

FROM A HILLTOP

I climbed a hill one summer day, And let my eyes look down, Upon a lovely little place, Known as a country town.

My house was bordered on the south, With freshly growing grain, And from the orchard I could hear A meadow lark's refrain.

And then I saw the little church Where all the neighbors meet, To sing the praises of my Lord, And at His table eat.

—Taken from Young Pilgrim.

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Editorial

It seems our little paper does not reach some of you in time for you to have it so you can study the first lesson in the paper before it is time to use the lesson in Sabbath School. We are sorry that you have not had it in time to do this studying.

We hope that this issue of the paper will correct that fault, as we are putting three lessons in this paper and that will help.

This paper contains the three remaining lessons for September. The next issue should be in the mail in plenty of time for you to get the lesson for October 7. in time to study it before needed in Sabbath School.

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The Doodle Bug

Did you ever hear of a funny little bug called the doodle bug? If you haven't I will tell you about it.

They live in the warm climate of Florida, and perhaps in other states as warm as Florida. They do not climb trees, but make holes the shape of pointed ice cream cones, in the sand. These holes aren't as large as an ice cream cone but they are that shape. Mr. Doodle Bug wants the sand nice and dry and not too hot. They like to be under the edge of a porch or some such place.

He is a small bug and is gray in color. He uses his head to dig the hole with, and he makes the hole by flipping the sand away from him. He goes around and around and keeps flipping the sand up away from him. When the hole is deep enough to suit him, he buries himself in the sand at the bottom of the hole and waits for his dinner to come along.

The grains of sand on the side of the hole are very loose and when an ant happens to stray near the edge of this hole and should happen to get too close the little grains of sand will roll to the bottom of the cone. The doodle bug knows either by feeling or hearing the grains of sand coming down and he will stick his funny flat head out of the sand and look for his visitor. When he has seen the visitor he will begin to throw sand at the ant and the sand will make the ant fall to the bottom of the hole and then the bug will pull it under the sand and eat it.

The bugs are harmless and I have seen children dig them out of the sand in the yard and put them in a box or can of sand just to watch them make their homes, or ant traps, for that is really what they seem to be. -C, E. L.

King Lion

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By Mary Holbert

Can you imagine your cat—that soft, gentle, playful, purring pet—belongs to the same family of animals as the lion which many centuries ago was given the name, "The King of the Beasts"?

"That cannot be true!" you exclaim at first thought. "A cat and a lion are not at all alike."

But you are mistaken. They are very much alike, except in size and perhaps in color. Of course there are other differences of minor importance. The cat is a good tree-climber, but the lion rarely climbs trees. The cat's fur is of nearly an equal length all over its body, while the male lion possesses a mane that covers the fore part of its body. This gives him a truly royal appearance.

The strength of the lion is great—with a single blow of its large forepaw it can crush the skull of an ox or break the back of a horse. It can cover thirty feet at a single jump, and few animals, except antelopes, can outrun it.

Man-eating lions are not common. It is said that usually they are very old lions that have once tasted human blood.

Lions live from forty to fifty years. They are easily kept in captivity.

Have you ever seen a lion? There are lots of lions in the zoos in our country. Where are lions mentioned in the Bible? Let's read 2 Samuel 1:23, "Saul and Jonathan . . . they were stronger than lions." Can you think of another place where lions are mentioned?

A Cold Drink of Water

By Carrie Childs

Miss Henry was the teacher of the Junior Class at Sabbath School and she had promised to take the class on a picnic on the mountainside across the valley from town They were to go on Wednesday, as that was the last day before some of the children were to move to a new home.

Wednesday morning came and with a nice picnic lunch and a thermos jug of cold water stowed away in her car, she set out to get the children. After a nice little drive along the highway, she turned the car down a shady country road. This road was not so smooth and she couldn't drive so fast, but that gave the children more time to see the beauties of nature as they went along.

Just a little before noon they came to a nice shady place and the grass was nice and fresh looking. "Here is just the place to have our picnic," Miss Henry told the children.

The car was no sooner stopped than the children had the door open and were elimbing out.

"Let's play some games before we have lunch," Nancy suggested.

"That's just what I want to do," answered Billy. So as the children played games, their teacher busied herself with preparing a place to spread the lunch.

"Tommy, will you please bring the water jug out of the car for me," she asked.

