

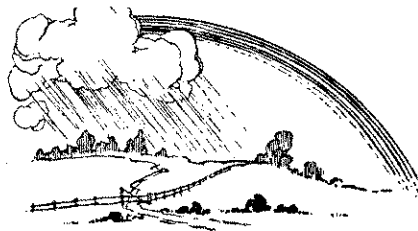
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"Why A Rainbow"

*Fifteen hundred years passed by
'Ere the world saw rain
The sun shone bright up in the sky
O'er mountain, sea, and plain.*

*For fifteen hundred years, the Lord
Did spare a guilty race
From out of heav'n His love went forth
As did His boundless grace.*

*For forty days and forty nights
The rain did never cease
There was no sun nor moon in sight
No shelter gave them ease.*

*The rainbow teaches in our days
When sun does follow rain
That love and justice are God's ways
He never speaks in vain.*

—Alfie W. Hallmann.

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Editorial

Watching For Signs

By Edith Lippincott

This morning I saw a flock of wild geese on their way north, after spending the winter in the warm and sunny land of the south. That is a sign that spring is on the way and will soon be here.

Speaking of signs, did you know that by watching for certain signs we can tell when warmer weather will soon be coming? One sign that seems to never fail is when school boys begin to play marbles. About the first of March, if you will notice, most school boys get interested in playing marbles. I saw some enjoying a marble game this afternoon as they were on their way home from school.

Another sign of spring is the return of the song birds which went south for the winter. I have seen a few robins already and expect to see more just any day now.

The tulips are beginning to stick their heads out of the ground and the leaf buds are getting larger on the trees. The spring rains make the green blades of grass show through the dead grass of last year.

Did you know that in the Bible we are told about watching the signs? It seems that some things are given as signs of events that are coming, or going to happen. Jesus told His disciples that they should "learn a parable from the fig tree. When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh."

He also told the people that by watching the sky they could tell something about the weather. In Matthew 16:2 and 3 we read, "When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowring." By watching these two signs we are able to tell a short time ahead what the weather will be.

These two signs that He gave to the people were used as an answer to some of their questions. The people were wanting to see signs from heaven to prove that Jesus was what He claimed He was, the true Son of God and that He would come again.

He told them that they were able to understand these simple signs that they could see, yet they didn't understand the things that He had done, even though they had been looking for the Son of God to come. They had had the teaching of the prophecies that told of His coming, but they didn't understand them.

In speaking about the fig tree putting forth its leaves He was telling them how to know when His second coming was near. He told of the wickedness and trouble that would be in the world before His coming: also He told that children would be disobedient to their parents, there were to be wars and more wars, and when we see these things coming to pass then we were to know that His coming was near.

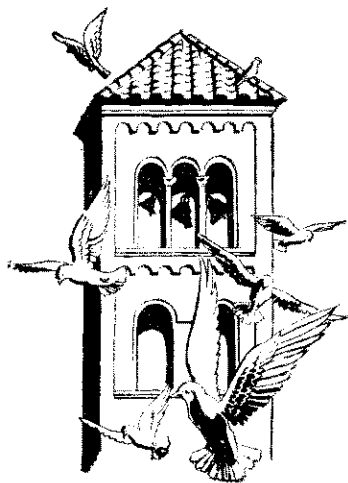
Let us try watching for signs, or things, that we might think would point to the coming of Jesus to this earth. Also it is fun to watch for the many things that are signs of spring coming.

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Watch for the contest puzzles.

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Please write for the paper. We need some good stories by you children.



Church Birdiquette

Both of them should have known better, and I believe they did. I do not think they were ignorant, but just plain thoughtless. I refer, of course, to the church manners of Mrs. Crow and Mrs. Bluejay.

For one thing, Mrs. Jay was usually late. And, it wasn't because she had several children to get ready, because hers were already grown. Nor was it because she had so far to fly, because she lived quite close to the church. It was just habit! At least that is what Mr. Cardinal said. He was head usher in the First Birderian Church of Wington, and, according to him, for the most part it is the same birds that are late each Sabbath morning.

But, even when late, Mrs. Jay wanted to pick her own roost and always acted surprised to the point of appearing slightly offended that the best limbs were already occupied.

On the Sabbath I have in mind, Mr. Cardinal greeted her quietly at the door, then started down the aisle to usher her to a seat. She followed him a few steps, then flopped down into one she had spied herself. So, when Mr. Cardinal, on down the aisle, turned to indicate the seat he had selected, there was no Mrs. Jay there! Mr. Cardinal was dreadfully embarrassed, and blushed all the way down to his toes. But, of course, there was nothing he could do about it, except march back to the rear of mine there, too later. We might as well

the church and hope that the next bird might not be so rude.

