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## A PRAYER FOR DADDY, COMING HOME

It's time for Daddy now.  
I watch for him and wait,  
And while I watch I say a prayer  
And hope he won't be late.  
He's been away all day;  
It seems so long till night!  
I want to see him coming home  
To catch and hug me tight.  
He thinks of me, I know,  
Wherever he may be;  
So bless my Daddy, keep him safe,  
And bring him home to me.

—Mayflower, from Gospel Herald

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## Editorial . . . . .

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### BEING FRIENDLY

We all like to have friends with whom we can visit and play. I am a lonely little girl who didn't seem to be friends with any of the children in her neighborhood. She seemed so lonely and forsaken that I felt sorry for her.

Do you know any children near you who are very much like this girl? If you do, try to be extra nice to them and see what is the matter. Perhaps they are bashful and feel that the other children don't want to be friends with them. If they find out that they are wanted as friends, perhaps they will be glad and you will find that it is nice to have them as friends.

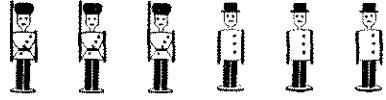
Jesus wants us to be friends to others. In this way we can help other children to be friends of Jesus.

Friends are nice to have when things are going very nice for us, but the best friends are the ones who stand by us through trouble. They are the real friends.

Jesus is a Friend that we can always de-

pend on to be near us whenever we want Him, and we should be a real friend of His and be willing to help do the work He left for His friends to do.

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### GOOD SOLDIERS

By Olivia C. Campbell

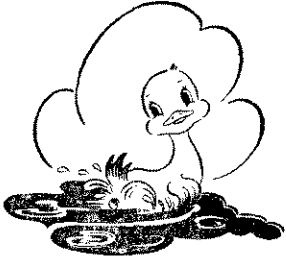
"I want to be a soldier,"  
Said little Ned today,  
"And fight in Jesus' army,  
That's why I kneel to pray"  
I want to hear His orders,  
So I keep close to Him,  
That I may hear Him telling  
Where I am to begin!

"The duties hard, I'm trying  
To do the best I can;  
For being a good soldier  
Is hard for boy or man!  
I want to hear Him calling  
At school or home today;  
For He will give me wisdom,  
And that is why I pray!"

"I want to be His soldier, too,"  
Said little Annie May,  
"For I can do as well as Ned,  
If I but kneel and pray!"  
And so they knelt together  
These little soldiers, true;  
And I am sure God helped them  
With all they had to do!

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# The Water Garden

By Mary Holbert

Peter brought three goldfish to school in a little pasteboard box that had water in it.

"We'll make a water garden for the three little fishes" exclaimed the teacher. She found a big glass dish in the storage closet and set it on the table near the window.

Some of the children put pond mud on the bottom of the dish. Others put clean white sand over that, making hills and valleys. Ruth found a pretty pink shell to put on the sand. Jane put in a white tunnel. Billy planted some water grass that looked like wavy ribbon. Each one helped to fill the glass tank with clear, cold water. Patty scattered some pretty shells and stones over the sand.

The water garden was ready. Peter brought the box containing the fish over to the table. The children watched while he carefully dipped each little fish into a cup and dropped them gently into the water garden. Three little tails went flip, flip, flip, carrying the fish around the water garden. As the children watched, the fish floated quietly, then darted here and there. Alice said, "Look, they're standing on their heads!"

Jim said, "They must be hungry. They're swimming along the top of the water to hunt for food."

The teacher said, "Here is some fish food, Alice. You may feed the fish."

Alice dropped a pinch of fish food on top of the water. The children laughed to see each little fish grab a piece of food and dart off to a corner of the garden.

Peter asked the teacher, "May we name them?"

"That's a lovely idea!" said the teacher. One little fish was big and gold; one was

little and gold, and one was brown and silver and gold, with specks all over his body.

Jane said, "Let's call the big one 'Flippy.' He's never still a minute."

Peter said, "Let's call the little one 'Wee Wee.'"

Then Jane had an idea, "Let's call the brown one 'Brownie.'"

The rest of the children laughed and said, "We like those names."

The teacher opened a little box and took out two little round black balls. "Here's something else for the water garden," she said, as she put them in the water. The boys and girls wondered what they were. Then out of each black shell popped a little head and body; the little things began to crawl up the side of the tank.

"What are these funny little black things?" asked the boys and girls.