"Sure, I will be glad to," and no sooner said than he was in the car after the jug

As he was carrying it to Miss Henry. Jack came racing by with Thelma close behind him, trying to tag him. As Jack looked around to see how close Thelma was he caught his toe in the long grass and tripped and fell against Tommy. Down went both boys and the water jug. The lid to the jug had been loosened and of course it came off and out poured the water on the boys.

"Now see what you've done," Tommy said as he picked himself up. "Now what will we do for water to drink with our lunch?"

Miss Henry came hurrying up to see what the matter was. "We will just have to get along without water, I am afraid, for there is no drinking water near this place, that I know of."

The lunch was good, but how thirsty the children were, but none of them would complain.

After the lunch was over and things cleared away, someone suggested, "Let's climb higher on the mountain." Of course everyone was eager to go. Miss Henry made them promise that they would all stay with her for she was afraid that if they didn't they would get lost from each other. The mountain side became very steep and there was more and more timber the farther they went. They seemed to be following some kind of an old trail.

"I think we had better start back, so we won't be out here when it begins to get dark," she told the children, for she had noticed that the shadows were getting long.

Before they had gone very far down the mountain they discovered they were

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lost. They didn't know which way to go to find the car.

"I'm getting awful thirsty," one of the boys said. The farther they walked the thirstier they got. At last it seemed that they just had to have a drink or they couldn't stand it.

"Listen a minute, children," Miss Henry said, and she stood quite still, trying to catch that sound again.

"What is it, Miss Henry?" Nancy wanted to know.

"I believe I hear water running over rocks. Let's go and see," and the group hurried on, and found a nice mountain spring. They cupped their hands and dipped up water to drink. That water tasted so good, and they felt so much better after they had drank all they wanted.

"This proves to me that God knew what the people would need when He made nice clear, cold water," Jack said.

"Yes, we have to have pure water. It is very needful in our daily living," answered Miss Henry.

"If we were only at the car, I would feel good," Thelma said, for she was beginning to be afraid that it would get dark before they found the car and she didn't want to have to spend the night in the woods. She wanted to be home in her own comfortable bed.

"Look here!" exclaimed Tommy, "do you see what I see?"

"What have you found?" they all wanted to know.

"It looks like an old road. See these tracks here in the grass. I think it might be the one we followed when we came up on the mountain."

"Perhaps it is. I am almost certain it is an old road, and I'm in for following it. We will go this direction and perhaps we can find our car," Miss Henry said, as she started down the trail.

On and on they walked then suddenly Nancy exclaimed, "I see our car, I see the car! We did find the right trail." And there not very far from them was their car.

"I feel just like God has led us back out of the woods to our car," Thelma remarked. Then Miss Henry said, "Let's all bow our heads and thank God for guiding us to the car. After the prayer they got in the car and started for home. On the way they talked about God's goodness to them and how He was always ready and willing to lead His children out of all troubles and dangers if they are willing to let Him lead.

Stories By The Children

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THE STORY OF MOSES

By Betty Baugh

At the time of the birth of Moses the king demanded that all baby boys should be killed.

When Moses was born his mother hid him until he was three months old. At that age he was too large to hide so his mother made an ark of bulrushes and pitch. She then put Moses into this watertight ark, or boat, and left him at the river's edge where the princess bathed. Moses' sister hid near by to watch for the princess.

When the princess came she found the ark and called the baby "Moses." Moses' sister then came forward and asked the princess if she needed a nurse for the baby. When the princess said "yes," the girl ran home and got her own mother to come and be the nurse.

One day when Moses was grown he saw an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew. Moses killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

Moses led the Hebrews out of Egypt and toward the promised land. He disobeyed God one time and for this reason he was not able to enter the promised land.

PEGGY AND PATTY BROWN

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By Willigene McMickin

Peggy and Patty were twins and the only way you could tell them apart was by their actions. Patty was good and kind to everyone and her friends said nice things about her. Peggy was rude and very lazy

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and she had very few friends, but she didn't mind that.

One day Mrs. Brown asked Peggy to go to the store for her but she said, "No, I don't want to." Then her mother asked Patty to run the errand for her, "Sure, I will go to the store for you." Mrs. Brown gave Patty a nickel for an ice cream cone.

One day the girls were invited to a birthday party and when they were leaving Patty said, "Thank you, I have had a nice time," but Peggy just walked away.

Soon Peggy had no friends at all and she began to be very lonely. Then she began sharing her things and going on errands and giving away things, and by being friendlier and kinder she began to win some friends. She had learned that it was best to be friendly.

