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### An Answered Prayer



Many, many years ago, across the ocean in a land called Judea, lived a little girl named Mary and her brother Thomas. They lived with their father and mother, who, although they were not rich, were very happy, for they were good. Good people are generally happy. The father was a bricklayer, the mother cared for the household and tended a garden, and the children went to school and helped at home in the evening. They often enjoyed trips to the country, and on Sabbath they always attended church.

However, there was one thing to trouble them. That was the wicked king Herod. He persecuted the church, even killing some of the leaders. Finally he put Peter in prison. Now Peter was a very good man. He had been teaching the little company of Christians, among which were Mary and Thomas and their parents, so they felt very sad about it. Of course they prayed to God to deliver him. But he was kept several days.

When Christ's helpers were put in prison, they did not quarrel with the jailor nor rebel at all. They trusted in God and were patient. They sometimes wrote letters while in prison—letters of encouragement to their Christian friends.

One evening when Mary came home from school she said, "Mother, some of the Christians are going to meet tonight for prayer. I told Rhoda we might go. Do you think we shall?"

"Certainly," answered her mother. "You and Thomas study your lessons early so we can go."

While they were at the prayer meeting, some one knocked at the door of the gate. Rhoda went to the gate. Whose voice do you suppose she heard? It was Peter's. She was so happy and excited that she forgot to let him in, but ran

back into the house and cried, "Peter is at the gate; yes, Peter is here."

The rest thought she was mistaken. "Oh! You imagined it," they answered. "He is in prison. Maybe it is his angel."

But Peter kept knocking. Finally they let him in. But how astonished they were! Then Peter told him he had been sleeping between two soldiers and that he was bound with heavy chains and a jailor was watching the door. You see Herod wanted to be sure he did not escape. But the angel of the Lord entered the prison and caused the chains to fall off. He told Peter to put on his sandals and robe and follow him. He took him right past the guards and the heavy iron gate opened. After they were out in the street the angel left. Peter had been so surprised he hardly knew what was happening, but finally he recognized that God had delivered him. So he went to the home where they were praying.

"Oh! Wasn't it wonderful the way God brought Peter back to us!" cried Mary to her mother the next morning as they were talking about it.

"Yes, God always answers our prayers if we are faithful," answered her mother.

"I'm going to be a good man like Peter when I grow up," declared Thomas. "Even if I get put in prison."

"It makes us happy to hear you say that," said his father. "And I'm sure it pleases the Lord also."

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If you have done wrong, and confess to the Lord that we are sorry about it, the Lord will forgive us. If we have wronged some one else, we should go to that person and make it right. Then the Lord will wash our hearts, and we shall be clean and pure again in His sight. —Sel.

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER

Did you ever stop to think how many remember's there are in the Bible? There are many things God wants us to remember.

One short verse which all of you could easily learn is: Remember Lot's wife. God sent two angels to tell Lot He was going to destroy the wicked cities of the plain. They told him to take his family and flee and not to even look back. Early in the morning, Lot, his wife and daughters left. After they had gone, the Lord sent brimstone and fire from heaven and destroyed all the wicked people of the plain.

As the four were traveling along, Lot's wife wanted to look back. No doubt she was curious. She probably kept wondering just what was happening. Satan told her it would be all right to give one little backward glance. So she looked back. Then she became a pillar of salt.

You see she had disobeyed God. Although it seemed to her a small thing, she was punished for it. When the Lord says a thing, He really means it. We must remember that.

Next week, we'll talk about something else we are to remember.

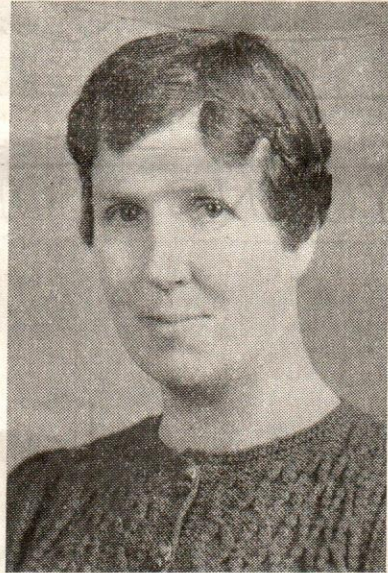
HIDDEN BIBLE NAMES

- 1. This is the best her brother could do.
2. A sad thing happened.
3. It is easy to form a habit.
4. Always tell the truth.
5. May nothing mar your happiness.
6. Please don't eat any more jam, Esta.
7. He sat down on a moss covered stone.
8. No, Si, don't touch the fire.
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After facts must come acts. Knowledge must be put to work.