The seat Mrs. Jay had found appealed to her not only because it was not so near the front, but because it was next to Mrs. Crow. She liked to sit beside Mrs. Crow in order that they might chat with each other. Mrs. Crow was sitting next to the aisle. Of course, she did not move over. That would have been good manners, but Mrs. Crow was not concerned about that—about good manners, I mean. But she was very much concerned about keeping her corner seat. So, Mrs. Jay had to crawl over, and, as you may have guessed, she knocked Mrs. Crow's umbrella to the floor in the process.

There was quite a little commotion, but finally they were settled—that is, as settled as could be expected considering who they were. The choir was just beginning the anthem, which provided them with a wonderful opportunity to start chatting at once—almost as wonderful as the opportunity during the prelude, which they always used for chit-chat whenever they arrived that early.

"What an outrageous hat!" thought Mrs. Jay, as she glanced out of the corner of her eye at Mrs. Crow. "Reminds me of a scarecrow." But this is what she said, "I like your new hat. That corn tassel on it instead of a feather is most unusual."

"Made it myself," replied Mrs. Crow, "which reminds me. We had the best corn fritters for breakfast. Farmer Hayseed's corn is better than ever this year, but my, that man is stingy! By the way, can you tell me who that bird is, two pews in front of us next to the aisle? When she came in she did the strangest thing—she bowed her head for a moment, just after she took her seat."

"Don't know," replied Mrs. Jay. "Must be a Piscalopian. Couldn't be a Birderian. I can't understand why my mouth is so dry," she continued, as she opened her purse. "Will you divide this peace of chewing gum with me?"

"No, thank you," answered Mrs. Crow. "I got tired of mine before you came in and stuck it under the pew."

"Good idea," said Mrs. Jay. "I'll leave

give the janitor something to do around the Church!"

"My goodness," said Mrs. Crow. "I wish that Mr. Meadowlark wouldn't sing so loud. I can hardly hear a word you say!"

And, for once, Mrs. Crow had her wish, for just at that instant there was a sudden pause in the anthem, with the result that almost half the birds in the church heard Mrs. Crow's remark, "I can hardly hear a word you say." Heads were turned, and eyes glared. Mrs. Crow looked for a hole in the floor to crawl into, but couldn't find one small enough. And Mrs. Jay's chewing gum went down with one gulp!

There was one more line in the anthem, and I do not think either Mrs. Jay or Mrs. Crow will ever forget it. For guess what it is—"Be still, and know that I am God." I certainly hope that they have learned their lesson, and so do all the members of the First Birderian Church who believe in reverence and worshipfulness. If they haven't there are quite a few birds who wish they would simply stay at home!—Sel.

(Did you ever see people who acted like these birds? Let us be careful not to act like Mrs. Jay or Mrs. Crow.)

—: M :—

SOMETHING NEW

As some of you have asked for another contest, we will begin one in the next issue of the Missionary. Be watching for it.

The contest puzzles will be called **Puzzle Stories**, as they will be in Bible story form. It may take lots of study to find the answer as they will not all be in one chapter, and perhaps not all in one book of the Bible.

The puzzles are given to help you know your Bible better and to encourage you to study it more.

If you don't find the answers right at once, don't give up but keep on looking. By giving up we are failures, but keeping at a thing is the best way to be a winner.

When you send in your answer to the puzzle, we would be glad to get a story or a letter for the paper from you.

There will be six Story Puzzles in this contest. Be sure and send your answers to Mrs. Edith Lippincott, Stanberry, Mo., and

those having the most number of correct answers for the entire contest will receive a gift.

—: M :—

LETTERS

FROM ILLINOIS

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the Missionary. I am nine years old and I will be ten the fourteenth of March.

I enjoy Sabbath School very much. We go every time we can. Our Sabbath School teacher is Mary Penrod.

As I can't think of anything more to write, I will close with a puzzle: eht bkoo fo het engertiona fo esusJ thrisC eht nos of divaD, teh ons fo maharbA. Matt. 1:1.

Yours truly,
Sharolene Hull.

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FROM ILLINOIS

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the little Missionary. I am eight years old and I am in the second grade. I can't think of anything to write so I will close with a puzzle: I ma eht eurt eniv dna ym rehtaF si eth namdnabuhs. John 15:1.

Yours truly,
Carol Higginson.

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FROM ILLINOIS

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am a girl eight years old. I am in the third grade. I go to Sabbath School. My teacher's name is Mrs. Mary Penrod. I will close with a puzzle: Edeslsb rae eth urep ni aterh orf yteh lashl ese ogd.

Your friend,
Georgetta Morris.

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The upright shall dwell in the land.
Prov. 2:21.

—: M :—

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart.
Prov. 3:5.

—: M :—

We need stories from you children for the Missionary.

Your Lessons

For April 7, 1951

THE WORLD GOD MADE

Lesson Material: Genesis 1.

Memory Verse: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."
Genesis 1:1.

