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One Sabbath

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*I went to church one Sabbath,
In a cathedral vast and high,
The paneled walls were pine trees,
And the dome the bright blue sky.*

*I knelt on the pine-strewn carpet
Of moss and tender sod,
My spirit went singing, winging,
Very near to God.*

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This is the month of March, and it is called the windy month. Did you ever notice how much the wind can act like people? There are gentle little breezes that can cool and comfort a tired person and make one feel so good. And there are people that are kind and when they are with others they just naturally make people feel better.

The whirlwind just goes around and around, stirring up a lot of dust and getting nowhere. Some people just hurry and don't have anything in particular to do and don't care if they don't get anywhere or accomplish anything. They just want to keep something going all the time.

Sometimes the wind is cold and whines and howls as it blows. It sounds like it is finding fault and trying to complain all the time. Did you ever know anyone who is never satisfied with what they have or what they have to do? They complain and grumble as they go.

Then there are winds of the storm that destroy things that are in their path. They seem angry and make lots of trouble. Some people are very much the same way when they become angry. They want to hurt others and destroy whatever comes in their way.

Let us study over these things and decide which kind of a person we would rather be, and let us not become like the winds that are not good. Let us be the kind of a person that we know God would like for us to be. Then we will be more like the gentle breezes that cool and refresh a person.

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THINGS WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GOD

1. He watches over those who fear Him. Psalm 33:18.
2. He will be our Guide all our lives. Psalm 48:47.
3. He will judge the world. Psalm 98:9.
4. God enjoys His people. Psalm 149:4.
5. He is the maker of the rich and poor. Proverbs 22:2.
6. He sends the sunshine and the rain on all people. Matthew 5:45.

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A BIBLE PUZZLE

Can you tell what relation the following people were to each other?

1. Elizabeth and Mary the mother of Jesus.
2. Abraham and Esau.
3. Abel and Seth.
4. Lois and Timothy.
5. Zebedee and James.
6. Orpah and Ruth.
7. Hannah and Samuel.

You will find the answers on another page.

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THE FIRST BUTTON

A little girl once said to her mother: "Oh, dear, I have buttoned up one button wrong, and that has made all the others wrong." Her mother replied: "Janet, dear, always be careful of the first button, and then the others will come right."

Boys and girls, the first wrong deed always leads to others.—Sel.



Clean Hands

By Edith Lippincott

As Lottie and Amy were on their way home from school they stopped in at the Novelty Shop and looked longingly at the candy on the counter.

"I would like to have some of that stick candy. Do you like that kind?" Amy asked.

"Yes, I do, but I don't have any money and we can't get candy without money," answered Lottie.

"The shopkeeper is busy in the back of the store and isn't watching us," Amy said. "We could take two sticks of the candy and eat it on our way home and no one would know what we did."

"I believe we could do that," agreed Lottie.

Both little girls slipped a stick of the candy from the box and quietly left the store. They had a feeling that they had done something that was wrong, but they went slowly down the street eating the stolen candy.

When they arrived home their mother met them at the door and as she kissed each little girl she noticed that their kisses were sticky ones.

"Let Mother see your hands," she told the girls. "How did you get your hands so sticky? It looks to me as though you must have been eating candy."

"We did have some stick candy on the way home and we got our hands sticky," Lottie answered.

"Where did you get the money to buy the candy? I am sure that you didn't have any money with you," their mother wanted to know.

The little girls looked at each other and then Amy said, "We stopped in at the Novelty Shop and while the shopkeeper was busy we just took a stick of candy."

"That was very wrong," Mother said. "You girls were naughty and when you took that candy you were stealing. Now your hands are dirty where the candy made them sticky. And they are dirty in another way. They are dirty with sin."

"Mother, did we sin when we took those two pieces of candy?" Lottie asked.

"Yes, you did, and there is only one way to make it right. You will have to take some money out of your banks and go to the Novelty Shop and tell the shopkeeper what you did and then pay him for the candy," their mother explained. "Then since you have broken one of God's commandments you will have to tell God what you have done and ask Him to forgive you for what you have done."

The girls washed their hands and showing them to their mother said, "Our hands are clean now, Mother."

"They are clean of the candy, but they are still dirty with your wrong until you see the shopkeeper and make it right with him," mother answered.