The important half of the word "goal" is "go." A team that stands still never wins. —Sel.

You have been enjoying Aunt Lena's letters for the past few months. Now you have the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with her. Her name is Mrs. Lena Moffatte; she lives near Muskegon, Michigan. This picture was taken last month.



I am 5 feet, 7 inches tall. I weigh 140 pounds. I have med. brown hair 36 inches long, turning grey, hazel eyes and clear olive complexion. I have a dear son 22 years old and a dear lively little girl eleven years old. I cherish my friends and value their friendship. I love little children and elderly people. I love to read and listen to music (tho' I have no musical ability). My hobby is collecting scenery pictures, photos of children and babies, and beautiful poems. I'm very impulsive, talk too much and lack patience, but I want to serve my Master the best I can.

Lovingly, Aunt Lena

ANN LINN'S COUSIN MARTHA

"Nobody at school has such trials as I have," fretted Ann Linn. "Teacher does not like me, and my desk sits right where the sun streams on it, and I don't like my seatmate, and lots of other things."

"Ann, dear, you do fret and complain and grumble so much lately!"

"Everything goes wrong. That's why," snapped Ann.

"Ann's father put down his paper and looked steadily at her in a way that made her fidget uncomfortably. 'I wish you wouldn't look at me so hard, Daddy,' Ann burst out after a minute.

"My dear," said her father pleasantly, "I was just thinking how very like your Cousin Martha you are growing. You ought to know her, Ann. There is really a remarkable resemblance."

"Now, George!" chided Mrs. Linn gently.

"But, my dear, it's true," insisted Mr. Linn, while Ann looked from one to the other, puzzled. "I think we had better take her out of school for a week or two since she dislikes it so much, and send her to visit Cousin Martha. She



"And that knowing the time, that now Stanberry, Missouri, April 14, 1941 it is high time to awake out of sleep."

## A NEW YEAR, WHEN?

"Each day is a fresh beginning  
Listen, my soul to the glad refrain  
And in spite of old sorrows and  
older sinning

Take heart with the day — and begin again."

New Years can begin any day, but I feel that Spring is really the new year—the time to start anew. Mother earth awakens from her long winter sleep and we see leaves coming forth, and the ground green with grass—the early flowers coming forth—everything is new, and beauty is everywhere.

Last autumn as we watched the leaves come drifting down, and the trees were brown and bare, all nature looked dead. But we had the hope of a resurrection—the Spring. We see the snow and ice of winter, but we know that under the snow the tulips and lilies are sleeping only waiting for the warm sunshine to come forth in their beauty. Soon the gardeners will be pulling the weeds from among the tiny plants.

Now is a good time to take the weeds of doubt, envy, suspicion, hate and greed out of our hearts, to let the good plants have room to grow. They are love, peace, faith, joy, goodness, meekness, temperance, longsuffering and gentleness.

And too at this time is also the Lord's Supper. We look back thru the ages, trying to realize what our dear Savior suffered. We would like to weep with Him when all forsake Him, and He stood alone. It seems so sad to us when we remember Him saying to His disciples, "Couldst not thou watch one hour?" But do we always follow Him as closely as we could? Now as we come to the time of the great Supper, let us bear in mind to be sure to forgive, as we hope to be forgiven. "To err is human, but to forgive is divine."

We feel sad—until there comes the thought of His Glorious Resurrection, knowing His death was not the end but rather the beginning of the wonderful life evermore.

As we go thru the pathway of life and see our dear ones go through the valley of death it is hard for us to

see that Glorious Resurrection Day through our veil of tears.

Ah! but death is not the end, just the beginning only, a peaceful sleep for those who sleep in Jesus. They shall awake but never to weep. We shall sleep but not forever. There will be a glorious wakening by and by.

