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Keep Me

Jesus, keep me every day
In the straight and narrow way!
Pleasant all the road shall be
Traveled hand in hand with Thee.

Teach me, Lord, to hear and know
Thy commandments as I go;
Make me eager to fulfil
All Thy holy Word and will.

When I have to suffer wrong,
Help me to be brave and strong;
Let Thy thoughts within me live,
Swift to pity and forgive.

When temptations gather round,
And no way of help is found,
Answer quickly to my call;
Thou hast overcome them all.

—Selected.

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Editorial

How do you get along in your Sabbath School classes? Do you take part in the lesson, or are you thinking about something else and not hearing what the teacher and the others are saying?

The lesson is so much more interesting when each one takes part in talking about the lesson and the questions. Some of the questions may be hard to understand, and if there are some things you can't understand, ask questions about it. That is the way we all learn.

When all take part in the lesson, generally the time doesn't seem long enough for us to learn all we want to about the lesson. Just try it and see if the class time doesn't go too quickly.

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JOHNNY'S PROBLEM

By Mary Holbert

"Mom, what does this verse mean? 'A good name is rather to be had than great riches.'" questioned Johnny, who was sit-

ting on the steps of the front porch reading his Bible.

Mother and Dad were sitting in the swing. They were discussing the good sermon Elder Winter had delivered at church that Sabbath morning. Sister Sue was inside the house at her desk preparing a talk for the next young people's meeting. Johnny sounded a little worried so mother tried to explain carefully what a good name meant.

"Johnny, a good name means that the people who know you think you are well-behaved; they believe you are honest and truthful," answered Mother.

"Yes, Johnny," said Dad, "and more than that, people feel that you are dependable and will keep your word."

Johnny was silent for a while then he said, "You know, I think Danny Brown has a good name because he is all those things, but other people say he has a bad name. I just don't understand it."

"Johnny," said Mother, "turn to 1 Thess. 5:22 and read."

"It says 'Abstain from all appearances of evil,'" read Johnny.

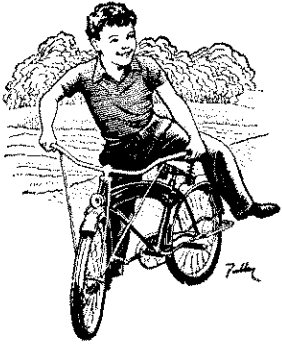
"That's the answer, son," replied Dad. "Danny runs around with those boys who do get into trouble, and who aren't trustworthy. People, who do not know him very well, judge him by his associates."

"Son," said Mother, "you can see from Mary Caldwell's case how difficult it is to get a good name to replace a bad one. Mary was caught stealing money at school. Now, she is completely honest, but still people will not trust her. She felt pretty badly when she was nominated by the new girl for class treasurer and only got one vote."

"I think I understand it better now," said Johnny. "Here are two more verses about that."

"Read them aloud to us," asked Dad.

Johnny read these verses and felt that his questions had been answered. "A good name is better than precious ointment..." Eccl. 7:1. "But ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men." 1 Thess. 5:15.



The Thank You Party

By Marie Larsen

Benny stopped on his way to the grocery store to stare at the bicycle in the hardware dealer's window. It was red, a flashy one, just like Arvil's. How he would like it for a birthday present!

A man walking by said, "Hello, Benny. I want to thank you for mowing my lawn last night. Mrs. Carter said you wouldn't take anything for the work. I'd like to pay—"

Benny grinned. "That's all right, Mr. Carter. I enjoyed doing it, honestly." And Benny went on up the street.

But he did not go far. He came back to the hardware window. "Was that a twin-beam headlight on the bike?" he questioned.

A smartly dressed woman tapped him on the shoulder. "Benny Jones! I've been looking for you. You have never stopped for your money. Did you think I'd have you prune the lilacs in my front yard for nothing? It was a good job you did. Now be sure to come and see me sometime today."

Benny grinned again. "Mrs. Jessup, I learned a good many things by pruning your lilacs. I figure it was worth a lot just to try out those old pruners I found. Thanks for letting me see how they worked out. You don't owe me a cent." And again Benny walked away, with the grin still on his face.

Half way up the block he wondered about safety reflectors. Arvil's bicycle had safety reflectors on the front and back fenders. Benny went back to see whether the bicycle in the hardware window had reflectors.

He stayed to study the coaster brake, the electric horn, and even the kick stand. He

could see Mr. Ashley, the hardware man, by the telephone inside. So he did not hurry away. Mr. Ashley would not care if he looked the cycle over carefully. He had delivered some packages for Mr. Ashley once and had not taken any pay for doing it. Anyway, Mrs. Brown was not in any hurry for her groceries. She had told him to take his time.

