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ROSEMARY'S GARDEN

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One morning early in May, Mother Whiteman put on her garden hat and getting the hoe and rake was ready to go to work in the garden. She was going to plant seed to raise vegetables for them.

"Where are you going?" asked Rosemary.

"It is time the garden was being planted and I must get some of it done today, so I am taking these seeds and going to the garden to work," was Mother's reply.

After Rosemary had played with her dolls awhile she decided to go and help Mother.

"Mother, may I have some seeds to plant and help you make the garden? I believe it will be fun putting the seeds in those little ditches and covering them with the nice moist dirt," said Rosemary.

Mother Whiteman gave Rosemary some seeds, but the little girl put too many in a place and covered the seed too deep. Mother showed her how to do better and Rosemary worked very hard and did so well that Mother said she was learning fast. The next day Rosemary wished that she had a garden all her own and she would plant and care for it all by herself.

Mother Whiteman thought for a few minutes and then said, "Rosemary, I really believe it would be nice for you to do that next year, but you had better work along with Mother this summer until you know more about gardening. There is lots to learn from a garden and I can teach you better when we are working close together."

Father was planting the sweet corn and was listening to what Rosemary and her Mother were saying. After a few minutes Father said that next spring he would fix a little corner of the garden just for Rosemary. Of course the little girl was disappointed, but she helped Mother all summer and the next spring she was glad to see her own little garden spot. She could hardly wait until Mother said it was time to plant the garden.

One sunny morning Mother said: "Rosemary, do you know that a garden is just like our lives?"

"How can that be?" Rosemary asked.

"Our minds are the gardens of our lives," was Mother's reply. "The thoughts that we put in our minds are the seeds. When we plant a garden we are always careful to plant a good seed, for we know that it takes good seed to raise good plants."

"I know that you always choose nice clean seed, and you are careful not to get any weed seed," said Rosemary.

"Yes, if there are any weed seeds we know that weeds will grow and then we will have to pull them out of the garden. The thoughts that we put in our minds must be good, for our thoughts grow and control our lives. Good thoughts cause us to do good deeds. Bad thoughts are like bad seed. They must be taken out of our minds before they have a chance to cause us to have bad habits."

Rosemary was very careful to plant her garden just right and used nice clean seed. Before long the little plants began to appear, and Rosemary was so excited, her garden was growing just as good as Mother's.

In a few more days Mother said, "Rosemary, we must go and hoe in the garden."

"Why do we have to hoe?" Rosemary wanted to know. "We have to loosen the soil so that the little roots can grow, the same as we have to keep thinking good thoughts so our minds will help us to do good deeds. If we quit thinking upon good things we soon forget to be good and the good seed we planted in our minds will die."

When they reached the garden Rosemary was surprised to see the ground covered with tiny weeds and grass.

"Where did these come from?" she cried "I didn't plant any seed like that."

"That is why we have to hoe the garden. We can't let these weeds grow or they will get so large they will choke out the garden plants. Now if we let bad thoughts stay in our minds they will kill out the good thoughts, for there won't be

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of telling a story about it. Then Judy was happy too. —By Aunt Isie, in Junior Jewels

—M—

Verse For The Week

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right." Ephesians 6:1.

Isn't this a nice verse? If our parents are serving God they will not ask the children to do anything that is wrong, so the children should be glad to obey. When we do right things God is pleased with us.

—M—

A BOY GIVEN TO GOD

A man name Elkanah and his wife, Hannah, had no children and Hannah felt very badly about it. She loved children and wanted very much to have a child of her own.

Hannah worshipped the true God of heaven and every year she and her husband went to worship and offer sacrifices to God.

Elkanah loved his wife very much and when he saw her sad enough to weep because she had no children he asked her why she cried and wanted to know if he wasn't as good to her as ten sons could be.

Hannah believed in prayer and trusted God to answer her prayers and as she was at the temple she prayed most earnestly for a son. She promised God that if He would give her a son that she would give him to the Lord, and that the child should serve Him as long as he would live.

The priest at the temple saw Hannah praying, saw her lips moving but as he could not hear her saying anything, he thought that she was drunk. He asked how long she would be drunk and why she didn't quit drinking.

Hannah answered: "I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord."

