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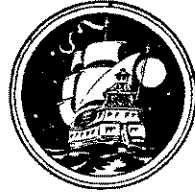
## THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

*The world is full of children,  
In the land of palm or snow,  
In home of tent or palace—  
No matter where we go.  
They're dark or white or yellow,  
But God loves every race;  
The work of His great kingdom  
Gives every one a place.*

*The world is full of children;  
Our God who sent His Son  
To be our friend and Savior,  
Defends and loves each one.  
He wants us to be friendly  
And help each other, too;  
And show our love for Jesus  
In everything we do.*

—WILHEMINA D. STEPHENS, SEL.

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## Places I Have Been

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## Editorial . . . . .

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There are two kinds of stories. They are true stories and the stories that are not true. The ones that I mean that are not true are the ones we call lies. Did you ever know of anyone telling a lie?

Some tell little lies and say they are little "white lies." It is this kind that I want to talk to you about. It is so easy to tell these little "white lies" and most people seem to think that it isn't wrong to tell them. When anything is white it is supposed to be pure and all right. But, do you know, that a lie is still a lie no matter how little and is never right. I don't think there can be such a thing as a white lie.

The Bible teaches that lies are not right and God does not like them. One man lied to God and because of it he died suddenly. The devil told the first lie and he is the father of all lies, big or little. So let us be careful not to let him put big lies, or little "white lies" in our mouth! If a big lie is a sin a little lie is a little sin, and we cannot sin and please God.

As we were driving along the road in the state of Georgia one autumn day, we saw a sign that told us to slow down, for we would soon be at a place where the sign read "the House by the Side of the Road." We wondered what this house would be like so we slowed down to have a look at it. Another sign invited us to stop and rest, so we stopped to look around.

A little old man greeted us and took us into his workshop. We found that he was a potter. A potter is one who makes dishes and jugs, vases, and many other things out of earth. He was making these things to sell and he let us watch him at his work.

A certain kind of clay is needed for this work and it is mixed with water and made into just plain mud, or that is the way it looked to me. Then he worked it with his hands and formed a ball of the mud and put it on a small table that turned around when he worked a pedal with his foot.

As this table whirled around the potter used a smooth stick and his hands and shaped the wet clay in any shape he wanted. He could run it up tall and have it turn out at the top and make a vase in no time at all.

After the articles were made and he had everything ready they were put in something like ovens and baked. Sometimes they would crack, or break while baking and were no good, but the good ones were taken out after baking the right length of time and were painted. When the paint was dry they were ready to sell. It was very interesting to watch him at work, and the work looked easy but I am afraid that I would have to practice a long time before I could do that kind of work.

The Bible mentions potters, and it says that God is the Potter and we are the clay, and we are to let Him make us into good vessels so we can serve Him better. We should be willing to let Him make us into whatever He would have us to be.

# Grandmother's Old Coffee Pot

By Carrie Childs



The little coffee pot had been in use for a long time but at last it had sprung a leak. Grandmother hated to throw it away but it was no longer of any use.

"Do you suppose you could mend this coffee pot so we could use it any longer?" she asked Grandfather.

"I am afraid I can't. The hole is in that corner where I can't get to it very well. I think you will just have to throw it away," was his answer.

When Grandmother and Iris were doing the dishes Grandmother said, "Iris, dear, will you please take this old coffee pot out and put it on the trash pile?"

Iris took it and went out to the trash pile. She stopped to play for awhile. Later when Grandmother came out to look after the baby chickens, Iris told her, "I have been watching that cute little bird, that has been flying around with a stick in her mouth. What do you suppose makes her act that way?"

"Why, that is a little wren and she is looking for a place to make her a nest. That stick that she is carrying is part of the material to build the nest with."

"Oh, look," exclaimed Iris, "little Jennie Wren has gone into the spout of that old coffee pot."

"Sure enough, she has. Now that would make her a fine place for a nest, but I am afraid the cat might get her or her babies if the pot was left on the trash pile. Let us hang the coffee pot on that oak tree where it will be hard for the cat to reach"

Iris took the coffee pot and hung it up on a snag on the tree and soon Jennie Wren was hard at work fixing her new home.

In a few days Iris got a box and climbed up and peeked into the coffee pot and it was filled nearly to the top with sticks, but along one side was a little space not hardly large enough to run your finger down and this led into a nice feather lined room. In this room Jennie Wren laid her eggs.

During the next couple of weeks the little wren would sing some of the sweetest songs, and when ever the cat came near she would start scolding and would keep up the chatter until Tabby went on her way to the barn looking for a mouse.

Quite often Grandmother would say, "I am glad that we put that coffee pot up in that tree for it has made me feel so happy to have the little bird sing us such gay songs this spring."

