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## God's Rainbow

One day it had been raining,  
And when the sun broke through,  
I saw a lovely rainbow,  
All green and red and blue.

"Oh, Mother, see the rainbow  
A-shining in the sky;  
It is so bright and beautiful  
Away up there on high."

"Yes, darling," said my mother,  
"The rainbow is God's sign  
That He will not destroy His children  
By rain another time.

"The dear God loves His children,  
And happy they should be  
When His bow is in the heavens  
For all of them to see."

—Selected from *Young Pilgrim*.

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## Editorial . . . . .

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We have been having some cold weather for this time of the year, and you should hear people complain. Some say it's too cold for the crops to ripen, others say it's too cold to be comfortable.

If it was hot weather, we would complain about that. It just seems like we want to complain about something all the time.

Have you seen children that did lots of complaining? They didn't like to play this game, and they didn't want to play the other game. Do you like to play with that kind of children? We get tired of hearing them complain and grumble all the time.

Perhaps God gets tired of hearing us complain about things. We should learn to be content and satisfied with whatever He gives us, for He will give us what is best for us. All the complaining we can do will not change the weather, and we will be much happier if we will learn to be content and try to find some enjoyment in what we have to put up with anyway.

Complaining people are not happy, but contented ones are. Let us try our very best to be happy and contented, then we

will be better children of our Heavenly Father.

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## The Stolen Cookies

By Edith Lippincott

It was a beautiful day in August and Max and Teddy knew that Mother had been working hard to get things already for camp meeting. The camp meeting was to start the next evening, and Mrs. White had been doing some baking to have on hand so she could spend more time at the meeting, and she knew that the boys would want something to piece on when they came home from the camp ground.

As the camp meeting was to be in their home town and just a few blocks from their home, they expected to have some of the visiting brethren stay at their place. The children were all excited about the meeting and having a house full of company.

"Won't it be fun to go to church every day?" asked Max.

"It surely will, and I have been wondering how many boys there will be for us to play with and study with," answered Teddy.

The boys were playing in the sand pile just outside the kitchen window. Hearing a noise at the window they looked up and saw Mother putting a plate of cookies in the window to cool. She always made the best cookies and the boys knew that they were extra good when just warm from the oven.

"I see Mother has some cookies baked. I wonder if she would let us have some if we asked her for them," said Max.

"I'll go and see. I know they would taste good. Just smell them! I was just beginning to get hungry," answered Teddy.

So away Teddy ran to find Mother in the kitchen and ask for some of the cookies.

"Oh Mother, may we boys have some cookies?" he asked as she was washing the cookie pans.

"I will let you have just two apiece, and that is all you can have now for they are to be eaten during the camp meeting. When you come in hungry from the camp ground they will taste good then," said Mother.

She gave Teddy two cookies for Max and two for himself, and told him to run on out doors and play.

Those were the best cookies and they didn't last very long. "I wish I had some more cookies, don't you?" asked Teddy.

"Yes, I could eat lots more of them," replied Max, "but Mother said that was all we could have."

After the boys had built a few bridges and a tower or two in the sand pile, Teddy said, "Those cookies smell so good. Just look at them there in the window. I have a notion to take one."

"Don't you think that Mother would find it out? And if she did she might send us to bed early, and without our supper, because we didn't mind her," replied Max.

"Just look here, this one is just about to slide off the plate. We could take it and another one and she would never know it," reasoned Teddy. And Teddy reached up and took the cookie. Then Max got one. Of course they didn't feel just right about doing such a thing, but the cookies looked so good.

Pretty soon they took two more, and still they were hungry for boys seem to have a habit of always being hungry when there are good things to eat near at hand. Soon two more cookies were taken and eaten.

When Mother was ready to put the cookies in the cookie jar, she looked at her plate of cookies and thought that something was wrong, so she counted the cookies, and sure enough, some were gone.

At the supper table Mother said, "Boys, do you know what happened to some of my cookies this afternoon? Several were missing from the plate when I went to put them away."

"No Mother, I saw them in the window," Max replied.

"Did you boys take any from the plate?" Mrs. White asked.

"No, we didn't," both boys answered a

little weakly at the same time. They knew that they were storying, or lying, to their mother and it made them have such a funny feeling inside. They didn't seem to be so hungry, for some reason, and they had a sick feeling in their tummy about the whole thing.

"Well, those cookies seem to have disappeared somewhere, and I am almost certain I saw them slip right out of the kitchen window," Mother remarked.

After some thought the boys whispered to each other and then Teddy said, "Mother, we did take some of them, after you told us not to."

"Yes, Mother, we thought that you wouldn't miss them, and they were so good," added Max.

