

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Mistaken Identity

Paul and Barnabas went to worship the Lord at the synagogue in Iconium. Their sermons were so inspired that a large number of people believed. Some of the Jews refused to believe. They confused the Gentiles by speaking evil words against the apostles. Barnabas and Paul stayed in the city. They boldly tried to undo the damage done by the Jews' gossip. They preached the gospel, and they performed many miracles. About half of the townspeople believed, but the other half sided with the Jews. The opposing Jews and Gentiles plotted to kill them. Barnabas and Paul found out about their plan and escaped to Lystra, where they continued to preach the gospel.

One day while Paul was preaching, he noticed a man sitting in the crowd and listening intently. This man had been crippled in his feet since he was born. He had never been able to walk. Paul looked directly at him and called out, "Stand up!" The man jumped up and walked around the room.

"The gods are visiting us!" the crowd shouted. "They have taken on human forms!" "It is Zeus!" someone pointed to Barnabas. "And he is Hermes!" they said of Paul. (*Zeus and Hermes are translated in the King James Bible as Jupiter and Mercurius.*) The priests in the temple of Zeus, just outside the city, had already heard about the miracle. They paraded through the city gates, bringing wreaths and bulls so that they could offer sacrifices to the two 'gods'.

Paul and Barnabas were upset when they heard about this! They tore their clothes and rushed out to meet the crowd. "Why are you doing this?" they asked. "We are only human! We bring you the gospel. Turn from these useless things to the living God. He created the earth and provides you with food and your hearts with joy."

The crowd still wanted to make sacrifices to them. In the middle of the chaos, some of the men from Iconium caught their attention. "These evil men spoke in our cities," they said. "Don't listen to them!" The crowd became angry. Picking up stones, they began hurling them at Paul. "Paul is dead," they decided, and dragged him out of the city.

Paul was lying on the ground. His disciples gathered round him. Finally he was able to get up. He and Barnabas left the next day.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Mistaken Identity 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.

SYNAGOGUE, WREATH, CRIPPLE, BULLS,
BARNABAS, HEALED, HERMES, LEFT,
SACRIFICE, STONED, PETER, ZEUS.

- 1. NIMLEFTISDAB**
- 2. CLESTONEDJSO**
- 3. GSYNAGOGUEF**
- 4. JBELBULLSVED**
- 5. BARNABASECH**
- 6. DKPETERALKPN**
- 7. PMVIZEUSTLCL**
- 8. STWREATHSQWE**
- 9. TOGHERMESNTI**
- 10. PSACRIFICEOUT**
- 11. MKMCRIPPLEEL**
- 12. YHEALEDISOIZLS**

"... brought oxen and garlands unto the gates ..." Acts 14:13



Seeing the Last Victory

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The move to the new building was better for Louis's health, but he was a very sick man. By the age of 35, he had fought two long battles: one to have his dot pattern alphabet accepted by other blind institutions and, two, with the disease of tuberculosis.

Louis was required to stay in bed most of the time because he was weak and coughed so much. But he heard much good news about his dot pattern alphabet. In fact, people were calling it BRAILLE—Louis liked that!

Louis had many friends in his room visiting or studying. He still had a keen memory and loved to tell stories and jokes. Laughter rang in his room and it helped Louis not notice his coughing so much. He enjoyed music and occasionally would give piano lessons to the boys. He often praised the Lord as his fingers touched the piano keys.

Louis was a generous man. If a friend asked Louis for a loan of money, he would give it if he could. "Just write down the amount and put the paper in the black box beside my bed," he would say as he counted out the money to loan. He was not a rich man, but his needs were met and he was contented.

In fact, he was more than contented when he heard how a printing press was made to publish books in Braille in 1847. Across Europe all blind students were being taught Braille, and then it spread to America across the Atlantic Ocean. Blind people appreciated the reading advantages Braille gave them and this brought great satisfaction to Louis.

One day in December, 1851, Louis caught a cold. His body was weak and he felt his strength waning. Friends came to encourage Louis as he lay quietly in bed, but he knew he was not going to walk with his cane again. He had prayer with the pastor and prepared to see the Lord who had helped him in the battles of life.

It rained all day January 6, 1852. Wind howled around the building. Thunder and lightning charged through the air outside his window. Louis turned his head toward his window and with a smile on his face, he closed his earthly eyes when he saw Jesus for the first time.

In his will, Louis Braille wrote, "Destroy the black box and burn all the I-O-U's within it."

Louis Braille was buried in Coupvray, France and a monument was built for him in the town square. One hundred years later, in 1952, his coffin was taken to Paris with much ceremony and honor. As his coffin entered Paris, a band played softly and a long parade slowly wound through the streets to the Pantheon, a burial place of France's most honored men. Around the world people were honoring Louis Braille, including kings and presidents. Helen Keller and hundreds of blind people tapped walked in the parade. They wanted to thank the man who had not given up what God had called him to do.

Today there are hundreds of books in Braille for the blind to read.

The end

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did Barnabas and Paul go to Lystra?
2. What was wrong with the man in the crowd?
3. What did Paul tell him to do?
4. What did the others think?
5. What did they bring Paul and Barnabas?
6. How did Paul and Barnabas feel about this?
7. Why did the crowd stone Paul?
8. Why did they leave Paul outside the city?

Answers: 1. The people wanted to stone them. 2. His feet were crippled. 3. Stand up! 4. That they were gods. 5. Bulls and wreaths. 6. Upset. 7. Men from other cities spoke badly of them. 8. They thought he was dead.

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"Come Over and Help Us!"

One night, Paul had a vision. A man was standing in front of him, pleading, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." The next morning, Paul and his companions left for Macedonia. Some cities did not have synagogues. Cities did not have synagogues for different reasons. Sometimes towns didn't have enough Jewish families. Sometimes the magistrate would forbid them to build a synagogue. Cities that didn't have synagogues often had places of prayer called a proseucha. These are large buildings made of stones, with seats inside. Proseuchas were often built beside the water.

Paul, Timothy, and Silas went outside the city gate to the river. There they found the place of prayer. Some women were seated outside before the service. One woman was named Lydia. She sold purple cloth. The men began sharing the gospel message with the women. Lydia listened carefully. She and the other members of her household were baptized. "Come and stay at my house," Lydia invited the apostles.

On another Sabbath day, Paul and his friends once again went to the place of prayer. A slave girl met them. She earned money by being a fortune teller. The evil spirit inside the girl immediately took a disliking to the three men. The girl followed them, and shouted, "These are servants of God, telling you the way to be saved." For many days the girl continued to follow them and shout behind them. Paul was very troubled. He turned around and told the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ, come out of her!" At those words, the spirit left the girl.

The owners of the slave girl realized she could no longer make them money by telling fortunes. They became very angry. They dragged Paul and Silas into the marketplace. They took Paul and Silas before the magistrates. "These Jews are causing chaos in our city," the men accused. "They are recommending customs that are unacceptable for us Romans to practice." Several people in the crowd added their indignant protests. The magistrates had Paul and Silas severely beaten. Then they were thrown in jail.

—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.

Matthew 5:11-12

_____ are ye, when *men* shall
(Cursed/Blessed)

_____ you, and _____ you and shall
(make fun of/revile) (persecute/beat)

say all manner of _____ against you
(evil/gossip)

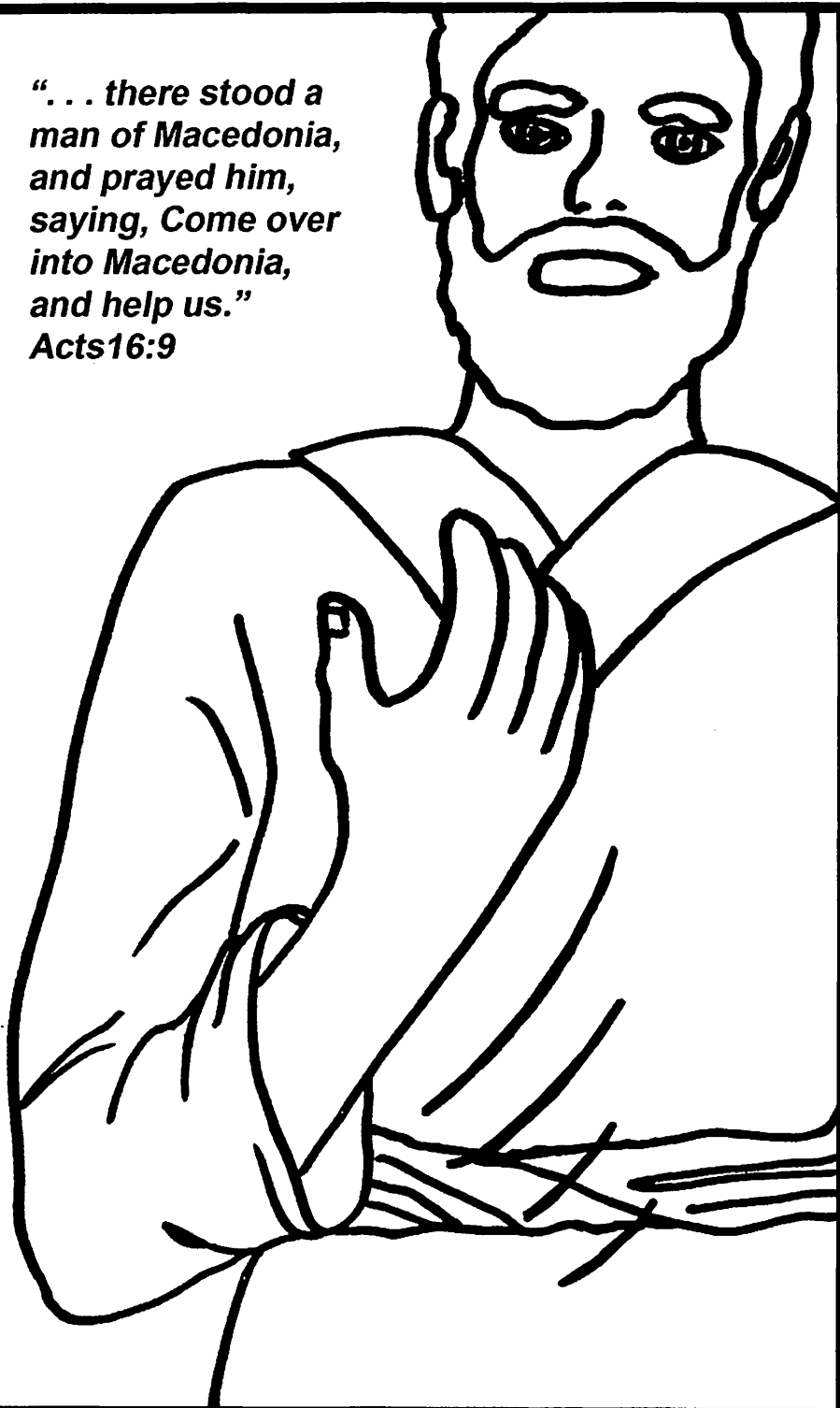
_____, for my sake. _____
(truly/falsey) (Weep/Rejoice)

and be exceeding _____: for great is your
(glad/sorrowful)

_____ in heaven: for so persecuted they the
(treasure/reward)

_____ which were before you.
(prophets/disciples)

***“... there stood a
man of Macedonia,
and prayed him,
saying, Come over
into Macedonia,
and help us.”
Acts 16:9***



Changed Plans

It was vacation time for the Miles family! Many plans were being made around the supper table as Connie, Donnie, Lonnie and Cindy talked about the traveling and swimming starting that weekend. Daddy had looked at maps of lakes in Missouri or Arkansas to find the right camping area where a tent full of noisy children would be safe.

"I want to take my Hot Wheels," said Lonnie. "I can make some neat roads in the dirt and rocks around the tent."

"You can clear out all the rocks you want before we set up the tent," said Daddy. "My bare feet don't like to feel hard rocks under the tent floor. Besides they can puncture the floor canvas."

"Make sure we have plenty of snacks!" continued Lonnie. He always checked out the food stock for his fair share or more.

Connie stared at the mashed potatoes and gravy on her plate. For some reason she did not feel like eating such a big amount. Actually, she was ignoring a sick feeling in her stomach. Connie hated to be sick and right now, while planning a vacation, was a really bad time to be sick.

After supper, as Connie was helping Mother clear the table, she felt a chill shiver down her back and her face felt hot, but she did not want to tell Mama.

Connie was ready to go to bed earlier than usual that night which Mama noticed. "Are you feeling okay?" she asked Connie. "Your face looks flushed and your eyes look tired."

"I think all the excitement about camping is giving me a fever," said Connie quickly. "A good night of sleep will take care of the ills! In the morning I'll be up and about before all the rest of you! Wait and see!"

After taking a warm shower, she was glad to slip between the smooth sheets of her bed and sleep. She was so tired, she did not wake up until

mid morning, and then she could not bounce out of bed like usual. Instead, she groaned as she sat up. Her head felt too heavy for her shoulders.

Mama heard her groan and came to the bedroom. "I am afraid you are not well," she said as she put her cool hand on Connie's hot forehead. "I have been watching over you this morning. You have slept very soundly and your temperature has been high. Let me get you a drink of water while you go to the bathroom."

Connie stood up to walk but her legs and feet were heavy. It seemed like she was wrapped in warm plastic that was stopping every movement of her arms and legs. By the time she came back to bed, she was ready to lie back down. A drink of cool water tasted good, but it made her shiver.

Mama tucked the sheet and a light cover around Connie as she drifted back to sleep. Then Mama went to the telephone and called Grandma Miles for prayer. Their planned vacation time would start in two days, and Connie was sick! They needed the Lord's help right away!

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the man in Paul's vision ask?
2. Why might a city not have a synagogue?
3. What would they build instead?
4. What woman believed and invited them over?
5. How did the girl with the spirit earn money?
6. Why were the owners angry?
7. Where did they take Paul and Silas?
8. What did the magistrates decide to do with them?

Answers: 1. "Come over and help us." 2. Not enough Jewish families, forbidden by law. 3. A place of prayer. 4. Lydia. 5. By telling fortunes. 6. She couldn't make money for them anymore. 7. To the magistrates. 8. Have them beaten & thrown into prison.

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Songs in Prison

Paul and Silas were severely beaten and put in jail. The jailer was instructed to guard them carefully. He put them in an inner cell and placed their feet in stocks.

It was about midnight. Paul and Silas were singing hymns and praying. The other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly, a violent earthquake shook the foundations of the prison. The doors flew open. The prisoners looked down and were surprised to see that their chains had come loose!

The jailer woke up. He was distressed to see the prison doors opened. The jailer knew he would be executed if all of his prisoners had escaped. He drew his sword from its sheath and was about to put it through his heart when he heard a voice.

"Don't harm yourself!" Paul shouted. "We're all here!"

"Turn on the lights," the jailer called. Rushing into the prison, he fell before Paul and Silas. He was trembling. "Sirs," he asked. "What must I do to be saved?"

"Believe in Jesus and you will be saved," they replied. Paul and Silas explained the way of salvation to their jailer. Other people in his house were listening, also. The jailer had a meal prepared for them. He washed their wounds. That night the jailer and all of his family were baptized. How joyful he was!

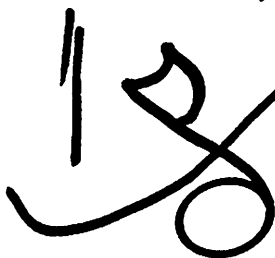
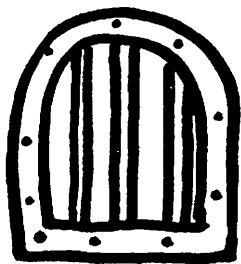
At daylight, the jailer had a message from the magistrates. "Release the men," it said. "You can leave," the jailer told Paul and Silas. "Go in peace." "They beat us without giving us a trial," Paul protested. "Then they threw us in prison. This violates our rights as Roman citizens. Now they want us to go quietly? We refuse! Let them come and personally escort us out." The officers took the message back to the magistrates. The magistrates had not realized that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. They grew alarmed. Trying to pacify the men, the magistrates came apologizing to Paul and Silas. They brought them out of jail and asked them to leave the city. Before they left, Paul and Silas went once more to encourage the believers in Lydia's house.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Songs in Prison Word Sort

prisoner chain boats guards cells toys
rainbow birds bars harps locks keys

Things in a Prison	Things Not in a Prison



***“... at midnight
Paul and Silas
prayed, and sang
praises unto God...”
Acts 16:25***



Very Sick

(Continued)

Connie was sleeping but she could hear Grandma Miles and Mama talking about her.

"I don't think she has the flu," said Mama. "She hasn't vomited, but she did not eat all her supper last night."

Grandma touched Connie's forehead. "My, she is burning with fever!" she exclaimed. "Let's put a cool cloth on her forehead and try to bring her fever down."

Connie felt a cool cloth on her forehead, and then one on each of her arms. She heard Grandma and Mama pray for her. She felt the cool water they dripped into her mouth and she swallowed it, but she felt so far away from them and she was too tired to call to them.

All that day she slept, and when Daddy came home from work, he worried about her, too. Grandma had gone back to work to write some letters, but she came back by to check on Connie on her way home. Mama, Daddy and Grandma stood in the bedroom doorway and whispered. Connie could hear them, but they seemed so far away.

Daddy said, "We can't take her camping when she is so feverish. I hope the other children don't get sick. Maybe I should see if there is another available vacation time from work."

"When would be the next available time?" asked Mama.

"Probably not until September," replied Daddy. "At such a late notice, all the other weeks will be taken by other employees wanting summer time off."

"The children would be back in school by then," said Mama. "Maybe I should just stay home and take care of her."

"Leave my cook behind?" said Daddy in an alarmed voice. "No way! If you stay, we all stay."

"But the other children will be so disappointed," said Mama. "Let's pray Connie gets well by this weekend and that none of the other children get it."

"I called for Bro. Willie to come and

pray with us, too," said Grandma.