The teacher then explained, "These are snails. They will keep the water clear and pure. What will you call them?"

"Big Snail and Little Snail," chorused the children.

It was fun to watch the snails for sometimes they curled up inside their shells and sometimes they stuck out their heads and bodies. The snails always crawled slowly.

Note: What is another word we could use that means the same as water garden? Answer: aquarium.

Have you ever had a bowl of gold fish?

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Good thoughts are necessary to do good deeds, and good deeds are necessary to happiness.—Selected

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Can you get a new subscriber for the Missionary?

### A BABY'S PRAYER

Bless this milk and bless this bread,  
 Bless this soft and waiting bed  
 Where I presently shall be  
 Wrapped in sweet security.  
 Through the darkness, through the night  
 Let no danger come to fright  
 My sleep till morning once again  
 Beckons at the window pane.  
 Bless the toys whose shapes I know,  
 The shoes that take me to and fro,  
 Up and down, and everywhere.

Bless my little painted chair,  
 Bless the lamplight, bless the fire,  
 Bless the hands that never tire  
 In their loving care of me.  
 Bless my friends and family,  
 Bless my father and my mother  
 And keep us close to one another.  
 Bless other children, far and near,  
 And keep them safe and free from fear  
 So let me sleep and let me wake  
 In peace and health, for Jesus' sake.  
 Amen. —Rachael Field



## Saved From a Flood



### An Aunt Esther Story

It was a nice evening in the late winter and the moon shown so brightly on the snow. The children had been coasting before supper, but now they had a nice long winter evening to spend, and they had decided they would like to have Aunt Esther read again.

Aunt Esther had been sick with a bad cold and her throat was so sore she had not been able to read to them for a while. But now she was feeling much better, in fact, she was nearly over the cold.

"We would like to hear you read some this evening, if you are well enough," said Wanda Miller when Aunt Esther opened the door for the children to enter.

"Yes, I think that I can read this evening without hurting my throat as I am

about over my cold by now," assured Aunt Esther.

"Last week our little paper had the story of Cain and Abel in it, so we can skip that story in the Bible and read something else, so we will start with the sixth chapter of Genesis."

Opening her Bible, Aunt Esther read: "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."

Tommy Barker said, "Wait a minute, I want to ask you something. Does that mean that the people were so bad that God was sorry that He had made them?"

"It surely sounds that way, doesn't it?" answered Doris. "I remember that reading where the first man and woman were tempted by Satan, and they sinned, so I guess they must have kept on sinning and getting worse all the time."

"Yes, I think that is the way it must have been. God must have been real sorry that the people were so wicked, for verse 7 says, 'And the Lord said, I will destroy

man whom I have created from the face of the earth."

"I wonder what made Him change His mind?" asked Gladys Parker.

"He didn't change His mind completely, but we find in verse 9 that there was one man who pleased God. This man's name was Noah, and God said unto Noah that the earth was so wicked that He would destroy it, and all the people in it. But as Noah was righteous God didn't want to destroy him. And God said unto Noah, 'Make thee an ark of gopher wood, rooms shalt thou make in the ark.' And then God told Noah just how large to build the ark."

"How was God going to destroy the earth and people?" Lucy wanted to know.

Verse 17 says that God would bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all people."

Here the children took time to discuss the size of the ark and when they had learned that Noah and his family were to take some of all the animals on the earth into the ark to save them from the flood, they knew that the ark would have to be large. They were to take food for all, also.

After they were through discussing the size of the ark, Aunt Esther read on: "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me. . . And Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded him. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark." And they took the animals in also.

"How many people were in the ark?" asked the children.

"Noah and his wife and their three sons and their wives, or eight people were all that were saved, according to verse 13 of chapter 7. That wasn't very many people, was it?" asked Aunt Esther. "Now let's read a few more verses. "And the Lord shut them in. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lifted above the earth. . . And all the high hills that were under the whole heaven,

were covered. . . And Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark."

The children talked for quite a while, — what a terrible thing it must have been for the world to be so wicked that nearly everything was destroyed.

At last the little group decided that it must be getting late and they had better be getting on home, or they would not be able to get up in time for school the next day, so they told Aunt Esther how much they enjoyed having her read to them. After thanking her they told her "Good night," and left for their several homes.

