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Going to Sabbath School

*Though the rain is fastly falling,
Bells for Sabbath School are calling,
And we must be going on.
Teachers waiting there to greet us
And to place us well and seat us,
So good-by, and we are gone.*

*We, a happy band, are going
Where each heart is overflowing
With the love of Jesus dear.
Will you come and with us travel,
As we walk o'er roads of gravel,
God's delightful Word to hear?*

*Sabbath School's the place of meeting,
Where you get a happy greeting
From the teacher sweet and kind.
After you've begun your coming,
All our songs you will be humming,
And what joy you there will find!*

—Selected.

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This is April, the month when the new life of spring is expected to come forth. The early spring flowers will start to bloom and the leaf buds on the trees will begin to open and new life will be seen.

This is the time of year that Jesus was taken prisoner and falsely accused of doing wrong. When the people who were falsely accusing Him were given the chance of choosing between Jesus or a wicked man, which one they would like to have freed, they chose the wicked man, and demanded that Jesus be put to death.

For this reason Jesus was nailed on the cross and died for the sins of the wicked world. Three days and three nights later Jesus was raised to life, and proved that He was the true Son of God, for before His death when He was asked to give a sign that He was the Son of God He gave the sign of His being in the grave three days and three nights.

The Lord's Supper is taken in remembrance of His death and we are told in the Bible that we should take this Supper in

remembrance of His death. This year the Lord's Supper is to be taken in April.

Jesus' death and resurrection is an example of coming forth into a new life. When Jesus was resurrected He came from the grave in a new life, and will not die again.

When we eat the Lord's Supper we show that we have faith in Him and that we are accepting the plan of salvation and are trying to live so that we will inherit a new life at the resurrection.

—:: M ::—

I WONDER HOW THE MASTER WROUGHT

I wonder how the Master wrought
To find the twelve elect,
And not complain that one proved false
Of those He did select?

I wonder how the Master wrought
That He should find a cure,
For every ill of flesh and mind
That mortals still endure?

I wonder how the Master wrought
From multitudes to choose
The few who could be trusted
With such important news?

I wonder how the Master wrought.
I wonder how He knew
To choose the words that would reveal
The lasting and the true?

—Selected by Donald Brenneise.

—:: M ::—

A PUZZLE

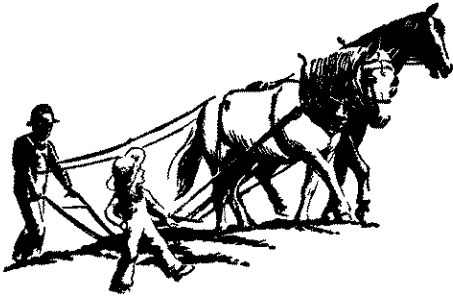
Can you answer the following questions?

1. To whom did a prince give the name Belteshazzar?
2. Whose name was changed to Israel?
3. What was Jerubbaal's other name?
4. What two brothers who were friends of Jesus were named Boanerges?
5. What woman's name meant Dorcas, and what strange thing happened to her?
6. What prophet, or teacher, was called by the name Niger?

You will find the answers to these questions on another page.

—:: M ::—

A bright, happy smile will make a cloudy day seem bright.



Strange Ways of Farming

By Carrie Childs

Mr. Roland had harnessed the horses and had hitched them to the plow. He was going to the field on the hill to plow the ground for planting the spring crops.

His little son, Arlin, went with him to the field and as the father plowed the little boy walked along by his father's side. He liked to watch the earth being turned over by the plow.

"Daddy, why do you plow the field?" Arlin asked as they went across the field.

"Plowing is necessary to loosen up the ground so that when we plant the seed, the new little roots will be able to push down in the soft earth where they will get their food and water. If the earth were left alone and not plowed the dirt would be so hard that we couldn't get the seed in the ground and the roots would not be able to work down as they should," Mr. Roland told the boy.

"When did men first learn to plow?" was Arlin's next question.

"I can't answer that question," Mr. Roland answered. "We read in the Bible about plowing. It seems that many hundreds of years before Jesus was here on earth that men knew how to plow. The plows used so long ago did not look much like the ones we have today."

"What kind of plows did they have?" the boy wanted to know.

"It seems from what I have read that those plows were just forked sticks with a piece of iron on one branch to go into the ground. Those plows would not plow very deep, and they were pulled with oxen instead of horses and tractors."

"I would like to see someone plowing that way. It would look funny, wouldn't it?" and Arlin laughed a little at the thought of plowing that way.

