laid their books on the driveway to mark their place in line. They stood on Cara's porch, out of the wind, until the bus came rumbling down Hill Drive. Then everyone raced to their books, and were ready to climb on board as soon as the bus squeaked to a stop.

This particular morning, Connie looked at the books laying in line and thought, *"Why do I always have to be last? Mama tells me to let the youngest be first. If I am the youngest here, then I should be first!"*

So Connie decided to put her First Grade Reader in front of Christy's sixth grade books. She scooted all the books down so her clean books would not get dirty from the bus.

"Hey! Kid! What did you just do?" asked a big boy's voice from Cara's front porch.

"It's my turn to be first," called Connie. "Mama said the youngest should be first!"

"Oh, yeah? Well, your Mama isn't here!" said the big boy. He came over,

picked up Connie's readers and threw them to the end of the line.

"Don't you get my books dirty!" demanded Connie. She walked over to the big boy, reached up and slapped his face!

He grabbed her arm and twisted it behind her back, so she stomped on his toe and bit his hand!

"OW!" said the boy! "This kid is vicious!" He let go of her arm to grab his bitten hand.

"Yeah," said Connie. "And I'll tell my daddy that you twisted my arm, and he will get you, and he is bigger and stronger than you!"

"Well, your daddy isn't here, squirt, so there!" and the big boy pushed Connie. She was going to hit him the second time, but the bus came rumbling down Hill Drive.

All the children ran to get their books and climb on board. Again, Connie was the last one on the bus.

"I'm going to tell my daddy about this!" she thought. Connie pouted all day about the unfair bus line.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who interpreted Pharaoh's dreams?
2. How did Pharaoh feel about the interpretation?
3. Who did Pharaoh put in charge of Egypt?
4. What did Pharaoh give Joseph?
5. Who did Joseph marry?
6. How much corn did Joseph gather?
7. What were Joseph's son's names?
8. What did Joseph do with the food?

Answers: 1. Joseph. 2. Pleased. 3. Joseph. 4. His ring & fine clothes. 5. Asenath. 6. Too much to count. 7. Manasseh & Ephraim. 8. Sold it.

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A Dream Fulfilled

"I had a dream," Joseph had informed his family, "that the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me." Joseph's brothers were already jealous of Joseph. The dreams that Joseph had of the entire family bowing to him made them very angry.

Now, Joseph was a ruler in Egypt. The Lord had been with him and blessed him since his brothers had sold him into slavery. Joseph's father still thought that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal.

Joseph's family in Canaan was having problems. The famine that Joseph had predicted reached their part of the country. Jacob, Joseph's father, had heard that there was corn in Egypt. "Why are you standing around looking at one another?" Jacob asked his sons. "I have heard that there is corn in Egypt. Go down and buy some for us so that we will not starve."

Joseph's brothers began their journey to Egypt. Jacob kept Benjamin, the youngest brother, behind. "I don't want anything to happen to him," Jacob declared.

Joseph was the governor over Egypt. He was in charge of selling food to all of the people in the land. One day, Joseph's brothers came in and bowed low before Joseph. They did not recognize Joseph, but Joseph instantly knew who they were. "Where are you from?" Joseph asked.

"We have come from Canaan to buy food," the brothers said.

"You are spies," Joseph accused.

"No, master," protested his brothers. "We have only come to buy food. We are all brothers and honest men, not spies."

