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AUTUMN LEAVES

Are the leaves beginning to fall in your part of the country? I notice that some of the trees in our yard are losing lots of their leaves already.

Did you ever wonder what makes the leaves fall from the trees in the autumn? Why don't they decide to come off the trees in the summer as well as to wait until fall? It is because God did not make it so. He controls the world and the trees obey His will and He has complete control over them.

The autumn leaves are a great witness to the power of God. As you walk along on the way to school just see how many colors of leaves you can find. Some will be red, some brown, some still green, and others will be golden. Why aren't they all the same color? you ask. It looks like they would be for they all grow out of the same kind of dirt, and have the same sunshine and rain.

But the fact remains that they aren't all . the same color, nor even the same shape.

Who but God could cause the leaves to be that way? His wonderful power alone can make the leaves turn those beautiful colors as they ripen.

And God alone can tell the tree when it is time for it to shed its leaves and get ready for winter.

If people would only let God have as complete control of their lives, as He has over the trees, how much nicer and pleasanter a place the world would be to live in.

When we are in the new earth with Jesus as our brother and God as our Father our lives will be much nicer than now and we will be contented to let Him rule in our lives.

----: M ::----FUNNY FACTS

As the garden toad grows larger, he sheds his skin which he never fails to eat.

When the chipmunk carries nuts to his den, he puts the nuts into the pouches inside each jaw. He looks as if he had mumps

When Mr. Monkey can not reach a banana with his paw, he wraps his tail around a limb, swings down, and reaches out to pick the banana.

When Mother Opossum goes walking with her babies, they either ride in her pouch, or cling to her tail which she holds over her back.

Elephants sometimes live to be 130 years old.

When the bat sleeps, it hangs itself up, head down, by its sharp claws on feet and wings. This way it is ready to fly at the first sound of danger.

Raccoons never eat any kind of food without rinsing it. They even rinse fish which they catch.

The badger likes to have a clean house He will often scrape his feet before entering his den.

Polar bears never slip on ice. Their feet are covered with fur which gives them a non-slip tread.

When the frog wants a drink, he jumps into the water and lets it soak through his skin. —Little Pilgrim

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Let us do good whenever we can. Jesus spent His life doing things for others.

Learning To Be On Time

By Edith Lippincott

Gracie Leland had been to kindergarten all forenoon, but now she was home for the rest of the day. The sun was shining and she was having the nicest time making mud pies for her family of dolls.

"Gracie, can you come in the house right away?" her mother called. "We are getting ready to go to the park and you will have to wash and put on a clean dress before you can go."

"In just a minute I will come. I want to put this pie in the sun to bake before I go," Gracie told her mother.

Gracie was in the habit of putting things off and not doing them as soon as she should, and that is a very bad habit to have. Her mother had talked to her lots of times and tried to get her to understand she must learn to do things on time and do them when she promised to do them.

"You will have to hurry, for Uncle Ned is going to take us and he can't wait long on us," Mother Leland cautioned the little girl.

"I won't be long, for the pie is just about ready," Gracie told her mother.

That pie was made so quickly that it just didn't take hardly any time at all, and the dolls were getting hungry and the first pie was ready to eat, so she would take just time enough to set the table and put the dolls in their chairs and put the pie on the table. Mud pies are very tempting to dolls so it seemed and just as Gracie had everything about ready Clara called to her and wanted her to come see her new doll apron.

Clara was her chum from across the street. It wouldn't take but a minute to look at the apron, she would hurry.

"That is a very pretty apron," Gracie told Clara. Just then Clara's big sister came into the room and seeing Gracie, asked, "How do you like kindergarten, Gracie?"



Gracie had to tell Big Sister what the children had done at school that morning.

At last the little girl remembered the trip to the park and she ran home and hurried up the stairs to the bath room and washed her hands and face real clean. Then she went into her bedroom and there was her clean dress where her mother had laid it on her bed for her.

