

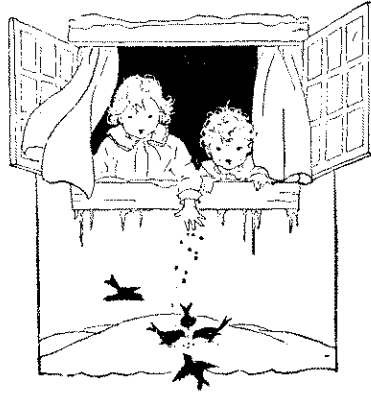
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Thankfulness

BY ALFIE W. HALLMANN

*One winter day a small brown bird
I had not seen before
Hopped all around the frozen snow
That lay at my backdoor.*

*He found the basin's rim and drank;
He ate the seeds supplied
And then he sang a joyous song
To everyone inside.*

*He sang as though the spring had come
As though the skies were fair,
As though pink, fragrant blossoms bloomed
Where now the trees stood bare.*

*And I who thought I needed more
Than rest and warmth and food,
Kneeled quietly beside my bed
And asked for gratitude.*

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Mid-winter vacation is over and now you are all back in school again. Now that you have had a rest from studying you ought to be able to study hard and learn lots.

Did you ever notice how much better you can do after you have had a rest from studying? Your brain is rested and you can learn so much faster until you begin to get tired again.

God knew that we would get tired and that we would need a rest from our other work as well as you children need a rest from studying. For that reason He gave us the Sabbath day to rest from our work and we are to thank Him and praise Him for giving us a day of rest. We are to remember that the Sabbath is His day and we are to rest upon it in a way that is pleasing to God.

Our life is a school and we are to learn to serve God in this life. We are also told that we should work to feed ourselves and to get the things that are necessary for living, but we are not to spend all the time caring for ourselves. The Sabbath was given for our rest and to remember that we are God's children. And He also said that if we keep the Sabbath it will be a sign that we are His people.

We are not to forget God and His Sabbath all week and just remember them the one day, but we are to remember all

week so that we will be ready for the Sabbath when it comes.

—:: M ::—

THE LITTLE LAMP

The little lamp stood on a table in the corner, and near it stood an old little vase. When Stella came to visit she spied the curious little vase at once, and asked all about it.

"The vase is pretty," said Stella, "I believe I would set it in the middle of the little table and take away that little lamp. It isn't nearly as pretty as the vase."

But that very night Stella found out that sometimes the little lamp could seem very beautiful. Something was wrong with the electric lights, and after a few flickers the big light in the living room went out, and they were sitting in the dark.

Stella heard Aunt Margaret go across the room; then she heard the striking of a match, and saw that Aunt Margaret was lighting the little lamp. There was plenty of oil in it, the wick was trimmed and the little chimney bright and clear, so, although that lamp was not much larger than the vase, its cheery light soon drove away the darkness.

"I'd rather have a lamp than the vase," decided Stella. And that night Aunt Margaret taught her this little verse:

"God make my life a little light
Within the world to glow,
A little flame that burneth bright
Wherever I may go."

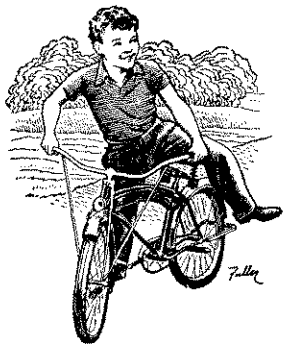
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CAN YOU TELL?

1. How many commandments God wrote with His finger?
2. How many pieces of silver was paid for Joseph?
3. How many times the Lord called Samuel?
4. How many barrels of water did Elijah have poured upon his sacrifice and altar when proving the real God?
5. How many sons of the prophets went to watch Elijah on the day God took him?
6. How many men were seen in the fiery furnace?

Look on another page for the answers.



The Sunshine Boys

By Edith Lippincott



"I wish I had something to do. I hate sitting around the house this way," complained Lester.

"That's the trouble with Sabbath, there's nothing to do that is fun," agreed his brother George.

"What are you boys complaining about? You should always be glad when the Sabbath comes," the boys' mother wanted to know.

"We might enjoy the Sabbath better if there was just something that we could do. We get so tired just reading the Missionary and the Bible. We would like to do something else part of the time," Lester said.

"The pastor told me the other day that he had been thinking about how tiresome the Sabbath might be for the children, so he has made a list of things that children can do on the Sabbath," Mother told the boys.

"What are the things that we can do?" George asked.