That is the way we should live.

LETTERS

FROM CALIFORNIA

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the paper. I like the stories, puzzles and letters in the paper. I am eight years old and will be in the fourth grade.

I go to Sabbath School every Sabbath. My Sabbath School teacher is Delora Straub.

Your friend,

Bonnie Lee Kauzlarich.

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I like to go to Bible school. I have two squirrels. We went to Shawnee for a meeting.

Your friend,

Calvin Burrell.

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I like Bible school. I have a little puppy and his name is Buster. His dog house has his initial. I have a turtle for a pet. Your friend,

Larry Davison.

FROM MICHIGAN

Dear Editor:

I am a little girl eight years old and in the fifth grade. I go to a country school. I live in the thumb of Michigan. You know Michigan is shaped like a mitt. We live on a farm.

My sister older than I, is answereing the contest, so I want to write too. I have a dog and some kittens for pets. I like the Missionary a lot. We study the lesson at Sabbath School. My teacher is Mary Davis.

Your friend,

Joanne Cole.

Lessons For You:

September 16, 1950 JAMES, THE BROTHER OF JESUS

Lesson Material: Mark 2:31-35; 6:3; 1 Cor. 15:7; Gal. 2:9-12; Acts 15.

Memory Verse "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1:22.

Jesus had brothers and sisters and one of His brothers was named James. This brother must have been a follower of Jesus, and wanted to live as Jesus taught was the right way to live.

After Jesus was crucified and had been resurrected, some of the people didn't believe that He had been resurrected. Paul was trying to teach them that there was such a thing as a resurrection and that Jesus had been resurrected, and for proof he told them that He had been seen by many people, and that James was one of the many who had seen Jesus after His resurrection.

In Galatians we are told that James and John were strong in the faith and they gave the right hand of fellowship to Paul and Barnabas. That means that they welcomed Paul and Barnabas as workers in the cause of Christ. These four people decided that Paul and Barnabas should teach the heathen and James and John were to teach the Jews. In this way they would teach many people the right way to live and serve God. James left an example for us today. We should be more than willing to welcome others into the work of the Lord and give them all the encouragement we can. We should a l w a ys be ready to t ell others about the Christ who was crucified and was raised, and has gone up to heaven to sit on the right hand of God.

Questions

- 1. What was the name of a brother of Jesus?
- 2. Did the people believe in the resurrection of Jesus?
- 3. Who saw Him after He was resurrected?
- 4. Whom did James and John welcome into the work with them?
- 5. Were they all going to teach the same people?
- 6. Why do you think they went to different people ?
- 7. What kind of an example did they leave for us?
- 8. What should we always be willing to tell others?
- 9. Where is Christ since His resurrection?

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September 23, 1950

HOW PAUL SPREAD THE STORY OF JESUS

Lesson Material: Acts 16:9-15.

Memory Verse: "Go ye into all the world. and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

A vision, or dream sent by God, appeared to Paul one night, and in this vision it seemed as if Paul could see a man from the country of Macedonia calling for him to come over to Macedonia and help them.

Paul understood this vision to mean that there were some in that country wanting to know of the will of God, and that God was wanting him to go and teach them. So Paul took someone with him and started for Macedonia.

After they reached one of the chief cities in Macedonia they stayed there for a time and on the Sabbath day they went out of the city to a place by the river side, where the people gathered for prayer. Here Paul taught the people and a certain woman named Lydia heard him and she opened her heart to receive the truths that were being taught. She and her household were baptized.

Because of Paul's teaching against sin, he and Silas were put into prison. Here in prison they prayed and sang praises to God, and there was a great earthquake and the prison doors were opened, but none of the prisoners escaped.

The jailor asked Paul, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Paul answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved?"

Then the jailor believed and was converted and he and all his were baptized.

We find that Paul was willing to go wherever he thought that God would have him go, and that when he answered God's call to go he found people willing to receive the truth. Paul was willing to worship God and sing praises to Him even when he was in prison.

From this we learn that we should always be willing to serve God at all times, even times when we might suffer trials because of serving our heavenly Father.

Questions

- 1. What appeared to Paul one night?
- 2. What did Paul understand this vision to mean?
- 3. Did Paul go to help those people?
- 4. Where did they go on the Sabbath day?
- 5. What certain woman heard him?
- 6. What happened to Paul because of his preaching?
- 7. Did he quit serving God while in prison?
- 8. What happened at midnight?
- 9. Who wanted to be saved?
- 10. Was he converted?
- 11. What is the lesson for us from this lesson?