Then we think of the words of the poet who said—

"So live that when thy summons comes to join

The innumerable caravan that moves  
To that peaceful realm where each  
Shall take his place in the silent halls  
of death

Thou go not like the quarry slave at  
night scourged to his dungeon;  
But sustained and soothed  
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy  
grave

Like one who wraps the drapery of  
his couch about him—  
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

Now I will call you attention to a bright new star—1941—with six points. The first point we will name Charity or Love. 1 Cor. 13:1-13; the second one Honesty (1 Tim. 2:2-3); third, Patience (Rom. 5:3; James 1:3; Rev. 14:12); fourth, Understanding (Mark 12:33); fifth, Dependability (1 Tim. 4:10) and the sixth point is Overcoming (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17 & 26).

As we think about this star, first so much can be said of charity, but will only say, "Let all things be done with charity."

Honesty does not always mean that we are honest just because we do not steal money or worldly goods. Oh! no; there are different kinds of thieves. Let us search our hearts. Are we honest with God? with ourselves? Are we what we pretend to be? Patience—we never can have too much; very often not enough. Understanding, ah! if we could always have an abundant supply so as never to condemn anyone, but understand.

Dependability. Can the Lord really depend on us to do our best at all times in His vineyard? Is our an-

swer "Yes, the Lord can depend on me." Overcomers. Are we overcomers? Do we always overcome the desire to speak sharp, cross words when things go wrong, or do we ever act hasty—on the impulse of the moment. Maybe we always think before we speak and pray before we act? Why not be a person with a smile in our voice?

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things." Rev. 21:7. Let us be too  
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## PRACTICING AT HOME

Have you ever participated in a sack race or a three-legged foot race? If so, very likely you did some practicing before hand. Have you ever taken music lessons? If you have it would be very strange indeed if you did not practice your lessons more than once — and where? at home? Have you ever given an oration in school or taken part in a declamatory contest? You had to practice and practice, and you did it at home.

However there are a number of more important things all should practice at home which are neglected more than we might think. Home is such a common place to many that they don't give it much thought, and therefore get careless about their manners, words and — well everything in general. While home is the best place to start and practice all good habits and manners, yet many do not give such things much thought until they are away from home, out in company. It is then that many "put on" their best manners and most pleasant disposition. Contrary to what seems to be the opinion of many practice will *not* wear such things out—they are like a violin—they improve with age and use. Remember, it is in the home that we are what we really are. If we practice kindness, politeness and — well all that Christian love means — away from home, why not make it a habit in the home? Isn't that the best place to start? Doesn't God see us wherever we are? We can't fool Him. Surely not one of us is trying to, though sometimes we may fool ourselves and not realize it.

Surely our parents, our brothers

and sisters — our loved ones — deserve our best, so let us put forth a renewed effort to do our best and show our best, yea practice our best Christian manners upon them. Yes home is the place to start. And remember, too, you *must* have God's help in order to succeed.

#### *That One Small Word*

When speaking of Christian manners or Christian courtesies (the Christ-like Spirit all around), there is one small word that covers this subject quite well. It is not a big word so far as number of letters is concerned or hard to spell, yet it is a mountain of a word when considering all that it means and includes. It is so big that we often fail to mentally assimilate its full meaning. It might be well to consider here a few of the things that it does mean as it blossoms out in Paul's words to the Corinthian brethren.

First he numerates a number of seemingly great things and sacrifices that mean nothing so long as what this four-letter word covers is lacking. Why, he even says if he had "faith" (and we know how important that is) enough to remove mountains and lacked this one thing, he is nothing. This being the case we can well judge that "it" is very important. Even if we give all our goods to feed the poor and, more than that, give up our very life and yet lack this "one thing" it will profit us nothing. That is saying quite a lot, but it's the pure truth.

By now you have well guessed what that "one thing" is. Some Bibles call it "charity" and some call it "love" We shall consider them one and the same — interchangeable.

#### *Charity Suffereth Long*

Maybe it is not very necessary to consider this subject—but on second thought, maybe it is. If it does us some good, it is well that we take time to consider it. Therefore we shall give heed to what Paul has to say after this manner (upon completing his startling introduction in verses 1 to 4 of 1 Cor. 13): "Charity suffereth long—" Pause here for the thought. "Charity suffereth long" toward whom? Everyone, to be sure, so we'll go home to start with. That's the best place to start. Does anyone ask, "How long?" Well, that's not the point. Don't think of it as limited—about so long and then coming to the end of its endurance. Don't ask, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother?" and then begin keeping count. Rather have the kind of love that suffereth long enough to meet all emergencies. That takes in a lot, but the life of Jesus was a marvelous example of just such. His is a super pattern to follow.