After a while, Connie heard Uncle Willie Murphey's bubbly voice in the hallway. The four adults whispered when they came into her room. She could hear what they were saying, but she could not make her mouth or voice say anything. When Grandma knelt beside her and put her hand upon Connie's head, Grandma said, "Oh, Lord, Jesus, please have mercy upon our precious granddaughter!" and then her voice broke in a soft cry.

Connie felt Uncle Willie put the oil upon her forehead in obedience to the scripture in James 5:14-15, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;..."

Donnie, Lonnie and Cindy came into the room and knelt around the bed, as Uncle Willie and then Grandma prayed, Connie agreed with them in her heart. She did not want to be sick and she knew the Lord could help her.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What were Paul and Silas doing at midnight?
2. What caused their chains to fall off?
3. Why was the jailer distressed?
4. What did the jailer ask Paul and Silas?
5. What happened to the jailer and his family?
6. What did the magistrate's message say?
7. Why did Paul protest?
8. Where did Paul and Silas go before leaving?

Answers: 1. Singing and praying. 2. An earthquake. 3. He thought they had all escaped. 4. "What must I do to be saved?" 5. They believed and were baptized. 6. Release them. 7. Their rights had been violated. 8. Lydia's house.

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Idols in Athens

Paul continued visiting cities all through the country. Everywhere he went, Paul preached the gospel. Paul's travels took him to the city of Athens.

Paul visited Athens for several weeks. He walked around the city, and was concerned to notice so many temples available for people to worship false gods. He even spotted one altar dedicated "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD."

On the Sabbath, Paul went to the synagogue. He tried to reason with some of the people. A group of philosophers began debating him. "What is this man babbling on about?" some of them asked. "I think he is recommending that we worship foreign gods," someone answered.

A few of the townspeople were interested in learning more about what Paul had to say. They invited him to a meeting. During the meeting, Paul stood up and addressed the people. "I have noticed that you who live in Athens are very religious," he said. "I saw that you have an altar dedicated to 'an unknown God.' I am going to explain more about this God that is unknown.

"God does not live in temples made of hands. We are God's offspring. We should not think that God is like gold, silver, or stone, or anything designed by man. God asks everyone to repent. He has set a day when he will judge the world with justice. He has given proof of this by sending his Son to earth and raising him from the dead."

Some of the men who heard Paul's sermon about the resurrection mocked and others said, "We'd like to hear you speak again." A few of the men believed.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Missing Vowels

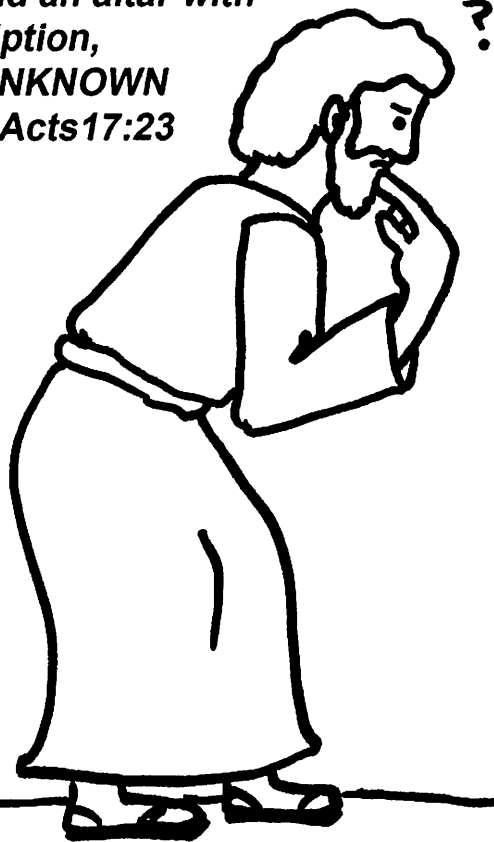
There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. Some are vowels; some are consonants. The vowels are a, e, i, o, and u. Fill in the missing vowels to find out what the Bible verse is.


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_ _ s s _ _ t _ _ n _ _ h _ _ ll
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h _ _ _ s _ _ ."

Matthew 5:14-15

***“... I found an altar with
this inscription,
TO THE UNKNOWN
GOD ...” Acts 17:23***





TO THE
UNKNOWN
GOD

A hand-drawn sketch of a book cover. The title 'TO THE UNKNOWN GOD' is written in a bold, hand-drawn font across the center. The book has a thick spine on the left and a thick base at the bottom. There are some scribbles at the bottom left and a small mark at the bottom right.

A Plan of Rest

(Continued)

After Uncle Willie, Grandma Miles, Daddy and Mama prayed for Connie, she felt strong enough to open her eyes. A round of "Amen!" and "Praise the Lord" was said, and Mama went to get her a drink. She had not eaten anything for a while, so she was hungry, but so tired! It took all her strength to drink a little and go to the bathroom. Then she laid back down and went to sleep again.

The next day, she was still very sleepy and tired, though she drank more. Mama sat down on the side of her bed and soothed her forehead with her cool hand. "You are still too weak to travel," she said, "and we don't want you to go backward and become worse. I don't know what to do."

"Go ahead and go," said Connie. "I can stay here and sleep. I'm twelve years old and can take care of myself."

"No," Mama shook her head. "I would never leave you alone that long and especially sick. We will just wait until you get stronger."

Connie felt badly about this. She knew her Daddy only could get a vacation time from work when the boss said he could have it. Now she was going to mess it up for her Daddy and all the family! She would try to get stronger and well very fast!

Try as she could, though, Connie was still so weak she could hardly walk to the bathroom without collapsing. Then Grandma Miles came by that evening and she had a plan.

"Vernon," she said to her son. "Will you let me keep Connie at my house while the rest of your family goes on the camping trip? She is getting better and if I need to be gone, I can have someone stay with her for a while. I would love to do this for Connie. Please?"

"Well, let me ask Bertha about this," replied Daddy. He and Mama had a discussion, then they asked Connie if she would mind going to Grandma's to rest.

Connie was glad Grandma wanted

her to come stay at her house! She did not want to miss the camping trip, either, but she certainly did not want to stop her brothers and sister from going. So it was, Daddy carried Connie to the car, and took her to Grandma's house and put her in bed.

The bed felt so good! Connie went back into a deep sleep and did not wake up again until early morning. The house was very quiet because it was only her and Grandma there. That felt a little odd to Connie who was use to sleeping with her little sister and hearing noises from other family members.

She slowly climbed out of bed, went to the bathroom, drank water, and went back to sleep. Later she heard Grandma come into the bedroom and check on her.

Connie knew when Aunt Evelyn Gibson McCoy came to sit by her while Grandma went to work. She heard what was going on, but she was so tired that she did not feel like joining in the conversations.

Grandma and Aunt Evelyn kindly sat by her bedside and earnestly prayed for her to get well.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did Paul notice in Athens?
2. What god was one altar dedicated to?
3. Who began debating with him?
4. Where did the townspeople invite Paul?
5. What did Paul say he would explain?
6. What should we not think that God is like?
7. What proof did God give us?
8. How did the crowd react to Paul's sermon?

Answers: 1. Many temples to honor false gods. 2. An unknown god. 3. A group of Philosophers. 4. To a meeting. 5. More about the unknown God. 6. Anything designed by man. 7. Sending his Son to earth & raising him from the dead. 8. Some sneered, others believed.

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A Riot in Ephesus

"Men," a man called out to the crowd. "We get good money from this business. You can see that this man Paul has convinced many people to turn away from these gods that we design. He says that man-made gods are not divine at all. Our trade could not only lose its good name, but also the goddess Artemis may be discredited. Artemis is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and will be robbed of her divine majesty." (*Artemis is translated in the King James Bible as Diana.*)

The man speaking was a silversmith named Demetrius. He was concerned about Paul because he made idols. So did the others in the crowd. At Demetrius' words, the crowd grew furious. "Great is Artemis!" they shouted. The whole city was in terrible disorder! They seized Paul's two traveling companions and rushed into the theater. "I want to talk to them," Paul told the disciples. "That's not a good idea," the disciples told him. "Please don't do this," some of the officials of the province, who were also friends of Paul, pleaded.

Some of the men in the theater were shouting one thing, others another. "What's going on?" some of them asked. A man named Alexander was pushed to the front. "Silence," he tried to get their attention. He was ready to defend Paul, but the crowd realized he was a Jew. "Great is Artemis!" they shouted together for two whole hours.

Finally, the city clerk was able to quiet the crowd. "These men have done nothing wrong," the city clerk said. "If you have a complaint about them, you should take them to court. The proconsul can press charges. Anything further you have to say should be said in a legal assembly. We ourselves could be charged with rioting because of today's events. In that case, we wouldn't be able to account for this commotion. There is no reason for it." After saying these things, he dismissed the group.

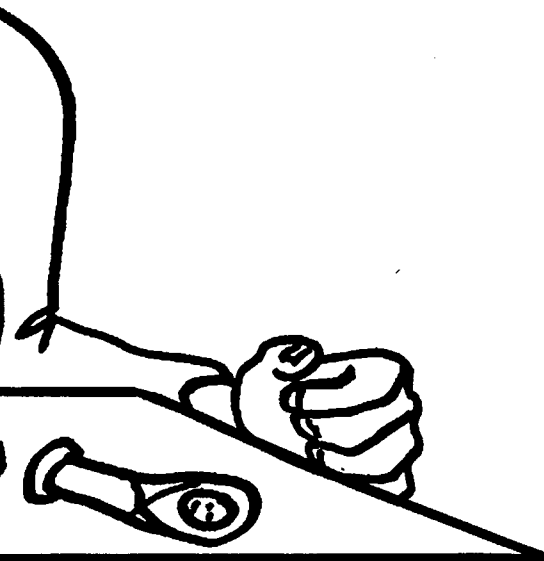
—Sis. Monica Murphey

True Vs. False

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| 1. Demetrius was a blacksmith. | True False |
| 2. Demetrius was concerned that Paul was convincing people to turn from idols. | True False |
| 3. The crowd kept shouting "Great is Artemis!" | True False |
| 4. Paul spoke to the crowd and calmed them down. | True False |
| 5. The disciples convinced Paul not to speak. | True False |
| 6. A Jew named Alexander tried to defend Paul. | True False |
| 7. The crowd grew angry when they realized Alexander was a Jew. | True False |
| 8. The mayor was finally able to control the mob. | True False |
| 9. The city clerk advised the mob to take their complaints to court. | True False |
| 10. The crowd remained angry and tried to stone the city clerk. | True False |



***“... man named Demetrius,
a silversmith which made
silver shrines for Diana ...”
Acts 19:24***



The Prayer of Faith

(Continued)

Grandma sat down in the chair beside the bed where Connie was lying. "Grandpa said he would come and see you this weekend," she said. "He is worried about you being sick for so long. When your daddy was a teenager, he came down with typhoid fever and was in bed very sick for 30 days or so. He had a high fever and slept a lot just like you are doing. One day during prayer, the Lord gave Vernon a complete healing touch. It was a miracle! Yes, he was so weak he could barely walk, but as he took nourishment, he began to gain strength. We could only praise the Lord for healing Vernon and helping him to fully recover. I still praise the Lord today that He gave my son more time to be with us here on this earth."

"Now, Connie, we know the Lord can do the same for you. Are you willing for us to have some ministers come and anoint you with oil, and have prayer for you? Do you believe the Lord can heal you? I want you to have the faith for a healing touch."

Many times God had answered prayer and healed several in Connie's family—Grandma had been healed of malaria when she was a teenager; Grandma's father had been healed when he was close to death and God promised to give him fifteen more years to live. She had heard their testimonies and this had strengthened her faith to believe also.

She also remembered when the Lord had answered her prayer about the lost keys and had helped her pass the final test with the highest score in third grade. She remembered the promise she had made to the Lord then so she was planning to get saved from sin at twenty-one years old.

"Yes, Grandma, I believe the Lord can heal me," Connie said.

A pleased smile shone on Grandma's face and she patted Connie's arm. "I will make the calls and we will have prayer this evening," she said

as she stood up to do so. After she left the room, Connie shut her eyes and talked to the Lord. She renewed her promise to get saved. She should have asked the Lord to cleanse her heart from sin at that time, but she was stubborn and let the devil fool her into thinking she was her own boss and could do her own thing. It would have been wiser for Connie to let the Lord into her heart.

The ministers came: Bro. O.C. and Sis. Lottie Porter, Uncle Willie and Aunt Frances Murphey, and Aunt Evelyn and Uncle William McCoy. Connie shut her eyes because it made her nervous to have so many eyes looking at her. Someone placed a line of oil on her forehead with a fingertip. Then they gathered around her bed, each laid a hand gently on her arms or feet, and they prayed for her. Connie lay very quiet and agreed in her heart with their prayer, asking God to heal her. She thanked them all for coming, and then went back to sleep.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What concerned Demetrius?
2. What kind of job did Demetrius have?
3. What did the crowd do after hearing him?
4. Why didn't Paul speak to the crowd?
5. Why couldn't Alexander get their attention?
6. Who finally got the crowd to listen?
7. What did he say they should do with complaints?
8. What could the group be charged with?

Answers: 1. Paul convincing others to turn away from gods. 2. He made idols of Artemis, also called Artemis. 3. Became furious, shouting, "Great is Artemis!" 4. The disciples and others told him not to. 5. They saw he was a Jew. 6. The city clerk. 7. Take them to court. 8. Rioting.

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A Terrible Fall

Paul called for his disciples. He was about to go on another journey. He hugged the disciples and started out for Macedonia. Paul did a lot of preaching in Macedonia, and when he felt the time was right, he went on into Greece. Several men joined him on his journey back through Macedonia when he left Greece. These men were Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Timotheus, Tychicus, and Trophimus. After the Passover celebration, they sailed to Asia and came to the town of Troas.

On the first day of the week, the disciples in Troas usually met to have dinner. This time, Paul was there to preach to them. He was planning to leave the next day. Paul talked until midnight.

There were many candles and lamps lit in the upstairs room where Paul was preaching. All of the disciples were gathered listening to the words of Paul's sermon. A young man named Eutychus was sitting in the window in a room on the third story of the house. It was getting late, and Paul was still preaching. Eutychus was getting tired. All of a sudden, he fell asleep. He fell from his perch on the window with a thud.

Eutychus lay there, everyone thought he was dead. When Paul came down from where he was preaching, he embraced the young man.

"Do not be afraid," Paul told the others. "He is still alive."

Paul went up to finish his sermon. He ate and spoke the Lord's messages until day break. After the sun rose, Paul continued on his journey.

The young man was indeed alive! The people were comforted.

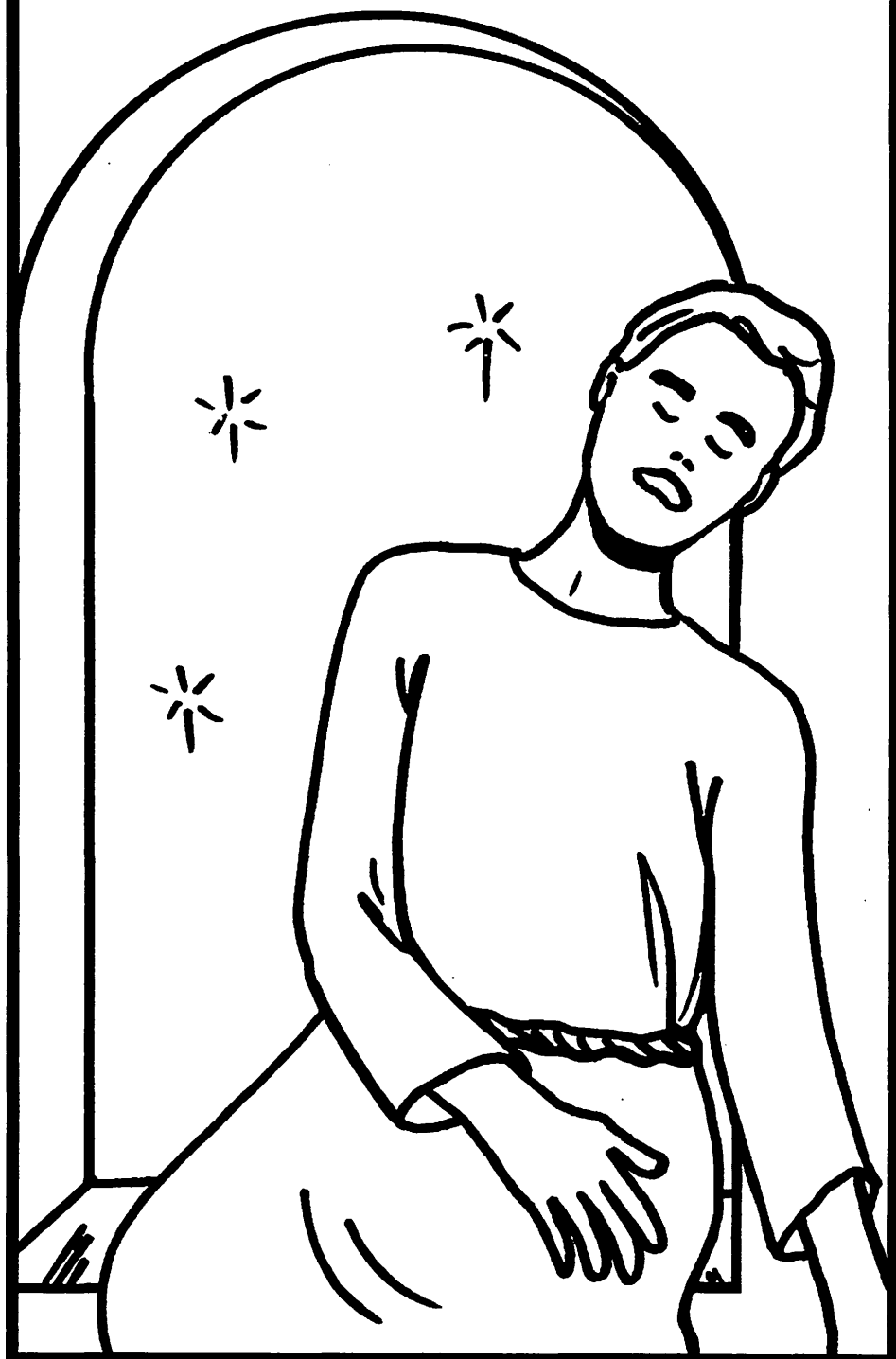
—Sis. Monica Murphey

I Spy Books of the Bible Written By Paul

Color the names of the books of the Bible that Paul wrote. Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus and Philemon. Copy their names onto the lines below. *Note: There are more books of the Bible that could have been written by Paul, but no one is sure.*

1 Samuel	Assyria	Colossians	1 Timothy	Philemon
Philip	Galatians	Mordecai	Elisha	Joseph
Romans	Jeremiah	Exodus	Samuel	Felix
Bethany	Judas	2 Timothy	Revelation	Jonah
Saul	Judges	1 Thessalonians	Zaccheus	Boas
2 Kings	Nineveh	1 Corinthians	Seth	Malachi
Moses	Ephesians	2 Corinthians	Michael	Isaiah
Hosea	Isaiah	2 Thessalonians	Stephen	Joshua
John	Caleb	2 Chronicles	Ruben	Obadiah
Nathum	Timothy	Bartholomew	Judah	Aaron
Job	Andrew	Zephaniah	Amos	Herod
Acts	Philippians	Alexander	Titus	Daniel
Psalms	Leviticus	Nicholas	Thomas	Samson
Romans	Ecclesiastes	Abraham	Zechariah	Hosea

“... he sunk down with sleep ...” Acts 20:9



Grandma and Grandpa's Plan

(Continued)

The next morning after the ministers had prayer over Connie, she felt able to walk downstairs and sit at the table with Grandma for breakfast. Grandma made her a soft poached egg and it tasted very good. She had not eaten solid food for several days so her stomach was satisfied with just a little food at a time.