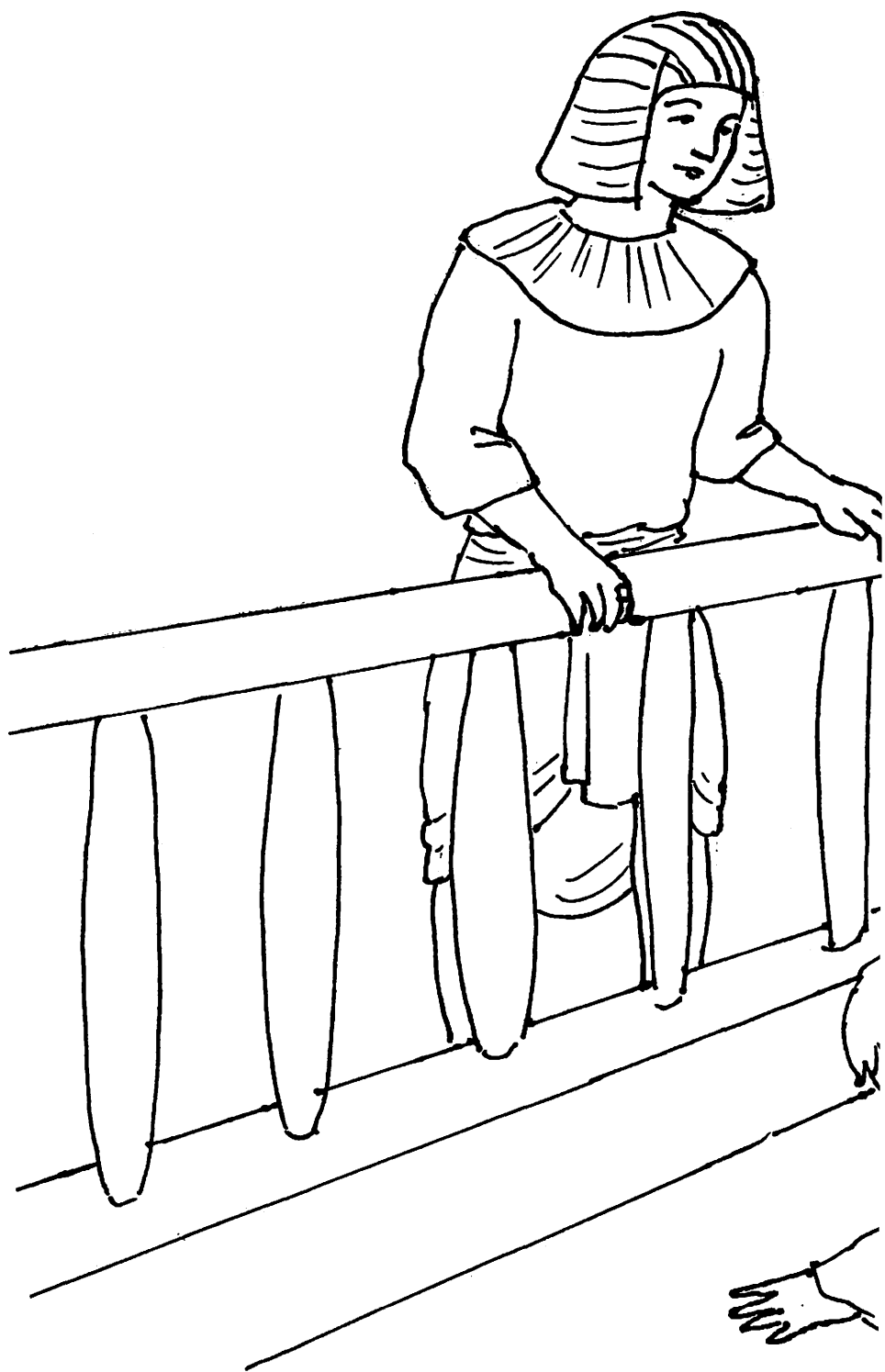
"You have only come to see how poorly Egypt is," Joseph said.

"We are twelve brothers," they answered. "The youngest is with our father, and the oldest is dead."

"You are spies," Joseph repeated. "Your lives shall be spared if you come back and bring your youngest brother. One of you will go back and get him. The rest of you will be kept in prison until it is proven you have told the truth."

