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“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 burden 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.

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THREE THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

The month of May is over half gone, and I think that most of the schools are closed for the summer vacation. Now you children will have time to do many things since you will have no studying to do. And I want to talk with you about three things that I would like for you to do, and by doing them you give others pleasure, you will make me thankful, and you will get much enjoyment for yourself.

The first one of the two things I would like for you to do is write a letter to the *Missionary*. We are just about out of letters and while we like to hear from those who have been writing in time past, we especially want to hear from some new writers. There must be many children who read this paper but have never taken the time to write to it. Won't you please do this real soon? We want to hear from you. When we get lots of letters for the paper, then

we feel that you are interested in the *Missionary* and enjoy it.

The second thing for you to do is write a nice Bible story to be used in the "Stories By The Children" column. These stories should be Bible stories, or about prayers you have had answered, or known of being answered. Another thing for you to write about is God's care for you. There are many nice stories to be taken from the Bible and I am giving a hint what you may write about. The following words should make you think of something that is mentioned in the Bible: cock; ladder; fish; light; pit; Sabbath. Look the story up and read it carefully and then write it in your own words and send it to Edith Lippincott Stanberry, Missouri. Who will be the first to write their story? If more than one writes about the same story. We will print them one at a time, so don't feel that we have thrown it away if you do not see it at once. It will be used sooner or later.

The third thing for you to do is to begin making plans to attend at least one camp meeting this summer. There are to be several camp meetings this year, and it will not be very long before some of them will be held. You children will enjoy the meetings much more if you have a part in it. Now is the time to begin to think and plan the part you can have in these camp meetings. Begin to learn nice pieces of poetry to recite, or if you are good at singing prepare a song. If there are several from one church who will attend the same camp meeting, they can prepare special songs to sing. Good singing is always enjoyed at church and there will be a need for many specials before a camp meeting is over. David said, "Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Paul said, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." We also read in Proverbs that "the righteous doth sing and rejoice."

Surely the righteous should rejoice and sing because they are happy that they are serving God. So at camp meeting this summer let us show how happy we are to be a child of the heavenly Father. Won't you try to remember to do these things?



The Danger Sign

By Carrie Childs

The Burns family were spinning along in their car on their way home from the city. They had been visiting some friends for a few days. They had been traveling most of the day and now it was long after dark and they were still several miles from home.

Hilda and Vernon were getting sleepy but they were trying to keep themselves awake by peering into the dark and looking for signs that would tell them that they were getting close to their home.

"There, did you see that big barn with the light shining out of the window?" asked Vernon. "That farmer must be late doing his chores."

"I remember that big barn," Hilda said. "We had just crossed a bridge over a deep ditch, and there was water in the ditch when we went to the city. We will soon be coming to the bridge. You just wait and see."

Just then Vernon grabbed the back of the front seat and said, "Daddy, what is that ahead of us? It looks like a light of some kind."

"You're right, son, it is a light. And a red light at that. Something must be the matter," Mr. Burns told them.

"Perhaps a truck or a car is having tire trouble and has put out a red lantern to warn people that they are there," Mrs. Burns added.

By this time they were getting real close to the light and then Mr. Burns stopped the car. "Well, it doesn't look like there is a car or truck in trouble. Let's get out and see what is the matter."

Vernon was soon out of the car and so was his daddy. They soon found that the bridge that Hilda had spoken of was damaged and the road department had closed the road and had hung the red lantern there to warn people of danger. On one long board that reached across the

road someone had painted the word "Danger" in large white letters.

"We will have to find another road around this ditch, but as it is getting so late and looks like it might storm, let's go back to the tourist camp we past a little while ago and stay there the rest of the night," suggested Daddy.

"I think that would be a very wise thing to do," Mrs. Burns agreed. "It will be so much better to travel over a strange road in daylight and it will be safer."

"It was a good thing for us that someone had placed that lantern and the sign there. We might have been killed if we had gone into the ditch," Hilda said and she was glad that they had not been hurt.

"It would be a good thing if such signs could be put up at all dangerous places," Mr. Burns remarked.

"Aren't all dangerous places marked so that people will be warned and not drive into danger?" Vernon asked.