Grandpa came from Tulsa that evening. Connie was sitting in a chair with a book in her lap when he came into the bedroom where she was staying.

"Well, Connie, I heard you have been very sick," he said as he sat down on the edge of the bed. "I can see that you are slim and pale, but it looks like you are getting better."

"Yes, Grandpa, I think the Lord has healed me," replied Connie.

"That's good," he said. "Your grandmother has a lot of faith and I was hoping He would heal you. I see you feel like reading a book again. What are you reading?"

"A story about a missionary," replied Connie. She told Grandpa some about the book and Grandma listened too when she came into the room.

"Carl, did you mention to her about our plans?" she asked Grandpa.

"No, not yet," he replied. Then he asked Connie, "Do you feel strong enough to take a ride to the lake where your family is camping? We can make you a pallet in the back seat of my car, and you can sleep on the drive there. We can bring you back home, too, so you can rest coming back also."

"Alright!" agreed Connie. "When do we leave?"

"Early in the morning," replied Grandpa. He stood up. "You need to get rested up because we don't want you to get worse traveling."

"I won't—I promise!" said Connie. Her heart felt light and happy, but her body felt so tired and slow. She wanted to get up and start packing, but she was just too weak.

"Don't worry about the packing,"

said Grandma. "I will get everything ready. You rest so you will be better when your parents see you. I want them to think I took good care of you."

"Oh, you have taken very good care of me, Grandma!" said Connie. "You and Aunt Evelyn and everyone else who have come to visit and pray for me have been so good to me! Thank you for taking me into your home when I was too weak to walk. I really thank you for everything!"

"You are welcome," said Grandma graciously. "Remember to thank the Lord for healing you. It is from Him that all good blessings come."

"I know," agreed Connie. She remembered her renewed promise to the Lord to get saved. Maybe she wouldn't wait until she was twenty-one years old. Maybe she should get saved sooner. Then the thoughts came to her that she should be her own boss and not live so strict like the older people lived. "Just wait and have more fun before you get saved," the devil whispered to her, and sad to say, Connie listened to him.

That night she slept very well. Before the sun was up the next morning, Grandpa helped her into the back seat of his car where Grandma had made her a comfortable place to sleep.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What holiday did Paul celebrate?
2. What day of the week did the disciples meet?
3. Where was Eutychus sitting?
4. What happened to Eutychus?
5. What story was Eutychus sitting on?
6. What did everyone think of Eutychus?
7. What did Paul say about Eutychus' life?
8. How long did Paul preach?

Answers: 1. The Passover. 2. The first day of the week. 3. In the window. 4. He fell. 5. The third story. 6. That he was dead. 7. "He is still alive." 8. Until day break.

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Paul Is Arrested

Paul and James met together to discuss different matters. Some elders of the church were there, also. Paul greeted the men and told them about his preaching to the Gentiles. He told the men about the Gentiles' response to his words. The other men present were joyful to learn these things. They praised God for the miracles they were hearing about.

"There are many thousands of Jews that still believe and practice Moses' laws," one elder told Paul. "They think that you teach all of the Jews who live with the Gentiles to ignore the law of Moses. What do we need to do? These Jews will soon hear that you are in the city of Jerusalem."

Almost a week later, Paul went to visit the temple with four other men. Some people saw Paul in the temple. These people were angry with Paul. They were some of the people that thought Paul taught against keeping Moses' laws.

Some men grabbed Paul and cried, "Men of Israel, this is the man that teaches all men everywhere that the law is wrong. He speaks badly about our people."

The angry men had seen Paul with two Greek men and thought Paul had taken them into the temple. They were upset about that, too.

All of the people in the crowd moved forward and forced Paul out of the temple. Someone shut the temple doors. The crowd wanted to kill Paul.

The captain of a band of soldiers in the city heard about the uproar. He immediately called for his soldiers and centurions. They came upon the scene. Some of the crowd was beating Paul. When they saw the soldiers, they ran. Paul was bound with chains and questioned by the captain.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Hidden Bible Verse

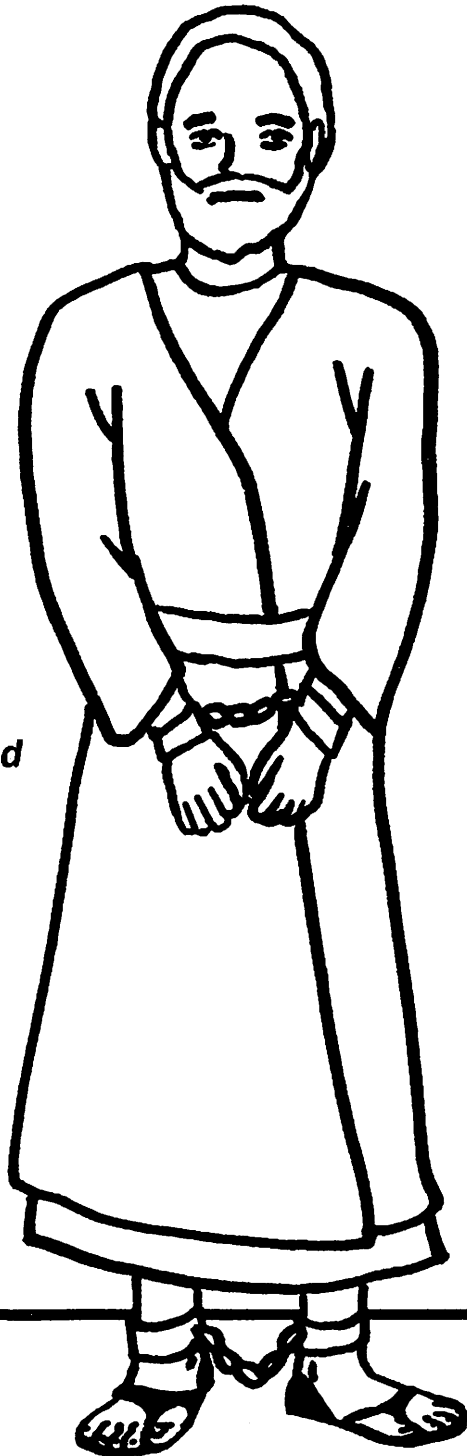
Make a slash over all of the Gs, Js, and Zs. Write down the letters that are left to find out what the verse is.

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JSJTRZGJOJGYZGEZZD

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

a b c d e f g h i j

***“... took him, and
commanded him
to be bound with
two chains ...”
Acts 21:33***



At the End of the Vacation (Continued)

It was a warm summer morning when Grandpa's station wagon rolled into the camp where the Miles family had set up their tent by Lake Tenkiller. Connie sat up in the back seat of the car. She was so glad to see her family, but she was so weak that she just climbed out of the car and went right to a recliner lawn chair.

"We are so happy you were able to come for this weekend, Honey. We have been earnestly praying for you, and we thank Grandma for helping you," said Mama.

"Yes, Grandma really did give me good care," said Connie. "I appreciated all the prayers and everyone's help when I was so tired and weak. I hope to get better now. It is not fun to be sick."

"I think it would be," said Cindy. "You get so much attention and everything brought to you in bed—that should be fun."

Connie smiled at her little sister. "No, you don't get potato chips and pop brought to you. You have to eat sick people's food like chicken noodle soup, jello, orange juice, and other liquids like that."

"I like chicken noodle soup," said Cindy. "but I wouldn't want it every day."

"I know I wouldn't like it every day," said Lonnie. "I like fried chicken better. Mama has been cooking some really good meals on the camp stove. You have been missing a lot of fun."

"I know I have," sighed Connie. "I am glad you all have been having fun and eating well."

Connie liked to listen to the adults talk. Mama and Grandma made delicious food on the propane cook stove. They used the spices and tools stored in the big blue cabinet that Daddy had made for Mama's cooking supplies. The front of the cabinet opened out to make a work top to prepare food upon.

Connie watched Mama and Grandma work while she laid in the

recliner. The warm breeze relaxed her into sleep, but she woke up with the delicious smell of grilled hamburgers tempting her nose. She enjoyed eating the little that her tummy would hold.

With help, Connie walked with the family down to the water's edge, and waded into the lake.

That evening, after another good meal, Daddy pumped up the kerosene lantern and Mama opened up the book she had been reading to all the family at night. The family told her and their grandparents about the story so everyone would know what was happening.

Connie laid back in the recliner as she heard Mama's smooth voice read into the story separate tones for each character. She thanked the Lord for healing her and for her loving family that cared for her even when she was not able to care for herself.

No one knew what kind of sickness Connie had, but she always wondered if it was because of this little tick that had bitten her a few days before she had the fever. She never told anyone because she did not want to worry her family about it.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Question:

1. Why did some Jews not like Paul?
2. What place did Paul go to visit?
3. What city was Paul staying in?
4. What did the crowd want to do to Paul?
5. Who heard about the uproar?
6. What was happening when the soldiers got there?
7. What did the crowd do when the soldiers came?
8. What happened to Paul?

Answers: 1. They thought he was teaching against the law. 2. The temple. 3. Jerusalem. 4. Kill him. 5. The captain of the soldiers. 6. They were beating Paul. 7. Ran. 8. He was bound & questioned by the captain.

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Paul's Testimony

Paul was taken prisoner by the captain of the soldiers after an angry mob forced him out of the temple and began beating him. He had chains binding him together.

"Who is this?" the captain asked the crowd. "What has this man done?"

By this time, the crowd was a confusing mass. Some people in the crowd shouted one thing, and some shouted another. The captain could not figure out what the people were trying to say. "Take this man to the castle," the captain commanded his soldiers.

The crowd followed the procession crying, "Away with him!"

Before Paul started up the steps that lead up to the castle, he asked, "May I say a few words?" The captain agreed. Paul motioned for quiet, and the crowd grew silent, waiting to hear what he had to say.

Paul spoke to the crowd in Hebrew. "I am a Jew from Tarsus," Paul explained. "I sat at the feet of a Jewish teacher and learned the laws of our fathers. I practiced the laws and persecuted people who did not obey the laws. Christian men and women were killed. I took Christians to prison. I was sent to Damascus. I was supposed to bring back any Christians there to Jerusalem for their punishment. I was almost to Damascus when a light from heaven shone around me. I fell to the ground. A voice asked me why I persecuted him. The voice identified Himself as Jesus of Nazareth and told me to go to Damascus to wait for further instructions."

Paul went on to tell of his blindness and his healing. He told of his calling to preach to the Gentiles. The crowd listened to his words. Then they lifted their voices and cried, "Away with such a person. He is not fit to live." The people took their coats off and threw dirt up in the air. They brought Paul into the castle.

—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.

"And they _____ him by the
(overcame/overthrew)

_____ of the _____, and
(sacrifice/blood) (goat/Lamb)

the word of their _____;
(testimony/vow)

and they _____ their lives
(loved not/despised not)

unto the _____."
(death/life)

Revelation 12:11

*"And they gave him audience
unto this word, and then lifted
up their voices . . ." Acts 22:22*



Looking at Band Instruments

(Continued)

The letter was addressed to Miss Connie Miles. It was concerning the band program offered to students entering the sixth grade. A salesman from Sharp & Nichols Music Company would be offering musical instruments for sale. Any sixth grader who would like to learn to play a band instrument was invited to come to the sale.

"Oh, Mama, can we go and buy one?" asked Connie with excitement dancing in her heart. She had always wanted to play an instrument, piano, or something, but Daddy did not like to hear the practicing. He played a guitar by ear and did not have to practice music to play a song—he just strummed along—but a piano? When Connie would ask for a piano, Daddy would say, "When you learn to play one, I will get you one." Rather impossible to learn to play a piano without one to practice upon, so she never did get a piano.

"Oh, I want to play an instrument so badly!" pleaded Connie. "I could practice before Daddy comes home from work. I will save up the money I make at the Print Shop and pay Daddy back if he will only buy me an instrument to play."

"You know how he feels about a piano in the house. I don't think he will accept a band instrument, either. We can talk it over with Daddy," agreed Mama in a quiet voice. Connie could tell she did not think Daddy would buy her any instrument.

Connie went to her bedroom, and shut the door. She needed to pray about this. "Oh, Lord," she prayed. "I really want to learn more about music and how to play it. Please help daddy to let me have an instrument."

Connie pleaded with Daddy, and finally he agreed to go to the sale just to check out the prices. She was so excited when she walked into the

gym where all sorts of instruments in open cases were laid out on tables. Four men were playing scales on different instruments so parents and students could hear what they sounded like.

Finally, a salesman came toward her parents. "Have you been helped yet?" he asked. "I see your daughter is excited about the instruments. What are you considering?"

"We don't know," replied Daddy. "We are just looking."

Connie wasn't just looking! "What about this little instrument?" she asked picking up the smallest case on the table. Surely it would be the cheapest one to buy.

"That is a flute," replied the salesman. "We are letting parents lease to purchase used instruments like this flute to see if the student wants to continue playing."

Daddy talked with the salesman and agreed to lease the flute for the coming school term. Connie was so happy as she carried that little case to their car!

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What confused the captain?
2. Where were the soldiers taking Paul?
3. What did the crowd want them to do to Paul?
4. What did Paul ask the captain?
5. Where was Paul from?
6. What things did Paul say to the people?
7. What was the crowd's reaction to the words?
8. What did the people throw in the air?

Answers: 1. Different answers coming from different parts of the crowd. 2. A castle. 3. Kill him. 4. To be able to say a few words. 5. Tarsus. 6. Various answers apply. 7. They were angry. 8. Dirt.

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A Courageous Nephew

The chief captain commanded his soldiers to take Paul to the castle for a beating. He thought that if Paul was beaten, it would make him weak enough to confess anything he had done wrong. While the soldiers were preparing Paul for his beating, Paul spoke to one of the centurions nearby.

"Isn't it against the law to beat a Roman citizen who has not been found guilty?" Paul asked him. When the centurion told the chief captain that Paul was a Roman citizen, Paul was released and taken before some of the Jews that had accused him of false teachings.

"I have a good conscience before God," Paul told the Jews. He felt a stinging across his mouth. The high priest had commanded one of the Jews to strike him.

"God will deal with you," Paul proclaimed. "It is against the law for you to hit me."

"Are you rebuking the high priest?" they asked Paul. Paul saw that there were some Sadducees and some Pharisees in the group, and he informed them that he was a Pharisee. The Pharisees thought there was no evil in Paul, and that an angel may have spoken to him. The Sadducees did not believe in angels or spirits. The crowd was divided by two different opinions. The chief captain was afraid that Paul would be pulled to pieces by the confused and fighting group of religious leaders.

That night, the Lord appeared to Paul and encouraged Paul to tell his testimony. The next day, over forty Jews met to conspire against Paul. They decided they would not eat or drink until Paul was killed.

They were going to ask the chief captain to bring Paul over for questioning and then planned to kill Paul. Paul's nephew heard of their evil scheme. He went to the castle and told Paul about it. Paul sent him to tell the chief captain, who listened carefully to his words. The soldiers moved Paul to a safe place.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Mistaken Identity 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.

SADDUCEES,
PHARISEES,
TESTIMONY,

FIGHTING,
NEPHEW,
KILL,

CASTLE,
CAPTAIN,
SAFE,

CITIZEN,
SCHEME,
PAUL,

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

*“... when Paul’s sister’s son heard of their lying
in wait, he went and entered into the castle,
and told Paul.” Acts 23:16*



Getting a Sound Out (Continued)

On the first day of sixth grade, Connie could hardly wait until band class time. She had taken her flute out of the case, put it together according to the book, and had tried to play it at home, but she could not get a sound out of it. She was anxious to learn how to make even a noise with it.

Home room was her first class of the day. Mrs. Strong was her home-room teacher, and she let the children know she had strong rules in her class. There was science, math, P.E. and music. The band students were asked to bring their instruments to the auditorium stage at Banner School. That was to be their classroom.

Mr. Johnson was the band director. He had the chairs with name cards on them curved into four rows. Connie found her name card on the front row right in front of the director's stand. That was a little scary to her. Now the director would hear every note she did or did not play! What if she never could get a musical sound out of the flute?

