

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Victory Over Death

It was the day before the Sabbath. The Jews called this the "Preparation Day." Jesus had died on the cross. The soldiers had made sure the other two criminals were dead so the men wouldn't be hanging on the cross on the Sabbath Day. It was evening.

Joseph of Arimathea was an important member of the religious council. He was also a follower of Jesus. He went to Pilate and boldly asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to find out that Jesus was already dead. Pilate gave Jesus' body to Joseph. Joseph carefully took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a linen cloth. Then he placed Jesus' body in a tomb that was cut out of a rock. He covered the entrance of the tomb with a heavy stone. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus stood nearby and watched the burial.

The Sabbath passed uneventfully. But the next day, there was a fierce earthquake. An angel of the Lord came down from heaven. He rolled the stone away from the entrance of the tomb. He was as bright as lightening, and his clothes were as white as snow. The soldiers guarding the tomb fainted in fright!

Two women who were Jesus' followers bought some spices. "We will go anoint Jesus' body," they decided. So just after sunrise on this first day of the week they made their way to Jesus' tomb. "How will we roll the stone away from the front of the tomb?" they worried.

When they reached the tomb, they were surprised to see the stone rolled away. Cautiously they entered the tomb. They were alarmed to see a young man sitting to their right. He was dressed in a white robe. "Don't be afraid," the young man said. "You are looking for Jesus. He was crucified, but He has risen! He is not here! See, here is the place where he was laid. Go and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going to Galilee. You will find him there, just as he prophesied.'"

—Monica Murphey

Missing Vowels

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. Some are vowels; some are consonants. The vowels are a, e, i, o, and u. Fill in the missing vowels to find out what the Bible verse is.

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*"... the angel of the Lord descended from heaven,
and came and rolled back the stone ..."*

Matthew 28:2



Stopping Over in Turkey

William arrived in Istanbul in the country of Turkey with his two new friends, Steven and Michael. In his heart William thanked God for directing his steps and protecting him this far in his journey.

"Look at the tall, beautiful buildings!" exclaimed William. It was a very different country than where he had lived his childhood in the forest of Uganda, Africa.

"Let's have a cup of tea, shall we?" asked Michel. "It seems like all the men of this city are here in this open-air market place drinking tea and relaxing."

Even though none of them spoke Turkish, they were able to communicate their need of tea and food to a seller. While they ate, they sat in chairs on the sidewalk and watched the brightly dressed men and women moving about the market. Among other things the dark head shawls over the women's faces told them they were in a Muslim country of restricted freedom. Also, there were prayer calls throughout the day.

The three of them found a reasonable place to spend the night, but the next morning they had to part ways.

"Thank you so much, Michael, for helping us this far," said Steven.

"Yes, thank you," agreed William. "God put you in my path at the right time."

"Glad to be of help to you," Michael said with a smile. He reached into his pocket and brought out a pen and paper. "I want to give you my cell phone number and address in America," he said as he wrote. He handed the paper to William who tucked it into his wallet. "When you get to the good ole USA, give me a call, William."

"Thank you, my friend," replied William as they waved good-bye. Michael was going to Japan to teach English, but William felt they would meet again some day.

William found his way to the government office where he filled out papers to get his visa to the West. He kept praying for quick results, but for some reason the Lord was not in a hurry to get him out of Istanbul.

One sunny morning while William was in an outdoor café, a young Turkish man came to his table. "Hello," he said to William. "Mind if I sit at your table?"

"No, sit down," replied William grateful to speak in English to someone.

"My name is Ahmet," said the young man as he sat down. "I would like to visit in English with someone and learn how to speak it better." William nodded and Ahmet continued, "You are not American or British, so where are you from?"

William smiled. "I am from Africa. I'm here on a tourist visa."

Ahmet's mouth dropped open in surprise. "I have never met an African before," he said in his broken English. "You speak very well."

William's smile broadened. "I have noticed that there are not any other black skinned persons in this city," he replied.

After their short visit, Ahmet said, "William of Africa, would you like to see our museum? I can explain everything to you in English."

"Yes, I would be delighted!" replied William. While waiting for God to work out his next move, William was glad to have someone to visit with in English who could tell him about the history of this ancient city. It also gave him a chance to testify for the Lord.

(To be continued.)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What day of the week did Jesus die?
2. Who asked Pilate for Jesus' body?
3. What happened during the earthquake?
4. What happened to the soldiers?
5. Why did the women visit the tomb?
6. What did they see?
7. He has _____.
8. Who greeted them?

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| <p>Answers: 1. The day before the Sabbath. 2. Joseph of Arimathea. 3. An angel came & rolled the stone away. 4. They fainted. 5. To bring spices for Jesus' body. 6. The angel. 7. Risen. 8. Jesus.</p> |
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An Empty Tomb

It was the day after the Sabbath, the first day of the new week when the women went to anoint Jesus' body in the tomb. How surprised they were to find the stone rolled away and an angel sitting guard instead of two soldiers! The angel had told the women that Jesus was risen. "Go tell Jesus disciples," he instructed.

Overwhelmed with shock, the trembling women fled from the tomb. "Rejoice," a man greeted them. The two women saw that it was Jesus. They bowed down, touching his feet in worship.

Joyfully they ran to tell Jesus' disciples. While the women were on their way, the guards returned to the city. They told the chief priests about the earthquake and everything that had happened. The chief priests had an idea. "We will give you this money if you will tell people that Jesus' disciples came during the night and stole his body while you were sleeping. This report will satisfy the governor and no one will get into trouble." The soldiers took the money and did just as the chief priests told them to. Many Jews still believe this false story.

The women tried to tell the disciples what happened. "You're not making any sense," some of the disciples said. "This can't be true!" Peter ran to the tomb. He saw the burial cloths folded inside the tomb. He did not see Jesus' body. But Peter did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. He left, wondering what had happened.

—Monica Murphey

True vs. False

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| 1. Pilate washed his face to show he was innocent of Jesus' death. | True | False |
| 2. The crowd chose to release Barabbas instead of Jesus. | True | False |
| 3. Pilate's wife thought Jesus was guilty. | True | False |
| 4. The chief priests bought a donkey with the money Judas Iscariot returned to them. | True | False |
| 5. Pilate made a sign that said, "King of the Jews. | True | False |
| 6. One of the criminals crucified with Jesus asked Jesus to remember him when he entered into His kingdom. | True | False |
| 7. Zacchaeus carried Jesus cross. | True | False |
| 8. When Jesus died, the curtain in the temple tore in half. | True | False |
| 9. Joseph of Arimathea asked King Herod for Jesus' body. | True | False |
| 10. When two women came to bring spices to the tomb, an angel told them that Jesus was risen. | True | False |

*"... he beheld the linen clothes laid
by themselves..."*

Luke 24:12



Two Different Swords

Ahmet proved to be a great tour guide for William in Istanbul, Turkey. He was very proud of his city and the rich history of the past. Many of the gorgeous structures had spires and domes displaying the trademark of the Byzantine era of 300 A.D. and after.

As the two men climbed the many steps to a museum, William listened to Ahmet while admiring the perfect rows of tile laid so many centuries ago. Inside glass enclosed cases were very old preserved articles. One case held hairs that were said to be from Muhammad, the prophet of Islam. Then they came to a display that was guarded with security guards. Curious visitors leaned over velvet ropes to see what was in the heavily protected case.

When William leaned over to look, Ahmet whispered, "This is the sword of Muhammad the prophet. With this sword he conquered Mecca and prepared the world for the coming of Islam."

Suddenly William felt dizzy and sick. If that sharp piece of steel was truly the one Muhammad had used, it had killed hundreds of people, including many Christians and Jews. Quiet and troubled, William left the cool museum for the heat of the mid-day sun with his new friend.

They stopped to rest beneath the shade of a brightly colored awning. Sipping a warm cup of tea William breathed deeply to relax his body and calm his nerves.

"What are you thinking?" asked Ahmet softly.

William looked at Ahmet and saw a kindness in his eyes. He decided to trust Ahmet and tell him about Jesus. "I was just thinking that Jesus never carried a sword," he replied.

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Ahmet. "Every man carried a sword in those days. It was just the way of the world."

William shook his head. "No, Jesus did not need a steel sword because His kingdom is not of this world."

Ahmet looked puzzled. "What do you mean? Jesus was a great prophet

though not as great as Muhammad."

"Jesus was more than a prophet," continued William. "He was the Word of God, which is more powerful than any two edged sword. He did not come to kill, but to heal and bring people to peace with God."

Ahmet leaned toward William and looked into his face. "How can God's words be like a sword?" he asked.

William knew he had to work with Ahmet carefully. "Help me, Lord," he prayed inwardly as he explained it to Ahmet through his terms. "In Christianity, Jesus is called the Word of God. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. That is from the Injil (Gospels) in the first chapter of John."

"We accept the Injil as a good book, but I don't understand? Can a book be God?" questioned Ahmet. "Do you worship the Bible?"

"No, I don't worship the Bible," replied William patiently. "But the teaching or power of the Word is part of God. I believe Jesus, the Word, is the same nature of God."

Suddenly Ahmet looked around them. "Please tell me more," he whispered. "But let us not talk too loudly." William nodded in understanding.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the angel tell the women to do?
2. Who greeted the women?
3. What did the women do then?
4. What did the guards tell the chief priests?
5. What did the chief priests tell the guards to do?
6. Did the disciples believe the women?
7. What did Peter do?
8. What did Peter see?

Answers: 1. Tell Jesus' disciples he was risen. 2. Jesus. 3. Worshipped him. 4. Everything that had happened. 5. Say Jesus' disciples stole the body. 6. No. 7. Ran to the tomb. 8. Burial clothes but no body.

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Meeting on the Way to Emmaus

If you follow one of the roads leaving Jerusalem, in about seven miles you would come to a village called Emmaus. On the first day of the week, the same day that an angel told the women that Jesus had risen, two of Jesus' followers were walking on this road to Emmaus. The two men were discussing everything that had happened.

As they were talking, another man joined them. "What were you talking about?" the man asked them. They stood still, looking downhearted. One of the men named Cleopas, said, "You must be visiting Jerusalem if you do not know about the things that have happened the last few days."

"What things?" the man inquired. "Jesus of Nazereth was a prophet," they explained. "He was a powerful and godly leader. The chief priests and religious leaders sentenced him to death. They crucified him. We had hoped that he was going to liberate Israel. But more has happened since then. This is the third day since his death. Some of the women went to visit the tomb early this morning, but his body was gone. They came and told us that angels said that Jesus was alive. Then some of the men went to the tomb and found it just as the women said. They did not see Jesus."

"How misguided you are!" the man, who was Jesus exclaimed. "Why do you find it so hard to believe what the prophets have written in the scriptures? Did they not clearly predict that the Messiah would have to suffer all of these things before entering into his glory?"

Jesus began with Moses and explained each scripture in which the prophets spoke of Christ the Messiah. While they were talking, the village came into sight. Jesus acted as if he was going farther. "Stay with us," they insisted. "It is almost night." So Jesus agreed to stay with them. They sat down to the table to eat. Jesus took the bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to the men. Suddenly, their eyes were opened! They realized that Jesus was eating with them. But just as quickly as he had appeared on the road, Jesus disappeared. "Didn't we feel inspired when he revealed the scriptures on the road?" the men asked each other. They got up and immediately returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven disciples and other followers assembled together. "It is true! The Lord has risen!" the men proclaimed.

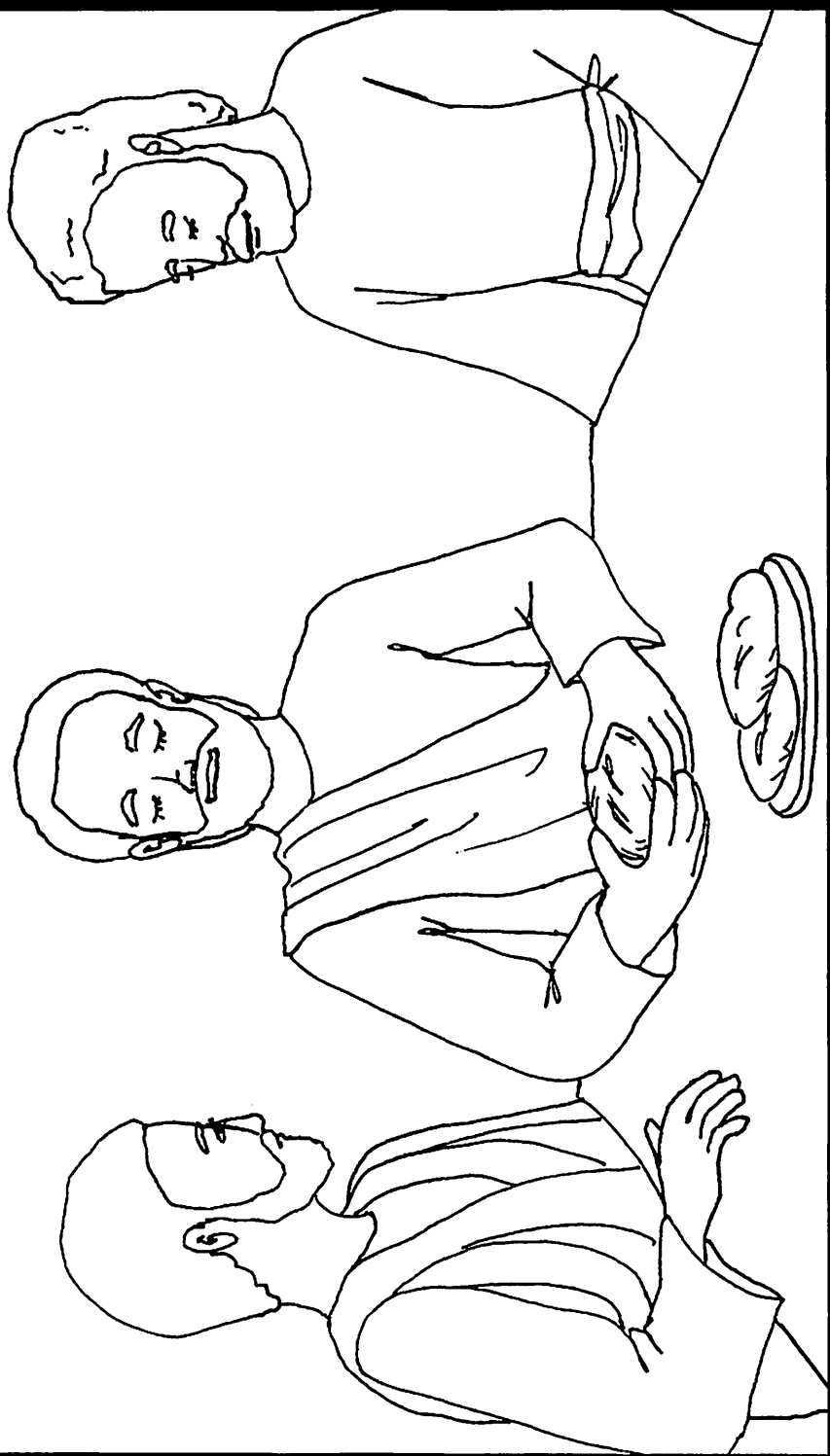
—Monica Murphey

Unscramble

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ANGEL, SCRIPTURES, PROPHET, JESUS, MOSES, RISEN,
BREAD, DISAPPEARED, JERUSALEM,

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13. SEUJS _____

"... as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it..." Luke 24:30



Leading a Soul to God

In Istanbul, Turkey while sipping steamy tea, William explained to his new friend how Jesus was the Word of God made flesh. "We believe there is one God," said William, "but He exists in three persons. Like water can be steam, ice, and clear liquid so God can be Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Father. The Son came to earth to redeem mankind from his sins. Those who believe in the Son, ask forgiveness of sins, and let the Holy Spirit teach them are translated into God's Kingdom."

Ahmet was quiet but he had questions on his mind. "Where is God's Kingdom?" he asked.

"It is not seen with our eyes," explained William. "It is a spiritual kingdom of those who believe and are saved from sin. We do not need to fight with weapons against the devil who is everyone's enemy. We can stand on the promises of God Who fights the devil for us. We do not want to fight persons, we are against the devil who tries to keep us from living with God after we die."

"How can you know you will live with God some day?" asked Ahmet. "No one can be sure that they are good enough unless they die a jihadist in the battle."

"Our Holy God talks to us through His Holy Spirit," replied William. "We can know if we please Him or if we need to correct our heart to please Him. He is merciful. He wants us to make Heaven our eternal home. That is why Jesus came to earth. He died on the cross so we can ask forgiveness of our sins, please God, and live in His Spiritual Kingdom. It is not seen with the eye, but felt in the heart. Each member of God's Kingdom is connected by the cleansing blood of Jesus."

"So you do not have to fight in God's Kingdom?"

"No, we do not fight with real weapons," replied William. "We cannot destroy the devil that way. Instead we call upon the name of Jesus, and He saves us from the devil. It is a spiritual battle, not an earthly battle that Islam teaches. Jesus never used a sword or any weapon."

Ahmet rubbed his chin as he thought. Finally, he leaned closer to William. "I like Jesus and His way of peace sounds better than Islam. I would like to know more about Jesus."

William felt a wave of happiness flood his soul. He loved to hear a Muslim express interest in finding peace with the true God. After more talk, William promised to find a place in Istanbul where Ahmet could learn more about Jesus Christ. They would not be able to visit much more because Ahmet would go to his job the next day.

William needed to a visa for America, but he was finding it a hard thing to get. The Turks did not like an African who did not speak their language so they were not helpful. The Muslims openly insulted him but he kept his temper in control.

As he prayed and wandered through the city, he saw signs in English with directions to a military barracks. It was an American military barracks! William felt hope swell inside his heart as he followed the directions to this base. Surely they would help him.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where were the two men?
2. What were the two men talking about?
3. What did Jesus explain to them?
4. Why did the men ask Jesus to stay?
5. What did Jesus do at the table?
6. What happened after they knew him?
7. Where did the two men go next?
8. What did they tell Jesus' disciples?

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- **Answers:** 1. The Road to Emmaus. •
- 2. Everything that had happened. •
- 3. The prophecies in the scrip- •
- tures. 4. It was getting dark. 5. •
- Broke the bread & blessed it. 6. •
- Jesus disappeared. 7. Jerusalem. •
- 8. He is risen. •
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His followers were shocked and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost! "Why are you troubled?" Jesus asked. "Why do you doubt that I am alive? Look at My hands and feet. It is I! Touch me. A ghost doesn't have skin and bones. You can see for yourself that I have."

Jesus extended His hands to His followers. They touched Jesus' hands and feet. They were so thrilled and amazed! This was really Jesus with nail prints in his hands and feet! "Do you have anything here to eat?" Jesus asked. They gave Jesus a piece of broiled fish. Jesus took the fish and ate it.

"I told you this when I was still with you," Jesus informed them. "Everything in the scriptures that Moses and the prophets wrote about Me must be fulfilled." Jesus went on to explain the scriptures so that they would understand what He was talking about.

"It has been written that Christ will suffer and rise from the dead after three days," Jesus expounded. "Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are all witnesses of these events. I am going to send you what My Father has promised, but stay in the city until you have been given power from on high."