"Don't you think that God was good to create such happy little birds to help cheer us as we work?" asked Iris.

"He certainly was. How dull the world would be without the little birds to fill the air with their music. Let us thank God for these happy little creatures that spread so much happiness in the world."

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Come on, now it's time to pray;  
Put your teddy bear away.

You must hurry to your beds,  
Or there'll be two sleepy heads.  
Just as soon as you are there,

I'll be coming up the stair.



# Little Lonnie's Snowsuit

By Esther Sheffield

It was the first snow of the winter, and Lonnie and Bobby were looking out of the window at the beautiful white blanket that had fallen during the night.

Lonnie who was only three years old, suddenly thought of something and ran into the bedroom. Soon he was back, dragging the old black snow suit that his three older brothers had outgrown. Lonnie had always been very particular about wearing anything that belonged to his brothers, but somehow it was different this morning. He managed to struggle into the old suit and got safety pins for Mother to pin it up with.

Mother was very busy writing letters and didn't have much time to help the little man. Lonnie patiently waited for her to come to his aid, and she finally got the suit pinned up and went on with her writing.

Lonnie looked himself over, and glancing down noticed some extra reinforced pieces on the knees. He thought they were patches that had been put on the snow pants, and he asked, "Mother, who put these patches on? Did you?"

Mother answered, "No," and hoped that he would run and play and quit bothering her. But Lonnie was in no hurry and was patiently waiting to have his question answered.

"Did Grandma put them on?" was his next question.

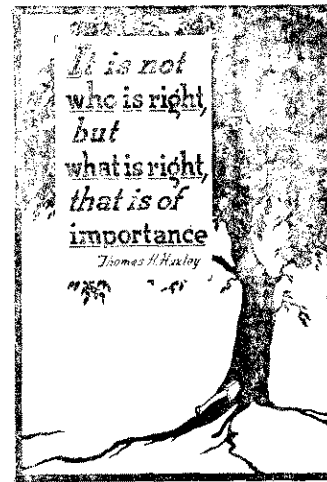
Again Mother answered "No," still wishing that he would hurry on out to play.

But Lonnie was really wanting to know how the patches came to be there so he asked, "Did God put the patches on?" This touched Mother's heart, and after kissing him on the cheek she explained all about how the patches were put on at the factory

and were to make the suit wear longer. This satisfied Lonnie and he went out to play in the snow.

Little boys and girls need to have patience, and when they are wanting to learn of Jesus they should ask their parents, and be patient and try to understand what they are told. They should always want to know the right answers to their questions. By being patient they will learn from day to day.

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## TWO FAMOUS BOYS

There were two boys whose names were Cain and Abel. They were the first two boys ever born into the world. Cain was the older and was a farmer. Abel was a keeper of sheep.

The time came when an offering should be made to the Lord. It seems that the offering was to be an animal from the herds. Abel had herds, I do not know whether they were sheep or cattle, and he took animals from his herd to offer them to God.

Cain didn't own any stock, but as he was a farmer he thought that some of the grain or fruit that he raised would be just as good. God received or accepted the offering that Abel gave to Him because it was the kind that it should have been, but Cain's offering was not satisfactory, because it was not the right kind.

When Cain knew that God was not satisfied with his offering he was very angry. God asked him why he was so angry, and said that if he had done well, or right, his offering would be accepted, but if he had not done right, that it was sin.

Cain talked with his brother Abel, and while they were in the field Cain rose up against his brother Abel, and killed him. Just because he was angry because his brother had done right and had pleased God and he had not, he killed his brother and brought sorrow to their parents.

The Lord talked with Cain and asked him where his brother was. Cain didn't want to tell God about this terrible thing he had done so he told a great big lie to God. He said that he didn't know where Abel was. He asked God if he was supposed to be his brother's keeper.

God then asked him what he had done. Abel's blood cried to Him from the ground. Cain couldn't fool God at all for God knew what had happened and knew where Abel was, but He wanted Cain to have an opportunity to confess that he had sinned. Cain had sinned when he killed his brother, for one of the Ten Commandments says that we are not to kill. Then to keep from being caught he sinned again by lying to God. For these sins God punished him, and Cain said his punishment was greater than he could bear.

When we know that God wants us to do certain things we should not figure that something else would do just as good. God is particular and wants things done the way He says, so let us live the way God wants us to.

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### WHO AM I?

