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THE SALT OF THE EARTH

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount He said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Matthew 5:13.

Salt is one thing that can be used to preserve or keep things. Many people put salt on meat to make the meat keep until it can be used. Salt also is used to make our food more pleasing to our taste. If our vegetables are cooked without a certain amount of salt, they do not taste right and we reach for the salt shaker to sprinkle some salt upon whatever we are eating.

By this we find that the people of God are the salt of the earth. They make the world better by living in it and doing good deeds and living the way God would have us live. If there were no good people in the world at all it would be a terrible old world in which to live.

Jesus said that if the salt has lost its savour, or seasoning power, it is no good but to be thrown out and walked upon. If the people of the world lose their goodness and give their whole lives to wickedness, they are no good to God, and if they do not repent and turn from their sinful ways God will cast them out, or in the judgment day the wicked will God destroy. Several places in the Bible we read about the destruction of the wicked. They are to be burned up, and in Malachi 4:3 we read that the wicked will be walked upon, the same as the salt mentioned in Matthew, for we read: "They shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."

Let each one of us work as hard as we can to be children of God, then we will be the salt of the earth that is still good and not the kind of salt that is thrown away.

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BIBLE PUZZLE

By finding the names of the people or places in answer to the following statements, and using the first letter of each name you will have the name of a town in Judaea.

- 1. Ruth's husband.
- 2. The mother of John the Baptist.
- 3. The place where Paul was born.
- 4. A wicked king who caused many children to be killed.
- 5. A man Jesus raised from the dead.
- 6. A man who walked with God.
- 7. One of Noah's sons.
- 8. This woman was a queen, and risked her life to save her people.
- 9. This woman was a friend to Jesus.

You will find the answer to this puzzle on another page.

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IN GOD'S HOUSE

Be quiet and reverent. Do not run or shout.

Boys should remove caps or hats upon entering the building. Go to your seats and remain there until the service begins.

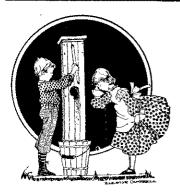
Take part in singing the hymns. Do not write or draw pictures in the hymnbooks.

It is ill-mannered to read your Bibleschool paper during services. Listen to speakers—do not whisper to your neighbor when some one is speaking.

Bow your head and close your eyes during prayer.

Gum should never be chewed during worship services. —Junior Life.

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"Am I glad to see this pump," Bessie said as she and her brother entered the country school yard.

"So am I. I am nearly choked for a drink of cold water," Dennie said.

The two children had been to the little country store on an errand for their mother. The sun was hot and the road dry and dusty, and the thought of a nice cool drink seemed good to the children.

As they were getting their drink a strange voice behind them said, "Isn't a drink of cool water when you are thirsty almost a life saver?"

Turning around, the children saw a very nice looking man. They wondered who he might be and where he had come from.

"Don't get frightened," he told them for he saw the puzzled look on their faces. "I am the evangelist who is going to hold some meetings each night for the next two weeks here in this school house."

The children remembered hearing their daddy tell their mother that there were to be some meetings at the school house and that they must be sure and go.

"Would you like a cold drink, too," Dennie asked the man.

"I believe I will take one. The trip out here was rather warm. Water is one thing we must have to live, but did you know that there is something that we must have to get eternal life? That is to drink of the water of life."

"If we need this water to keep alive, isn't it the water of life?" Bessie asked.

"This water will only help us to keep the life we have now, but the real water of life will give us eternal life," the man told her.

"Where can we get the water you are telling us about?" Dennie asked. By Edith Lippincott

Cup of Cold

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"In the Bible in John, chapter 4, we read of Jesus telling a woman that if she had known who He was and had asked Him for a drink that He would have given her living water to drink. The woman was drawing water from a well and Jesus told her that whoever drank of that water would get thirsty again."

"What could He give her to drink that would be living water?" Bessie asked for she was very much puzzled by what the man had told them.

"That was about the same question that the woman asked Him. His answer was. 'Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well springing up into everlasting life.' In chapter 7 we read, 'If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.' "

"What did He mean by those sayings?" Dennie asked.

"He wasn't talking about real water such as we have been drinking here," the evangelist answered. "He was talking about the people who wanted to learn of His teachings, and they wanted to know about Him and wanted to serve Him so much that it was almost like being thirsty. When a person is real thirsty he will do almost anything to get a drink of water. It is the same when we have a deep desire to serve God, we will learn from the example of Jesus."