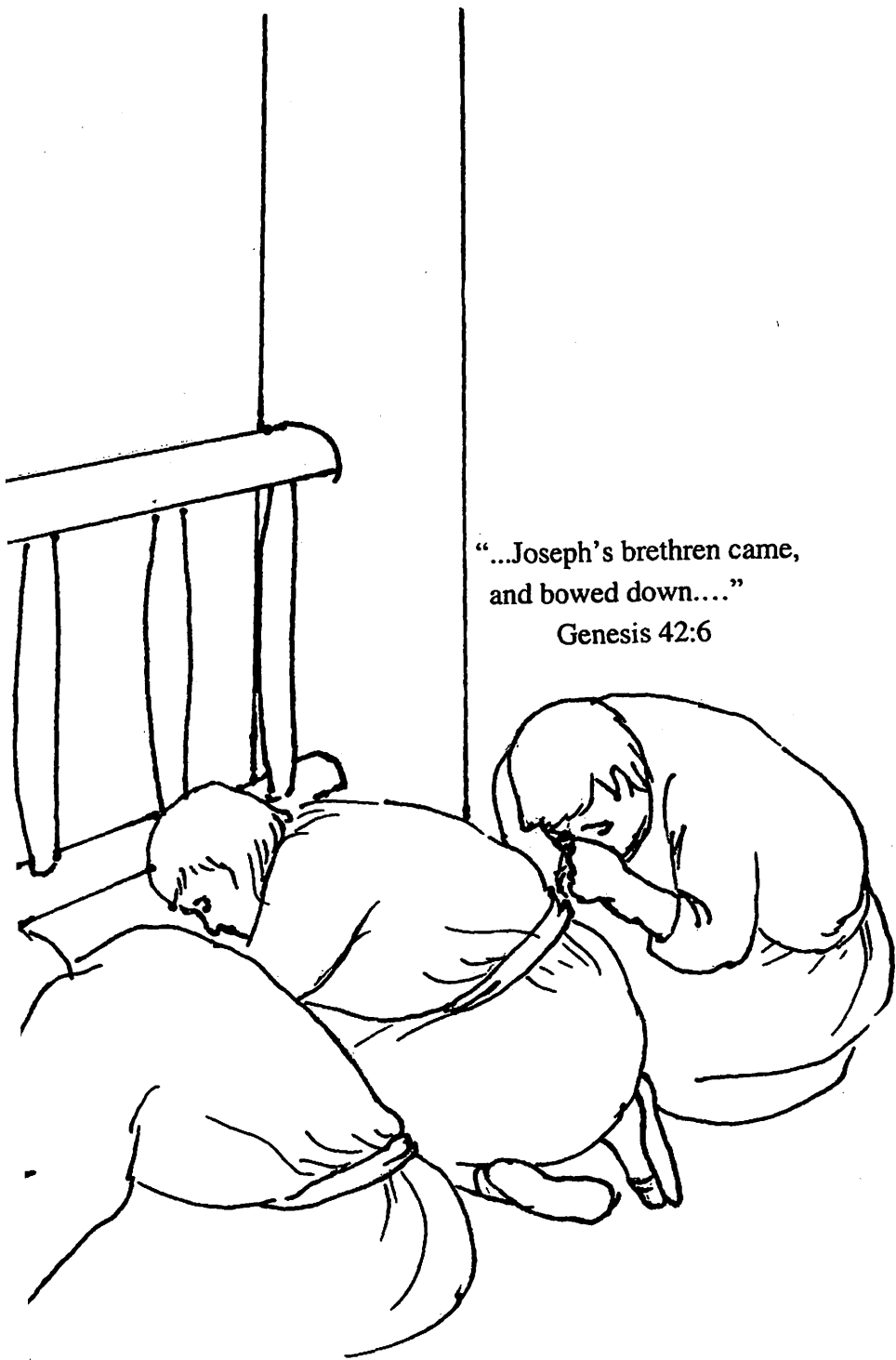
Joseph's brothers were thrown into prison for three days.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“...Joseph’s brethren came,
and bowed down....”

Genesis 42:6



Peace at the Bus Line

(Continued)

Connie climbed off the school bus along with the other local neighborhood children. That one big boy was still angry at her for the morning fight.

"Hey, squirt," he said to her after the bus was out of sight. "If you try to bite me again, I won't leave any teeth in your mouth to bite with, ya' hear?"

"Don't worry—you tasted nasty and I'm not afraid of you!" replied Connie.

