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BLUE MONDAY

By Carrie Childs

The family had returned from a trip on Sunday evening and as everyone was so tired from the long ride they retired for the night as soon as they could. It seemed like no time at all before Mother was calling the children. They were so sleepy that the night didn't seem half long enough.

"Can't we sleep just a little longer?" asked Tommy.

"Of course we can't," was Lottie's remark.

"I am too sleepy to see anything. I almost wish that we hadn't taken that trip, for I am tired yet," said Bessie.

"Come on, get up, as this is wash day and there is lots to be done," urged Mother. "Tommy must carry the wash water, Lottie and Bessie can gather up the laundry. You know that the bed linen must be changed."

After lots of stretching and yawning the children arose and dressed and went down to breakfast.

"We must hurry with the laundry as the weather report says that a storm is due to reach here by tonight," Mother remarked.

Tommy got a couple of pails and started carrying water while the girls went to the bedrooms and gathered the linen.

"Why do clothes ever get dirty? If it wasn't so much work to wash I would enjoy Monday lots more," said Bessie.

"I guess most people don't like to do the washing for you know that Monday is called 'Blue Monday' by many people," was Lottie's remark.

"Well, whenever there is so much water to be carried I don't blame folks for calling it 'Blue Monday.' I've carried enough water to make anybody blue," said Tommy.

"Now children, don't grumble so about the work that is at hand. You know that the Bible teaches that all should work. Grumbling makes the work unpleasant. If we think pleasant things as we work we will enjoy ourselves so much better."

"How can we think pleasant things with so many dirty clothes to be laundered?" asked the children.

"Let's play a game and get a lesson at the same time," was Mother's answer.

"Tell us how we can do that and get our work done at the same time? You have always taught us to do our work and then play, but not do both at the same time," said Bessie.

"All right, I will tell you how," said Mother. "Let's pretend that these clothes are people. They might be us. When we first started out in life we were pure and free from sin just like these clothes were nice and clean to start with. As we grew older and did things that we shouldn't we weren't so pure and clean and sin makes and leaves spots on our lives as dirt spoils the looks of the nice clean sheets and the other clothes."

"I never thought of that," said Lottie.

"Do we have to wash our lives like washing clothes?" asked Tommy. "If so how would one go about it?"

Mother thought a minute and then said, "You see these clothes cannot clean themselves. We have to use something to clean them, so we use soap and water. In our lives soap and water will not wash away our sins, and just as the clothes cannot clean themselves, neither can we make ourselves pure in the sight of God."

"What shall we do then, if we can't wash away our sins?" asked the children.

"God took care of that for us the same as we are taking care of cleaning the clothes. He gave His only Son to come and shed His blood and die for us that we might be saved from our sins. If we do not put the clothes into the soapy water in the machine they will not be made clean. If we do not love God and Jesus enough to ask for forgiveness and obey and be baptized our sins will not be taken away from us and we will remain stained with sin and dirty in the sight of God."

While Mother was talking to the children they were busy with the washing. When a basket of clothes was ready for the line the girls hung them

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Thoughts for You . . .

This is the first issue of this paper since The Sabbath School Missionary and The Golden Gems have been united. We welcome all our new readers and hope that you will enjoy the paper.

Those who have been receiving The Golden Gems every two weeks will now get a smaller paper every week. Our paper will continue to be a four-page paper for awhile anyway.

To those who have helped to make the papers so interesting in time past we want to say we will certainly be looking for you to still help. All such help will be very much appreciated.

Your Editor is new at this work and we will have to get acquainted and I know that I am going to enjoy these weekly visits with you. If I make mistakes just be patient and give me what help you can. Any suggestions for making the paper better will be thankfully received.

Now let's all get busy and see how many new subscribers we can get. Come on with your letters and helps.

—M—

BLUE MONDAY

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out in the bright sun and, oh how pretty they looked waving in the breeze!

"I never would have thought about comparing ourselves to the washing," remarked Lottie.

"Neither would I." replied Bessie.

"How do you suppose we look to Jesus?" asked Tommy. "I wonder if He thinks it is a blue Monday when He looks at the people. I am afraid He does and He had to do more than carry a few buckets of water that we might be white in His sight."

"Let us not call it 'Blue Monday' any more. We should be happy that we can make the clothes look so pretty and fresh," said Mother. "And let

us give ourselves to Jesus and have Him make us white and clean in His sight as the clothes look nice to us. Then it won't be such a sad and blue day for Him, for the Bible says that even the angels rejoice when a sinner repents."