"I see what you mean," Bessie said. "When we have learned from Jesus and have studied His life and teachings and keep the Commandments, it is like taking a big drink when we are real thirsty, it will give us life."

"You are right for the teachings of Jesus are the things that we need to have in our lives so that we will be ready for eternal life when Jesus comes again," the evangelist explained.

"We have heard about your meetings that you are going to hold here and we will tell our folks that we have met you and that we liked the lesson you gave us today. We will try and come to your meetings," Dennie said as he took his sister by the hand and said, "Come on, Bessie, we had better be getting these things to mother or she will be wondering what has happened to us. Goodby, Mister."

"Goodby, children, I will be looking for you at church," the man said as the two children went down the road.

Honesty Pays

By Jeannette Reed

Nearly all small children love to run errands for their parents. One day Tim was asked to go to the post office and get some stamps and postal cards. When he came home his mother counted them; not because she thought the clerk was dishonest, but because Tim might have played on the way home and might have dropped some. She found that there was one postal card too many so she called the man and told him she was sending Tim back with two cents to pay for the extra card. He thanked her very much and Tim delivered the two cents.

Several months later another trip to the post office was necessary. When Tim returned his mother counted as usual and there were ten three-cent stamps missing. Tim retraced his steps and searched along the way but no stamps were to be found.

His mother called and explained about the missing stamps and that Tim had looked along the way and had found no stamps. She asked if they had forgotten to give him all the stamps.

The man had several clerks helping him, so he questioned them. One clerk remembered he hadn't given the boy the stamps and found them laying where he had put them. The man phoned Tim's mother and told her about finding the stamps, and since he remembered the time about the two cents, he said that he knew that she was honest. If he had not believed her to be honest she would have had to wait until the end of the day when they counted the money and the stamps, and found that they had too much money. The man gave the stamps to Tim and he was a very happy boy because he had the stamps and because he hadn't lost them.

Mother explained to Tim about being honest and this little happening taught Tim a very god lesson. Tim was a good little boy and went to Sabbath School where he had been taught about being honest, but he had learned much more by his actual experience than from many stories.

I'm sure if he continues with God as his guide that he will grow up to be an honest young man and one that people will like. Don't you think so? If you are not going to church or Sabbath School you are missing an important part of your education. I hope if you are not going that you will start and be at your place in the class every week and you will find that you will hate to miss.

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BIRDS OF THE BIBLE

See if you can fill in the blank spaces in each stanza. The answers will be found in the Bible verses named:

When Noah built an ark and God Sent forty days of rain;

A flew out in search of land, And then flew back again.

-Genesis 8-9.

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The Lord sent forth a mighty wind, And with love that never fails; He heard the hungry people's cry

And sent them many

----Numbers 11:31.

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The Bible tells about the That stretches wings to fly Upward, onward to the South,

Beneath the bright, blue sky.

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-Job 39:26.

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Oh, the glory of the grace, Shining in the Savior's face, Telling sinners from above, God is light and God is love.—Sel.

HOW CHILDREN DRESS IN JAPAN

In Japan, little girls wear their black hair quite long, but the mothers and sisters comb their hair up in rolls on the tops of their heads. As a hairdresser often arranges these hair-dos, great care is taken at night so that the beautiful curls and puffs are not mussed.

In stead of a dress, a little Japanese girl wears a long kimona of pretty figured cotton. This kimono is folded over in front and held in place by a wide sash called an "obi." The long sleeves are used for pockets. The very best kimona of bright colored silk is saved for the cherry-blossom festival. Little Japanese girls never wear hats. Their heads are protected from the warm sun and from showers by a gay, colored umbrella of oiled paper.

The shoes worn by the little girls in Japan are so unusual it is a wonder she is able to walk at all. They are like sandals held in place by leather strips that pass between the big toe and the next toe. To protect her feet during rainy weather, these shoes are set up on two little strips of wood to keep them out of the mud, making the little girl look as if she were walking on stilts. The Japanese boy also wears a kimono similar to his sister's except his is narrower.

And like the Dutch children, Japanese youngsters also take off their shoes before going into the house.

Japan is another country where children dress very much like their parents do. Cotton is worn for everyday, and silk and satin kimonos are worn only for best.

-Junior Life.

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Strip a small tree or a shrub of its outer covering—its bark—and you will discover that each branch, knot, and blemish that shows on the surface had its start in the tree's heart, where its mark plainly shows.

Almost everything grows from within. Many of the disagreeable things that creep into our lives have their real beginning deep within ourselves. If the heart is kept right, life will be right. If our thoughts are kept clean and shining, our lives will be clean and shining.—Sunshine Magazet.