"I have some slips of paper here in my purse that have some things written on them. Here they are," their mother said as she took the papers from her purse. "Lester, you take one and unfold it and see what is written on it."

Lester selected one and unfolding it he read: "Teddy Blare is blind and cannot read and he would be very glad to have someone read the children's Sabbath School lesson to him. He could learn much about the Bible in this way."

"Why, I could do that," Lester said. "And after I am through reading the lesson I could ask him the questions and see how much he can remember about what he hears."

"Now you select one, George," said Mother holding the slips of paper toward him.

Taking one and opening it he read: "Esther Barber is crippled and cannot leave her wheel chair. She would like very much to have someone strong enough to wheel her down the street where she can give a little cheer to a couple of old ladies by singing for them."

"I guess I am strong enough to push her chair," George said. "She sings so nice that I will enjoy listening to her and it will cheer the old ladies, too."

"Those two things ought to be enough to keep you busy this afternoon, so I will put the other slips back in my purse and keep them for another time," Mother said.

Soon the boys were off to do their deeds of kindness. That evening their mother asked them how they had enjoyed that Sabbath and the boys were happy to tell about what they had done, and how they had enjoyed it.

"I read all of the lesson to Teddy and he listened to every word I said. When I was through reading I asked the questions and he could tell the answer to each one. He remembered all of them," Lester told them.

"If he remembers that well he will be able to learn the things God would have him do, even though he can't see to read. If you read the lessons and the Bible to him you will be doing a good deed. You will be his little preacher," Mother told him.

"I took Esther to visit the old ladies and she sang church songs for them. They haven't been able to go to church for a

long time and as they have no radio they don't hear any hymns sung. Esther sang so well and the ladies asked her if she could come and sing for them often," George said.

"Did you offer to take her again sometime?" asked his mother.

asked his mother.

"Yes, I did. She isn't too heavy for me to push in the wheel chair that far. We plan on going back again before long."

"That was nice of you and you will be bringing cheer into the lives of people who would be sad if you didn't help scatter sunshine. I think I will call you the Sunshine Boys. Perhaps next week some of the other slips of paper will have some-

thing else just as nice and interesting for you to do.'

"I am afraid we will have so many deeds of kindness to do on the Sabbath that we will have to get some of the other children in the church to help us," suggested Lester.

"Yes, I am afraid the Sabbath afternoon won't be long enough to get everything done. Why don't we form a club with some other children and we can all work together and everybody have a part? We could change off and one wouldn't be doing the same thing every time," George suggested.

"That would be a very good plan, and the pastor could tell you if he knew of any other things that would be nice to do on the Sabbath."



New Skates

By Carrie Childs

Lewis, Luella and Lola were triplets and they were nine years old. Their birthdays were yesterday and their Aunt Mae had given each of them a new pair of ice skates. They had wished for skates last winter but Daddy thought that they were too little then to have skates. But now they were older and they were glad that they were going to learn to skate.

The ice on the pond back of the barn was just right for skating, and as the children hurried down to the pond, Lewis said, "You girls just watch me and see how good I can skate. I'll show you how it is done." Of course he had never skated before but he had watched the big boys at school and it looked easy to him.

"You don't know how to skate any better than we do," Lola told him, but that didn't make any difference with Lewis, he kept on bragging.

Luella was the first to get her skates on and she tried to walk with them, but the

ice was so slick and her skates seemed to want to go too fast for her head and down she went. "I don't see how anyone can go anywhere on such things as skates," she told the others. "All I can do is fall down. I bumped my head awful hard just now."

Lola did a little better than her sister and she stayed up longer but she did a lot of wobbling back and forth and waving her arms trying to keep her balance. "This will be fun when we learn how to do it," she said excitedly.

Lewis had some trouble getting his skates to fit his shoes so he was a little longer getting to his feet on the ice. "Now, you just watch me!" he said to the girls. "You make one foot slide and then the other." And with that one foot slid too far and down came Lewis on his back. He bumped the back of his head so hard that he saw stars and he began to cry.

He soon dried his tears and the three children had lots of fun with the new

skates. When they had gone to the house for lunch they told their mother about the fun they had had.

"And Lewis bragged about how good he could skate and told us to watch him. And he was the one who fell the hardest and got hurt the worst. He cried and we girls didn't cry once."

"Lewis will have to learn not to brag," Mother told them. "When people brag they are showing a proud spirit, and feel they are bigger and better than others. The Bible says that 'pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.' You will find that verse in Proverbs 16:18. In 1 Corinthians 10:12 we find this saying, 'Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.' It is much better not to brag at all."

