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SPRING

*Old Winter packed his trunk last night
And said, "Now I must go;
I've packed away each stormy day,
My icicles and snow.*

*"For Spring is moving in, I hear,
With sunny days and flowers,
Sweet lilacs fair and roses rare,
And honeysuckle bowers."*

*Old Winter packed his trunk last night
And caught the morning train,
And no one cried and no one sighed
Nor wished him back again.*

By Cora E. Batemon, Sel.



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The Stolen Money

By Edith Lippincott

Rosemary was in the fourth grade at school. Every morning as she went to school she had to pass a novelty shop. In this shop there were some of the prettiest wax paper roses that you most ever saw.

Every morning Rosemary would stop and look in the window at the beautiful wax paper roses and think how much she would love to have those flowers in her dark little room in the attic at her home.

Rosemary's father and mother were very poor and they lived in a very shabby looking house. Her father was not very well and could not do much work, so they found it hard to get anything that they really didn't need, and sometimes they hadn't enough money to pay the doctor and get them enough to eat.

Thursday would be Rosemary's mother's birthday and Rosemary did want to get her a present, but couldn't decide what would be nice, and then she didn't have any money to buy a gift with. As she was deep in thought about this new problem, she looked up and there was the pretty flowers in the novelty shop window. Rosemary stopped short.

"There, that is just the thing for Mother's birthday present. They would keep pretty for such a long time." Going into the shop she rather timidly asked the shop keeper what the flowers would cost.

"That bunch in the vase is worth a dollar," he told her. "Shall I wrap them up for you?"

"Not now, for I haven't any money. I just wanted to know how much they are," was Rosemary's answer.

Slowly she went out of the door and on down the street to school. The thoughts of the flowers bothered her all day. When she arrived home that evening she asked her mother if she might have a dollar.

"A dollar? Why child, what do you need of so much money?" Mother wanted to know.

"I saw something in the novelty store that I wanted to buy and it costs one dollar. Please, Mother, I want the money so much," and the tears began to run down her cheeks.

"Well, bless you, Rosemary, I wish that I had the money but I don't. We can't afford things from the novelty shop. Now dry your tears and set the table for supper," Mother told the girl, and dismissed the subject from her mind.

As Rosemary was getting the dishes out of the cupboard she saw some money in a dish in the cupboard. "Oh, Mother, here is a dollar. Why can't I have it?" she asked.

"You must leave that money be," Mother told her. "That money is to finish paying last month's rent. We can't spend it," was the answer.

After Rosemary went to bed she did some planning and the next morning she decided to put her plan to work. As she was helping in the kitchen she slipped the

money out of the cupboard and into her pocket.

"Mother will never know where the money went, and perhaps she won't miss it before she would get some more from some work that she will do today," Rosemary reasoned with herself.

On the way home from school she bought the roses and when she arrived home she managed to slip them into the house without being noticed.

"We must hurry with the supper dishes," Mother said, "for Brother Hillyard is going to preach at the little church in the next block and we must go."

The dishes were soon done and Rosemary and her mother soon seated themselves in the little church. They liked to listen to Brother Hillyard preach. He made everything so plain that even Rosemary could understand the most of his sermons.

One of the songs that they sang was, "Yield not to Temptation," and as they sang, "For yielding is sin," Rosemary thought about the dollar and the flowers, and she didn't feel just as good about it as she thought she would. She wondered just what Mother would think and would she like the flowers enough to forget about the missing money. She thought about this and wondered how she would explain everything so it would sound all right.

All at once she happened to think that she was not listening to the sermon and she wondered what Brother Hillyard had been saying. Just then her ear caught a few words that almost made her jump out of her seat. The words were "Thou shalt not steal." "These words are part of the Ten Commandments and are words that God has written with His own finger, and He expects us to keep the Ten Commandments if we are to be His children," Brother Hillyard was saying.

"Why, he is preaching about my taking that money," thought Rosemary. There was more to the sermon but Rosemary was so busy thinking about the wrong that she had done that she hardly heard any more until she heard, "Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole, steal no more."

"Oh, God, I am so sorry that I gave place to the devil, and yielded to tempta-

tion and stole the money from the dish in the cupboard. Please forgive me, and help me to tell Mother what a great wrong I have done."

After Rosemary and her mother arrived home Rosemary said, "Mother, I have something that I want to tell you. I took the dollar from the cupboard this morning and bought the flowers at the novelty shop. I wanted so much to give them to you for a birthday gift, but now I am so sorry that I did wrong in taking the money that there isn't any happiness in giving them to you. Shall I take them back and see if the man will give the money back for them?" the little girl wanted to know.