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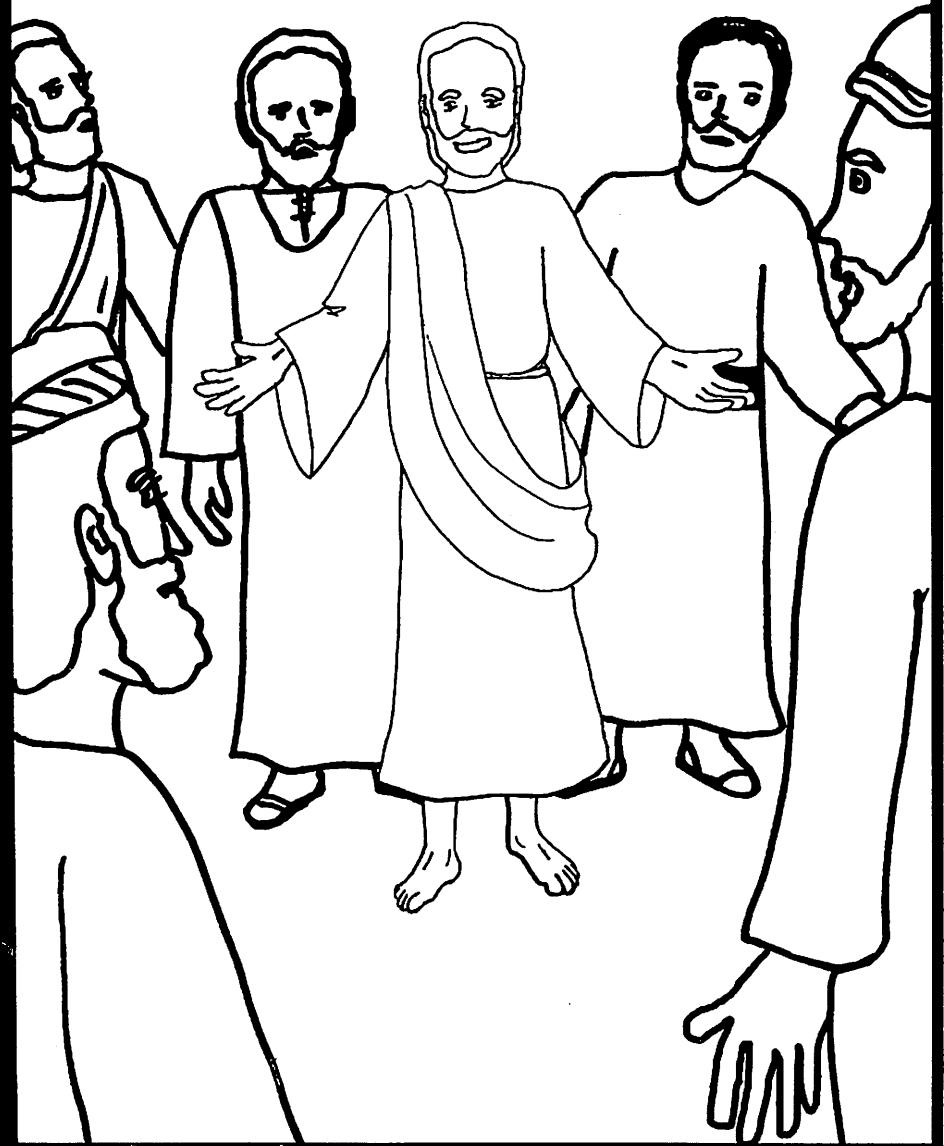
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John 14:27

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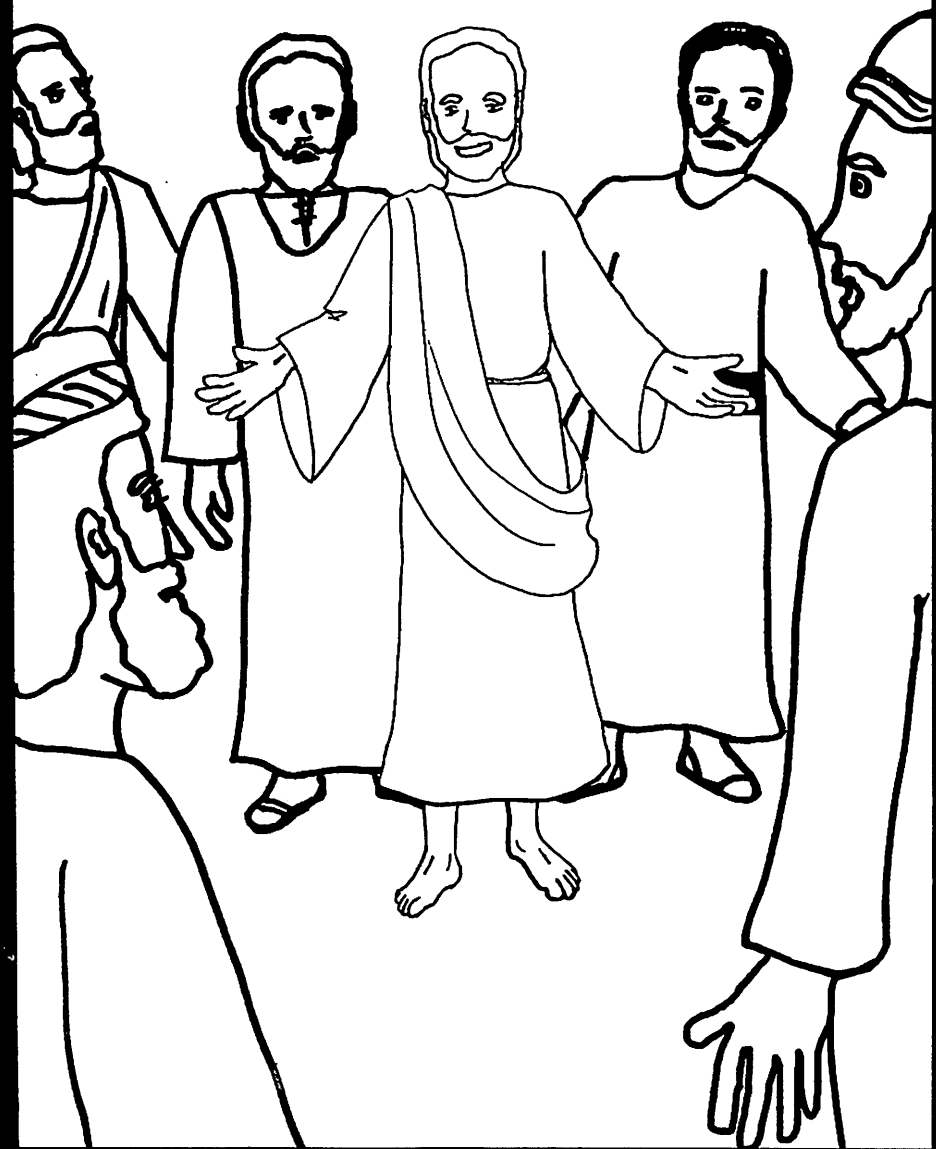
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Leaving Istanbul, Turkey

Hoping that at the American Military Barracks he would find someone to help him get a visa to America, William rushed up to the guard on duty and asked to see an officer.

The guard lowered his gun. "Raise up your hands!" he ordered and another guard stepped up to pat down William.

"Oh, they think I might be dangerous," thought William. He had not realized they would suspect him of trouble.

"Where are you from?" asked the first guard.

"I am a Christian from Sudan. I have no intentions of doing harm. Please let me see someone who can help me get a visa to the United States. I want to go there for schooling and to learn more about Jesus Christ. Do you have a chaplain here?"

The two guards looked at each and discussed what they should do.

William was praying. "I tell you the truth," he pleaded. "I would like to see your chaplain. I need his help. Could you please take me to him?"

"Come with us," said one guard as he motioned William to move in front of him. Inside the Barracks the officers were suspicious of him as well. They were questioning him when he bent over to pick up a dropped item and his worn Bible fell out of his inside pocket.

"Let me see that," ordered an officer as he held out his hand. He thumbed through the Bible, noticing the notes and worn places. "I think this guy is telling the truth," he said at last. "He is harmless enough."

"Thank you, sir," replied a grateful William.

"But he can't stay here," said another officer.

"No, but since he is Christian, we need to send him to someone who can help him," said the officer holding the Bible.

"What about Father Nus, the French priest?" asked an officer. "Maybe he can put the guy up for the night and help him with his travel."

William was thankful that the American officers took him to this kind man who had compassion on him.

Father Nus knew enough English so that they could visit. Slowly, William told about his recent travel, escapes and work.

"I want to go to America and get better schooling," William finished telling. "I can't go back to Sudan until I can go and help my people."

Father Nus nodded his head in understanding. "I can not get you a visa into America," he said, "but I will help you go to France. From there you can get into America easier. Alright?"

This time William nodded. He did not have much money left, and his visa was about to expire in Turkey. He did not want the Turkish government to send him back to Sudan, but he really wasn't planning to go to France.

"It must be that God wants me to witness for Him in France, too," William thought. "I don't speak much French, but I guess I can learn."

Father Nus smiled and William could tell that this kind man liked to help others. He certainly was a blessing to William. At the right time, William found him a seat on an airliner flying to Paris, France. "Thank you, Heavenly Father, for putting the right people in my life at the right time," prayed William.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What were Jesus' followers talking about?
2. Why were they afraid when Jesus came?
3. What did they touch?
4. What did they give Jesus to eat?
5. What did Jesus explain to them?
6. What prophecy did Jesus quote?
7. What would be preached to all nations?
8. How long were they to stay in the city?

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• road to Emmaus. 2. They thought •
• he was a ghost. 3. His hands and •
• feet. 4. A piece of fish. 5. Prophecies •
• in the scriptures. 6. Christ would •
• suffer and rise again. 7. Repentance •
• and forgiveness of sins. 8. Until they •
• received power from on high. •
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"Stop Doubting and Believe!"

How amazed and excited Jesus disciples were! They had seen Jesus! They had talked to Him! However, one of the disciples was not quite as excited as the others. His name was Thomas, and he had not been there when Jesus had appeared to the others. "We have seen the Lord!" the other disciples were telling him their stories enthusiastically.

"Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and can put my finger in the nail marks, and put my hands into His side that was pierced with a sword, I will not believe it!" Thomas retorted, skeptically.

A week later, the disciples had gathered again in the same house. Thomas was with them. Again, they had locked the doors. They did not want the religious leaders to think the followers of Christ were meeting to cause trouble. A man who stood among them said, "Peace be with you!" The disciples were so joyful to see Jesus again! Thomas was shocked.

"Place your finger here," Jesus offered. "Look at My hands. Notice the nail prints? Reach out your hand and feel My side. Stop doubting and believe!"

"My Lord, and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

"You have believed because you have seen Me," Jesus replied. "Blessed are those who have not seen Me, but yet still believe."

Jesus disciples saw many other miracles that Jesus performed that have not been written about. They saw many signs that proved He was God's Son. Many of them were written about in the Bible by some of Jesus' disciples so that you would believe that Jesus is Christ, the Son of God, and that you would have life by the power of His name.

—Monica Murphey

Crack the Bible Verse Code!

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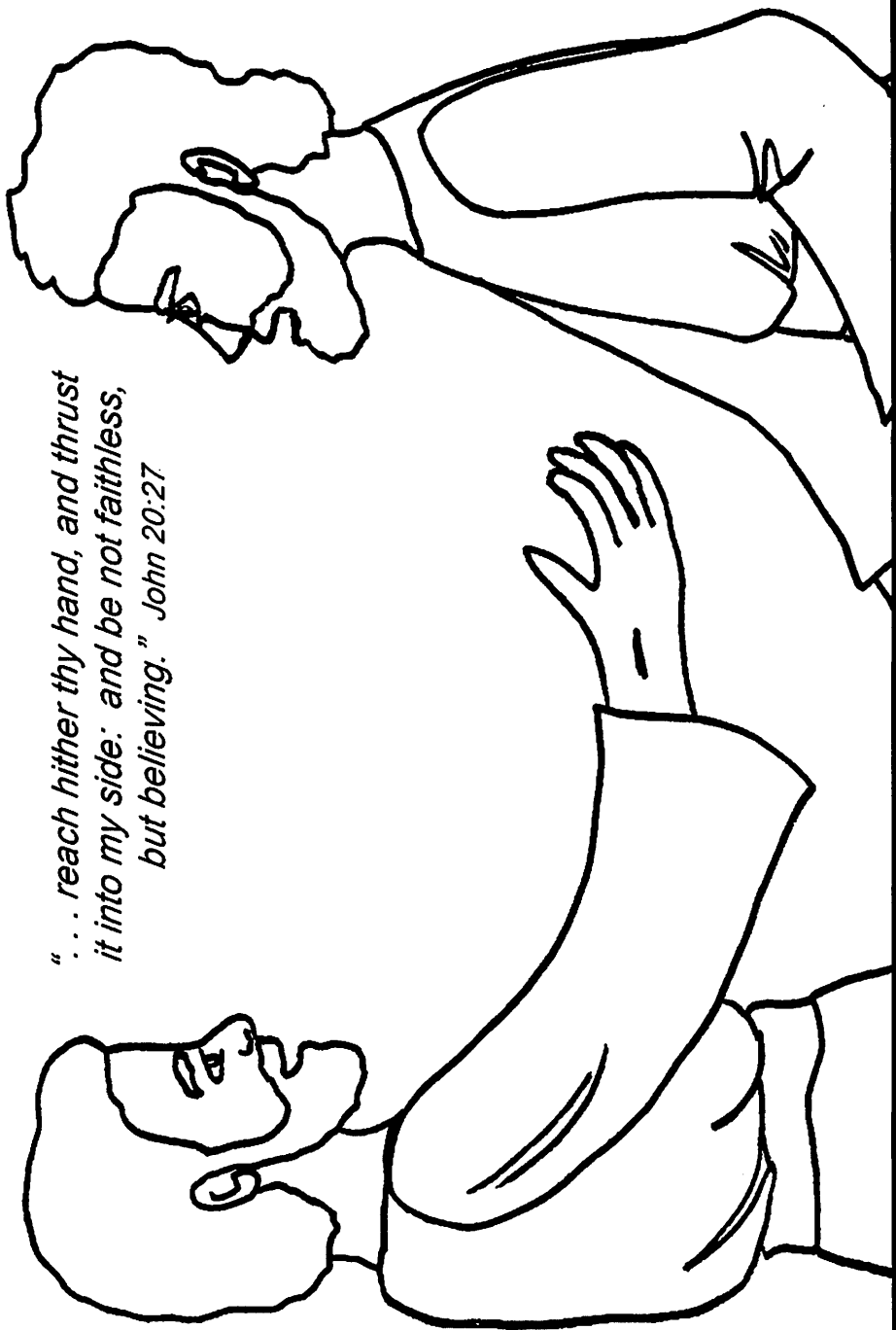















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*"... reach hither thy hand, and thrust
it into my side: and be not faithless,
but believing." John 20:27*



The Dream Comes True

Arriving in Paris, France, William struggled with the new language of French. He knew how to speak four other languages, and he was eager to learn French as well.

The French people were kind to him, but he quickly realized he was not in a good moral society. Wickedness was all about him but he knew God's grace could keep him from evil. He was determined to not sin against God. He would keep his body a Sanctuary for the Holy Spirit to dwell within.

William wanted to find a job, a place to stay, and a church family. With the Lord guiding him, he found all these things, but he still had waves of homesickness come over him. How were Father and Mama? Grandpa Vuni? When he closed his eyes at night, he could hear in his mind the singing of the church in South Sudan, the voices praying over him a final blessing before he left. He had no way of contacting his family because they did not have electric, but he could pray for them and let God take care of them.

In Lyon, France, William felt so far away and alone. He found a church family, but they were very lukewarm. It made William sad to see so-called "Christians" not living respectable lives. He was sure that was why no new members came to church.

After nearly two years of working in France, God opened the door for William to travel to the United States. As the jet flew over the Atlantic Ocean, William was not able to sleep—he was living his dream come true!

As the golden rays of sunlight spread across the skyline, William stepped out of a cab and into New York City. Moving people rushed about him, but he stood still and stared at the tall buildings of glass, steel and stone. He had lived in busy cities—Paris, Cairo, Istanbul, and Ankara—but none of them compared to New York City. He was awestruck with the modern look of the tall buildings.

Suddenly William realized he was being watched by a couple of unkempt young men. Quickly he crammed himself into a telephone booth only to see them surround the booth.

"Speak-a you ENG-lish?" one of the men asked William. His cold smile showed yellow, broken teeth. "Give me ten bucks and I will help you find some place to stay."

"No, thank you," replied William politely.

One man reached into the booth and tugged at William's backpack. "Let me carry this for you," he said. "Just for ten bucks."

"No, thank you," repeated William politely. He began to pray. These men were politely attempting to rob him and he did not know who to call for help but the Lord.

The men were pressing into the telephone booth to take William's backpack when two police officers walked around the corner. The robbers left William and took off running.

The police came right over to help William out of the booth. "This is New York City, buddy," said one officer. "Lesson number one is DON'T TALK TO STANGERS."

The other officer sighed, "Yeah, if you need help, try to find a police officer. Good luck, kid."

William thanked them and he thanked the Lord for protection.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What were the disciples telling Thomas?
2. How did Thomas feel about it?
3. Where were the disciples a week later?
4. What did Christ ask Thomas to do?
5. How did Thomas feel then?
6. "You have believed because ____"
7. What else did Jesus' disciples see?
8. Why did the disciples write about them?

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- **Answers:** 1. About seeing Je- •
- sus. 2. He didn't believe it. 3. In •
- the same house. 4. Feel the nail •
- marks. 5. He believed. 6. You •
- have seen me. 7. Many other •
- miracles. 8. So we would believe •
- and have life. •
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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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What a Catch!

Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James and John, and two other disciples had met and were talking to each other. "I'm going to go fishing," Peter told them. "We'll go with you," the others offered. So they got into their boat and rowed out to sea. They fished the whole night, but didn't catch anything.

Early the next morning, the disciples saw a man standing on the shore. "Friends, haven't you caught any fish?" the man called out to them.

"No," they answered. "Throw your net on the right side of the boat," the man suggested. "You'll catch some then." The disciples threw the net on the other side of the boat. Their net was loaded with fish! It was so heavy they couldn't haul the net in.

Then John realized something. "It's the Lord!" he told Peter. Peter excitedly wrapped his outer garment around him and jumped into the water to swim for the shore. The other disciples were following close behind in the boat. They were towing the heavy net full of fish. The boat was not far from the shore, only about a hundred yards.

When they docked the boat, they saw a fire made of burning coals on the shore. Fish and bread were cooking on the fire. "Bring some of the fish you just caught," Jesus instructed.

Peter climbed up on the boat and dragged the net to the shore. It was laden with large fish. One hundred and fifty three fish were in the net. Even with so many fish in it, the net was still not torn.

"Come and eat breakfast," Jesus offered. Although Jesus had died on the cross a few weeks earlier, none of the disciples had any doubts that this man was Jesus. Jesus passed out the bread and the fish. The disciples enjoyed eating their breakfast and seeing Jesus for the third time since He had been crucified.

—Monica Murphey

Catching Fish Word Sort

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| fish | pig | sand | boats | trains |
| seaweed | cow | sea gulls | mailboxes | shells |
| books | water | horse | lighthouse | broom |
| tree | worm | crab | anchor | net |

Things in/Nearby the Sea

Things Not in the Sea

*"Simon Peter went up, and drew the net
to land full of great fishes . . ."*

John 21:11



Would Michael Remember Him?

William Levi had finally achieved his dream. He was within the United States of America! After nearly being robbed of the only possessions he had, he decided to be careful of his surroundings and find a more secure place to rest. With just a hundred dollars to his name, he knew he had better find a job quickly. He found a corner café where he ate, rested and sorted through the contents of his wallet. Where was that piece of paper?

He found it! His shaking fingers folded out the crumpled piece of paper so that he could read the letters and numbers. Michael Greenan of Milton, Massachusetts. There was a phone number to call. "Thank you, Lord," whispered William. "Now please let Michael remember me."

When they had been together in Istanbul, Michael had told William to contact him once he was in America. Now William needed help in the worst of ways so he went for a telephone. "Please, Lord, let someone answer the phone," he prayed.

"Hello?" a man's voice answered on the other end of the line.

"Hello, Mr. Greenan? I am a friend of Michael's," said William. "He and I met in Egypt and we flew to Istanbul, Turkey together. He told me to call this number if I ever came to the United States. I am here stranded in New York City...."

William's voice trailed off. He knew that man on the other end of phone could easily hang up on him, but he did not.

"Uh, my mom just came into the kitchen. Maybe she can help you," said the voice.

William waited a moment before a woman's pleasant voice said, "Hello, this is Michael's mother. How can I help you?"

William explained to her about meeting her son and how he finally had made it to the USA and needed a place to stay for a short time.

"Just a moment," said Michael's mother. William could hear her talking with her husband in the background.

Then she came back on the phone. "William, our son Michael is living in Phoenix now. We will give him a call, and if he will okay you as a friend, then you are welcome in our home. Do you understand?"

"Yes, ma'am, I do," agreed William. "I will call you back in an hour."

During that long wait, William prayed for the Lord to bless these kind people. At precisely an hour later, he called the same number again.

"Hello, William," said Michael's mother. "We spoke to Michael and he said that he was blessed and happy to hear that you finally made it safely to the US. You can stay with us as long as you need to."

From Patrick, Michael's brother, William received directions to find a bus station. He bought a ticket and was delighted to ride the bus through the rolling hills of New England. It seemed to him that every orange, yellow, red and green leaf on the trees was clapping a victory over his arrival.

"Thank you, Lord, for your goodness to me!" William's lips praised the Lord openly. He sat back in the seat, breathed deeply and sighed. If God willed, America would be his new home.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How long had the disciples fished?
2. What did Jesus suggest?
3. Who realized the man was Jesus?
4. What did Peter do?
5. What happened when they recast the net?
6. What was waiting for them on shore?
7. How many fish had they caught?
8. How many times had they seen Jesus?

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- **Answers:** 1. All night. 2. Cast ●
● the net to the right side. 3. John. ●
● 4. Jumped out & swam for the ●
● shore. 5. It was full of fishes. 6. ●
● Breakfast. 7. 153. 8. 3. ●
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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"Feed My Sheep"

The disciples were fishing in the sea of Tiberias when they saw Jesus standing on the shore. When they landed their boat, Jesus had fish and bread cooking over a fire made of coals. The disciples enjoyed eating their breakfast by the sea with Jesus.

They were sitting by the fire after they finished eating. "Peter, do you honestly love me more than these?" Jesus asked Peter. "Yes, Lord," Peter replied. You know that I love you." "Then feed my lambs," Jesus said.

"Peter, do you truly love me," Jesus asked a second time. "Yes, Lord, you know I love you," Peter repeated. "Take care of my sheep," Jesus instructed.

For a third time, Jesus inquired, "Peter, do you love me?" Peter was hurt that Jesus acted like he didn't believe Peter the first time. "Lord, you know everything," Peter responded. "You know that I love you."

"Feed my sheep," Jesus told Peter. "When you were young, you dressed yourself and went wherever you pleased. But when you are old you will stretch your hands out to others. They will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." Then Jesus said, "Come, Follow me."

Jesus and Peter were walking along the shore. Peter noticed that John was following them. "Lord, what about John?" Peter wondered.

"My plans for him are not your concern," Jesus responded. "You must follow me." John, the disciple who was there for this event, wrote the story that was later compiled in the Bible. At the end of the book of John, John says that there were so many things that Jesus did that if every event was recorded, the world could not hold all the books that would be written.