ANSWER TO BIBLE PUZZLE

1. Boaz; 2. Elisabeth; 3. Tarsus; 4. Herod; 5. Lazarus; 6. Enoch; 7. Ham; 8. Esther; 9. Mary or Martha. Now use the first letter of each name and you will have a name of a town in Judaea.



FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is the second time I have written to the Missionary. I have two sisters and I also have two pets.

I go to Sabbath School every Sabbath. There are four in my class. Aunt Lula is my teacher and I love her very much. I attended camp meeting in Farmville, North Carolina. We had a nice crowd and a wonderful time. I wish all of you could have been here. I hope I can go to Stanberry in August.

I will close with a puzzle: orf odg os edvol het rldow atht eh aveg ish lyno tenbegot ons, atht reveosowh etheblvie ni imh uldsho otn ishper, utb hvea tlasignreve lefi. John 3:16.

> Your friend, Carolyn Strickland.

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FROM COLORADO

Dear Little Missionary Readers:

We are the little children of the Denver Church of God, 7th day. We wish to tell the other little folk of the church what a large class we have, and what we do in our church.

Sometimes we color with crayons; we also listen to our teacher read, and the one thing we all seem to enjoy very much is singing songs to our Savior. We sing, "Jesus Loves Me"; "This Little Light of Mine," and other songs.

A few of us have pets such as kittens, dogs, chickens and gold fish. Some of us ride horseback sometimes, and most of us get to go to the mountains on picnics during the summer.

We have a large class the most of the time. Here are our names: Corene and Sharon Churchwell, Flossie Spooner, Shirley Stickley, Becky Walker, Kenneth, Howard, Jearold, and Arnie Pederson, Richard Craig, Ronald and Dearl Eaglesfield, David and Paul Spooner, Donald Githens, Clifford and Clyde Baker, Sherry Allen and Kenneth Walker.

We also have a number of Spanish brothers and sisters who visit us once in awhile. And often we have other visitors from other places.

Our teacher for this quarter is Sister Flossie Walker.

We do hope other little girls and boys will get some good from our letter. We also hope to meet more of you, and if it isn't possible at this time, may we all be ready to meet Jesus when He comes back to receive us. That is our prayer.

Your little friends in Jesus' name.

Written by Sister Flossie Walker for the class.

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FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the Missionary. I am ten years old. I will be in the fifth grade.

I have one brother, his name is Loren Le Roy. I have one big sister, too. She is married.

My Sabbath School teacher is Sister Darlene Kiesz. (She is my sister). We like her very much. My brother and I go to Sabbath School when possible. We enjoy going to Sabbath School.

We live seven and a half miles from Eureka, South Dakota. In the winter we have a lot of snow.

I will close with a puzzled memory verse: Bedleov tel su elvo noe othrena orf elov si odg, dna eeenorvy ttah lovteh si ornb fo dog, dna ehknotw odg. Eh ttha htevol ont khatoew ton dog fro dgo si evol.

> Your Missionary friend, Delores Otillia Haeger.

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FROM SOUTH DAKOTA

Dear Missionary Readers:

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I like your letters, and I hope that you will like mine. This is the second time that I have written to the Missionary.

I have a little sister. She was two years old April 6. Her name is Vickie. I am eight and a half years old. I will be in the fourth grade this year. We have young people's meeting every last Sabbath of the month. I am going to tell the story of Naaman, the leper. We go to Sabbath School every time we can. My teacher is my aunt, Darlene Kiesz. I have gold stars all the way through on my chart for perfect attendance. I like my Sabbath School teacher very much.

> Your friend, Rosemarie Moldenhauer.

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Your Lessons . . .

For August 9, 1952 CHOOSING A KING

Lesson Material: 1 Samuel, chapters nine and ten.

Memory Verse: "Trust in the Lord and do good." Psalm 37:3.

The people of Israel had asked Samuel for a king. This made Samuel feel bad, but when he talked to God about it, God told him to find a king for the people of Israel.

Now there was a man who lived in Gibe-ah, whose name was Kish. This man had a son whose name was Saul. Saul was a young man who was taller than all the others in Israel, so that the others came only to his shoulders. He was a good man, and it is said that there was none in Israel more goodly than he.

Kish, the father of Saul had a flock of asses which strayed away from home. So he said to Saul, "Take one of the servants and go see if you can find the asses which are lost." So Saul and the servant began to search, but after travelling a long distance and being gone many days, they had not found them. So Saul said to the servant, "Come, let us go home, or my father will began to worry about us instead of the asses."