#### *And Is Kind*

Now on a step farther. "Charity

suffereth long AND is kind. What a wonderful addition — kindness — Christian courtesies. Just think for a moment the multiplicity of uses we can find for kindness, both in the home (first) and out of the home (a close second). Oh how this world is famishing for more real kindness. Surely we can spare a little more ourselves, can't we? Let us try, not in our own strength alone, but ask God for help.

One of the most important uses of charity that is kind is in our speech,—the manner and tone of our voice and as well the selection of our words.

#### *Envieth Not*

"Charity (or love) envieth not." Synonyms for envy are "covetousness and jealousy." Since love is the fulfilling of the law, and the law says "Thou shalt not covet," we see how love and covetousness or envy can not possibly live together. If there is such a thing as a kind of love that can dwell in the same heart as does jealousy, it is not Bible love, but rather a perverted something wrongly termed love. Sometimes a certain kind of love, when defeated, gives place to jealousy. And as jealousy takes the reins, love departs.

It appears that with many in the world today, rather than loving their neighbor as themselves their slogan is to keep up with or get ahead of their neighbor if possible. The world is full of envy on all sides. And if account is taken of things envied, the bulk of the list will be made up of things of vanity.

But in our passing the shoe to the "other fellow," let us go where we won't be seen and try it on ourselves. We might be surprised how easily our foot goes in. Now be honest—have you ever envied anyone of anything they had? Maybe a neighbor got a new dress or coat which especially caught your eyes and caused you to remark about it negatively. Behind such remarks often lingers a trace of envy — unrealized. If you have true Christian love toward all you will be glad and pleased when blessings come their way. You will rejoice when they prosper and long to help them when adversity comes to them. Envy can start in such a small way that it is not noticed at first, so watch out for it. It is like a cancer on the soul, and very destructive to spiritual development.

#### *Boasteth Not*

"Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." Vaunt means "to boast; exalt; glory. Boastful assertion or ostentatious display." To broaden it Paul says charity is not puffed up, or does not puff one up. Christian love never gives place to boasting of self, and never makes one feel as that he was quite an important person. It does rather the opposite—makes one

"humble." When the love of God comes into one's heart it diminishes "self" and causes thought for an interest in others. It asks, "How can I help the other person? How can I do them good and draw them nearer to God?"

True love glories in God and the Gospel, not in self. The riches of God's glory is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Many in the world glory in their shame (styles, movies, on the beach, are examples), but with Paul we glory in the cross of Christ—what He accomplished for us and others.

#### *Broadening Love's Behavior*

Furthermore love "doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil." 1 Cor. 13:5. Several things are included in this verse. Love causes one to behave as a lady or gentleman—as becometh a Christian, both in the home and out. Love is not easily provoked. What! That's right, because it suffereth long, and is not easily angered. "Thinketh no evil." Have you ever known people who were quick to hear scandal and negative reports or remarks about others and thus quickly think evil of them? This is not the working of love but rather the enemy of love. Isn't it much better to think good of others, weigh their intentions as good rather than evil? Even if some negative reports are true, harbor them not, relegate them to the waste basket. That's what love does.

#### *Rejoices in What?*

Love "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." Divine truth, God's Word, is the kind to chiefly rejoice in. Iniquity—evil—is never rejoiced in, but is loathed and hated. All evil reports are never relished, but are hard to hear, and love is quick to change such subjects. Truth, mercy and love go hand in hand.

#### *Endures How Much?*

Love "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Not that it believes everything heard but does not doubt God's word of promise and puts full hope in it. When love beareth all things *without* retaliation that is really doing something. It helps one endure — how many things? All things. Some things are harder to bear and endure than others, but God can help us through them all, and furthermore He is anxious to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is right toward Him. Lest we forget, faith and hope go right along with love. Love longs to please God, faith promotes trust, and hope sprouts from unwavering faith.

#### *Finally*

And finally to sum up love or charity in al all-surrounding manner, Paul said "Charity never faileth." This is perfect love, and it is indeed scarce. Even if we fail at times, it

is not love failing. Maybe our supply is giving out. God has plenty to spare, but so few hearts are receptive to full Christian love. Isn't it possible that many of us could profit by a bigger supply? Maybe a few things need be swept out of our hearts first to make room. Let us covet earnestly a greater supply of love and begin in the home to practice it in more abundance.

May the God of love impart more of this of His divine nature to each one of us. L. C.