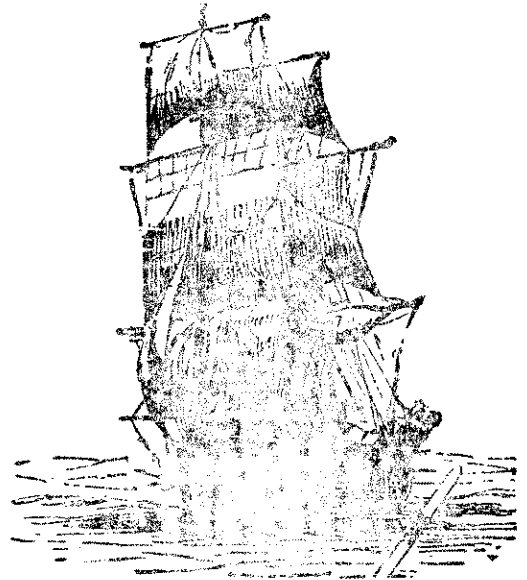
See how few clues you will need to use to guess the person.

1. I was a very God-fearing and upright

man.

2. Some of my friends came to see me when I was in trouble and we spent seven days together without talking.
3. I had large herds and they were all destroyed.
4. I was being tempted to see if I would forsake God.
5. I offered sacrifices for fear my children had sinned.
6. One of my hardest trials was when my children died in a wind storm.
7. When I was afflicted my wife wanted me to curse God and die.
8. Through all this I remained faithful to God and at last had the same number of children and twice as large herds as in the beginning.
9. If you haven't guessed who I am you can read about me in the book of the Bible between Esther and Psalms.

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### GOD'S FISHERMEN

One morning Jesus went out of the city of Capernaum followed by a great throng of people. On the shore of the sea of Galilee were two fishing boats, one of which belonged to Simon and his brother, Andrew; the other to James and John and their father Zebedee. The men themselves were not in the boats, but washing their nets nearby. The multitude of people who

gathered around the Lord stood so close that it wasn't convenient to speak to them, so He got into one of the boats and asked Simon to push out from the shore a little way. From the boat the Master taught the people about the kingdom of God. After he had finished speaking and had sent the people away, He said to Simon: "Put into the deep water and let down your nets."

These four fishermen had been fishing all night without any results, and very likely they were greatly discouraged. Simon told Jesus of their bad luck in catching fish, but he added, "Nevertheless at your word, I will let down the net."

You see, boys and girls, this was before Simon Peter knew much about the Lord, for Jesus just called him to be a disciple at this time. As soon as the nets were let down into the water, they enclosed a multitude of fishes. In fact, they had so many they had to call James and John from the other ship to come over and help them.

Can't you imagine how excited those fellows were? They had been fishing all night long without catching a single fish, and at the Master's suggestion they caught so many fish in the nets it took the help of all to pull them into the ships. The number of fish filled both fishing boats, and they were so heavily loaded that the boats were almost ready to sink.

When Simon saw this, he was struck with wonder and felt that it was by power of God they had been able to catch all those fish. He fell down at the feet of Jesus, saying, "O Lord, I am full of sin and am not worthy of all this! Depart from me."

But Jesus said to Simon and to the other three fishermen, "Fear not; but follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

After this Simon, Andrew, James, and John gave up their work to become disciples of Jesus.

Boys and girls, would you not like to be fishermen for the Lord?—Junior Challenge.

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Can you get a new subscriber for the Missionary?

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Hand this paper to a friend to read.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS



FOR MARCH 4, 1950

### Why They Burned the Books

Lesson Material: Acts 19.

Memory Verse: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

In our last lesson we learned that Paul went on a missionary trip and was teaching both the Jews and Gentiles about Christ. In the chapter for our lesson material today we find him still on the trip.

At a place called Ephesus he found some people who were trying to do right. He asked them if they had been baptized and they told him that they had been baptized unto John's baptism. Then Paul explained to them that when John had baptized that Christ had not yet come and died for them, but now that He had shed His blood for the world they should be baptized in His name. And when they heard this they were baptized.

Paul taught them in their synagogues for about three months. When some of the people hardened their hearts and would not believe Paul withdrew from them and taught elsewhere. He spent about two years teaching them and God did special miracles through Paul. Some of the Jews who did not believe Paul undertook to use the name of Jesus as Paul did. They were not doing God's will and were going to use the name of Jesus for the evil work they were doing. Many of the people believed Paul and came and confessed their sins and many of them also used books that taught them curious arts. These curious arts were not from God and were not what God wanted them to do. After they were converted they brought their books and

burned them before all the people. In this way they showed that they were wrong and that they were not going to do as they had been doing. The books were worth fifty thousand pieces of silver and so had cost the owners a large amount of money.

When we want to follow Jesus and live for Him we are willing to give up anything that is not right, even though it has cost us a good deal. If we are not willing to give it up, we are putting it ahead of Christ and that is not right.

#### Questions

1. What did we learn in our past lesson?
2. What did Paul find at Ephesus?
3. Who had baptized them and were they baptized again?
4. How long did Paul teach in their synagogues?
5. Why did he quit teaching there?
6. Did Paul perform any miracles?
7. What did some of the Jews use the name of Jesus for?
8. Did any people believe Paul?
9. What did their books teach?
10. Why did they burn their books?