"Most of the dangerous places in the highway are marked, son. But there are so many other dangers that are much worse. For example, today I saw some boys who had a bottle with whiskey in it. They were trying to decide which one of them would take the first drink. And that first drink will be the one that will start the trouble. It will make them want another drink and then another, and that is the way drunkards are made. If we could only put a stop light and a danger sign on every bottle of whiskey to warn those who drink it that it will lead to trouble and destruction if they yield to the temptation to drink it, perhaps there wouldn't be so many drunkards."

"Our Sabbath School teacher was talking to us about drinking, and she read from the Bible that a drunkard will come to poverty," Hilda said.

"Yes, if we could only get the people who

drink to see what the result of their drinking will be, and get them interested in Jesus instead we would be putting up a warning for them," Mrs. Burns remarked.

"When the apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he told them not to be drunk with wine, but to be filled with the Holy Spirit," Mr. Burns said.

"I remember reading that an angel told

the father of John the Baptist before John was born that he would drink 'neither wine nor strong drink.' I think that if such a good person as John the Baptist was not to drink strong drink that we should take a lesson from that and not drink," Vernon decided.

We think he made a good decision, don't you?

Getting Rid of Weeds

With a hop and a skip Ronnie circled his little red wagon. It was standing across the walk. Up the front steps he ran as fast as his legs could carry him and into the



house. He let the door bang shut back of him.

"Mother," he shouted. "May we go on a picnic?"

His baby sister, awakened by the noise, started crying.

Mother put aside her mending and picked up the baby.

"Mother," Ronnie danced from one foot to the other. "June and her mother and daddy are going on a picnic. They are going down in Farmer Brown's green meadow. May we go on a picnic in the meadow, too?"

"I wish we could," Mother said. "I would enjoy it very much."

"Then we can go?" Ronnie shouted jumping up and down and clapping his hands.

Mother shook her head. "I'm afraid not. As soon as I finish the mending I have to straighten up the house. Then I have to go to the store for groceries. There just won't be time to fix a picnic lunch."

Ronnie stopped his bouncing and his lower lip stuck out in a pout. "We never get to do things like other people."

He watched Mother quiet the baby and then put her back in her basket.

"I'll go to the store for you," he offered hopefully.

Mother shook her head. "The last time you went you forgot part of the groceries. The time before that you lost the money. I can't depend on you."

Visions of a picnic lunch spread on a white cloth beneath a tree in the meadow danced before Ronnie's eyes. "You can trust me this time," he said.

Mother frowned thoughtfully.

"Try me just once more and see," Ronnie begged.

"Well, all right," Mother said slowly. "You may go once more."

Mother made out the list of groceries and gave him the money.

Ronnie went hop, skip, hop, skip all the way to the store. He held on to the money real tight. If he lost it there would be no picnic, that was sure.

Farmer Brown was in the grocery store when Ronnie got there. So was June. She was buying things for their picnic.

"Are you going on a picnic" she asked.

"I don't know, maybe," Ronnie told her. "If we do I expect we will go over to Farmer Brown's green meadow. That is the very nicest place to have a picnic."

Farmer Brown laughed. "That's because there are no weeds in my meadow," he said.

"Isn't grass weeds?" Ronnie asked.

"Indeed not," the man said. "The only time grass is a weed is when it is growing where it shouldn't, like in your garden patch." He smiled down at Ronnie. "Any-

thing that is where it shouldn't be is a weed." He paid for his groceries, then he said, "The weeds that grow in the pasture steal the moisture and cause the grass to die. Then the cows don't have enough to eat to make good milk for you kiddies. I always mow my meadow before the weeds go to seed. That way I have a nice green meadow."

Ronnie bought the groceries on his list. He walked carefully all the way home. He didn't want to lose any of them. If he did there would be no picnic, that was sure.

In the yard he had to walk around his wagon.

"You are a weed 'cause you don't belong across the walk," he said. He pulled the wagon to one side. When he went inside he didn't let the door bang. He didn't want to wake the baby again. He put the groceries on the kitchen table and went to tell Mother he was back. It was then he noticed his toys on the living room floor.

"You are weeds," he decided. So he put them in his toy box. He put his coat on a low hook in the closet. He folded the daily paper and put it in the magazine rack. The living room looked real nice.

"How thoughtful of you," Mother said. Ronnie could tell she was surprised.

"I cleaned out the weeds," he told her. "Things that aren't where they belong are weeds." His brow puckered in a thoughtful frown. "Guess bad habits are weeds too," he decided. "Like letting the door bang and not being dependable. Guess I better get rid of those weeds too."