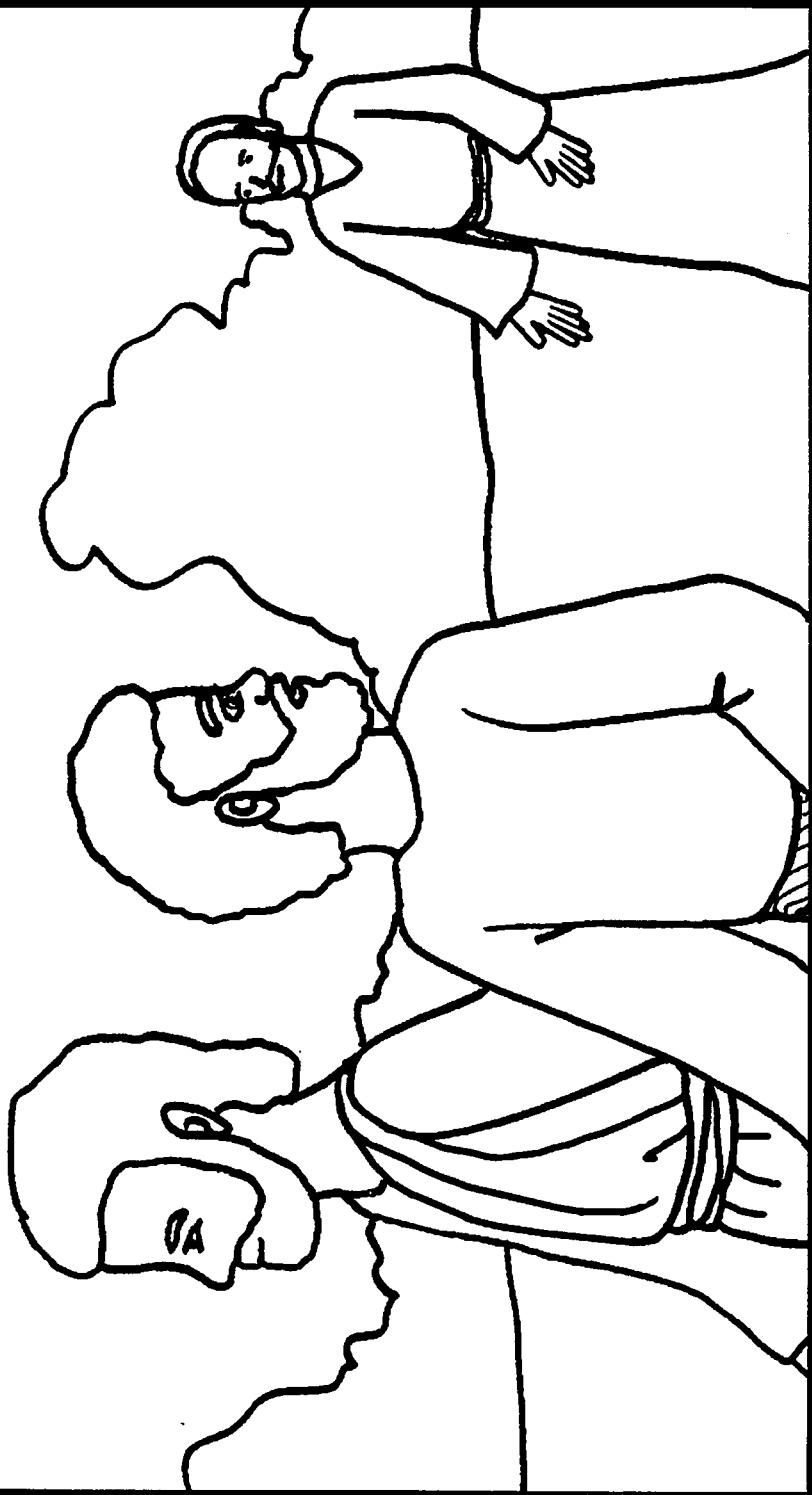
—Monica Murphey

I Spy Books in the New Testament!

Color the books of the New Testament. Start with Matthew. Then, write their names down on the lines. See the front of your Bible.

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| Paul | Philip | Matthew | Bethany | David |
| Mark | Luke | Stephen | John | Nahum |
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| Habakkuk | Zephaniah | Assyria | Jerusalem | Song of Solomon |
| Judas | Judges | Nineveh | Ephesians | Isaiah |
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| II Timothy | Bartholomew | Nathan | Elisha | Samuel |
| Methuselah | Zacchaeus | Seth | Michael | Stephen |
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| Zachariah | Samson | Titus | Uzzah | Felix |
| Philemon | Haggai | Hebrews | Genesis | Judas |
| James | I Kings | Jonah | I Peter | Malachi |
| II Peter | Joshua | Obadiah | I John | Thaddeus |
| Jacob | II John | Silas | III John | Micah |
| James | Jude | Ahab | Michael | Revelation |

"... Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following ..."
John 21:20



With an American Family

William arrived in Boston, Massachusetts, at 7:00 in the evening. Patrick, Michael's brother, had told him to stay right there at the bus depot and he would come for him. William had no idea what Patrick looked like and he realized Patrick did not know who he was either.

William waited for a short while and then he saw him—Patrick looked very much like Michael! Patrick was really glad to meet William! They visited like old friends as the car took them to a roomy, old-fashioned two story house. Michael's parents, Eugene and Kathleen, and another brother, Eugene Jr., gave William a very warm welcome. While they ate a good meal together, they asked William all about his life in Sudan, his family and his travels. Of course, there was too much to tell in one evening, but it was healing to William to have understanding Christian friends to visit with.

Later, Michael called to visit with William. "Jesus is Lord, brother!" exclaimed Michael's voice over the phone.

"Amen to that!" agreed William. They talked about their days in Egypt and Turkey. They wondered where Steven was and together prayed for him. Then Michael said, "I would love for us to get together again, William, but I am to leave for southern Africa again soon. Do you have any type of visa or green card? You will have to have one of these to get a job."

"No, I do not have a green card," said William. "Where do I go to do the paper work to get one?"

"Washington D.C. might be the best place for you to go," said Michael. "You will need more money before everything goes through and is approved. I will wire you some money to help you until you can get going."

William was so grateful to Michael and his family for their kindness to him, a foreigner in a new land. While he stayed with them for two weeks, he learned that Michael's parents had come to America from Ireland when they were children so they had a soft spot in their heart for new arrivals in America. They gave him a quiet room on the third floor of their home, and he

ate family meals with them, enjoying their company.

Patrick encouraged William in going to college. He was studying at a university and let William look at his engineering books.

"You are very quick to learn, William," said Patrick. "You know English very well, besides French and this will help you a lot."

William was not so sure. He had not attended a school for over four years but he wanted to go very badly. Serving the Lord and getting a good education were the top goals in William's life. To stay in America, he had to obtain permission from the government. So William bought a round trip bus ticket to the USA capitol where he hoped to see officials who could help him. All he owned was a change of clothes in his backpack and his Bible, which he could freely read in public and not feel people angry at him for reading it. This was the freedom he cherished and had long pursued.

As he left the Greenans home, they told him they would pray for him and welcome him back.

"Thank you for all your kindness," said William. "I hope and pray the Lord will open the door for me to work and start school. I will keep in touch for you are part of my family."

William remembered how his Father had told him to always find the family of God first wherever he went. The Lord had helped him do just that.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell
(To be continued)

Questions:

1. Where were the disciples?
2. What did Jesus ask Peter?
3. What was Peter's answer?
4. How many times did Jesus question Peter?
5. What did Jesus tell Peter to do?
6. Who was following Jesus and Peter?
7. Who wrote this story later?
8. What could not hold all the books?

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• **Answers:** 1. Fishing in the sea. •
• 2. "Do you love me? 3. "Yes, you •
• know I do." 4. 3. 5. "Follow Me." 6. •
• John. 7. John. 8. The world. •
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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Ascended into Heaven

Jesus appeared to His disciples many times for forty days after He rose from the dead. He spoke to His disciples often about the kingdom of God. Jesus' disciples still thought He would set up an earthly kingdom. They did not understand that His kingdom would not be in this world.

Jesus proved to His disciples time after time that He was really alive. At their last meeting, Jesus told them, "Go and teach all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Do not leave Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit has come."

"Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" they asked Him. "You will never know the times or dates the Father has set," Jesus replied. "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."

As the disciples listened and watched, they saw Jesus being lifted up to Heaven. Soon, a cloud hid Him completely from their view. They were looking up so intently that they did not notice two men dressed in brilliantly white clothes standing among them. "Men from Galilee," the angels addressed. "Why are you standing here and looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken from you into Heaven. He will return the same way you have seen Him leave."

The disciples left quickly for Jerusalem. They returned to the upper room where they were lodging. The eleven disciples were all there. Peter was concerned about a replacement to fill Judas' spot with the disciples. They cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias. He was added to the twelve. They waited and prayed diligently until they were given power from the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus had told them to do.

—Monica Murphey...

The Ascension Word Search

Each of the following words can be found in the lines below. Search for one word on each line. Circle the word that you find.

DISCIPLES
BAPTIZE
PRAY
ANGELS

KINGDOM
TEACH
HOLY SPIRIT
JERUSALEM

FORTY
NATIONS
CLOUD
MATTHIAS

1. S H O L Y S P I R I T J
2. H P M A T T H I A S
3. T G O C L O U D P D
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9. N A T I O N S G O T
10. B I F O R T Y S T S
11. D J E R U S A L E M C R
12. Y R B A P T I Z E U L S

"And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." Acts 1:9



A Mission Found William

After a long bus ride and working through channels, William finally walked into the Pentagon where the offices are located of United States Senators. He found Congressman Peter Rodino's office and explained his situation with his secretary. She was very kind to William. She wrote a nice letter so that he could get aid and begin his process to get a green card.

"William, you need to see Pastor Charles Brown on Broad Street," said the secretary. "He operates a shelter for young men who need a temporary place to live."

"Thank you for all your help," said William with a smile. "I appreciate the kindness of American people."

William took the letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service department. Again he told his story of leaving Sudan for an education. This department sent him to the offices of the FBI. When William arrived at the FBI, two men with guns took him into an office for questioning. William did not feel afraid like he had in Sudan and Egypt. He knew these men would not beat him, but if he told them the truth, they would help him.

After two hours or so of answering many questions, William left the FBI office with a new set of papers stating that he was not a spy or terrorist, but a Christian. It was getting late and William needed a place to sleep. He looked up the address of Pastor Brown's office.

William walked into Pastor Brown's office and handed him the note that the secretary had written. Pastor Brown read it and smiled at William.

"You are quite welcome here, William," he said. "Are you hungry? We still have some supper in the kitchen."

"Thank you, sir," said William. "My stomach does feel empty after a day of running around and answering questions."

After eating, William took a nice shower and found his cot among other men in the shelter. He quickly learned that the men there were needing much help from God. They were struggling with drinking alcohol, taking bad

drugs, anger and violence and many other wicked troubles.

Pastor Brown and other Christians gave these men not only food and shelter, but they taught them about the Lord and how to give their life to Him. William was amazed at the love shown to the tired, dirty, homeless men. When he wasn't filling out papers to get his green card, he helped Pastor Brown counsel and teach the men.

"William, you have a gift at reaching into the heart of these men," said Pastor Brown. "I have an offer for you. Would you be willing to take the empty room in the chapel basement? You can have it free as you help with the men so much."

"Yes, sir!" agreed William. "This is another answer to prayer! I thank the Lord for directing me to you. Now that I have my green card, though, I do want to attend college in time."

"You can attend and still stay in the basement," said Pastor Brown. "I like your desire to serve the Lord and others. You can stay here as long as you talk about the Lord with the men."

William could hardly believe this wonderful blessing. Not only did he have a place to live, food to eat, but he also had a mission where he could work for the Lord.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How many days did Jesus appear to his disciples?
2. What did they think about Jesus' kingdom?
3. Go and _____.
4. Why were they to wait in Jerusalem?
5. What happened while the disciples watched?
6. Who appeared in the crowd?
7. How will Jesus return?
8. Who was added as the twelfth disciple

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• **Answers:** 1. 40. 2. That it would •
• be set up on earth. 3. Teach all •
• nations. 4. For power from the •
• Holy Spirit. 5. Jesus was taken •
• into heaven. 6. Two angels. 7. The •
• same way he left. 8. Matthias. •
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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Rushing Wind

"Wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from on high," were Jesus' last words before returning to heaven. Jesus' followers were gathered at a meeting. It was the day of Pentecost. This day was set aside so that the Jews would remember when God gave them the Ten Commandments. Suddenly, the people sitting in the crowd heard the noise of a strong, rushing wind. As they watched, something that resembled tongues of fire came to rest over each of Christ's followers.

The Christians present were filled with the Holy Spirit. They were able to speak in different languages. There were many people from different countries who were staying in Jerusalem and were attending the meeting. The people in the crowd were bewildered. "Aren't the men who are speaking Galileans?" they wondered. "How is it that each of us can understand what they are saying? In every tongue we hear them declaring the wonders of God! What does this mean?"

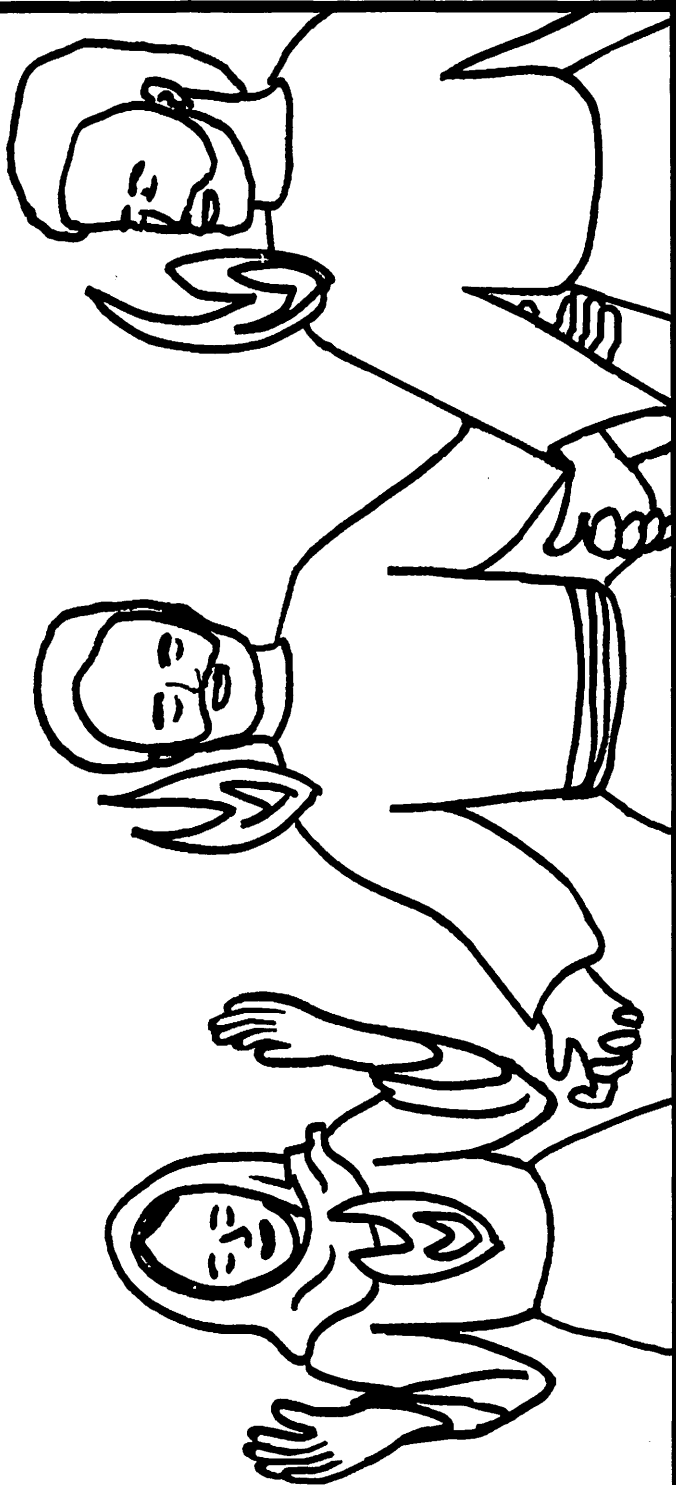
Some people in the crowd made fun of them, but Peter stood up with the disciples to address the crowd. "Please listen while I explain this to you. The prophet Joel predicted this. He says, 'In the last day, God will pour out His Spirit on all people. On my servants I will pour out my Spirit and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens and signs on the earth. Everyone who calls on the Lord's name will receive salvation.' God preformed miracles, wonders, and signs through Jesus. Because it was part of God's plan, wicked men put him to death by nailing him to a cross. God raised him from the dead. King David wrote prophecies about Jesus' death. Seeing what was to come ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of Christ. We are all witnesses that this has happened. Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God and is pouring out the Holy Spirit that he received from His Father. Be confident of this: Jesus was sent from God. You crucified the Lord and Christ."

When the people heard this, their hearts were convicted. "Brothers, what should we do?" they asked. "Repent," Peter instructed. "Be baptized. Ask forgiveness for your sins. This promise of salvation is for anyone who calls on the Lord." Peter pleaded that his audience accept Christ as their Savior. About three thousand Christians were baptized and saved on the day of Pentecost. —Monica Murphey

True vs. False

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| 1. The Jews celebrated the day of Pentecost to remind them of God's promise never to flood the world again. | True | False |
| 2. Jesus had told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem until they were filled with power from on high. | True | False |
| 3. Something that looked like tongues of fire rested on each of Christ's followers. | True | False |
| 4. There were only Christians in the crowd. | True | False |
| 5. Everyone could hear the disciples speaking in their own language. | True | False |
| 6. Peter talked about the prophecies of David predicting Jesus' death. | True | False |
| 7. Peter also spoke about King Solomon. | True | False |
| 8. Peter told them that they were guilty of crucifying Christ. | True | False |
| 9. The people in the crowd left when Peter said that. | True | False |
| 10. About 9,000 people were saved that day. | True | False |

"... there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire..." Acts 2:3



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What I Have

It was a Jewish custom to pray public prayers at three different times during the day. They would pray in the morning at nine o'clock. They would pray again at about noon, and later at three in the afternoon. One day, Peter and John went to the temple to participate in the three o'clock prayers. To get to the temple, Peter and John had to pass through a gate that the Jews called "Beautiful."

A man was lying beside the gate. His friend carried him there every day so he could ask the people going to worship in the temple for money. For over forty years, since the day he was born, this man couldn't walk. The Jews here knew this man well. The temple was a good place for him to ask for money. People getting ready to worship in the temple were more likely to give him money than at other places.

As Peter and John approached the temple, the man asked them for money. "Look at us," Peter told the man. He looked at them eagerly, hopefully expecting to receive money from them. "I have no silver or gold," Peter explained. "But I will give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!"

Peter took hold of the man's hand. Immediately, the man felt strength in his body. He jumped up and began to walk. He walked and leaped to the temple, all the while praising God for his healing!

"Isn't that the crippled beggar that sat by the temple gates?" the people asked. They were amazed at what had happened to him! They ran to see what was going on. "Why are you so surprised by this?" Peter asked. "We did not make this man walk. The God of our fathers, whom you delivered to Pilate to be crucified has done this. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We have seen this."—Monica Murphey

HIDDEN BIBLE VERSE

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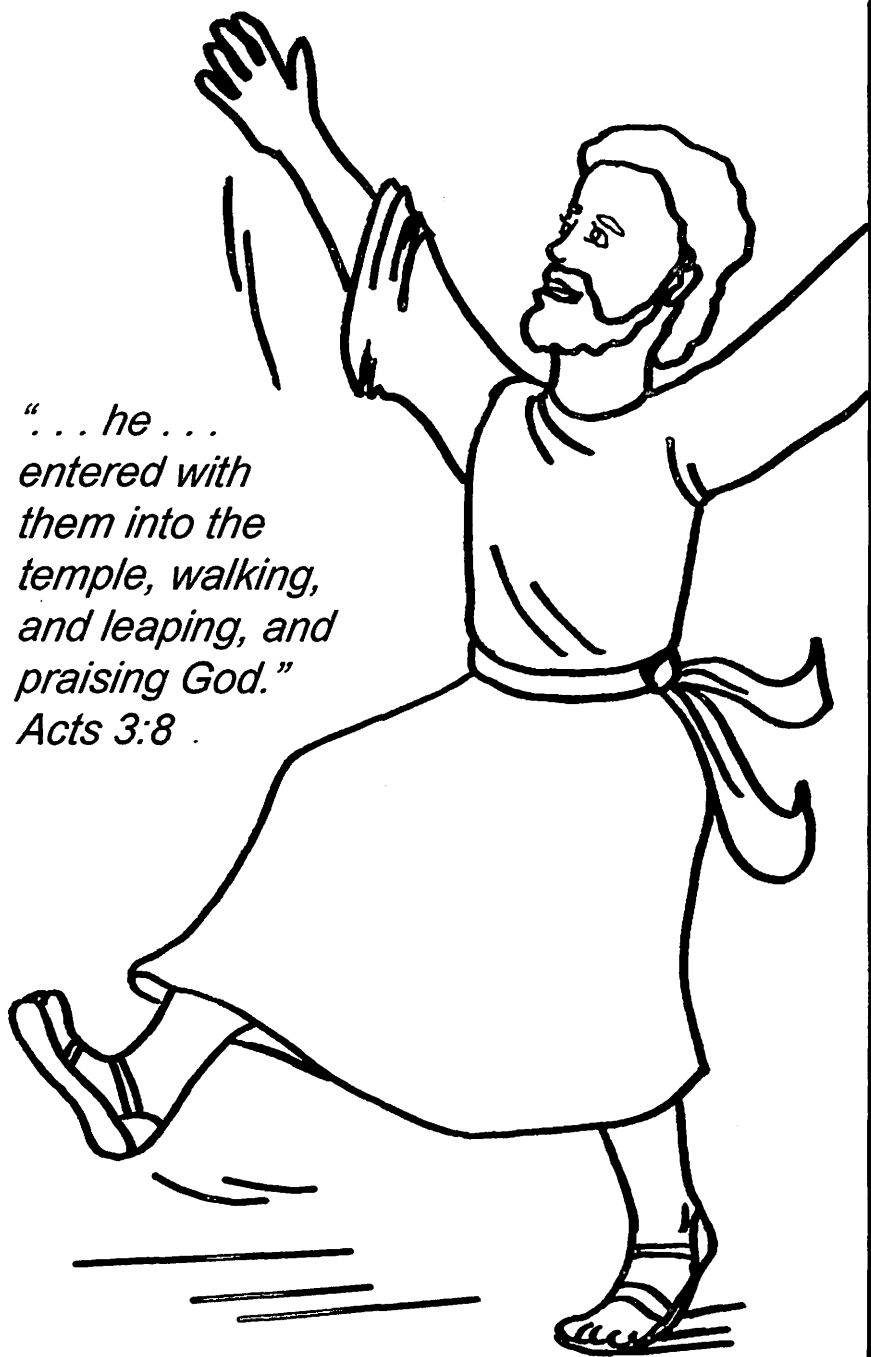
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_____. Acts 3:6

*"... he ...
entered with
them into the
temple, walking,
and leaping, and
praising God."
Acts 3:8 .*



A Clash of Cultures

Devon, William's room mate at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, made it clear that he was not a Christian when William moved into the room. He was an American of African descent and he had a lot of anger and hurt under his skin. The two young men rooming next to their room were Caucasian. There were bad attitudes between these three young men and right away William prayed for grace and wisdom to deal with the insults hurled back and forth. It was so bad, that William quietly reported the situation to the housing authorities, but they didn't seem to care.

One morning William came home from work and found Devon pacing the small room in anger.

"What is wrong, Devon?" he asked though he already knew.

"Those white boys next door have gone too far," and Devon told William what had been said.

"What they said is bad and not true," said William. "You need to be man enough to prove them wrong. They are picking at you to make trouble, but you be the better man and show a better attitude."

Devon looked at William like he was crazy, and William realized that to an unsaved person, what he said did not sound normal. "Devon, I know it works because God has given me the strength to push through insults."

