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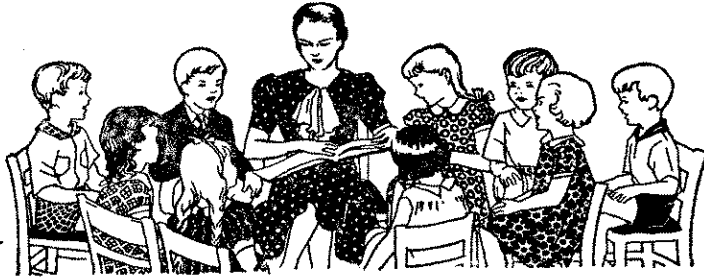
# SABBATH SCHOOL ...MISSIONARY...



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## When Aunt Esther Reads

By Edith Lippincott

One evening after the chores for the night had been tended to and supper was over the children who liked to hear Aunt Esther read went to the Williams home for a few minutes. They had told Aunt Esther that they would be back some evening before long to hear more of the Creation story from the Bible.

"Do any of you remember how many days had passed when we stopped reading the other evening?" asked Aunt Esther.

"I think we all do. Just four days had passed," answered Teddy.

"We want to know what was made on the fifth day," chimed in Lucy.

"All right we will read and see what was made the fifth day." So Aunt Esther opened the Bible and began to read. "And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, . . . and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. . . . And the evening and the morning were the fifth day."

"Oh, the birds that fly around in the air and the fish and other animals in the water were made on the fifth day, weren't they?" asked Tommy.

"I guess about everything had been made by this time, and there wasn't much left to do the sixth day," wondered Mary.

"That is where you are wrong," answered Aunt Esther, "for listen to this: 'And God made the beast of the earth . . ., and cattle . . ., and everything that creepeth upon the earth . . ., and God saw that it was good.'"

"How can it be that the trees and grass were growing, and there were animals on the earth so soon if the earth was all ice or all rocks? They told us at school that there was an ice age and a stone age. The Bible don't say anything about

either one," Tommy remarked.

"Yes, what about that time?" several of the children asked.

"The Bible doesn't say there was ever such a time, and why people want to teach such is a puzzie to me. They are not willing to take God's word for it, but think up a teaching of their own," answered Aunt Esther. "It would be so much easier to understand if they taught the way the Bible says, instead of trying to explain about an age when everything was ice, and another age when everything was rocks."

"Let us remember what the Bible says, and believe it that way, no matter what people may say," explained Aunt Esther. "We know that the Bible teaching is right."

"Say, I haven't heard anything about Him making people yet. Didn't He make them before the animals were made?" asked Doris.

"Don't you remember, Doris, how in class the other day they told us that people weren't people at first. They were just a little cell or something of the kind, and after several hundreds of years, this cell grew and changed from one animal into another until at last it was a man," said Lucy.

"I can't believe that, can the rest of you?" asked Teddy.

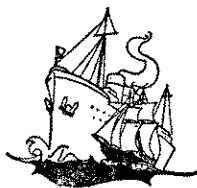
"Well, that is what they told us," replied Lucy.

"Let's see what the Bible says about it, for that is all we want to know," chorused the others.

"It doesn't seem as though man was made before the animals were, for after it tells about the animals being made then this is what it says: 'And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God cre-



## Places I Have Been



Did you ever go riding in a glass-bottom boat? There are such boats, you know.

At Silver Springs, Fla., there are several of these boats. They are very nice to ride in. The whole bottom of the boat isn't glass, but just the center of it. The people riding in these boats are seated around the sides of the boat and look over a low wall and can see the bottom of the lake through the glass in the bottom of the boat.

We took two rides in such a boat. The lake was really a large spring and was very deep. The water was clear any everything in the water under the boat could be plainly seen.

The water from this spring made a good-sized river and we took a trip down stream for a couple of miles.