First he talked to all of them about respecting their instruments and how to care for them. There were shiny brass coronets and brass trombones with long slides. They have a round mouth piece that the lips buzz into to make sounds.

The big brass saxophones curve up and then down and up again into a bell shape. It has lots of key covers. The black wooden clarinets and black wooden oboes are held straight down so the fingers can circle over the round key holes. The saxophones and clarinets have a slim, wooden reed under the mouth piece that vibrates when the tongue loosens or tightens on it, making a sound. The bassoon looks like a long straight stick with a steel tube going to the mouth of the player. The oboe and bassoon have thin hollow reeds for a mouth piece.

The flute was different from all of them. The mouth piece had an oval,

hollow place for her to blow into. When Mr. Johnson showed her and the other three flutists how to blow, he explained it to them like this:

"First, hold the flute out to your right like this. Put your mouth over the hole and kiss the other side of the hole. Now keep your mouth in the same shape of the kiss, roll the flute away from your lips, and blow across like you do blowing across a pop bottle top."

Connie followed Mr. Johnson's instructions, and sure enough—she made a sound! It wasn't very musical, but it was a pretty sound to her! Mr. Johnson showed them how to clean their instruments after playing because they do get spit in them. That was the end of the first day of band, but Connie was anxious to learn more.

That night before Daddy came home from work, she showed Mama and her brothers and sister how she could blow on the flute. "I have to kiss it first," she told them. "Mr. Johnson said so and then keep the kiss to blow out of. Isn't that romantic!"

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did the chief order Paul beaten?
2. Why was it illegal for Paul to be beaten?
3. Who was Paul taken to?
4. What kind of conscience did Paul say he had?
5. What two different kinds of Jews were there?
6. Who encouraged Paul in prison?
7. How many Jews decided to kill Paul?
8. Who heard about the Jews idea?

Answers: 1. So Paul would confess. 2. He was a Roman & hadn't had a trial. 3. The Jews who accused him. 4. A good one before God. 5. Sadducees and Pharisees. 6. God. 7. Forty. 8. Paul's nephew.

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Smuggled out of Jerusalem

When the chief captain heard of the Jews' plan to kill Paul, he called two centurions to talk with him. Two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen were prepared for the task of taking Paul out of Jerusalem. The chief captain wrote a letter to the governor of Caesarea. The letter explained who Paul was and why he was coming. The governor's name was Felix.

Paul had been in Caesarea for five days when Ananias, the high priest, and several other religious leaders came to visit Felix. One of the visitors was a speaker named Tertullus. He accused Paul of spreading bad ideas to the Jews and causing problems. He said that Paul was the leader of a bad group of people. The Jews listened, agreeing with what Tertullus was telling the governor.

The governor called Paul in to speak with him. Paul told the governor about the angry crowd that found him in the temple at Jerusalem and accused him of doing bad things. Paul told the governor that he had done nothing wrong. He was wrongly accused.

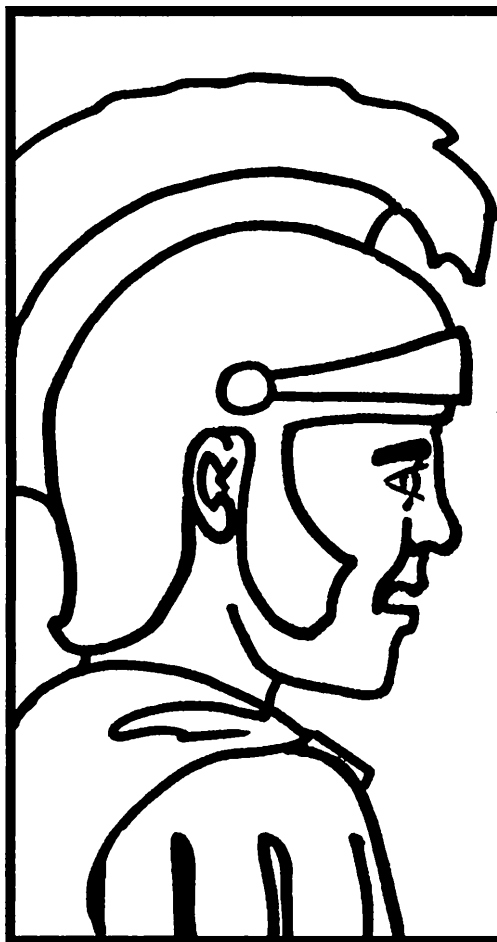
When Felix heard Paul's words, he decided to call the chief captain down to hear his side of the story. Paul was placed under house arrest. He was free to leave the prison, but he had a guard with him at all times and was not allowed to have any visitors.

Paul was able to witness to Felix and his wife. Felix paid attention to Paul and he trembled, but Felix continued to hold Paul under house arrest to make the Jews happy. Felix would have turned Paul loose if someone had offered money for Paul's release. But after two years, Paul was still a prisoner.

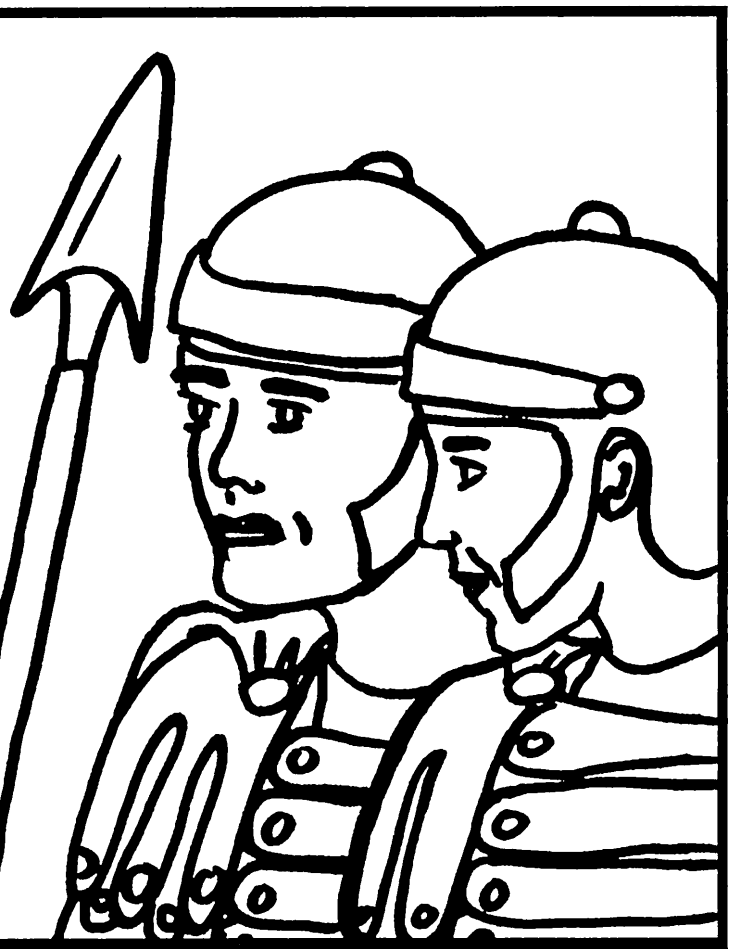
—Sis. Monica Murphey

True Vs. False

1. Horsemen, soldiers, and spearmen were prepared to take Paul out of Jerusalem. True False
2. The chief captain wrote a letter to the governor of Caesarea. True False
3. The governor's name was Philip. True False
4. Tertullus tried to influence the governor that Paul wasn't a good man. True False
5. Paul told the governor that he was wrongly accused. True False
6. The governor called the chief priest to tell his side of the story. True False
7. Paul was put under house arrest. True False
8. Paul was able to witness to Felix and his wife. True False
9. Felix kept Paul under house arrest to cause a riot among the Christians. True False
10. Paul was under house arrest for two years. True False



*“... Make ready
two hundred
soldiers
to go to
Caesarea ...”
Acts 23:23*



Winning at Tether Ball

(Continued)

On the playground at Banner School there were two tether ball rings set up for the students to play during recess. This was a new game to them so Mrs. Groom, the P.E. teacher explained it to them.

The tall metal pole that looked like a flag pole had a rope tied at the top, and the rope hung down to arm's length. Thus the name: tether ball because the ball was fastened securely on to the rope which was fastened onto the pole top. The circle around the pole went around the pole and was as big around as the tether ball would go. The circle was divided into half. Each player had to stay on their side of the half, within the circle, and hit the ball when the other player hit it back. The object of the game was to wrap the rope around the pole in your direction while keeping the other person from wrapping it in his direction. It was a very active game once the serve was made. Neither player could hold the ball, pull the rope, or touch the pole. Those in line waiting their turn were quick to call: Hold! Rope! Or Pole! If any of these things were done.

Connie learned to play tether ball and enjoyed it. She was able to win several rounds in a row, which meant she had to beat each new player that came in. Often she would be tired and breathless when the bell would ring for recess to end. Sometimes when you win games, you make friends; and sometimes, you make enemies.

One day after recess when they were running to the back door of the school, a girl said, "Connie, you would be able to jump in tether ball so much better if you would wear pants. Why do you always wear granny skirts that are so long?"

Another girl with her giggled and glanced at Connie. Connie felt a flash of warmth go over her face. She had noticed these two girls watching her and whispering behind their hands which Mama had told her was rude to do.

"Well, I guess ole granny can't talk either," said the first girl to the other as both girls laughed and went inside the hall. Connie tried to forget what they said, but it did hurt.

The next day when she was playing tether ball, the first girl called out, "Go, granny, go!" when she was about to hit the ball. This of course distracted her and she almost missed the ball. Some of the students laughed which made the girl call to Connie again.

Connie could feel a warm anger boiling inside. She felt like hitting the girl with the ball, but it could not swing out of the circle. She thought of calling the girl a bad name, too, but Mama had told her name calling back only made you look worse than the first person calling names. She certainly did not want to look worse than that girl!

She did think of praying, but she didn't know if God would care to help her. After all, she wasn't saved from sin and doing right herself. What should she do?

"Granny won again!" called the girl when Connie won another round. How am I going to stop this pesky girl? thought Connie.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the chief captain plan to do?
2. What did the chief captain prepare for the governor?
3. What was the governor's name?
4. Who came to visit Felix?
5. What did they have to say about Paul?
6. Who did Paul get to witness to?
7. Why did Felix continue to hold Paul prisoner?
8. How long was Paul held prisoner?

Answers: 1. Take Paul to a safe place. 2. A letter. 3. Felix. 4. Religious leaders. 5. Bad things. 6. Felix and his wife. 7. To make the Jews happy. 8. Two years.

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Paul Before Festus

Paul still had little freedom and was waiting for Felix, the governor of Caesarea to make a decision in his behalf. After two years of imprisonment, a new governor replaced Felix. His name was Festus.

Festus had only been in his new position for three days when he had a visitor. His visitor was the Jewish high priest, who told Festus all of the grief Paul was causing the Jews. The high priest wanted Festus to send Paul to Jerusalem so they could make plans to kill Paul there. Festus refused the high priest's request and stated that Paul was going to stay in Caesarea. Felix decided to go ahead and take care of the matter.

More than a week later, Paul found himself summoned to see the new governor. Festus was sitting on the judgment seat. The Jews who had accused him stood around the room. They told Festus all of the complaints against Paul.

"I have done nothing against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple. I have not done anything against Caesar," Paul protested his innocence.

"Will you go to Jerusalem and let me decide whether you are guilty of these things or not?" Festus asked.

"I ought to be judged by Caesar," Paul suggested. "If I have done something worthy of death, I will not refuse to die. I would like my case to be brought before Caesar."

"You would like to have your case appealed before Caesar? Then to Caesar you will go," Felix decided.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

I Spy Places Paul Visited on His First and Second Missionary Journeys

Color the names of the places that Paul visited. Antioch, Seleucia, Cyprus, Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Pisidian, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Attalia, Syrian, Cilicia, Galatia, Phrygia, Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Jerusalem. These are the places Paul visited that are mentioned in the Bible. Copy their names onto the lines below.

Bethlehem	Assyria	Colossians	Phrygia	Zechariah
Judea	Perga	Mordecai	Elisha	Athens
Antioch	Jeremiah	Exodus	Traos	Philemon
Bethany	Judas	Daniel	Timothy	Athens
Seleucia	Pisidian	Persia	Zaccheus	Felix
Egypt	Nineveh	Derbe	Philippi	Jonah
Cyprus	Ephesians	Herod	Michael	Eleazar
Salamis	Isaiah	Japser	Stephen	Corinth
John	Caleb	Saul	Thessalonica	Isaiah
Nahum	Iconium	Attalia	Judah	Ephesus
Job	Andrew	Cilicia	Ecclesiastes	Obadiah
Paphos	Philippians	Alexander	Jerusalem	Amos
Psalms	Lystra	Syrian	Thomas	Berea
Uz	Hosea	Galatia	Bartholomew	Canaan

***“... and the next day
sitting on the judgment seat
commanded Paul to be brought.”***

Acts 25:6



Stopping the Name Calling (Continued)

Tether ball was a fun game and Connie played it well, but these two girls were calling her names and making her wins feel more like losses instead.

"Granny in the long dress won again!" this girl would call out and some of the students would laugh.

She realized they were doing so because they wanted her out of the game, but she did not know how to politely stop them. She had not talked to Mama about this girl because she knew Mama would want her to be patient, pray and show them kindness, and Connie did not want to do that. She wanted to hit them, but she knew that was against the school rules.

Connie brought sack lunches to school because Mama packed better lunches than the school lunch food. A new boy in her grade liked to eat his sack lunch by Connie. He had bright red hair and brown freckles, which everyone noticed right away. Wade and Connie would visit, and sometimes she gave Wade something from her lunch that she could not eat. He was very polite and a good student. He also played the coronet in band. All this added up to make him seem rather special to Connie.

"Looks like you have another good lunch today," said Wade as he put his lunch sack on the table across from Connie and climbed over the bench to sit down.

"Sure do," replied Connie. "Do you want this apple? I know I can't eat it and this fruit cup also."

"Thanks," said Wade, reaching over to take the apple. "You are such a nice girl even if you do wear long dresses."

"Give me back the apple," said Connie reaching across the table. "Are you friends with those bad mouth girls?"

"Hey," said Wade with a grin. "I was only teasing. You don't like them calling you that?"

"Do you want someone calling you Blaze or Hot Head or some other rude name?" asked Connie.

"No, sorry. I guess I wasn't thinking," said Wade as he opened his lunch sack.

"Well, since you apologized, you can have the apple back," said Connie, placing it back by his sack.

"If you don't like them calling you that, why don't you tell them so," said Wade. "That's what I do... Give the dude a push or two and he gets the message that you are serious."

Connie was quiet a minute. "I do better at just hitting someone, but that causes a fight."

"Let me handle this for you, sister," said Wade. "I will get those girls to leave you alone."

"Okay with me!" said Connie. She hadn't prayed about this matter, but maybe this was the Lord's answer without her getting into trouble.

True to his word, Wade told those pesky girls to stop calling her names. They listened to him and Connie did not have any more trouble with them that year. The Lord was merciful even though she hadn't asked for His help.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What happened after Paul's two years of imprisonment?
2. Who was Festus' visitor?
3. What did the high priest tell Festus?
4. Who called for Paul to come and visit him?
5. Where was Festus sitting when Paul came?
6. Who was in the room besides Festus?
7. Did Paul say anything in his own defense?
8. Who did Paul say should judge his case?

Answers: 1. A new governor took Felix's place. 2. The Jewish high priest. 3. All of the complaints against Paul. 4. Festus. 5. In the judgement seat. 6. The Jews who accused him. 7. Yes. 8. Caesar.

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Festus and King Agrippa

A few days following Paul's meeting with Festus, two dignified visitors came to Caesarea to greet Festus. One of these visitors was King Herod Agrippa. Festus' other visitor was Bernice. King Agrippa had been there for many days when Festus told the king about his dilemma concerning Paul.

"There is a man here that Felix imprisoned. I was in Jerusalem when the Jewish chief priest came to me asking me to find him guilty of their accusations," Festus said.

"I told them that it was Paul's right as a Roman citizen to meet with his accusers face to face. When they came, I sat on the judgment seat and sent for the prisoner.

"The Jews did not ask Paul about the things they talked to me about, but instead asked Paul questions about religion. They asked Paul if a man named Jesus was dead. Paul said that he was alive.

"I asked Paul if he would go to Jerusalem to be judged about this. Paul wanted to appeal his case to Caesar." As Festus explained the situation, King Agrippa listened carefully.

"I would like to hear the man for myself," King Agrippa commented. "Tomorrow," Festus said. "You will hear him." The next day, King Agrippa and Bernice came into the place of the hearing. The chief captains and the important men of the city were there already. At Festus' command, Paul was brought forward.

"King Agrippa and all men who are here with us, you see this man," Festus intoned. "A multitude of Jews have come to me complaining about him, here and in Jerusalem, saying that he should be killed. I found out that he has done nothing worthy of death, and should be able to appeal to Augustus Caesar. I have decided to send Paul to him. However, I am not sure what to write to him, so I have brought him before you, especially King Agrippa, so that he can help me decide what to write to the emperor."

—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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th__ngs w__rk t__g__th__r

f__r g____d t__ th__m

th__t l__v__ G__d, t__

th__m wh__ __r__ th__

c__ll__d __cc__rd__ng t__

H__s p__rp__s__."

Romans 8:28



***“And on the morrow, when
Agrippa was come . . . at
Festus’ commandment
Paul was brought forth.”
Acts 25:23***



Talking About Band (Continued)

Connie was learning how to play the flute. At the supper table she was full of stories about band practice.

"Mr. Johnson has the flute players take a breathing break more often than the other players, she said in an important voice. "The flute may be small but it takes more wind to play than the big trombone."

"Sounds like you got the right instrument to play," said Don. "You're the windiest person in the sixth grade."

The family laughed and Connie tapped her brother's arm. "THAT wasn't funny," she said.

"My mouth has helped you out of a lot of trouble, boy," she replied lightly. "You better watch it or my mouth may get you into trouble."

