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WHEN JESUS CALLED

Jesus said He wanted me
His dear child to always be.
I said "Yes" to Him, and then
He asked little brother Ben.
Bonnie, too, said "Yes" to Him.
Then He asked my brother Tim.
Timmy said, "Of course, I'll be
All Your own," and then, you see
He asked little brother Joe.
What d'you think—he answered, "No!"
Can it really be? thought I
And it made me nearly cry,
That he could so rudely treat
One so dear, so kind, so sweet!
But I'm glad I let Him in,
For He took away my sin,
And He helps me daily show
That He washed me white as snow.

—Selected from *Our Jewels*.

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Editorial

Do you ever read the signs at the railroad crossings, the one that says, "Look out for the Cars"? That sign was put there to remind people of the danger of being killed by the train if they aren't careful.

Of course signs don't do any good unless we pay attention to them. If the train were coming down the track and we drove on the track in front of it, the sign at the crossing wouldn't keep us from getting killed, but if we read the sign and then looked and waited until the train was by before we crossed, we would be using the sign, and it would be a help to us.

How nice it would be if there were signs all along life's road to tell us when we were near danger. If there were only a few signs to warn us when we are close to sinning, perhaps we would not be so apt to sin. There are some signs to keep us from sinning and they are in the Bible. One sign says we are not to steal. If we read this sign and obey it, it will help us

to not steal, and therefore will help to keep us from sinning. And it is the same with other signs found in the Bible.

Can you think of some signs that could be taken from the Bible that would help us in our everyday life?

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WHEN JESUS WAS A BOY

By E. L. Modesto

When Jesus was a little lad

And lived in Galilee,

I wonder if the joys He had

Were such as come to me.

I wonder if He liked to play

With little friends at games,

Or through the fields near by to stray

And give new places names.

Perhaps He liked to work at things

To find out, if He could,

What can be made with sticks and strings

Or whittled out of wood.

Perhaps He liked to rig up ships

Or other toys He'd planned,

Or build small houses out of chips

And cities in the sand.

I wonder if, when tired with fun

But cleaned up fresh and neat,

He had His food at set of sun,

It tasted good to eat.

And if, after His prayers were said

And sleepy grew His sight,

His mother tucked Him in His bed

And then kissed Him good-night.

Perhaps a cheerful dreamlet flew

Sometimes along His way,

Or He awoke with something new

In mind to try that day.

I hope these things that I enjoy

Were done in Galilee

When Jesus was a little boy

About the age of me.—Sel.

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Can you get a new subscriber for the Missionary?

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We need a letter from you, so please write.



JUDY SMITH'S DOLL

Little Judy Smith took Susie to school every day. Everybody knew that Susie wasn't old enough to go to school. She couldn't talk, nor walk, nor do anything. She just looked pretty in her blue taffeta dress. Susie, you see, was Judy Smith's doll.

One Friday morning, Judy didn't take the doll to school. Instead she put Susie back into the cardboard box in the closet.

That afternoon, Judy's mother called for her at the school gate. Soon she saw Judy coming, with another little girl running after her. What a strange-looking little girl, thought Judy's mother. She was very pale and thin, and her dark eyes looked too large for her sad face. She came right up to Mrs. Smith. "I like Judy," she said, blinking her large eyes. "I want to be friends."

"Keep away from me, you!" Judy shouted. Then she pulled her mother away, and began to walk down the street quickly.

"That wasn't nice, Judy," said Mrs. Smith. "She wants to be friends with you."

"What of it," said Judy, "who wants her for a friend?" Then Judy told her mother that the strange little girl's name was Ilona Sandor. Ilona had come to America only a short time ago. "Nobody likes her—except the teacher," said Judy.

"Nobody?" asked Judy's mother. "But why? She seems very sweet."

"Oh, I don't know," said Judy quickly. "It's just that she's—well, she's different from us. She doesn't speak good English. She doesn't know how to play our games or—do anything. She always wants to hold Susie, and I don't want her to. Besides, she always follows me around."

"Is that why you left Susie home in

the closet today?" asked Judy's mother.

Judy felt ashamed. "Yes, Mother," she said shyly.

On Monday morning, Mrs. Smith took Judy to school earlier than usual. She wanted to speak to Judy's teacher about the lonely little girl whom nobody wanted. The teacher told Mrs. Smith that Ilona was an orphan from far-off Hungary. For a long time she had lived in a crowded camp in Europe—with thousands of other homeless children from many countries. Ilona never had any toys to play with, or nice clothes, or even enough food to eat. Then she was brought to America. A kind family, living near Judy's school, adopted Ilona and took her into their home.