Mother gave him a hug. "What a wise little boy," she said. "Now, how would you like to help me fix the picnic lunch. When you get rid of weeds it gives me more time. Maybe we can go on picnics often."

Ronnie hugged Mother. "I'll be sure and get rid of the weeds," he promised. —*Gospel Herald*.

—:: M ::—

BIBLE PUZZLE

1. Who slept in a small boat during a great storm
2. Who once had a stone pillow to sleep on?
3. Who slept under a juniper tree?
4. Who slept while they should have been watching, while danger threatened One they loved?

5. What excuse did the guards at Jesus' tomb make, when the stone was found to have been rolled away and Jesus was gone?

6. Jesus once said, "She is not dead, but sleepeth." Of whom was He speaking?

7. Who said, when finding the disciples asleep, "Could ye not watch with me one hour?"

8. Who once fell asleep in church, and fell from a window?

9. What does this phrase mean: "Asleep in Jesus'?" —*Selected*.

—:: M ::—

Stories By Children

THE PRODIGAL SON

By Carolyn Strickland

Once there was a man who had two sons. The younger son wanted to leave home and go far away. He asked his father to give him the share of money that would sometime be his. After he received the money he went to a strange land to live.

By and by his money was spent and he became very hungry. Then he began to think about returning to his father's house, and he decided he would be willing to be a servant in his father's house.

When his father saw his son returning home, he ran to meet him. The father gave the boy nice clothes and prepared a feast for his son.

—:: M ::—

A SONG THE GRASS SINGS

The violet is much too shy,
The rose too little so,
I think I'll ask the buttercup,
If I may be her beau.

When winds go by, I'll nod to her
And she will nod to me,
And I will kiss her on the cheek
As gently as may be.

And when the mower cuts us down,
Together we will pass;
I, smiling at the buttercup,
She, smiling at the grass.

— *By Alfie W. Hallmann.*

Which Loved Best?

"I love you, Mother," said little John;
Then forgetting his work, his cap went on,
And he was off to the garden swing,
Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

"I love you, Mother," said little Nell;
"I love you better than tongue can tell."
Then she teased and pouted half the day,
Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.

"I love you, Mother," said little Nan,
"Today I'll help you all I can."
To the cradle then she did softly creep,
And rocked the baby till it fell asleep.

Then stepping softly, she took the broom
And very carefully swept the room;
Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and cheerful as child could be.

"I love you, Mother," again they said,
Three little children going to bed.
How do you think that mother guessed
Which of them really loved her the best?

—Author Unknown.

—:: M ::—

LETTERS

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I am a boy twelve years old. I have three dogs and three cats. I also have a horse.

My birthday is May 8th. I have two brothers and four sisters.

I love to go to Sabbath School. My teacher's name is Florine Lane. I lead the singing.

I have been planting corn, and I drive the tractor.

I will close for now. Your friend,
Bobby Adams.

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FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my second time to write to the Missionary. I go to Sabbath School every Sabbath, if I can. My Sabbath School teacher's name is Darlene Kiesz. I like her for a teacher.

I enjoy reading the letters and stories in the Missionary. I am nine years old. I have three pet dogs.

I will close with a puzzle: nteh hyet wtne tou fo eth ytci dan amec nout mhi. John 4:30.

I will close with love from
Lucille Fischer.

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FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Missionary Readers:

I go to Sabbath School at Ashland, Oklahoma. Florine Lane is my teacher and she is a nice teacher. There are ten in our class when we are all there. We are studying about Moses and it is interesting.

I enjoy the letters in the Missionary. I read all of the Missionary that I can. I hope all of you read the letters. I like the Bible stories.

My birthday is the 29th of November. I have one sister and one brother.

Your friend in Jesus,
Helen Cato.

—:: M ::—

Your Lessons . . .

May 31, 1952 ,

GROWING AS GOD PLANNED

Lesson Material: Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5:8, 13-16; Luke 2:40.

Memory Verse: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8.

As a little boy, Jesus lived with his parents in the town of Nazareth. His father, Joseph, was a carpenter and Jesus liked to play where Joseph worked. He was probably like other boys of his age except that He grew wise in the things of God when a very young boy. He was a good student when He studied in the synagogue.

The books He studied were probably the Psalms, and the books that Moses and some of the prophets wrote. He learned much about God and when He was only twelve years old He could talk with the wise men and doctors in the temple at Jerusalem. (Review that story.) Jesus lived and grew as God had planned.