In the beginning the earth was without shape, and darkness was everywhere. Then the Spirit of God began to move upon the face of the waters. By this we can suppose that the surface of the earth was at one time covered with water.

The Lord said, "Let there be light, and there was light." And God saw the light, that it was good. He called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. This was the very first day of the world as we know it now.

The Lord then divided the waters and the dry land appeared. The land was named Earth and the waters were called Sea. After the dry land appeared God caused the grass and trees to grow. The sun and moon and stars were made to rule the day and night.

After all this was created then God made the animals and then man was created last. The grass and trees bearing fruit and herbs for food were made first so that the animals and man would have food to eat when they were made.

The last thing to be made was the Sabbath. Days had been made but none had been set aside and blessed as the Sabbath until the end of the first week of creation.

And God looked upon all that He had made and saw that it was very good. Everything was made perfect.

He planted a garden in Eden and in this garden He placed the first man and woman. In this garden grew every tree that was good for food. In the midst of this garden was the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The man and woman, who were Adam and Eve, were told to not eat of this certain tree.

Adam and Eve were told to care for the garden, and they were to eat of the fruit of

any of the trees except the one in the midst of the garden.

God brought all of the animals and birds unto Adam to see what he would call them, and what Adam called each one was its name.

In this garden with all kinds of things to please their eyes and plenty to eat it would seem that it would have been easy for the two people to obey God and do what was right. But Satan came to them and tempted them to disobey. He tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden tree, and she gave some of the fruit to her husband to eat.

We see that sin and disobedience were also from the beginning of the world.

Questions

1. In the beginning what was the earth like?
2. How was the first day made?
3. Can you tell about the dry land appearing?
4. What were made to rule the day and night?
5. Which were made first, Adam and Eve or the animals?
6. What was the last thing made?
7. Where did God place Adam and Eve?
8. Tell of some other things that were in this garden.
9. Did Adam and Eve always obey God?
10. How long has sin been in the world?

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For April 14, 1951

Lesson Material: Genesis 6:5 to 9:17.

Memory Verse: "Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter." Psalm 74:17.

In our last lesson we learned how God created everything perfect, so much so that He saw that it was good. But soon wickedness entered into the world. Adam and Eve were tempted and did wrong in disobeying God. For this they were driven out of the beautiful garden that God had placed them in.

From this time on the people grew more disobedient and became so wicked that all the thoughts of man were evil. This made

God sad, and He was sorry that He had ever made man.

God said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." But one man found favor with God and he was to be saved. This man was Noah, and God told him how to build an ark and in this ark Noah and his wife, and their three sons and their wives were saved from the flood.

A certain number of all the animals were taken into the ark to be saved also.

After all were in the ark, God closed the door and then the rain began to fall. It rained for forty days and forty nights, and the water covered the highest mountains.

After about one year the waters were dried from off the earth and God told Noah for them to go forth out of the ark. After they were all out of the ark Noah built an altar and offered an offering unto the Lord. He was thankful to God for having taken care of them through such a terrible flood.

When God saw this offering He said in His heart that He would not do such a thing again. And He spoke unto Moses and his sons, saying that He would make a promise to them and to their children. The promise He made was that He would never again destroy the earth with a flood.

To show that He was in earnest in His promise, God put His bow in the clouds. He also said that when He would bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow would be seen, and He would remember His promise to man.

This bow in the clouds is what we sometimes see after a shower, and we call it the rainbow. As we look at the rainbow we can remember that it is a sign of God's promise that He made many, many long years ago, that He would never destroy everything from off the face of the earth with a flood.

Questions

1. What did we learn in our last lesson?
2. How wicked did the people become?
3. What did God decide to do?
4. How many people were saved?
5. How long was Noah in the ark?
6. Why do you suppose Noah burned an offering to God?
7. Will God ever destroy the world with a flood again?
8. What is a sign of this promise?
9. Did you ever see a rainbow?

—: M :—

A JOB FOR PAUL'S TRUCK

Paul was proud of his new truck. Daddy had brought it home after he heard Paul say he didn't have anyone to play with in their new home.

"I think you will have lots of friends now," Daddy said when Paul ran off with his truck. Daddy was right. The neighbor children all crowded around to see Paul's truck. But they only wanted to run up and down the street with it.

"A truck as big as mine ought to be good for something," Paul thought. "Come on, Rickey," he said to one of his new friends, "let's get a real load of something."

Just then Mrs. Parker came out of her house next door. She was lame. She had to go to market to get her groceries because Mr. Parker worked all day and didn't get home in time. "If we follow Mrs. Parker, maybe she will let us bring her groceries home," Paul said.

Rickey, Jimmy, David, and Paul took turns playing with the truck while Mrs. Parker was getting her groceries. When she came out of the store, Paul said, "I can carry your bags in my truck, Mrs. Parker."