—: M :—

A CHILD'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down to sleep;
I pray Thee, Lord, the souls to keep
Of other children far away,
Who have no homes in which to stay.
Nor know where is their daily bread
Nor where at night to lay their head,
But wander through a broken land
Alone and helpless—Take their hand!

—Selected.

—: M :—

IF WE WOULD WAIT

In summer we go to the mountains,
Or perhaps to the shore to stay,
Seeking for cooler breezes
That blow round our home each day.

This going and coming fuss;
If we would but wait till November,
The coolness would come to us.

—Enola Chamberlin.

—: M :—

SOMETHING NEW!

To each child twelve years old or younger who will write a nice story for the Missionary between now and the first of March, we will send a nice little book mark to be used in your Bible. We need stories from you children, and we would like to have a Bible story in your own words.

There are many things that you can write about. Here are some things you can write on: An answered prayer (one you

have had answered or one told about in the Bible); Believing in Jesus; Having Faith in God; Obeying your parents; Overcoming Sin; and there are many others.

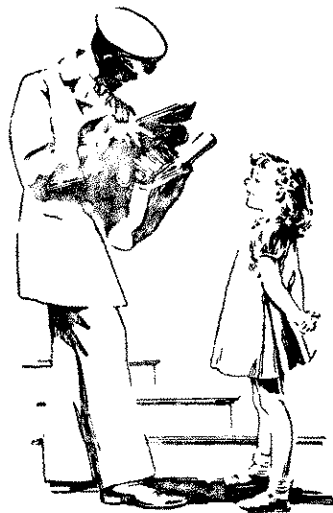
We will be watching the mail for some stories before long. We would like to have your stories by the last of February.

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ANSWERS TO "CAN YOU TELL"

1. ten; 2. twenty; 3. four; 4. twelve;
5. fifty; 6. four.

—: M :—



LETTERS

FROM ARIZONA

Dear Missionary Readers:

My name is Frankie Lou. I go to Phoenix Sabbath School. I go to school at Roosevelt School. I am seven years old. I like to have the paper read to me.

I will close with this verse: dessêb era eht erup ni traeh rof yeht llahs ees dog.

Bye for now,

Frankie Lou Beech.

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FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I enjoy reading your letters so I thought I had better write, too. I am seven years old and in the third grade.

I have a little sister who is eight months old. Her name is Vickie. We have a lot

of fun together. The whole family goes to Sabbath School and afternoon services whenever we can. I like Sabbath School very much. My Sabbath School teacher is Maggie Kiesz. She is my aunt.

My father is a dry cleaner. I sometimes help in the cleaning shop too. I have one pet, a cat. Her name is Spotty.

Can your readers straighten out this verse: "odg si eovl"?

Love from

Rosemarie Moldenhauer.

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FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am eight years old. I will be nine in January. This is the first time I have written to the Missionary. I live on a farm.

I have two brothers. They go to high school. I am in the third grade. I enjoy the Missionary. I go to Sabbath School. There are ten in my class.

Your friend,

Lucile Fischer.

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FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I read every page of it and like it all. I am eight years old and in the third grade.

I love to go to Sabbath School. My Sabbath School teacher's name is Sister Mabel Langford. I go to Sabbath School at Moffett.

My favorite verse is: "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8.

Your friend,

Linda Carolyn Kilgore.

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am twelve years old. I go to Sabbath School every time I can. There are seven in my class. My teacher's name is Mrs. Florine Lane. I have three dogs and three cats.

Your friend,

Bobby Adams.

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FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my second time to write to the paper. I am ten years old and I am in the fifth grade. I go to school at Forks-La-Grue.

I go to Sabbath School at Point Deluce. My Sabbath School teacher is Bernice Jenkins.

I will close with a puzzle: "ubt a naitcre anm amnde naaaisn hwti pashipar ihs fiwe ldos a niosseops." Found in Acts 5:5.

Your friend,

Audrey Manis.

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FROM ARKANSAS

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am a little girl eight years old. I am in the third grade at Central School. My teacher's name is Miss Helen Eddleman.

I have two pets. One is "Pluto" the dog, and the other is "Tommy," a cat.

I like to read the little Missionary letters. My mother reads the stories and lessons to me. We go to Sabbath School at Sister Mable Fairchild's home when we can. There are two others in my class at Sabbath School—Fairy Mae and Junior Medford. I have a sister, Naomi, who is sixteen years old, and a brother, Leon, who is fourteen.

Your friend,

Ethyl Pearl Thoms.

