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THE NIGHT

I like the darkness of the night,
To end the happy day;
I always know that God is near
And hears the prayers we say.

I love the sunshine when I play;
It is so gay and bright.
But when it's time to go to sleep,
I love the gentle night.

Sel.

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Time Will Come Later For Play

Roberta poked at the white piano keys with one finger a bit crossly. It was a beautiful sunny day. Much nicer outside romping with Buster, the puppy, or playing jacks, or—anything she could think of.

It seemed as if the long hand on the clock's face was just dragging around. Maybe it was stuck, thought Roberta. She got up and went close to the clock and looked sharply until she saw that the hand was really moving.

Then, back at the piano seat, she turned the pages over to a very easy lesson in her book and began to run over the music.

Mother had gone across the street to Mrs. Nelson's for a little while and Roberta was alone in the quiet house. Of course she might make believe she knew her piece well enough and not practice very long. But when she turned back to her new lesson, she knew she really could not play it nicely for Miss Clarice. So with a sigh that came away down from her toes, she began to go over her lesson, counting to herself and really trying.

Then there came a happy barking in the yard. Roberta paused to listen. She could tell by the puppy's barking whether it was a friend of the family. Surely it was, for he was as glad as could be. "Oh, goody," thought Roberta, "some one is coming, and I'll have to go to the door, and maybe invite them in and chat until mother gets here."

"Yoo-hoo," called a voice from the yard.

"Oh that's Natalie," said Roberta. And she sighed happily.

Natalie didn't have to take piano lessons and practice. But, of course, Natalie often said she

wished very much they had a piano at her home.

Roberta went to a window and waved, then raised the window and called out, "I have to practice—almost twenty minutes yet, Natalie."

"Oh, I'm sorry, Bob. Mother wanted me to go down to the store for her and I have ten cents to buy anything I want to. But, I can't wait, she's in a hurry. By—I'm sorry," and Natalie ran on her way.

Roberta dragged her feet back to the piano, and began practicing very hard and fast, much too fast, thinking she could make the time pass more quickly that way.

Then she heard mother coming into the living room. Roberta hoped she might say she had practiced her lesson long enough. But mother only looked at the clock, and shook her head, smiling.

So Roberta really watched the music carefully and made her fingers strike the right keys, just so, over and over the music before her. It was a pretty piece, she decided, and it would be nice to have it perfect for Miss Clarice.

The first she knew the clock struck One, Two. The time was up. But Roberta went all over it again "for good measure." Then she sighed with relief, happily.

The next moment mother stood in the door, her eyes dancing just like Roberta's when she knows some pleasant news.

"What do you suppose, darling? Mrs. Nelson has been given two little kittens, the dearest gray ones with white feet, and she is going to let us have one. How would you like a kitten to grow up with Buster, and romp with him?"

"Oh, mother, how wonderful—I've always wanted a kitten. When shall we get it?" and then, seriously, she added: "But, mother, I didn't practice very hard today—shall I go over my lesson again?"

"Just as you like, dear. You know better than any one whether or not you know your new piece. And here's a little jingle that came to my mind this morning. We'll ask daddy to print it nicely on a white card, and you may learn it; perhaps it will help you when you are going to practice. We can make believe your new pussy is saying it to you. It goes like this: "Hev-diddle-diddle," said the cat to his fiddle,

"I must practice my music today;

The nussies are mewng, good times are a-brewng
But time will come later for play."

And Roberta laughed aloud over it with mother, for it seemed just made to order for her.

—Mabel Worth in Zion's Herald.

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EDITORIAL

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

At this time of year we hear much about the spirit of Christmas. People are very unselfish and are busying themselves making others happy.

But after Christmas many forget to help others. They think mostly of themselves.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could have the Christmas spirit every day in the year? We could, if all would practice unselfishness, daily.

We, who study the Bible and history, know that Dec. 25 is not really Christ's birthday, that the date was set by heathen custom. So let us remember Christ EVERY DAY in the year and try to show a disposition like His. Then we'll always be as happy as most people are at the Christmas season and we'll make the world a wee bit better.

THE TRUE VINE

Come, children, let us have a little chat together. It feels like winter again doesn't it? Summer is past and the harvest is ended.

Do you remember, children, if your father trimmed the grape vines last spring? If so, did you notice what great care was taken in doing this so the harvest would be more plentiful?