### A NEW YEAR, WHEN?

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large for worry, too noble for anger, too happy to permit the presence of trouble. Think well of ourselves. Proclaim this fact to the world *not in loud words, but in kind deeds.*

Life is so beautiful or so tragic. The depths are so deep, but oh the heights of courage, kindness and love can lead to such magnificence.

Life is a problem everyone *must* meet, alone of course. We all know it is easier if our family and friends are walking the way with us—but we must make our peace with God ourselves. No one can be with us in that close walk with God. We are alone with Him. It is for us to decide how much we love God and how close we keep to Him.

"One ship drives east, and another drives west

With the selfsame winds that blow  
It's the set of the sails and not the gales

That tells them the way to go.

"Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,

As we journey along thru life,  
It's the set of the soul that decides  
its goal

And not the calm or the strife."

—By Grace Ward

### 1st MACCABEES

CHAPTER 3:37-60

(Continued from last week)

So the king took the half of the forces that remained, and departed from Antioch, his royal city, the hundred forty and seventh year; and having passed the river Euphrates, he went through the high countries.

Then Lysias chose Ptolemee the son of Dorymenes, and Nicanor, and Gorgias, mighty men of the king's friends; and with them he sent forty thousand footmen, and seven thousand horsemen, to go into the land of Juda, and to destroy it, as the king commanded. So they went forth with all their power, and came and pitched by Emmaus in the plain country. And the merchants of the country, hearing the fame of them,

took silver and gold very much, with servants, and came into the camp to buy the children of Israel for slaves: a power also of Syria and of the land of the Philistines joined themselves unto them.

Now when Judas and his brethren saw that miseries were multiplied, and that the forces did encamp themselves in their borders; for they knew how the king had given commandment to destroy the people, and utterly abolish them; they said one to another, Let us restore the decayed estate of our people and let us fight for our people and the sanctuary. Then was the congregation gathered together, that they might be ready for battle, and that they might pray, and ask mercy and compassion.

Now Jerusalem lay void as a wilderness, there was none of her children that went in or out: the sanctuary also was trodden down, and aliens kept the strong hold; the heathen had their habitation in that place; and joy was taken from Jacob, and the pipe with the harp ceased. Wherefore the Israelites assembled themselves together, and came to Maspha, over against Jerusalem; for in Maspha was the place where they prayed aforetime in Israel.

Then they fasted that day, and put on sackcloth, and cast ashes upon their heads, and rent their clothes, and laid open the book of the law, wherein the heathen had sought to paint the likeness of their images. They brought also the priest's garments, and the firstfruits, and the tithes: and the Nazarites they stirred up, who accomplished their days. Then cried they with a loud voice toward heaven, saying, What shall we do with these, and whither shall we carry them away? For thy sanctuary is trodden down and profaned, and thy priests are in heaviness, and brought low. And, lo, the heathen are assembled together against us to destroy us: what things they imagine against us, thou knowest. How shall we be able to stand against them, except thou, O God, be our help?

Then sounded they with trumpets, and cried with a loud voice. And after this Judas ordained captains over the people even captains over thousands, and over hundreds, and over fifties, and over tens. But as for such as were building houses, or had betrothed wives, or were planting vineyards, or were fearful, those he commanded that they should return, every man to his own house, according to the law.

So the camp removed, and pitched upon the south side of Emmaus. And Judas said, Arm yourselves, and be valiant men, and see that ye be in readiness against the morning, that ye may fight with these nations, that are assembled together against us to destroy us and our sanctuary: for

it is better for us to die in battle, than to behold the calamities of our people and our sanctuary. Nevertheless, as the will of God is in heaven, so let him do.

—From "The Apocrypha."

### From Missouri

Dear Readers of our paper, greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am wondering what has happened to many of our Christian young people, that we do not hear from them throughout our paper any more.

Have you let worldly pleasures and everyday cares, such as school work and earning wages creep in and cause you to neglect the things of God?

We will have to do better than we have been or we may not get the promise of our paper as a weekly another year.

It will not be long now until camp-meeting time, and hope many of you will be here. Also hope that world conditions will not interfere and keep us from having the best meeting we have ever had.

Let us all pray that it will not and that all who have planned for so long to come may have the opportunity, especially those who have never attended Campmeeting before.