Our memory verse tells what kind of

hearts God wants us to have. If we are "pure in heart" God can come in and we will learn of Him and live like Jesus. There is harmony, love and prayer in a home where God is loved. He blesses us if we try to follow Him every day.

When Jesus was on earth He taught many things in parables, or stories. In Matthew 5:13-16, He told the good people that the life of a Christian means a great deal in the world. Christians "flavor" the world just as a little salt flavors a kettle of food.

He also compares us to lights. "Ye are the light of the world." A bright light reaches a long way on a dark night. Do you think your life as a Christian makes a difference to very many people? How can you let your light shine? Explain what Jesus said in Matthew 5:14. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." How can you be "set on a hill"? Study verses 15 and 16 of Matthew 5 and see what they tell about the life of a Christian.

Learn the song, "This Little Light of Mine," if you do not know it, or, "Jesus Bids Us Shine."

Do you read the good stories and poems in the Missionary? Give your copy to a friend or mail it to a crippled or shut-in child.

Race to see who can find: Luke 13:5; Ephesians 6:1; 2 Timothy 4:7; 1 Peter 1:25; Genesis 1:10; Exodus 20:15.

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June 7, 1952

LEARNING ABOUT HONESTY

Lesson Material: Exodus 20:15; Luke 19:1-10, 45, 46.

Memory Verse: "Thou shalt not steal." Exodus 20:15.

In the book of Luke there is a story about a man named Zacchaeus. He was a publican, or a man who collected taxes from the people. He was a very rich man. People said that he was a sinner.

Zacchaeus had never seen Jesus. Perhaps that is why he was a sinner. One day when Jesus came to Jericho, the town where Zacchaeus lived, he decided he wanted to see Jesus and so he followed the crowd to the place where Jesus was.

Zacchaeus had to climb up in a sycamore tree to see the wonderful Jesus, because he

was shorter than most people and could not see over their heads. When Jesus saw him, He said, "Zacchaeus, come down, for today I must stop at your house." How that surprised Zacchaeus! He not only got to see Jesus, but He actually called his name, and he was going to get to take the wonderful man home with him. He was very happy as he led the way home.

Some of the people who followed, could not understand. They said, "Why is Jesus going to the home of a sinner?" They would not think of going to the house of Zacchaeus. Being with Jesus and hearing Him talk made Zacchaeus different—his heart was changed. He told Jesus that if he had taken anything falsely from any man he would repay more than he had taken. By becoming a good man, Zacchaeus became a follower of Jesus and could do something to help others.

When Jesus was on earth the people who had sinned went to the temple and offered a sacrifice of a bird or an animal. Some men had decided to sell such things in the temple, where they would be needed for sacrificing, and so the church looked almost like a market place. It did, that is, until Jesus came and found them. This story is told in Luke 19, and verses 45 and 46 tell what happened then. It says, "And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves."

To Be Discussed

1. What is a sinner?
2. How do you know that stealing is a sin?
3. Name other things that are sins according to the Ten Commandments.
4. Show how Zacchaeus was changed when Jesus spoke to him?
5. Do you think buying and selling should be done the temple, or church?

True or False

1. Jesus was born in Nazareth.
2. Peter was raised from the dead.
3. The "Blessed" verses are in Luke.
4. John 11:35 says "Jesus wept."
5. The Lord's prayer is in the New Testament.
6. Jude has only one chapter.

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TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers:

My mother is writing this letter for me. I am a little girl four years old.

We go to Sabbath School and church at Claremore, Oklahoma.

We live on a farm. I have a dog and his name is Sandy.

I had better close. I will give a Bible verse: "The Lord is good to all, and his mercy endureth for ever."

With love,

Marilyn Brunson.

—:: M ::—

We would like to have a letter from some more tiny tots who have not written for the paper yet. And you who have written, please write again.

CAN YOU TELL

1. Where Jesus was born?
2. Why Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Egypt?
3. What led the wise men to the place where Jesus was?
4. Who told the shepherds about the birth of Jesus?

—:: M ::—

MEMORY VERSE

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3. This memory verse is the very first one of the Ten Commandments. Try and learn it this week.

—:: M ::—

Be very careful when you get off a bus. Look both ways. Cross only at intersections or crosswalks.

TINY TOT PUZZLE

The children have come to the pond to sail their boat. They were surprised to find some ducks on the pond. There are several ducks that are hidden in the picture. How many can you find?

