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## READ THE BIBLE

Read the Bible every day;  
Ever shall it be my guide,  
A beacon light to point the way,  
Drifting on life's restless tide.

Teach me, O God, Thy holy will;  
Hold my hand lest I should stray  
Ever in my spirit dwell.

Bless and keep me all the way;  
In Thy Word sweet hope I find,  
Balm for every troubled mind,  
Light to guide me through the gloom,  
Even through the darkened tomb.

Daily, then, my Father God,  
A pledge I take to read Thy Word;  
I will read it carefully,  
Lovingly, and prayerfully,  
Yes, give at least one hour to Thee.

—Author Not Known

By using the first letter in each line you will find a hidden sentence. What is it?

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## Editorial . . . . .

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Well, here it is August and school will soon be starting. We hope that all of you are anxious to be back in school.

Some boys and girls don't seem to like school very well, but do you know that school days was some of the best times of our lives. I wish that I was young enough to be back in school.

The lessons may be hard to learn but by hard work and keeping at it they can be learned.

Keeping at it is the way most things are done. Some people give up too easy. If they don't win out the first try they just say "I can't," and then quit trying. That isn't the way to do. If we fail one time let us just go at it again and stick with it until we win.

That is the way it is in living a life for Jesus. We may think it is hard to do, and some may give up trying to be a Christian the first time they have to give up something they like to do. That isn't the way Christ wanted us to do. We are to keep trying until we overcome temptations and put sin out of our lives.

God doesn't ask us to do anything that He knows we can't do. And life is like a

school. We keep learning ways of pleasing God and how to do His will. When we stay with one thing until we win out, the next trial will be just that much easier for us to win.

So let's keep on with our school lessons and train ourselves so that we can be better children of God.

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## MARTHA LEARNS TO BE KIND

Martha was a very nice little girl, sometimes. And sometimes she would not be so nice.

Her teacher at Sabbath School had been watching her and hoping that she would change some of her ways that were not so nice.

As the children gathered in their class room for their lesson, Lucy happened to sit next to the window where Martha always wanted to be. She hadn't meant to take the place away from Martha or anyone else, but as she was the first one in the room she just sat down there to be out of the way of the others.

"You just move right away from that window and let me there," Martha demanded.

"Why, Martha," Miss Kent exclaimed. "I am surprised at you."

"Well, she knows that I always sit next to that window, and she can just move, for I intend to sit there," answered Martha.

"That's all right. I will be glad to move," offered Lucy. "I didn't mean to take the place she wanted." And Lucy got up and went to another seat.

Martha settled herself by the window and every little bit she would look over at Lucy and frown.

As the class was dismissed after the lesson had been studied, Miss Kent asked Martha to stay and talk with her a little while.

When the two were alone Miss Kent asked, "Martha, what made you treat Lucy the way you did?"

"Oh, I don't know, but then I don't like her very well. I don't see why she had to get my place."

"Don't you think that it would have been

kind to her and just let her have the place?" asked Miss Kent.

"Why should I be kind to her? I just don't want to be kind to people when they don't do as I want them to," replied Martha.

"That isn't a very nice way to feel, and I am afraid that you have never read Ephesians 4:32, where it says, "And be ye kind one to another." And Miss Kent opened her Bible and handed it to Martha for her to read the verse.

Martha read the verse and looked very thoughtful and then Miss Kent went on to tell her, "We should love each other and always want to do things for them. When we love anyone we will be careful not to hurt them in any way. We are kind to them. There are ways of hurting people by being unkind to them and making them sad."

"I didn't do anything so very bad, did I?" asked Martha.

"Do you think Jesus would like the way you did? He said in Luke 6:35 to do good. He taught that we are to love everyone, even our enemies. When we can do that, then we will be worthy to be called the children of God."

"Don't you think that God loves just the ones that love Him?" asked Martha.