"Why, I am surprised at my little boys! Didn't you know that you were stealing when you did that? Stealing is wrong, and you have broken one of God's commandments. Then you lied to me when you said that you didn't take them. Not only that, but you disobeyed me, and the Bible says 'Children, obey your parents.' Now, what do you think of what you have done? See how easy it is for one wrong to lead us into doing something else wrong."

Two small heads hung in shame. "We didn't think it was as bad as that. You make it seem like such a big thing, and we didn't mean to sin, or disobey you," one weak little voice said.

Then Teddy began to cry. "Oh, Mother, please forgive us this time, and we will try never to be so bad again."

Putting an arm around each boy, Mother said, "Yes, I will forgive you for what you have done, because you are sorry and have asked me too. But what are you going to do about breaking one of God's commandments? You know He feels badly about that too."

"I think we had better ask Him to forgive us, too," Max said.

"Let's go to our room and do it right now," Teddy suggested, for he was getting anxious to straighten things up so he wouldn't have that awful feeling inside of his stomach. The boys hurried up to their room, and kneeling beside their bed they told God that they were sorry that they

had done wrong, and asked Him to forgive them. "And the next time we are tempted to do something bad, please help us not to do it," asked Max.

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## Stories By The Children

WHEN MOTHER WAS ILL

*By Willigene McMickin*

Mary, a little girl who lived several miles away from the church, was just getting ready to go to church when she found out her sister had the mumps.

Mary's mother was sick, too, so Mary and her daddy went to church that Sabbath by themselves.

While they were going to the church, Daddy said to Mary, "I think it would be nice if you listened closely to what the minister has to say and tell your mother about the sermon."

So Mary listened very closely to what the preacher had to say, and when they were home she told her mother and little sister about the sermon. Her mother said she was a very good listener, and that is what we all should be.

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WHAT THE KING SAW IN THE FURNACE

*By Frieda Friddle*

There was once a very great king whose name was Nebuchadnezzar. This king grew in power until he was the greatest king in the world. Year after year he added new countries to his kingdom, and in every country the people feared him greatly. This caused him to be very proud of himself.

Then Nebuchadnezzar decided to make an image and compel every person to fall down and worship it at the sound of music. This image was set up on the plain of Dura. It was ninety feet high and was covered with gold.

After the image had been set up, the king sent out a command to all the princes and rulers to bring the people to him on the plains and command them to bow

down and worship the image when the music began to play. All those who would not bow down were to be thrown into the fiery furnace. When the music began to play all, except the three Hebrew children—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—fell down and worshipped the image. The king offered them a second chance to bow down, but they told him they would worship no idol.

The king was very angry and had the furnace heated so hot that it killed the men who threw the three bound men into the furnace. Then the proud king looked down into the furnace and saw four men walking loose and unhurt in the fiery flames. The king was scared for he recognized the fourth as the Son of God. After that the king made the three Hebrews rulers in his kingdom.

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PLACES I HAVE BEEN

*By Joanne Cole*

The Fourth of July was a very nice day, so in the morning Daddy and Mother packed a picnic lunch, and we invited two little friends to go with us and we drove about one hundred miles to the zoo at Detroit, Michigan. We arrived there a little before noon so we found a picnic table and ate our lunch as we were very hungry by that time.

We rode on the midget trains back into the zoo where the animals were. It was a beautiful sight for us. The caves and pens were made of beautiful rock designs. The big bears were acting for us and some were asleep up on the ledges. There was one baby cub and he was cute.

The lions were quite vicious looking, and they were in cages. We enjoyed the mountain goats and had fun watching them climb the high rocks, and they would stand on top. We sat down and watched the monkeys play on swings and trees. We went through the large bird house, and it was very interesting.

We wandered around till nearly closing time, which is six o'clock. We were all tired and we rode on the train back to the gate and found our car and started home. On the way home we stopped at a pretty park

and had our supper, and then played a short time. We arrived home about dark and were still excited about the many things we had seen. It was a day well spent.

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## LETTERS

### FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Readers:

I am a little girl eight years old and I go to Sabbath School every Sabbath. I enjoy going to Sabbath School and don't like to miss a time. One of my teachers gave me the Sabbath School Missionary and I like to read it, so I am sending for the paper.

A little friend,

Charlotte Lawson.

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### FROM MISSOURI

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is Sabbath afternoon. We have just returned from Sabbath School. I will tell you something of the trip to Sabbath School. We saw fields of oats, wheat and barley which have been harvested. Now the fields are dotted with shocks of grain. On the way we cross one of the longest bridges in the county. It is over the Nian-gua River. The name of the church is River View, and it is close to the river. It is a pretty view. How many of your churches have a pretty view? I would like to hear about the church you go to.

Your friend,

Patsy Keith.