This made the boy angry! "Why, you—I'll make you scared!" He grabbed for Connie, who slapped him then took off running. Playing chase at school had taught her how to dodge, jump and run like lightning. She arrived at home breathless but safe.

Mama was waiting for her. "Calm down, Connie! Why are you panting so hard? Who were you running from?"

"Oh, that big, mean boy!" said Connie. "He threw my readers this morning and got them dirty! He keeps picking on me!"

"So what did you do to aggravate him?" asked Mama.

"Nothing," said Connie. "He just wants to always be first in the bus line, and he is big and selfish like you tell me not to be!"

While Mama sliced an apple, Connie washed her hands and face. She told Mama about how bad that big boy was and that Daddy needed to take care of him.

Mama sighed. "Connie, shame on you for fighting with the neighborhood boy! That is no way to work out a problem. It only makes it worse."

"He started it, Mama; he threw my books!"

"No, you should have politely asked to be first and not forced your way in," said Mama. "We want peace with our neighbors. No fighting. Daddy and I will talk to his parents this evening, because we don't want this to happen again."

"Tell them to make him let me be first in line tomorrow!" said Connie.

"No," said Mama. "I think you need to be last for a while and learn some patience. It is something to talk about, not fight over."

Connie frowned. *"Even Mama won't let me be first in line. It just isn't fair!"*

While playing with her brothers and sister, Connie soon forgot about the bus line problem. She really didn't know when her parents talked with that boy's parents, but sometime they did, because the next morning Mama said, "Now, Connie, this morning do not bother anyone else's books. You get on the bus last today, and next week the children will take turns being first in order of age. If I hear that you caused trouble again, you will not get to be first in line for a long time. Understand?"

Connie nodded as she put on her jacket and picked up her two precious books. At the bus stop, she didn't talk to that big boy, and he didn't talk to her. Cara's mama helped them line up, and the next week, Connie earned her turn to be first in line. She learned it was better to talk over problems, than to fight about them.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What bowed to Joseph in his dream?
2. Who was governor of Egypt?
3. Where did Jacob want his sons to go?
4. Which brother did not go?
5. What did his brothers do before Joseph?
6. What did Joseph accuse his brothers of?
7. Who were they supposed to bring back?
8. Where did Joseph put his brothers?

Answers: 1. Sun, moon & 11 stars.
2. Joseph. 3. Egypt. 4. Benjamin.
5. Bowed. 6. Being spies. 7. Benjamin. 8. In prison.

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Released from Prison

After staying in prison for three days, Joseph's brothers were called to speak to Joseph. "To prove that you are honest men," Joseph said, "one of you will stay in prison, while the rest of you go back to your home and get your youngest brother. If you can do this, you will not die."

"We are being punished for what we did to Joseph," the brothers whispered to each other. "We saw how frightened he was, but we would not listen to him."

They did not know that Joseph heard every word and could understand what they were saying. Joseph had been using an interpreter during his conversations with his brothers. When Joseph heard his brothers regrets, he turned away from them and wept. Soon, he came back to them. Simeon, one of the brothers, was tied up and taken back to prison.

"Fill their sacks with corn," Joseph ordered. "Put their money into their sacks."

When the brothers' donkeys were loaded down with plenty of corn, they left. On their way home, one of them opened their sack and made a surprising discovery. "My money is in my sack!" he exclaimed. The others opened their sacks and found their money also. They were afraid that they would be accused of stealing.

When the brothers told Jacob that the governor wished them to bring back Benjamin, Jacob flatly refused. "Joseph is dead," Jacob grieved. "Now Simeon is gone. Will you take Benjamin away from me also?"

"Kill my two sons," Reuben said. "If I do not bring him back to you."

"My son Benjamin will not go to Egypt with you," Jacob said. "His brother is dead. If anything happened to him, then I will take my sorrow to the grave."

—Sis. Monica Murphey





..Every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack....” Genesis 42:35.

Waiting for Christmas

(Continued)

The hearth in the living room of the Miles house was showing signs that Christmas was coming soon. Scalloped tinsel hung from the red brick mantel. Under this lay a few wrapped gifts. Connie and Donnie already knew which one had their name on it. One evening, they were rearranging the packages again.