Then the priest Eli told her to go in peace and the Lord would hear her prayer and give her what she had asked. And it came to pass that Hannah had a son and took much pleasure in him, but she did not forget her promise to give him to the Lord. While he was yet quite small she took him to the house of the Lord and said to Eli, the priest, "I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the Lord. For this child I prayed; therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord."

It was a great thing for Hannah to give her only child to God and to go home and leave him at the temple. She surely kept her promise to God. Hannah thanked God in prayer for answering her prayer.

So Samuel, for that was the boy's name, ministered before the Lord in the temple while he was yet a child. Each year his mother made him a

coat and took it to him when she and her husband went up to the temple to worship.

Samuel grew in grace and favor with God and was one of God's prophets when he was older.

—M—

THERE'S SINGING EVERYWHERE

There's singing 'round the whole wide earth
For all creation sings;
Folks make music with their lips
And crickets with their wings.

Birds makes music in their throats
And sing the whole day long;
The waves join in with cliffs and rocks
To sing an ocean song.

The wind is very musical
And sings with birds who pass;
She plucks the branches of a tree
Or blows on blades of grass.

There's singing in the air above,
And even under ground;
In mountain, lake, on sea, and shore,
And all the world around!

—By Nona Keen Duffy, sel.

—M—

OUR FAVORITE SONGS

How many of you know the song "A Little Talk With Jesus"? I think that is a nice song for it tells us that a little talk with Jesus will make things all right. Jesus understands all our troubles and He had troubles when He was here upon the earth. He is willing to help us if we talk to Him in prayer, but we must go to God in Jesus' name, or ask that God hear us for Jesus' sake. Jesus never wanted anyone to worship Him but told us to worship God, His Father.

—M—

PUZZLE CORNER

How did you get along with the questions we had last week? How many did you get the correct answers to, and how do you like them? Here are a few more for you to try and I think that answering them and then looking up the answers would be a good thing to do on Sabbath.

1. Which was created first, man or the sun and moon?
2. Who tempted Christ?
3. Were Jacob and Esau twins?
4. Was David the strong man of the Bible?
5. Was Christ born in Jerusalem?
6. Was Joseph sold by his brothers?
7. Was Paul one of the twelve disciples of Christ?
8. Are we commanded to keep the Sabbath?

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"The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever." Psalm 37:29.

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Thoughts for You . . .

How was school this week? I think most of you are in school by now. Were the children kind and pleasant to each other and the teacher?

It is so much nicer when everyone is kind. The teacher enjoys it and thinks what a nice thing it is to teach such good children.

Did you know that the Bible teaches us to be kind? If we aren't kind to those we are with, they will not like us very much and if they do not like us we can not win them to Jesus.

Jesus was kind. He felt sorry for those who were sick, or in trouble. He fed the hungry, and was kind to the children. He loved us enough to give His life and die that we might have eternal life.

The Bible teaches us to be kind to the animals that we have. We must feed and water them, for they are in our care. People that are kind and good to others are also kind to animals.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:32: "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."

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room enough for both good and bad. Bad thoughts are not what Jesus and God want us to have in our minds any more than we want weeds to grow in our garden."

"Will just a few of these weeds do any harm in the garden, or do we have to pull all of them?" asked Rosemary.

"If any are left they will grow larger and will be all the harder to get out later," Mother answered.

"Do bad thoughts grow the same way?"

"Yes, daughter, they do, and the longer they

grow the harder it is to get rid of them."

"I had never thought of that," said Rosemary.

As the little girl worked hard hoeing out the weeds she was thinking to herself that she would always try to think good thoughts for she didn't want to have as hard a time cleaning out her mind garden as she was having to clean out the vegetable garden.

—M—

JUDY TELLS THE TRUTH

Little Judy lived in a small town where her father kept a grocery store, but Judy like to buy things from Sister Kregg's variety store in the same block. Sister Kregg was a Christian and tried to teach children in the right way.

One day Judy asked for a nickel from her mother and went in a skip-hop to the variety store. Sister Kregg asked Judy what she wanted. "Have you got anything for a nickel?" asked Judy in a drolling voice.

Sister Kregg thought very seriously, "No, I don't have anything for a nickel only what you already have."

"Have you got a color book?" "Yes." "How much are they?" asked Judy.

"Ten cents."

"Oh, I just got a nickel," said Judy in a puzzled manner.

"Oh me," sighed Judy as she sat down on a box to think over her condition. Then all at once she said, "I know, I'll leave my nickel here and go over and tell Mamma that I want an ice cream cone, then I'll come back and get it."

