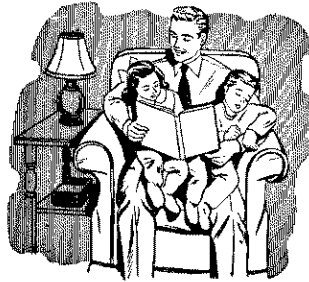


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## *My Daddy and the Bible*

*My Daddy reads the Bible  
To us each night at nine,  
And oh, he reads so nicely,  
We really like it fine!*

*He makes it real as anything,  
As if we were right there  
In Bible times and living things,  
For Daddy reads with care.*

*As I get ready then for bed,  
I think of it anew;  
I love my Daddy so much,  
And love the Bible too.*

—Little Pilgrim

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## APRIL SHOWERS

As you hurry to school during an April shower, do you ever wish that there wasn't such a thing as rain? I think that I have heard such wishes made. I am afraid that the ones making that wish do not stop to think about what they are wishing for.

Did you ever stop to think what this world would be like if we had no rain? Although at times rain seems to be very much of a nuisance, it is very important that we have rain. Without it we would not be able to raise anything to eat. We plant our garden seeds in the spring and they need the rain to make them grow. There would be no pretty green lawns for us to enjoy. The trees would not be able to grow leaves which furnish the shade that we like to enjoy on a hot summer day.

David tells us in Psalm 147:8 that God covers the heaven with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, and He makes grass to grow upon the mountains. Through the

prophet Ezekiel God tells us that He will cause the showers to come down in its season, or at the right time when needed.

In Bible times when the people had rebelled against God and went against His will, sometimes He punished them by keeping rain from falling upon their country and then there would be a bad famine in that country. When people cannot raise food they become very hungry and that is called a time of famine.

The next time you get caught in a shower instead of wishing that there was no rain just think of it as something that is a blessing to us. Think about the beautiful flowers that will grow during the summer, and then thank Him you are able to see the flowers.

The showers we get in April are showers of blessing, for they mean that we may raise food to eat, flowers to enjoy, grass for lawns and for the farm animals to eat, and leaves will be on the trees to give us shade for pleasure and comfort.

—:: M ::—

## JUST GETTING BY

In school, as in life generally, many people waste opportunities, because they are satisfied by merely "getting by" instead of "making good." There is a big difference between these two.

The student who obtains a high average does not do so because he or she is over-ambitious, but because he or she is interested in benefitting by the opportunities for learning that are to be had, and by being willing to work hard.

To take no interest in school work is to waste that opportunity. If we do not do our best during the school year, there is always time to begin "making good" in the next year, if we determine to do so.

Why be satisfied to get passing grades when we have the opportunity and will to do better?

Resolve now that "making good" is worth more in life than just "getting by."

—Sidney Wekser in *Junior Life*.

—:: M ::—

Try to be a happy helper to those around you. In that way you will keep happy and make others happy.



## Counting Your Blessings

By Edith Lippincott

"Hurry! Grab some of the picnic things and let's run for the car."

Mr. and Mrs. Burns and their children had been enjoying a picnic, the first one of the spring, and a sudden shower had surprised them and they had to gather up the remains of the lunch in a hurry and run for the car.

Ned with his ball bat was in the lead and Jack and Della were close behind him. Father and Mother Burns had stopped to collect the lunch things and put them in the basket, so they were the last to reach the car.

"I thought we were going to have a good time this afternoon," Ned said as he settled back on the car seat.

"We never get to have any fun. Something always happens and spoils our good times," grumbled Della as she watched the raindrops on the car window.

"Let's be thankful for the good time we did have, even if it didn't last very long," Mr. Burns told the children.

"There isn't anything to be thankful for, so why be thankful?" Jack asked.

"My, you children are in a bad mood, aren't you?" Mother Burns remarked. "Sure, there are many things to be thankful for. Just for fun, let's try naming a few of the blessings we have. Blessings are the good things that are given to us to use and enjoy, so we should be thankful for them."

"That's a good idea. I have often thought it would be interesting to see how many blessings we could count," Mr. Burns said.

"What kind of a blessing do you think that I would have? I just don't have any blessings. Everything seems to go wrong for me," Della complained.

"Why, you shouldn't talk that way. Did you ever think of being able to see as a blessing?" Mr. Burns asked his little girl.

"No, I haven't thought of that. Is that a blessing?" Della seemed surprised that her father should think that being able to see was a wonderful blessing.

"If you don't think that eyesight is a blessing just try keeping your eyes shut tight for a little while and while they are closed think what it would be like to be blind all the time."