Presently Mr. Ashley put the telephone down. He came toward the window and waved at Benny. Then as if he had not known the boy wanted to look at the bicycle, he rolled it out of the window and pushed it toward the back of the store.

Benny turned away and went on up the sidewalk. This time he reached the grocery store and purchased the things Mrs. Brown had sent him to get. When he started back he could not help wondering whether Mr. Ashley had intended to put another bicycle in his display window—perhaps an entirely different one! Benny began to hurry.

He stopped by the window. He peered in. To his embarrassment, several faces peered back at him. Faces he knew. Mr. Carter stood inside with Mr. Ashley. Mrs. Jessup was there too, and Mrs. Obie, Mrs. Woodley, and even Mrs. Brown!

Benny flushed and drew back. Mrs. Brown smiled and beckoned to him. Benny opened the door and stepped inside the hardware store slowly.

All the faces began to beam. Benny said, "Here's the things you wanted, Mrs. Brown." He felt a little foolish because the faces kept right on smiling and beaming at him.

"Take the things on down to the back, will you?" Mrs. Brown asked sweetly.

Benny was a bit puzzled, but he didn't

ask questions. He carried the groceries toward the back of Mr. Ashley's store. Then he saw the bold black letters that were written across a big box. They spelled the words that said, "Happy birthday, Benny!"

Mr. Ashley stepped forward and cleared his throat. "We appreciate the errands you've been running, Benny."

"And the pruning," Mrs. Jessup added.

"For mowing lawns—"

"For cleaning my yard—"

Benny stared as they mentioned favors he had done for them.

"You charge nothing for helping us, Benny," Mrs. Brown explained, "and you have been helping to do the little things that needed doing ever since you came to our neighborhood. We want to give you a birthday party, right here in the store. A thank-you party! Will you come?"

"Open the box, Benny," everyone suggested.

Benny turned back to the big box. Somehow he felt all glad, and yet weak inside. He had never had a thank-you party before, nor a birthday party. Never in his life!

But what would he find in the box? He knew that well! It was his bike that was just like Arvil's! —Selected.

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AN EXCURSION IN THE HOLY LAND

Can you fill in the names of the places we are going to visit in the Holy Land? Give yourself 10 points for each one right. 100—Excellent; 90—Good; 80—Fair; 70—Poor; Below 70—Very Poor.

The Holy Land is the tiny country of One of its most famous cities is its capital Jesus made a triumphant entry into this city. If we follow a winding road we come to the city of The walls of this city once fell. Not far from here is the main river in this land. Jesus was baptized in this river—the River If we follow this river to its mouth we find the Sea, or if we follow it Northward we come to the beautiful Sea of

The garden spot of this land in the Plain of which cuts through the hills and reaches the deep river gorge.

South of the Capital, we find the City of, the birthplace of our Savior. Another city of fame is where Jesus spent His boyhood. The land of forms the Southern boundary of the Holy Land. This is the land to which Joseph took Mary and Jesus to escape Herod.

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Stories By The Children

DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

By Alfred Walter

During the reign of Darius, king of Medo Persia, he made Daniel a ruler in the kingdom.

Some of the men who didn't want Daniel to rule over them, wanted to destroy him. They had the king sign a decree that no one could worship anyone but him for thirty days.

Even though Daniel knew this, he still knelt and prayed to God, three times each day, as he had done before. When these wicked men told the king, he was very sorry that he had made such a law. Before he let Daniel be put into the lion's den he said to Daniel, "Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. The king fasted all night for he could not sleep.

In the morning he went fearfully to the lion's den. When Daniel answered his call, the king was very happy. Daniel told him the Lord had sent an angel and closed the lion's mouths.

After Daniel was taken from the lion's den, the wicked men were put in and the lions killed them. King Darius told all the people how Daniel was saved from the lion's and for everyone to fear God, for He is all powerful.

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MARY MADE FRIENDS

By Willigene McMickin

One time when Mary King was a new pupil in a strange school, the children didn't like her very well.

One day the whole school went on a picnic. While on the picnic they swam in the

pool. After a while they came out of the water and went to pick up nuts in the woods. When they started home they found that Sue, one of the girls in the school was not with them.

The children and their teacher began looking for her, and as Mary was looking she found a ribbon. The ribbon belonged to Sue. Mary kept on looking in that direction and soon she found Sue asleep under a tree.

From that time on Sue and Mary were friends and the rest of the children liked Mary.

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JERRY SHARES

Monday was Jerry's birthday. For a present his aunt sent him a box of things and two were very special, they were two candy bars. Jerry gave Mary a candy bar. If he had not been a nice boy he wouldn't have given away one of his candy bars.