"No, that isn't right at all. The Bible says that God loves the whole world, and that He is kind to the unthankful and the evil people. How can we win others to Him if we are not kind and thoughtful of them? When we treat them rudely they are apt to think that we are not very Christ-like, and we have to be Christ-like if we are Christians. Just suppose that Jesus hadn't been kind enough to die for us, we would never have been able to live so that we might have eternal life. See what His kindness to us has done for us."

Tears began to come into Martha's eyes as she said, "Now, I can see that I have been selfish and unkind all the time. I never had thought that I was being such a bad example of a Christian. I want you to pray for me and I will pray that I might be able to overcome this bad habit I have and I will try so hard from now on to be kind to others."

The next Sabbath Miss Kent noticed a big difference in Martha. She knew that Martha had made a good start toward learning her lesson of being kind to others, for Martha repeated her memory verse, the one that says, "Be ye kind one to another."

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## Places I Have Been

*By Alfred Walter*

Each year the first three grade rooms of our school go in school buses to Cleveland to the zoo.

When I went I saw a rhinoceros splashing in the water. A mother kangaroo was hopping around with her baby in her pocket. Polar bears were sitting on the rocks and black bears were playing in the water.

One camel was in a cage and five others were walking around. We saw lots of snakes in cages. One of the seals in the water had a balloon and five others were catching fish. The monkeys were playing in water too.

The zebras and foxes were running in big places behind high fences. We watched the zoo keeper feeding the penguins and lions. The mountain goats were eating grass that grew between the rocks. A tiger in a cage growled at us. We saw an anteater, too, but what I enjoyed the most was riding on an elephant.

There was a parade. Leading it were the Zebras pulling a cage with a lion in it. There were five elephants with a man riding on the first one. Two clowns were blowing horns. One clown was leading a pig dressed like a man. A polar bear was dressed like a clown. Last came a hippopotamus led by a man giving it water to drink.

This was the most interesting place I have been.

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Can you get a new subscriber for the Missionary?

## Stories By The Children

### TWO BEARS AND FORTY AND TWO CHILDREN

By Phillis Cole

Elisha was a brave man and followed the rules of the Lord. One day as he was walking to Bethel he came to a city where some children were. The children came forth out of the city and mocked him, saying: "Go up thou bald head; go up, thou bald head."

Elijah turned back and looked on them and cursed them in the name of the Lord.

There was a woods nearby and two bears came forth out of the woods and tore forty-two of the children.

As I write this story from the Bible I wonder how many of us today, love God as much as Elisha did. This story is found in the last part of the second chapter of 2 Kings.

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### SAUL CHOSEN KING OF ISRAEL

By Elaine Palmer

The children of Israel wanted a king so they could be like the other countries around them. This displeased Samuel who was the prophet of God. Samuel prayed to God and God told him that it was not Samuel but God they were rejecting.

Samuel told them how bad a king would treat them, but they wanted a king anyway.

Some animals that belonged to Saul's father were lost and Saul and his servant had traveled for three days looking for them. They came to the city where Samuel was, and since they didn't know where to look decided to ask him which way to go. God had told Samuel that Saul would come to him that day, and that he should anoint him captain over Israel.

Samuel told the people that since they wanted a king they should present themselves before the Lord by tribes. When all the tribes had come, the tribe of Benjamin was taken, then the family of Matri was taken and Saul the son of Kish was chosen. He was a goodly young man, and from his

shoulders up he was taller than any of the people.

Samuel said to all the people. "See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen. that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king."

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### MARY AND JERRY PLAY A GAME

By Patsy Keith

Each day Mary and Jerry play a game called "Obey." Every morning when they get up they start running errands for their parents. They do such things as, going to the store, and drying dishes. They have learned this verse: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Eph. 6:1.

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### TO HELP YOU REMEMBER THE APOSTLES' NAMES

By Wirt Blaine

(Tune: "Jesus Love Me, This I Know.")

Jesus called them one by one:

Peter, Andrew, James and John;  
Next comes Philip, Thomas, too;  
Matthew, and Bartholomew;

(Chorus)

Yes, Jesus calls me,  
Yes, Jesus calls you:  
Yes, Jesus calls us,  
That we may serve Him, too!