I can hardly wait until we can all get together again to sing the songs in our new hymn book. Singing is one of the best ways in which to praise the Lord. "Praise is comely for the upright." Ps. 33:1. The Psalms of David are mostly praise to God. These were sung in olden times.

Spring has been very slow in coming in the northwestern part of Missouri, but we are hoping it will come to stay before many days, and not be so changeable.

Hoping to hear from more of you through our paper.

With Christian fellowship,  
Genevieve Moore

### From Idaho

Dear Readers:

Another blessed Sabbath day has rolled around. Oh what so many people are missing by not having a Sabbath day to rest and praise God for all the blessings and for Christ who suffered for our sins.

We have a fairly large attendance at Sabbath school here in Meridian. A short sermon was brought to us by Bro. Arthur Estep who is a young man starting out in the ministry here. Bro. A. H. Stith also delivered a short sermon, and I'm sure every one couldn't help but receive a blessing from them both.

I am spending the afternoon in the home of my girl friend, Opal Estep. We both decided it was about our turn to write a letter to our paper. I have been enjoying all the interesting let-

ters and articles from different Christian friends who are doing their part in helping keep our Y. P. F. a weekly.

I am corresponding with several young people and I would love to hear from any others that would care to write to me that are near my age. I am 21 years old.

A friend,  
Helen Carlock  
531 Warm Springs, Boise, Ida.

Dear Readers:

I enjoy reading the articles in the paper and also the letters. I don't know very many who write, but maybe I can meet you at Campmeeting if I get to go. I am taking short-hand this year. If I don't forget it all during the summer I'll try to take some of the sermons if I am there. I expect to graduate this year. I like school so well that I hope I can go on. I want to go to a business school.

We have the privilege of attending Sabbath School each week, and some times Helen Carlock comes home with us. We had four visitors at church today. Bro. Stith and some other ministers have recently started having Bible studies every Wed. night in Meridian. Many have been interested in these meetings and have also come to Sabbath school.

I would like to fear from young people of my age. I am 18. I wrote a letter to one of the Leisure girls about a year ago, but never did send it. I will do better next time if someone writes.

Your friend,  
Opal Estep

Ustick, Idaho

## Y. P. LESSON STUDY

### Soldiers For Christ

Scripture Reading: Eph. 6:10-20.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:12.

1. How much of the armor are we to put on and who provides our armor for us? Eph. 6:11.

2. Paul mentions this armor elsewhere. Note and discuss Rom. 13:12-14; Gal. 3:27.

(Note: Christ is our armor. When we put on Christ He covers us as a coat of armor, and is the living word spoken in the rest of the 6th chapter of Eph.)

3. Discuss Eph. 6:12-13. What is meant by "having done all to stand"?

4. Why is truth (V. 14) such an effective piece of our armor? John 8:32. (Free from what?) John 17:17. Discuss sanctify 2 Cor. 13:8.

5. How do ye use truth? 1 Thess. 5:21.

6. Discuss breastplate of Righteousness. Could it mean that we are to have our heart covered with righteousness or that we are to hide behind a righteous "front"; which? Verse 14.

5. What is our shield, and how strong is it? Verse 16.

6. Faith is essential and plays an important part in the battle against the wicked one. Read and discuss Heb. 11:6; Heb. 10:38-39; Matt. 17:20.

(Note: To win this battle our shield of faith must be strong enough and large enough to turn ALL the wicked one's fiery darts).

7. What is meant in V. 17 by the helmet of salvation? Could it mean that our thoughts should be on salvation?

8. What has God given us for a weapon? Verse 17, last part.

9. Is this weapon an efficient one? Heb. 4:12.

10. After we don our fine armor are we to just wear it to places where people will see it, or is it given to us to use in battle? Is it, in other words, a dress uniform? Discuss Matt. 5:13; Philip. 2:15; 1 Tim. 6:12.

11. Consider Paul's example given in 2 Tim. 4:7.

—Clayton Faubion

## THE MERCIFUL

"Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy." Matthew 5:7.

A story is told of man that went to his debtor to collect his money due him. After asking the debtor for the money his reply was, "Have mercy on me and I will pay thee all." The debtor obtained mercy.