Judy's mother and the teacher decided that the rest of the children would want to make friends with Ilona if they knew the cruel adventures she had been through. The teacher said she would talk to each child in the class about Ilona.

A few weeks later, Judy surprised her mother. It was in the morning, before school. Judy ran to the closet and took Susie out of the cardboard box. "There's going to be a party in our class today—for Ilona's birthday. And guess what? I'm taking Susie along!"

That same afternoon Mrs. Smith waited at the school gate. Presently, she saw Judy running happily toward her with Ilona Sandor. Ilona was holding something in her arms, hugging it very close to her heart. Her dark eyes sparkled with joy. "See what my friend Judy gave me!" she cried. With that, Ilona unfolded her arms and held Susie up high for Mrs. Smith to see.

"That's my birthday present to Ilona," said Judy, smiling up at her mother.

On the way home, Judy said: "Ilona's fun when you get to know her. May I invite her for lunch tomorrow, Mother?"

"Of course you may." Mrs. Smith replied, and her heart was very full.

—Religious Press Committee,



"Chippy, Chippy, Chippy"

By Mary Holbert

"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows." Matt. 10:29-31.

Sparrows are the plainly-colored members of the finch family, but their musical notes make up for their lack of fine feathers. In North Africa there are about forty species, found nearly everywhere.

The **song sparrow**, which picks his home near water, has heavily streaked underparts and a conspicuous black spot centering his breast. One of the first suggestions of spring is the voice of this great soloist. In the woodland lives the reddish-brown **fox sparrow** that is also a master musician.

Along the roadside another sparrow can be seen darting from the weeds. Two white outer tail feathers tell us that he is the **vesper sparrow**. This little six-inch bird of the fields is famed for the appealing melody of his song.

The **swamp sparrow** is a bird of the marshes, where he mingles his simple song with the music of the marsh wrens. The confiding **chipping sparrow** may place his neat hair-lined nest low in the bushes of your garden. In a high-pitched voice he sings "chippy, chippy, chippy" so fast you may mistake him for the fiddling cricket. Then we have the **short-tailed grasshopper**

sparrow that likes fields of daisies and clover. His name comes from the fact that his weak insect-like song recalls the grasshopper's chirp.

The **house sparrow**, a hardy street urchin imported from Europe in 1851, is a weaver finch and not a true sparrow. He is disliked for his untidy ways and his tendency to drive away more desirable birds.

How many of these sparrows have you seen? We are of more value than the sparrow, so we know the Lord watches over us, too.

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In The House Of God

When we are in the house of God
We never should forget
That we are there to worship Him,
And not to talk and fret.

It is a very sacred place,
And we should not neglect
To honor God and Jesus Christ,
And for them have respect.

It is a sin to talk and laugh,
And wiggle like a worm,
When we are in the place of prayer—
We ought not even squirm.

So when we go to Sabbath School
And church, each Sabbath morn,
Oh, let us worship God, and thus
His holy house adorn!—Sel.



On those long-ago days when Jesus lived in Palestine, shepherd boys or men were very important and busy people. Rich men owned large flocks of sheep and hired shepherds to guide and care for them.

A shepherd must be strong and brave and fleet of foot. It was a real job to be trusted with the precious flocks upon the lonely hills and valleys of Palestine. Sometimes these shepherds even lost their lives while watching the sheep and the little lambs. Wild animals would try to snatch a sheep or a lamb.

The sling was their weapon of defense and they were very skillful in its use. If a sheep strayed, often it was surprised and turned back by a stone from its master's sling, landing a few inches in front of its nose.

The shepherd boy probably wore a tunic, which was a loose garment covering him from neck to knee or shin; maybe an outer coat or cape and some kind of headcloth. Sometimes he carried a strong club as added protection, and a bag made of the whole skin of a kid holding his food.

Flocks were usually led, but if very large, they were also driven by a man and a dog from behind. After wandering all day while the sheep grazed, keeping a sharp look-out for wild animals and thieves and bringing back strays of the flock, the boys and men were glad to gather at springs or water holes to rest for the night and water the animals.

Often there would be as many as three or four herdsmen and their flocks gathered at one place. On cold nights they slept in caves, if there were any near; if the weather was warm they slept in the open under the bright stars. When wild animals were about, they built stone wall sheepfolds and drove the sheep inside. After their charges were safely bedded down the shepherds built a campfire and cooked their supper.