"Your mouth gets you and me both into trouble more than out of it," teased Don. "You need to use it for eating. You haven't even finished your green beans and Lonnie is on his second helping."

"Better get to eating on that lake of mashed potatoes and gravy," said Cindy. "I don't like cold mashed potatoes."

"I don't either," said Connie as she stuck her fork into the middle of the lake. "Well, at least I did my practicing on the flute before Daddy came home. He hasn't had to hear me practice yet!"

"So one out of twenty has after school peace," teased Don. "All the rest of us and the neighbors have to endure it. You need to get a muffler for that thing or we are liable to have the police at the door looking for the flute player disturbing the peace."

"I'm tired of hearing a squeaky Mary Had a Little Lamb. Can't a flute play anything else?" said Lonnie.

"It's not the flute but the player," replied Don. "She's stuck."

"Okay, you guys," said Connie. "I am just learning. Mr. Johnson thinks I am doing very well. He likes to see my practice card."

"I don't mind hearing you practice," said Mama quietly. "I think you are doing very well, too. You have been playing new scales and learning new fingering for more notes so I can see progress."

Daddy smiled. "I'm glad to know you are making progress," he said. "I don't want to hear your progress, but I am glad to know about it."

"We will be working on Christmas music before long," said Connie. "I think we will play it for the sixth grade and for parents who want to come and hear it."

"Well, I do want to hear it," said Mama. "Grandma Miles will want to come, too, I am sure."

"Okay," said Connie very pleased that she had an audience anxious to hear the band. "Too bad it will be during school time, Don, because that means you won't get to come."

"Ah, that is really disappointing to my heart," replied Don, shutting his eyes and doing a flop over the back of his chair. What fun they had around the supper table!

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What visitors came to Festus?
2. What dilemma did Festus explain to the king?
3. Did King Agrippa listen to Festus' story?
4. What did King Agrippa decide he would like to do?
5. Who came to the place of the hearing?
6. Who did Festus command to be brought?
7. Where did Festus decide Paul should be sent?
8. What was Festus' problem?

Answers: 1. King Agrippa and Bernice. 2. Paul's imprisonment. 3. Yes. 4. Listen to Paul's story. 5. King Agrippa, Bernice, chief captains and important men. 6. Paul. 7. Caesar. 8. He did not know what to write to Caesar.

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Almost Persuaded

Paul was brought before Festus, the governor of Caesarea, and King Agrippa so King Agrippa could hear his story. Festus introduced Paul to King Agrippa and told King Agrippa the complaints that had been registered against Paul. "You are allowed to speak in your own defense," King Agrippa told Paul.

Paul stretched his hand forward. "I am happy to be able to answer all of the accusations made by these Jews," he answered. "I know you are an expert in all of the Jewish customs and questions."

Paul told of his early childhood and how he had learning about the Jewish religion. He told King Agrippa about his persecution of the Christian people. He described the voice that convicted him to stop his evil ways on his journey to Damascus. He explained how this experience taught him how great God is.

"Since then, I obeyed the voice of God and told the people in many different cities that they should repent and turn to the Lord," Paul told King Agrippa. "It was because I taught these things that the Jews have complained about me and would like to kill me. I am still able to witness because of Christ's help. The only things I am preaching is that Christ has raised from the dead and will show light to the Jews and the Gentiles."

"Paul, you are upset," Festus cried in a loud voice. "You have learned too much. It has made you crazy."

"I am not crazy," Paul returned. "I speak words of truth. The king knows that this happened."

"You have almost persuaded me to be a Christian," King Agrippa said to Paul.

The king stood abruptly. Festus and Bernice sat with him and discussed the situation. "Paul has done nothing worthy of imprisonment or death," they decided. "This man might have been set free, if he had not wanted to take his case before Caesar," King Agrippa informed Festus.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Hidden Bible Verse

Make a slash over all of the Qs, Ws, and Vs. Write down the letters that are left to find out what the verse is.

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AQWVIVWQDVUWNVTQOWPQWVAQWUQWVWLWV
AWLQMVOQVSVTQTWHQWVOVWVUQWWPWVEVW
QRVWWSQVVUQVWAWVQDVWEQWSVTQWVMVWWEQ
VVTQWQOVWVBQWQEQQVVAWQWWCVVHQRWVWQ
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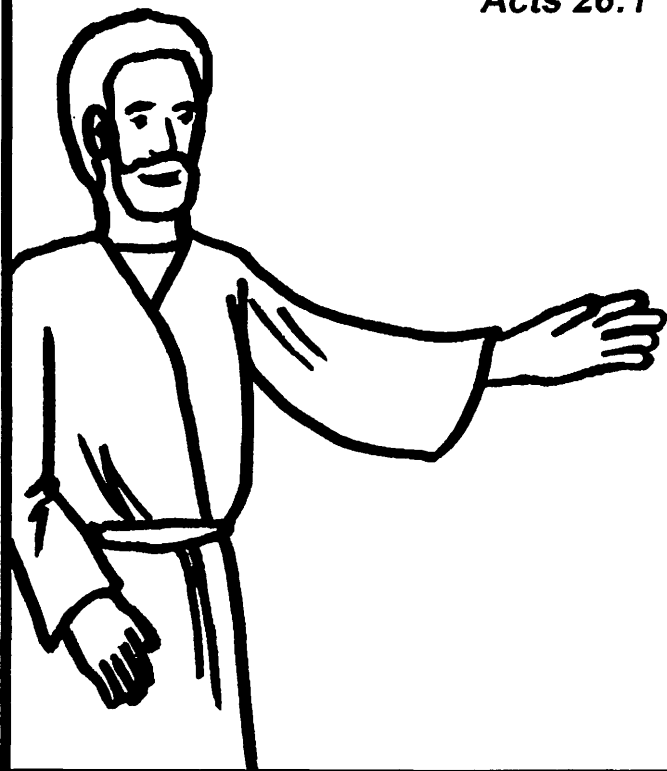
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Acts 26:28

***"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou
art permitted to speak for thyself . . ."***
Acts 26:1



Duty as a Big Sister

(Continued)

Because of school district rules, all the children of one grade went to classes in the same building. There were several school buildings in Guthrie scattered from east, west, north and south. That meant that Connie went to Banner, Don to Fogarty, Cindy to Central, and Lonnie to Cottrell.

Every morning Mama would make their breakfast, pack their lunches, pray with them and send them out the door by 7:15. They had to walk 12 blocks to Fogarty where Don went into class. Then Connie would watch for the bus that took Cindy to Central. After she helped Cindy on the right bus, then she took Lonnie with her because they went to the west side of town.

Lonnie was very shy and he liked to hold her hand and sit close beside her on the ride across town. She would tell Lonnie words of encouragement and sing Bible songs to keep him cheerful. She worried about him when the bus stopped at Banner before Cottrell, because he looked so little and scared sitting on that big bus seat alone. *Oh, Lord, please protect him, she prayed as she climbed off the bus.*

Then in the afternoon, Connie would climb on the same bus and there five seats down on the right side was Lonnie. Same seat as in the morning. His eyes lit up as he saw Connie coming. She sat down beside him and he reached over for her hand.

"Did you have a good day at school?" she asked him. He nodded. "Did you learn anything new?" He nodded. "What was it?" He shrugged. "A lot of things."

Then Keith turned around in his seat and joined into the conversation. "You sure do have a cute baby brother," he told Connie. "I have two little brothers and a couple little sisters so I know what little kids are like."

"That's nice," said Connie politely.

"Then I have three older sisters

and four older brothers," continued Keith.

"My goodness!" exclaimed Connie. "You have a lot of birthday parties at your house! That's how many children?"

"There's twelve of us all together," said Keith.

"That is a lot of brothers and sisters for you to take care of," said Connie thoughtfully. "I only have two brothers and a sister and that is enough for me to keep up with."

"My big sisters try to keep up with me, too," said Keith. "They can be really bossy sometimes."

"It isn't being bossy," said Connie. "It is watching out for the younger ones. I use to pray for a big brother to take care of me, but I never got one. I remember teenagers picking on me and I don't want any one bothering my brothers and sister like they did me."

"I read you," said Keith with a smile. "I think you're a groovy big sis!"

"Thanks, Keith," said Connie. "I want to be."

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did Agrippa allow Paul to do?
2. What events did Paul tell the king about?
3. Who did Paul say helped him witness?
4. What were some of the things Paul said he preached about?
5. What did Festus think was wrong with Paul?
6. What was King Agrippa almost persuaded to do?
7. Did they decide Paul was innocent?
8. Why wasn't Paul set free?

Answers: 1. Tell his story. 2. Answers will vary. 3. God. 4. Answers will vary. 5. He had learned too much. 6. Become a Christian. 7. Yes. 8. He wanted to go to Caesar.

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PAUL SAILS TOWARD ROME

Paul boarded the ship which would take him on the first part of his journey to Rome. As they headed out to sea, Paul saw his homeland for the last time. Never again would he return to the country of Judea.

Paul was not the only prisoner on board. At Caesarea he and several others had been given over to the Roman captain, Julius. Festus ordered Julius and his men to take the prisoners safely to Rome and deliver them to Caesar. Two of Paul's friends sailed with him, Luke and Aristarchus.

The next day the ship stopped at Sidon. By this time Paul had already won the respect of the Roman officer and was given permission to go ashore to visit his friends. Paul, his two friends and a soldier guard went ashore to visit the Christians at Sidon.

The ship docked at Myra. This was its last stop. The Roman captain had to find another ship. He soon found one ready to sail for Italy so he ordered the soldiers and their prisoners on board. It set sail and soon they were back in the great Mediterranean Sea.

But sailing was not good. Strong winds from the wrong direction swept down on the ship. The passengers were glad when they managed to get into the harbor Fair Havens.

Winter was coming on and sailing was already dangerous. But the captain was eager to get back to Rome, and the owner of the ship was willing to sail on.

Paul knew it was foolish to venture on. "Sirs," he warned them. "I know that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage. We must not sail now."

—Sis. Nelda Sorrell

Mistaken Identity 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.

CAESAREA	JULIUS	ITALY	SHIP
PRISONER	JUDEA	SIDON	ROME
FRIENDS	FESTUS	WINDS	MYRA

1. SUPITALYHBRD
2. LRIOEFRIENDS
3. WINDSRKMBFCI
4. WQXCAESAREAP
5. JNBSHIPYRASZ
6. TVCKIHFESTUS
7. MYRADFGGBVILP
8. XOLJGJUDEAKX
9. BINMROMETYWZ
10. LMPRISONERWQ
11. HGFIUYSIDONP
12. KMNHJULIUSDI



**“...They delivered Paul and certain other prisoners
unto one named Julius...” Acts 27:1**



First Aid

(Continued)

"Okay, sixth graders," Mrs. Groom began. "We are going to have some lessons in first aid. All of you should have bought a green book like this," she held up a First Aid for Beginners book. "We are going to break into little groups and practice doing first aid techniques on each other."

Everyone groaned. Who wanted to be practiced on?

"Oh, it isn't that bad," said Mrs. Groom. "You will be glad for this info if you ever have an emergency," Mrs. Groom proceeded to divide the class into groups, then she began illustrating with a student what to do for certain problems.

Through the weeks of the course, they learned many useful things. It was good information, but Connie realized she did not like the sight of blood. It made her panic inside.

At the end of the course, Mrs. Groom had a surprise for them. "Today, we are going to watch a film," she said. "In this film there will be different emergencies shown, and how treatment was properly given. Now I will tell you ahead of time that we will be watching some bloody scenes. I have asked permission to show this film, and it was approved. I should hope all of you are grown up enough to see this without talking or acting out."

Amurmur of agreement arose from the students. Connie groaned inside. She would just shut her eyes during those scenes, she thought. Well, she tried to shut her eyes, but she heard the commotion and then would see the trauma and the call for help and all the excitement was too much to miss and so she did see a lot of the film and before she knew it her head was feeling very light and she began to feel dizzy and before she could stop the feelings she fell out of her chair and onto the floor in a heap. In the distance, she heard her classmates scream.

Mrs. Groom turned off the film and rushed to Connie's side. "Stay

back, class," she said. "Connie has just fainted. She needs air. Now this is a good time to learn how to help a victim who has fainted. Someone get me the pillow over there; quick! And, Diane, you fan her gently by her face. Let me lift her back up and let's put the pillow under her. The idea is to get blood circulating back into her head. A fainted victim needs air, sometimes pure oxygen, and better circulation to the brain."

Faintly, Connie could hear Mrs. Groom and her classmates, but she felt too weak to respond. She was cold and clammy. She shivered.

"Did you see her shiver," said Mrs. Groom. "We need a light cover over the trunk of her body."

In a few minutes, she was able to get up, but Mrs. Groom had her sit in a chair with her head down for five minutes. Diane had to sit on the floor beside her chair and watch her. "Don't faint again," whispered Diane.

"Believe me, I don't want to ever, again!" whispered Connie. "I don't like being the victim!" She did become somewhat famous as the fainting sixth grader, but it was embarrassing.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where was Paul going?
2. Who was Julius?
3. How many friends sailed with Paul?
4. Who won the respect of the Roman officer?
5. Who did they visit at Sidon?
6. Why was sailing not good?
7. What harbor did they manage to get to?
8. Who was eager to get back to Rome?
9. Who warned them not to sail?

Answers: 1. To Rome. 2. The Roman captain. 3. Two. 4. Paul. 5. The Christians. 6. There were strong winds from the wrong direction. 7. Fair Havens. 8. The captain. 9. Paul.

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A Storm at Sea

After Festus decided that Paul's case should be appealed before Caesar, Paul and several other prisoners were placed on a ship bound for Italy. One of Caesar Augustus's own centurions named Julius was in charge of the prisoners.

The ship sailed slowly, stopping at different sea ports. At one city, the prisoners were transported to another ship. They sailed for many days when a strong billowing wind made sailing very difficult. The sailors began to get worried.

"If we continue on this voyage," Paul warned, "You will cause a lot of damage. If you continue on, it will be at the cost of our lives."

However, the centurion listened more closely to the advice of the captain of the ship, who decided to continue on their journey.

Not long after this, big, black clouds began covering the sky. The waves became tall and threatening. One of the waves caught the ship in its treacherous grasp and drove the ship towards the shores of a nearby island. The island was called Claudia. If a ship does not land properly, much damage can be done to it and the passengers sailing on it. The sailors began making preparations for such a landing. Three days later, the storm was still raging on. The sun had not appeared. Paul had stayed quiet after his advice had been ignored. Now, he decided to speak up.

"If you would have listened to me, you would not have suffered such harm and loss," Paul rebuked. "Be of good cheer. Although the ship will eventually be lost, no person on board will lose his life. An angel came to me and told me these things. We will be cast upon an island."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Word Search

CLOUDS	STORM	PAUL	SHIP
CAPTAIN	CAESAR	LAND	SEA
VOYAGE	WAVES	ANGEL	WIND
ISLAND	SHORE	FESTUS	SAILOR

M N T W I N D C P I S E A

C A E S A R W E T S O C P

F E S T U S A M P L P A L

Q V P A U L V G H A B E M

S T O R E C E P A N G E L

H E Y Y J P S C L D U D S

I C F U A G C L O U D S A

P L A N D G S T O R M C A

S H O R E C E S A I L O R

K I T V C A P T A I N F B

Grandpa Eck in His Rocker

(Continued)

On the farm at Covington, Connie, Donnie, Lonnie and Cindy loved to hear Grandpa Eck tell stories of his childhood. After a big supper of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, homemade hot rolls and fresh apple pie, they would gather around in the dining room. Grandpa sat in a wooden rocker that had a special squeak when he tipped it back and forth.

"Tell us about when you were a little boy, Grandpa," Connie asked as she knelt down on the worn linoleum floor by Grandpa's rocker. "Did you ever know your grandpa and grandma?"

"No, my mother's mother lived with us until she died," replied Grandpa, "but I was born a few months after my grandmother passed away. My mother's daddy had died several years earlier. Then my daddy's parents lived a long ways from us so I never got to be with my grandparents."

"They lived on a farm and worked hard like you do, didn't they?" Connie asked, wanting more of the story.

"Yes, I should say they worked hard," sighed Grandpa as he shook his balding head that still held gray hair over his ears and around the back side. "They came to America from Russia, but they were German by birth. They came over on a steamer ship called 'Vaterland'. A group of 115 Mennonite families crossed the Atlantic Ocean together, seeking freedom to worship God. They wanted land to farm and raise their families in peace."

"That was a long time ago, wasn't it?" Connie asked. They were all gathered around to hear Grandpa's story.

"Yes, they said good-bye to their loved ones in Russia and left in No-

vember, 1874," continued Grandpa. "It was hard because they did not have phones or other ways to communicate so the good-byes were said with lots of tears. Never again did they see the ones left behind in Russia. My family were hard working farmers and improved the land everywhere they lived in the Old World and in the New."

The children giggled. "What do you mean, 'the Old World and the New?'" asked Connie.

"Ah, at home when I was a boy we often heard about the Old World meaning the countries across the Atlantic Ocean," explained Grandpa. "Would you like to hear their story about crossing the Ocean?"

"Yes!" exclaimed all the children.

"A lot of bad changes in the Old World caused my grandparents to leave everything behind. They loved the Lord more than what they owned and we must be that same way, too," said Grandpa.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where was the ship going?
2. Who was in charge of the prisoners?
3. What made the sailors worry at first?
4. What did Paul warn them not to do?
5. What did Paul say would happen if they did?
6. What kind of weather came up after this?
7. Who came and told Paul what would happen?
8. Where did Paul say they would wind up?

Answers: 1. Italy. 2. Julius. 3. Strong winds. 4. Continue on. 5. Damage. 6. A bad storm. 7. An angel. 8. An island.

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Shipwreck!

Paul and other prisoners were on a ship headed for Italy. The ship was being turned and tossed about by a ferocious storm. Paul tried to comfort the passengers and sailors. "An angel came to me in the night," Paul informed the others. "He told me not to be afraid. We will land on an island."