—:: M ::—

Your Lessons

For January 26, 1952

JESUS AND HIS ENEMIES

The Bible reading for today's lesson is found in the 22nd chapter of Matthew. Begin with verse 15 and read to verse 23. The Pharisees were a group of Jews who did not like Jesus and tried to do Him harm. They were His enemies. There were other groups who were, too, but we shall not discuss them in this lesson.

The Pharisees wanted to do something to destroy the faith that people had in Jesus and they discussed how they might "entangle him in his talk" (verse 15), or confuse Him so that He would answer them with the wrong words.

Verse 18 says that Jesus knew they were wicked. He called them By that He meant that they pretended to be good when their actions proved that they were wicked. There are a great many hypocrites in the world today. Perhaps they

can fool you and me, and almost everyone, and make us think that they are really good Christians. We see only their actions but there is someone who knows just what is in every heart. Read Proverbs 15:3 and Proverbs 20:11. The Pharisees could not hide their wicked hearts from Jesus and neither can we.

The Pharisees asked Jesus if it were wrong to pay money (taxes) to Caesar, their ruler. When He asked about a penny in verse 19, they showed it to Him and He reminded them that Caesar's picture was on the coin. They were surprised at His wisdom when He answered. Read His answer in verse 21.

Discuss how people today "render unto Caesar the things that are his" (taxes to the government).

Some Things To Think About

1. Tell about another group that was astonished at the wisdom of Jesus.

2. Did the enemies succeed in hurting Jesus in this lesson?

3. Read again the last part of Jesus' answer to the Pharisees. If we give God the things that are His, how will we regard the Sabbath; offerings at church; tithes; the care of our bodies; our best service?

Something To Do

Have a Bible drill to see who is first to find:

1. the book that tells about the creation.
2. the book that tells about the birth of Jesus.
3. the story of a den of lions.
4. the book of Mark.
5. the book after Psalms.
6. the book of Malachi.
7. "The Lord is my shepherd."
8. the story of a big fish.
9. the book named for a queen.
10. the three Johns.

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For February 2, 1952

THE CHURCH BEGINS ITS WORK

Before He was taken up to God, Jesus told His helpers, the apostles, just what their work was to be. They were told to

go into all the world and preach the gospel. But they were to wait until they had the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, which would come to help them. After Jesus was resurrected from the grave where He had been for three days for forty days before He ascended to be and three nights, He was with His apostles with God.

A few days after Jesus had ascended, the apostles were having a meeting. It was on the day of Pentecost which was fifty days after the Passover. There were a great many people there. They did not all speak the same language. There were people of a great many different languages. The apostles were Galileans and they spoke the Jewish language but when they began to preach all the people heard in their own languages. The Spirit of God had come just as Jesus had said it would, and had given them the power to speak to a great many people.

Some of the people could not understand how this could happen. They knew the apostles were only Galileans and some of them decided that the apostles must be drunk on new wine. But Peter stood up and explained that they were workers for God and that the prophet Joel had written that all this would come to pass.

After he had talked to them about Jesus and how to live a good life, they began to wonder and to worry about their lives. Some said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter told them to "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." They gladly received his word and they were baptized.

The Bible says in Acts 2:41, where this story ends, "the same day were added unto them about three thousand souls." That many were baptized in one day and thus did the apostles begin the wonderful work of the church.

Learn The Meaning of:

Apostle, gospel, resurrected, ascended, Pentecost, Passover, Holy Spirit, prophet, repent, baptize, remission, sin.

Tell in your own words about the first work of the church.

- - - Tiny Tot's Page - - -

We still need some more letters for this page. We are waiting for you to write.

—:: M ::—

TINY TOT LETTERS

Dear Little Missionary Readers:

I am a little boy three years old. For my birthday I got a car with treadles that I can ride in. I have lots of fun.

Your little friend,

Richard Lee Summerhill.

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Dear Missionary Friends:

I like to read the letters and stories in the little paper. We live near Lake Erie in Southern Michigan.

I am five years old, and I go to kindergarten school. I like my teacher very much. I also like to watch the trains as they go by at night.

We go to church every Sabbath. I like to go to church.

Betty Sue Friddle.

—:: M ::—



Little Sadie likes to drink her milk. She knows that God has said that milk is good food. The milk will help to make her bones and teeth strong. God wants us to use the foods that are good for us.

—:: M ::—

A VERSE TO LEARN

"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat."



Little baby duckling
Splashing in the water;
He'd better wait
Till the weather is hotter.

—:: M ::—

TINY TOT PUZZLE