"This little package probably has Hot Wheels in it," Donnie said to Connie. "I showed Mama which cars to buy the other day when we were at the store and you were in school."

"Did you see Mama pay for them?" asked Connie.

"Sorta," replied Donnie. "Grandma took me to look at something for you, and I think Mama picked up those cars while we were gone, because I looked, and they weren't on the rack when we went by later."

"So what did you look at for me?" asked Connie as she shook a package that had her name on it.

"I can't tell," replied Donnie. "but it was in Ben Franklin's, and I think you have looked at it before."

"Hum," said Connie thoughtfully. "Was it with the girls' toys or in the sewing section?"

"I'm not supposed to tell," said Donnie. "But I think it is that package you have in your hands right now."

"Oh, it doesn't rattle or move inside," said Connie. "Did you say it was from the sewing section of Ben Franklin's?"

"Hey, Connie, I'm not supposed to tell," said Donnie. "I just know you wanted it for your doll a long time ago."

"Oh, Mama got me that blue diaper bag for Mary Ann!" exclaimed Connie. "She did get the blue one, right? You know I like blue!"

"I'm not supposed to tell," said Donnie again. "I told Grandma you liked the blue one best, but I didn't see them buy it."

"I can't wait until Christmas!" said Connie. "I want to put all my doll

things in that bag when I take her to church."

The Oklahoma Assembly Meeting was starting soon at the Guthrie chapel. That meant there would be church services three times a day and three meals there, too. The days that Daddy had to work, Grandma Miles would come in her green Rambler and pick up Mama and the children. Often they would stay for morning service, lunch, and afternoon service. In the afternoon, there would be children's meeting which Connie and Donnie liked to attend. They would leave before supper, because Mama liked to be home when Daddy came in from work. They would eat supper at home, and then go back to church that night with Daddy.

By the hearth, Connie was telling Donnie, "I don't have to go back to school again until next year. That's what Mrs. Long, my teacher, said."

"I don't think we go to church on Christmas day," said Donnie. "We go see Grandma Miles on that day!"

"And on Christmas Eve, we go to Grandma and Grandpa Eck's," added Connie. "Boy, Christmas is such a happy time! I can't wait to be with everybody!"

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What were Joseph's brothers to do?
2. Where were Joseph's brothers?
3. What did they think they were punished for?
4. What did Joseph do when he heard?
5. What did they find in their sacks?
6. Would Jacob let them take Benjamin?
7. Who promised to bring Benjamin back?
8. What does Jacob think about Joseph?

Answers: 1. Bring Benjamin to Egypt. 2. In prison in Egypt. 3. What they did to Joseph. 4. Wept. 5. Corn and their money. 6. No. 7. Reuben. 8. That he is dead.

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Return to Egypt

Joseph told his brothers that they needed to bring their youngest brother, Benjamin, to him from Canaan, to prove that they were honest men. Jacob, their father, did not feel comfortable doing this. He was afraid something would happen to Benjamin.

Soon, all of the corn the brothers had brought back from Egypt was gone. "Go again and buy some food," Jacob told his sons.

"The man said, 'You do not need to come back unless you bring Benjamin,'" Judah reminded his father. "Let me be in charge of Benjamin. If I do not bring him back, then let me take the blame forever."

"If you must do this," Jacob said. "Then take the best fruit from the land. Take honey, spices, nuts and double the money for the corn in your hand. Take your brother also, and go to the man. May God give you mercy before him, so I do not have to lose more of my children."

The men took the presents, the money and their brother, and went to Egypt. Once again, they stood before Joseph. "Bring these men to my home and prepare a dinner for them," Joseph commanded, after he had seen Benjamin.

The brothers were afraid when they were brought to Joseph's house. They thought Joseph was angry with them because they had found the money they had brought to pay for their corn in their sacks. "Sir," the brothers told Joseph's servant, "when we came down to Egypt the first time to buy food, we found the money in all of our sacks of corn. We have brought it back. We also have money for more food. We do not know how the money got in our sacks."