"The man probably wouldn't take them back, so we will just keep them. They are beautiful and I love them, but I love my little girl much more to know that she is sorry for the wrong that she has done. It was very wrong to take the money and it will be hard to get that much saved again, but I think that you have learned a lesson that you will never forget," Mother said.

"I am so glad that we went to the little church tonight and that I heard that sermon, for it will help me do better after this," Rosemary said.

—:: M ::—

LAZY HABITS

Some boys and girls think studying is too hard. They are like the lazy cow. A professor once studied a herd of cows to see how they spent their time. This is what he found out: The lazy cow spent eight hours grazing; twelve hours chewing her cud, four hours loafing around.

Cows are expected to take it easy. But boys and girls who loaf at school are cheating three ways: They cheat themselves by forming lazy habits, for lazy people never get far in life; they cheat their parents, who work hard to send their children to school; they cheat their heavenly Father, who needs wise, industrious helpers to advance His kingdom. Don't be a three-way cheat!—Junior Life.

—:: M ::—

The righteous shall never be removed; but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.

Nature's Plowman

By Mary Holbert

"Bill, look at him!" yelled Tim. "See how he's moving. What is he? Where's his home?"

"Aw, it's only an earth worm," said Bill, rather scornfully. Then remembering that Tim was only a little fellow, learning lots of things that Bill took for granted, he began to tell Tim about the earthworm.

"The earthworm," said Bill, "is nature's plowman. He is ever at work turning over and loosening the soil, letting in air and making the soil fertile. He is the farmer's friend. Charles Darwin estimated that an acre of garden averages about 53,000 worms."

"My, that many worms in our garden?" asked Tim.

"In South Africa and Australia," continued Bill, "there are some kinds of earthworms that are five feet in length though here they are rarely a foot long. He has tiny bristles on his body which help him in crawling and in burrowing or plowing, we might say."

"Where are they in the winter?" asked Tim, listening to every word Bill said, yet watching the earthworm very closely.

"In the winter time," said Bill, "the worms crawl down below the ground that freezes and hibernate."

"What's hibernate?"

"Well, that's something like going to sleep and sleeping all winter instead of all night," answered Bill. "During the warm and mild parts of the year the earthworms spend their lives within twelve or eighteen inches of the surface. When the soil is soaked with rain they go into burrows and block the openings with bits of leaves to keep out the water. If the soil in which he lives dries up, he coils up and forms, with the aid of moisture from his own body, a sort of mud cell around itself until the next rain."

"That earthworm," exclaimed Tim, pointing to the one under observation, "can do all that!"

"Yes, the earthworm, too, has extraor-

dinary ability of growing new sections. If a robin happens to pull off part of him, he just grows another. The robin and the moles are his principal living enemies.

"The earthworm likes to move to a new home when the place he is in becomes crowded. They wait for a damp or rainy night, then come to the surface and crawl in search of a new home. Their greatest danger is that the sun will rise on them while they are crossing some surface into which they cannot dig, for then their skin may become dry and they will die."

"Can he see, Bill?" asked Tim.

"It has no eyes," answered Bill, but it can tell when it's dark or light. It also recognizes sounds and odors."

"God made the earthworm, didn't he?" asked Tim.

"Yes, God created all creatures here on earth and gave each his place," answered Bill.

"And the earthworm's a plowman," stated Tim. "I'm going to watch him some more; maybe I'll see him plow through some dirt."

Bill left Tim lying on the ground watching the earthworm very closely.

—: M :—

A BOY AND HIS BOOKS

The school Abe Lincoln attended when he was a little boy was called a "blab school," and that was a very good name. All the children studied their letters and multiplication tables out loud. Mr. Riney, the school master, decided which of his pupils studied hardest by which ones shouted loudest. No wonder travelers could tell that they were approaching the school when they were half a mile down the road!

Abe and Sally Lincoln walked two miles each way to Mr. Riney's school. Later Abe walked four miles to Mr. Dorsey's school. All his schooling together lasted less than one year. But Abe learned to read, write and do simple arithmetic. He taught himself everything else. He borrowed books and learned many whole chapters in his stepmother's Bible, by heart.

He had no electric lights, as we do, and studied by candle or fireside light.