James, the one they call "the less,"  
Simon, also Thaddeus;  
Twelfth apostle Judas made,  
Jesus was by him betrayed.

(Chorus)

—Selected.

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"Be thou an example in spirit." In this case, spirit probably means, "state of temper or mind," or your true attitude toward holy things and toward all mankind.

Many times, your example when holy things are mentioned, may mean much to those about you.

## PURPLE GRAPES

Tommy was playing with Bill and Harry. Bill threw the ball to Harry, and he batted it so hard it went over the fence into Tommy's daddy's vegetable garden.

The three boys went back to the garden to hunt for the ball.

"Here it is," Harry called, "right under this grapevine."

Bill looked hard at the big, purple grapes hanging in bunches from the trellis where the vine grew.

"Let's eat some of these grapes. huh. Tommy" Bill said.

"No," answered Tommy, "this is my daddy's vine and he picks the fruit when it is ripe."

"Aw," said Bill, "your daddy won't care if you eat some of his grapes."

"Yes, he will. He lets us eat all we want but he says he must pick them. He knows when they are ripe."

"Look," Harry said, "they are ripe. See how purple they are. Why don't you let Bill and me eat some? If you don't want any, let us have some."

"The grapes are not mine," Tommy said. "They belong to my daddy."

"But your father is good to you. He won't care if you let us have some of these grapes," Harry said.

"Even if he does care," Bill said, "he won't do anything to you, because he loves you and is too kind to punish you."

That was right, Tommy knew. Daddy was good and never punished him unless he did something really bad. Could it be bad to let the boys eat some of the grapes?

"Your father wouldn't even know we took them. He wouldn't even miss any," Bill said.

That could be true, too. Tommy wondered if he should let the boys eat some of the grapes. He thought a moment and then said:

"I would like to let you have some of these grapes, but I cannot. They belong to my daddy. He told me not to pick any. That is the reason why I cannot. It may be true he would not know about it, but I would know that I had not obeyed him. That would make me unhappy."

"That is right," Bill agreed.

"Yes, I guess so," Harry said.

"When my daddy comes home, I will ask him if any are ripe. If they are, I will bring some of his purple grapes to you," Tommy said.

Happily they went back to their game of baseball. --Selected.

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## LETTERS

## FROM WASHINGTON

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am enclosing the answers to the contest corner. I am a friend to Susan Brehm, and as she writes to the paper I thought I might as well write also.

I am thirteen years old and have three sisters. We attend Sabbath School regularly. I will close with Christian love.

Amy Lynch.

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## FROM OREGON

Dear Friends:

I am eight years old and will be in the third grade this fall. I have brown hair and blue eyes. I have two little sisters, Delores is five and Betty Fae is three. My little brother, Billy, is four years old.

Last week I picked berries with my cousins. Some of my other cousins are visiting us now. Their names are Paul and Donnie. Paul is three years old.

I go to Sabbath School at the Scrael Hill Church of God. We miss Blanche Benight who was our teacher, but we like Gladys Tilly for a teacher.

Your friend,

Louise Sheffield.

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## FROM IDAHO

Dear Missionary Readers:

It has been a long time since I sent a letter to the Missionary. My sister Elaine and I are entering the new contest. I am eight and she is ten. I have a sister Carol, who is six, and Joy is four. My brother, Steve, is two.

All of our family, except me, had the mumps during the past three weeks. My mother had an operation several weeks ago,

so we girls had to help with the work.

Your friend,  
Norman Palmer.

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## Lessons For You:

AUGUST 19, 1950

### JOHN PREACHES GOD'S MESSAGE

Lesson Material: Luke 3:1-14.

Memory Verse: "Thou shalt love thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deut. 6:5.

John the Baptist was a relative of Jesus. Their mothers were cousins. While John was in a wilderness, the word of the Lord came unto him, and he left the wilderness and went into all the country near the river Jordan. He was preaching to the people to repent and be baptized for the remission of their sins.