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### AUNT MARY'S MAIL BAG

Dear Girls and Boys:

March is here at last and it's my favorite month. Regardless of how cold the March wind blows, there are always some days in March which remind us that spring will soon be here. There is an old saying that if March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb, or vice versa. Why don't you watch and see if the saying holds true this year.

March is pussy willow month. Pussy-willows are so easy to grow that I hope you will put some in some water to sprout, then plant them around your home or church.

When we see the leaves begin to come out and the flowers to bud, our faith in God becomes stronger than ever. We must pray for more faith, for without faith it is impossible to please God.

Write me some March letters. I shall look for them from every state. Your editor and I will pick out the best ones to print in our Missionary paper.

Your friend,

Aunt Mary

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Dear Aunt Mary:

How I do like your March letter! I think March is a nice month, for that is the month that the school children fly their kites. And the large white kites that sail around in the sky makes us think of the birds that God created for our help and for our pleasure. March is also the month when our mother puts the eggs under the setting hens, and we know that before another month we will have some baby chickens to care for. I hope some one else will tell us what they do in this month.

Your friend,

Caroline.

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### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS



FOR MARCH 18, 1950

#### PAUL TELLS WHY HE IS A CHRISTIAN

Lesson Material: Acts 25 and 26.

Memory Verse: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 16:31.

Paul had been arrested and put in prison because the people were not pleased with his teaching about Jesus, but they could not find any fault with him about anything else. He had told them what their sins were and urged them to turn to Jesus.

When it was time for his trial, Jews who had come from Jerusalem stood around and made complaints against Paul which they could not prove. Paul was taken to King Agrippa and the king asked Paul to answer the accusations of the people.

Paul said he was happy to have the opportunity. He told how at one time he had disobeyed God, but had repented for his wrongs and God had sent him to be a missionary to the Gentiles.

He told the king how Christ had come

as it was prophesied He would, how He had suffered and died and was resurrected from the dead. Paul was happy to be a servant or follower of Jesus, and to be able to tell others about the way of truth.

King Festus thought that Paul was crazy and was not thinking right, but Paul said he was not crazy, but was speaking the truth. He talked to the king so earnestly that the king was about to be persuaded to believe the things he heard. When Paul stopped talking, the king told Paul that he was almost persuaded to be a Christian.

Paul said that he wished that not only the king, but all that heard him were Christians the same as he was, but he hoped that they would not be prisoners as he was.

#### Questions

1. What had happened to Paul?
2. Why was he arrested?
3. Who complained against Paul?
4. Could they prove what they said?
5. What did the king tell Paul he could do?
6. Had Paul ever disobeyed God?
7. What did Paul tell the king?
8. How did the king feel about what Paul told him?
9. How many did Paul want to believe in Jesus?

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FOR MARCH 25, 1950

#### WINNING NEW FRIENDS FOR JESUS

Lesson Material: Acts 18:1-18.

Memory Verse: "Be not afraid, but speak . . . for I am with thee." Acts 18:9, 10.

In our lesson today, Paul, who was a follower of Jesus, had come to a place named Corinth. There he found a man and his wife who had moved to Corinth from Italy. They were tent makers and their names were Aquilla and Priscilla. Paul was a tent maker also and because of that he stayed with them. They all worked together at making tents, but on the Sabbath Paul went to the synagogue and taught the Jews and the Greeks.

Some of the Jews opposed Paul and he departed from them and went into a man's house near the synagogue. This man's name was Justus and he worshipped God.

Many of the people of Corinth who heard about the Lord believed and were baptized and were new friends of Jesus.

During a night vision, God told Paul to teach the people and He would be with him, for God said that there were many people in that city who would serve Him and be friends of Jesus. Paul preached there for a year and six months, or eighteen months.

The people who did not believe in Jesus became angry and arrested Paul and took him to court to be judged. As Paul had done no wrong he was set free from prison and allowed to go on his way preaching.

Paul was always finding himself in trouble because of teaching Christ and trying to win friends for Jesus.

We are to win new friends to Jesus just the same as Paul did. We may not be able to travel to other places as he did, but we can tell those near us who do not serve Him. If we cannot go and preach to others we can help furnish the money to send those who can go.

#### Questions

1. In what place was Paul in this lesson?
2. Who were his friends and what was their work?
3. What did Paul do on Sabbath?
4. Did everybody believe what Paul taught?
5. What did God tell Paul to do?
6. How long did Paul stay in this place?
7. Why was Paul arrested?
8. What are we to do?
9. How can we help if we can't go and preach?