"In those days the people did not have as good a way to plant their crops as we

have now. Just the other day I was reading how they did this work. The small grain like rye, wheat, oats, and such like, was scattered over the ground by hand, and if the ground was damp and soft the seed was tramped into the ground by cattle."

"That would be a funny way to plant our grain, wouldn't it?" Arlin was thinking about the grain drill his father used.

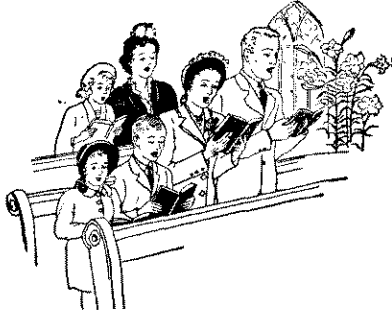
"They had just as odd a way to harvest their grain as they did to plant it. In those days they had threshing floors on which the grain was piled and sometimes oxen or horses were made to walk back and forth over it until the ripe grain was shelled from the hulls. Sometimes the people used sticks and beat upon the grain to thresh it. These sticks were called flails. Their work was done in a much harder and different way than we do ours today."

"You didn't tell me how they cut their grain to take it to the threshing place," the boy reminded his father.

"They didn't have grain binders like we have," Mr. Roland went on to explain. "The grain was cut by hand with a sickle very much like we use to cut the grass around the hedge where we can't use the lawn mower."

"Their work must have been awful slow. I don't see how they would ever get their work done. I believe I like living now better than I would have then," Arlin told his father.

"Yes, I think that we have things better to work with than those people did. Anyway, we should be thankful and contented with the things we have. One thing the Bibles teaches us is for us to learn to be content with such things as we have. People who are not content and satisfied with what they have are not happy people. They do not take time to count the many blessings that God gives to them."



Learning to be a Christian

By Edith Lippincott

Chester Brown was a young man who was studying to be a minister. He gladly agreed to teach a class in Vacation Bible School as he thought that it would be good training for the kind of work he wished to do.

He had been explaining to the children that they should be Christians. After he had finished talking to the children, he told them that he would try to answer their questions if they wanted to ask any.

"What is a Christian?" Tommy Carey asked.

"Christians are the people who follow the example that Jesus lived to show us how we should live," Mr. Brown answered.

"How can we know how Jesus lived?" Kitty Keller wanted to know.

"The only way we have of knowing how Jesus lived is by reading the Bible. The men who lived with Him and learned by His teachings wrote about His life, and we can find their writings in the New Testament."

"After we have learned about Jesus, then what should we do?" asked Bobby King.

"That is a very good question, Bobby. After we have learned about Jesus and the way He taught us to live, then we should think about ourselves and the things that we do. If we are not doing right then we should repent or be very sorry for the wrongs that we have done. When Peter who was one of Jesus' apostles was preaching to people who had never heard of Jesus he told them of the love Jesus had for them. He told how Jesus was put on the cross and died for them; that He was alive again and that He had gone to the Father in heaven. When the people believed on Jesus they asked Peter what they should do to be saved and he said, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus

Christ for the remission of sins,' " their teacher explained.

"What does being converted mean?" Tommy asked.

"To be converted means to be changed. When we have learned that we are not living right, then have repented or been sorry and asked God to forgive us, and are baptized then we are to live different or changed lives. We have changed from the wrong way of living to the right way, and so we say we have been converted." Mr. Brown was very glad that the children were interested and wanted to know these things. "Peter said, 'Repent ye therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.'" he went on to tell them.

"Is that all that is necessary for us to do to be Christians, just repent, be converted and baptized?" Kitty asked. "After that much is done is there anything else that we should do?"

"Yes, we are told to pray to the Father. In Matthew we read where Jesus told Peter to 'Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.' When some of the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He told them to pray to the Father. He never taught the people to pray to Him. We are to watch that we do not go into sin again after we have repented and been baptized. Satan will tempt us often with many things but we are to watch ourselves to see that we never do wrong things."

"Is there anything that we should do besides this?" Bobby asked.

"Yes, one of the main things is to believe, or have faith, in God and His promises. Then when we have faith, or believe, we are to show or prove our faith by our works. The things that we do or say are our works and they will prove or show what we believe. To really believe is to

do the things that we believe. Without faith it is not possible for us to please God."

"It seems to me that there is lots to do to be a Christian," Tommy remarked.

"Being a Christian is something that we have to work at every day of our lives," Mr. Brown told them. "There is another thing that we must not forget. If we are Christians we will be working for Jesus because we will want to see others be Christians, too. We will be working to bring others to know Jesus and be Christians."

"It seems to me like being a Christian means many things," Kitty said, "and I want to be one."