"Don't be afraid," the man told them. "God has given you the money." Then, he brought Simeon out to his brothers. The man washed their feet and fed their donkeys. The brothers gave Joseph their presents, bowing down low before him.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“And the men took that present, and...double the money...
and Benjamin...” Genèsis 43:15





Anticipating Christmas

(Continued)

The Oklahoma Assembly Meeting had started at the Guthrie chapel. Mama, Connie, her two brothers and sister were riding to church in Grandma's green Rambler on a cold December morning.

"I hope Debbie will be at church today," said Connie from the back seat. "I like to play with her."

"Did you bring your doll?" asked Mama from the front seat.

"No," sighed Connie. "I don't have my blue diaper bag yet. As soon as I get it I can take a bottle and things to keep Mary Ann quiet in church."

"Now who said you are getting a blue diaper bag?" asked Mama.

"Wel-l-l," said Connie as she looked at Donnie. He gave her a big frown, so she knew she had better not tell on him. "I'm just guessing!" she added.

"I see," replied Mama.

Then Grandma said, "I plan on having you all over at the print shop house for Christmas dinner. What time do you think you will be coming? Should we eat before opening the gifts or after?"

"Open the gifts first!" said Connie and Donnie together.

Grandma and Mama laughed. "Your vote doesn't surprise me a bit!" said Grandma. "I think we should eat first because Grandpa would like that."

"Will Grandpa be here?" asked Connie. He was her mystery grandparent, only coming around for holidays or special occasions. She liked his friendly smile and trim mustache that brushed her cheek when he kissed her.

"Yes, he said he was coming," said Grandma. "We could eat around 2:00 and then have all the afternoon and evening for visiting, reading the Christmas story and opening the gifts."

"Sounds fine to me," replied Mama. "Vernon and I will be tired Christmas morning after a full evening at Mother and Daddy's. That doesn't mean the children will sleep in. They probably will be up by 6:00 or 7:00 wanting to have Christmas at our house."

Mama said it with a sigh which caused Connie and Donnie to snicker on the back seat. They already knew the routine. Christmas Eve they would have a big meal on the farm at Covington. Grandma Eck would have ham, scalloped potatoes, homemade bread, pies and more pies. After stuffing themselves, they would gather in the formal living room where Grandpa Eck would read the Christmas story by candlelight. They would pray and sing songs. Finally, they would open gifts and receive their Christmas sack of goodies.

The children would fall asleep during the hour and a half drive home. Daddy and Mama would carry all four children into the house and put them to bed. That was the only night Daddy would lock their bedroom door when they went to bed, because he wanted to sleep in on Christmas morning—but not Connie and Donnie! They would be knocking on that door several times before Daddy would come walking out sleepy-eyed. Usually Mama would have cinnamon rolls ready to bake for breakfast, and after that the Christmas story and opening of gifts.

Connie would hear the Christmas story about baby Jesus at least three times and often more, because they were celebrating Jesus' birthday. She and her family would always remember Jesus first.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What happened to the corn?
2. What did Jacob want his sons to do?
3. Who were they supposed to take to Egypt?
4. Who offered to take charge of Benjamin?
5. What did Jacob suggest they take?
6. Who did the man say had given the money?
7. Who did he bring out to the brothers?
8. Where were they taken?

Answers: 1. It was gone. 2. Get more food in Egypt. 3. Benjamin. 4. Judah. 5. Presents & double the money for corn. 6. God. 7. Simeon. 8. Joseph's home.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Curious Dinner

Joseph's brothers were at Joseph's house. They still did not recognize Joseph. When Joseph spoke to them, he always used an interpreter.

They gave Joseph presents and bowed low before Joseph. "How is your father? Is he still alive?" Joseph inquired.

"Your servant our father is in good health. He is still alive," his brothers answered, still bowing before him.

Joseph saw Benjamin. "Is this your youngest brother that you spoke of?" Joseph asked.

"God bless you, my son," Joseph told Benjamin.

Joseph wanted to tell Benjamin who he was. Instead, he left the room and wept. Joseph washed the traces of tears from his face and returned to his brothers.