The Shepherd Boy

By the light of the embers they told stories, sang songs, and played on their pipes that made such strange music in the still air.

Sometimes they made new pipes out of reeds they had gathered or new slings from tufts of wool which the sheep had left on thorn bushes by the wayside. They twisted this wool into threads, then braided the threads into stout strings for the new sling.

The campfire was kept burning all night and the shepherds took turns watching over the sleeping animals. Early in the morning each man and boy called his flock. The sheep knew their own masters voice and would obediently follow him as he led them to fresh pastures.

The shepherds might have been lonely with only sheep for company, if it had not been for these meetings and waterholes. Most of them were happy and contented with their jobs. Once in a while there would be a "shearing." The owner of a flock would hire shearers on a certain day to come cut the heavy wool from the animals. He invited friends, neighbors and servants to the party. There were games to play and songs, music and stories to hear. The shepherds loved these parties and looked forward to these every once in-a-while days when everybody met at the rich man's home for a "shearing."

Jesus said, "I am the God Shepherd."

—Our Jewels

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FAITH

Mother was going to the city. Bessie was to stay at home and take care of the baby. Then Mother promised to get her a new dress, for Bessie was a good, obedient girl.

When Leila came over to play with Bessie for a while, they were talking about Mother's trip to town. They were very anxious for Mother to come home, for

Bessie remembered the new dress Mother was bringing, and she was so glad.

"How do you know she will get your dress?" asked Leila. "Maybe she will forget it."

"No, indeed," said Bessie, "she promised and my mother always keeps her promises." Bessie had faith in her mother because her mother kept her word.

It is so with the Lord Jesus; He always keep His Word and as He has given us so many precious promises in His blessed Book, the Bible, we can always have faith in Him and believe that He will make good every one of His promises.—Beams of Light.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS



FEBRUARY 18, 1950

Telling About Jesus in New Lands

Lesson Material: Acts 13:2-5, 14, 15, 42-44.

Memory Verse: "They were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord." Acts 13:48.

Just before Jesus was taken up into heaven to be with His Father He told His disciples that they were to be witnesses for Him in Jerusalem, Judaea, and Samaria, and in the uttermost parts of the earth. Witnessing for Him was telling the people about Him and His love. The places that He named were in the country where the disciples were, and were places that they knew, but in the uttermost parts of the earth meant to all parts of the earth, even to the farthest places they were to teach and preach of Jesus.

In the church at Antioch were certain prophets and teachers and they prepared to go out preaching. As they went through

the country they would stop at the synagogues and teach the people there. They traveled across an island and there they found a man who didn't believe the men of God and tried to turn others from hearing the truth. Paul, who was one of the teachers, told him that he was an enemy of righteousness and because of the man's refusing to believe Paul, he was made blind for awhile.

One Sabbath as Paul was in the synagogue, he stood up to preach to the people. He told them how God had cared for their fathers, and that He had promised to send Jesus. He told them that Jesus had come as was promised and had lived among the people, how He had died for them and had been raised from the dead. After the Jews were gone out of the church, the Gentiles asked Paul to preach to them the next Sabbath, and on the next Sabbath nearly the whole city came to hear the word of God preached.

The story of Jesus should be told in every part of the earth so a great many people would have the chance to know and serve Him. Jesus died for all the world, not just one little country.

Questions

1. What did Jesus tell the disciples just before He was taken to heaven?
2. Who were in the church at Antioch?
3. Where did they go?
4. Tell about the man who didn't believe the disciples.
5. When did Paul go to the synagogue?
6. What do you think a synagogue is?
7. What did Paul teach the people?
8. Who besides the Jews wanted Paul to preach to them?
9. Did he preach to them?
10. Did many come to hear him?
11. Where should the story of Jesus be told?

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FOR FEBRUARY 25, 1950

A Christian Answer

Lesson Material: Acts 15:6-27.

Memory Verse: "The same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him" Romans 10:12.

There had been some disputing and differences of opinion on certain beliefs and the apostles and elders had met to discuss the matter. It seems that some were not wanting to accept the Gentiles as brothers in the church unless they kept some of the old customs some of the others had taught.

At this meeting Peter stood up and talked to them. He told them how God had sent him to teach the Gentiles, and God had put no difference between the Jews and the Gentiles. They were all to believe on Jesus and keep the commandments. The Gentiles were to be accepted by God if they had the faith.