Fourteen nights of rolling waves and strong winds passed. The sailors thought the boat was close to some land. It was night time and so hard to see any distance away! They were afraid the ship would be tossed into some rocks on the shore and wrecked. The sailors threw out the ship's anchors. There were four of them. Oh, how they wished for daybreak! The sailors were so afraid they were about to jump out of the boat onto a smaller boat they had lowered into the water. "...Except these abide in the ship ye cannot be saved," Paul declared to the centurion and soldiers.

The sailors cut the ropes to the boat and let the boat fall away from the ship. Paul advised everyone to eat. The people had not eaten since the storm had started. Paul was worried about their health. Paul took some bread, thanked God for it and began to eat in front of everyone on the ship. They were comforted a little and began eating themselves. After their impromptu dinner, they began throwing things off of the ship to make it weigh less.

It was morning. They still had not reached land. The sailors led the ship to a creek that came off of the sea to the shores of the island. They ran up against the shore and the ship was broken into pieces. "We should kill the prisoners," one of the soldiers suggested. "What difference will it make if they are dead? If they get away we will be punished." The centurion hated to see Paul killed, so he did not ask the soldiers to kill anyone. Instead, he told them to swim to the land. The rest held on to boards and broken pieces of the ship and were able to make it to the shore. All two hundred and seventy-six people that had been on board the ship were still alive!

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Fill in the Blank

1. An _____ told Paul not to be afraid.
2. The storm lasted _____ nights.
3. The sailors threw out _____ of the ship's _____.
4. Paul told the sailors, "If you stay on the ship, your _____ will be saved."
5. The people hadn't _____ since the storm started.
6. Paul thanked God and began eating some _____.
7. The sailors led the ship to a _____.
8. The sailors wanted to _____ the prisoners.
9. The centurion told them all to _____ for land.
10. All _____ people that were on board the ship made it safely to the island.

Ancestors in the Old World

(Continued)

Grandpa Waldo Eck leaned forward in his rocking chair and looked at his four grandchildren. "My grandparents were all Germans who were born in Russia. My mother's parents lived in a little village called Antanofka. The Russians liked the Germans to improve their land. They made a profit from my grandparents by charging fifty percent tax on their income. It wasn't fair, but because our family was thrifty with their money, they were able to keep food on the table, their little house and enough clothing to stay warm in the cold winters."

"What does thrifty mean?" asked Donnie.

"Careful with their money in how they spent it, and they did not waste things but invented useful things with what they had on hand," answered Grandpa.

"Like when you made that potato digger out of an old plow and pieces of metal," said Donnie.

"Yes," nodded Grandpa. "Anyway, word reached my grandparents that the Russian government was going to close down the German schools that were teaching children about Jesus. That was what had happened to their grandparents in Holland. The German Mennonites were God-fearing, honest people, but they could not obey laws that stopped them from teaching their children about Jesus. The Old World governments were rejecting Jesus Christ and so their laws were harming Christians."

"Why were they called Mennonites?" asked Connie.

"They were following the teachings of a man named Menno Simons. He was born four years after Christopher Columbus discovered the New World. So when was that?" asked Grandpa enjoying his story telling.

"In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue," quoted Connie from a poem she had learned.

"So while in Spain Queen Isabella was hearing from Columbus about his discoveries, your ancestors were hearing Menno Simons preach. He left the Catholic teachings and taught from the Bible that men and women must confess their sins to Jesus, repent and have His saving blood wash away their sins. Then they were baptized to let the world know they were born again Christians."

"Oh, I've seen people be baptized before!" said Lonnie. "They get dunked all the way into the water by a preacher. It's neat!"

Giggling, all the children agreed, but Grandpa's sober quietness caused them to listen. "Baptism is not to be taken lightly," said Grandpa. "Many people lost their lives because they would not baptize babies like the Catholics wanted. They were called Anabaptists, meaning, Not baptized. Our family suffered much because they believed and lived the Truth. Like I said, they worked hard and obeyed the laws of the land they lived in, they paid heavy taxes that weren't fair, but they obeyed Jesus Christ before the Government."

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What kind of weather was going on?
2. Who came in the night to visit Paul?
3. How many nights did the storm last?
4. What were the sailors afraid of?
5. What were the sailors about to do?
6. What did Paul say about their lives?
7. Did Paul's prediction come true?
8. How many people were on the ship?

Answers: 1. A storm. 2. An angel. 3. 14. 4. Shipwreck. 5. Leave the ship. 6. They would be spared if they stayed on the ship. 7. Yes. 8. 276.



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Snakebite!

Paul and his shipwrecked companions found themselves stranded on the island of Melita. The people on the island kindly accepted Paul and the others. They built a fire and gave the poor passengers shelter from the rain and cold.

Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and placed them on the fire when a snake rose up out of the flame. The snake clamped his teeth onto Paul's hand with a strong hold. The people of the island saw that it was a very poisonous snake.

"This man must be a murderer. Even though he escaped from the sea, it must be that he is not worthy to live," the people murmured to each other.

Paul shook the snake off of his hand. It fell into the fire. The islanders stared at Paul, expecting his hand to have swollen at best, or for Paul to fall down dead at worst. After they watched for a long time, they saw that nothing bad was going to happen to him.

"He must be a god!" the people decided.

The leader of the island lived nearby. His name was Publius. He let Paul and his friends stay with him for three days. Then Publius took Paul to see his father, who lay sick with a bad fever. Paul came in and prayed for him. Publius's father was healed!

After hearing about this, others came with their sick loved ones, who were all healed. Paul and his companions were honored by the people and supplied with all of their needs for their journey to Italy. Once again, Paul was on a ship bound for Italy. They sailed on, stopping at a few cities. Some fellow believers lived in one of the cities. They came from far away to greet Paul. They were greatly encouraged to see Paul once again.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

True/False

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| 1. Paul and his companions were shipwrecked on the island of Publius. | True | False |
| 2. The people on the island provided them with shelter. | True | False |
| 3. Paul was helping build the fire when he was bitten by a spider. | True | False |
| 4. The people of the island knew the spider wasn't poisonous. | True | False |
| 5. Everyone thought Paul would die or that his hand would swell. | True | False |
| 6. They thought Paul must have done something terrible to deserve that. | True | False |
| 7. When nothing happened to Paul, the people thought he was a god. | True | False |
| 8. The leader of the island was jealous of Paul. | True | False |
| 9. Publius invited Paul to stay with him. | True | False |
| 10. Publius' uncle was very sick. | True | False |
| 11. When Paul prayed, Publius' father was healed. | True | False |
| 12. Many people brought their sick friends and family members to Paul. | True | False |
| 13. Finally, Paul left on a ship bound for Spain. | True | False |
| 14. Fellow believers from Italy came many miles to see Paul. | True | False |
| 15. They were encouraged to see Paul again. | True | False |

Leaving All Behind for Jesus

(Continued)

"So our ancestors were Mennonites because they believed the teachings of Menno Simons?" Connie asked Grandpa who was in his rocking chair telling his four grandchildren family history.

"Yes, that is the label they had," replied Grandpa. "At the time they were reading the Great Bible and doing all they could to please God. Because they were prosperous, governments were jealous of them. Laws would be made to tax them and they would obey these laws, but when the government wanted to stop them from teaching their children about Jesus Christ, then they would not obey the government. You see, they wanted their children to know how to be saved and live right just like your parents want you to learn what is right."

"Yeah, we go to church every time the doors are open, Mama says," commented Cindy.

"It's a wonderful privilege to worship God in freedom and in Truth," agreed Grandpa. "Many of your family members came searching for this freedom and found it here in America. It was not easy for them."

Grandpa rocked back and forth a moment in his rocking chair. "When my grandparents left Antanofka, Russia, they had to leave behind everything they owned. They had farmed the land and made it better, so when the Russian government heard that they were leaving, the government put the property titles under the control of the rough Bohemians who forced the Mennonites off the land. They owned the buildings and livestock, but because the land was not in their name, the Bohemians would not give them very much money for any of it. Some things they had to just leave behind."

"Oh, that was mean of the Russians!" exclaimed Connie. "They

should have been punished!"

Grandpa shook his head. "There are many wrongs done to good people, but we Christians have a hope of a better life in Heaven. Don't forget that, children. Life is not always fair, but give your heart to Jesus and trust Him. There is hope in Jesus who is the Way to Heaven. Your great-great grandparents were willing to leave nearly everything behind just so they could tell their children, and grandchildren, about the hope in Jesus. They would be so glad to know that you all are going to church and learning about Jesus."

"Maybe some day we can meet them in Heaven and thank them," said Connie. Heaven did not seem so mysterious when she thought about having great-grandparents there. She remembered Great-Grandpa Dan Eck. One time on the Guthrie campground, he had given her a silver dollar for picking up stray paper and putting it into the trash can.

Yes, at twenty-one years old, she would give her heart to Jesus like she had promised to do in third grade. Then she would meet all her family in Heaven some day.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What island was Paul on?
2. Were the people there kind?
3. What came up out of the fire?
4. What did the people think would happen to Paul?
5. Who did the people decide Paul was?
6. Who did Paul stay with?
7. Who got well from a sickness?
8. Who came from far away to greet Paul?

Answers: 1. Melita. 2. Yes. 3. A snake. 4. He would die. 5. A god. 6. Publius. 7. Publius's father. 8. Some fellow believers from Italy.

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Paul In Rome

When the ship carrying Paul on his long voyage finally arrived in Rome, the prisoners were all handed over to the captain of the guard that was stationed there. Paul was allowed to stay by himself, but a soldier guarded him at all times. He was under house arrest.

Three days after Paul's ship had landed in Rome, Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. "I have done nothing against the people or our customs," Paul explained. "But I was taken prisoner in Jerusalem and placed into the hands of the Romans. The Romans would have let me go. They saw that I had done nothing deserving of death. The Jews thought I should remain a prisoner, so I decided I wanted my case brought before Caesar."

"We have not received any letters from Judea about you," the Jews replied. "We want to know what you think about the Christians. They are badly spoken of everywhere."

They made an appointment with Paul. Many Jews came to Paul's home on the appointed day to hear what Paul had to say about the Christians. Paul was able to give his testimony and tell the Jews about the kingdom of God. Some of the Jews heard and believed Paul's words but some did not.

Paul saw that the Jews were confused. "The Holy Ghost spoke well through the prophet Isaiah. He said, 'Go to these people and tell them that after they have heard, they will not understand. What they see, they will see and ignore. The heart of the people is deteriorating and their ears are hard of hearing. They have closed their eyes so they cannot see. I should heal them. But God's salvation will be sent among the Gentiles. They will hear it.'"

The Jews all left after hearing these words. They could not agree on what they believed.

Paul stayed in this home for two years. He was able to preach the gospel to many people. Paul wrote many letters to churches during the different times he was imprisoned. Many of these letters are now books in the New Testament of the Bible. —Sis. Monica Murphey

For the Love of Their Children

(Continued)

"My mother told her children different things about her family's voyage over the Atlantic Ocean," continued Grandpa Eck.

"Did SHE remember the trip?" asked Connie.

"No, she was not born yet," replied Grandpa. "My mother, Ida Becker, was the youngest of 19 children. Mother heard from her family about their sufferings on the trip and my older brothers and sisters remember Grandma Becker when she lived at our house in her older age. Grandma Becker died a few months before I was born. I'm the seventh child of 17 children, so my mother had lots of babies, too."

"Gracious! That was a lot of babies to hold!" exclaimed Cindy.

"Well, they were not all babies at once," said Grandpa with a smile. "Every baby was wanted and loved very much. When crossing the Atlantic Ocean, their older daughter, Caroline, became sick. Her parents took the best care of her that they could, and they prayed for her, but Jesus took her soul to Heaven. My mother said it really broke her mother's heart when her sweet little girl's body was lowered into the ocean because they could not keep it on board."

"Oh, that is so sad!" exclaimed Connie. Donnie, Lonnie and Cindy agreed.

Grandpa continued, "Later my grandparents had another little girl whom they named Caroline. She did not live very long, either. Then they named another girl Caroline, and she died, too. That maybe why my parents named one of my sisters, Carolina."

"Did she live?" asked Donnie.

"Yes, she is still living today," replied Grandpa. "My sister Carolina is a few years older than me. She married and had five children of her own."

"Oh, I remember Aunt Carolina," said Connie. "She plays the autoharp or the tambourines at the Eck family reunions."

"Yes, she can play an accordion and self-created instruments," said Grandpa. "God gives everyone of us a special talent. No matter how many children are in a family, each one has a special gift that only that child can give."

"You can play the guitar, harmonica, and autoharp," said Lonnie. "I like to hear you sing and play."

Donnie yawned. "Are we going to let Grandpa finish his story before we have to leave?" he asked. "I want to know about the trip on the ship."

"Alright," continued Grandpa, "my family left Russia on the steamer 'Vaterland' in November of 1874. The water was rough and this German steamer lost the use of one propeller blade early in the voyage, and about halfway through, another blade was lost. They finally reached American land on December 4, 1874. On Christmas day, they were in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. All the 700 Mennonites gave thanks to God for sparing their lives, but they were too poor to have any Christmas gifts for each other."

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Were any restrictions put on Paul when he got to Rome?
2. Who did Paul call together to speak to?
3. What did the Jews want Paul to tell them about?
4. Was Paul able to give his testimony to the Jews?
5. How did the Jews take Paul's message?
6. Who did Isaiah say would hear God's salvation?
7. How many years did Paul stay here?
8. What happened to some of the letters Paul wrote?

Answers: 1. A soldier watched him at all times. 2. The Jewish leaders in Rome. 3. The Christian beliefs. 4. Yes. 5. They were confused. 6. The Gentiles. 7. Two years. 8. They are books in the New Testament.

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Newness of Life

The Apostle Paul wrote many letters to churches in different cities. One of the books of the Bible is a letter Paul wrote to a Church in Rome. This book of the Bible is called Romans. In his letter to the Romans, Paul talks a lot about sin.

Sin began in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve disobeyed God. God created Adam first, and then God created a woman to be a helpmeet for Adam. Her name was Eve. God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden. God visited with them. They were allowed access to all of the beautiful things in the garden and could eat from every tree except for one. God placed a tree in the middle of the garden called the "Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil". God told Adam and Eve not to touch the fruit on this tree or they would die. A serpent appeared to Eve and tempted her with the fruit from this tree. "If you eat the fruit from this tree, you will not die. God knows that if you eat the fruit, your eyes will be opened and you will be as smart as gods," the serpent informed Eve. Eve ate the apple and offered the fruit to her husband. God banished the two from the beautiful garden when He found out about their sin. No longer did they have visits from God. Spiritually speaking, they were dead.

James explains that sin happens if we know to do something good and do not do it. John says that sin is disobeying the laws of God. He also says that all unrighteousness, or things that are not of God, is sin.

Ever since Eve ate the apple, everyone has sin in their lives, Paul told the Romans. However, Paul explains that once we accept God's free gift of salvation, we need to change our lives. Jesus died because of the death that we deserve because of our sins.

"Shall we continue in sin?" Paul asks. "God forbid. Our old body is crucified with him, so the old body of sin should be destroyed. From now on, we should not sin," Paul explains. "We should walk in newness of life."

—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.

“Cr _ _ t _ _ n _ m _

_ _ cl _ _ n _ h _ _ r t,

_ _ G _ _ d; _ _ n d

r _ _ n _ _ w _ _ r _ _ ght

sp _ _ r _ _ t w _ _ th _ _ n _ m _ .”

Psalms 51:10

Hidden Seeds of Gold

(Continued)

"Daddy, the children are getting tired," said Grandma Eck to her husband. "You need to hurry with your story telling."

Grandpa was rocking in his chair a moment as he remembered stories from his childhood.

"No, we aren't tired," said Connie quickly as she glanced around at her two brothers and sister. "We want to hear all the story. This is Friday night and we don't have to go to school in the morning."

"Alright," said Grandpa as he stopped rocking and leaned forward. "Let me tell you how they brought their seed over for crops. Like I said, the Russians took everything they could from the Mennonites before they left their farms, but the fathers knew that they needed good seed to plant better crops in America. So they had their wives sew big pockets in their pants, and the women sewed big pockets in their petticoats under their long skirts. Then they filled these pockets with wheat seed, barley seed and corn seed so they would have seeds to plant in the New World."

"That was heavy to walk with!" exclaimed Donnie. "Did they sleep with all that weight, too?"

"Oh, yes," said Grandpa. "They treasured that seed because they knew it would make them needed crops in a few months."

"It makes me itchy thinking about it," said Connie.

"Didn't they take baths?" asked Lonnie.

"They probably did not have a place to take a good bath," replied Grandpa. "The seed was like money or gold to them. If the authorities would have seen them leaving with seeds, they probably would have taken it from them. In this way, no one knew they had it hidden."

"They didn't have suitcases or purses?" asked Cindy. "Nobody is supposed to look in a lady's purse."

"No, they were so poor they had

only one small trunk and mostly baby clothes in it. They did not like to take charity, but a Christian group called the Pennsylvania Aid Committee helped them to buy steamer tickets and later the train tickets to go farther west. They repaid the money when they had earned it later. On December 27, 1874, the Mennonites were in St. Louis, Missouri, ready to cross the great Mississippi River. It was a cold, snow-blizzard day of 12 below zero, but the group was determined to settle down in a house for the winter."

"They didn't have hotels like we have today, did they?" asked Connie.

"No hotels," agreed Grandpa. "They had to count on American Christians to help them, including translating English into German."

"They didn't speak English?" gasped Connie. "How did they know where to get off the train or how to buy something?"

"People were nice to help them," said Grandpa again. "Remember the two greatest commandments?"

The children repeated after him, "Love the Lord thy God with all your heart, soul, mind and spirit, and love your neighbor as yourself."