Devon was breathing hard, his eyes blazed, his hands clenched as he stepped toward William. "What do you know about oppression? You grew up in Africa and never had to face what my family has been through!"

William knew this was not a time to relate to Devon how his family had fled from the Islam regime and were refugees in a foreign country. Devon did not want to hear about William's beatings in Africa and Egypt because he was a Christian seeking a freedom to live as the Bible told him to live. William let Devon verbally unleash his anger on him without interrupting him.

Devon pointed to a picture of Malcolm X hanging on his side of the room. "That man understood what I

am going through," he breathed out, "and so does the Nation of Islam. The Brotherhood takes me in!"

"Look, Devon, I have listened to you so would you please listen to me for a while?" asked William. Devon paused to breathe slower, so William continued. "No, I don't know what you have lived through, but you don't know what I have been through either. The Nation of Islam teaches hate and revenge. The brotherhood can't solve their own problems so they hurt others to numb the pain of their own hurt—believe me, I know Islam and how it works."

"It is God who made us in His own image who understands us. That is why God sent his Son, Jesus, to heal us and teach us how to keep from hurting."

Devon stared at William with hollow eyes. Then the Lord gave William a scripture from James, chapter 2, verses 14 through 16, and in response William said, "Devon, since I am a junior and have had the classes you are taking, I will help you if you will let me. I believe in you and I am willing to invest time in your education."

For the first time, William saw the corners of Devon's mouth curl into a little smile.—Sis. Connie Sorrell
(To be continued)

Questions:

1. Why were Peter & John going to the temple?
2. Who did they see at the gate?
3. What did the man ask them for?
4. What did Peter give him?
5. What did the man do?
6. What did the other people think?
7. Who did Peter give credit for the healing?
8. What did Peter accuse the people of doing?

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- **Answers:** 1. To pray. 2. A crippled •
- man. 3. Money. 4. Healing. 5. •
- Walked, jumped, and praised •
- God. 6. They were amazed. 7. •
- God. 8. Killing the author of •
- life. •
- • • • •

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"The Stone the Builders Rejected"

After the lame man was healed at the temple, the people gathered around Peter and John in amazement. They listened as Peter preached the gospel, telling the story of Jesus of Nazareth. The priests and captain of the temple guard didn't like that Peter and John were giving Jesus credit for healing. They didn't like to hear them say that Jesus rose from the dead. So the soldiers arrested Peter and John and put them in prison. But the people who heard the message believed in Jesus.

The next morning, many religious leaders met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and several other important leaders. Peter and John were brought out of their cell to stand before them. "By what power did you heal the crippled man?" they demanded. "Leaders of the people," Peter addressed them. "If you are calling us to account for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asking how he was healed, then know this: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. He is the stone that you rejected and has become the cornerstone. You cannot have salvation through anyone else. His is the only name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

The Holy Spirit had filled Peter, showing him what to say to these skeptical men. The religious leaders had been astonished at Peter's speech. They also saw the man who had been healed with Peter and John. There was nothing they could say. "We will discuss this alone," the religious leaders announce. "Please leave the room."

"These men haven't had any education," they reasoned among themselves. "They speak with such authority and power. It is evident that they have spent a lot of time with Jesus. What will we do? Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a miracle and we cannot deny it. This thing must not spread any further among the people. We will tell these men to no longer speak to anyone in this name." After more threats, Peter and John were freed to go. The religious leaders couldn't decide how to punish them, because all of the Israelites were praising God for what happened.

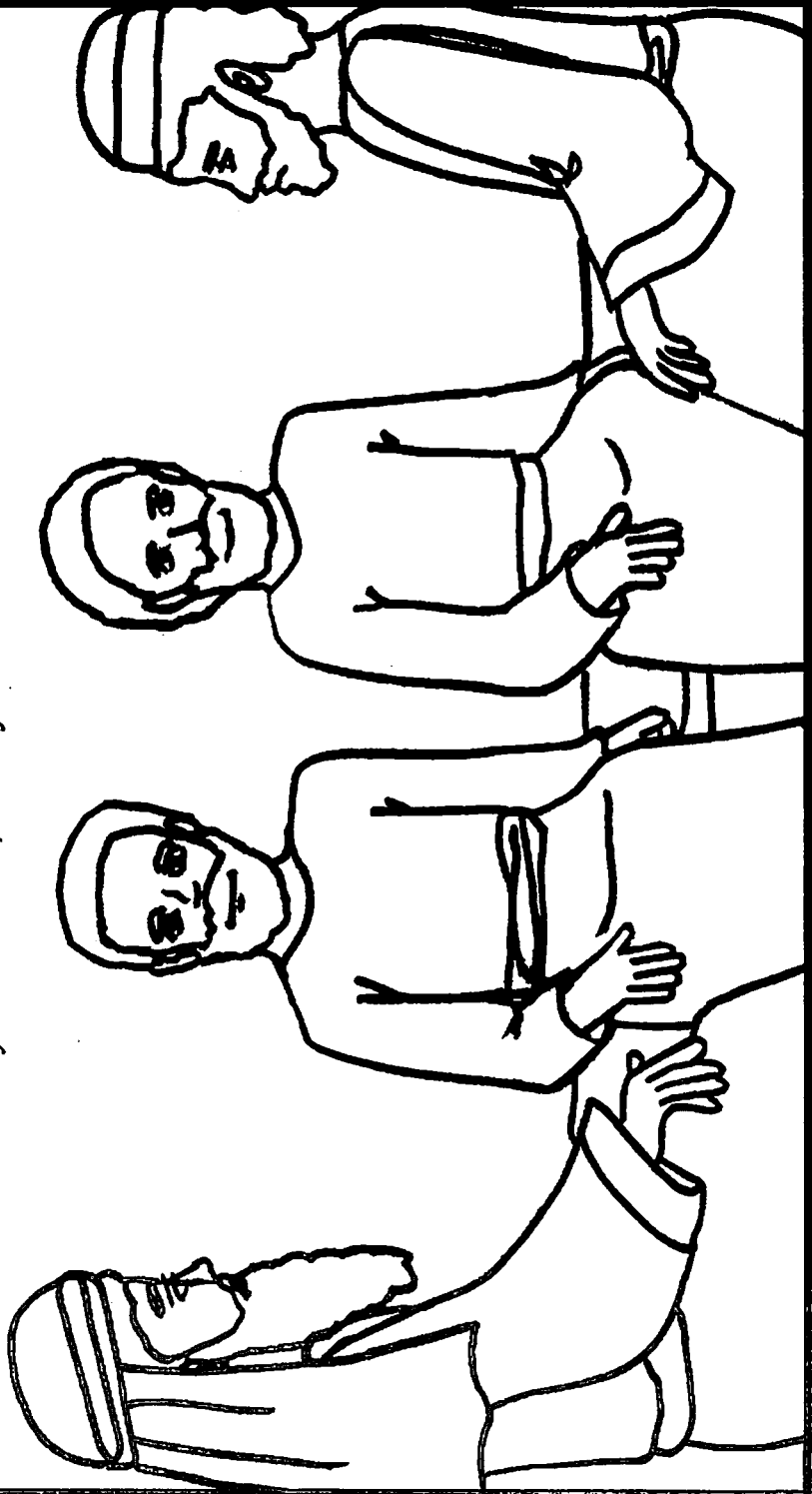
—Monica Murphey

MISSING VOWELS

THERE ARE 26 LETTERS IN THE ENGLISH ALPHABET. SOME ARE VOWELS; SOME ARE CONSONANTS. THE VOWELS ARE A, E, I, O, AND U. FILL IN THE MISSING VOWELS TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BIBLE VERSE IS.

"Th_r_f_r_ th_s s_ _ th
th_ L_r_d G_D, B_h_ld,
_ l_y _n Z_ _n
f_r _ f__nd__t__n _
st_n_, _ tr_ _ d st_n_,
_ pr_c_ _ _ s c_rn_r
st_n_, _ s_r_
f__nd__t__n: h_ th_t
b_l_ _ v_th sh_ll n_t
m_k_ h_st_." Isaiah 28:16

*"And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power,
or by what name, have ye done this?" Acts 4:7*



Working with Devon

William had promised Devon, his room mate, that he would help him with his studies. William would come into the room after a long night of work on his job. He would clean up and then help Devon study before they both had to leave for classes. William knew it was added strength from God that kept him going. His body was so tired, but he was peaceful in his soul because he was helping Devon understand the love of God.

Being a friendly person, William met many good Christians on campus and through the internet. He connected with people of many cultures as he could speak English, French, Arabic, his native tongue and parts of other African dialects. He could clearly see the difference between the unity of believers in Jesus Christ and those who pursued their own selfish way. It gave William a bigger desire to let everyone know about God and how He can change lives for the better.

"Hey, Devon, you want to come to a Bible study with me tonight?" William asked him one morning.

"Sure, why not," agreed Devon carelessly. William was sorry that Devon was depressed and felt hopeless. He prayed that God would talk to Devon's heart and help him.

Devon was quiet and listened at the Bible study, but when they came back their room, he had plenty of questions for William.

"I still don't get who Jesus is and why I should worship Him," said Devon. "What has He done that is good for me? I don't want to be a slave to some white man."

"Devon, Jesus came to set you free, not to make you a slave," replied William patiently. "He won't force you to serve Him, but He can free you from the bondage of hatred, bitterness, and anger that you are a slave to."

"Man, I am my own boss," countered Devon.

Flipping through his Bible, William quickly found the verse that stated 'those in sin are servants of sin.' He found where Jesus said the truth would set men free, and that there is only two ways, one leading to heaven and the other to hell. "Jesus died on

the cross, arose and ascended into heaven to prepare a place for those who will accept His blood of cleansing for their sins," explained William to a quiet Devon.

"Where did you learn all this?" asked Devon. "In your American Bible studies?"

"No, I learned a lot when I was a young boy sitting with the rest of the villagers around the camp fire at night," said William as his eyes became dreamy, remembering. "In our small Christian village of Ambuluwa, Uganda, father would have devotions and read from his Hebrew Bible. You know, my family is from the tribe of Levi, hence the surname, Levi. We always prayed together as a family and when other refugees from Sudan joined us, my father made it known that we were Christians and would have devotions. My parent's consecration to go God's way saved our lives and probably the lives of many others. God does not show favoritism to any color of skin. Those who seek Him with a desire for His help will find Him."

Devon turned away from William without replying. William knew the Lord was talking to his heart and he prayed that Devon would have courage to make the choice to live for God and be set free from his hurts, hatred and anger.—Sis. Connie Sorrell
(To be continued)

Questions:

1. Why were the people amazed?
2. Why were Peter and John arrested?
3. Who had met in Jerusalem?
4. What question did they ask Peter?
5. Why were the leaders surprised?
6. What was evident to them?
7. What did they not want to happen?
8. Why did they let Peter & John go?

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- **Answers:** 1. At the healing of the ●
● lame man. 2. For preaching in ●
● the name of Jesus. 3. Religious ●
● leaders. 4. By what power did ●
● he heal the man? 5. They were ●
● uneducated but spoke so well. ●
● 6. That they had spent time with ●
● Jesus. 7. The story to spread. ●
● 8. They couldn't decide how to ●
● punish them. ●
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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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False Pretense

The disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, were spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. They had performed a miracle. Many people believed in God. The people who believed were excited to give what they owned back to God. As all of the other Christians were coming forward and giving all that they had to the church, Ananias and his wife Sapphira also had something to give.

Ananias had sold one of his possessions. He and his wife had agreed to keep back some money and lay the rest of it at the disciples' feet. They would pretend to be devoting all of their possessions to God, just like the other believers.

Ananias brought the money to Peter while his wife waited outside. How surprised Ananias was when Peter asked, "How is it that Satan has so filled your heart? You have lied to the Holy Spirit and kept some of the money for yourself. Why did you do such a thing? You have not lied to man, but to God."

When Ananias heard these accusing words, he fell to the floor, dead. A godly fear spread over the Christians who saw what had happened. Some young men came forward. They wrapped Ananias' body and carried him out to bury him.

Sapphira did not know what had happened. She came in about three hours later. "Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?" Peter addressed her. "Yes," Sapphira lied. "That was the price."

"How could you agree with your husband to test the Spirit of the Lord?" Peter inquired. "See, the feet of the men who buried your husband are waiting at the door. They will carry you out also." Sapphira fell to the floor and died, just as her husband had. Then the young men came in and buried her beside her husband.

—Monica Murphey

False Pretense Word Unscramble

GIVING, POSSESSIONS, CHURCH, SOLD,
PART, ANANIAS, SAPPHIRA, PETER, LIED,
PRICE, MONEY, BURIED.

1. HCHCRU _____
2. EDIL _____
3. IGNGIV _____
4. SAAANNI _____
5. DOLS _____
6. EBIDRU _____
7. EETPR _____
8. TRAP _____
9. SSSSSOONEIP _____
10. MYNOE _____
11. PASHPAIR _____
12. IRPEC _____

*"... brought a certain part, and laid it
at the apostles' feet."*

Acts 5:2



Room for Another Friend

Patiently, William worked with Devon on his homework from classes at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. However, William felt the anger and tension growing hotter within Devon, causing him to make worse and worse grades despite all the studying. It made William realize more than ever that God had delivered him from the bondage of hatred toward the Muslims who had so mistreated him. Because he had given over this anger to the Lord, his mind was free to study and he was making very good grades in his classes. This made Devon more jealous and bitter.

One afternoon William returned to the dorm room to find it a mess. Devon had turned over William's bed, scattered his books and threw around anything that was loose to pick up and toss. Devon had written a vicious note and taped it to the door of the neighbors beside their room. Devon had made his choice to go with the Islam Brotherhood. It saddened William's heart as he knew Devon would destroy himself in his anger and hatred. William prayed for Devon, but he never saw him again.

The dorm nearly emptied for the summer, but William stayed on and took summer classes since he had no home to go to. Another young man was staying on campus also, and William sat down by him at a table in the cafeteria so they could visit.

"I am a Christian from South Sudan," William told Karim.

"And I am a Christian from North Sudan," responded Karim with a smile.

Like two lost friends, they talked about Sudan and their desire to help in that country. "I plan to go back home this summer," said Karim. "My father needs me in his business there."

"Your family has escaped the persecution there?" questioned William. "That is an amazing miracle! Let's keep in touch, and if you need a place to stay, you can room with me. I would like that."

Before the men parted, they had prayer for each other and for their families.

Two days later, Karim called William. His voice was shaking and teary. "William, I can't go home. It is too dangerous," his voice broke into sobs. "My father has been falsely accused

of violating Islamic law. He didn't do anything! The Islamic regime took his business, property, and all our money. He barely escaped with his life."

"Oh, Karim, I am so sorry," said William, crying with his new friend. "Where is your mother?"

"She has a brain tumor and is in Holland for treatment."

"Well, you come and stay with me," said William. "We will pray and fast for your mother's healing and for your father's protection."

Though he was sad about Karim's family problems, William was grateful to the Lord for bringing Karim into his life and room. It was so wonderful to have someone to pray with and they read the Bible together, even inviting others to come to their room and join in.

In August, Karim's mother was released from the hospital in Holland. She wanted to come be with her son in the US. The Lord worked out many miracles for her before she arrived at their dorm room. Not only had God healed her, but she also had her eyesight back that the tumor had taken. It was a happy reunion for Karim and his mother, Dr. Grace.

"I tell you what," said William, "since I work the night shift, you can have my bed during the night when I don't need it."

"Oh, thank you very much!" said Dr. Grace. She was a sweet blessing to the young men.—Sis. Connie Sorrell
(To be continued)

Questions:

1. What were people giving to the church?
2. What had Ananias and his wife agreed?
3. What did Peter accuse Ananias of doing?
4. What happened to Ananias?
5. What did the young men do?
6. How did the audience feel?
7. What lie did Sapphira tell Peter?
8. What happened to Sapphira?

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• **Answers:** 1. All they had. 2. To •
• keep back part of their money. 3. •
• He died. 4. Lying to God. 5. Buried •
• him. 6. Godly fear. 7. That was all •
• of their money. 8. She died, too. •
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THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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The disciples continued performing many miracles. All of the believers continued meeting together. The religious leaders watched as more and more men and women believed in Jesus and joined the followers of Jesus. They also watched as people brought their sick friends into the streets. The sick were laid on beds and mats. They believed that even if Peter's shadow fell on them they would be healed. There were also people with mental problems. The disciples healed each one.

The religious leaders were angry and jealous. They arrested the disciples and threw them into jail. During the night, the Lord sent an angel to open the doors of the jail and release the men. "Stand in the temple courts," the angel instructed. "And tell the people the message of new life." As the sun rose, people began entering the temple courts. They saw the disciples and listened to their teaching.

When the high priests arrived at the temple, they sent word to the prison for the disciples. The officers looked and looked for them but could find the disciples nowhere. "We found the jail locked," they reported. "Guards were standing at their posts, but when we opened the doors, no one was inside." The captain of the temple guard and the other religious leaders were puzzled. "What will come of this?" they wondered.

"Look!" someone exclaimed. "The men you put in jail are standing over there in the temple courts teaching the people." The captain immediately went with his officers to question the disciples. "We gave you orders not to teach in Jesus' name," the religious leaders complained. "Yet you fill Jerusalem with your teaching and tell them that we are guilty of killing an innocent man."

"We must obey God, not man!" Peter explained. "You have killed Jesus on a tree. God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of these things." The religious leaders were furious. "Let's kill them," they plotted. But an honored teacher of the law persuaded them not to. Instead, they had the apostles beaten. "Do not teach in Jesus name," the leaders ordered. Then the disciples were free to go.

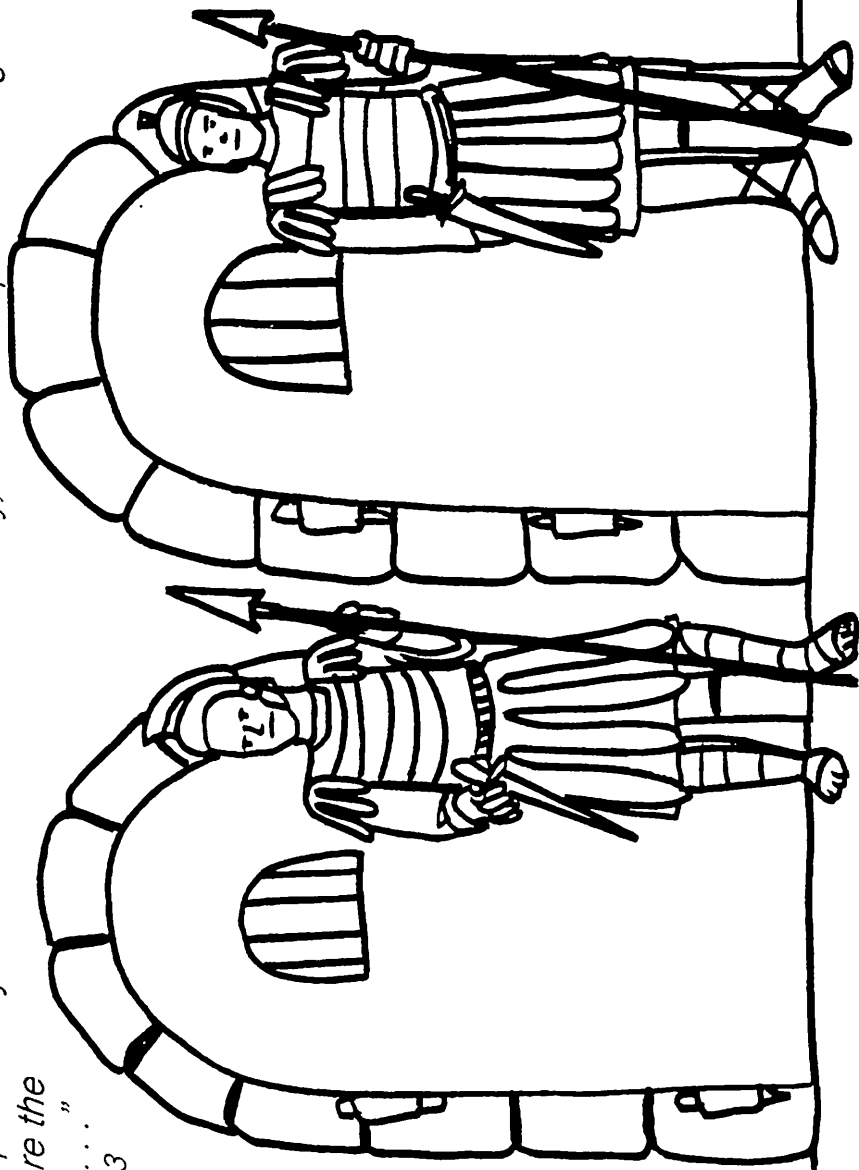
—Monica Murphey

Fill in the Blank

Circle the correct word and write it in the blank to complete the verse. Copy the verses, Matthew 5:11-12, again on the lines below.

_____ are ye, when _____
(Blessed/Cursed) (women/men)
shall _____ you, and _____
(bless/revile) (persecute/adore)
you, and shall say all manner of _____
(good/evil)
against you _____, for my sake.
(falsely/truly)
_____ and be exceeding _____:
(Weep/Rejoice) (sad/glad)
for _____ is your reward in _____:
(great/little) (heaven/hell)
for so _____ they the _____
(adored/persecuted) (prophets/priests)
which were _____ you.
(after/before)

*"... The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without
before the
doors...."
Acts 5:23*



William appreciated learning c

William and his cousin, John, were able to visit privately with the Wurmbrands. "The Sundese people need Christ and His hope, and you two young men may be called to that mission," encouraged Pastor Wurmbrand.

"Let us pray," said Pastor Wurmbrand. They asked God to lead them so they could lead others to Christ. They visited about the Lord's work, and William asked this elder man of God many questions concerning what methods would work and what did not.

The next few days William made many phone calls to exiled friends from Sudan. He wanted their ideas about how to better help Sudan. Many friends came together to encourage William with his project he called Operation Nehemiah. The theme verse was Nehemiah 2:17-18.

In the fall of 1994, William's old friend, Michael Longwa, established a mission in Nalrobi, Kenya. William made contact with his brothers and sisters in South Sudan, but his grandfather Vuni, Father, Mama and several uncles and aunts had passed away. He hopes to see them some day around the throne of God.