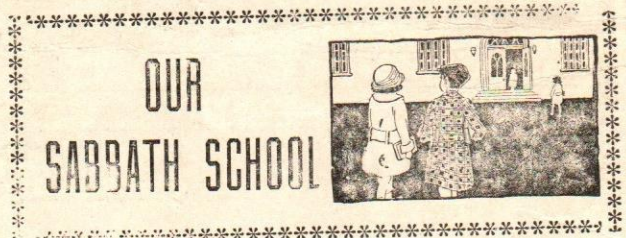
Have you heard the story of the grape vines that is told in the Bible? Why yes, all of you have I am sure.

Now who are we told is the Caretaker of the vine and branches? It is God the Heavenly Father, isn't it. He prunes the branches just as your father did during the spring.

Then we will see who is spoken of as the vine in the Bible. It is Jesus the Son of the Heavenly Father or Husbandman and Caretaker of the vine.

Now we must learn who the branches are. Just think, children, it is us. If we obey the Father and bear much fruit we will be left without molesting, but if we are evil and bear no fruit we will be cut off and cast asunder just as your fathers cut off the dead branches on the grape vine.

Isn't this an interesting story? I think it is. Just think how lovely it will be for us if we are God's children and always bear fruit and walk in His footsteps.
—Genevieve Moore.



TO THE TEACHERS

We are starting a new quarter and a new year, according to calendar time. We wish you success in your undertakings. The making of resolutions is often ridiculed, even made a standing joke. But this is because most resolutions are broken. Let us make a few good ones and then keep them.

Study your children as individuals. Watch the reaction of each child when you introduce a new idea.

Guard against partiality. A good teacher will not favor certain children because of their parent's position.

— FAITH —

They were just 2 of 12 spies
Standing up for God's Word:
"If God said we could, we can!"
The people's blood was stirred.

They entered into the giants' land,
And conquered them by night.
"If God said we could, we can!"
So they determined to do right.

Abraham nearly sacrificed his son,
Because he trusted in the Lord.
When he heard the angel calling him,
He flung his knife upon the sword.

God provided a lamb for the sacrifice,
And the boy, Isaac, was released.
He knew Abraham trusted him,
So he sent, for offering, the beast.

—Leota McKissack, age 13.

A TOAD'S WAGES

Did you know that a toad is worth five dollars a year to a gardener? The garden toad lives in cool shady places and does not often come out in the daytime. At night he goes to work. He can eat one hundred rose beetles or fifty army worms at a meal, and many other insects.

If you are so lucky as to have a toad in your garden, be very kind to him. You can easily make a pet of him if you never, never pick him up. It frightens a toad very much to be picked up, and he will hop away and keep out of sight. —Sel.



"Let us hold fast the profession

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of our faith without wavering—"

Meditations

With the coming of winter, as I look out across country and watch the beautiful green trees as they turn to multitudes of colors and wonder if anyone can justly describe the glories of these natural beauties; it seems that there should be a lesson in them some way.

Their robes of green have grown and done their part in God's plan of continuity. Now the leaves are full grown and in the height of their beauty; they gradually get colder and their stems finally slip and they go sifting down, down to warm mother earth.

I wonder if we cannot compare them to our lives. We are born as a little leaf gradually opens up to maturity. The winds of grief and strife blow and tug at us, trying to whiff us away from our tree of life, our home, the place that we are needed most.

We are as strong as a little leaf that stays, through rain, wind, and storm and yet remains beautiful and green? Can we keep our lives as beautiful and useful?

As the leaves grow older and pass the beauties of springtime, they come into the heat of summer. The toils and cares we humans meet as we grow older can easily be compared to the leaves in summer time. We attempt to shade, or protect our fellowmen and protect them from evil, even as the leaves that are hidden from the heat. But do the leaves that are exposed to the sun wither or die? No, they only grow stronger. Through God's help they can withstand the heat. Can we do as much? With the constant love and companionship of God in our hearts *we can!*

And pray—don't dread old age—for it is glorious. I once heard of a person who said she hoped she would die before she got old, because she never wanted to be an ugly old woman. But if one lives a godly life, they are as beautiful and interesting as autumn leaves—lovely, colorful autumn leaves. And as they go sifting down to their resting places they should be happy—if they have lived godly lives.

And more leaves come to take their place. Even as they relax and settle down, their duties done, little buds come peeping through. The winds make them restless, as their predecessors had been. But if you hang on to the tree of life, you too will grow to a beautiful old age.