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## THIS WEEK'S LETTERS



### FROM MISSOURI

Dear Editor:

I like the paper. I am six years old

and I am in the first grade. I like my teacher.

I go to the Stanberry church. Mrs. Merim Collinsworth is our teacher and we like her.

My mother lives in Kansas City. I have one sister, Myrna. I like to have horses, cats and dogs for pets.

I will close now. Your friend,

Julie Pearson.

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## THE CONTEST CORNER

Do you remember that a couple of papers back I told you to be watching for something new? Well, here it is:

I am going to try to have a puzzle about a Bible character, or event, in each paper, something like the one in last week's paper, entitled "Who Am I?"

To the one sending in the most correct answers and a letter or story for the paper during the months of March, April and May, I will send them a prize. You don't have to wait until the last of the contest to send your answers and letters, but start sending them right away, and remember a letter or story must come with your answer to the puzzle to help earn the prize.

This contest is for children twelve years old or younger. Now let me be hearing from you. Please send your answers and letters to Mrs. Edith Lippincott, Stanberry, Mo.

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### Who Am I?

1. My clothing was made of camel's hair and leather.
2. Because I told a king of his sin I was put in prison.
3. While in prison I sent two messengers to Christ to ask if He was the one that should come, or should we look for another?
4. I baptized a very famous person.
5. A young lady asked for my head for a birthday gift.
6. Although the request made the king sorrowful, he granted her wish, and I was beheaded.
7. Prophets told of me many years before I was born.
8. I am a relative of Jesus.

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### TURN ABOUT

When I see the elephant's long nose,  
I laugh and wonder how it grows.  
Do you suppose he laughs with glee  
My little freckled nose to see?

—The Young Pilgrim

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### A TINY TOT LETTER FROM MISSOURI

Dear Editor:

I am a little boy three years old. I like  
to go to church. And I like pets.

Your little friend, Junior Abel.

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Mother: "I'm ashamed of you, Betty!  
Why are you whipping poor pussy?"

Betty: "Cos' he's dirty. He spits on  
his feet and wipes them on his face."

—Junior Life



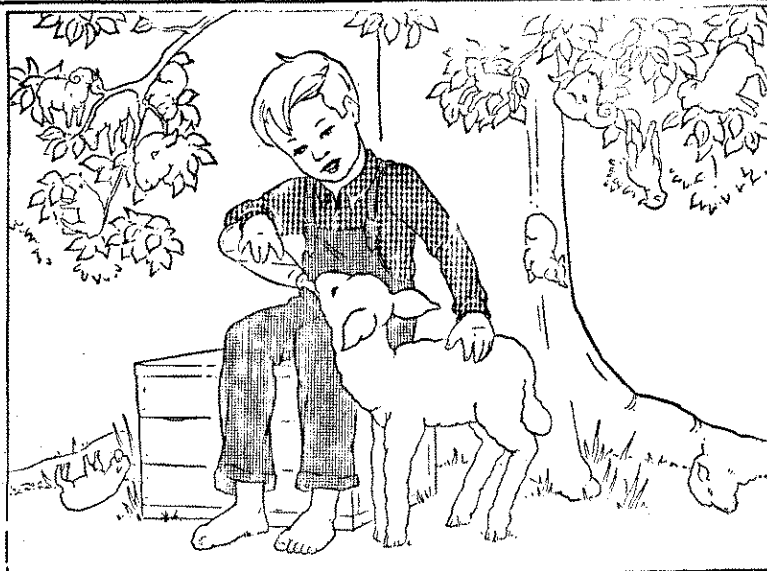
### AFTER SCHOOL

A house should have a cookie jar,  
For when it's half-past three,  
And I come running home from school  
As hungry as can be,  
There's nothing quite as useful  
In filling me all up  
As spicy, fluffy ginger-snaps,  
And sweet milk in a cup!

—Sunshine

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Please do not run or shout in the church.  
Remember it is God's house.



This is the time of year that there are  
many little lambs on the farms in the  
country. A little lamb makes a very  
nice pet. When the mother sheep dies  
the lamb has to be fed on a bottle. In

our picture this week a boy is feeding a  
lamb. There are many other lambs  
close by waiting to be fed. See how  
many you can find hidden in the picture.  
I found ten in just a little while.