"That will be just fine," Mrs. Parker said. "It's hard for me, now that I'm so lame."

When they came to her house, Mrs. Parker began hunting in her purse for a nickel, but Paul and his friends ran away before she could find one.

After that, whenever Paul saw Mrs. Parker start for the grocery, he ran for his truck and followed her. He always ran away, too, before she could get the money she meant to give him for bringing her groceries home.

When Paul went to church school, he heard the teacher say, "A friend of mine told me about a boy in this class who helps her bring her groceries home every week and doesn't take any pay for it. That boy must be trying to be like Jesus; don't you think so?"

Paul wondered who the boy was. "I'm trying to be like Jesus," he thought.

—Selected.

—:: M ::—

MONKEYS

Chimpanzees, like all members of the monkey family, are sociable creatures. They want company, and are always unhappy if they are taken away from others of their kind.

The chimpanzee picks out a forked branch of a tree and weaves about it a canopy of twigs and branches. He sits under this canopy with one foot around the trunk of the tree.

Gorillas live in the jungles of Africa where the trees are so thick that the sunlight can not get through the branches. Therefore their home is never bright.

During the day, the gorilla walks about, sometimes on his hind legs and sometimes on all fours, eating bamboo shoots, sugar cane, berries, fruits, leaves, and roots.

Near the end of the day, the gorilla family must decide upon a place to sleep. Gorillas are travelers. They sleep in a different spot each night. Whenever possible, they pick out sleeping accommodations near a river, pond, or other body of water. The mother gorilla and her children sleep in a nest in the crotch of a tree. The nest is made by pulling together the branches of the tree. The father gorilla sleeps at the bottom of the tree.

When a gorilla stands upright, it is over six feet tall. It is an intelligent animal and can be taught to do many things. Young gorillas are playful animals.

Small monkeys go into the top branches of trees to sleep. Monkeys are not good swimmers. Baby monkeys are fine riders. Even though mother monkey makes big leaps, the young riders never fall off.

When a baby monkey starts to hunt for food himself, the mother watches what the baby puts into his mouth. Mother monkey often makes her baby open his mouth to be sure that the food he is about to swallow is what he should eat and not something that will disagree with him.

Listen to the chatter, chatter! Monkeys like to talk and visit with each other.

—Helen Oliphant Bates

BIBLE RELATIVES

Fill the blank with the missing name of the relative:

1. Mary and were cousins.
2. Boaz was great-grandfather.
3. Jonathan was son.
4. Lazarus and were brother and sister.
5. Ishmael's father was
6. Tamar and were brother and sister.
7. Rebekah was wife.
8. Jethro was father-in-law.
9. Simon Peter was brother.

Answers will be given in the next issue of the Missionary.

—:: M ::—

PLAYLIKE

I like to go to bed at night
And play that I'm a man.
I go across the ocean wide
To see an African.

Perhaps he's very sick in bed:
I help to make him well.
And then of Jesus and His love
To this poor man I tell.

He says he's glad I told him this,
And that he loves Him, too.
He'd like to study more of Him,
And learn what he should do.

Now, when I really am a man,
I'd like to go and teach,
But now I'll send my money there
To help another preach.

And when I go to bed at night
I'll not forget to say
A little prayer for Africans,
When I kneel down to pray.
—Gladys Best in *Our Little Friend*.

—:: M ::—

Small boy: "Dad sent me for a piece of rope like this."

Merchant: "How much does he want?"

Small boy: "Oh, just enough to reach from the cow to the fence."—Sel.

—:: M ::—

Don't be a quitter for a quitter never makes a success of anything. It is better to try and then fail, than never to try at all.

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TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers,

I am five years old and in the beginners class at school. I have a sister twenty months old. Her name is Arlene.

I go to Sabbath School at Spring Vale Academy. Paul Severance and I are the

only ones in our class. Mrs. Kauer is our teacher.

I always like to get the Missionary and have my mother read the stories and letters to me.

My mother is writing this letter for me.

Your friend,

Edward Turner.

TINY TOT PUZZLE



Begin with dot number 1, and draw a line to dot number two and so on. When finished you will have a picture of one of God's birds.

GOD LOVES YOU

We read in the Bible that we love God because He first loved us. He loved us enough to send His Son Jesus into this world to die for us. If God loved us enough to do that, we should love God and Jesus enough to do their will and live for them.

—:: M ::—



I HAVE A BABY SISTER

I have a baby sister

Who makes a lot of noise!

She tears my books and pulls my curls

And wants my favorite toys.

I have a baby sister

Who takes a lot of care;

She cries, sometimes, when I go out,

Or when we brush her hair.

I watch her so that Mother

Can sew or make a call;

She causes us some extra work,

But she is worth it all!

—Selected from *Little Pilgrim*.