Don't let the winds blow you off. You know what happens to a leaf that is weak and turns loose? It wants to drift too soon, and as surely as it turns loose to have its fun, it goes drifting down, down, and when it gets to the bottom, or hits the ground, there is no turning back. It can only be there and wither and die, *without the glory of a colorful autumn.* It has no beautiful sunset.

Don't—lets don't turn loose to have our fun. Little leaves, big leaves, middle sized leaves can all have fun, clean, healthful fun; as they hang on to the little stem of godliness, and are surrounded by pure fresh air, which is also godly. But if we turn loose of this stem of righteousness, and this tree which is our home, we turn loose of pure enjoyment, and lose our very lives. We would wither and die in an ugly old age, which is very, very unnecessary?

So let us hang on, and be beautiful, useful, happy—live to a ripe old age and then said softly down, peaceful and content, as *lovely autumn leaves!*

—Pearl Marrs.

A Personal Check-up

WHAT DO YOU DO?

When your parents give you advice you do not want to accept do you say, "I'll live my life in my own way"? Do you say, "They're too old to know the problems of today" or do you say, "They know more about living than I do; I guess I'll accept their advice"?

When your conscience pricks you because you pay too little attention to God's Word, do you say, "Time enough for that when I'm old"? Do you say "I wish I could read my Bible more but I'm just too busy"? Or do you think, "Sacrifice some pleasure if necessary but hold yourself to a program of daily Bible reading"?

When you know the thing you want to do is not the best thing to do, do

you say, "I'm young, I can't afford to be too strict with myself"? Do you say, "The next time I'll do better"? Or, do you think, "Do the very best you know to do even if it is a little unpleasant for yourself"?

—Jaunita Hendershot

QUESTION CORNER

(Up to 30 points will be given for each question sent in which we use. You may send in only 3 questions for each issue.)

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Is it right to force a person to listen to the truth after they have refused, if we know that they have been taught to ignore it, and think that they are doing right?

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What proof have we that Jesus has gone into heaven with a human body?

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In Rev. 10:9, why did John eat the book and what is the meaning of it?

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"But if any provide not for his own he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." 1 Tim. 5:8. Just how far would the word *provide* go?

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Why were Adam and Eve driven from the garden of Eden?

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What was the stone that smote the image upon the feet?

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Who was John the Revelator?

—Questions submitted by 4 readers. (Thoughts concerning the questions about the "bottomless pit" will appear next issue.)

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

PREVIOUSLY SENT IN

Question: Do you think Judas could have overcome the temptation of betraying Jesus if he had asked God's help?

Answer: This is a difficult question and I only offer my opinion as I see it and I don't ask any one to accept it. I do not think that Judas could have overcome the temptation to betray Jesus even if he had asked the help of God. Judas was a devil. John 6:70. He was evidently very sinful. It might have been possible for him

to repent and been converted and then to have secured God's help in overcoming this particular temptation, if he had not already committed an unpardonable sin (and we have no record that he had). But in his sinful state prayer would not have helped, unless he had gone further back than the temptation to betray. Matt. 5:23, 24 shows us that our sins must be made right before we are acceptable to God. Read also Gen. 1:7, where we are not acceptable to God we make a handy tool for the use of satan. This was Judas' condition. It was prophesied that one should betray Christ and that He would die and be buried in the field purchased with the money he received for betraying Him. Christ chose Judas. John 13:18. As Christ was (and is) no respecter of persons, we know Judas was not chosen because Christ bore him any ill will. It must have been because Christ knew that he would not seek salvation. Whether he could have repented with Godly sorrow afterwards I cannot say. At any rate he was only sorry because people would know what he had done, so he committed suicide. It seems that Judas shut God out of his heart — presumptuously sinned. Presumptuous sinning is a serious condition.

Question about, "Verily I say unto thee today, Shalt thou be with me in paradise?"

I sincerely believe that Jesus asked the thief a question, and did not make a promise. First, Jesus did not go that day to paradise (heavenly place). He went to the grave and He said 3 days after this that He had not yet gone to God. Second, the thief had not met the conditions of salvation—at least we have no record that he did. Third, Jesus did not even promise the apostles that they could go to heaven. Was the thief better than they?