Yes, Kitty, we must spend all our lives being Christians," Mr. Brown told her. "It is something that can not afford to quit working at. Jesus gave His life for us that we might live, and the least that we can do is to spend our lives serving Him. There will be a nice gift for us from God if we remain true to Him, for the Bible says that the gift of God is eternal life. We cannot realize how long eternal life would be, but we know that it would be forever and ever, and it will be spend with Christ and God."

"I have enjoyed this lesson so much," Bobby told them. "I will try to get some other children to come tomorrow. I want to be a worker for Christ."

"Bobby is already deciding to do some work of a Christian. Let us all spend our lives being Christians, and I mean real Christians; the kind that will always prove faithful to God in all things."

—: M :—

ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLE

To encourage you to read your Bible more, we will give the books and chapters where the answers to the questions may be found. We hope that you can find the right answers.

1. Daniel 1; 2. Genesis 32; 3. Judges 7; 4. Mark 3; 5. Acts 9; 6. Acts 13.

—: M :—

Sin like fire. It is a dangerous thing to play with. The only thing that will put out the fire of sin is the blood of Jesus Christ.

—Our Boys and Girls.

Stories By Children

THE TEN VIRGINS

By *Essie Strickland*

Once there were ten virgins who were invited to a wedding feast. Five of the virgins were wise and five were foolish. The five who were wise took oil for their lamps but the five who were not wise did not take any oil for their lamps.

All the virgins got tired and went to sleep, and when they awoke the oil was gone out of their lamps. The five who were wise filled their lamps with the oil that they had brought with them. The foolish ones had no oil with which to fill their lamps. The foolish virgins asked the wise ones for some of their oil, but the wise virgins had no oil to give away.

The five foolish virgins had to go buy them some oil and while they were gone the bridegroom came and the five wise virgins went with him into the house where the feast was being given. When the foolish virgins came back they found that the others were gone. They went to the house of the feast but the door was shut and they could not enter in. They were left outside because they were not wise enough to be ready when the bridegroom came.

—: M :—

"HE IS PRECIOUS"

1 Peter 2:7

Do you find your Savior precious?

Do you know His living power?

Does the thought that He is in you

Cause you to rejoice each hour?

Do you take your burdens to Him,
Whether great or whether small?

Do you know He longs to bear them

If you'll only tell Him all?

Do you find your Savior precious,

He who bore your load of sin?

Does your fellowship with Jesus

Give you joy and peace within?

I have found my Savior precious,

Since I let Him take control;

And He satisfies me fully,

Fills each longing of my soul.

—Junior Challenge.

LETTERS

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I live at Ashland, Oklahoma. I am nine years old. I have one brother and one sister. We are studying about Moses. It is interesting.

In our class we study the lessons in the church paper called the Sabbath School Missionary. I like very much to read them. I enjoy going to Sabbath School. My teacher's name is Florine Lane. I am in the fourth grade.

I will close with a verse, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy."

Your friend,

Helen Cato.

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am a boy twelve years old. I like to go to Sabbath School. I go to church every time I can. I lead the singing at Sabbath School.

I am in the seventh grade at school. I live on a farm. I have three dogs and one horse. I drive the tractor sometimes.

I will close for now. Your friend,

Bobby Lawrence Adams.

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

Here I am again. My name is Carolyn Sue. I am in the first reader. I like school. I go to school and Sabbath School at Ashland, Okla. My school teacher is Mrs. White and my Sabbath School teacher is Florine Lane. I like them both.

My mother is writing for me.

Your friend,

Carolyn Sue Lane.

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I have written to the Sabbath School Missionary before. I enjoy reading the paper very much and I like all the letters. I am nine years old and in the fourth grade.

I go to the Church of God. We are studying about Moses. It is very interesting. I go to Sabbath School every Sabbath. There

are seven in our class. Our teacher's name is Florine Lane.

I have one brother and one sister. I have two dogs and one cat. I go to school at Ashland. I will close with a puzzle: uoht llahs ton llik. Exodus 20:13.

Your friend,

Helen Lorine Cato.

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am a little girl seven years old. My birthday is July 26.

I go to Sabbath School every time I can. We are studying about Moses. I like to go to school at Ashland. My teacher's name is Mrs. White.

I will close for now. Your friend,

Margaret Anne Adams.

—:M:—

Your Lessons . . .

For April 19, 1952

JESUS AND RULES FOR LIVING

Lesson Material: Matthew 5:17-20; Mark 10:17-22; John 1:17.

Memory Verse: "I will not forget thy word." Psalm 119:16.

Not long ago we learned that we may be friends of Jesus if we keep His commandments. Today we are going to study some more about those commandments.