William met and married a young woman named Hannah. They now have three children who they are raising to serve the Lord. They live in the United States, but William travels back to Sudan, Uganda and other countries where people are starving both for physical and spiritual food.

“...Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.” Acts 10:34-35

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

(Paraphrased from The Bible or the
Axe by William O. Levi, Moody Press,
2005)

1. Why were the religious leaders jealous?
2. What did they do to the disciples?
3. What did the angel do?
4. What did the officers find?
5. Where did the religious leaders find them?
6. Why did the religious leaders complain?
7. What did they want to do?
8. What did they tell the disciples to do?

Answers: 1. People believed in Jesus. 2. Threw them into prison. 3. Rescued them from prison. 4. Locked doors, guards, no prisoners. 5. Teaching in the temple court. 6. They taught in Jesus' name. 7. Kill the disciples. 8. Not to preach in Jesus' name

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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"I Saw Jesus"

Stephen was not a disciple, but he was full of God's grace and power. He performed many wonders and miracles among the people. The religious leaders heard about Stephen, and did not like that he was convincing so many people to follow Christ. They tried arguing with Stephen. The Holy Spirit filled him with correct answers that left the religious leaders speechless. They came up with another sinister plan.

They arrested Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. "We have heard Stephen speak blasphemy against Moses and God," false witnesses testified. "This man is always speaking against the temple and the law. We heard him say that Jesus would destroy this place and change the customs handed down to us from Moses."

The members of the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen. They were surprised to see his face looked like the face of an angel. "Are these accusations true?" the high priest asked. The Holy Spirit was with Stephen. He was able to preach the gospel to the wicked religious leaders. Stephen reminded them of their history, when Moses was called to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. He reminded of Moses' own prophecy, "God will send you a prophet like me from your own people."

"You stiff necked people!" Stephen continued. "You always resist the Holy Spirit! You have betrayed and murdered the righteous One—you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it."

At these words, the religious leaders grew extremely angry. But Stephen didn't notice. He was looking towards heaven. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

The religious leaders covered their ears. They yelled at the top of their voices and charged over to him. They dragged Stephen out of the city and stoned him. A young man named Saul was standing by watching the event. "Lord, receive my spirit," Stephen prayed while stones were hurling down on him. "Lord, don't hold this sin against them." After saying this, Stephen fell asleep

—Sis. Monica Murphey

True Vs. False

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| 1. Stephen was one of the twelve disciples. | True | False |
| 2. The religious leaders liked what Stephen preached about. | True | False |
| 3. The religious leaders had no answers when they tried to argue with Stephen. | True | False |
| 4. The religious leaders found false witnesses to testify against Stephen. | True | False |
| 5. The false witnesses said Stephen said he would destroy the temple and rebuild it. | True | False |
| 6. Stephen talked about Jeremiah's prophecy. | True | False |
| 7. The religious leaders were happy to be reminded of their sins. | True | False |
| 8. Stephen saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. | True | False |
| 9. The religious leaders decided to crucify Stephen. | True | False |
| 10. A young man named Saul watched as Stephen died. | True | False |



***"... and saw the glory
of God, and Jesus standing
on the right hand of God,"
Acts 7:55***

Making a Promise

Louis lived in the little town of Coupvray, France in the early 1800's. Like most busy, curious three year old boys, Louis loved to be where all the action was taking place. Usually it was in his father's leather shop which was near their little stone cottage in town.

During the week men would come from miles around to have Simon Braille, Louis's father, repair or build their harnesses. This steady business allowed Simon Braille to pay for his family's needs though they were not rich by any stretch of the imagination.

In the mornings Louis would dress, eat his breakfast quickly and hurry to the harness shop to listen to his father's customers talk, laugh and make orders for harnesses. He would sit on a small stool near his father's work table and admire the skill in his father's hands as they bent, cut and stitched the tough leather into something useful. He purposed in his young mind to some day be a harness maker just like his father.

Fat rolls of leather hung by the big workbench. Sometimes Father let Louis help him lay out a roll on the workbench, but Father never let him handle the tools that hung nearby on the wall behind the workbench.

"These tools are too sharp and heavy for you to hold," Father said to Louis. "I do not want you to touch them until you are older. Do you understand, Louis?"

Louis nodded his head as his bright eyes shone with the promise that he would be able to use those nice tools some day.

Father wanted to make sure Louis understood. "Answer me, son," he said. "You promise not to touch my work tools until I let you do so?"

"Yes, Papa," replied Louis quietly looking down at his small hands. When would they be big enough to hold his father's heavy tools?

"Louis, look at me and promise," said his father knowing that his son was not really wanting to obey. Louis looked up and his eyes met his father's eyes. "Do you promise not to touch these tools right now?"

"Yes, Papa, I promise," repeated Louis.

"Very well," said his father. "See that you never disobey me."

Louis sighed. While waiting, he might as well learn all the names of the tools. There were tools to cut and to punch; tools to twist and to tighten; knives, mallets, punches, awls—Louis learned them all as he watched his father work with each one.

One hot summer day, Louis was in the garden with his mother trying to help her pull out the weeds. It was still hard for him to tell a weed from a good plant and this tried his mother's patience.

"Oh, Louis!" she exclaimed, "that's the third carrot you have pulled up in a row. Thank you for helping, dear, but please go ask your sister if she needs any help in the kitchen."

Louis was glad to leave the hot garden, but he did not want to work in the hot kitchen either. He wandered toward his father's harness shop. It was quiet today because Father was doing errands. Louis wandered inside the shop. The work bench looked so big and the tools behind it looked so interesting. Instead of going to help his sister, Louis stood looking at the tools for a long time.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What made the religious leaders dislike Stephen?
2. What did the false witnesses accuse him of?
3. What prophecy did Stephen remind them of?
4. What did Stephen accuse them of doing?
5. How did the religious leaders feel?
6. What was Stephen looking at?
7. Where did they take Stephen?
8. Who was watching Stephen being stoned?

Answers: 1. He convinced many to follow Christ. 2. Blasphemy against Moses and God. 3. "God will send you a prophet..." 4. Betraying and murdering Jesus. 5. Very angry. 6. Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 7. Out of the city to be stoned. 8. Saul.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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AN EMPTY GRAVE

After Jesus' death, one of His followers, Joseph of Arimathaea, went to visit Pilate. Joseph was an honorable counselor. He asked Pilate if he could have Jesus' body. Pilate granted Joseph permission to take Jesus' body. He buried Jesus in fine linens and laid Him in a grave carved out of a rock.

"Sir, remember that this deceiver said that He would rise again after three days?" the chief priests asked Pilate. "Command that Jesus' grave be guarded until the third day so that the disciples will not try to steal His body and claim that Jesus rose from the dead."

"Go your way and make sure of it," Pilate told them. The chief priests went and made the grave secure, putting a stone over the opening and setting a guard to watch it.

On the morning of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to visit Jesus' grave. There was a great earthquake because an angel of the Lord had come down from heaven. The angel rolled the stone from the door of the grave and sat on it. His face was like lightning and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook and fainted in fear.

"Fear not. I know that you look for Jesus, who was crucified," the angel told the two women. "He is not here. He is risen. He goes before you to Galilee. You will see Him there."

The two Marys left quickly. They were filled with joy but were also afraid. They ran and told the disciples what had happened. As they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and worshipped Him. "Go tell My brothers that they will see Me in Galilee," Jesus told them.

The chief priests received word of what had happened. They gave the soldiers money to keep it quiet. "Say that Jesus' disciples came by night and stole His body while we slept," the priests commanded. The soldiers took the money and did as they were told. This saying is still told among the Jews to this day.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

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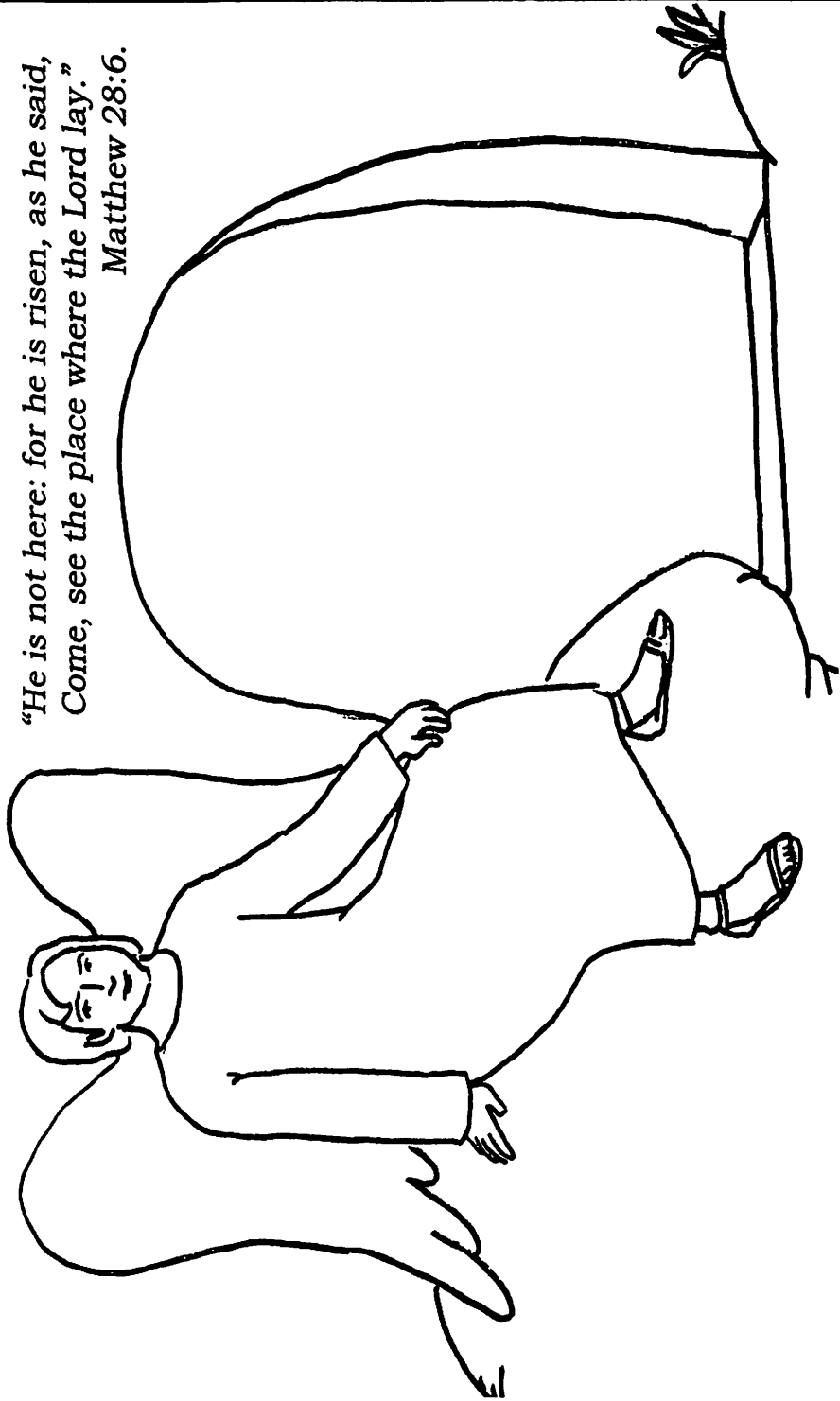
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*"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said,
Come, see the place where the Lord lay."*

Matthew 28:6.



Breaking the Promise

(Continued)

Three year old Louis knew his Father had warned him that the tools behind the workbench in the harness shop were too dangerous for his hands to hold, but how would he ever know when his hands were big enough to use them if he never tried?

Louis walked over to the stool by the workbench and climbed upon it. If he bent on his knees on top of the stool, he would be able to reach the tools hanging on the wall. Slowly his hand reached up for a sharp awl that he had watched Father use often to make holes in the stiff leather. The awl was heavy, but he felt satisfied that his hands could hold it.

Maybe he was big enough to help Father! Wouldn't Father be surprised to see what he could do if he did something helpful on a nearby piece of leather! Louis pulled himself up to the workbench, grabbed hold of the leather and positioned the awl just like he had watched Father do.

The leather was slippery and so was the awl. Suddenly the awl slipped out of Louis's hands. He had no control over the awl as it plunged right into his eye!

Louis screamed! His mother came running, "Oh, Lord Jesus, please help my little boy!" she cried as she gathered him into her arms and took out the awl. He cried in pain as she carried him to their little stone cottage.

"Hurry, get the doctor!" Mother told his sister who saw the blood on Louis's face and ran out the door.

The doctor came and with Mother's help he cleaned and dressed the eye with salve and bandages. "This is all we can do," said the doctor after working for an hour on Louis's eye. "I am sorry to say it, but he has lost the use of this eye. Let us work to save the other eye."

"Thank you, doctor, for your help," replied Mother. "We will pray for our son's eyes. He knew better than to touch his father's tools, but may the Lord have mercy on him and spare his one eye."

The hot, sweaty heat bothered Louis and his bandages made it even hotter for him. Whether he was outside or in the house, the bandage hindered him from seeing, so he thought. He would take it off and rub his eyes which caused his good eye to become infected also.

"Louis," exclaimed his mother. "How many times have I told you not to remove your bandages! You need to keep your eyes clean. Please lay down and let them heal and do not take off the bandage!"

However, the infection caused his good eye to weaken and in time, it seemed to Louis that a gray curtain was constantly in front of him. He could see shapes but could not tell what they were. The infection did not get better. Soon he could not tell when it was day light.

"When will the morning come?" he asked his sister. He could not see that she was crying. All the family knew that for Louis the light of morning would never shine into his eyes again. Louis Braille was blind at three years old.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who asked for Jesus' body?
2. What were the chief priests afraid the disciples would do?
3. What two things did the priests do to the grave?
4. Who went to visit Jesus' grave?
5. Who was sitting in front of Jesus' grave?
6. What happened to the guards?
7. What did the two women do when they saw Jesus?
8. What did the priests tell the soldiers to say?

Answers: 1. Joseph. 2. Steal the body and claim Jesus had risen. 3. Put a stone in front of the grave and put a guard on watch. 4. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. 5. An angel. 6. They fainted in fear of the angel. 7. Worshipped him. 8. That the disciples had stolen the body.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Philip's Ministry

The Church was suffering great persecution. All of Christ's followers were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. The young man, Saul, who had witnessed Stephen's death was one of the leaders who dragged off Christian men and women and threw them into prison.

Christ's followers continued to preach the word wherever they went. Philip performed many miraculous signs in Samaria. He preached the gospel there to attentive crowds. Evil spirits came out of many. Paralyzed and crippled people were healed. There was great joy in Samaria.

A man named Simon was a magician in Samaria. "I am great," Simon proclaimed. "This man has Divine power," many people thought. They followed him because they could not explain his magic acts. But many of these men and women believed in Jesus, including Simon. After he was baptized, he followed Philip everywhere, amazed at the healings and miracles he witnessed.

Philip was on his way to Gaza, because an angel had told him, "Go south to the desert road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza." On his journey, he met an Ethiopian eunuch. The eunuch worked for Candace, the queen of Ethiopia. He had been to Jerusalem to worship. Now he was on his way home. The eunuch was sitting in the back of his chariot, reading words that Isaiah the prophet wrote. "Go stand near that chariot," the Holy Spirit prompted Philip.

Philip ran over to the chariot. "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearers, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth," Philip heard the man reading. "Do you understand what this means?" asked Philip. "No one has explained it to me," the man said. "Please tell me, is Isaiah talking about himself or someone else?" As they traveled, Philip was able to share the gospel with this important officer from Ethiopia.

Soon they came to some water. "Could I be baptized?" the Ethiopian requested. Philip and the eunuch walked down into the water. After Philip baptized the eunuch, the Spirit of the Lord took Philip away. The eunuch never saw Philip again. He traveled on, rejoicing. Philip continued to travel about, preaching the gospel.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

I Spy Prophets!

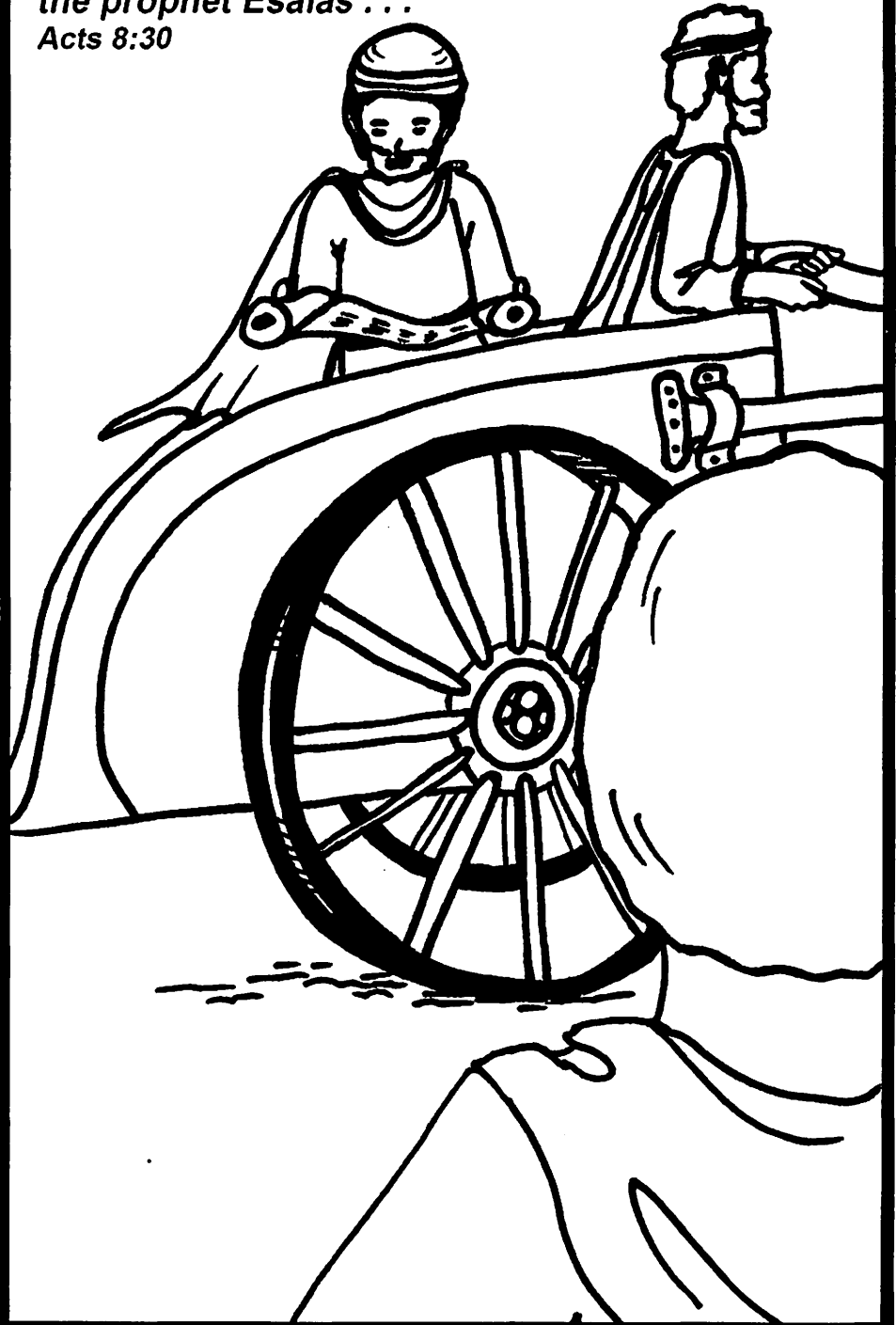
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*Note: There are more prophets.

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“ . . . Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias . . . ”

Acts 8:30



Seeing with His Ears

(Continued)

Five year old Louis sat on the front step of his stone cottage in Coupvray, France. He heard the birds singing and he felt the warm sunshine on his face, but he could not see the white fluffy clouds in the blue sky nor did he see the bird building a nest in the nearby tree. Louis was blind from the accident with the awl he had disobeyed and used.

Louis did not feel sorry for himself because he had a loving family and caring parents, but at night when all the children were in bed asleep, his mother and father would discuss their hopes for Louis and their fears about his future.

"I do not want my son working in the fields like an ox or a horse pulling heavy loads," said his father. "Louis has a good mind."

His mother agreed. "He should not be forced to work at the factories shoveling dirty coal that will hurt his lungs," she said. "And we most certainly do not want him to become a beggar!"

Blind beggars stood on street corners, wearing rags and sleeping in dark alleys. Sometimes they ate garbage like stray dogs. No, both parents agreed that their precious son should never be homeless. They must come up with a plan. They prayed to God to protect their son's life.

His father made Louis a long, pointed-tipped cane that he used to tap the ground in front of him so he would not bump into things. Louis quickly learned how to tap in front and around himself while walking so that he was not caught off guard with a step or something in front of him.

Louis was a cheerful boy and he would sing happy tunes while he walked. This also helped him because he could feel from the sound waves when he was coming to a wall, tree, or something else big. The ring of his voice bounced off of the wall and told Louis when to stop and where to turn. Louis would say, "When I sing I can see my way much better."

His wise parents gave Louis chores to do like all their other children. Every morning he went to the well to fill the bucket with drinking water. The bucket was heavy. The path was rocky. Sometimes Louis stumbled and the water spilled. Then he would have to go back to the well and get more water. His family was patient with him, but they needed the water.

During the day Louis would help Simon Braille, his father, with the leather he used to make the harnesses. Louis would wax the leather and polish it with a clean cloth. He could not see the shine he gave it, but he could feel it getting smoother and smoother. Louis also learned to weave leather fringes for the harnesses. He really liked this work!

In the evening, Louis would help his mother around the house. He put the plates, cups and tableware at each person's place with carefulness. He could help wash the dishes by seeing with his fingers where to wipe. Yes, he was learning to be very helpful to his family.

Louis faced the challenges of his blindness with courage but his hope was that some day he would be able to learn in a school like his seeing brothers and sisters.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who was one of the persecutors of the church?
2. What important man in Samaria believed?
3. Who told Philip to go to Gaza?
4. Who did Philip meet?
5. What was the man reading?
6. What did Philip tell the man?
7. What did the man ask?
8. What happened to Philip then?