"Prepare the bread," Joseph commanded his servants.

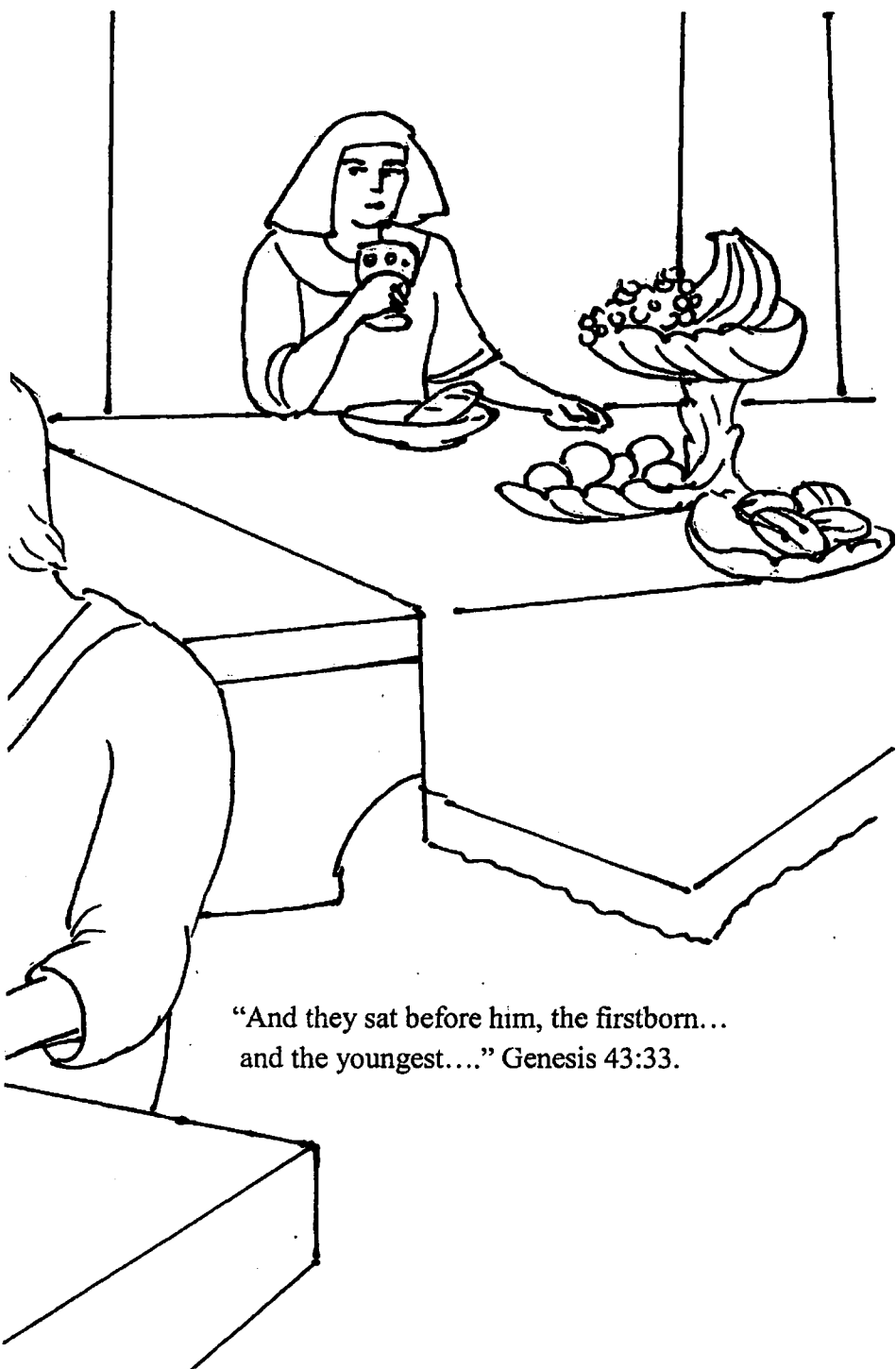
Joseph had a meal prepared for the men. Joseph ate by himself, and the brothers ate separately. Because of their religion, Hebrews were not allowed to eat with Egyptians. The brothers noticed that he seated them in order, from the oldest to the youngest. "How can this be?" they marveled.