—M—

Memory Verse For The Week

"My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalm 121:2.

Let us be sure and learn this verse and always remember it. When in times of temptation and trouble it will give us much comfort to know that help will come from the Lord if we only ask for it. Of course we must depend on God at all times and not wait until we are in trouble before we call on Him.

—M—

LET'S GO ON A PICNIC!

By Mary Holbert

Nearly everybody loves a picnic. Here are some pointers on how to be a good picnicker, with safe fun for everyone. **PLAN THE PICNIC:** Decide on the place to go, how to get there, and how to get home, the number going and the supplies needed. A first aid kit should be taken along.

ON WAY TO PICNIC: Be sure to walk single file on left side of the highway if you are walking and there are no sidewalks. Be on the look-out for poisonous plants like poison ivy.

PICNIC FIRES: Find out if the picnic site is one where fires are permitted. An adult should accompany the group with building the fire and safeguarding you and your surroundings. Remember to use long enough sticks for roasting marshmallows—make them of green wood so they won't catch fire very easily.

DRESS FOR THE PICNIC: Wear play clothes, not party clothes. Be sure to wear sturdy, low-heeled shoes, especially if you plan to hike.

WHEN YOU WANT A DRINK: Include in your supplies, drinking water, unless you know you can get safe drinking water at the picnic site. You can use the water from a near-by stream to put out the fire, but don't drink it. It might not be good for drinking.

PUT OUT THE FIRE: Stir the coals while you soak them with water. Be sure every spark is out. If you do not have water, use dirt to smother the fire. Make sure you have cleaned up papers, cans or scraps before you leave the picnic grounds. Leave a tidy place for those coming there to picnic tomorrow or the day after.

These are good pointers to remember. Perhaps your Sabbath school teacher will help you plan a picnic for the class. How well can you obey the rules of a good picnicker?

PLACES I HAVE BEEN

Real early one day in winter the family got in the car and started out for a day's outing. We had decided to go to a town over one hundred miles away where the circus spent the winter.

There were no large tents up like you see when the circus is in your town, for this was the winter home of the circus and everything was in houses or buildings.

When we arrived at the circus home there was a gate to pass through and a man there to take a small amount of money for admission. A large sign told us that the money was to be used for a children's home. When we were once inside the grounds we could stay all day if we wished.

Parking our car as close to the buildings as we could, we started out to see the sights. About the first place we went was to see the elephants. There were about sixty of them in one building. It was time to give them a drink while we were in there and it was interesting to see them fall in line and march around to the water trough just like children marching into a school house.

They were feeding the hippopotamus when we got to his pen. He acted sleepy and yawned, and his mouth was large enough to swallow a man, or that was the way it looked to me.

Most of the lions were asleep and their tails were hanging out through the bars and I wanted to pull them but knew it would not be safe to make them angry, for they might claw me. One mother lion had some babies and she was keeping an eye on them that nothing might hurt them. The baby lions were very pretty.

The white bear was one of the prettiest animals there and he looked like his fur would make the nicest coat for winter time.

I believe it was the leopard that was trying so hard to get out of its pen and into the pen with some deer. I guess it wanted a deer for its dinner.

Of course there were lots of monkeys. One mama monkey spanked her baby because it didn't obey her. When the little one cried the mother picked it up and hugged it.

In walking around we got into a pen where a man was having trouble with a horse, and the horse seemed not very good natured. He chased us, but as we were near a gate we got away from him.

There were lots of other animals and we enjoyed seeing them. Did you ever wonder why God made so many kinds of animals and where their home was before they were caught and put in a zoo or circus? Would you have liked to name all the animals as Adam did? And what do you suppose Noah did with all the animals in the ark?

A LETTER

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

We are having beautiful fall weather where I live. School is starting all over the country. I hope all of you like school, for anything that has to be done is much more fun if you enjoy doing it. I went to camp meeting in Missouri and had a wonderful time. Did you attend camp meeting somewhere? I hope you did. One has so many sweet memories that bring happiness in the months to come. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the fine sermons, the beautiful singing and music.

Some folks like to trade old friends for new ones, but I just like to keep adding mine, one by one. And here's a secret, children, if you like to have friends, you must be friendly. Smile at the lonely one, or ask them to come play with you, they are probably waiting and wishing you would speak to them. Try it and see, and you will have lots of friends.

One morning at devotions a minister from New Jersey gave us an object lesson and I will do my best to tell it to you.