As we watched through the glass bottom we could see the fish and turtles in the water. One place was called the flower garden and the bottom of the river was covered with pretty plants and flowers. Another place was a very deep hole and in the bottom of this hole were two very large catfish. I believe they were named Maggie and Jiggs, and they stayed in this deep place most of the time. They looked so lazy, just floating around in their home with never a care to worry them, or so it seemed.

One place was the dining room. The passengers were given slices of bread and the boat stopped for them to feed the fish. The striped fish would come to the top of the water and would take the bread right out of a person's hand. There were turtles there too, and they seemed to be hungry and wanted their share.

We always enjoyed a day spent at this place. There was a tame deer running loose in the woods and he would come up to a person and beg for cake or any part of your lunch.

Some other time I will tell you about the other things we saw at this park.

—M—

### HOW A BIRD GETS OUT OF ITS SHELL

Have you ever wondered how a baby bird gets out of its shell?

It isn't done merely by wriggling and pushing. The bird really hammers on the hell—with a tooth.

Even your pet chicken did have a tooth. It is called an egg tooth. On the very end of the bird's bill.

The chick uses this handy tool to crack the tough shell. Then it pushes and shoves its way out.

### HELPING

I help my mother  
By dusting the chairs,  
By washing the dishes  
And sweeping the stairs.

I vacuum the carpet  
And help set the table,  
And help with the ironing  
Whenever I'm able.

I help my daddy  
To keep our walks clean,  
To water the roses  
And keep the grass green.

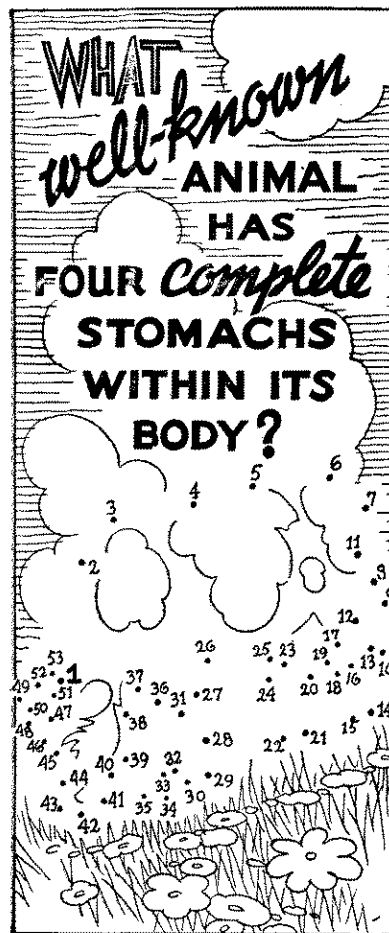
I help him polish  
Our car, when I'm through,  
And do other things  
That he asks me to do.

I want to help them  
And grow up to be  
As good to my parents  
As they are to me!

—Nona Keen Duffy, Sel.

—M—

### PUZZLE CORNER



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PLAYING FAIR

Have you ever played with someone who would cheat and not play the games fair? Did you like to play when they cheated? I never liked to play games when someone didn't play fair, and would cheat so they could win.

When children cheat in their games they are very apt to cheat in their work when they are men and women, for what we do when we are young will become our habits and they are hard to break. And cheating will only bring them trouble for no one likes a cheater. They may think they can get by with cheating, but someone will catch them at it sooner or later.

We should learn to be fair and honest in everything, in play or work, even though it may make us lose the game. It is better to be an honest loser than a cheating winner.

We cannot please God and Jesus if we are cheaters, for cheaters are not honest and upright.

Whatever we do let us do it knowing that God is watching and understands all that we do. We wouldn't want Him to catch us cheating, would we?

—M—

## MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."  
1 John 3:18.

## WHEN AUNT ESTHER READS

By Edith Lippincott

(Continued from page one)

ated man in his own image, in the image of God created he him'."

"What does it mean to make man in the image of God?" asked Teddy.

"That means man was made in the same likeness, or the same shape and form as God had. It doesn't say he made them a cell and they had to grow from it into a frog and then to several other animals until it was a monkey, and then gradually change from a monkey to a man," explained Aunt Esther. "They were made in the same shape as God had. Can anyone tell where they were placed?"