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who wrote the book of Romans?
2. When did sin begin?
3. What two people did God create first?
4. Where did Adam and Eve live at first?
5. Who tempted Eve to do wrong?
6. What should happen to us because of our sins?
7. What is one definition of sin?
8. "We should walk in _____ of life."

Answers: 1. Paul. 2. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God. 3. Adam and Eve. 4. The garden of Eden. 5. The serpent. 6. Death. 7. Answers will vary. See paragraph 3. 8. Newness.

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The Necessary Ingredient

Paul wrote several letters to the Church in the city of Corinth. One of these letters is a book of the Bible called First Corinthians. One whole chapter, chapter 13, in the book of Corinthians is about charity. Charity has been described as love. Many people believe that it is God's love plus our love.

"If I were the smartest, the strongest, or most religious person on earth, but did not have charity, I am nothing," Paul tells the Church in Corinth. "If I gave all of my things to feed the poor, or let my body be burned for a good cause but did not have charity, I am nothing."

Paul went on to describe different characteristics of charity. "Charity is long suffering, and is kind," Paul explains. "It does not put itself up over others. It is not vain. It does not behave badly towards others. It is not easily angry. It thinks no evil."

"Charity is not selfish. Charity only rejoices to hear truth. It believes all good things about others, it endures all things. Prophecies and knowledge will be forgotten, but charity will never fail."

Other books of the Bible mention love. Matthew mentions that we should love our neighbor "as ourselves." Jesus says that all men will know that we are His disciples if we "have love one to another."

In a letter in the book of Ephesians, Paul tells us we should "walk in love." He also mentions that, as representatives of the body of Christ on earth, we should "speak the truth in love." In the book of First Peter, we are told to love one another with a "pure heart."

In the book of Galatians, love is mentioned as one of the ingredients that should appear when we have the Holy Spirit in our lives.

At the end of Paul's chapter about charity, Paul says that out of faith, hope, and charity, the greatest is charity.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Hidden Bible Verse

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

LXAJLXNXXXDLJNJLJOWJXXALLLBJXJIDXLJEXX
TJLJJHXJFLAXIJJTLJHXHXJLOJXLPLLEXXCJLX
HXLJLAXJJRLJXXXILTJYXJXJTLLJHJXXEXJLJX
SETXHJRLJXEJJJELBJXUXJLTJJTXLHJEGLJXJL
RJEJLJAXTJLXEXLSJTXOLFXJLTJLXJLXHXEJ
SEJXXILXLSJCXXHLLARXJLILLTXXLlyJJXLJX

God Is Our refuge

(Continued)

"Jacob and Sarah Becker, my grandparents, settled east of Hutchinson near Halstead, Kansas," continued Grandpa Eck on his family history story. "The first winter for them and the other Mennonite settlers was very hard. They struggled to stay warm and have enough food for everyone. It may not have been as bad for them as the first pilgrims, who settled in Plymouth in 1620, but they did not know English and had to learn a new culture."

"No one helped them?" asked Connie.

"Yes, other Christian groups helped them find places to sleep. Some families lived in discarded railroad cars for the first winter. It was all strange and they missed their loved ones in Russia."

"And they did not have telephones," said Lonnie sadly.

"No, they could not call and they were too poor to telegraph so they had to depend on God," replied Grandpa. "They were pilgrims and strangers seeking a place to live in peace and worship the Lord."

"Sounds like the Thanksgiving story, alright," said Connie. "The first American pilgrims were cold and many died, too. God helped them through their first winter so that's why they had a Thanksgiving with the Indians. Did our family have a week of Thanksgiving like the Pilgrims and Indians did?"

"Maybe," said Grandpa. "They did not have many Indians in the area, but they were very thankful when Spring time came and they could plant their seeds. The Lord was with them and He helped them through this hard time in their lives. Remember, the Lord is always a present help in time of trouble."

"That is a Bible verse!" said Donnie, then he quoted: "God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble. Psalm 46:1."

"Very good!" exclaimed Grandpa. "Because your forefathers left all behind and moved to a country where they had the freedom to teach their children about God, you are privileged to know and live by that verse. He surely helped our family because they left behind a lot of sorrow they did not know was about to happen."

"What kind of sorrow?" asked Lonnie.

"The Mennonites who stayed in Russia were told to recant and leave Jesus," replied Grandpa. "They would not forsake Jesus who had given them such a hope and peace within. This made the non-Christian leaders very angry. The Mennonites were robbed, beaten, mistreated and killed just because they believed in Jesus and loved Him. Many were sent to concentration camps where they slowly starved or froze to death."

"That is terrible!" said Connie. She did not like people hurting others.

"It was terrible," agreed Grandpa. "Our ancestors came to America and endured hardships for awhile, but soon they were able to buy land and live better. Freedom to worship God without laws interfering is a wonderful thing."

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who wrote the book of I Corinthians?
2. What is one chapter in I Corinthians about?
3. What does charity mean?
4. Charity thinks no ____.
5. Charity only rejoices to hear the ____.
6. We should love our neighbor as ____.
7. We should walk in ____.
8. Which is the greatest: faith, hope, or charity?

Answers: 1. Paul. 2. Charity. 3. God's love plus our love. 4. Evil. 5. Truth. 6. Ourselves. 7. Love. 8. Charity.

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Seasoned with Salt

"You should always use grace in your speech. It should be seasoned with salt, so that you will know how to answer every man," Paul writes in a letter in the book of Colossians.

There are many things written in the Bible about pleasant words. "Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones," one Proverb writer says. Another place in the book of Proverbs tells us that a word spoken at the right time is like "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

The Bible gives us instructions about talking of things of God. "Teach them to your children," the writer of the book of Deuteronomy explains. "Talk about them when you are sitting in your house, when you walk, when you lie down, and when you wake up."

James writes a lot about the tongue. "It is only a small part of our body," James says. "But it can do the most damage to ourselves and others. A little fire can do a lot of damage. The tongue is like a fire. No man can tame the tongue. It is full of deadly poison. A wise man will show his wisdom through good conversation."

The Bible says that we should speak evil to no one, but that we should be gentle. A writer in Proverbs says that a soft answer turns away anger, but grievous words stir up anger. James says that we should speak no evil about each other. Peter writes that we should stop all evil speaking.

In the book of Proverbs, the writer mentions seven things that the Lord hates. Three of them have to do with speaking. The first one is a lying tongue. Another thing the writer says the Lord hates is a false witness that spreads lies. Last, the writer mentions the Lord hates a person that spreads discord among others.

Jesus himself warns us to be careful of our words. "Everyone will be judged by every word they have spoken on the day of judgment," Jesus cautions.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Seasoned With Salt Word Sort

Compliments
A soft answer
Telling the truth
Telling bad jokes
Giving a testimony
Sharing the Gospel

Lying
Gossip
Prayer
Cursing
Sarcasm
Criticism

Good Words

Evil Words

Planting the Saved Seeds

(Continued)

"My grandparents were wise in bringing their own wheat, corn and barley seeds to the New World," continued Grandpa Eck as he tipped forward in his rocking chair before his grandchildren who were sitting on the floor around him.

"Through the Santa Fe Railroad company, they bought land for \$3.50 to \$5 an acre, and the terms were very agreeable; they did not have to pay any money down, no taxes nor interest for two years. The Kansas Aid Committee loaned them \$200 per family. With it they had to build a house, a barn, buy oxen, a plow, milk cow and whatever else needed to keep a family alive."

"Wow! That was cheap land, wasn't it?" exclaimed Donnie.

"Yes, it was but if you don't have two pennies rubbing together in your pocket, it seems like a fortune. But our family was very thrifty..."

"...which means, careful with their money in how they spent it, and they did not waste things but invented useful things with what they had on hand," repeated Connie.

"Yes," said Grandpa. "Of course they did not have to buy crop seed because they had brought the best with them over the Atlantic Ocean. They plowed and tilled the hard grassy prairie land, taking out the grass roots. They dug wells and watered the ground with a watering system they had used in the Old World. They planted the good seeds they had saved, and God blessed their hard labor."

"It is hot work to plant a garden," said Cindy with a sigh. "I would never want to plant a big field."

"It was work and all the children helped," said Grandpa. "The hard work paid off at harvest time. They were able to sell good wheat, barley, and corn and pay back the Santa Fe Company and the Kansas Aid Committee. Again our quiet, peaceable forefathers were content and profited from their labors. They built schools

and church houses. It was like a Thanksgiving spread every Sunday with dinner on the grounds at the meeting house."

"Did you ever go to church in a wagon pulled by horses?" asked Lonnie.

"Oh, yes," nodded Grandpa rubbing his hand over his balding head. "We had good horses that were gentle most of the time."

"Does some of our family still ride mostly in wagons and horses?" asked Connie. "I would like to go to a family reunion with them some time."

"Well, we will have a Becker family reunion next autumn," said Grandpa. "I plan on going and would love for all of you to come. Your parents have nearly a whole year to plan and get ready to go."

"Oh, can we go, Daddy?" asked the four children, jumping up from the half circle they had formed around Grandpa's chair.

"I don't know," said Daddy and Mama said, "Right now it is time to go home."

"Let's have prayer before you all leave," said Grandpa, and they did.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What should our speech be seasoned with?
2. What are pleasant words like?
3. When should we discuss the things of God?
4. The tongue is like a _____.
5. How can a wise man show his wisdom?
6. Should we speak evil to any one?
7. What kind of answer turns away anger?
8. What will we be judged by on the judgement day?

Answers: 1. Salt. 2. Honeycomb. 3. Anytime. (See para. 3.) 4. Fire. 5. Through good conversation. 6. No. 7. A soft one. 8. Every word we have spoken.

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Strangers and Pilgrims

One of the chapters in the book of Hebrews talks about faith. No one is exactly sure who wrote the book of Hebrews, although many people think Paul is the writer. "Faith," the writer says, "Is knowing of things that we hope for and proving things we cannot see. By faith, we understand that the worlds were made. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. We must first believe that God is and that He will reward those who seek Him with their whole hearts.

"By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice to God than Cain did. He was righteous and is still spoken of even though he is dead.

"By faith Enoch was not found after he died because God took him up to heaven. The testimony Enoch left behind is that he pleased God.

"By faith Noah was warned by God of the coming rains, which had never been seen. He went on and built an ark, which was able to save his family.

"By faith Abraham obeyed God when God told him to move to a different place where he would receive an inheritance. He left, not knowing where he was going.

"He lived in the land of promise, in a strange country. He looked for a city whose builder was God.

"By faith Sarah had the strength to have a child when she was old. Sarah knew God would be faithful to His promise.

"Many people were born from Abraham's seed. These all died in faith. They had not received all of the spiritual promises we have through Jesus, but they had a vision of what was to come and knew that they were only strangers and pilgrims on the earth. We can tell that the ones who say these things are looking for a heavenly country. God is not ashamed to be their God, because he has prepared a city for them."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Find the Missing Words

Hebrews 11:6

But without _____ it is
love/faith

_____ to _____
impossible/hard please/displease

Him, for he that _____ to God
leaveth/cometh

must _____ that He _____
know/believe is/is not

and *that* He is a _____
teacher/rewarder

of them that _____
diligently/half-heartedly

seek Him.

Grandma's Thanksgiving

(Continued)

Connie loved the smells of Thanksgiving dinner! Grandma Miles had baked a big turkey to a golden brown. Its basting aroma welcomed the Vernon Miles family at her door along with the cinnamon-nutmeg-clove spice of pumpkin pies mingled with the nutty fragrance of whole wheat bread baking in the oven.

"Hi, Grandma! We're here!" Connie and her two brothers and sister poured through the entrance hall and right into the kitchen where they knew Grandma would be.

"Oh, I am so happy to see you!" Grandma greeted them as she turned from her stove top to give each of them a kiss on the top of their heads while her hands salted boiling potatoes. She was in her usual leaf green apron with two big pockets.

"Oh, son, would you please cut the turkey for me?" she asked Connie's daddy. "I need the broth to make gravy."

"What can I do to help?" asked Mama.

"Well, Bertha, if you would please finish these potatoes. I just salted them but please season them as your family likes them. I did make some macaroni and cheese for Lonnie. I remembered his request."

"Oh, he gets enough to eat without you making something special for him," said Mama as she got butter out of the refrigerator.

"Connie, help me with this turkey," said Daddy as he put on potholder mitts. "Hold onto the lid while I tip the pan and we drain off some broth for Grandma's gravy. We'll pour it into this pan."

Connie obeyed. Then she and Donnie watched Daddy who cut the turkey into neat slices with an electric knife. They helped him cover up the painted turkey on the big platter with warm moist pieces of real turkey.

Lonnie and Cindy put potholders on the table that Grandma had set the night before with her best China

plates and crystal glasses on her sunny yellow tablecloth. In the center of the table was a ring of flowers with tall orange candles that glowed brightly over the table.

The green beans seasoned with bacon and onion, the buttered corn, the creamy mashed potatoes were each put into serving bowls and set on the potholders on the table along with the basket of freshly sliced bread and butter. Once the gravy was thickened and put in a gravy boat, and the turkey platter was placed on the table, the family gathered around and sat down to eat.

Grandma wanted each one to tell what they were thankful for before prayer. Connie remembered Grandpa Eck's story about how their family had struggled to come to America to worship God. She said she was thankful for freedom in America and that her grandparents had come to America.

During the dinner, Connie asked Grandma, "Did your grandparents come to America to worship God?" She wanted to hear another story and she was sure Grandma would tell them one.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How can we understand the worlds that were made?
2. Who offered a better sacrifice to God than Cain?
3. Who left behind a testimony that he pleased God?
4. Who built an ark and saved his family?
5. What did God tell Abraham to do?
6. What kind of a city did Abraham look for?
7. What did Sarah know about God?
8. What kind of country are the faithful looking for?

Answers: 1. By faith. 2. Abel. 3. Enoch. 4. Noah. 5. Move. 6. One whose builder and maker is God. 7. He would be faithful to His promise. 8. A heavenly one.



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Without Ceasing

Prayer is a way we can talk with God. The Lord Jesus left us an example of how to pray. "Teach us to pray," the disciples asked Jesus. "You should pray this way," Jesus responded. "Our Father, who is in Heaven, Hallowed is your name. Let your kingdom come. Let your will be done on earth like it is in heaven. Give us our daily bread. Forgive us of our sins, as we forgive the ones who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but save us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

The Bible tells us when we should pray. "Pray without ceasing," Paul writes. Another place says to seek the Lord continually.

"If there is anyone sick around you, call for the elders of the church," James instructs. "Let them pray for him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will heal him. Pray one for another so that you will be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous man will accomplish many things."

"Elijah was a man like we are," James goes on to say. "He prayed hard that it would not rain. It did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again and it rained."

We should also pray when we are tempted. "Watch and pray," Jesus told his disciples, "that you would not give in to temptation. Our spirits may want to do the right thing, but our flesh is weak."

God will always hear our prayers. One writer tells us that if the righteous cry, the Lord will hear them and deliver them from their troubles.

If we do not know what to pray, Paul writes, the Holy Spirit will understand. He also writes that Jesus is sitting at the right hand of God, hearing our prayers and making intercession for us.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Bible Drill!

Whoever finds all of the verses and writes them down first is the winner!

Romans 8:26 _____

James 5:13 _____

Psalms 50:15 _____

Psalms 86:7 _____

1 Thessalonians 5:17 _____

Grandma's Thanksgiving

(continued)

The Miles family were sitting around the table when Connie asked Grandma Marie Miles to tell about her grandparents.

"I never knew any of my grandparents," said Grandma. "They lived too far away from us to visit, and they died when I was very young. I remember my mother, Mary Ann Pruitt, visiting her grandmother who had raised her.

"You see, my mother was six years old when her mother died from tuberculosis. She had two little brothers, James who was four and George who was almost two when their mother died. It was very sad for them and for their daddy. Grandmother Venrick took her young grandchildren into her home and when their daddy saw that his wife's parents were able to care for his children, he left and they never saw him again. My mother often wondered where her father was and if he knew Jesus."

"That was sad," said Cindy. "Did her grandpa love her?"

"No, she said her grandfather resented having little children in his home and he did not speak to them very much. He was the county judge and busy with affairs in Walnut, Kansas where they lived. They had a big nice house with lovely flower beds, Mama said. Her grandmother was very strict and expected children to obey. Mama said Grandmother was sad a lot because all three of her children had died."

"What?" questioned Donnie. "Whose children?"

"My great-grandmother, Grandma Venrick and her husband, George, had three children," said Grandma. "The oldest daughter, Dora, died when she was nineteen years old; James, their youngest child, died at the age of twenty. When their middle daughter died at the age of twenty-six, it made the parents bitter toward God. All their children had died, and they had three little grandchildren to raise. The grief was hard for my great-grandparents to overcome."

"Didn't they know Jesus?" asked Cindy.

"Not as a personal friend," said her grandma. "They knew about Him, but my mother said her grandparents did not pray or read the Bible like they could have done. So their grandchildren did not know too much about the Lord."

"No wonder they were sad," said Connie, thoughtfully. "They did not know for sure if their children were in heaven."

"My mother had to commit all that to the mercy of God, and so do we," said Grandma. "We don't know the hearts of men and women, but God does and He judges right. I am thankful that my parents had a good testimony of salvation before they left this earth. That is a great comfort to me."

"So tell us more about your parents?" questioned Connie.

"My papa said that they learned many things from the School of Hard Knocks," said Grandma with a smile.

"What does that mean?" asked Donnie

"Well, let me tell you," replied Grandma.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What is prayer?
2. Who left us an example of a prayer?
3. Pray without _____.
4. Who should we call when we are sick?
5. What did James say the elders should do for the sick?
6. Why did Jesus say we should watch and pray?
7. When will God hear our prayers?
8. Who makes intercession for us?

Answers: 1. Talking with God. 2. Jesus. 3. Ceasing. 4. The elders of the church. 5. Pray for them and anoint them with oil. 6. So we will not give in to temptation. 7. All of the time. 8. Jesus.

