

## When Aunt Esther Reads

By Edith Lippincott

It had been several nights since the children were at Doris William's house to hear her Aunt Esther read from the Bible. At first they thought they were not going to enjoy hearing the Bible read but they soon changed their minds.

It was about seven o'clock when Mary Brown knocked on the door. "Why, come right in, Mary, and I will call Doris. She is around here somewhere," greeted Aunt Esther.

"Well, I didn't come especially to see Doris this time. I was wondering if you would have time to read to us again tonight?" asked Mary. "You see, we children would like to hear more of that story you were reading when our mothers called us home the other night. If you will read tonight I will get the rest of the crowd."

"Yes, I will have time to read some this evening. Get the rest of the children and Doris and I will get the chairs ready in the living room," replied Aunt Esther.

Away Mary went to get the other children and soon they were all standing on the front porch of the William's home waiting for Doris to open the door. In no time they were all settled and ready for the story.

"I believe I will read some more from the same chapter," said Aunt Esther.

"That will be just fine," remarked Lucy Hull.

"What happened after the earth was made?" asked Tommy.

"It seems that the dry land appeared on the third day, and the same day God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass.' And the earth brought forth grass and the trees were created the same day," was Aunt Esther's answer.

"Oh, I wonder if the trees had to grow in a hurry or were they tall from the start," asked Teddy, who had not been there the first night Aunt Esther read to the children.

"The Bible doesn't say, so we cannot tell that," answered Aunt Esther.

"Read on, Aunt Esther, for we are in a hurry to hear what happened next," urged Tommy.

"Here is what was done the next day. 'And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth. And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good'."

"These two lights that were so great must have been the sun and the moon," reasoned Mary.

"I think you are right, for the moon gives us light by night and the sun gives light by day," explained Aunt Esther.

"How does that come?" asked Teddy, who had been in deep thought. "My teacher says that the sun was made before the earth was, and the Bible says the earth was made first."

"I don't know why or how they figure that way, for according to God's words they are wrong. I guess they have forgotten to read this correctly, or they would not understand and teach such."

"I think I will ask the teacher about this tomorrow, and see what he says," decided Teddy. "Perhaps he will study it and find the right answer."

"Did you notice that God saw that everything that He created was good?" asked Aunt Bessie.

"Yes, it seems that He didn't make mistakes and have to do His work over like people do," agreed the children.

"How many days had God been working by now?" asked Lucy.

"Just four days," was the answer.

"My, He must have been busy. Just think how

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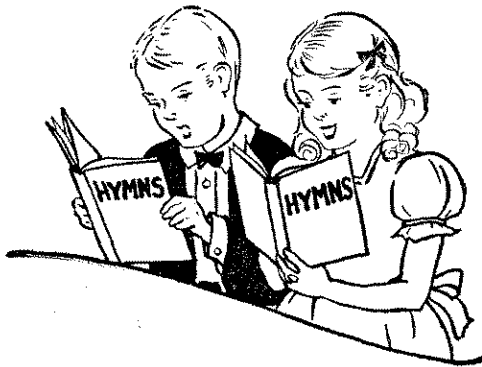
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## LET US SING

Did you ever notice that people don't sing when they are cross? If they did sing I am afraid their song wouldn't sound very happy.

Singing is a nice way to worship God. Of course we will need to sing the right kind of songs in order to worship God by singing. We worship God in church by singing songs and that is a very nice part of our worship.

Paul tells us in 1 Cor. 14:15, that he would sing with understanding. We should sing true things in our songs, and not sing things that we know are not true, and claim we are honoring God in song.

Ephesians 5:19 says, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." David sang praises to God.

In times of happiness we can express our joy in song. In times of sadness and trouble we can get much comfort by singing of God's goodness and mercy to us. We can also confess our sins and ask God's forgiveness in song. Songs of God's great love have won many people to Christ.

Let us not forget to sing when things seem to go wrong and see how much nicer everything will be. And when we go to Sabbath School and church let us praise God and thank Jesus for His redeeming blood, in song. Let us all sing and mean what we sing.

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many stars there were to be made," Mary said.

"And how do you suppose He keeps them up in the sky?" wondered Tommy.

"We can't tell that, but we know that it is by His power that it is done and they obey His will."