The girls went to their room and getting their banks down got some money and soon they were running along the street to the Novelty Shop. They told the man what they had done and paid him for the candy. They felt so much better as they hurried home. When they were home they went to their room and kneeling by the side of their bed they talked to God about the wrong they had done, and they asked Him to forgive them.

Going down stairs they told their mother what they had done. She put her arms around her little girls as she said, "The Bible says 'He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul

unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.' In another place we read, 'The righteous also shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.' Now my girls have hands clean from sticky candy and they are clean from sin also."

"We are going to try to keep our hands clean from doing anything wrong from now on," the girls told their mother.

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Ted Finds a Chum

Jack and Ted climbed to the top of the hill where the coasting was fine.

"May I have a ride on your sled?" Ted asked Jack.

"After I take a ride," Jack said.

Then Jack went down the hill on his new red sled while Ted waited longingly at the top of the hill.

Ted had just moved into the neighborhood, and Jack liked him ever so much and intended to be friends with him.

Jack reached the bottom of the hill and started walking up again. "I'll just take a few more slides before I give Ted a ride," he said to himself. "I like him, but I am going to show him that I am boss and that he will have to wait until I am ready. I'll just tease him awhile. I guess his folks can't afford to buy him a sled."

"May I ride now?" Ted asked as Jack turned the sled around, ready to start down again.

"Not this time," he said, and off he went.

"Maybe next time," he called back, laughing.

But the next time it was just the same. "I'll let him ride the next time," he said as he reached the bottom of the hill.

But he had no more than turned around to walk back up the hill when he saw Ted flying down the hill on Joe's new sled.

"Now you may take my sled," Jack said, when they were all at the top of the hill again.

"My sled is big enough for two, and Ted is going to ride with me," Joe said.

Jack watched them as they fairly flew down the long hill. It was plain to be seen that Ted and Joe were going to be chums.

Jack looked on sadly. "I guess I shouldn't have done it," he said. "I don't wonder he likes Joe better."

Ted's and Joe's friendship never changed, and Jack always remembered that you can't make friends by being selfish.

—The Sunbeam.

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POINTERS ON POLITENESS

Billie shoves everybody out of his way on the schoolgrounds as if he were a tackle on a football team. Susie drops the wrappers from her candy, the skins from the fruit she had for lunch, and the the papers her teacher returned, wherever she happens to be. Dan screams like an Indian on the warpath just ready to make a killing when talking of very ordinary things. Nancy is always in such a hurry that she stumbles over things, fails to see notices that concern her, and gets into trouble she could easily avoid. Ned sprawls, whispers while speakers are giving talks, and laughs loudly at the wrong things.

Do you recognize schoolmates who do the same as Billie, Susie, Dan, Nancy, and Ted?

The problem of getting along with others requires the keeping of a few rules that we call manners.

After all, politeness is really the consideration we show toward the rights and wishes of others. And how nice it is to see a boy or a girl who has good manners!

—Eleanor Marshall in *Junior Life*.

—: M :—

ANSWERS TO THE BIBLE PUZZLE

1. cousins; 2. grandfather and grandson;
3. brothers; 4. grandmother and grandson;
5. father and son; 6. sisters-in-law; 7. mother and son.

Stories By Children

AN ANSWERED PRAYER

By Patsy Kieth

Once there was a good king named Heziah. This king was very sick. God had a prophet named Isaiah tell the king that he was going to die. Hezekiah wept and turned his face to the wall, and prayed to God that he might live longer. The Lord heard the king's prayer and told him that he would let him live fifteen more years.

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ABOUT ELEPHANTS

When we remember that wild animals in a zoo have almost every disease known to man, it is not hard to believe that lions have mumps, that apes have toothache, that tigers have ingrown toe nails, or that elephant's have corns. These things really happen.

An elephant's feet are big. They have thick, tough pads or soles. These pads act as cushions for the enormous weight they must carry.

A full-grown elephant often weighs up to four tons. He is the largest of all land animals living today. And so it is easy to understand that he often has sore feet.

In their native jungle, where water is plentiful and the ground is soft and spongy, elephants have no trouble with their feet. But when they are kept for a time in a small enclosure, with only hard-packed earth on which to walk, it is no wonder their feet become sore.

The sole or bottom of an elephant's foot is composed of an elastic substance, much like hard rubber. In their native habitat this wears off slowly and evenly, and causes no pain.