Hurriedly slipping into her clean dress she went down stairs. "I am ready to go to the park, Mother," she said, but no one answered. "Mother, where are you?" she called But still there was no answer.

She looked in the kitchen, then in the dining room, but she couldn't find anyone. The little girl began to cry. Just then Nora the cook, came up from the basement, and hearing the sobs of the lttle girl asked, "Why, Gracie, how does it happen that you are here? I thought you went with the rest of the folks to the park."

"I came in and got ready to go, but I can't find anyone. They are all gone and left me," cried the little girl.

Nora comforted her as best she could, but the afternoon went slowly for Gracie. Just before time for supper Mother and Daddy came back and Gracie ran to meet them.

"Why didn't you wait for me," she wanted to know.

"I called you and told you that you would have to hurry for Uncle Ned couldn't wait very long. I have talked to you so many times about putting off things that you should do right away. I thought this might be a good way to teach you to be more prompt," Mrs. Leland told her daughter.

"I was busy with my pies when you called me," Gracie tried to explain, "and I didn't know that I was taking so long. Why didn't you call me again?" "Because you knew that you were supposed to come when I called. What do you suppose would have happened to Noah at the time of the flood if he had not gone into the ark at the time God told him to? If he had made excuses and waited like you do sometimes I am afraid he might have drowned in the flood instead of being safe inside the ark."

"Is it that bad to put things off?" asked Gracie.

"Sometimes it makes lots of trouble. Supposing that God had been busy a something and hadn't stopped to shut the lions' mouths when Daniel was cast into the den of lions. Poor Daniel would have been torn and eaten by the lions. But God doesn't put off doing the things that should be done. He does things on time."

"Oh, Mother, I will try so hard to never put things off any more. I will try to be on time after this," Gracie promised. "I never thought about it being so important to be on time."



By Perley R. Wade

Have you ever thought of the bite of a fish as being poisonous? There is such a fish found in the vicinity of the Great Barrier Reef off Australia. A bite from this fish is certain death to either another fish or to any human being who may be so unfortunate as to be near it. Fishermen give the waters in this vicinity a wide berth.

There is another fish swimming around in the big ocean today who attracts his dinner by a strange method. He lives in the deep, dark places of the ocean. When F gets hungry he turns on a lantern that is on top of his head, and throws a bright ray out in front of him. This light attracts many curious fish, mostly the young and small and inexperienced, and they furnish a nice dinner for the hungry angler fish.

When he has finished, he turns off the lamp and swims happily around in the dark until he is hungry again.

Without doubt, down in the depths of the ocean where man has not yet been able to penetrate, many other strange and curious fish may be found. Indeed, William Beebe, the ocean explorer, brought up in his dragnet many species unknown before. Perhaps some day a way will be found to photograph some of these strange creatures even if divers are unable to go down and study them.

ANIMAL HUNTING

How many animals, large or small, can you find hidden in this story? I can find twent-six. Underline each as you find it.

Bill was going to the country. He put on his brown calf-skin oxfords and his camel's hair sweater. He even remembered to take his ration book along, as he was staying a month.

He went by rail. There was a big crowd at the station. He had to hurry to buy his ticket so he would catch his train.

Grandfather was patiently waiting for him at the country station. He was sitting in the car and he had gone asleep. He looked funny with his pointed goatee hanging in a V shape down over his chest. He felt very sheepish when Billy woke him. He was quite foxy, so he pretended that he had not been asleep, and off they drove to the farm.

The tiger lilies and cockscombs were all in bloom around the house. Grandfather said it was a good time for mushroom hunting, but Bill didn't go as he did not know them from toadstools. Instead, he helped Grandma. He washed windows with a chamois skin, picked crab apples and brought in fresh beets from the garden.

A neighbor boy came over in the evening. His name was Anthony. They climbed on a rambling dogwood tree. Neither was a coward about climbing. They hung down from the branches like monkeys and even walked pigeon-toed on a big wide branch. Billy thought it was great fun to be at Grandfather's house. —Our Children

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Be sure to hand this paper to a friend.