Answers: 1. Saul. 2. Simon. 3. An angel. 4. A eunuch from Ethiopia. 5. Isaiah. 6. Explained the scriptures; the gospel. 7. To be baptized. 8. The Holy Spirit took him.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A New Creature

Saul stood by and watched as Stephen was stoned. Other men gave him their coats to watch while they participated in the stoning. Saul took every opportunity he could to threaten Jesus' disciples. Saul collected letters that gave the names of believers from the high priest in Jerusalem. He started on his way to Damascus. If he found any men or women who believed, he arrested them.

While Saul was on his journey, he suddenly saw a brilliant light from heaven! He fell to the ground. "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" a voice asked. "Who are you, Lord?" Saul inquired. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," the voice continued. "Get up and travel on to the city. There you will be told what you must do."

Everyone else in Saul's company heard the voice, but could not see anyone. They were confused and amazed. Saul got up from the ground. He couldn't see anything! His companions helped him into Damascus.

The Lord was already talking to one of his disciples there. His name was Ananias. One day, the Lord called out to him. "Yes, Lord," Ananias responded. "Go to the house of Judas and ask for a man named Saul, from Tarsus. He is praying. He has seen a man called Ananias in a vision."

"But Lord," Ananias protested. "I have heard many bad things about him and the terrible way he has persecuted the saints in Jerusalem. In fact, he has come to Damascus with letters from the chief priests to arrest your followers." "Go!" the Lord commanded. "I have chosen this man to be the instrument to preach my name before the Gentiles, their kings, and the people of Israel. He will suffer for my name."

So Ananias obeyed the Lord. When he got to the house where Saul was staying, he put his hands on him. "Brother Saul, the Lord, Jesus, who spoke to you on the road on your trip here has sent me to restore your sight," Ananias informed him. "You will be filled with the Holy Spirit." Saul could see again! Something that looked like scales fell from his eyes. He was baptized right away.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Crack the Bible verse code!

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Use your own code for your favorite Bible verse. See if your friend can figure it out.

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**"And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice
saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why
persecutest thou me?"**

Acts 9:4



Tap-Tapping in Town

(Continued)

Blind Louis was learning more and more things as he tapped and walked around his home town of Coupvray, France. Everyone knew him. When they would hear his cane TAP, TAP, TAPPING down the cobblestone street, they knew to watch for him and step aside as he passed.

Louis knew when he was by the bakery when he smelled the spicy-sweet scents and felt the heat of the ovens. He knew it was noon when the old church bell went BONG, BONG, BONG, twelve times. His feet memorized the bumps and cracks in the streets and he knew when to turn corners from his singing tricks.

He especially liked to sit on the front stoop of his stone cottage and call out to the people passing by on the nearby road. He almost always called out the right name to the person or persons passing.

"How do you know who I am?" a neighbor would ask after Louis had greeted that person by name.

"It is easy," replied Louis. "Each person has a different, unique sound to their walk. I can 'see' things with my ears. Listen and learn what you can see with your ears!"

One thing that Louis did not like to hear was what people said when they thought he was not near enough to hear. Sometimes they would say, "There goes poor Louis Braille. Isn't it a pity!"

He did not feel poor—he had a home, loving family, food and clothes—but he did want something more out of life than pity. He wanted to attend school and learn like the other children did in the village. If only he could learn and let his neighbors realize how smart he was!

One day a new priest came to Coupvray. Pastor Palluy began his round of visiting all the villagers to invite them to church. When he came to the Braille's house, he was greeted with Louis's cheery voice.

"Hello, Pastor Palluy," said Louis standing up from the stoop. "Please come inside. My mother is in the kitchen and Papa will soon be coming in for supper.

You can join us if you would like."

"Thank you very much," replied Pastor Palluy. "I would like very much to join your family for supper."

Through out the meal, Pastor Palluy noticed the grace, accuracy and carefulness with which Louis used his tableware. He was also impressed with his speech. "Such a good mind should not go to waste," he thought. Suddenly, he had a plan.

Quietly, Pastor Palluy asked the parents first and they agreed with him. Then the pastor asked Louis, "How would you like to come to my house three times a week and learn from books?"

Louis jumped up from his chair in excitement. "Can I come today?" he asked eagerly.

"In the morning," replied the pastor, laughing. "You just come to the big church on top of the hill. We can read in the garden if it is not raining."

Louis could hardly wait until morning so he could tap walk his way up the hill. Pastor Palluy taught Louis about history, science and how the stars move. Most important of all, he read to Louis from the Bible. Louis memorized these stories and they were guideposts to his life.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who did Saul threaten?
2. What did the letters say?
3. What did the voice ask?
4. What happened when Saul got up?
5. Where did the Lord tell Ananias to go?
6. Why did Ananias protest?
7. What happened when Ananias touched him?
8. What did Saul do next?

Answers: 1. Jesus' disciples. 2. Names of believers. 3. "Why are you persecuting me?" 4. He was blind. 5. To Judas' home where Saul was staying. 6. He had heard bad things about Saul. 7. Scales fell off his eyes, he could see! 8. Got baptized.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Escape!

After Saul was baptized, he stayed in Damascus with Jesus' disciples for several days. Immediately Saul began preaching in the synagogues. "Jesus is the Son of God," Saul declared. "Isn't this the same man who persecuted men and women that believed on this name?" people who heard him wondered. "I thought he came here to arrest these people and deliver them over to the chief priests." Saul grew stronger in his faith. He became a powerful leader. The Jews were confused, but they were also angry. The religious leaders had already warned the disciples not to preach in Jesus' name. "Let's kill him," they plotted.

The Jews began watching the city gates day and night, looking for a chance to arrest him. But Saul learned about their plan. One night, Saul's friends helped him escape from Damascus. They put Saul in a basket and lowered the basket through an opening in the city's wall.

Saul went on to Jerusalem. He tried to tell the disciples that he was a believer. They were all afraid of him. The disciples did not believe that this man who had persecuted the church also believed in Jesus. Barnabas came to Saul's defense. "Saul was on his way to Damascus to arrest the believers there when he saw a bright light," Barnabas explained. "The Lord spoke to him. In Damascus, Saul fearlessly preached the name of Jesus." Finally, the disciples were convinced.

Saul stayed with them and boldly preached the gospel in the name of the Lord. He talked and debated with the Jews. Once again, he made the Jewish leaders angry. They wanted Saul killed, too. The other believers in Jerusalem found out about their scheme and sent him to Tarsus.

After this, the church experienced a peaceful time. It grew in numbers. The believers were encouraged by the Holy Spirit and lived in the fear of the Lord.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Missing Vowels

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. Some are vowels; some are consonants. The vowels are a, e, i, o, and u. Fill in the missing vowels to find out what the Bible verse is.

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Psalms 51:13

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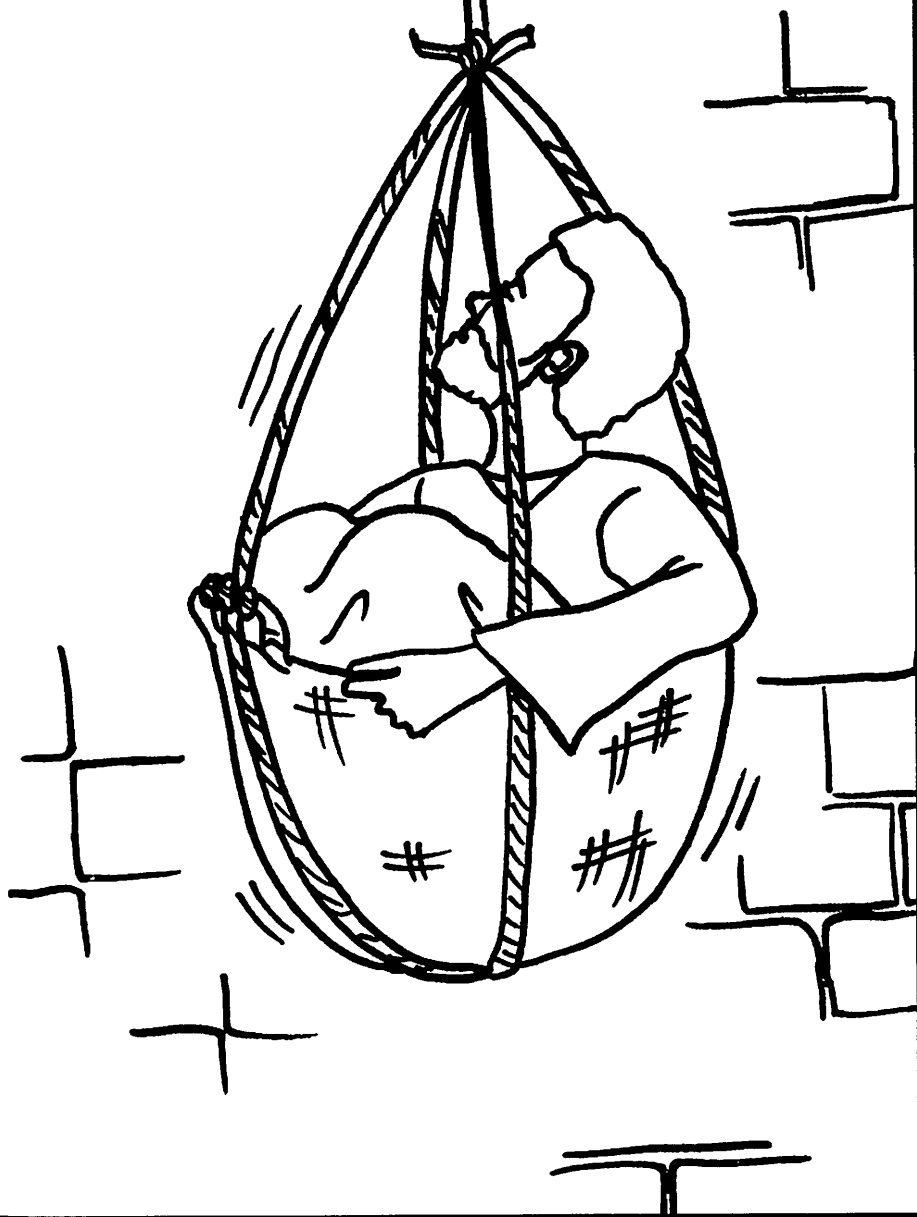
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Psalms 35:9

***“Then the disciples
took him by night,
and let him down by
the wall in a basket.”
Acts 9:25***



In a Real Classroom

(Continued)

Louis Braille loved his time with Pastor Palluy who read to him from the Bible and taught him many things about history, science and the stars. However, many others in the village of Coupvray needed Pastor Palluy's time also. He soon became a busy man and often they would just start a lesson or story when he would have to help someone else.

Pastor Palluy felt bad about this so he decided to visit the local school teacher, Mr. Becheret.

"Would you be willing to let my little student sit in your class and learn from what the other students recite?" he asked Mr. Becheret.

"Teach a blind boy lessons?" questioned Mr. Becheret. "I have never done such a thing. Besides should we let him take the place of another child who can see when we have such limited seating in the classroom? The school is very small."

"Louis is a little slender boy and will not take much room," replied Pastor Palluy. "He is so eager to learn. Would you please give him a chance?"

The school teacher thought a moment. He had seen the eager look on Louis's face and had heard him call greetings to those passing by his house. Louis remembered everyone by name and knew them by the sounds they made.

"Well," said the school master thoughtfully. "I do think Louis has a good memory and good listening skills. He is a little boy. Maybe we can squeeze him in somewhere."

"Oh, thank you very much!" exclaimed Pastor Palluy excitedly. "I will tell his parents right away!"

Louis was so excited about attending the real school that he could hardly sleep that night. The next day a neighbor boy stopped by for Louis and hand in hand they walked up the road to the little one-room school house.

In this classroom, the boys sat on one side of the room, and the girls sat on the other side. The hours were from 8:00 to 5:00 in the evening with only a short break for lunch. Whew! What a long day it was but Louis was

determined to sit very still and hear every lesson that was spoken.

Louis memorized the math problems and soon he could do them in his head as fast as the boys who could see. He learned to spell words and he learned lessons on history and science. He loved the discussions and lectures that the other students seemed to ignore.

School learning worked until Mr. Becheret would say, "Now, students, I want the room quiet and it is time for each one to study their lessons."

This meant everyone but Louis would be reading a book. Sometimes he would run his hands over the pages, knowing there were words on the page that could tell him so many things. If only he could unlock those words so he could read them also. How he longed to learn more!

Pastor Palluy remained a close friend to Louis and his family. He was concerned about Louis's education and wanted him to learn more also. Soon Louis would be ten years old, and he needed better training than what he was getting at the little one-room school house. Pastor Palluy began to pray for a better way for Louis to learn and the Lord began to answer his prayers.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did Saul do after he was baptized?
2. What did his audience wonder?
3. Why did the religious leaders want him killed?
4. How did he escape from Damascus?
5. Where did Saul go next?
6. Why didn't the disciples believe Saul?
7. Who helped convince them?
8. How did the religious leaders in Jerusalem feel?

Answers: 1. Stayed in Damascus, preached the gospel. 2. Isn't he the same man who persecuted believers? 3. He preached in Jesus' name. 4. In a basket. 5. Jerusalem. 6. He had persecuted the church. 7. Barnabas. 8. Angry

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Miracles

Peter traveled around the country, preaching the gospel. During his travels, he went to visit the saints living in Lydda. A man named Aeneas lived there. Aeneas was paralyzed. He couldn't do anything but lay in bed. It had been like this for eight years. Peter went to see him. "Aeneas," Peter addressed him. "You are healed in the name of Jesus Christ. Get up and make your bed." Immediately Aeneas was able to stand up. The people in Lydda were amazed. Many believed in Jesus.

While Peter was staying in Lydda, two men from Joppa came to him with sad news. A disciple named Tabitha had died. The people grieved deeply because of her death. Tabitha was a wonderful lady who had done a lot of good for their town and helped the poor whenever she could. Her friends had washed her body and moved it to an upstairs room. When they heard that Peter was preaching in Lydda, they sent the men to him with a message.

"Please come at once!" the messengers implored. So Peter went with the two men. They took him to the house where Tabitha was laid. Peter walked up the stairs to her room. Tabitha's many friends were standing around the house, weeping. They showed Peter the robes and other clothes Tabitha had made while she was living.

"Leave the room," Peter requested. When everyone had gone, Peter knelt down to pray. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." Peter watched as Tabitha's eyes opened. She saw Peter and sat up in bed. Peter took Tabitha by the hand and helped her to her feet. "Come and see," Peter called to the waiting believers.

How excited Tabitha's friends were! The news spread quickly throughout Joppa. Many people believed in Jesus.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Miracles of Jesus Word Sort

turning water into wine

healing ten lepers

healing a blind man

getting a coin from a fish's mouth

rising from the dead

getting a cat out of a tree

raising Judas from the dead

feeding five thousand

escaping from prison

walking on water

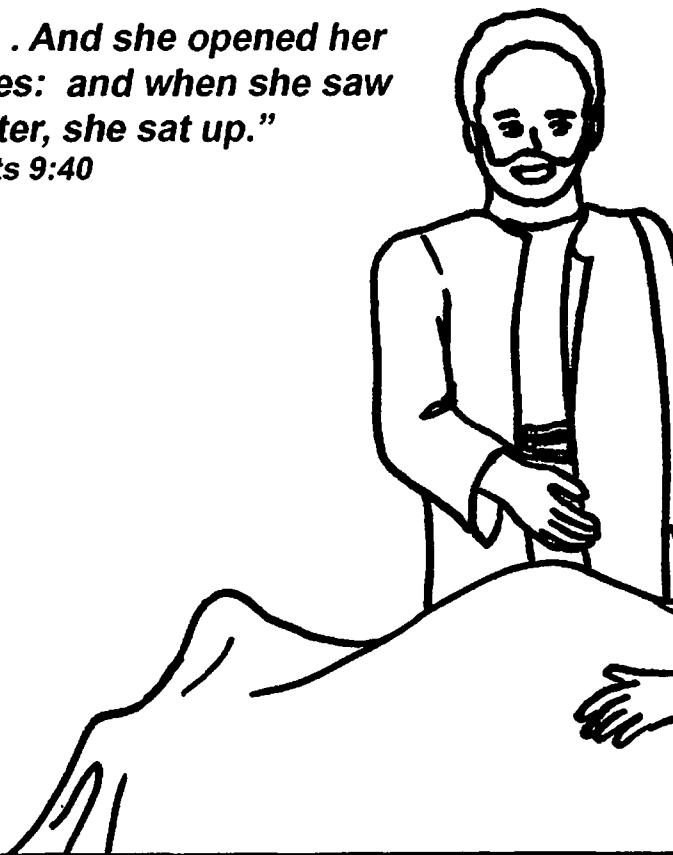
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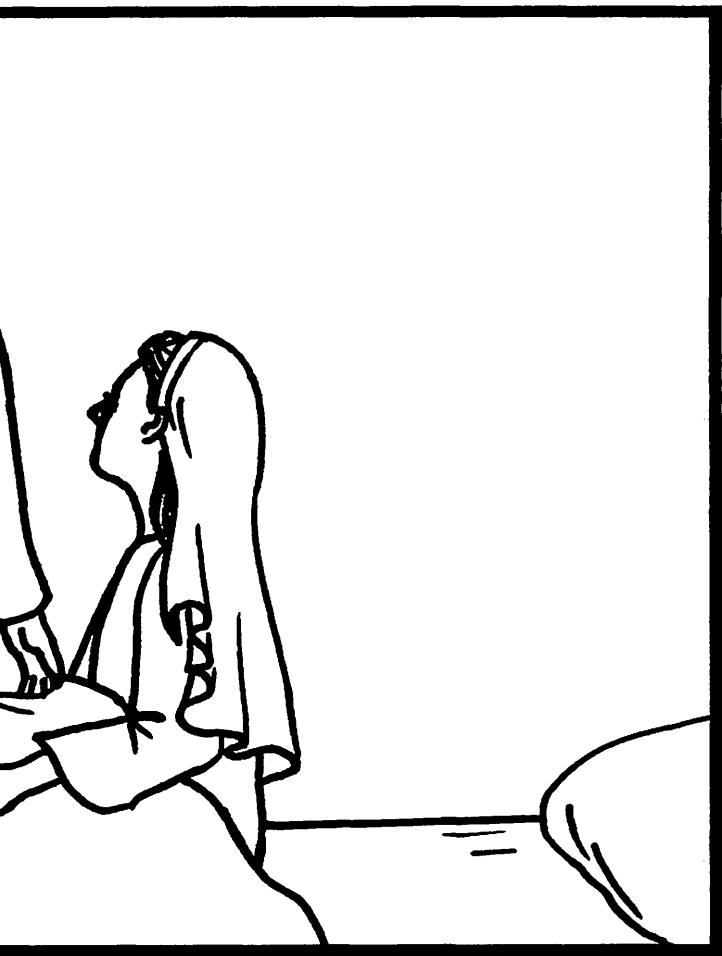
Not Miracles of Jesus



***“... And she opened her
eyes: and when she saw
Peter, she sat up.”***

Acts 9:40





Adjusting to Changes

(Continued)

Pastor Palluy was praying for Louis that he would be able to continue learning but in the early 1800's there were not many schools that taught the blind. After asking questions to church officials, Pastor Palluy heard about The Royal Institute of the Blind Youth in Paris, France.

Pastor Palluy thought it best for the richest man in their village of Coupvray to write a letter and inquire whether the school would accept Louis as a student.

The Marquis d'Ovilliers wrote a marvelous letter for Louis Braille, for he had also seen the eagerness in the boy to learn. Before long a reply came back—YES! They would accept Louis and The Marquis d'Ovilliers would help with the affordable tuition.

Pastor Palluy rushed over to the Braille's little stone cottage to tell them about this opportunity. Simon Braille and his wife listened quietly as the pastor explained the plan.

"I don't know," said Mr. Braille thoughtfully. "Paris is a long ways from Coupvray. He would be away from his family for several months."

"He is happy here," added Mrs. Braille. "What if he wasn't happy there or they mistreated our son?"

"Shall we ask Louis?" replied Pastor Palluy. "He needs the chance to learn how to read and there are teachers there who can help him."

When Louis heard the good news about the school, he shouted for joy. Yes, he wanted to go no matter how far away it was from home. If he could only learn to read by himself—that would be the greatest thing on earth!

"Let mother and I pray about it first," replied his father. Louis knew he must be patient and obedient to his father's best judgment.

His father wrote a letter to the Institute asking many questions. When the reply letter came, father must have liked the answers because he agreed to let Louis attend the school. On a cold day in February, 1819, Louis Braille climbed on

a stagecoach by himself and was taken off to a school his parents had never visited nor seen pictures of.

Though Louis was courageous and determined to adjust, he was confused and startled by all the noises and strange people. After meeting many people and trying to remember names, Louis was very tired when he crawled into his bed among the rows of beds in the room. Louis buried his head in the pillow. He could not stop the tears because he felt so helpless and alone.

Then Louis felt a hand on his shoulder and a handkerchief was put into his hand. "You will be alright," said a voice beside him. "You just have the new boy blues. All of us had them when we first came here."

Louis felt his bed sink as this kind boy sat down on his bed. "My name is Gabriel. What is yours?"

"Louis-Louis Braille," replied Louis with a sniff.

"You will find many friends here, Louis," said Gabriel. "After you adjust to all the new sounds and learn who the people are, you will start feeling better. It takes time, but you will be better."

"Thank you for encouraging me," said Louis. "I hope so. I do so want to learn here."

"You will," said his new friend as he went to his bed. "Good night."

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where was Peter staying?
2. What was wrong with Aeneas?
3. What sad news did the two men bring?
4. Why did people think so much of Tabitha?
5. What did her friends show Peter?
6. What did Peter ask everyone to do?
7. What happened when Peter spoke to Tabitha?
8. What did many people do after hearing about it?

Answers: 1. Lydda. 2. He was paralyzed. 3. Tabitha was dead. 4. She had done a lot for many people. 5. Clothing she had made. 6. Leave the room. 7. She opened her eyes and sat up. 8. They believed.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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A Heavenly Visitor

A man named Cornelius lived in the town of Caesarea. He was a centurion, one of the leaders in a band of soldiers called the Italian Regiment. Cornelius was a very religious man. He feared God and prayed to God regularly. He was a very generous person, giving money to the people.

An angel appeared to Cornelius in a vision. "Cornelius," the angel called.