A young man came to Jesus and asked Him, "Good Master, what can I do to have eternal life?"

Jesus' answer was very easy, "Keep the commandments."

The man wanted to know which commandments, so Jesus told him some of the ten commandments of God. By this the man knew that Jesus meant that he should keep all of them. He said, "I have always kept these commandments." But Jesus knew that there was one commandment that the young man was breaking, even though he thought he was keeping them all.

Jesus said, "If you will be perfect, sell all that you have and give it to the poor. Then come with me." This made the young man very sad, because he was very rich. Jesus showed him that he loved his riches

more than he loved God. Which commandment was he breaking?

Jesus said that if we will keep His commandments, we shall be blessed. He also promised us that we may have a home in the kingdom of God if we obey His commandments. His commandments are easy to keep if we love God and our neighbors, because if we love them, we will not hurt them. All the commandments teach us to do the things we will want to do if we love God. They also teach us to not do the things we will not want to do if we love our neighbors. Jesus showed us the best way to live.

Can You Tell

Who ate locusts and wild honey?
 Who denied Christ three times?
 Who smote the rock and caused water to come forth?
 Who poured water on a sacrifice and then prayed for God to burn it?
 Who drove the money changers out of the temple?
 Who fed four thousand men, besides women and children?
 Who sang to a sick king?
 Who wrote the book called the Revelation?
 Have you learned the first ten books of the New Testament? See how many you can say.

—:: M ::—

April 26, 1952

"LOVING GOD BEST"

There are many places in the Bible that tell us how much God loves us. The one that most of us think of first is found in John 3:16. If you do not know that verse, find and read it, and learn it soon. We know that God is love and He is a loving heavenly Father to us all.

When Moses was leading the children of Israel out of their slavery in Egypt, God decided that they should be reminded of His love and His power and so He called Moses up to Mount Sinai and gave him the Ten Commandments. God had written them and they were for all His people. Turn to Exodus 20 and read them. The very first one tells what God expects of us. He loves us and wants us to love Him. He said we should love Him more

than anything or anyone else in the world. If we do we will not do anything to hurt Him or make Him ashamed of us.

If God means more than any other thing to boys and girls, they will not be tempted to go places or do things that God would not like. That is what is known as being a Christian. Christ tried to do as God wanted Him to do, and if we are Christians we are Christ-like.

Sometimes playmates, or games, or school activities interfere with living as God would have us to live. In that case, if He really is the one we love most, those other things will be changed or we will get along without them, to show that pleasing God is most important.

Here are some good verses about our love for God and His great love for us all. For practice in finding Bible texts, look them up and read them. They are good for all of us to study, even your teacher:

Psalm 31:23; Deuteronomy 6:5; Romans 8:28; 1 John 4:19; Psalm 97:10.

What do you think about this part of 1 Timothy 6:10: "For the love of money is the root of all evil"? What other things do people sometimes love more than they love God?

How many reasons can you name for putting God first in your life and loving Him most?

To Think About and Do

Name four of each:

1. Christ's postles.
2. Animals in the Bible.
3. Foods in the Bible.
4. Cities in the Bible land.
5. Bible names beginning with J.

How Many

1. Lepers thanked Jesus?
2. Books in the Bible?
3. Psalms?
4. Were saved from the flood?
5. Commandments were given?
6. Days and nights did Jonah live in the whale?
7. Of you learned anything today? Tell what it was.

—:: M ::—

Have you tried to memorize the Memory Verse for this week?

- - - Tiny Tot's Page - - -

TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers,
My Mommy is writing for me again.
I go to Sabbath School every Saturday.

We have some Suede-graph pictures of Moses that we are studying. We have already learned about the creation.

I will close now, saying "hello" to all the little boys and girls, and may God bless each one.

A true friend to all,
Joe Richard Lane.

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MEMORY VERSE

See if you can learn this verse for Sabbath School.

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another." This verse is found in Ephesians 4:32.

LET'S BE KIND TO ALL

Elisha was a very good man. He was one of God's prophets. He did many things to help other people. One time he brought a child to life and made the child's mother happy.

One day as he was walking along the road some children who were not kind made fun of Elisha. This was not a nice thing to do, for we should be kind to all people. These naughty children were punished for two bears came out of the woods and killed them.

Always be kind to everybody, even though bears do not come out of the woods to punish people now. God wants us to be kind at all times.

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We are needing some letters for the Tiny Tot Page. Please write one soon.

TINY TOT PUZZLE

At this time of year there are little lambs on many farms. This little boy is feeding his pet lamb. Other lambs are hidden in the picture. See how many you can find.