"Oh," exclaimed Sister Kregg, "do you think that would be right? That would be telling a story."

"I wouldn't mean to," answered Judy sadly.

"Now I'll tell you what to do," said Sister Kregg. "You go over and tell Mother that we have a color book over here and it costs a dime. I believe she will let you have it.

"No she won't, I know she won't," sadly moaned Judy.

"I believe she will if you ask her," answered Sister Kregg. "If Grandpa was there, he'd give me one, but he's not home," Judy lamented.

"Well, I believe Mother will let you have it if you take your nickel and ask her," advised Sister Kregg.

"All right," answered Judy brightly, and away she scampered down the street.

Only a few minutes passed when the door opened again and in came Judy with a smile on her face and shouted in a cheerful tone, "She gave it to me. I want my color book."

"I knew she would," Sister Kregg said, as she went to get the book, very pleased that Judy had asked her mother for what she wanted instead



FOR
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LETTER BOX

FROM OREGON

Lesson Material: Isaiah 1:10-20.

Memory Verse: "Learn to do well," first part of verse. Isaiah 1:17.

True Ways To Worship God

In our lesson today, God is telling the prophet Isaiah how the people should worship Him. Isaiah was to tell the people what God had told him.

God said for them to hear the word of the Lord and to listen to God's law. When the people sinned they were to offer a sacrifice for their sins. God had told them to do this, but He didn't want them to keep on sinning just because they could offer these sacrifices.

He wanted the people to listen to His words and laws and not sin as they were doing. God would rather have His children obey Him than to have all the gifts and sacrifices they could give Him. It is right to give gifts to God but we must give ourselves, too, for it is us that God wants instead of gifts.

God said for the people to learn to do well. He asked the people to reason or talk with Him and learn how to live and their sins would be taken away and they would be white as snow.

God also made His people a wonderful promise if they would be willing to obey Him, for He said: "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."

God still wants us to obey Him the same as He wanted the people to do in the days of Isaiah.

He wants us to be willing and glad to listen to His words and laws and obey Him because we love Him, and not just because we feel we have to.

Questions

1. Whom did God talk with?
2. To whom was Isaiah to talk?
3. When the people had sinned what were they to do?
4. Did God like the way the people were doing?
5. What did God like better than sacrifices?
6. How could they learn to obey God?
7. If they obeyed what would become of their sins?
8. What promise did God make to the people?
9. Should we obey God?
10. How should we obey God?

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If we would have friends, we must show ourselves friendly. That means that we should be friendly to others, then we will have friends.

Dear Missionary Readers:

I haven't written for some time, so thought I had better write.

I worked outside all summer picking berries, beans, and am picking up prunes now.

I go to Scrael Hill Church of God, and am in the Junior class. Blanche Benight is my teacher. I like her because she explains the meaning of our lesson and questions.

School starts Sept. 12, and I will be in the eighth grade. I am thirteen years old and will be fourteen the 29th of November. I would like a penpal about my age. I will answer all letters received. My address is Phyllis Van Valkenburgh, Turner, Oregon, Route 1, Box 131. I will close for now.

Your friend,
Phyllis.

(Dear Phyllis: Your letter was appreciated and how nice it is that you can go to church. It is good that Sister Benight is able to explain your lessons to you in such a way that you understand them better. Write again.)

—M—

THREAD AND NEEDLE

A negro living in that huge part of Africa known as the Belgian Congo learned about Jesus from a missionary. This was the native's prayer one day afterwards:

"Dear Jesus, you be the needle, and I will be the thread. You go first and I will follow wherever you lead."

None of us will go far wrong if we will let Jesus be the "needle that directs the thread of our life."—Selected from the Australian Christian

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HOW MANY BOOKS

In a class the teacher asked, "How many books are there in the Bible?"

Several guesses were made, but none correct. Then one boy held up his hand, "Please, Miss, there are thirty-nine in the Old Testament and twenty-seven in the New Testament which makes sixty-six."

"How do you remember it?" asked his teacher.

"Oh, that's quite easy," said the boy. "Take the word 'Old,' three letters, 'Testament,' nine letters; set down three and nine side by side, and you have thirty-nine. 'New,' three letters again, and nine in the word 'Testament.' Multiply three nines, and you have twenty-seven."—Selected from the Australian Christian.