One day as Jesus was walking (followed by a large crowd) a man came to him and fell down at his feet and cried, "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner." Jesus has mercy on him and healed him. Oh, that more of us would only cry out to Jesus as this man did! The Lord will have mercy on us. "The meek will he guide in Judgment; and the meek will he teach his way. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies." Psalms 25:9-10. We must keep his covenant and testimonies. In Luke 11:30-37 we find the story of the good Samaritan. A certain man fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, leaving him half dead. A certain priest came and passed by to the other side and likewise did a Levite. A Samaritan journeyed along and when he saw him, he had compassion on him. He went to him, bound up his wounds, poured in oil and wine, set him on his own beast, brought him to an inn, and had someone to care for him. He paid the host for taking care of him. He had mercy on the man. Jesus has commanded us to do likewise.

There are many who do not believe, and perhaps through our mercy they also might obtain mercy."

It would be wise for us as young

people to begin making it a practice to be merciful. "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment." James 2:13.

—By Naomi Ling.

## WHY I READ MY BIBLE

When I am tired the Bible is my bed;  
Or in the dark the Bible is my light;  
When I am hungry it is vital bread;  
Or fearful it is armor for the fight.  
When I am sick 'tis healing medicine;  
Or lonely, thronging friend I find therein.

If I would work, the Bible is my tool;  
Or play, it is a harp of happy sound.  
If I am ignorant, it is my school;  
If I am sinking it is solid ground.  
If I am cold the Bible is my fire;  
And wings, if boldly I aspire.

Should I be lost the Bible is my guide,  
Or naked, it is radiant, rich and warm.  
Am I imprisoned, it is ranges wide;  
Or tempest tossed, a shelter from the storm.

Would I adventure, 'tis a gallant sea;  
Or would I rest, it is a flowery lea.

Does gloom oppress?

The Bible is a sun.

Or ugliness?

It is a garden fair.

—Author unknown.

Sel. by Lloyd Samson.

## THE BRIDGE YOU'LL NEVER CROSS

It's what you think that makes the world

Seem dull or bright to you;  
Your mind may color all things gray  
Be glad today, be true and wise,  
Or make them radiant hue.  
Seek gold amid the dross;  
Waste neither time nor thought about  
The bridge you'll never cross.

There's useful work for you to do  
With hand and brain and heart;  
There's urgent human service too,  
In which to take your part.  
Make every opportunity  
A gain and not a loss;  
The best is yours, so do not fear  
The bridge you'll never cross.

If life seems drab and difficult,  
Just face it with a will;  
You do not have to work alone  
Since God is with you still.  
Press on with courage toward the goal.

With truth your shield emboss;  
Be strong, look up, and just ignore  
The bridge you'll never cross.

—Sel.

Jesus was crucified (Matt. 27:50)  
that we may live (John 3:16).

evidently intends to grow up to be just the kind of woman Martha is, and I think it would be a very good thing for her to have a chance to study her cousin. Ann, would you like to visit Cousin Martha?"

"I don't know. I'd like to be out of school two weeks. Where does Cousin Martha live? Has she a big house?"

"She lives one hundred miles from here, in Weston, a very pretty town; and she has a big house and two automobiles," replied her father. "My friend Mobley is going there next week and will come back in ten days. We'll put you under his care on the train."

So it was settled, although Mrs. Linn did not seem to like the plan very well. Ann was delighted. She always enjoyed riding on the train, and she felt that life in a big house, with two automobiles, would be very pleasant.

Ann found the house more handsome than it had been described to her. Cousin Martha seemed to be quite wealthy. She received the little girl kindly and told her she was glad to have her as a visitor and meant to give a party for her. Ann felt glad she had come. Before long, however, she began to wonder if, after all, she was to have as good a time as she had expected. "I never saw anyone so fussy as Cousin Martha," she thought.

Miss Martha found something to complain of every minute. The servants were careless, the delivery-man from the store never got her orders right, the telephone girl never gave her the number she asked for, and a dozen other things did not suit. She told Ann frankly that she did not think her hat becoming and her shoes were too thick.

Before one week was over Ann was so tired of Cousin Martha's constant complaining that she heartily wished she had never come, in spite of the party and the auto rides. She wanted her mother, who was so sweet and gentle and so entirely unlike Cousin Martha.

One night when Ann was in her little bed, almost sobbing from homesickness, she suddenly remembered something which had slipped her mind. Her father had said she was growing up to be exactly like Cousin Martha. She sat bolt upright in bed, horrified. "Am I like her?" she said out loud.

"Am I as horrid and fussy as Cousin Martha? Oh, surely not!"