The servant said to Saul, "Let us stop in this city, for a man of God lives here. Everything he says comes to pass. Perhaps he can tell us how to find your father's asses."

So Saul and the servant turned to go into the city to seek Samuel and ask of him if he could tell them about the asses that were lost.

The Lord had already spoken to Samuel

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and told him that a young man was coming to see him. Samuel met Saul in the gate of the city, and the Lord spoke to him saying, "This is the young man that I told you about. He shall be the king of Israel." Samuel met Saul and told him that the asses that were lost had been found, and invited him to spend the night in his home.

The next morning, as Saul and his servant were leaving, Samuel walked part of the way with them. After they had gone to the edge of the town, Samuel told Saul to send the servant on ahead. Then, when they were alone, Samuel took a bottle of oil and poured it on Saul's head. Then he told him that God had chosen him to be the king of Israel. He also gave him some signs that would come to pass, so that he would know that he was chosen. So Saul went back home to Gibeah, but it was still a little while before he began to reign as king.

Can You Tell?

In the story of what person or people do we find the following?

1. A sycomore tree.

- 2. The Red Sea.
- 3. A bottle of oil.
- 4. A fishing boat in a storm.
- 5. A boat full of animals.
- 6. A coat of many colors.
- 7. A sling and a stone.
- 8. A lamp in a pitcher.
- 9. Thirty pieces of silver.

10. A brother raised from the dead.

Answers

1. Zacchaeus; 2. Moses and the Children of Israel; 3. Saul; 4. The disciples; 5. Noah; 6. Joseph; 7. David and Goliath; 8. Gideon; 9. Judas; 10. Mary and Martha.

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For August 16, 1952

A KING WHO FAILED

Lesson Material: 1 Samuel 18:1-16; 31.

Memory Verse: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty." Prov. 16:32.

In our last lesson we learned how God told Samuel whom to select as king for the people. The people had never had a king before and God had told them that a king would not treat them right, but they called for a king so that they would be like the other countries around them. Although God was not pleased for them to have a king, yet, because they demanded a king He gave them one.

Saul was the first king, and when he was chosen by God he was a very good man. Saul had a son named Jonathan and this son and David were very good friends. They were closer together than brothers. Saul had David come to live in his house and would not let him return to his father's house anymore.

Saul placed David over the men of war, or over the soldiers, and David went out to battle and won many battles. As he would be returning home the people would meet him and sing songs to him, and said that he had won more battles than the king had. This made the king very angry and jealous and he decided to try to kill David. So one time when David was playing the harp for the king, the king threw a spear at him, hoping that it would kill David, but David was not harmed.

When king Saul let envy and hate for David come into his heart he began to sin and from that time on he was not a righteous king. He became worse and worse until finally God rejected him as king over His people and David was chosen to be king instead of Saul.

David was chosen by God and by the people to be their king before Saul died, but he would not act as king as long as Saul lived.

So we see that a good man that was chosen to be king because of his perfectness, let sin come into his heart, and that sin grew until it turned him away from God, and God rejected him as a chosen servant.

Can You Tell?

- 1. Who chose Saul as king?
- 2. Why did God give the people a king?
- 3. What was the king's son's name?
- 4. What work did the king give David to do?
- 5. Why did the king become jealous of David?
- 6. Why did God reject Saul as king?
- 7. Who was to be king after Saul died?

Tiny Tot's Page

TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first letter. I am a little girl four years old. I live on a farm and have two little dogs for pets. Their names are Midget and Toodles.

I don't get to go to Sabbath School very often as we live too far away. When I do go I go to Claremore, Oklahoma.

I have three brothers and two sisters. One brother is in the army and is now in France.

My mother is writing for me as I can't write. I will close for now.

Your friend, Anita Marie Holt.

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JOLLY DAN

I have the cutest pup; His name is Jolly Dan; He runs and brings my ball I throw far as I can! Dan stays at home with me And always holds me back If I start across the street To see my neighbor Jack. I never pull Dan's tail, He never snaps at me... We're good pals together, Who's happier than we? --Mary C. Shaw in Young Pilgrim.

MEMORY VERSE

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." Matthew 5:5.

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We need tiny tot letters for this page. We are glad to have letters from the children five years old or younger for this page.

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TINY TOT PUZZLE

Begin at dot Number 1 and draw on around and see if you can find out what it is that will speak for a cracker.