He was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah that said that he would come to prepare the way for Jesus. He taught of Jesus and of the work He would do, and told the people to repent for the evil they had done and in that way he was preparing their hearts to receive Jesus when He would teach them.

A multitude of people came to him to be baptized. But he told them they should bring forth fruits of repentance. He meant for them to show their lives and the things they did that they were really sorry for their sins.

Then the people asked him what they should do. They didn't know just what they were to do. John told some of them to divide what they had with those who were in need. They were to divide clothing if they had enough to divide, and those who could were to divide food with those who had none.

He also told them to not accuse any person wrongly, to be kind to others and to be content with their wages.

The people had been taught that Jesus would come, and as they had not heard such teaching before, they wondered in their hearts if John might be Jesus. But

John told them that he was not the Christ, for Christ was mightier than he, and he was not worthy enough to untie his shoes.

These things and many others did he preach unto the people.

#### Questions

1. Who was John the Baptist?
2. What country did he preach in?
3. What prophecy did he fulfill?
4. What did he tell those who wanted to be baptized?
5. What were some of the things the people were to do?
6. Who did the people think he might be? Why?
7. What was his answer to this?
8. Can you repeat the memory verse?

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August 26, 1950

### MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Lesson Material: Luke 1:26-48; 2:7, 40-52; John 2:1, 12; 19:25-27; Acts 1:13, 14.

Memory Verse: "My soul doth magnify the Lord." Luke 1:46.

An angel came unto Mary and told her that she had found favor with the Lord, and that she was to be blessed among all women. Mary was troubled at what the angel had told her and wondered what he could mean. Then the angel began to explain what he had said, and told her to not fear, for she had found favor with God, or had pleased God, and that she would have a son and she should name Him Jesus.

When the babe was born He was named Jesus just as the angel had told Mary she should do. The child grew and was filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him.

When He was twelve years old He and His parents went to Jerusalem. When they returned home, Jesus remained behind. After looking for Him for three days they found Him in the temple asking the wise men questions and answering the questions they asked. Mary asked Him why He had done such a thing for she was worried about Him.

He told her that He must be about the work that He was sent here to do.

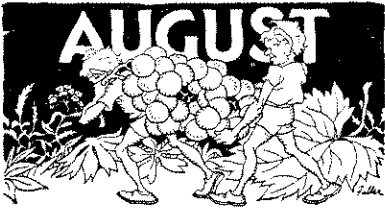
When Jesus was crucified on the cross, Mary, His mother, stood by His cross. When Jesus saw His mother and a disciple that He loved standing close by He gave His mother to the disciple to be a mother to him, and the disciple took her to his home. What a comfort this disciple must have been to her at this time of her sorrow.

After Jesus was resurrected and had gone to heaven, the apostles, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and other women, met together and had prayer.

#### Questions

1. Who is our lesson about?
2. What did the angel tell Mary?
3. Did Mary understand what the angel was telling her?
4. What caused Mary to worry about Jesus?
5. Where was Mary when Jesus was crucified?
6. Who took her to his home?
7. What did they do after Jesus went to heaven?

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Dear Children:

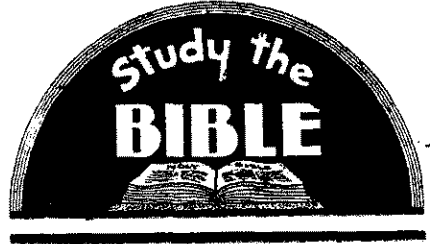
Here it is August, and the summer will soon be gone. This is the month that so many things are ripe in the gardens. Potatoes are about ready to dig, tomatoes are getting such a pretty red, and roasting ears are ready to use.

Did you ever stop to think how odd it is that everything grows in the ground and gets the same rains and sunshine, and still there are so many different things?

God was very thoughtful of us when He made so many different things. Do we stop and thank Him for these things? It is He who makes the seeds grow, He sends the rains and the sunshine, and without these we wouldn't have any gardens. So let's take time out and thank Him for His wonderful goodness to us.