"Say, Mother told me not to stay very long, so I had better go home," Teddy told them.

"I guess we had all better go now. We will come back soon to hear some more, for we want to know more of this story," they all agreed.

"Come again, in a night or two, and we will read some more," was Aunt Esther's promise as the children left for their homes.

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## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long." Proverbs 23:17.

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## DARE TO BE A DANIEL

By Mary Holbert

Daniel had a lot of courage—the courage to stand up for what he believed would be pleasing to God. You boys and girls are all familiar with the Bible story about Daniel, so you'll remember these acts of courage of Daniel. How many of us would have done as Daniel did? How many of us today dare to be a Daniel?

You remember when Daniel was a boy that he and certain other children of Israel were brought to the king of Babylon to be taught the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. The king decreed that these boys were to be fed the finest and richest food with wine to drink. Daniel decided that he wouldn't defile himself with this rich food and wine. Daniel had the courage to ask that the Hebrew children be allowed to eat pulse and drink water. God gave Daniel favor with those in charge so that they granted his wish. At the end of ten days these Hebrew boys were fairer and fatter in flesh than the others who ate of the king's meat.

Another instance of Daniel's courage was when he continued to pray three times a day, in spite of the decree that if he did he would be thrown into the lion's den. A person with less courage would have prayed silently or would have hidden to pray. But Daniel didn't, he prayed openly. Consequently, Daniel was thrown into the lion's den. Here again God intervened. He sent His angels to close the mouths of the lions so they did not harm Daniel.

Daniel had courage to do the right thing and

God did not forsake him. If we will dare to stand out on the Lord's side, He will be with us and strengthen us.

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**PLACES I HAVE BEEN**

Dear Missionary Readers:

When our new editor came to Kansas City a few weeks ago she asked me if I would write something for the Missionary, so I decided I would. I am going to tell you about a place I once visited.

But before I begin, I will tell you a little about myself. My name is Fayrene McMickin. I am fourteen years of age and I go to Central Junior High School. Now that you know more about me I will begin.

This place I'm going to tell you about is in the heart of the Ozarks. It was in the autumn that I went there and the leaves on the trees were very beautiful. They were very rich in colors of brown, orange, red, yellow and some were still green. They reminded one that only God can make such beautiful colors, and although there are many good artists, not one of them can make such beautiful colors, and although there are many good artists, not one of them can make such beautiful colors.

Nestled among all the trees were the ruins of an old castle which some people had built there, but it had burned down. They built it back again and this time they built a big tower so they could see their enemies coming. However, the castle was burned down again. The people did not rebuild it.

This year some of the people around there bought shares of the estate and are turning it into a large tourist resort. Don't you think it would be nice to go to the castle some day and see all the beautiful things God has put there?

I hope that you have enjoyed reading about the old castle and tower.

Be good and go to Sabbath School every Sabbath. If there isn't any church near you why not get Mother or Daddy to help you study the lesson that is printed in the Missionary every week? Or if you have an older brother or sister I'm sure they will be glad to help you learn more about God.

Your friend, Fayrene McMickin.

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**"COME IN"**

What do you say when someone knocks at your door? 'Come in,' of course. Do you know that the Lord Jesus is knocking at the door of your heart? He wants to come in and live there. He wants to wash it clean in His blood. He wants to take away the mean, naughty things, and help you

to be sweet and good. What are you going to say to Him? Will you say, "Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in to-day, come in to stay"?—Our Pente. Little Folks.

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**DON'T FORGET TO PRAY**

Don't forget to pray, my children,  
As about your tasks you go.  
Even though the words are simple,  
Prayer will always help, you know.

Jesus, when He was a child,  
Learned to pray at mother's knee,  
And he taught when He grew older  
One prayer loved by you and me.

He prayed often on the mountain,  
On the sea, the crowded way;  
So if we would be more like Him,  
We will not forget to pray.