"What is it, Lord?" Cornelius asked.

"The prayers you have prayed and your generous spirit have come to God's attention," the angel informed Cornelius. "Send one of your men to Joppa for a man called Peter. He is staying with Simon the tanner. His house is by the sea side. Peter will tell you what to do."

After the angel had said these things, he disappeared. Cornelius called two of his servants, and one of his soldiers, and asked them to go to Joppa. "Cornelius, a centurion and a devout man who fears God, was warned by an angel to send for you and to listen to what you have to say," the servants told Peter when they arrived at the house of Simon.

The next morning, Peter entered Cornelius' home. Cornelius was so excited about Peter's visit that he had invited all of his family and friends over to hear Peter speak. When Cornelius saw Peter, he fell down at Peter's feet and worshiped him. "Stand up," Peter said. "I am only a man."

It was against the Jewish laws for a Jew to keep company with a man of a different nationality. God had showed Peter that he should go to Cornelius. Peter told Cornelius and all that were in his house about Jesus and the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost fell on all of those who heard Peter's words. Some of the people in Cornelius' home were Jewish. They saw that the Gentiles who were listening received the Holy Ghost. "Shouldn't these men be baptized?" they asked. The people there begged Peter to stay for a while.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Hidden Bible Verse

Make a slash over all of the Ps, Js, and Zs. Write down the letters that are left to find out what the verse is.

PPSJZEZEJJZPJKJZTPZHZPEPLPOJRZZDZJAJPNPZDPJHZJPIJZSJZPSZZTPREZZNJJPJGPZTJPHZPZSJPEZJEZPKZZHJJIPJZSPFZAPJCPZEZCJOZJPNPJTPJZIZJPNJJUZPJAPJZLJJPLZPPYJPZ

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Figure 1. Schematic representation of the experimental design. The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (n = 10) and the experimental group (n = 10). The control group received a placebo (P) and the experimental group received a 100 mg dose of the active ingredient (A). The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (n = 10) and the experimental group (n = 10). The control group received a placebo (P) and the experimental group received a 100 mg dose of the active ingredient (A). The subjects were divided into two groups: the control group (n = 10) and the experimental group (n = 10). The control group received a placebo (P) and the experimental group received a 100 mg dose of the active ingredient (A).

I Chronicles 16:11

SPZEJJEZKPTZJPHPEJPZLPJZOZZRZPDPAJNPJD
JHZZIPZSZSPTJRJEPZNPJGJZTPHZSJEPZEJPKZJHZ
PIZSPEJAJZJCPJEZJPEPJVZEPRJMJZOJJRPJZEJZPZ

Psalms 105:4



*"He saw in a vision . . .
an angel of God . . ."*
Acts 10:3

Thinking Out of the Letters

(Continued)

Gabriel proved to be a good friend to Louis as he adjusted to the order of the school activities and the building. Coming from a country village, Louis was use to one buggy or wagon at a time passing along the cobblestone street. Now he heard several buggies and wagons at a time. The tall buildings around the school prevented sunshine from coming through the windows and the hallways were damp and smelled musky.

It seemed to Louis that there were staircases in all the wrong places and he was constantly getting turned around. Gabriel and the other boys were good to take Louis by the arm and help him learn which way to go and where the stairs were located.

At home, Louis was use to bathing in the clean nearby stream in the summer and in the warm tub in the kitchen in the winter. At the Institute there was only one bathroom for all of the one hundred boys. They were allowed to take only one bath a month! The cool dampness made Louis feel miserable and he longed to bathe more often.

Soon Louis's rosy full cheeks became pale and thin. He missed his home and family very much, but he was determined to learn while at the Institute. To heal his homesickness, he studied long hours every day.

Grammar, geography, math, and music—he did enjoy the music! He loved to sing and play the piano. He learned to play several instruments and it was a great comfort to him. His teachers saw the eagerness in Louis to learn and one teacher wrote: "This boy is gifted with great ease of learning. You almost never have to tell him something twice."

Most of all Louis wanted to read. In 1820, the alphabet letters were punched out in big form so that the blind persons fingers could feel each letter. The letters had to be an inch or more big. The fifteen books in the library were big, and hard to handle with only 7 to 10 words per page, so reading was very limited and hard.

"There has to be an easier way to read!" exclaimed Louis to Gabriel. "We need more words on one page but it is so hard to feel the letters this way."

"I know," agreed Gabriel. "Even professors have tried to make other methods which have failed. This seems to be the best one so far."

"We must not give up hope in trying," said young Louis. "We need to find a better way to read."

"Aye, that would be a blessing," sighed Gabriel. "I will pray for you!"

Then one day Captain Charles Barbier came to visit. He spoke about a night writing that the soldiers used. Each sound was given a different pattern of raised dots. The dots were pushed —or punched—into heavy sheets of paper with a long pointed tool called a stylus. When the paper was turned over, raised dots could be felt on the other side.

DOTS! That would make letters smaller! Louis and the other blind boys were excited about this new method! Louis set to work. The stylus was similar to the tools his father used in the harness shop. By the Lord's help, he would find a new way for the blind to read.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What was Cornelius' job?
2. How did Cornelius feel about God?
3. Who appeared to Cornelius?
4. Who was Cornelius told to send for?
5. Who was with Cornelius at his house?
6. What did Peter tell those with Cornelius about?
7. What happened to those that heard Peter's words?
8. Who were Jews not allowed to keep company with?

Answers: 1. He was a centurion. 2. He feared God and prayed to him. 3. An angel. 4. Peter. 5. Friends and family. 6. Jesus and the Holy Spirit. 7. They received the Holy Ghost. 8. People of other nations.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Clean or Unclean?

The apostles and some of the saints in Judea heard about the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius who had received the Holy Ghost. When Peter came to Jerusalem, they confronted him about it.

"You shouldn't have eaten with men who don't believe as we do," they accused.

Peter told the men the whole story. Before Peter went to visit Cornelius, he had a vision from God. He had gone up on the roof of the home where he was staying. Peter was praying and had become very hungry when this vision appeared to him. Peter started at the beginning and told the men about the vision.

"I was praying in the city of Joppa," Peter began. "When I saw a vision. A great sheet came down from heaven. It landed in front of me. There were animals with four feet and birds on the sheet. A voice from heaven told me to kill the animals and eat them. I told the Lord that the Jewish laws prevented me from eating certain kinds of animals that were considered unclean.

'What God has cleaned,' the voice told me, 'Do not call that unclean.' This was done three times before all of the animals were taken up into heaven."

Peter told the men how three men had arrived, asking him to go to Cornelius. The Holy Spirit had told Peter to go. Peter told the men listening about the way Cornelius had received a visit from an angel asking him to come. Next, Peter told of how the Gentiles listening had received the Holy Ghost after hearing Peter's story about Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

"God gave these men the gift of the Holy Spirit," Peter explained. "Who am I to stand against God?"

Peter felt like the vision was sent from God to allow him to go into the home of Cornelius, even though Jewish laws prevented it. Peter did the right thing and obeyed the Holy Spirit. Because of this, many of the ones in Cornelius' home were saved.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Peter's Vision Word Search

Each of the following words can be found in the lines below. Search for one word on each line. Circle the word that you find.

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| APOSTLES, | CONFRONTATION, | PETER, |
| GENTILES, | CORNELIUS, | BELIEVED, |
| VISION, | ANIMALS, | ROOF, |
| ANGEL, | CLEAN, | PREACH |

1. K T A N I M A L S V O I S D
2. H U C L E A N D S F C K J S O
3. G C O N F R O N T A T I O N B
4. D S J B E L I E V E D P L K M N
5. Y P R C L A N P R E A C H S X
6. L D K P E T E R A L K P O S E T
7. L M V I S I O N B M X C L E A P
8. S D E M A P O S T L E S Q W E
9. A T I O N G E N T I L E S P L K
10. I F O U T Y S T S R O O F Q S
11. L K M C O R N E L I U S D F M
12. Y R A N G E L D T I Z L S





**"... and a certain
vessel descending
... as it had been
a great sheet ...
Wherein were all
manner of four-
footed beasts
... and fowls
of the air."
Acts 10:11-12**

Keeping Focused

(Continued)

Weeks and months passed and Louis adjusted to life in Paris, France, at The Royal Institute of the Blind Youth. He liked his lessons, studying diligently to do very well in each one. He loved music. His ear was good at hearing a tune and playing it back on the piano or on other instruments.

The blind boys stayed mostly inside the Institute, but every Thursday a teacher would take them walking down the busy streets of the city. Louis learned to adjust to the sounds of the city and he memorized what sounds went with what location.

He was also thankful for his new friends at the Institute. When the boys would go on their walk, the teacher would take a long rope and each blind boy would take a hold of the rope behind the teacher. When the teacher stepped forward, all the boys stepped in place behind him. The boys would laugh and call to each other as their wiggling rope snake wound down stairs and onto the sidewalk. Maybe they looked funny to the seeing people, but they were happy to be together and have this outing. The Lord had blessed Louis with caring friends.

However, he had not forgotten his greatest desire to read. Between his lessons and late into the night, Louis was busy with the pointed stylus and heavy sheets of paper. He was working to improve the dot system of writing.

"Louis, you are getting more slim and pale every day," said a teacher one day. "You must not take this task so seriously."

"I must because no one else is," replied Louis. "Please pray that I can unlock a method for us to have more books to read."

"That will also cost much money," said the teacher. "Who will have that?"

"I don't know," replied Louis, "but I believe all things are possible with God."

"Very well," sighed the teacher.

"May He give you your heart's desire."

In time Captain Barbier heard someone was improving his dot method of nightwriting. He came to the Institute to see who it was.

The dean of the school, Dr. Pignier, greeted Captain Barbier and said he would be happy to introduce him to the one working on the system. However, he did not tell the captain it was a twelve year old blind boy.

Louis tapped walked into the room, anxious to talk to Captain Barbier and show him what he was doing.

"So you think you have improved my nightwriting system?" asked the Captain gruffly. He was use to giving orders, not taking them.

"Yes, sir," replied Louis timidly. He could feel the captain's stern look.

"Then show me," said the Captain.

Louis's hand shook and his nervousness made him stutter. Before long he knew the Captain was not watching. "Very interesting," said the Captain finally. "I must go now."

Louis felt tears come to his eyes. Why were blind people ignored?

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did the other apostles confront Peter?
2. Why did Peter feel he needed to go to Cornelius?
3. Where was Peter when he had a vision?
4. Describe Peter's vision.
5. How many times did the same thing happen in his vision?
6. How did Cornelius know Peter was coming?
7. How did the Gentiles receive the gospel message?
8. Would it be hard for you if men didn't think you did the right thing?

Answers: 1. They didn't think he should eat with Gentiles. 2. He had a vision. 3. On the roof. 4. See Paragraph 4. 5. Three. 6. An angel had told him. 7. They believed and were saved. 8. Answers may vary.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Prophecy of Famine

The apostles were in different parts of the country preaching the gospel. Some of them preached to the Jews. Some of them preached to the Greeks in Antioch. The apostles told everyone who would listen the good news about Jesus Christ. God's hand guided them and many people turned to the Lord after hearing them preach.

This great news spread to the church at Jerusalem. They sent Barnabas to preach in Antioch, also. When he arrived, he saw that the people in the church were being led by God and had been touched by God's grace. How glad he was! "Stay faithful to the Lord," Barnabas encouraged them. "Serve him with your whole heart." People who listened to Barnabas saw that he was a good man and filled with the Holy Spirit. Many people who heard him were saved.

After Barnabas left Antioch, he went to Tarsus to look for Saul. Barnabas told Saul about everything that was happening in Antioch. They both returned to preach the gospel. For a whole year the two men met with the church and taught many people.

Before this time, Jesus' followers were called believers, saints, the Church, or assembly, the men of this way or sect, and other names. Jesus' followers became known as "Christians" in Antioch. The word Christian came from a Greek word, Christos. Even now, people call Christ's followers "Christians."

Some prophets from Jerusalem visited Antioch. One of them was named Agabus. During a meeting, Agabus stood up. The Holy Spirit had prompted him to warn the people. "A severe famine will spread over the entire Roman world," Agabus prophesied.

And a famine did strike the land. It has been written about in history books. The famine occurred during the reign of Claudius. The disciples decided to help the people affected by the famine. They sent money to the people who lived in Judea. Saul and Barnabas took the disciples' gifts of money to the Christians there and encouraged them through the hard times.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Fill in the Blank

Circle the correct word and write it in the blank to complete the verse.

Copy the verses again on the lines below.

Luke 6:38

_____, and it shall be _____ unto
(Keep/give) kept/given

you; _____, _____,
(good measure/a lot) (compressed/pressed down)

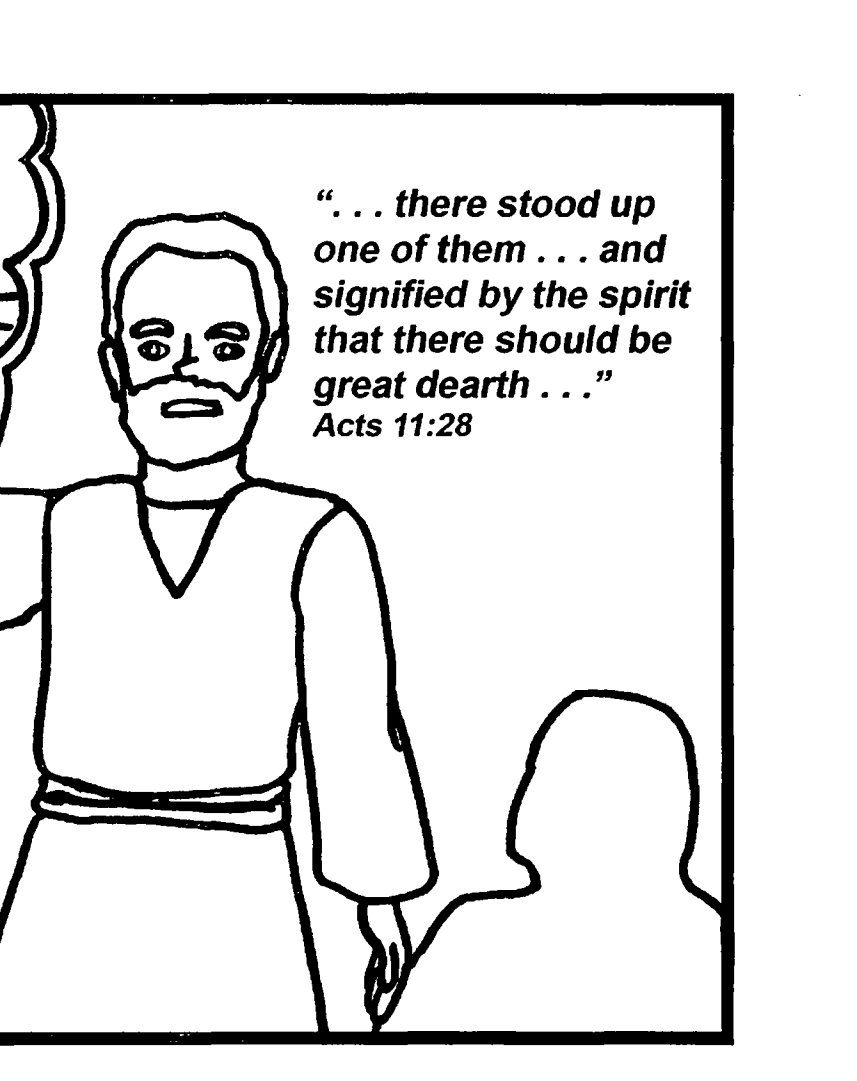
_____, and _____
(shaken together/lifted up) (flowing freely/running over)

shall men give into your bosom. For with _____
(the same/different)

measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you

_____.
(continually/again)





*“... there stood up
one of them . . . and
signified by the spirit
that there should be
great dearth . . .”*

Acts 11:28

Dots and Letters

(Continued)

At his parent's stone cottage in Coupvray, France, Louis explained to them about his passion to write and read with the dot system. Since his father worked with tools similar to the stylus that Louis used to punch holes on the paper, it seemed sensible to him also.

"Keep working with your tools," said Simon Braille. "Some day the Lord will open up the way for you to make it happen."

These words were like gentle rain on a dry thirsty land. He did not shrink from the daily chores to help the household, but when he had any spare time, neighbors would see him on the door stoop with the stylus, heavy paper and holder.

"There is Louis making his pin-pricks," the neighbors would say in passing. Most of the time people thought a blind person was not very smart so they were not interested in visiting with him, and he did not bother to explain it to very many.

Months passed into years. Louis worked on the system of making dots for sounds, but there were so many sounds! It was confusing for him to keep each sound and dots straight, let alone teach it to others.

At the Institute, he would work through the night on his paper which worried his friends. "I must master this so we can write and read," he told Gabriel.

"I feel your passion," said Gabriel. "Men have worked on this need for hundreds of years. Smart men, they were, but they all failed. Maybe God can help a little humble boy like you to discover a better writing method. I will pray for you."

"Thank you," replied Louis. He knew it would take more wisdom than he had personally, but he must be a willing tool in God's hands, just like the stylus was in his hands. Often he thought about the awl that had injured his eye when he was a three-year old boy. The stylus was very similar in shape to the awl. Now Louis

wanted to be obedient to his Heavenly Father.

It was his Heavenly Father that gave him the right thought one day about his dots. He was weary in making so many dots for each sound, when the thought came to him to make dots for letters instead. There were only 26 letters in the alphabet. He could write letters by a dot system!

Louis made dots like this: : : , three down and two across and he numbered them. He gave each letter a dot pattern. Now the reader just had to memorize the dot pattern for each letter. Louis tried it out on his friend, Gabriel.

After Gabriel felt with his fingers the dot pattern for each letter, he was able to read what Louis punched out on the heavy paper. The boys were excited! This was so much easier than the old ways!

Soon they were letting the other blind boys feel the dot patterns. They were able to read better also. After a while, they were writing notes to each other through this special system.

Louis Braille was only fifteen years old, but the Lord had given him wisdom to create a system that would some day change the lives of thousands of people. But first Louis still had some hard things to endure.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What news came to Jerusalem?
2. Who did they send to Antioch?
3. What happened after Barnabas preached?
4. Who did Barnabas bring back with him?
5. What had Jesus' followers been called?
6. Where was the term Christian first used?
7. Who predicted a famine?
8. How did the disciples help?

Answers: 1. The church was growing in Antioch. 2. Barnabas. 3. Many believed. 4. Saul. 5. See paragraph 4. 6. Antioch. 7. Agabus. 8. By sending money.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Escape from Prison

The church began facing persecution from Jewish leaders. King Herod had several Christians arrested and thrown into prison. He had James, the brother of John, killed with a sword because of his faith. King Herod wanted to keep the Jewish religious leaders happy, so he arrested Peter, also. Peter had sixteen soldiers guarding him. The Jews were celebrating the Passover. King Herod intended to hold a trial for Peter after the Passover. While Peter was in prison, the church was praying earnestly for him.

Finally, the day before the trial arrived. Night fell. Peter was sleeping between two guards. He was bound with chains. Soldiers stood guard at the entrance. A bright light shone in Peter's cell. "Quick, get up!" the angel struck Peter to wake him. Immediately Peter's chains fell off!

"Put on your clothes," the angel commanded. "Follow me." As Peter followed the angel out of the prison, he was sure he was dreaming! They passed by the guards. They came to the iron gate that led to freedom. It opened by itself. Peter and the angel passed through it. They had walked a ways down the street when the angel disappeared. Peter realized that this was really happening! "There is no doubt in my mind that the Lord sent his angel to deliver me from Herod's prison and the evil plans of the Jews," Peter thought. Peter walked to the house where, Mary, the mother of John Mark lived. Many people were in the house praying. They heard a knock at the door. A servant girl named Rhoda answered it. She was so shocked to hear Peter's voice! Without opening the door, she ran back and told the others, "It's Peter!"

"You're crazy!" they told her. "It's true," Rhoda kept insisting. "Maybe it's his angel," the other believers decided. But Peter kept knocking. Finally they went to open the door. They were so astonished to see him! Peter motioned for them to be quiet. He told them about his miraculous escape. "Tell James and the other disciples about this," he said. Then Peter left.

What a commotion there was at King Herod's prison the next morning! The soldiers couldn't figure out what had happened to Peter. Herod searched diligently for Peter, but couldn't find him anywhere. After he questioned Peter's guards, he ordered that they be executed.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

True Vs. False

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| 1. King Herod had Peter arrested. | True | False |
| 2. Saul had been killed for his faith. | True | False |
| 3. Peter had sixteen soldiers guarding him. | True | False |
| 4. When the angel touched Peter, the bars on his cell fell away. | True | False |
| 5. Peter thought it was all a dream. | True | False |
| 6. The gate opened all by itself. | True | False |
| 7. When they were in the street, the angel caused Peter to disappear. | True | False |
| 8. Peter went on to Mary's house. | True | False |
| 9. When he knocked on the door, he realized no one was home. | True | False |
| 10. Many people were inside praying. | True | False |
| 11. Mary's son John came to answer the door. | True | False |
| 12. The other believers thought Rhoda was crazy. | True | False |
| 13. Herod was glad to know Peter escaped. | True | False |

**“... the angel ... came ... a light shined in the prison
... he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up,
saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains
fell off ...” Acts 12:7**



Going from Dot to Dot

(continued)

Before long Dr. Pignier, the dean and director of The Royal Institute for the Blind Youth, heard about Louis's dot pattern. He called Louis to his office.

"Tell me," said Dr. Pignier, "What is this alphabet of dots I have been hearing so much about?"

Louis was eager to explain. "Please, sir, if you will read something aloud, I'll show you."

So Dr. Pignier picked up a book and began to read, slowly.

"You can read faster, sir," said Louis. His hands and fingers began to fly across the paper as the stylus obeyed every move he gave it. After Dr. Pignier had read a page, he stopped.

"Well, can you tell me what I have just read?" he asked.

Louis turned his paper over. He brushed his fingers lightly over the lines of neatly raised dots. Then quickly, and easily—without a mistake—he read back every word.

"That is amazing!" exclaimed Dr. Pignier. "Simply amazing! How old are you, boy?"

"Fifteen," replied Louis.

"To think that smart men for hundreds of years have been searching for ways to write for the fingers to read, and now one of my boys has learned to do so!"

