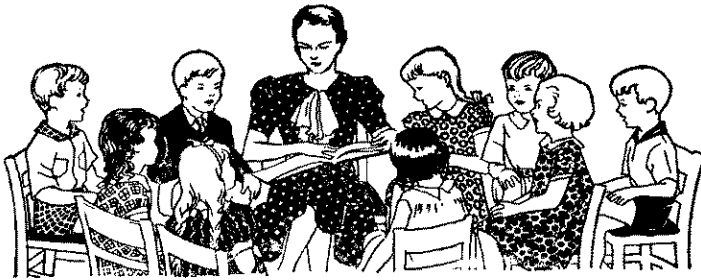


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Words

Keep a watch on your words, children,
For words are wonderful things,
They are sweet like the bee's fresh honey;
Like the bees, they have terrible stings,
They can bless like the warm glad sunshine
And brighten a lonely life,
They can cut in the strife of anger
Like a cruel two-edge knife.

Keep them back if they are cold and cruel,
Under bar and lock and seal
For the wounds they make, dear children,
Are always slow to heal.
May peace guard your lips forever,
From the time of your early growth,
May the words that you daily utter
Be only the words of Truth. —*Unknown.*

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EDITORIAL

The other day we went for a ride in the country. As we were driving along we noticed the telephone lines beside the road were covered with small birds, in some places. The birds were all sitting up so nicely in rows. This made us think that soon most of the birds would migrate to warmer climates.

In the late summer months before fall all the birds seem to know that soon it will be cold so they must leave for a warmer place. The Lord has given the birds this instinct to know about this. They all seem to collect into large groups before leaving for the south. Maybe they don't like to travel alone. It isn't much fun to travel by one's self without a pal.

Many of the birds have a long journey to make. Some of them go down south as far as the equator and some of them cross over the equator and go into more temperate climates below. It must take the birds many days to make the trip as they would get very tired traveling so far. They travel all day and rest at night. They must also stop along the way to get food to eat.

The birds do not worry about where they are going to get food or shelter because the Lord provides for our feathered friends. They have many trees everywhere in which to rest. There are also many insects and

much fruit and grain so that the birds need not get hungry on their trip.

We should all take a lesson from the birds. The Lord will provide for our daily needs of food and shelter too if we will trust in Him. The Bible tells us that the Lord will never leave us or forsake us if we trust Him. Think of how the Lord has blessed us and give thanks to Him every day. The birds thank the Lord in their language, so it seems, and He understands them. They sing happy songs to show their appreciation for His goodness to them.

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BIRD PUZZLE

Can you complete this puzzle-rhyme by filling each blank space with the name of a bird which rhymes with the last word of the preceding line:

1. As calm as the bay,
As noisy as a
2. As tame as a hen,
As small as a
3. As round as a bobbin.
As early as a
4. As straight as an arrow,
As friendly as a
5. As white as chalk,
As unpopular as a
6. As clean as a towel,
As wise as an

—Junior Life.

Answers to Bird Puzzle

1. Jay, 2. Wren, 3. Robin, 4. Sparrow, 5. Hawk, 6. Owl.

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DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWERS ?

1. The strong man of the Bible was—
Samuel, Saul, Samson.
2. The wise man of the Bible was—
Seth, Saul, Samson
3. The man cast into the lions' den was—
David, Daniel, Dan
4. The man sold by his brothers was—
Jacob, James, Joseph
5. The man who made a golden calf was—
Aaron, Abel, Adam

ANSWERS: 1. 3rd name; 2. 2nd name; 3. 2nd name; 4. 3rd name; 5. 1st name.

Joe Changes His Mind

One Sabbath morning little Joe got up with a long face; that is, he had no smile or happy twinkle in his eyes. It could be said that this little boy got up on the wrong side of the bed. It was a beautiful morning. The sun brightened the earth with its rays of light, and a very slight breeze made the leaves of the trees ripple ever so gently. The birds were singing as if the joy of the Lord was in their hearts, but somehow little Joe didn't feel the same way.

There was no good reason for little Joe to feel unhappy and wear a frown. He had been told it was much easier to smile, but he chose to frown.

"Mother," he began to complain, "I don't want to go to Sabbath school today."

His mother was rather surprised, but she had noted the expression on his face, and knew something must be wrong. She did not reply, pretending not to hear him. Little Joe then repeated his words.

"Are you feeling well, this morning?" asked his mother.

"I feel all right," came the reply, "but I don't want to go to Sabbath school."

"Maybe I should take your temperature," continued Joe's mother, "and then if it is high I'll call the doctor."

"I don't need a doctor," scowled little Joe.

"But something must be wrong if you feel that way, and we must find out what it is," said Mrs. Smyth.

Just then daddy came in from a short walk. When he learned that little Joe did not want to go to Sabbath school he said, "Mother, you know that Joe and I are special pals, and I think we can talk this over and come to a good understanding of things. Don't you think so, my son?" and he looked right into little Joe's eyes and placed his hand on his head.

Little Joe was about to pull away, but his daddy took him on his lap. "Is there something else you want to do rather than go to Sabbath school? or don't you like to go?"

"I want to stay home today, that's all,"

persisted little Joe.

"Are you sure about that?" asked his daddy. "Have you thought it all over very carefully? Have you prayed to the Lord and told Him you didn't want to go to Sabbath school?"