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FROM TRINIDAD

Dear Missionary Friends:

Hoping you are all well. My name is Claud John. I am seven years old and go to the Church of God private school held by Sister Cumberbatch John. I am in grade one.

I do not go to Sabbath School but we read the Sabbath School Missionary and the Bible. Our memory verse is John 1:7. We also rehearse Exodus 20:1-22.

There is a pet dog named Modsy at school. She just came and stayed. We have a dog named Fanny at home. There are plenty of birds in the bushes. Have you ever seen a snake? One of the worst here is called "ma-pa-pire," pronounced "mapa-pee."

I am your friend,

Claud John. * * * * FROM TRINIDAD

Dear Missionary:

How do you do? I hope well, and the grace of God strives with you. I am Hazel Leid. I go to the Church of God, 7th day, private school conducted by Sister Cumberbatch John. I am in the third grade. I do not go to Sabbath School but we read the Sabbath School Missionary and the Bible. This week's verse is John 1:7.

The moon is full now causing much rain. There is some sunshine too.

I have a dog named Sniffer. He loves me much. There are plenty of birds here with beautiful plumage. One of them is the humming bird. Its beak is very long and pointed. The parrot is another beautiful bird with a thick, sharp, short, curved beak.

Can you solve this puzzle? eth dlor si ym pherdesh; twna lhals I tno.

I am eight years old. Some of my schoolmates are: Jagmani Gookool, Grace Sanchez, Cynthia, Jean and Joan Latouche, Stella Toolsee, Claud John, Norma Heran, Janet and Eshaque.

In my next writing I will tell you where my puzzle is found.

Your friend,

Hazel Leid.

* * * * FROM TRINIDAD

Dear Missionary Readers:

How are you? I hope well. I go to the Church of God, 7th day, Sabbath School. I am in the primary class now that I am seven years old. Some of my schoolmates are writing too

Patricia and Wayne Murray, Rufus and Danny Paul, Janet Tyndale and my brother, David Sanchez, go to Sabbath School.

Rita Quamina who wrote to you first lives at Sangre Grande now.

Your friend,

Grace Sanchez.

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THE BAD APPLE

Once Robert's father saw Robert playing with a number of bad boys. That evening he brought in six beautiful, rosy-cheeked apples, put them on a plate, and gave them to Robert.

"Now," said his father, "you must lay them aside for a few days to become mellow." Then his father laid on the plate a seventh apple, which was much decayed, and told him to let it stay there.

"But father," said Robert, "the rotten apple will spoil the others."

"Do you think so?" asked his father.

"Why should not the first apples rather make the bad one good?"

Eight days later he asked Robert to go and get the apples. But what a sight it was! All the apples were completely spoiled. "Oh, Father," cried Robert, "didn't I tell you the rotten apple would spoil the good ones?"

"My dear boy," said his father, "have I not often told you that the company of bad boys would make you bad? Now, remember, if you keep company with wicked boys, you will soon be like them."

Whenever Robert was asked to go with the lads after that he always thought of the rotten apples. —Sel.

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LIKE JESUS

- I want to be like Jesus, So loving, kind, and true.
- I want to be like Jesus In everything I do.
- I want to be like Jesus And love to do God's will.
- I want to be like Jesus, Each command fulfill.
- I want to be like Jesus, So calm and meek and mild.
- I want to be like Jesus, His loyal, willing child.
- I want to be like Jesus, In an attitude of prayer.
- I want to be like Jesus

All the time and everywhere. Anna H. Fortune in *Our Little Friend*.

THE GRASSHOPPER

Of all the insect musicians, the grasshopper is probably the most talented and versatile for he can play quite a few different tunes. His fiddle is attached to one wing and he uses his hind leg for the bow. On this leg is a row of little, beadlike bulges from each of which grows many fine hairs. When he draws this knobby limb back and, forth across his musical wing, his love songs fill the air.—Junior Life.