Would you have shared with your brother or sister as Jerry did?

—By Patsy Keith.

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CHRIST WITH US

By Ruth Krohn

Christ is always with us
Every night and day,
In our hearts abiding
He will ever stay.

With us when we're laughing
With us when we cry,
With us through all evil
With us when we die.

When at last in Eden
Where His face we'll see,
Through all time eternal
With Him we shall be.

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THE FACE YOU ARE MAKING

Some of you have an idea that only bad-mannered children "make faces." But that is what all the world is doing. Each one of you is making a face for himself or herself. Every frown changes it a little. Every kind thought and every complaining one works an alteration. Each one of you is making a

face that you will have to wear all your life. Why not make it a kind, pleasant face, one well worth looking at?

—Selected.

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KEY TO PUZZLE

1. Palestine 2. Jerusalem 3. Jericho 4. Jordan 5. Dead 6. Galilee 7. Esdraelon 8. Bethlehem 9. Nazareth 10. Egypt.

—M. H.

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Romans 14:21 says, "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak."

This is a good thought to remember in all of your Christian service. Many times, you will be tempted to say, "I see no harm in this." You may be thinking of only yourself. Sometimes, what you do may harm another even if it does not cause a brother to stumble.

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LETTERS

FROM KANSAS

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am eleven years old. I go to Whittier School in Kansas City, Kansas.

I haven't any pets. I did have a gray cat, but it died.

I have two sisters. One is fourteen years old and the other is nine years old.

I have blue eyes and brown hair. I am four feet and nine inches tall.

Your little friend,

Willigene McMickin.

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FROM MISSOURI

Dear Editor:

I went on a trip to Springfield, Mo., last week. My mother, father and I started out April 14. We arrived at my aunt's house in Springfield about five thirty. We had a very nice time at this place and stayed there until Sunday morning. Then my folks and my aunt went to see my sister in Centralia,

Mo. We stayed there Sunday night and came home Monday morning.

We ran out of gas on the way home. We had a nice time anyway.

A little friend,
Shirley Poff.

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FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Boys and Girls:

I still enjoy reading the little paper. I give it to two other girls. Their names are: Jacquelyn Revel and Eva Hudson. They are my best girl friends.

Yours truly,
Frieda Friddle.



TAKING TURNS

By Patsy Keith

One day Mary and Jerry were playing in the yard. Their aunt had given them a toy car to share. Jerry wanted to play with it all the time. Soon they began to quarrel. Their mother came to the door and told them not to quarrel, but to take turns playing with the new toy. Soon the children were playing together nicely again.

God does not want us to quarrel, either.

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PUZZLE CONTEST

WHO AM I?

Here is puzzle number two in this contest.

1. I was a hairy man.
2. I had fire from heaven come down and destroy 102 men.
3. One time fifty men searched for me three days.
4. I granted a wish to a friend before I left him.
5. My coat, or mantle, parted the waters of a river twice.



Lessons For You:

FOR JULY 22, 1950

SAMUEL GROWING UP

Lesson Material: 1 Samuel 2:26; 3:1-10, 19-21; 7:15-16.

Memory Verse: "Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him." 1 Sam. 3:19.

The first verse in the Lesson Material is: "And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men."

Samuel must have grown in goodness as well as growing up to be a man. He found favor with the Lord, and that means that he pleased the Lord, and in order to please God he would have had to be good.

He also pleased the people and therefore he must have treated everybody right and was kind to all who knew him.

Samuel grew up in the work of the Lord for he was given to God when quite small and he helped in the work in the temple.

One night when Samuel had laid down to sleep the Lord called him. Samuel thought Eli had called him and went to him and said, "Here am I." Eli told him that he had not called and for him to go lie down. Samuel returned to his bed, but God called again, again Eli said he hadn't called. After God had called the third time Eli told Samuel that it was God calling and if He called again to answer Him.

God called again and Samuel answered, "Speak; for thy servant heareth." From then on the Lord was with Samuel and all the people of Israel knew that he was to be a prophet of the Lord.

After Samuel told God that he would listen to what God had to tell him God gave him a message and a work to do. It is the same with us today. We have to be willing to listen to God and obey Him before He will be with us and give us work to do for Him.

Questions

1. What kind of a boy do you think Samuel was?
2. Where did he spend most of his childhood?
3. Who called Samuel?
4. How many times did God call Samuel?
5. What was Samuel's answer to God?
6. Did the people like Samuel?
7. In what way should we be like Samuel?

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FOR JULY 29, 1950

DAVID GIVES UP HIS OWN WAY

Lesson Material: 2 Samuel 7:1-6, 12-22.