But in the zoo, the foot pads often become thick, hard, and very painful, as a corn or a bunion on the human foot does.

In their constant shuffling about, on the hard-packed earth of the elephant pens, the pad becomes uneven and often wears off on one side. This causes great pressure on the sensitive tissues beneath. Then the great beast starts limping and the animal sur-

geon knows it is time to trim the elephant's corns.

Animal surgeons are trained especially for their work. It is only one part of their job to trim and carefully cut away the excess of the foot pad to relieve the pressure and once again make level the giant foot.

This operation must be performed regularly and often. It is one of the most frequent calls an animal doctor must make. The elephant does not usually object to the operation—after a time, he seems to enjoy it. Otherwise, it would be a very difficult task.

Though the elephant is very large, wise, and strong, he groans, as we do, when he is in pain.

Can you imagine a full-grown elephant limping painfully around the yard and trumpeting dismally, "My corns! Oh, my corns! They're killing me!"—*Junior Life*.

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LETTERS

FROM WASHINGTON

I am seven years old. My birthday is in March. I have one brother named Clarence. He is two years old.

I know a song about Zacchaeus, a man Jesus talked to.

Your friend in Jesus,

Larry Raynor.

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FROM KANSAS

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am seven years old. I go to Sabbath school at Joplin, Missouri.

I have two dogs and one cat. The dogs' names are Tippy and Rusty. The cat's name is Bill.

My Sabbath school teacher's name is Sister Burge. I like her very much.

I will close for now,

Danny N. Tennis.

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FROM WASHINGTON

Dear Missionary Readers:

My name is Ricky. I am seven years old and I go to Sabbath school in Tacoma, Washington.

I know a memory verse, "Blessed are the

meek: for they shall inherit the earth."

Your friend in Jesus,
Ricky Vander Linda.

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FROM NEBRASKA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I have a sister and two brothers. My sister can play the piano. I go to church every Sabbath. We study our lesson out of the Missionary. I am seven years old.

Yours truly,
Lois Crouse.

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FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am a little girl nine years old. My birthday is December 13. I have two dogs, Queenie and Butch. Queenie is a shepherd and she will shake hands with her right paw. I have two sisters. Essie and I go to Bellarthur school. Marjorie goes to Spring Vale Academy.

I will close with a puzzle, eht orld si ym pehhdres I ahsl ton twna.

Your friend,
Carolyn Strickland.

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FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am a little boy eight years old. My birthday is June 5th.

I have a dog and her name is Brownie. I enjoy reading the Sabbath School Missionary. I go to church on the Sabbath at Farmville, North Carolina.

Yours truly,
Timothy Bryant Hardee.

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FROM NORTH CAROLINA

I am a little girl eleven years old. My birthday is December 29th. I love to read the Sabbath School Missionary. I am in the Junior Class at Sabbath school in Farmville, North Carolina.

Yours truly,
Romania Ann Hardee.

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FROM WASHINGTON

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am eight years old. I will be nine in September. This is the first time I have written to the Missionary.

I live in Puyallup, Washington. I have

two brothers and one sister. I go to Sabbath school in Tacoma, Washington.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God."

I am your friend,
Lennie Vander Linda.

—: M ::—

SPECIAL NOTICE TO TEACHERS

During the quarter just closed we used a lesson plan that was different from that which had been used before. The Intermediate Lessons had been based on the same topics used for the primary cards, but last quarter we had lessons on the same topics being studied by the other classes. We received many requests to return to the former plan, as the Primary Cards and the Intermediate Lessons are used together in some Sabbath schools. We are happy to comply with these requests, and hope you will find these lessons more suitable to your needs.

—: M ::—

Your Lessons . . .

For April 5, 1952

MANY FRIENDS OF JESUS

Lesson Material: Romans 16:1-27.

Memory Verse: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14.

When Jesus was on earth he had many friends. He travelled about, preaching about the kingdom of heaven, healing the sick, making people happy, even raising the dead. He was so good to everyone He met, that the people loved Him. They would follow Him about in great crowds wherever He went. They would bring their sick to Him to be healed. And they would invite Him to visit them in their homes.

Jesus had some very special friends who lived at Bethany, not far from Jerusalem. They were Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Mary and Martha were sisters, and Lazarus was their brother. Jesus spent much time in their home. He was able to do many things for them. When Lazarus died, Jesus came and brought him back to life.