And then let us help Father and Mother to harvest and save as much of the vegetables as we can, for after God is good enough to give us these things it is not right for us to let it waste.

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#### POPULAR TOM

There was a little boy Tom, who would give his last marble, run errands all day and never grumble, give the best place to somebody else, no matter who, and felt so glad in seeing other folks have a good time that he forgot himself.

Everybody liked Tom. Grandmother smiled when she saw him coming. Aunt Laura, who was a busy woman, smiled at him, and said, "Just in time, Tom; run and—"

When Tom was away the folks at home would miss him. One would say: "Where is Tom? I wish he were at home." And another would say, "If Tom were only here!"

Tom was one of the unselfish helpers. Are there any Toms living at your house? Would you be missed when away from home, as Tom was? —Unknown.

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#### THE PUZZLE CONTEST

The answers to the puzzles are coming in better than they did, and I am glad to see some new ones answering them. This is puzzle number four.

#### WHO AM I?

1. One time I was hid in a house on a town wall.
2. I had five kings shut in a cave.
3. I had twelve stones taken out of the river Jordan for a memorial.
4. I had the sun and moon stand still until a battle was won.
5. I was one hundred and ten years old when I died.

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Dear Little Friends:

My big sister is writing a letter to you so I want to write, too. I'm too little to write so my mother is writing for me. My name is Delores and I'm five years old. I have blond hair and blue eyes.

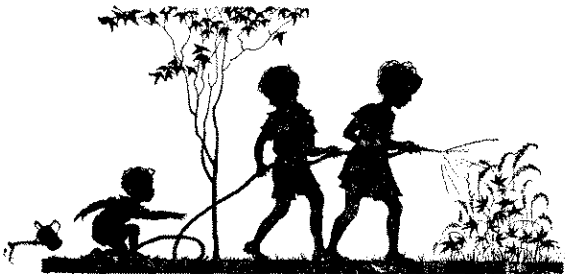
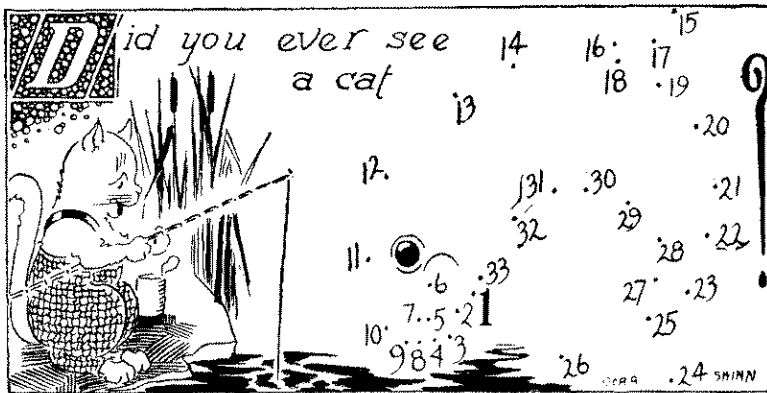
I wish that I could go to school this

year, but I'm not old enough. We have company at our house now. Aunt Thelma and Uncle Kenneth with Paul and Donnie.

Your friend,

Delores Mae Sheffield.

## TINY TOT PUZZLE



## A FLOWER GARDEN

Patsy and Danny were twins and they had a baby brother Lonnie. Their mother had a very pretty flower garden and the children liked to walk in this garden and look at the flowers.

One morning the children told Mother that there was something wrong with some of the flowers. They were letting their heads droop. The children thought the flowers were sick and perhaps dying.

Mother went to see what was the matter, and told them that the flowers were thirsty and asked them to give the plants a drink. Patsy and Danny got the garden hose and Lonnie took a watering can. Soon they were giving the flowers a nice fresh drink. In a little while the flowers began to lift up their heads and the children were happy to know that they were not going to lose their flower garden.

Our flowers need water to drink the same as people do. Let us not forget to water them as they help to make the world a more beautiful place to live in.

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Children should be good and kind,  
And their parents learn to mind.