No, I think the answer lies in the question as Jesus asked the thief (not told him) shalt thou be with me (Christ) in paradise? The thief did not ask to go to paradise that day. He said, "Remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." Whether he understood the gospel of the Kingdom, I cannot say. The other gospels record that he also ridiculed Christ. It seems that if he had been truly repentant that all would have recorded the last work of salvation Christ did before His death. It is my opinion that the thief was ridiculing Christ's teaching of a coming kingdom and Christ answered him with a question, which was characteristic of Him, as we learn by reading the Gospels. The thief had no answer for he knew that if Christ did come into a kingdom that he was not worthy of a place in it.

Question: Did Mary know Jesus would perform a miracle?

Answer: I believe she knew He could. Jesus was conceived miraculously and even as a child He was unusual and far above the average in intelligence. Mary did not understand all these things, but "she kept them in her heart." As she watched Him thru the years I think she realized that He was heavenly and that He received power from Heaven that lifted Him above every one else. She undoubtedly had faith in His ability to perform any task — ordinary or miraculous — that came His way. She was never disappointed in Her Son!

Question: Do you think we should listen to Radio programs on Friday night and Sabbath? It is all in the type of program—Religious programs, yes. Programs for pleasure, No. We should not speak our own words, think our own thoughts or find our own pleasures on the Sabbath (Isa. 58:13). Listening to programs simply for entertainment is not keeping the day holy unto God.

Question: Can we be Christians and laugh and joke?

Answer: There is no place in the Bible (that I have found) that says we must be long faced and sad in order to be a Christian. However we should avoid foolish jesting, or obscene jokes. We must give account for all our words. However, if we can make some one happy or help some one to forget trouble and grief by a little clean fun and laughter. I believe the Lord would approve. We need not carry such things to excess. And we must not forget to be sober and vigilant, to pray earnestly and to study and improve our minds, always seeking for perfection.

—Opal Williams.

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Question: After Christ was risen why did He say to Mary, "Touch me not," and then to doubting Thomas, "Reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side"?

Answer: When Jesus told Mary not to touch Him, He had not yet ascended to His Father.

"Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God." John 20:17.

Jesus ascended unto His Father soon after talking to Mary, and later told doubting Thomas to touch him so he would believe.

Question: When will the curse of Gen. 3:17-18 be removed?

Answer: This curse which was sent upon the earth because of Adam and Eve's disobedience will be removed during the Restitution age.

(Editor's note: "And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it—"

Rev. 22:3. See 1 Cor. 15:24-28 as to the time when God will be on the throne delivered to Him by Jesus).

Question: Where did Elijah go when translated?

Answer: 2 Kings tells us he went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

"And it came to pass as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

—Doris Grantham

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I will try to answer some of the questions in the paper. The question, Should Christians laugh and joke? Psalm 2:4 says, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh." If the Lord laughs why cannot we Christians? But this does not mean we should laugh at the things of the world. There are so many different things that people call fun. So many young people amuse themselves by telling jokes. Some of these are all right but so many are not. Col. 3:8 says to put off filthy communication. Also read 2nd Peter 2:7 and Jude 8. This doesn't mean we should not have a good time, but we must be careful what we joke about. There are so many scriptures that say to be happy. Prov. 3:13; Mal. 3:15; John 13:17; Rom. 14:22 and 1 Peter 3:14. How can we be happy and not show that we are happy? Do you think we could influence people to be Christians if we were not happy?

Question: Should we listen to radio programs on Friday night and Sabbath? Isa. 56:2 speaks of keeping the Sabbath from polluting it. Isa. 58:13 calls Sabbath a delight and holy. Deut. 5:12; keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, and we are to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. We should be very careful as to what kind of program we listen to if we listen at all.

Question: Do you think Judas could have overcome the temptation if he had asked God to help him? I do not because it was a fulfillment of the prophecy for Jesus to be delivered into the hands of his enemies so that we through Him might have life everlasting. Read the entire chapter of Matt. 26. Verse 56 says, "But all this was done that the Scriptures might be fulfilled."

Question: Do you think that Mary, Jesus' mother, knew before hand that Jesus was going to perform a miracle? Yes, I believe she knew for had she now known it I don't believe she would have told the disciples to do as Jesus told them. It was only a miracle to prove Jesus to the sinner.

Question: Why did Jesus say to one of the thieves, "I say unto thee today, shalt thou be with me in paradise? If we will read and study closely Luke 23:39 to 43 we will see

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SUNBEAMS

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FROM COLORADO

Dear Editor,

I am too small to write, so I am having my mother write this for me. I live close to the school house where we have Sabbath School and have only missed 3 times since last July. I have most of my pictures that we get at S. S.