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September 30, 1950

REVIEW

As we have no lesson cards for today we will spend our class time in a review of the lessons we have had since the first of July. We will ask some of the same questions we asked in the lessons and see how many of them you can answer. This way you will know how well you are learn-

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ing and remembering your lessons.

Questions

- 1. Who stood at the top of Jacob's ladder?
- 2. What promise did Jacob make to God?
- 3. In what country was Moses a slave?
- 4. What kind of offerings does God like?
- 5. Why was Naomi in the land of Moab?
- 6. Was Ruth willing to serve God?
- 7. What kind of a boy do you think SamueI was?
- 8. Where did he spend most of his childhood?
- 9. What did David want to do for the Lord?
- 10. Should we be willing to change our ways to please God?
- 11. Should we covet anything that belongs to some one else?
- 12. What did the king covet?
- 13. How long did Ezra read the law of Moses to the people?
- 14. Should we be sad because we serve God?
- 15. Who was John the Baptist?
- 16. What did an angel tell Mary, the mother of Jesus?
- 17. Why was the man at the gate Beautiful?
- 18. How did Peter get out of prison?

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BUSY DAYS

On Sunday mother outlines work for the following days, and I know that she depends on me to help in little ways.

On Monday mother does the wash and I help hang the clothes; how we can soil so many things is something no one knows.

On Tuesday mother irons after I have wet it down, so we will look all spick-and span when we go into town.

On Wednesday mother cleans; I help dust and sweep. And when we've finished every task our house looks nice and neat.

On Thursday mother bakes; I get to roll the dough. And, oh. the goodies she can bake! She's the best cook that I know.

Fridays mother really flies to see that all is done in preparation for the Sabbath, before the setting sun.

On Sabbath we go to church, for it's our day of rest. I learn of Jesus and His love and how to do what's best.—Little Friend.

CONTEST PUZZLE

This is the last of the puzzles in this contest. Now I'll be looking for your answers. I want to thank all of you children for your letters and stories. I have enjoyed every one of them. Perhaps we will have another contest later on if you want one. WHO AM I?

- 1. I threshed my wheat and hid it from my enemies.
- 2. I was leader of 300 men that lapped water like a dog.
- 3. I had 100 men carry lamps, or torches, in pitchers.
- 4. An angel caused fire to come out of a rock and devour meat and cakes I had placed on the rock.

"Yes." said Mrs. Marshall, "I'm sure our garden is going to be a fine one."

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"How can you tell?" asked Mr. Marshall. "The hens have tasted everything in it

and they seem to like it extra well."—Sel.

Teacher: What is wind?

Pupil: It's air in a hurry.-Sel.

Bobbie: I saw something last night I couldn't get over.

Tommy: What was it?

Bobby: The moon.-Sel.

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God hears and answers prayers for His children.

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Damascus is believed to be the world's oldest city.

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A little girl once prayed this prayer: "Dear Lord, bless all the folks in the world, no matter how little they are." Jesus loves even the little folks. Are you not glad?—Our Jewels.

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Have you written your letter to the Missionary yet?

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We are in need of some Tiny Tot letters. Why don't you send us one?

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THE SAIL BOAT

We read in the Bible that Jesus entered into a ship and had it pushed away from shore and then He taught the people. Perhaps His boat did not look like this one, but He used a boat just the same.

Look at this picture carefully and see how many different things you can find in it. If you are old enough to read and spell see how many objects in the picture begin with the letter "S".

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TINY TOT LETTER Dear Missionary Readers:

I've never written to the paper before,

but I enjoy having my Mother read the stories and letters to me. I'm seven years old and will be in the second grade. I have a little brother whose name is Danny, he is three years old.

I have a little dog named "Trixie" and two calves.

I go to Sabbath School at the Elmira Church of God. Betty Lawson is my teacher. These are the names of the boys and girls in my class: Judy Crowson, Glenda Watts, Romana Fisher, Merlin Fisher and Kenneth Walker.

Love,

Tommy Strunk.



THE CHALLENGE

I have a cat that's big and black With soft and shining fur, And when I give her supper she Will thank me with a purr.

She washes after every meal And keeps her coat quite neat; She never tracks in through the hous

She never tracks in through the house With mud upon her feet.

I'll mind my manners; I'll be neat; Then everyone will see

That I will not allow a cat.

To get ahead of me!

-Young Pilgrim.