Louis was pleased to hear the praise, but he knew it was the Lord that had given him the enlightenment. Now he was sure Dr. Pignier would help him with his next big goal.

"Sir, we need to start making books with this dot system," he said. "When can we start?"

There was a long pause which made Louis nervous.

Finally, Dr. Pignier said, "You are very young, Louis, and do not understand the cost it would be to make books in this method."

"Please, sir, would you write to men who have money? Please explain to

them how useful this would be for the blind and how we want to learn from books so badly," pleaded Louis.

"Yes, I will write letters to them," agreed Dr. Pignier. "But don't be too disappointed if it takes a long time for anyone to see the need and give money for it. Few people will think it important, though we know it is."

True to his word, Dr. Pignier wrote many letters, but just as he said, no one thought it so valuable to put money into the system. Years passed, and the blind boys used the dot pattern system at the Institute for writing notes and keeping diaries. Louis took it upon himself to make hand books. Kind teachers would read a page at a time while Louis's fingers punched out the dots without error.

Dr. Pignier saw in Louis the ability to lead with his gentle, cheery voice. He also liked the writing system Louis had invented. So when Louis turned eighteen and was a graduate, Dr. Pignier asked him to remain at the Institute and work as a teacher there.

Louis was delighted! The Lord was directing his footsteps, he was sure, but he needed so much patience with others. If they could only see the deep yearning of the blind for more learning!

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why was James killed?
2. Why did Herod arrest Peter?
3. How many soldiers were guarding Peter?
4. Who rescued Peter from his cell?
5. How did they get out of the gate?
6. Who answered the door?
7. What did the others tell her?
8. What happened to Peter's guards?

Answers: 1. Because of his faith. 2. He saw James' death made the Jews happy. 3. 16. 4. An angel. 5. The gate opened by itself. 6. Rhoda. 7. "You're crazy!" 8. They were executed.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Death of King Herod

King Herod was very displeased with the people of Tyre and Sidon. Tyre and Sidon were countries made up of a very narrow strip of land on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea. None of the historians understand why King Herod was so angry. But King Herod was so unhappy that he was on the verge of declaring war against Tyre and Sidon.

These countries depended on Galilee for food and supplies. There was very little land available to grow crops. People visited their countries to trade goods. When they realized how angry King Herod was, the people from Tyre and Sidon grew concerned. They joined together to try to convince King Herod not to fight them.

Blastus, a trusted servant of King Herod, understood their side of the story. He became their ally. They set up an appointment with King Herod so that they could ask for peace.

On the day of their appointment, King Herod took his seat on the throne, wearing royal robes. He began addressing the people.

The people listened intently to his speech. Then there was thunderous applause. "This is the voice of a god!" they cried. "Not a man."

King Herod was pleased with their declaration. But suddenly, he felt terrible pain in his stomach. An angel had struck him because he did not give glory to God.

For five days pain racked King Herod's body. A disease that was horribly painful caused King Herod to die at the age of 54. King Herod had ruled for only seven years.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Missing Vowels

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. Some are vowels; some are consonants. The vowels are a, e, i, o, and u. Fill in the missing vowels to find out what the Bible verse is.

Proverbs 16:18

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Proverbs 18:12

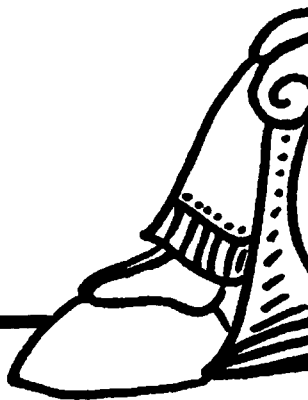
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***“ . . . Herod, arrayed in royal apparel,
sat upon his throne, and made an
oration unto them.”***

Acts 12:21





Weak in Body, Strong in Courage

(continued)

Louis liked teaching at The Royal Institute for the Blind Youth in Paris, France. He did not shout at the children like most teachers did in the 1800's. They thought learning was something that had to be pounded into the a child's head. Instead, Louis spoke kindly and was patient especially with the younger boys. He never forgot how he had felt his first few weeks at the Institute and he wanted to help each newcomer feel at home.

After teaching every day Louis would practice his music for hours. He played the piano and the organ at the Saint Nicholas-des-Champs Chapel. Hundreds of people attended this chapel on Sundays and enjoyed hearing him play.

"Louis is very talented in music," they would say. "Some day he will be a famous musician."

However, it was not his music that would make Louis Braille a household name some day. He was teaching the blind boys at the Institute his dot pattern alphabet but it still had not been received in other schools for the blind. He was hand-making books for their library which was very slow work, but there was no other way to make them. Also, Louis was creating a dot pattern for musical notes and for numbers.

Louis was a very busy man and often worked through the night. He began to cough, chill then have fever and he was sometimes too tired to climb any stairs.

The doctor came and checked out Louis's condition. Finally, the doctor asked, "Do you know what is wrong with you?"

"Yes," whispered Louis, "Tuberculosis." "Some people say fresh air helps and plenty of rest," continued

the doctor. "If you want to live much longer, you need to sleep more, eat better and get more exercise outside in the sunshine."

After the doctor left, Louis laid in bed for a long time. He prayed. He was only 26 years old and he wanted to see his alphabet be accepted outside the Institute before he died. Louis took courage and determined to do what was best for his body.

Slowly, Louis became stronger again. His friends encouraged him and his music cheered him. Then Dr. Pignier started helping him with his dot pattern system. Together they wrote little books called: *Method of Writing Words, Music, and Plain-song by Means of Dots for Use by the Blind*. Whew! It was a long important title for such a small booklet, but they wanted rich and important people to be impressed by the book. They were asking for sponsors to help them print books and put this reading system into other schools.

Polite thank-you notes were received, but no money. No one thought it important that a reading system be printed for the blind.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why were Tyre and Sidon concerned?
2. What did they depend on Galilee for?
3. Who became their ally?
4. Why did they set up an appointment?
5. What did the people cry?
6. How did King Herod feel?
7. Why did the angel strike him?
8. How old was King Herod when he died?

Answers: 1. Herod wanted to declare war. 2. Food, supplies. 3. Blastus, Herod's servant. 4. To plead for peace. 5. "This is a god!" 6. Pleased. 7. He didn't give glory to God. 8. 54.

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An Evil Sorcerer

The church at Antioch was steadily growing in numbers. Many were taking leadership positions as they learned more and grew in their faith. There were prophets and teachers. Barnabas and Saul were still visiting and preaching to the church. The people were fasting and worshipping the Lord. "Barnabas and Saul need to leave to attend to a different work," the Holy Spirit prompted. People of the church placed their hands on Barnabas and Saul and earnestly prayed for them.

The two men sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived, John joined them. They preached the word of God in the synagogues. They had preached in many cities on the island when they came to Paphos.

The proconsul, Sergius Paulus, had a servant who was an evil sorcerer. But the proconsul had been hearing about the work of the Lord. He was an intelligent man and wanted to hear the word of God himself. So he sent for Barnabas, Saul, and John. The three men told Sergius Paulus about Jesus. His servant, Elymas, opposed them and tried to convince Paulus not to believe.

Saul looked Elymas straight in the eyes. "You are a child of the devil!" he declared. "You are an enemy of all that is truth! You are deceitful and tricky. Will you ever stop distorting the truth of the Lord? God's hand is against you. You will be blind. For a time you won't be able to see the light of the sun."

Suddenly, Elymas felt a mist fall over him. He couldn't see anything! He felt about. Someone had to lead him by the hand. The proconsul was amazed. He believed everything the apostles had told him.

This is the last time that the name Saul is in the Bible. From then on, Saul is called Paul.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Crack the Bible Verse Code!

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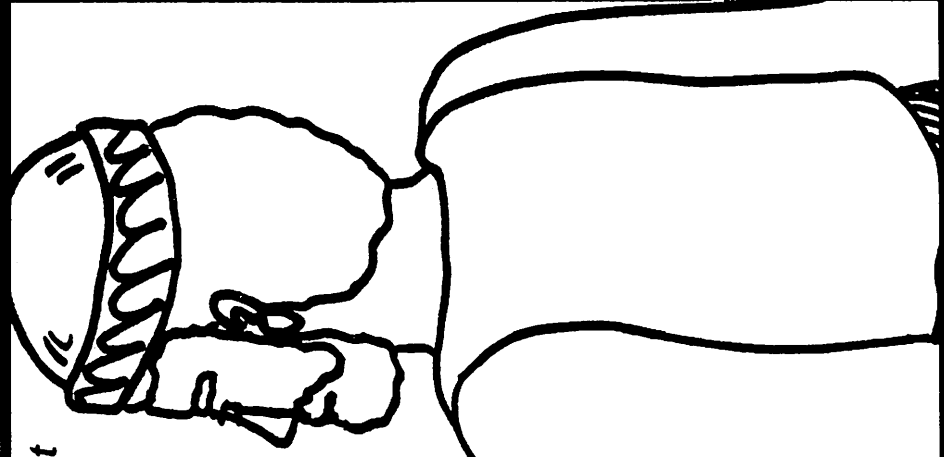
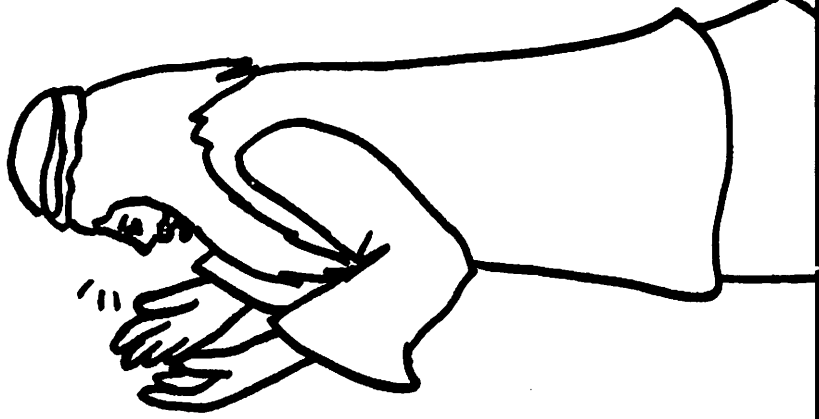
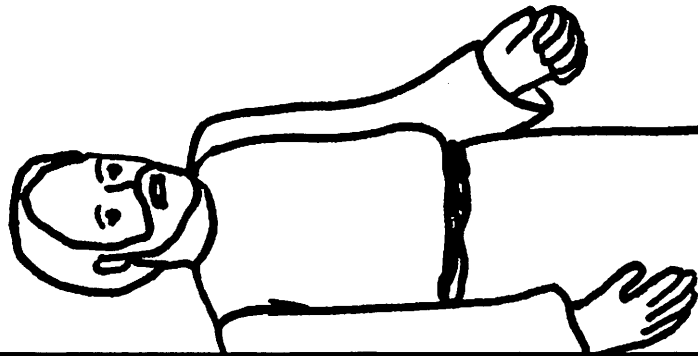
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Use your own code for your favorite Bible verse. See if your friend can figure it out.

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"... there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand." Acts 13:11



Another Sad Set Back

(Continued)

Riding home to Coupvray in a stagecoach, Louis Braille was excited to be with his family again. He was feeling stronger but still a weak, tired man in his early thirties. In the 1800's tuberculosis was a killer disease and Louis had been in the battle with this disease for several years.

While Louis was enjoying his visit at home, changes were taking place at the Institute in Paris. His friend, Dr. Pignier retired from serving as director and a new director, Dr. Dufau, took his place. He was a cold, stern man who did not like new ideas. He was not pleased with Louis's alphabet. "That silly punching of dots!" he called it.

When Louis came back to the Institute, he knew something was wrong. His friends were too silent. They did not want to discuss with him his favorite subject—his dot pattern alphabet.

"Has something happened to our writing system?" he finally asked.

The boys were sad to tell him. "Dr. Dufau has forbidden us to use the alphabet anywhere in the Institute," said one.

"Not even in our rooms," added another.

"Not even for personal diaries?" asked Louis in a startled voice.

"No where," was the sad answer.

"What about my books?" Asked Louis. He had labored so many hours to make reading available for the students.

There was a long silence. "Where are my books?" asked Louis again, leaning forward in his chair.

"Dr. Dufau burned them."

"ALL?" questioned Louis.

"Everyone of them."

Louis stood up quickly, clutched his cane, and touched his way from the room. He did not want to cry in front of his boys, but he did cry before the Lord.

The next few weeks were very sad ones for Louis. His body was tired and his hope to change the lives for

the blind was low. All his years of labor was thrown away by one man who persuaded the other teachers at the Institute to agree against the dot pattern.

However, the blind boys did not forget nor stop using the dot patterns to write and send notes. In secret they taught new boys, taking the punishment of having their hands rapped with the ruler from a teacher if they were caught. Weeks passed and the boys continued to write in the dot pattern in spite of punishment.

Finally, a new teacher came to the Institute and realized the boys were on to something good. He decided to talk to Dr. Dufau about it. "You can order the boys to stop writing in the dot pattern," he said, "but some day this way of writing will spread among the blind and they will continue to use it because it is so efficient."

"So you think I should allow the boys to use this system?" asked Dr. Dufau who was tired of punishing the boys for using it.

"Yes, I do, sir," said Mr. Gaudet. "It would be to your advantage to encourage it to spread to other blind institutions."

"Yes," said Dr. Dufau thoughtfully. "I think I will do that."

Once again, the Lord blessed Louis with another victory.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the Holy Spirit tell the people?
2. Who joined them in Cyprus?
3. What was the proconsul's servant like?
4. How did Elymas act while listening to the gospel?
5. What did Saul call him?
6. What happened to Elymas?
7. Did the proconsul believe?
8. What is Saul called from now on?

Answers: 1. For Saul and Barnabas to leave. 2. John. 3. An evil sorcerer. 4. He opposed them. 5. A child of the devil. 6. He became blind. 7. Yes. 8. Paul.

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A Light to the Gentiles

Paul and Barnabas continued their journey, preaching the gospel to thousands. One Sabbath, they happened to be visiting the town of Pisidian Antioch. Paul and Barnabas went into the synagogue and sat down to join the service.

The religious leaders were reading from the scriptures. "Brothers, if you have words of encouragement for our people, you're welcome to speak," the leaders let Paul and Barnabas know. Paul stood up and made a sweeping motion with his hand.

Paul began speaking about Israel's history. He talked about instances when God's power had been evident. He also reminded them of the history of their rulers. First there were judges, then kings. Jesus was one of King David's descendants. Paul told the congregation all about Jesus and the plan of salvation. Paul finished his sermon. He and Barnabas were preparing to leave when several members of the synagogue asked them to come back and speak more about these things on the next Sabbath day.

Some of the congregation followed Paul and Barnabas. They continued to talk about salvation. The apostles urged the people to diligently seek the grace of God. The religious leaders were amazed at the crowd in the synagogue the next Sabbath day! The whole city had turned out to hear the gospel. The religious leaders were jealous. They tried to turn the hearts of the people against the two Christians. Paul and Barnabas boldly answered the accusations. "We spoke the word to the Jews first," Paul said: "You have rejected it, so now we are turning to the Gentiles. The Lord said, 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" The Gentiles heard the gospel joyfully and honored the Word of God. A lot of people believed in Jesus, but the religious leaders caused some of the most important men and women in the city to disagree with the men. They expelled Paul and Barnabas from their region, so they shook the dust from their feet and went to preach in another town.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Hidden Bible Verse

Make a slash over all of the Ms, Js, and Zs. Write down the letters that are left to find out what the verse is.

Matthew 10:14

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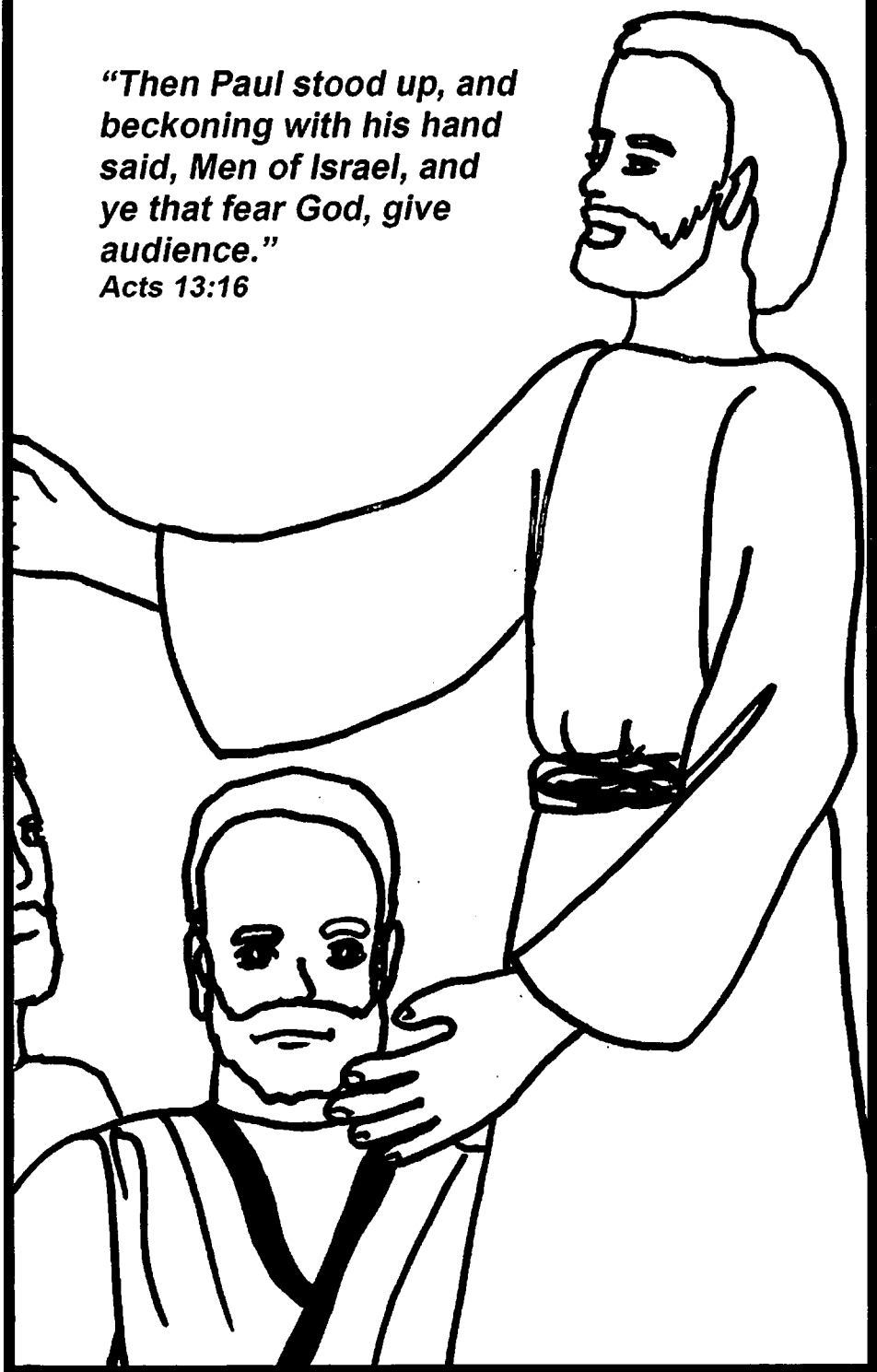
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***“Then Paul stood up, and
beckoning with his hand
said, Men of Israel, and
ye that fear God, give
audience.”***

Acts 13:16



The Dots on Display

(continued)

The old school building where Louis taught was dirty and cramped. A new building was built for The Royal Institute for the Blind Youth in Paris. Dr. Dufau planned the opening day ceremonies carefully because many important people were to attend. One of the highlights was to explain Louis's dot pattern of writing and reading.

It was 1844. Louis sat with the other respected teachers high up on the platform. He could hear the auditorium fill with people. He straightened his shoulders, looked forward and smiled. He believed that his writing dot pattern would impress the audience.

After several speeches in which Louis could hear the restless crowd along with the speaker, Mr. Joseph Gaudet finally stood before the people and read a paper explaining the dot pattern alphabet. Then Dr. Dufau led a blind girl to the front of the stage. She had learned to read and write in the dot pattern.

Dr. Dufau opened a book and began to read. The little girl stood by his side and wrote down his words in Louis Braille's dot pattern. When Dr. Dufau was finished reading, he touched the girl on the shoulder. She skimmed her fingers over the rows of dots she had just made with a stylus. Word for word she read back the words he had just read.

Louis heard the audience applaud loudly and he heard them stand to their feet. Relief and happiness rushed over him in one wave of thanksgiving to the Lord and His faithfulness. Then someone in the audience yelled: "It's a trick! That little girl learned those words before coming on stage!"

A trick? The clapping slowed and the cheering stopped, but Louis jumped to his feet. He tapped his way to Dr. Dufau and whispered in his ear. Dr. Dufau nodded and then called out, "Wait, my friends, wait! Do not come to such a wrong conclusion. This is not a trick. Please be silent for a few minutes and let me prove to you that this system does work."

Louis heard the audience sit down and become still. Quickly Dr. Dufau called two blind students to the front. One child he sent from the room. The other he kept by his side. "Now will someone please come onto the stage? Anyone who can read will do."

A volunteer came forward. "Pick any book from this pile of books," continued Dr. Dufau. "Turn to any page you please and read anything you wish to."

The man did as he was told. As he began to read, the blind child wrote down the words in dots with the stylus. When the man finished reading, the other child was called onto the stage to read what the other child had written. As his fingers brushed lightly across the page of raised dots, he read clearly word for word what the first child had written which was the same as what the man had read.

The audience stood and cheered for some time. Louis was elated! His years of hard work was now rewarded with acceptance among those who could help spread its use into other institutions for the blind. How this would free the blind from limited education! Yes, the Lord cares for all people, even those with special needs.

To be continued

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the leaders invite Paul to do?
2. What did the congregation ask them to do?
3. Who came to hear the sermon the next week?
4. How did the religious leaders feel?
5. What did they try to do?
6. Who would the apostles preach to now?
7. What did many of the Gentiles do?
8. Why did Paul and Barnabas leave?

Answers: 1. Speak. 2. Come back the next week. 3. The whole town. 4. Jealous. 5. Turn everyone against Christianity. 6. The Gentiles. 7. Believe and honored God's word. 8. They were expelled from the region.