GOD'S PROMISE

We had a thunder storm last night; The sky was black as ink,

And when the rain fell down so fast,

I couldn't help but think

Of Noah in the little ark

When it rained forty days. But mother said, "Don't be afraid, For in God's Word it says,

He set His rainbow in the sky To show that He is good.

He never will destroy the earth

Again by a great flood."

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Your Lessons

October 6, 1951

A FRIEND OF GOD

Lesson Material: Gen. 12:19; 13:14-17.

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord, and do good." Psalm 37:3.

God selected Abraham to be the father of a people that was to be God's people. He asked Abraham to leave his native country and go into a land that He would give unto him.

God told Abraham that He would bless

him, and would bless all who would bless Abraham. Abraham believed God, and takng his family and all his herds of stock, he started for the new country. Lot and his herds and the ones that helped care for his herds went with Abraham.

At one place they stopped, Abraham had built an altar and there he called upon the name of the Lord. The two men, Abraham and Lot, had so much stock that there wasn't grass enough to feed them all, and the herders of the flocks would quarrel because each one want his master's flocks to have the best feed.

Abraham was one who wanted to be friendly and didn't want the servants always quarreling, so he told Lot that they would separate. He let Lot select the part of the country he wanted for his. Lot looked upon the plain of Jordan and saw that it was well watered and he chose all the plain of Jordan because it seemed to be the best.

Abraham dwelt in the land of Canaan. After the division God told Abraham to "Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it."

God also told him to walk through the country, from one side of it to the other. for He was going to give it unto him.

Abraham believed in God and his faith must have been great for him to move to a new country and leave his old home, just because God asked him to.

Abraham was a friend of God because he obey God and worshiped Him and lived a righteous life. Because of this friendship God gave a wonderful promise to Abraham.

Questions

- 1. What did God ask Abraham to do?
- 2. Who went with Abraham?
- 3. Why did the two men separate?
- 4. Did Abraham worship God?
- 5. What part of the country did Lot select?
- 6. What part did Abraham have?
- 7 After the division what did God tell Abraham?
- 8. What made Abraham a friend of God?

9: Do you want to be a friend of God?

For October 13, 1951 JACOB'S JOURNEY

Lesson Material: Genesis 28.

Memory Verse: "Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest." Gen. 28:15.

Isaac blessed his son Jacob and told him that he should not take a wife from the people around them for they did not worship God, but that he should go to another country to get his wife.

On the way to this other country Jacob had to spent a night on the way, so he took some stones and put them for his pillow, and he laid down to rest and sleep. He dreamed that he saw a ladder that reached from the earth up to heaven, and there were angels of God going up and down the ladder. Then he dreamed that he saw God standing at the top of the ladder. God spoke to him in the dream and said, "I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed ... behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of."

Then Jacob awoke and he said, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not." Then Jacob made a vow or promise, saying, "If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God, . . . and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth to thee."

Questions

- 1. What did Isaac ask his son to do?
- 2. What did Jacob see in his dream?
- 3. What did God say to Jacob?
- 4. How long would God be with Jacob?
- 5. When Jacob awoke what did he say?
- 3. Did Jacob want God to give him great riches?
- 7. How much should we want God to give to us?
- 8. Are you willing to divide what you have with others?

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MY KITTY

I love my little kitty With his soft and silky fur.
It's fun to see him run and play, It's nice to hear him purr.
He never puts his toenails out Or claws or scratches me.
And that's because I'm careful, too, And don't hurt him, vou see.

-In Little Pilgrim



THE SQUIRREL Sometimes a little squirrel, With a nut between his paws, Will sit up very straight and eat. He's thankful for God's laws. —Little Pilgrim. —:: M ::— PRAYER AT TABLE

For bread to eat and milk so good, Thank you, Father, thank you. For those who work to give us food, —Little Pilgrim. —:: M ::—

Do you have your verse ready for Sabbath School? If not here is one to learn: "The eyes of the Lord are in every place."