Have someone draw you a picture of a wagon wheel. The whole wheel represents the world. The spokes are the people. The hub or center of the wheel is God. You will notice that the spokes are very close together near the hub, likewise when we are close to God we can live Christ-like lives and have Christian love for one another. When we neglect to pray, read our Bible, attend church and Sabbath School, then we begin to get farther away from God and our Christian friends and closer to the world. Worldly friends and worldly pleasures will draw us farther away from God.

God should be the very center of our lives, the center of every thought, word or deed. The Bible tells us, "to draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to us," also to "Suffer little children to come unto me." If you are old enough to love Mama and Daddy, you are old enough to love God. Do you love Him?

Lovingly,

Aunt Lena

—M— PUZZLE CORNER

1. Who besides Jesus fasted forty days?
2. Was John the Baptist the brother of Jesus?
3. Did God write the Ten Commandments in a book?
4. Did Aaron bury Moses in the land of Egypt?
5. Was Isaac placed on the desert to die?
6. Were Isaac and Jacob brothers?
7. Did Noah have five sons?
8. Were Jonathan and David father and son?
9. Do you know when the Sabbath begins?
10. Was Moses baptized?
11. Should we be baptized after we repent?
12. How many people were in the ark?



FOR
OCTOBER 15, 1949

Lesson Material: Isaiah 19:19-25.

Memory Verse: "God . . . will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths." Isa. 2:3, part of verse.

When Nations Are Friends

This chapter in Isaiah tells us about the nations and how they were getting along with each other.

In the beginning of the chapter they were quarrelsome and everyone was fighting someone else. In verse 2 we are told that the Egyptians were quarreling among themselves, even brothers were fighting each other.

According to the rest of the chapter the people and nations had forgotten God and were not serving Him.

Verse 19 tells about a time when an altar to the Lord would be placed in the land. An altar is a place where the people worship God. This altar was to be a sign and witness unto the Lord. The people were to know the Lord and serve Him.

When this time came to pass then the countries would be friends and work together.

We know that we cannot serve God and quarrel with our neighbor, neither can one nation love and worship God and be at war with a neighbor nation.

God teaches to love one another and when we love anyone we do not want to hurt them so we live in peace with all men. Serving God brings peace and happiness.

As long as there are nations not serving God there will not be any peace on earth, but the time is coming when Jesus will set up a kingdom and then love and peace will be everywhere, and no trouble will spoil the nation.

Mark tells us to have peace with one another. Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 13:11 to live in peace and the God of love and peace shall be with us.

Questions

1. In Isaiah's time were nations peaceable?
2. What is one reason why nations are quarrelsome?
3. What was to be placed with the people as God's witness?
4. Do people want to quarrel when they are God's children?
5. Tell why not.
6. How long will there be trouble in the world?
7. When will happiness and peace be everywhere?
8. What did Mark tell us to do?

9. What did Paul say?
10. Aren't you anxious to live when all will be peace?
11. What do you think we can do in this life to get ready for the time when God will set up this kingdom?

—M—

LETTER BOX

FROM MARYLAND

Dear Missionary Readers,

How is everyone getting along these days? Fine as me, I hope.

School started here Monday the 12th. I have to ride the bus eleven miles to school everyday.

I have four more weeks to go to finish my first enrollment card.

Well I guess I had better close for this time.

Christian love,

Wanda Baugh

(Well, Wanda, we are new friends. As your new Editor I am not acquainted with the enrollment cards. I will have to find out about them. You have a long ride to school. Write again as we are always glad to hear from all.)

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FROM MARYLAND

Dear Readers,

I finished my enrollment card today. I would like to have my second enrollment card. I have kept my rules faithfully.

In closing you may read this by turning this paper upside down and look in a mirror.

I AM A PROVERB 15:4.

A WHOLESOME TONGUE IS A TREE OF LIFE.
(Thanks for this puzzle. Although you wrote to the Golden Gems your letter was sent to me and it is appearing in the Missionary, as the two papers have been combined. It is too bad that you forgot to sign your name.)

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Dear Missionary Readers:

I enjoy reading the letters in the paper so much, so I will send one too. We have three puppies. One bird dog and 2 Australian shepherds. We also have a pony that my sister Norma, who is 7 and I can ride. The pony's name is Babe. I help milk one cow each morning and evening. I am glad school will start soon. I am 9 years of age and will be in the 4th grade. I like to go to Sabbath School. Sister Lulu Estep is my teacher.

Your friend, Elaine Palmer

(What a wonderful thing it is that children can go to school and gain knowledge that they may be able to read and study the Bible, the most wonderful book in the world. So many children in other parts of the world don't have this privilege.)