All of them had plenty of food, but Benjamin had five times as much food as the others. They ate and drank and enjoyed the dinner.

Joseph's servant helped his brothers prepare to leave. The servant loaded them down with as much corn as they could carry. But Joseph's servant also put a surprise in their sacks. Joseph told his servant to put their money for the corn back in their sack. Joseph also told his servant to put his own silver cup in Benjamin's sack.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





“And they sat before him, the firstborn...
and the youngest....” Genesis 43:33.

The Last Night of Assembly Meeting (Continued)

"Oh, I am so tired," sighed Mama on the last Sunday night of the Assembly Meeting. "I think I will stay home with the two babies and put them to bed early. They would be cranky in church anyway."

"Okay," said Daddy. "I will take Connie and Donnie with me. Maybe we can stop by and get some ice cream cones on the way home from church."

"Yeah!" shouted the two children as they hurried to put on their shoes and coats. It was special to go to church with Daddy alone for several reasons. First of all, they were allowed to sit on the front seat in the car. Otherwise, Mama and Cindy sat in the front. Then at church, they sat close to Daddy to hear him sing bass and rumble the bench. But Mama wasn't there to keep him awake during the sermon, so if he dozed they could whisper more and not get caught doing it. And usually he would take them somewhere special after church.

Connie gathered up her doll, Mary Ann, and her new blue diaper bag stuffed with doll things to keep Mary Ann quiet in church. Donnie took a couple new Hot Wheel cars that he had gotten for Christmas.

The last service of the Assembly Meeting was rather sad with everyone gone or leaving who had been visiting during the meeting. Connie had already said goodbye to Debbie, her friend and cousin who was three months older than her. Debbie lived in Oklahoma City, which wasn't too far away, but she only came to the Guthrie chapel for special meetings. Otherwise she went to church at the Oklahoma City chapel.

After the message was given and testimonies were said, song number 240 in the *Evening Light Song* book was called. This song sounded mournful to Connie, and she was glad when it was finished. She didn't feel so sad that the meeting was over, because not every one had left. Her Sunday school teacher—Sis. Meek, Grandma Miles, Uncle Willie and Aunt Frances and their family were still there. Bro.

Hyrum and Sis. Geneva Ray and Johnny; the Taylor family; the Porter family; the Benson family; Sis. Maud Britt, and Bro. Mayo Mitchell were in service, and there were others, too. Connie looked around at all the familiar faces, and she felt comforted. This family of God would be at Wednesday night prayer meeting, she was sure.

They visited a while after the last prayer, then Daddy said, "Connie and Donnie, let's go get an ice cream cone."

Yes! They had been waiting to hear that! The little Dairy Maid south of Guthrie wasn't too busy, because it was a cold winter night. Daddy got out of the car and ordered at the window. The elderly man with a big bushy gray mustache waved at them from his window as he handed Daddy the soft ice cream cones he had made for them. They smiled and waved back.

They licked on their ice cream a little bit in the car, but Daddy did not want them to make a mess, so he took them home to finish them. Mama and the two babies were asleep, so Daddy, Connie and Donnie had a little party of their own before bedtime.

What a wonderful family God had put Connie in! Because her parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents lived for the Lord, she had a secure, happy home to live in. That is what God wants every child to have.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who did Joseph use to speak for him?
2. What did Joseph ask his brothers?
3. Who had his brothers brought to Egypt?
4. What did Joseph do when he saw Benjamin?
5. What did Joseph prepare for them?
6. How did Joseph seat his brothers?
7. What did Benjamin get at the meal?
8. What did the servant put in the brothers' sacks?

Answers: 1. An interpreter. 2. How was their father. 3. Benjamin. 4. He wept. 5. A meal. 6. From the oldest to the youngest. 7. Five times as much food as the others. 8. Their money and Joseph's cup.