I have a little verse I want to send so that if my letter is published other little children may learn it too.

A beautiful world our Father has made.
He has given us eyes to see,
And lips that can sing and thank Him each day
For caring for you and me.

Ethel Hicks

(We are pleased to welcome another little girl into our circle. Thanks for the verse. —Editor)

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary:

Once again I am writing to the little paper. It has been almost a year since I have written to the paper. Sure was glad to see my last letter and poem in print. Sister Minnie Hinds sent the Missionary to me that had my poem in it. I sure do enjoy reading it, and the Bible Advocate. We believe our time is almost up in this life, and are looking forward to the coming of Christ. I sure would like to go to Sabbath school more than I do. But we live so far from Inola. I don't get many chances to go. Well as my letter is growing long I'll close. Your Sister in Christ,

Maggie Brunson

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FROM CALIFORNIA

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my second time I write to the Missionary readers. I am twelve years old and in the sixth grade. I have a cat and a dog for my pets. My school teacher's name is Mrs. L. W. Thomas.

The weather is very nice here. The flowers are still in bloom. During the winter months we usually can see the snow on the mountain peaks from here. Best wishes to all,

Lillian Reimche

(You must live in a beautiful place. We haven't had any snow in Mo. this winter, but we probably will later. —Editor).

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Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the Missionary. I like to read the Missionary and I like to go to Sabbath School. My S. S. teacher is Ida Dais. I like my S. S. teacher. She gave us a book to write Bible Questions. from,

Delora Verna Straub

(You must write again. We do not receive many letters from your state. Editor).

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my second time to write to this little paper. The older I grow the better the Missionary is getting. I am 13 years old now.

Our S. S. teacher's name is Sister Ida Dais. The S. S. is getting very interesting because more questions are asked by Ida besides the questions in the paper. She is really a very good teacher. She is quite interested in work like that it seems.

Ida bought our class each a little book and we are each writing questions in it. I think that is a good way to start out when children are little.

Sabbath Nov. 18th Bro. and Sister Brinkly and their children were here. One of their boys brought up more questions than a person could think of. They were all out of the Bible too. We had a grand discussion.

I have a question to ask and it is: How many times is 'darling' in the Bible? I will not tell the answer? Where is the shortest verse? Guess this puzzle: "seusJ pwte."

A Missionary reader,
Luella Straub

(You must have interesting times in your S. S. I wish we could all hear your discussions. Write and tell more about them. —Editor).

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FROM NEBRASKA

Dear Missionary readers:

This is a fine Sabbath morning. It has been over a year since I have written to the little Missionary and its readers. My Aunt has been here for three weeks. We spent Thanksgiving at home. There are some people holding meetings in Cambridge. We have to go twenty-five miles but we enjoy it. They built an auditorium. The women tell Bible stories for the children. They have a machine that shows the pictures she is talking about. I wish I could see all the people who read the Missionary.

For pets I have four kittens, two dogs, nine sheep, four cows and calves and many pigeons.

Now I will close. I wish to hear from other Missionary readers. My address is:

Robert Banzhaf, Farnam, Nebr.

(You must not wait a year to write again. Yes, it would be nice if all the Missionary readers could see each other. Perhaps we can meet in the Kingdom. —Editor).

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WHY JACK COULD NOT RIDE

Dick and Donald Warren, age three and four years, had learned from early babyhood to obey. They with their mother were spending a week with Jack Abbott and his parents near a beach. Jack was three and a half years old. Every day they walked about a mile through a city down to the ocean, where they played in the water or dug in the sand with their tiny shovels and sand pails.

Mrs. Abbott was always afraid an automobile would run over Jack. He would run on ahead of her with Dick and Donald. When the boys came to a street crossing, the two Warren boys would stop before they reached the curb, and wait for their mother; but in spite of all his mother

said, Jack would rush on across the street without waiting. Several times cars, by quickly putting on their brakes, had barely kept from running over him. Even when he was playing on the beach, he would run up the stairs which went to the street, and across the street he would go. His mother punished him and told him he must not go off the beach, but he could not be depended upon. She had to watch him much of the time, and often go after him.