After Jesus left the earth to go to His Father in heaven, He still had many friends on the earth. When Paul wrote a letter to the Romans he mentioned many of Jesus' friends. Some of them had simple names like Mary, Julia, and Rufus, but most of their names sound very strange to us. Can you pronounce Priscilla, Hermas, Jason, and Lucius? Many of the names were much more difficult.

How could these people be friends of Jesus after He was gone? These people had never seen Jesus, for they lived at Rome, and Jesus had never visited there. The memory verse tells us how they were His friends.

Are you a friend of Jesus? If you want to be His friend, you may do so, if you will keep His commandments. His commandments are the same as His Father's commandments. Do you know what they are? Jesus showed us how to keep the Father's commandments by loving Him and by loving each other. We should all be Jesus' friends.

Questions to Answer

- Do you have a favorite Bible story?
- Can you turn to it in your Bible?
- Where are the commandments found?
- Did you know they were given twice?
- Read Deuteronomy 5:7-21.
- How many commandments can you say from memory?

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For April 12, 1952

JESUS IS RISEN

Lesson Material: John 20:24-29.

Memory Verse: "The Lord is risen indeed."

Luke 24:34.

Although the people of the land loved Jesus, there were a few wicked people who did not love Him. They hated Him because He was so good, and because He taught the truth about them. These wicked people planned together how they would have Jesus put to death. Their evil plan worked, and Jesus was crucified. We know now that Jesus had to die, for He died for all our sins. If He had not died, we could not have a home in the kingdom of heaven, because of our sins. Jesus had no sin, so God let Him die for us all.

Jesus was in the tomb only three days and three nights. Then God sent an angel to open the tomb, and let Him out. There was a terrible earthquake as the angel rolled away the huge stone that covered the tomb. Jesus was alive again, and some of his friends met him in a little while.

Later He came to the room where some of His friends were staying. He talked with them for a while, and then left again. But there was one of His friends who did not see Him. This friend was Thomas. When the others told him that Jesus was alive, he said, "I will not believe it until I can see the prints of the nails in His hands and the mark of the spear in His side."

Thomas was with the others when Jesus came again. Jesus told him to put his hand in the spear-mark, and to put his fingers in the nail-prints. Then Thomas believed that Jesus was truly alive again. Jesus said, "Thomas, you are blessed because you have seen me and believed. More blessed are they who have not seen me and yet believe."

Something To Do

Name the first five books of the New Testament.

Learn five more for next week.

Find these verses in your Bibles. Can you memorize them? John 3:16; Psalm 119:105; Revelation 22:14; John 11:35; Exodus 20:3; Matthew 5:5.

—: M :—

WHAT JESUS CAN DO

I was a naughty little child.

I took my brother's toys;

I pulled my tiny kitty's tail,

And teased the other boys.

I wouldn't do what mother said;

My father grew so sad.

I made my baby sister cry;

And, oh, I was so bad.

One day I went to Sabbath school

And learned the golden rule,

Then tried to act as Jesus would

At home and in my school.

Soon everybody saw the change

And knew what Christ could do.

He made a different child of me;

He'll do the same for you.

—Beth Briggs, *Little Friend*.

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TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers,

I am only a little boy. I will be three years old in March. My mother is writing this letter for me.

We go to Sabbath school at Union Gap every Sabbath. I can, and I like to sing "Oh, I want to see Him."

We have chickens, and I like to help gather the eggs.

Love to all,
Daniel Miller

—:: M ::—

Try learning this one.

"The rich and poor meet together:
the Lord is the maker of them all."

—Proverbs 22:2.

—:: M ::—

Have you written your letter yet?

JONATHAN AND DAVID

Jonathan was the son of king Saul and David was a servant who played music for the king when the king was sick or unhappy.

Jonathan and David were very good friends. The Bible says that Jonathan loved David as he did his own soul.

One time when the king became angry with David and wanted to kill him, Jonathan told David what the king planned to do. David went away so the king could not find him. So Jonathan saved David's life.

—:: M ::—

A MEMORY VERSE

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid."
Matthew 5:14.

TINY TOT PUZZLE

Here we see a little frog sitting on the bank of a stream. He seems to be looking at something. Trace from dot to dot and see what the frog sees.