Memory Verse: "Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee." 2 Samuel 7:22.

David was king over Israel and lived in a house built of cedar. The people worshiped God in a tent or tabernacle as it was called. They didn't have a building, or house, to worship in.

King David said unto Nathan, a prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." And David decided that he would build God as nice a house as he had. Nathan thought that would be nice and told David to go ahead and do what he wanted to.

But that night the Lord gave Nathan a vision, and told him to go to King David and tell him that he was not to build the house for God. David had been at war with his enemies and God didn't want him to build the house. David was to have a son and after David died this son was to be king, and he would be a peaceful king and God said this son should build the temple.

Nathan told David all that the Lord had said and David was humble and willing to let God have His way. David was willing to give up his own way and what he would have liked to do when God showed him

that his way was not the way God wanted it.

We should always be willing to give up our ways if they are not pleasing to God.

God wants people who are willing and happy to do His way and then He will bless them.

Questions

1. Who was David?
2. What kind of a house did he have?
3. What did he decide to do?
4. Did Nathan, the prophet, think David's plan all right?
5. What did God have to say about it?
6. Who was to build the temple?
7. Should we be willing to change our ways to please God?

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A WINNING BATTLE

For many hundreds of years ever since God created this beautiful world of ours, Satan has been trying to spoil it. When we want to do what is right, Satan tempts us to be bad. In all the beautiful, lovely things in our great world, there is always something that is not good. We know that evil comes from Satan.

God is good; He is our Heavenly Father and He loves us. When we are true to Him and follow Him, He cares for us and helps us to be happier. I am glad He helps grown people, but I am sure He helps children just as well.

In the last book of our Bible, the book of Revelation, we are told about this great battle and we are told, too, that God is stronger than Satan and some day God will win.

So we can trust Him and be happy as we do His will and live for Him in this world.—*Aunt Lina, in Beams of Lighth.*

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"Some folks in looks take so much pride
They don't think much of what's inside.
Now as for me, I know my face
Can ne'er be made a thing of grace.
And so I rather think I'll see
How I can fix the inside of me
So folks will say, 'He looks like sin,
But ain't he beautiful within?'"

—Sel.

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THE BOY DAVID

God sent Samuel to look for a boy who would grow up to be king. Samuel was told by God to choose David. He had seven brothers older than himself.

David cared for his father's sheep. He also played a harp. When King Saul was sick he would send for David to come and play on the harp and then Saul would be made well.

David was beautiful and good to look upon and the Spirit of the Lord was with him.

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Tommy tried hard to be good
He thanked God for his food.

A TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Editor:

My name is Howard. I am six years old. Mother is helping me write my letter.

I go to Sabbath School every week. My Sabbath School teacher is Mrs. Baise. She is very nice.

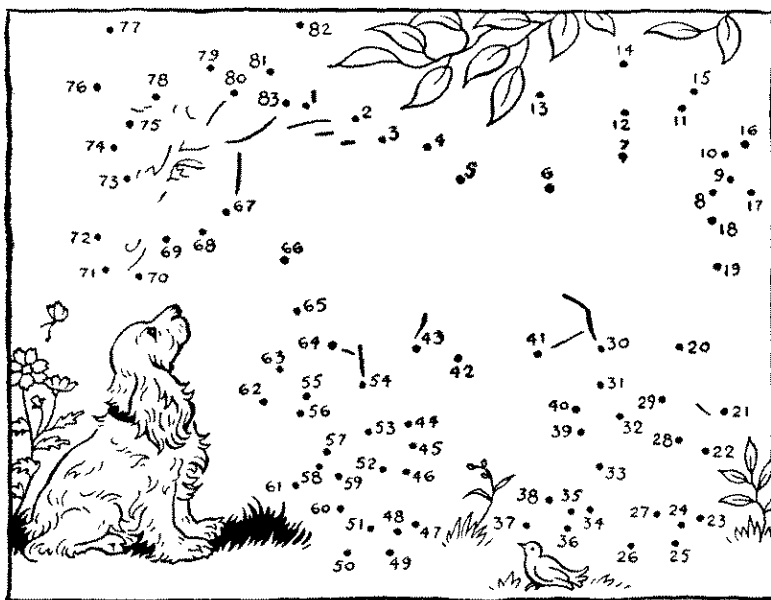
My sister's name is Leota and my brother's name is Walter, Jr. I have a dog and he likes to play with me.

I will close for now. Your friend,
Howard Hunter.

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A MEMORY VERSE

"The law of the Lord is perfect." Psa. 19:7.



TINY TOT PUZZLE

What do you suppose Buster is looking at? Draw a line from dot to dot and see what it is. It is something raised on a farm, and it is mentioned in the Bible.