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### FROM MISSOURI

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am a little girl named Becky Faye Coffman. I live at Buffalo, Missouri. I have a dog named Skippy. He is a rat terrier. I have a black and white cat named Philadelphia. My uncle has a big brown and black cat named Fluffy.

I attend Sabbath School each Sabbath. I read the Missionary and think it is a good paper.

Your friend,

Becky Coffman.

### FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Editor:

I'm sending in the answer to the first contest.

I have written a story entitled "What the King Saw in the Fiery Furnace."

I go to church and Sabbath School every Sabbath. My Sabbath School teacher's name is Sister Walker.

I will close for now. Your friend,

Frieda Friddle.

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### FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Sabbath School Missionary Readers:

I am a boy twelve years of age. I am in the seventh grade and go to school at Acorn, Arkansas. I live in the country with my Mother and Daddy, two sisters and three brothers. We all enjoy the Sabbath School Missionary, also the District Bulletin.

We don't have a Church of God Sabbath School, so we attend the S. D. A. Sabbath School in Mena, Ark.

Please pray for me. Your young brother in the work of Christ,

Chris Harden.

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## Lessons For You:

September 2, 1950

### PETER STANDS FIRM

Lesson Material: Acts 3:1-11; 4:1-22.

Memory Verse: "We ought to obey God rather than man." Acts 5:29.

After Jesus had gone to heaven to be with His Father, Peter and John went together to the temple at the time of prayer. There they saw a man who had been crippled all of his life and had to be carried from place to place. This man was taken to the temple each day and was placed at the gate which was called Beautiful. Here he would ask for alms, or money, from the people as they entered the temple.

As Peter and John were about to go into the temple he asked them to give him something. Peter told the crippled man, "Silver and gold have I none; but

such as I have I give thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Then taking him by the hand, Peter lifted him up and the man was able to walk. He went into the temple with Peter and John and praised God, and when the people saw him they were surprised at what had happened to him.

When Peter saw they were wondering about the miracle, he preached to them of the power of God, and preached Jesus to them. He told them how it had been prophesied that Jesus would come, and that they had denied Him and crucified Him. He told them that they should repent of their sins, that they might be ready when Jesus should come again.

Some of the people were grieved that Peter and John were teaching about Jesus and the resurrection from the dead, and they took them before the officers and asked them to prove by what power they taught those things. Here Peter preached another sermon to them and told them that there was no salvation in any other name whereby they could be saved.

After discussing the matter a while, the people told them that they should not teach or speak in the name of Jesus any more. But Peter and John told them that they could not help but speak of the things which they had seen and heard. Because the people could not find any wrong in Peter and John, they threatened them and let them go. Peter was willing to teach the people the truth even when he was apt to be punished for it, so we should do what is right even though others might think it was wrong.

### Questions

1. At what time did Peter and John go to the temple
2. Why was the man at the gate Beautiful?
3. What did he ask of Peter and John?
4. What did he receive?
5. What did the people think of this?
6. What did Peter and John teach the people?
7. What did the people do?
8. What did Peter say he had to teach?
9. Were they punished?

10. Should we always do what is right?

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September 9, 1950

### JOHN MARK, THE HELPER

Lesson Material: Acts 12:12, 25; 13:4, 5; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24; 1 Peter 5:13.

Memory Verse: "We are labourers together with God." 1 Cor. 3:9.

Because he thought it would please the people, king Herod had Peter put in prison. While he was there the people of the church prayed to God for him, and that same night while Peter was sleeping between two guards, an angel came to him and led him out of the prison. At first Peter thought that he was having a dream, but when he was free he said, "Now I know for a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod."

Then he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered together praying for him. These people must have been true Christians, and so was John Mark for Paul and Barnabas took him with them on some of their missionary journeys.

God selected Paul and Barnabas for a special work, a work of being ministers unto the people. In a certain place they were teaching the Jews in the synagogues, and John was with them.

Another time, when Paul was in Rome he wrote to Timothy to come to him as soon as he could, and he asked Timothy to bring Mark with him as Mark could be a great help to him in the ministry.

It seems that John Mark was also called Marcus and in Philemon 24 Paul calls him a fellow laborer, which means that they were workers together. And in 1 Peter 5:13, Paul calls him a son, which shows that Paul loved Mark very much.

It was nice that John Mark could be a helper in the work of God, and the teachers, or missionaries, needed helpers in those days the same as they do now. When ministers are out in the work they need some one to help them in the meet-

ings and in Bible studies. Perhaps that was the kind of work that John Mark did.

### Questions

1. Where did Peter go when he was out of prison?
2. What were the people doing at this place?
3. How did Peter get out of prison?
4. Whom did Paul and Barnabas take with them on a journey?
5. Why did Paul want Timothy to bring Mark to him?
6. What seems to be another name for Mark?
7. How much did Paul love Mark?
8. Do ministers need helpers now?
9. What is some of the work a helper could do?