Della shut her eyes tight for a while and was surprised to know how dark it seemed when she thought about not being able to see at all. She thought of all the beautiful sights she would be missing as they drove along the country road, and opening her eyes she said, "I guess God gave us a wonderful blessing when He gave us eyes."

"I know of another blessing we all enjoy so much, and don't seem to realize we have it," Mrs. Burns said.

"Tell us what it is, Mother," Jack coaxed.

"How do you enjoy your ears?" his mother asked him.

"I didn't know that we enjoyed our ears. I never think about having ears unless they need washing," Jack said.

"Do you like to hear the band play at the foot ball games?" his father asked him.

"Yes, I do. I wonder what it would be like to be deaf and never hear any music. I wouldn't want to be so that I couldn't hear people talk, nor hear the birds sing. I'm glad I can hear," Jack decided.

"Then hearing must be a blessing, too. It's a blessing we would hate to be without," Ned said. "Does God give these blessings?" he asked.

"Yes, we must remember that the Bible says that every good and perfect gift comes from God. The wise king, Solomon, said in Proverbs 20:12: "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them," Mrs. Burns told him.

"Daddy has thought of a blessing, and so has Mother. Now let us each think of a blessing," Ned told his brother and sister. "I can name a blessing. I like being able to walk. If I couldn't walk I couldn't run and play games with my playmates, and someone would have to wait on me. I couldn't go out with the Junior class when they go

to hand out tracts and invite people to come to church."

"That makes me think of a blessing. I like to go to church and I believe it is a blessing to be able to go to church and learn to serve God," Jack told the rest.

"Yes, that is one of the best blessings we have," Mr. Burns answered.

"Della, have you thought of a blessing," her mother asked.

"I guess one my blessings is being able to talk. We can tell each other how much we love one another. We can sing songs about Jesus, too" Della answered.

"And there is one good use we can make of our voice and that is telling other people about Jesus and God and the things they would like for us to do," Mrs. Burns said.

Finally Ned said, "Well, I guess we have blessings even if we did get rained out from our picnic."

"There are many other blessings," Mrs. Burns told them. "There is good health, a nice home, plenty of good food, and our friends are a blessing, if they are right kind of friends."

Sometime when you children who read this story think that everything is going all wrong, just take time to count your blessings, name them one by one, as the song says, and see how many you can think of.

—:: M ::—

### LITTLE THINGS

'Tis the little kindly acts you do  
That heartens one along,  
And sends the friends away from you  
With glad and happy song.

'Tis the little words you're led to say  
That soothes the broken heart,  
And lifts the saddened thoughts to God  
His comfort to impart.

'Tis the little prayer you lifted up  
Which touched that other life,  
And gave it nerve and strength again  
To conquer in the strife.

'Tis just the secret little talk  
With Jesus by the way,  
That keeps you loving, true to Him  
In all you do and say.

### CAN YOU THINK OF THEIR NAMES?

Each of the lines below suggests in some way a Bible man or woman. See how rapidly you can name them. There are twenty-five sentences, so you can allow yourself four points for each correct answer.

1. A kind of grass that cattle eat.
2. Made with a pencil.
3. He was adopted by a princess.
4. A kind of meat some people like to eat.
5. The lions did not eat him.
6. A little boy who waited on an old priest.
8. Noted for his great strength.
7. He was once fed by ravens.
9. The wisest man mentioned in the Bible.
10. His name looks like something you are hired to do.
11. Remember the man who got "whaled"?
12. The first noted shipbuilder.
13. The slayer of a famous giant.
14. The girl who gleaned in the harvest field.
15. The world's most noted fisherman.
16. A woman who was a fussy house-keeper.
17. If he were a boy today, you'd call him "Ikey."
18. A tax-collector who became a follower of Jesus.
19. You might build a house on his name.
20. The man who said that his wife was his sister.
21. A married man who never had a mother-in-law.
22. Sounds as though you could make sugar from this one.
23. Called the "weeping prophet" because of a book he wrote.
24. His gay coat got him into trouble with his brothers.
25. It was said of Him, "He shall save his people from their sins."

—Sel.

Answers to this puzzle will be found on another page.

—:: M ::—

Boys and girls are not judged so much by the clothes they wear as by the words they speak and the spirit which they show from day to day.

## WORKING TOGETHER

Nehemiah was a servant of the king of Persia. He had the very special job as cup-bearer. The king loved his servant very much.

"What is the matter?" he asked Nehemiah one day. "You look very sad."

"It is because of my country, Israel," Nehemiah answered. "The walls have been broken down around our beautiful city, Jerusalem. The temple, too, has been torn down. Will you let me go back to my country and help my people build again?"