—Effie Crawford in Our Little Friend

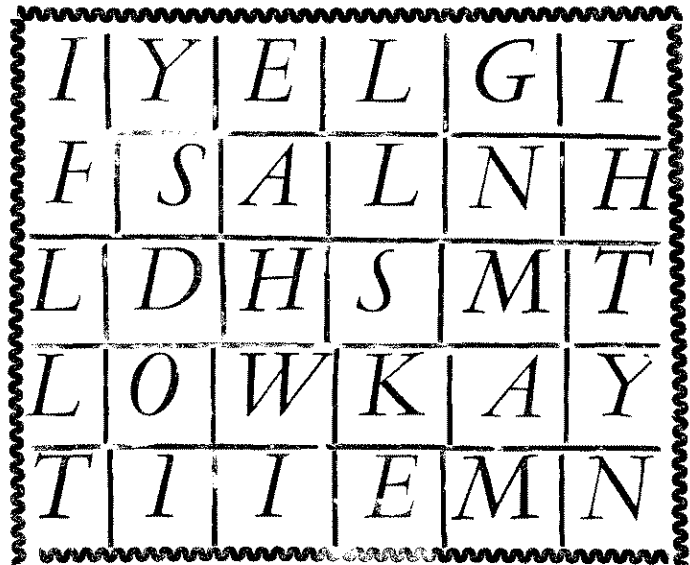
If the Lord Jesus lives in our hearts, we will not kick the kitty or puppy when they happen to get in our way.—Selected.

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**PUZZLE CORNER**

Answers to last week's Bible Grocery Store Puzzle: 1. Bread. 2. Honey. 3. Salt. 4. Ham. 5. Barley. 6. Corn. 7. Mustard. 8. Cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, garlic.

The verse, "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it," is hidden in the following puzzle. Can you find it? Begin with the "I" in the top left-hand corner, and don't skip over any spaces, but you can go in any direction.



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Some deeds may be covered for a time, but after awhile they tell a story that all can read.



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Lesson Material: Isaiah 55; 56:6-8.

Memory Verse: "Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." Isaiah 56:7, part of verse.

### God's Love For Everyone

In John 3:16 we read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And the next verse says, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Wasn't that a wonderful love that God had for His people? He wants everybody to love Him and He loved everybody enough to give His Son to be put to death so that the people in the world might be saved. That doesn't mean that everybody will be saved but that they will have an opportunity to be saved if they wish to be. We will have to want to be saved and then try to live worthy of eternal life.

God had a chosen people and He showed His love to them many times. But in our lesson material we find that He has love for the rest of the people, too. We have our friends and of course we love them and are very apt to not care much for those whom we do not consider our friends, but God is not like us. He says that even the strangers who join themselves unto Him, or people who want to live for Him and be one of His children, He will not turn away, but will make them joyful in His house of prayer.

Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:4 and 5 that "God who is rich in mercy, for his great love where-with he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ." That means that while we were yet sinners God loved us enough to forgive us if we asked forgiveness and help us to live in Christ, or have Christ for our pattern.

### Questions

1. Who loved the world?
2. How much did He love the world?
3. Do you think that was very much?
4. Did God have a chosen people?
5. Do you think Jesus died for just a few?
6. Who are the strangers?
7. When did God love us?
8. Do we need to love God?
9. How much should we love Him?

10. Do you think the world loves God?
11. Who loves us enough to forgive us our sins?

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## YOUR LETTERS

### FROM WEST AFRICA

Sirs:

I am a boy of nine years schooling at St. Stephen's School, Omanelu, and I am interested in reading your papers. I have been getting them from J. O. Emere. And I now write to ask if I can be getting some direct copies from you for further reading and study.

I want to learn more about the Word of God. I eagerly look to hear from you. May God bless you and help you in all that you do. I am yours sincerely,  
Gabriel A. Enyida.

(It is nice to know that children your age want to learn of God, and we hope that you like the papers. Write us again, Gabriel.)

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### FROM OREGON

Dear Missionary Readers:

I thought it must be time for me to write to the Missionary, so I am going to write now. I am in the Junior Class at Sabbath School and Ray Benight is my teacher.

School started September 12th. I am in the eighth grade this year and will be fourteen this coming January. We have just come back from a trip to California. My Grandma and Grandpa went with us.

I would like very to have a pen-pal my age to write me. I have one pen-pal in Nevada and one in Scotland. My address is: Arlona Wearill, Rt. 2, Albany, Oregon. I will close for now.

Your Missionary Friend,

Arlona Wearill.

(It is nice to have pen-pals, Arlona, and you are my pen-pal when you write for the paper. I am glad you are located where you can go to Sabbath School. Write again.)