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By Our Fruits

"I must go back to the one that sent me," Jesus told His disciples. "Because I have told you this, you are sad. It is necessary for me to go away. If I do not leave, the Comforter will not come to you. When I leave, I will send Him to you. He will reprove the world of sin and righteousness and of judgment. When the Holy Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you to all truth. He will glorify me."

Jesus was not the only one who gave us information about the Holy Spirit in the Bible. Paul also wrote about the Holy Spirit. "It is written that our eyes have not seen and our ears have not heard what God has in store for those that love Him," Paul writes in a letter to the church in Corinth. "God has revealed them to us by the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches all of the deep things of God. The Holy Spirit can help man understand the things of God he can never understand on his own. The Holy Spirit teaches us how to discern spiritual things."

After we get saved, are following Jesus and have been baptized, the next step to getting closer to God is to pray to receive the Holy Spirit in our lives. He is the only one that can help us do all of the things that Paul and Jesus mentioned.

After we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, the world should be able to see a difference in our lives. Jesus said that we would know people "by their fruits," or by their actions. Paul says that the fruits of the Holy Spirit are "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance."

We should "walk in the Spirit," Paul writes. In the book of Ephesians, Paul writes that the fruit of the Holy Spirit is all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

I Spy The Fruits of the Spirit

Color the names of the fruits of the spirit. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

charity	truth	prayer	kindness	peace	patience
love	helpful	hope	meekness	happiness	hospitality
caring	comfort	joy	lying	singing	disciples
faith	teaching	spirit	softness	cheerfulness	longsuffering
grace	goodness	fruit	temperance	pride	preaching
belief	gossip	friendly	confessing	gentleness	righteous

More of Grandma's Story

(Continued)

Seated around the dinner table, the Miles family was listening to Grandma tell about her mother and her grandparents.

"My grandfather Venrick passed away when my mother was fourteen. All this sadness could have made my mother bitter, but she really was a cheerful person by nature," continued Grandma Miles. "When she went to school at the one room school house in the town of Walnut, Kansas, she studied her lessons well and was very quiet. One big boy at the school liked her shy smile and he would tease her to make her talk and smile. He would walk behind her and step on the heel of her shoe so she would look at him and smile."

"That naughty boy!" exclaimed Connie. "I don't like boys doing that to me!"

"Well, it's a good thing she did not get angry at him and act naughty," continued Grandma. "She stayed in that big boy's mind as a very sweet, pure girl and he did not forget her even when he and some rowdy friends went to Washington state to farm there. This boy had four older brothers, two younger ones and a little sister, but his mother did not like for this son to be so far away from her. She would write him letters of warning and tell him he was needed back in Kansas."

"That was a loving mother," said Connie.

"Yes, he did not know if it was the mother who made him come home, or if his memories of that little girl did, but he came home and went to find Mary Ann," said Grandma. "She was only fifteen years old, but her grandmother had taught her to keep house, wash clothes on the washboard, cook and keep a garden. She also was an eighth grade graduate from the little school. This big boy who was now a young man of twenty-three thought she was old enough to get married."

"That isn't much older than I am!" exclaimed Connie. "Did her grandma let her get married?"

"Well, her grandmother liked this charming young man who drove a neat buggy with a good horse," said Grandma. "Soon he was visiting the Venrick's house often, playing with the two brothers, but mostly getting Mary Ann to talk and smile."

"Okay, so they fell in love and got married," declared Donnie to shorten the romance.

"Why, you are getting in a hurry," said Grandma with a laugh. "Yes, the young man took Mary Ann out on a buggy ride one day, and told her about his future plans. He had filed claim on 160 acres in New Mexico territory. He asked her to move out there with him and together they could build a house and farm. She was young and in love. She said she would marry him and go. They did not look to God for direction, but God had them in his plans, as well."

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where did Jesus say he must go?
2. Who did Jesus say he would send to the disciples?
3. He (the Holy Spirit) will guide you to all _____.
4. He (the Holy Spirit) will glorify _____.
5. The Holy Spirit can help man _____ the things of God.
6. The Holy spirit _____ us to compare spiritual things.
7. What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?
8. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is all _____, _____, and _____.

Answers: 1. Back to the one that sent him. 2. The Comforter (The Holy Spirit). 3. Truth. 4. Me (Jesus). 5. Understand. 6. Teaches. 7. Love, Joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. 8. Goodness, righteousness, and truth.

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The Whole Armor of God

Many places the Bible compares our walk with Christ, on earth, to a battle. "Fight the good fight of faith," Paul encouraged a young man named Timothy in a letter. "Keep your hold on eternal life."

The devil will do all he can to shake our faith in God. "The devil is like a roaring lion," Peter warns. "He is walking around, looking for someone to destroy."

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood," Paul writes. "We wrestle against evil powers and spiritual wickedness."

The Lord provides us ways to fight against the devil.

"Put on the whole armor of God," Paul continues. "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on God's armor so that you can stand against the evil intentions of the devil. Stand with your loins protected by truth, with the breastplate of righteousness, and with your feet wearing the preparation of the gospel of peace. Above all, take the shield of faith. With this, you will be able to stop the fiery darts of the wicked. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Holy Spirit, which is the word of God.

"Pray always in the Holy Spirit. Watch and pray for all saints," Paul admonishes.

"Our weapons are not earthly, but mighty through God," Paul explains in II Corinthians.

Paul explains in Hebrews that we can also use the Bible as a weapon. "The word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword," Paul says.

If we stand our ground against the devil and are faithful to God until the end of our lives, we will have a reward waiting for us in heaven. "If you endure temptation," James encourages. "You will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to all of them that love him."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Matching Review

Draw a line to match each group of words.

The Lord's Prayer	love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance
Books of the Bible written by Paul	truth, shield of faith, breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, sword of the spirit, peace
Fruits of the Spirit	Antioch, Cyprus, Galatia, Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica, Athens, Corinth, Berea, Ephesus, Lystra, Jerusalem, Iconium, Salamis
Armor of God	shipwreck, snakebite, healing Publius' father
Things that hap- pened on the trip to Rome	Begins: Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Places Paul visited	I & 2 Corinthians, Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon
Kind words	Prayer, compliments, a soft answer, sharing the gospel, giving a testimony, teaching, preaching

Listening to Grandma's Story (continued)

Grandma Miles enjoyed telling about her parents to her grandchildren. "Fred and Mary Ann were married on a Monday at noon on Grandmother Venrick's green lawn and among her colorful flowers. The County Judge led them through the marriage vows and many happy witnesses congratulated the young couple. A big dinner was served and a lovely wedding cake. Somewhere I have the Eagle Newspaper article about their wedding."

"Well, if you can find it, I would like to read it," said Connie. "It sounds like a grand affair."

"Yes, it sounds like it was," agreed Grandma. "The important part is that they meant to keep the vows they promised to each other: through good and bad, in sickness and in health, because the future held many challenges for them. They left the well supplied Venrick farm to the barren desert land of New Mexico."

"We have been out there by Clovis, New Mexico, and the land still doesn't have much grass or trees," said Connie.

"The dry climate and sandy soil was a challenge to Fred and Mary Ann," continued Grandma. "They took their wedding gifts, some needed items, a cow, chickens, and two horses on the train with them. Like true pioneers, they hauled lumber out to their 160 acres of land, and built a room over the hole they had dug out which was four feet deep, eight feet wide and ten feet long. This dug-out below the ground was dark and damp, cool from the summer heat. Mary Ann and Fred learned to light a lantern and check their bed before sleeping because rattlesnakes sometimes crawled into their bed first."

The listening children all shivered. "That would be it for me," said Donnie. "I would let the snakes have the place and leave."

"Not if you had money invested in the place and no other home," said Grandma. "This young couple was

determined to improve their land and keep it. Twice a week the husband took the lumber wagon pulled by horses to a creek thirteen miles away and he hauled water in barrels for them to use on the farm. Later, he found a nearby buffalo wallow which held water, so he made two water cisterns and with pipe lines and a hand pump, they had water in their yard to pour into buckets."

"Sounds like he was thrifty, too," said Connie.

"The pioneers had to be," said Grandma. "It took all day to get to a store, and sometimes the store did not have what they needed. My brothers Andrew and Lawrence, remember those days better than I do. I was three years old when we left the farm."

"Fred and Mary Ann are your parents, aren't they?" asked Lonnie and everyone laughed.

"I didn't really say it before, did I?" said Grandma. "Yes, Fred and Mary Ann Pruitt were my dear parents. They did not know anything about the Lord, but the Lord called them to get saved in an amazing way."

"Tell us more!" said the children.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What is our walk with Christ compared to?
2. Who does Paul encourage to "fight the good fight?"
3. "Keep your hold on eternal _____."
4. What did Peter say the devil was like?
5. What is the devil looking for?
6. What does the Lord provide for us for our fight against the devil?
7. Above all, take the shield of _____.
8. What is sharper than any two edged sword?

Answers: 1. A battle. 2. Timothy. 3. Life. 4. A roaring lion. 5. Someone to destroy. 6. Armor. 7. Faith. 8. The word of God.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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Christ as a Baby

Caesar Augustus was the Emperor of Rome. While Jesus was alive, Rome had control of most of the world. Caesar Augustus decided that he wanted to know how many people were under his leadership so that they could be taxed. He sent out a decree demanding everyone to return to the city where they were born and report to the soldiers in charge of the census in the city.

In the city of Galilee of Nazareth lived a carpenter named Joseph. Joseph and Mary were descendants of King David, so they had to travel to Bethlehem because of the decree. When they got there, the city streets were teeming with people. It was hard to find a place to stay.

Joseph went from inn to inn asking if there were any available rooms. At every single inn, Joseph got the same answer. "We do not have any rooms left," each innkeeper would reply.

Joseph was worried. His wife was going to have a baby. She did not feel well. Finally, a kind innkeeper saw their problem. The innkeeper offered them a place to stay in his barn. Mary gave birth to a very special boy one night in the stable. Angels had told both Mary and Joseph that Mary would have a boy. This was God's own son. Mary and Joseph named the baby Jesus, just like the angel had told them to do.

Outside of the city, shepherds were watching their sheep. Suddenly, a bright light pierced the darkness of the night. The shepherds were afraid! It was the angel of the Lord!

"Do not be afraid," the angel said. "I have good news for you. Christ the Lord has been born this very day in the city of Bethlehem. You will know my words are true when you find the baby wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger."

The shepherds went quickly to the city. They found Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. They told many people all of the strange things that had happened.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Christ as a Baby 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.

NAZARETH	TAXED	JESUS	INN
BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH	ROME	MARY
SHEPHERDS	STABLE	ANGEL	BABY

1. HPILKINNRLBEGJ
2. UANGELTTYGRODQ
3. PEDSBNNAZARETHD
4. JESBETMARYFSXCF
5. OROMEXZAGHKLMP
6. TODSPWTAXEDGHL
7. HJESUSREJGHVBFS
8. GFSADJOSEPHQEZH
9. GBETHLEHEMAILPU
10. DVHKSTABLERFESD
11. RFTSHEPHERDSUMI
12. XFTHIKOBABYNJPKT

When Jesus Came to Grandma's Parents' House (Continued)

Grandma took a sip of water from a crystal glass at the table before continuing her story. "Like I said, I don't remember too much of the farm near Clovis, New Mexico," said Grandma. "I know my parents put a lot of hard work into improving the land. The Lord was good to them in many ways. Within eight years, not only did they have crops planted in the field, but they had sixty or more cows, fourteen horses, many hogs and chickens and a bigger wooden house to live in. They were getting fruit from their apple, peach and cherry orchards. All their hard work was rewarding them, but God did not want them to stay there."

"Why?" asked Donnie. "After getting rid of the snakes and doing better, there was no need to go."

"God was calling them to be a farmer of men," said Grandma.

"The Bible calls it 'fishers of men,'" corrected Connie.

"In my Papa's case, he was a farmer at heart, but God wanted him to plant the gospel seed into the hearts of men and women." Grandma paused a minute in thought. "I need to tell you more about Papa getting saved. I don't remember him smoking but he said he liked to smoke a pipe after his noonday meal and in the evening. He cursed badly and had a nasty temper. He would get angry at the cows, curse them and hit them with his milking stool. He held grudges toward people and hated some of his neighbors. He was miserable with these bad habits, but he could not break them."

"His poor wife was probably miserable living with him like that," said Connie.

"Yes, it was hard on her, but she had some bad habits of her own," said Grandma. "They did not know about the saving power of Jesus, until they started attending church services.

Circuit preachers would come into the area and people would meet at the local school house for service. It was Bro. George Harmon's message that really touched Papa's heart. He realized his only hope of change for the better was through the blood of Jesus. He and Mama repented of their sins and what a good change it made in their lives! "

"When Jesus comes into a heart, there is joy, glad joy!" said Lonnie.

"I like that Christmas song, Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" said Cindy.

"Well, we can be thankful that joy came into Fred and Mary Ann Pruitt's hearts because it made a big difference in your lives, too," said Grandma Miles. "They loved their farm and life on the farm was better, but their love for Jesus was stronger. Papa wanted his little family closer to a saintly congregation so they could learn more about the Bible. Papa and Mama had a big auction and sold nearly everything they owned. Then they moved near Clovis, New Mexico to help establish a congregation there. This was pleasing to God."

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What country controlled most of the world?
2. Who was the Emperor of Rome?
3. What did the Emperor want to find out?
4. Where did Mary and Joseph go?
5. What problem did Joseph have?
6. Where did Mary and Joseph end up staying?
7. What did Mary and Joseph name the baby?
8. Who saw an angel that told of Jesus' birth?

Answers: 1. Rome. 2. Caesar Augustus. 3. How many people were under him. 4. Bethlehem. 5. He could not find a place to stay. 6. A stable. 7. Jesus. 8. Shepherds.

THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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By Faith

One of the chapters in the book of Hebrews talks about faith. "Faith," the writer says, "is knowing of things that we hope for and proving things we cannot see. By faith, we understand that the worlds were made. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. We must first believe that God is and that he will reward those who seek him with their whole hearts.

"By faith, Moses kept the Passover. He sprinkled blood so that the firstborn would not be destroyed by the angel of death.

"By faith, Moses led the children of Israel across the Red sea after God parted the waters so they could walk on dry land. The Egyptians who tried to follow the children of Israel across the dry path so that they could stop them were destroyed.

"By faith, the children of Israel marched seven times around the walls of Jericho because of the Lord's command. The walls fell.

"By faith Rahab did not die when the walls of Jericho fell. She had taken in the spies from the children of Israel and hid them so they would not be hurt. They promised her that no harm would come to her home if she hung a scarlet thread from her window.

"Many more people overthrew kingdoms, were righteous, held on to God's promises, stopped the mouths of lions, overcame fire, escaped swords, were brave in battle and fought against evil. Women had dead loved ones raised to life. Others were tortured for their faith. Others had trials and people making fun of them. They suffered from beatings, stonings, imprisonment, death. Many wandered around without any money. They did not have a place to live. All of these people have a good report because of their faith. God has provided something better for us." The faith of many other saints who have gone on before us has been reported in this chapter.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

Bible Drill!!

Whoever finds all of the verses and writes them
down first is the winner!

1 John 5:4 _____

Habakkuk 2:4 _____

Matthew 17:20 _____

Romans 5:1 _____

Making Wrongs Right

(Continued)

Grandma Miles wanted her grandchildren to know that her Papa was a changed man forever. "After he confessed his sins to the Lord, Papa said he felt so much lighter," continued Grandma with her story about her parents. "The sunshine was brighter and the colors were better. He had bad habits that he needed help to break. One was his habit of smoking the pipe. He took and hid it back behind the stove so he would not see it. Only one time did he yield to the temptation to smoke after he was saved. Immediately after he smoked, he said the sunshine clouded over, colors faded and things looked dreary. He felt sick and heavy."

"Is smoking that bad?" asked Donnie.

"Yes, it displeases God. My Papa learned this lesson right from the Lord," said Grandma. "No preacher had said this to Papa, and he had not read anything in the Bible about smoking, but God let him know it was wrong. My papa felt badly for several hours until he finally promised the Lord to never smoke again. Once he promised, the Lord blessed him again with the light happy joy he had felt earlier. It is this way with all of us, children. When we please the Lord, he blesses our hearts, but when we disobey, He will let us feel sad and guilty."

"I don't like sadness," said Cindy.

"The Lord wants us to be glad in Him," agreed Grandma. "Papa would tell us children not to do wrong to others, because making it right was harder than confessing to the Lord."

"Why? People can't forgive sins," said Donnie.

"No, but in order to be at peace within our hearts, we need to correct our wrongs as best as we can. Papa told about stealing some fence staples from a neighbor. He had put them in his pocket because he needed

some, and he thought his neighbor had plenty. He did not ask but took them which is stealing. After Papa was saved, he was praying and the Lord kept bringing to his mind that he needed to pay for those fence staples. Right away Papa went to his desk, wrote the neighbor a note of apology and mailed a dollar to him. Then Papa went back to the woods to pray and he felt close to the Lord again."

"That's why I always pay for things before taking them out of the store," said Lonnie.

"Yes," agreed Grandma. "Never take something that you have not bought, or that wasn't given to you. No one can trust a thief, not even Jesus."

"That's right—Judas was called a thief!" said Connie.

"Yes, I guess what you need to remember is that the saving grace of God can deliver us from sin, can keep us from sin and can restore us if we are willing."

"We need to get up from the table and wash dishes," said Mother. "It is getting late and there are things to do before we leave."

"Thank you, Grandma, for the good story!" said Connie.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did Moses sprinkle blood?
2. What sea did Moses cross?
3. What happened to the Egyptians?
4. What happened to the walls of Jericho?
5. Did Rahab die in Jericho?
6. What did Rahab hang out her window?
7. What happened to others who held on to the faith?
8. What do these people have because of their faith?

Answer: 1. To save his firstborn from death. 2. The Red Sea. 3. They drowned in the waters. 4. They fell. 5. No. 6. A scarlet thread. 7. Answers will vary. See last paragraph. 8. A good report.