The people kept silent and listened to Paul and Barnabas tell about the many wonderful things God had done among the Gentiles. After they were through talking to the people, James arose and after reminding them of some of the promises God had made to care for all who served Him, he asked them why they wanted to trouble those who had turned to serving God. He told them that it would be better if they would lived peaceably and try to make themselves more perfect, and spend their time trying to win others to Christ.

Instead of trying to cause trouble in the church or among the people who are serving God, we should look at ourselves and try to make our lives more perfect. We are not to set up some custom that isn't necessary to have salvation, and demand that all other people live the way we think they should. We should all work together to get people to leave their sins and serve the Lord, and not do anything that would make it harder for anyone to be a Christian.

Questions

1. What were the people doing?
2. What did Peter tell the people?
3. Did God make a difference between the Jews and the Gentiles?
4. What did Paul and Barnabas tell them?
5. What did James ask the people?
6. Should we cause trouble among God's people?
7. Should we set up customs for people to follow?
8. What is best for us to do?

9. What is a custom? If you don't know ask your teacher to explain.

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THIS WEEK'S LETTERS



FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Editor:

I'm very happy because the little paper is changing into a larger paper. I'm sending in my fifth enrollment card.

I've moved to LaSalle, Mich. I like it very much and I go to Hall School. I'm in the eighth grade this year.

I will close for now. Yours truly,
Frieda Friddle.

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FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Golden Gems Readers:

Well, it has been quite a while since I have written to the Golden Gems, so I guess it is time to write again.

I have been going to school, we are having a basketball game tonight. Our school has three basket ball teams; the Senior Boys, the Senior Girls, and the Junior Boys.

My cousin from Oklahoma has been down on a vsit. She is eleven years old. I'll close for now. Love,

Mary Sue Shipman.

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REMEMBER

To save this paper as you will need it for two Sabbaths if you use the lessons at Sabbath School.

Let us know if you like the paper coming every two weeks better than every week. We want to hear from you about this.

- - - Tiny Tot's Page - - -

Long, long ago there was so much sin in the world that God sent a flood to destroy the world. Noah was a righteous man and God told him to build an ark, so that he and his family could be saved and not drown in the flood. God shut the door to the ark after Noah and

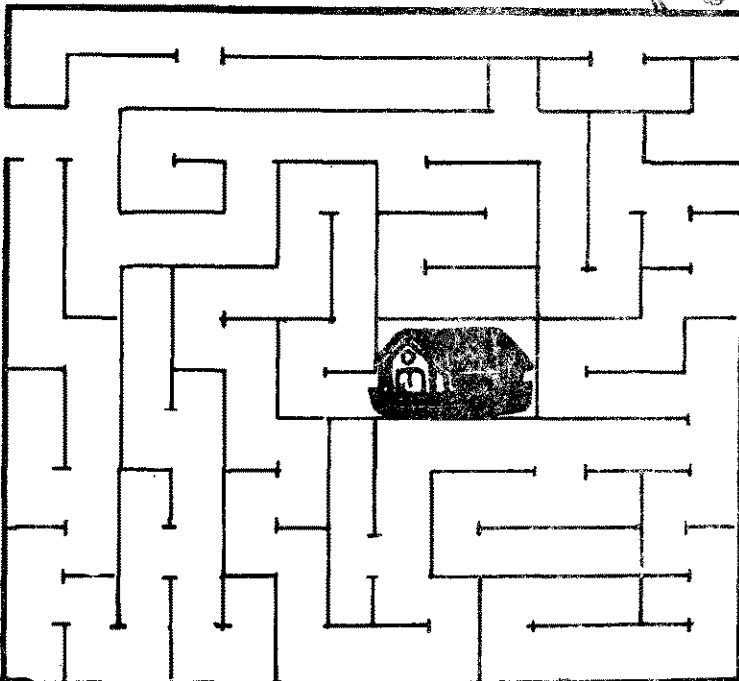
He had Noah take animals into the ark with him and so some of the animals were saved too.

We hope you like this Noah's ark puzzle.

his family were safely inside and they were the only ones saved from the flood.

The Ark is the only safe place for these animals and just one path leads to it.

THE
STORY
OF
NOAH
AND
THE
ARK
IS
TOLD IN
THE
BOOK
OF
GENESIS



To reach the Ark, you must find the path that leads in and out but does not cross a line.