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FOR MARCH 11, 1950

#### Saying Goodbye to a Great Leader

Lesson Material: Acts 20:17-21; 1 Cor. 12:27, 28.

Memory Verse: "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee." Num. 6:24.

From Ephesus Paul went into Macedonia and encouraged the brethren there. From there he went to Greece and was there about three months. Returning to Ephesus he called the elders of the church together and had a farewell meeting with them.

He told them how from the very first day that he came to them he had served the Lord. He had been very humble, and had shed many tears and had had to endure many temptations because of the people who were against him and were making him trouble.

Through all this trouble he had not failed to tell them anything that would help them to accept Christ and be Christians. He had taught them in public and in their own homes. He had also taught the Jews

as well as the Greeks. His one hope was to get all people to serve God and believe in Jesus.

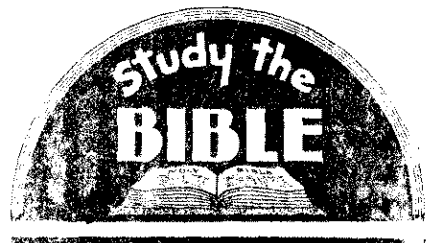
At this meeting Paul told them that he was going to Jerusalem, and didn't know what might happen to him there. But nothing was going to turn him from serving the Lord. He told them that they would not see his face again. He didn't think he would be able to come to them again to teach them any more. Paul asked them to watch themselves and the ones they were overseers of, that none of them might stray away from the truth. He warned them that some would come trying to get them to turn from the true faith.

When he had finished encouraging them and telling them the things they should do, he kneeled down with them all. Putting their arms around Paul's neck, they wept and kissed him. They were sorrowing because they would see him no more, and then they went to his ship with him. This must have been a very sad and touching meeting for they seemed to love Paul very much.

#### Questions

1. From Ephesus where did Paul go?
2. What did he do here?
3. Then where did he go and how long was he there?
4. On returning to Ephesus what did he do?
5. What had he suffered because of the people?
6. What had he taught the people?
7. Where was he going from there?
8. Did he know what would happen to him there?
9. What did he tell the elders of the church to do?
10. What did he warn them of?
11. How did the meeting end?

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## This Week's Letter

FROM MARYLAND

Dear Readers:

How are you? I am fine. I like the Missionary very much. I sent in my enrollment card sometime ago and would like to have my second card. I am twelve years old and would like another pen-pal

I go to school eleven miles from here I go to Sabbath School at Washington. D. C., which is thirty-two miles from here. My Sabbath School teacher is Sister Parker and she is nice.

The weather here is like April. I will close for now. Your Christian friend,  
Betty Baugh.

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MY KITTY

My kitty's just a ball of fur,  
All fat and round and yellow;  
His music box runs day and night  
For he's a tuneful fellow.

He doesn't like it when I sing  
A pleasing melody,  
But puts annoyed expression on;  
He wants to sing to me!

—From Our Little Friend.

Mr. Meant-To has a comrade,  
And his name is Dida't-Do.  
Have you ever chanced to meet them?  
Did they ever call on you?  
These two fellows live together  
In the house of Never-Win,  
And I'm told that it is haunted  
By the ghost of Might-Have-Been.  
—Selected.

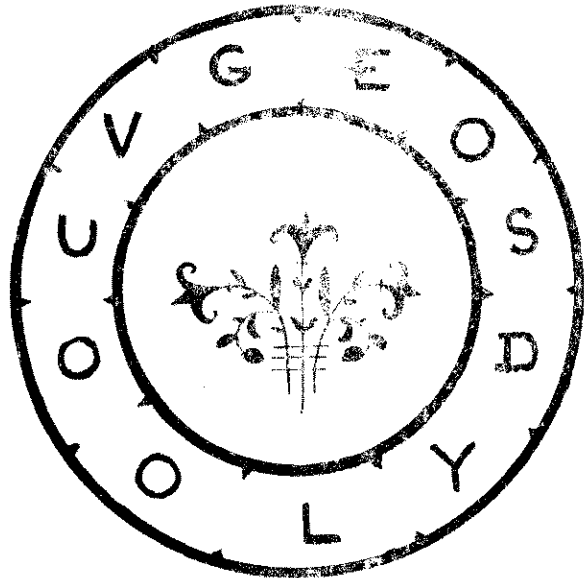
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Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God."  
—John 10:14.

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When the way seems dark and dreary,  
try looking for happiness by taking happiness to others.

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Start with the letter "G" at the top and spell around the circle using every other letter. Fill these blanks.

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