The king let Nehemiah go, and he offered to help. So Nehemiah hurried back to his country and set his people to work.

First, they built again the wall around the city. It was a hard job. And enemies tried to keep them from it. But this did not stop them. Some laid the brick and stone. Some carried the brick and stone to those who were laying them. I imagine the children did all they could do, too. Perhaps they ran errands. Some of the people watched for the enemy. All of them kept their weapons close by, ready to fight. Every one did his part.

When the wall was done, the people were very happy. They wanted to thank God that the wall of their city had been built again. So all the fathers and mothers and children came together at the city gate to worship God. Ezra, the scribe, read to them from God's Book.

The people listened very closely. They wanted to remember the words which Ezra was reading. They wanted to remember them because they wanted to keep God's law. Perhaps they prayed, "Thank you, God, for letting us rebuild our city. We are glad that we could work together."

—Selected.

—:: M ::—

## ANSWERS TO "NAMES" PUZZLE

1. Timothy. 2. Mark. 3. Moses. 4. Ham. 5. Daniel. 6. Samuel. 7. Elijah. 8. Samson. 9. Solomon. 10. Job. 11. Jonah. 12. Noah. 13. David. 14. Ruth. 15. Peter. 16. Martha. 17. Isaac. 18. Matthew. 19. Lot. 20. Abraham. 21. Adam. 22. Cain. 23. Jeremiah. 24. Joseph. 25. Jesus.

## LETTERS

## FROM CALIFORNIA

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is the second time I have written to the Missionary. Today is the Sabbath and as we all have the flu we didn't get to go to Sabbath School. I would like to hear from boys and girls, and especially those in Oregon. My address is 1339 Knoch Ave., Susanville, Calif.

I will close now with a puzzle: aiserp het orld lla ey antions, aiserp imh lal ey epopel. Psalm 117:1.

Your friend in Jesus,  
Joyce Summerhill.

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## FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear little friends of the Missionary:

This is my first letter. I am six years old. I got a doll buggy for my birthday which was February 10.

Today is Sabbath and we could not go to Sabbath School because it is blizzarding. I go to Sabbath School in the Eureka church. Sister David Miller is my teacher. I have a sister Laverne. She is thirteen years old. We have a pet dog. Her name is Tricky.

My grandpa and grandma Kiesz have moved to town.

I think this will be all. My mama wrote this for me.

With love,  
Violette Jane Kiesz.

\* \* \* \*

## FROM OREGON

Dear Missionary Readers,

We are two little girls, Marilyn and Elizabeth. We are eight and five years old. Our brothers, Dean and Dennis, are thirteen and ten. We have a cat and dog.

We go to Sabbath School at Union Gap. Sister Baise is our teacher. We like her very much. Sometimes we go to sing for the old folks at the County Home in Roseburg. We give them tracts and Missionary papers. They often give us candy.

We love to hear the stories, poems and letters read to us from the little papers.

Good-by for now.  
Marilyn and Elizabeth Wallen.

## FROM TEXAS

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am nine years old. I go to Sabbath School every time I can. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. George E. Crisp. She is my aunt, also.

I live on a ranch. I go to Sabbath School at Artesia Wells, Texas. I like Sabbath School very much. I have two brothers. One is six years old and the other is three years old.

I would like a pen pal. My address is Artesia Wells, Texas, Box 95.

Your friend in Jesus,

Willard W. Crisp.

—:: M ::—

## WHITE HANDS

A newspaper offered a prize for the best recipe for making the hands soft and beautifully white. There were hundreds of replies. Here is the answer which won the prize: "Soak the hands three times a day in dishwater while mother rests." Wasn't that a good answer? —*Selected.*

—:: M ::—

## Your Lessons . . .

For May 3, 1952

### THINKING AND SPEAKING OF GOD

Lesson Material: Exodus 20:7; Mark 7:5-8; Luke 6:46; 11:1-4.

Memory Verse: "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." Exodus 20:7.

It is a sad thing, but there are a great many people in the world who say they know God and love Him when He does not really mean as much to them as they say. In Mark 7, the last part of verse 6, Jesus said, "This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." In other words, they say they love the Lord, but He knows their hearts and thoughts and that what they said is not true. God said that He is a jealous God and wants to be first in our lives.

How often during the day do you think about God? Are there ever times when you whisper a little prayer asking God to

help in some way? Or is He entirely out of your mind except when you are at church or in study and prayer? Do you speak of Him to any of your playmates? That is one way to be a light for Jesus, you know.