Boys and girls today get their education

much more easily than did Abe Lincoln. In many lands, however, schooling is only for the rich. People there do not know Jesus, because they cannot read His message in the Bible. That is why Christian missionaries must print Bibles in many languages and teach the people to read them. Let us help all we can to bring God's Word to every child the world around!—Junior Life.

—: M :—

Do you give The Missionary to your little friends to read?

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Your Lessons

For May 5, 1951

A NEW HOME FOR CALEB'S FAMILY

Lesson Material: Joshua 14.

Memory Verse: "Honour thy father and thy mother." Exodus 20:12.

The children of Israel had been as slaves in the country of Egypt, and because of their trials and troubles they had prayed to God and He had heard their prayers and saw their troubles. He was delivering them from their troubles by taking them out of the country of Egypt and into another country called the land of Canaan.

As they neared the land of Canaan, Moses sent twelve men to spy out the country and see what the country was like. They were to go in and occupy the land that was inhabited by other nations, which were evil nations. Moses wanted to know if they were going to be able to take the land from the wicked people living there.

They found the land to be a good land but the people were strong and their cities were very large. Ten of the men brought back the report that the people in the land were giants and that the Israelites were like grasshoppers as compared with the other nations. They thought that they should not try to take the land.

Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, brought back a good report and Caleb said, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for

we are well able to overcome it." These two men knew that God was with them and would help them to take the land that He wanted them to have.

Because of this good report that Caleb brought back, Moses promised Caleb that he should have the land that he had walked upon for his future home. After they had taken the country, Joshua, who had become leader of the people when Moses died, divided the land to the Children of Israel. Caleb came to Joshua and asked for the land that Moses had promised to him. He asked for a mountain that he had walked over when he was spying out the land. Joshua blessed Caleb and gave him the place he wanted and the place was called Hebron. This place for a new home was given to Caleb and his family because he had done what was right.

We are very much like Caleb. We are living in this world of sin and trouble, but we are hoping to have a better home in the world made new. God has promised that if we will obey and serve Him that He will give us that home and we will have to obey Him to be worthy of a new home in a land of peace and joy.

Questions

1. Why were the Children of Israel going to another country?
2. Why were spies sent out?
3. How many brought back good reports?
4. What was the country like?
5. What did Caleb want to do?
6. What did Moses promise Caleb?
7. Who became the leader when Moses died?
8. What place did Caleb get for a home?
9. Can you tell in what way we are like Caleb?

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For May 12, 1951

DAVID, THE GREAT KING

Lesson Material: 2 Samuel, chapters 5 to 8.

Memory Verse: "Thou shalt do that which is right in the sight of the Lord." Deut. 6:18.

When the people of Israel asked for a king so they would be like other nations, God placed Saul over them as their king. But Saul departed from serving God and became a wicked king and for that reason God rejected him and chose David to be king in his place.

David had been the leader of Saul's army and had won so many battles that the people wanted him for their king. David was thirty years old when he began to rule over the people and he was their king for forty years.

As the wicked nations would come to make war with David and his people he would ask God if he should go to battle with the other nations and God would tell him what to do. When David and his army would conquer a nation that worshiped idols, he would gather the images and burn them, for he knew that it was not pleasing to God to worship other gods.

When David was living in peace and was free from wars with those around him, he said unto Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." David wanted to do something for God and decided that he would build a house for the ark of the Lord to dwell in. Nathan told David to do what he wanted to do for the Lord was with him.

David had not asked God about this matter and God did not wish David to build a house for Him, so He told the prophet to tell David that he should not build the house. David was willing to obey the wish of God.

David was a great king because the Lord was with him and he was willing to ask God to guide him and he did the will of God. When he did that which was wrong in the sight of God he would confess and repent of his sins and seek forgiveness of God, and because he did this God would forgive him.

This is an example for us. If we wish to do anything we should stop and think and ask God if it is right for us to do that thing and if it is then we should ask God's blessing on us. If we do wrong and we

know we have done wrong we should go to God and confess our sins and ask Him to forgive us and He will be willing and glad to forgive us.

Questions

1. Why did God choose David to be king?
2. What had been David's work?
3. What did David do with idols?
4. Who was Nathan?
5. What did David want to do for God?
6. What did God tell Nathan?
7. Why was David a great king?
8. In what way was David an example for us?
9. How long was David king?

—:: M ::—

LETTERS

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Friends:

There are usually eight members in our Junior class. Today we are learning about "Seeking Perfection." We have a flannel board that makes Bible stories interesting. We have Bible games and Bible maps.