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All the long August afternoon

The little drowsy stream

Whispers a melancholy tune

As if it dreamed of June

And whispered in its dream.

—Alfie W. Hallmann.

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### A BOAST

In the garden, row on row,

You'll always find us grow;

Sister Lettuce, Brother Bean,

And everybody knows

That I, Potato, represent

The nation's daily diet,

And on us three you can depend

For vitamins—just try it!

—Sel.

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### PUZZLE CORNER

Here is contest puzzle number five.

*Who Am I?*

1. I was king and the queen came into my banquet house.
2. I and my lords were drunk.
3. When I saw a man's fingers I became frightened until my knees smote together.

4. I made Daniel third ruler in my kingdom.
5. I was slain in the night.

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### BIBLE BOOK PEOPLE

Can you choose the right answer?

1. Ruth married (David, Boaz, Elisha).
2. David had (Paul, Jonathan, Titus) for a dear friend.
3. Naaman washed (ten, three, seven) times in the Jordan river to be healed of leprosy.
4. Jesus was born in (Bethlehem, Jericho, Jerusalem).
5. Paul spent the latter part of his life in (Jerusalem, Rome, Macedonia).

- KEY: 1. Boaz 2. Jonathan 3. seven  
4. Bethlehem 5. Rome.

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### A STRANGE PLANT

There are many plants and flowers which have names given them by reason of real or fancied resemblance to some member of the animal kingdom. For instance, there are duckweed, monkey flower, dandelion, dogwood, crowfoot, and many others. In some cases one is apt to wonder how these names came to be given the plant or flowers, for we can see little or no resemblance in the flower to the animal for which it is named.

But there is one strange plant which gives us no doubt as to the reason for its name. This is the "spider lily," a wild flower which grows in the wet lowlands of some of our southern and southwestern states. The spider lily is a true lily, and blooms late in the summer after most of its leaves have died down. Then it sends up a tall, straight stem, at the top of which it opens several lovely white flowers, each in the shape of a huge, long-legged spider. Each flower may be four or five inches across—a small circular center, resembling the spider's body, and each of the six petals with a long, slender tip, like a spider's leg.

This is one of the most unusual of all wild flowers, and it has been dug up and planted in yards to such an extent that it is becoming very scarce. —Selected.

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## TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am here at Sabbath School. There are four in our class today. My brothers and I have five little kittens for pets. I will go to school this year.

Your friend,

Mary Helen Burrell.

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## TELLING THE TRUTH

Telling the truth means to tell things just the way they really are. When we do not tell the truth, but tell it some other way, then we are lying. God does not want us to lie, for that is not right.

Let us be careful to always tell the truth, then we will please God.

## DUCKS

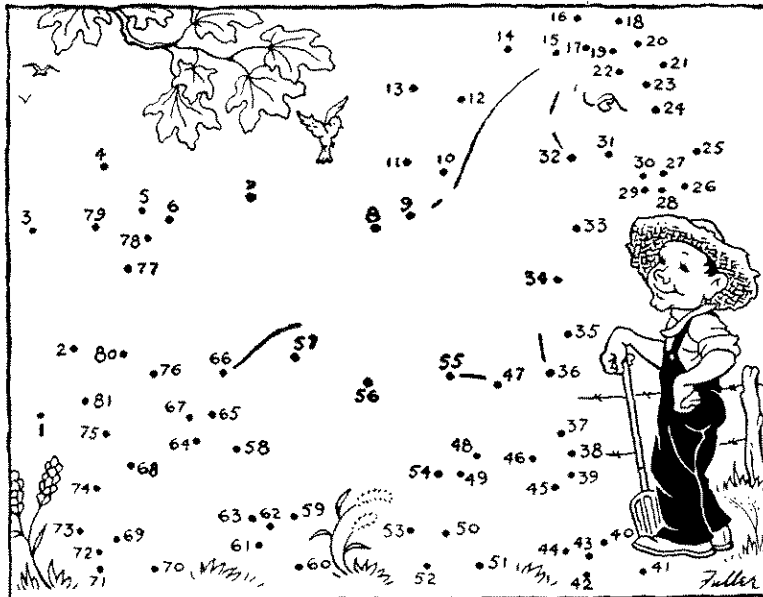


A duck is a funny thing,  
It wobbles when it walks,  
Its tail isn't very long,  
And it wiggles when it talks.  
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## A MEMORY VERSE

"And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another." 1 John 3:23.

## TINY TOT PUZZLE



Tommy was out walking one day when he saw an animal that he likes very much. Take your pencil and begin with dot one and draw on around the

dots and find out what the animal is, and then see if you can tell some of the reasons why Tommy likes it. Do you have one of these on your farm?