Jesus prayed often to His Father. One day He had been praying and when He stopped, His disciples asked Him to teach them to pray. In Matthew 6:9-13 He told them what to say. Find and read those verses, or listen as your teacher reads them. Sometimes we hear people say this prayer but it doesn't mean very much. They have it learned so well that they rattle it off like a nursery rhyme. Do you think God is pleased with that? Surely they are not thinking of God, even though they are speaking of Him. Study the prayer and talk about the meaning of each part. Explain debts, debtors, temptation, hallowed, daily bread. Do you think "daily bread" means anything besides food? Christ said, "I am the bread of life," in John 6:35. Do we need Him daily?

Find and read Exodus 20:7 and see what the Ten Commandments say about thinking and speaking of God.

### *Fill the Blanks*

Choose a word from the name below to fill the blank correctly:

1. .... was known as the beloved physician.
2. .... was the cousin and forerunner of Christ.
3. The writer of Romans was .....
4. .... was a son of Noah.
5. The first man was ..... His wife was .....
6. .... built the ark.
7. The first murderer, ....., killed his brother .....
8. .... was once fed by the ravens.

Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Luke, Elijah, John, Shem, Paul, Noah.

On a map of the Holy Land, Palestine, find these places and tell something that happened there: Bethlehem, Jordan, Mt. Ararat, Nazareth, Joppa, Mt. of Olives, the sea of Galilee.

For May 10, 1952

## WHEN JESUS WAS BORN

Lesson Material: Luke, chapters 1 and 2.

Memory Verse: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

Many years before Jesus was born, a prophet named Isaiah was writing a part of the Bible. There is a book in the Old Testament that is called by his name. A prophet receives knowledge from God to prophesy or tell about something that will happen in years to come. Isaiah prophesied that a great King would some day be born. The 53rd chapter of Isaiah tells something about that King and the kind of wonderful man He would be.

In the New Testament we read in Matthew's book that Jesus was born, as Isaiah had said He would be. His birth in the Bethlehem stable was known all over the country and many people saw the beautiful star which guided many worshippers to the manger to see the Baby King. An angel of God told the shepherds in their fields about the Christ child.

Find and read Luke 2:7 to 14. If you cannot read, be a good listener while your teacher reads.

The shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." Luke 2:15. The next verse says they went with haste. They were anxious to see the Son of God. Can you imagine how excited they must have been? The wonderful story that Isaiah had told them had really come true, and they wanted to be among the first to worship the King. Many people came and brought wonderful gifts to Him.

The angel had said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men." Jesus was sent to the world to glorify God and to bring peace and good will to men. If all men would believe on Jesus, the world would be a better, more peaceful place and men would feel better toward one another. That would be the way to make and keep peace among the nations that war so much. Each one of us has a part in telling the world about the wonder-

ful King who was born in Bethlehem many years ago.

### *Some Things to Think and Talk About*

1. What things in this story prove that God had something to do with it? (a prophet, an angel, etc.)

2. Where were the shepherds when the angel came to them? Do you suppose it was winter time?

3. Who was the prophet? His book is between what books in the Bible?

4. What can you do to help spread the story of Jesus and His love?

Can you name the books left out without looking in your Bible?

1. \_\_\_\_\_, Exodus, \_\_\_\_\_

2. Malachi, \_\_\_\_\_, Mark,

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Joshua, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_, Psalms, \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_, Jude, \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_, Romans, \_\_\_\_\_

7. Matthew, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_, Isaiah, \_\_\_\_\_

9. Leviticus, \_\_\_\_\_

10. 1 John, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ , Revelation.

—:: M ::—



### PUMPKIN PIE

I've been to grandma's house today,  
And she made pumpkin pies  
With jack-o'-lantern faces—  
A mouth and nose and eyes!

They looked so cute and fancy  
It seemed a shame to cut—  
But, oh, they were delicious!  
And shall I tell you what

I did? I had two pieces,  
And grandpa—he had three!  
And jack-o'-lantern liked me, 'cause  
He winked an eye at me!

—Our Little Friend.

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## TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers,

My Mommy is writing another letter for me. I still go to Sabbath school when I can.

I have a dog and her name is Lady. I also have some little pigs. They sure are pretty. I will close now saying Hello to all little boys and girls.

A friend, Joe Richard Lane

—::M::—

3. Who was the first man?
4. Who was the first woman?
5. Where did this man and woman live?

—:: M ::—



## CAN YOU TINY TOTS TELL

1. Who makes the sun to shine?
2. What baby was put in a basket in the river?

Sister wore her nice new hat  
 With the pretty feather;  
 Now it doesn't look so good  
 In this rainy weather.



## TINY TOT PUZZLE

**What letter  
 -or three letter word-  
 can you eat?**