At home we have squirrels and rabbits. We have two cats and two dogs.

Your little friend,

Calvin Burrell.

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Dear Friends:

Today we took up chapters in our Bible. Our teacher is Donna Faubion. At home I have a dog and a cat for my pets. We also have a cow that we can ride.

A little friend,

Charles Burlison.

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Dear Friends:

How are you? We are writing to you about our class. There are usually eight members in our class. We are studying about Christ and the Bible. There are usually fifty in our church. We sing songs and read the Bible.

At home I have a pet goat that is trained to work. I have a dog, a cat, a cow, and horse named Flossie. She has a little colt.

From a friend,

Marvin Burrell.

Bible Story Puzzle

This is the second Story Puzzle. How do you like the puzzles, or are they too hard? I am waiting for the answers to start coming in. Come on, children, let's get more correct answers than the Call readers do. Remember, you who are thirteen years of age and younger can enter the Missionary contest and those fourteen to seventeen enter the Call contest. Send your answers to Edith Lippincott, Stanberry, Mo. If you have the time to write a letter or story to send with the answers, we would be glad to get it.

Don't send the whole story but use the numbers by the blanks to number the word that goes in the blank.

All words to be used in the blanks are found in the story of Solomon. Try and find the correct words to make the story complete and true.

Solomon was a son of king David. After David's death Solomon was made king. The Lord appeared unto him in a 1..... and told him to ask what he desired. Solomon asked for 2..... so he would make a better king.

God was pleased by this request and granted the wish.

King Solomon spake three 3..... proverbs and his songs were a 4..... and five.

A neighboring king, Hiram, gave Solomon 5..... trees and 6..... 7..... in exchange for food. The things received from Hiram were to be used in 8..... a 9..... unto the name of the Lord. He was 10..... years building the temple.

King Solomon loved many 11..... 12..... and it came to pass that they turned away his 13..... after other 14..... Because of this the Lord said unto Solomon, "I will surely rend the 15..... from thee, and will give it to thy servant."

—: M :—

Be kind to old people. Remember we will all be old sometime, and then we will want others to be kind to us.

COULD YOU OUTFRAN A BEAR?

Suppose all the different animals in the world would line up for a foot race. Which one do you think would win?

If a bear were chasing you, what chance would you have of outrunning the bear? Your chance would be slim, for even the best runners among men can travel, at most, less than twenty-three miles an hour, while a bear can run twenty-eight miles an hour. And bears are slowpokes in comparison with the speed some animals can run.

Among all animals, the cheetah, or hunting leopard, is the speediest. It can run seventy miles an hour. It belongs to the cat family, and is found throughout Africa and in South Asia.

The ostrich, largest bird in the world, is a very fast runner—faster than a horse. His strong, stout legs take the place of wings for his speed.

Some deer can run sixty miles an hour, while lions, race horses, jack rabbits, kangaroos, and foxes can run from 40 to 50 miles an hour.

Size has little to do with speed in animals. The large elephant, buffalo, and rhinoceros, and the little chipmunk are all faster than man.

Better keep on friendly terms with those cheetahs and bears and elephants if you don't want to be chased up a tree!

—*Junior Life.*

—: M :—

WORKING FOR JESUS

I want to work for Jesus
And spread the love of God;
I want to tell all people
About the path He trod.

I want my friends to know Him
And all about His Word;
I want to tell my neighbors;
Perhaps they've never heard.

—*Ellen Brown, Sel.*

—: M :—

Old Lady (pulling boy out of creek)—
How did you come to fall in?

Boy (indignantly)—I didn't come to fall in—I came to fish!
—*Selected.*

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FROGS LIKE TO SING

I like to hear frogs piping
In swamps the whole night long.
There is something very cheerful
About their kind of song.

Last night I heard them clearly,
Down in the country lane.
I knew they were not singing
Just to make it rain.

—Sel.



MY DOG

What does it take to make a pal?
Well, here, I'll tell you true:
Two bright brown eyes,
Two perky ears,
A tail that wags like two;
A few more pounds of lively fur,
Then add four wayward feet,
A happy bark,
A loving heart,
And there's my dog complete.

—By Alfie W. Hallmann.

TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is the first letter I have written to the little paper. I'm in the second grade and I am seven years old. I go to Sabbath School every Sabbath with my father and mother. My Sabbath School teacher is Maxine Johnson. I go to the Harmony Church. I enjoy our little paper.

Love,

Donnie Lee Walker.

— :: M :: —