But the more she thought it over, the more she feared that she might very possibly become just that "horrid and fussy" in time, if she did not take herself in hand right away. "I won't be like her! I won't!" she resolved. "I shall be like my mother."

It was a very happy little girl who jumped off the train into her parents' arms a few days later. And almost the first thing she said was: "Daddy, I'm not going to grow up like Cousin Martha!"

"I'm very glad to hear it," said her father. "I hoped you wouldn't."

"I believe," declared Ann, "that is why you sent me!"

"Well, maybe it is," laughed Mr. Linn. "It was a good plan, don't you think?"

—Alabama Christian Advocate

we live. My daddy is my teacher. We went to S. S. last Sabbath because my daddy was sick. Sometimes there are only two or three of us in our class and sometimes we have seven or eight. My mamma is helping me write this letter.

I like to have the letters in the Missionary read to me.

We have three cats for pets.

I will close for this time and will try to write another time. Your little friend,

"Mickey" McCoy

(It is nice you can go to S. S. You must write another letter sometime. —Editor).

#### FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Readers:

This is my fourth time to write to the little paper. I go to Sabbath school nearly every Sabbath. I enjoy reading the little paper. My Sabbath school teacher's name is Inez Symonds. I am eleven years old. My birthday is March 29. I am in the fifth grade. I go to Bond Special school. My school teacher's name is Mrs. Swarfd.

Bro. Faubion is holding a two weeks' meeting at our church. I am going every night. We will

One time some of the people in Peter's day were talking about some of the poor people who were not taken care of because they had no daddy to work and keep them. They called upon the twelve disciples and told them about these poor people and they wanted the disciples to see that they were cared for. The disciples though were very busy preaching the gospel to the people so they could not take the time to help these poor people. What do you think the disciples did though? They got together and told some other men to go and help those poor people so they would have food and clothes.

How many ways of sharing with other children can you think of? We must love each other so we will be willing to let other boys and girls play with our toys as we do not want people to call us selfish and stingy do we? If we want to play with other boys' and girls' things we must let them play with ours and then we will all be happy.

**Questions to Answer**

1. What did the people do for the poor people in Peter's day?
2. How can we show our love for each other?
3. Were the people given more than they needed? Why?
4. Why could not the disciples take time to help the poor?

You may have your teacher help you draw pictures of toys for you to color. You may also cut out some little boys and girls from an old catalogue and paste on the picture with your toys.

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**INTERMEDIATE LESSON No. 43, Apr. 26**

Lesson: Mark 9:36, 37; Also Matt. 18:1-4.

Memory Verse: Mark 9:36-37.

Jesus had the most important work anyone could possibly have to do. He came to save sinners. Yet He always had time to be a friend to the children. What did He tell the disciples? Matt. 18:3.

Just what did He mean by become as little children? In faith, perhaps. Doesn't a little child have perfect faith in his parents? He trusts them for all things. He does not worry for fear he won't have food and shelter, nor is he afraid of harm and accident. He feels safe with his parents. That is the way we trust our Heavenly Father.

A child is a perfect example of humility. He does not go about, thinking he is better than other people.

We should all try to have as forgiving a spirit as a little child. Children may quarrel and even come to blows. They think at the time that they will not play together anymore. But they soon forget about it. In a short time they are playing as before. Grown-ups sometimes say they have forgiven, but often they do not so completely forgive that they forget as a little child does.

If we receive the children in the same spirit that Christ does, we will be receiving Him. When we receive Him, we will be blessed and will be fit subjects to enter the Kingdom.

**ANSWERS TO HIDDEN NAMES**

1. Esther; 2. Asa; 3. Ahab; 4. Ruth; 4. Mary;
6. James; 7. Amos; 8. Sidon.

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**PRIMARY LESSON for April 26, 1941**

Lesson Study: Acts 4:32-35; 6:1-7.

Memory Verse: "Love one another."

**SHARING WITH OTHERS**

Many years ago in the days when the disciples lived on earth the people all tried to work together—that is, the Christians did. That's the way we should do now but some people do not think so because they do not try to help others.

Everyone was glad to help others just like they were brothers and sisters and as if they lived together in one big family. They all shared their things together. If some one didn't have a certain thing that the rest of them had, why they all divided with him. That is the way little boys and girls should do now is share their toys with each other and not be selfish.

The people were given as many things as they needed and no one had more than they needed as they might waste it.