"They were put in a garden called Eden, weren't they?" asked Lucy.

"Yes, God put man in the garden and told him he was to rule over all the animals that God had made. And God saw that everything He had made was good," answered Aunt Esther.

"That just about finished the week, didn't it?" asked Tommy.

"There was one day left of the first week," answered Aunt Esther. "Just listen to this: 'And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.'"

"What does it mean when God sanctified the seventh day?" asked Teddy.

"Sanctify means to set it apart for a holy use. The seventh day, or Sabbath, was set apart as the day to worship God and in memory of His first week of work, or the finishing of creation. Every time we keep the Sabbath we do so in memory of the first week."

"How much of the Bible have you read to us?" one of the children wanted to know.

"We have just finished the first chapter of Genesis, the first book in the Bible, and have used a couple of verses in the second chapter."

"This has been interesting and we hope you can read for us lots of evenings this winter," Mary said.

"I will be here for several weeks yet, and will read to you often, if you wish," was the answer.

"We must go now as we will have to get to bed before it is too late, as tomorrow is school day," said the children. So they said goodnight and went to their own homes to think about the things they had heard read tonight.

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Be careful what you do,  
For God is watching you.



**LESSON FOR  
DECEMBER 10, 1949**



**YOUR  
LETTERS**

Lesson Material: Jeremiah 31:31, 33, 34.

Memory Verse: "If a man love me, he will keep my words." John 14:23, first part.

**Loving and Serving God**

In our lesson material for this week we are told of a time when God will put His law in the minds of His people. He said He would write His law in their hearts. He would also be their God and they were to be His people. Then everyone would know God and they would not have to teach their neighbors about God for they would all know God.

When everyone knows God so well that they have the law of God written in their hearts, then God would forgive them their sins, and wouldn't remember the sins that He had forgiven.

When people love and serve God they will think about the things God would have them do, then they will have God's law in their minds, because that is what they are thinking of.

When the law is in their hearts, they will give their whole life to doing His will. People who serve God and love Him will be careful not to sin, because they know that it would not be pleasing to God. And when they do sin they will ask God to forgive and He is willing to forgive them.

God isn't like people who remember the things that are done that they do not like. He will forget the sins that He has forgiven. Many times when people forgive someone, they keep remembering and will not forget the thing they have forgiven.

It will be a happy time when everybody knows God and there will be no need to teach our neighbors about God. When everyone knows God the world will be full of love and there will not be wars and troubles. There will be no hatred, but we will love everybody and there will be peace all the time.

**Questions**

1. What is the memory verse?
2. Will there be a time when everyone will know God?
3. What do you think it is to know God?
4. What will we do when we know Him?
5. Where is God going to put His law?
6. Will God forgive sins?
7. If we love God what will we be careful to do?
8. When will there be no wars?
9. Do you want to love and serve God?

**FROM CALIFORNIA**

Dear Readers of our little paper:

This is my first time to write to the Golden Gems. I am six years old. I have a sister and a brother. We love to read the letters from other boys and girls in the Golden Gems.

Love,

Patricia Smith.

(We are glad to have your write for the paper. Of course you know the two papers have been combined and it is The Sabbath School Missionary now. Write again, please.)

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**FROM CALIFORNIA**

Dear Golden Gems and Missionary Readers:

This is my first letter to this little paper. I am six years old. I am going to be in the second grade this year.

I have two cats but they are wild and won't let me play with them.

I live in Stockton, California. It is a large city. Your friend,

Caroline Shaeffer.

(It is too bad your cats are so wild, Caroline. It seems some cats don't like to be petted. Write to us again.)

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**FROM CALIFORNIA**

Dear Golden Gems and Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to this paper. I like to read the poems and stories.

My favorite hobby is fishing. I went fishing with Otto Ogren one time and I caught a big fish.

I like to go to Sabbath School and learn things from the Bible.

Your little friend,

Darrell Smith.

(I like to go fishing, too. It is nice you like to learn things from the Bible. Write again.)