One morning Mr. Abbott came by the house with a friend, who offered to take any who were ready to the beach in his automobile. Mr. Abbott and his friend had to go right on to another city, but the beach was just off a street that was on their way. Mrs. Abbott could not go yet, and Mrs. Warren had to walk so she would have the baby carriage at the beach to bring the baby home in.

Mrs. Warren said Dick and Donald might go, for she knew she could trust them to stay where Mr. Abbott told them to stay. She knew they would not go up on the street or even out in the water till their mother came.

Mrs. Abbot said: "I could not let Jack go. He might run out in the street, or wade out before I get there, and get drowned; or he might throw stones at some one if he took the notion to, although I've told him times without number he must not throw stones at people. No, daddy," said Mrs. Abbott, "Jack can't go because I can't trust him out of my sight."

Mr. Abbott and his friend took Dick and Donald with them, and drove away.

Poor Jack began to cry, "I want to go too! Why won't you let me go?"

His mother felt sorry for the little fellow; but she determined he should learn a lesson from his disappointment.

"Dick and Donald could go with daddy to the beach in the automobile because their mamma can trust them to stay alone just where she tells them to," she said. "If you always minded mother, you could have gone too. You will have to walk because you don't obey."

Jack was quite a sober little boy on the trip through the city, and although he did not always obey from that time on, he began to be more obedient. The last time I saw him he was a well-behaved boy. He never forgot that children who can be trusted to be obedient can have more fun than those who cannot be trusted.

—Mariam C. Utt, (Sel.)

PRIMARY LESSON No. 1, Jan. 6, 1940

HEALING THE SICK

LESSON: Mark 6:54-56. MEMORY VERSE: Acts 10:38

Jesus always did good wherever He went. Do you remember how He stilled the storm and how He fed the five thousand?

The sick people were always glad to see Him. When He came to a village or city or country, people would carry the sick on beds to Him. Sometimes they'd bring the sick out on the streets, so they might touch the border of His garment. The reason they would do this is that whoever touched His garment were made well again.

INTERMEDIATE LESSON No. 1, Jan. 6, 1940

HEALING THE SICK

LESSON: Mark 6:54-56. MEMORY VERSE: Acts 10:38

- 1—How did people regard Jesus when He came to a new region?
- 2—Can you imagine what they said to each other when they saw Jesus was there?
- 3—Why did they bring the sick into the streets?
- 4—What does the "border" of His garment mean?
- 5—Why was it necessary for them to touch His garment?
- 6—Today, what can the sick do that signifies touching the border of His garment?
- 7—Why do not more people do this?
- 8—Has Jesus ever healed you?
Relate your experience.

PRIMARY LESSON No. 2, Jan. 13, 1940

HEALING OF THE DEAF MAN

LESSON: Mark 7:31-38.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 7:34, "Be opened."

Jesus came from Tyre and Sidon, by way of Decapolis to the sea of Galilee. When the people there knew He had come, they brought to Him to be healed, a man who was deaf and also, what is called "tongue-tied." He could not speak his words so he could be understood. The people believed if Jesus would only lay His hand on the afflicted man he would be healed.

Jesus took the man to a quiet place. Then He put His fingers in the sick man's ears, then spit, touched the spittle with His fingers, then touched it to the man's tongue. Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Eph-phatha," which means, "Be opened," and at once the man could hear and speak plainly.

Perhaps the doctors had tried to heal the man and Jesus knew when the people learned He had cured him after the doctors had failed, there would be great excitement so He asked that it should not be told, but the more he asked, the more they told it.

Everyone was much astonished and said that Jesus had done everything well. He had made the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

INTERMEDIATE LESSON No. 2, Jan. 13, 1940

HEALING OF THE DEAF MAN

LESSON: Mark 7:31-38.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 7:34, "Be opened."

- 1—Where are Tyre and Sidon?
- 2—Describe Decapolis and the sea of Galilee.
- 3—How would Jesus get there?
- 4—Give two reasons why the sick man may have been brought to Jesus to be healed.
- 5—Why must they beseech Him?
- 6—Why did He take the man aside?
- 7—What is the significance of the spittle?
- 8—Why did Jesus sigh?
- 9—What opened the man's ears and loosed his tongue?
- 10—Why did Jesus wish no man told?
- 11—Give a reason for their telling it the more, the more He asked them not to.
- 12—Why were they so astonished?
- 13—What is your favorite statement in the lesson?
- 14—What statement would you most like to have said about you?
- 15—Would you rather have it said about you, or deserve to have it said about you?