There was silence for a moment. Little Joe did not answer. He started to get down, but his daddy held him a little tighter. "Just a minute or two, my little man. You haven't told me why you want to stay home today. Are you out of sorts with the Lord? Don't you want to please Him for all His goodness to you? Don't you love your mother and daddy?"

Little Joe didn't say a word. He hung his head as though he were thinking hard. Either he couldn't find any words to say or he just simply had nothing to say in reply to what his father was saying.

Mr. Smyth, turning his head, looked out the window. A robin was singing nearby. "Do you hear that happy robin?" I am quite sure that the Lord is pleased to hear the birds singing. They seem so happy. And I am sure Jesus is pleased to hear the little boys and girls sing in Sabbath school. But, do you know, there is one who does not like this. The enemy of our souls wants us to rebel against God and disobey Him. He does not want us to be happy for the Lord. His spirit gets into some people at times and causes them to be bad. But I don't want to be on his side, do you?"

Little Joe began to think about God. He knew God could see him and hear all that he said. He wondered if God might ever frown at him. Then he thought how Jesus loved little children, and he felt that if he stayed home from Sabbath school Jesus would know all about it. "Would the Lord feel sad if I stayed home today?" he asked.

"The Lord is never pleased when people don't do the right thing. One time Jesus was up on a hill—I think it must have been a hill—and He was looking over the city of Jerusalem. He wept over the city because so many of the people there refused to believe or obey Him. He loved them and

wanted them to come to Him just like little chickens come to their mother and are protected under her wings. But many of them were stubborn and went their own way. It made Jesus sad," said little Joe's father.

Little Joe's face brightened. "I guess I'd rather be on Jesus' side. Mother may I wear my new suit to Sabbath school?"

The frown that had been on little Joe's face vanished and he became as happy as a lark for now he wanted to please the Lord.

—Written for the S.S.M.

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A SCHOOLGIRL'S TESTIMONY

I'm just a schoolgirl, you can see,
There's much I do not know;
Yet I can say that Jesus' blood
Has washed me white as snow.

For Jesus is my Savior dear
And from Him naught can part;
I'm trusting in His precious blood
To cleanse my sinful heart.

Though just a schoolgirl, I can shine
And show by my behavior
That Jesus Christ is really mine—
My precious loving Savior.

The other girls at school may say
That I've a narrow mind,
That in the pleasures of the world
I should enjoyment find.

But God's Word says remember now
To serve our great Creator;
Oh, bring thy youthful days to Him,
And do not wait till later!

I'll soon grow up and have to face
The world and all its strife;
I'm glad that I can give to God
The best years of my life.

—Mrs. M. Webb in *Lighted Pathway*.

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"Can a saw buck?"

"Sure! Ever hear a ginger snap?"

"Yes. Ever see a bed spring?"

"To be sure. How would a crash suit?"
First rate. But isn't a weather vane?"

—Selected.

Tommy's Disobedience

By Ned Coulson

Tommy was a lad about nine years old. His father and mother were missionaries in Africa.

One morning as Tommy was eating his breakfast, he looked out of the hut window where he lived and saw a small path which back into the thick brush. Tommy began he had never noticed before. The path went to wonder where the path went, and kept thinking how he would like to follow the path; but he remembered that his mother told him many times not to wander away from the little hut.

After breakfast Tommy hurried outside to play, but as he played he kept seeing the path until he thought it wouldn't hurt if he just went a little way into the brush to see where the path led. As Tommy started to follow the path, he thought of what his mother told him, but kept right on walking down the path until he couldn't see the hut any more.



Tommy now forgot how far he was from home and just kept wandering farther into the woods until he came to a place where the path turned and three different ways. Tommy started up one of the paths until he heard a noise; then he became afraid and turned around and started to run home to his little hut. But he took the wrong path and kept running farther into the woods until he realized that he was lost.

Tommy began to cry for help, but no help came. Soon night came and Tommy shivered in the darkness. He kept hearing strange noises, but kept crying for help until a man from Tommy's village heard the boy and ran to find him. The man took Tommy by the hand and led him home. Tommy promised his mother that he would never leave again, but always do as she told him.

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Save this paper, your Sabbath school lesson for next week is in it.

Queen Esther Saves Her People

The night that Haman built the gallows on which to hang Mordecai, King Ahasuerus could not sleep.

He asked one of his servants to read the records of the chronicles. They came to the record of the good deed done by Mordecai when he told the king of the two men who were seeking to kill him. The king said, "What honour... hath been done to Mordecai for this?"

The king's servant said, "There is nothing done for him."

The next morning Haman came to the king to ask for permission to take Mordecai's life. The king's servant announced him, "Behold, Haman standeth in the court."

The king answered, "Let him come in." When Haman came in, the king asked, "What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour?"

Haman thought to himself, "To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?"

So Haman said, "Let the royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the royal crown which is set upon his head: and let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man... and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him. Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour."

Then the king said to Haman, "Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew... Let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken."

You can imagine how Haman felt to be dressing Mordecai with the king's clothes and leading the horse for him, after he thought the king was surely speaking of himself. It made him hate Mordecai all the more.

That evening Haman and the king went to eat with Queen Esther.

King Ahasuerus again asked Esther what was troubling her.

Esther answered him, "If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request... for we are to be slain."

The king said, "Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?"

Esther answered, "The enemy is this wicked Haman."

Then Haman was afraid of what the king would do. The king was so angry he had to leave the table and walk away. How, he thought to himself, could that man trick me so evilly. When he came back to Esther, he found Haman begging her to save his life.

King Ahasuerus ordered his men to take Haman away and hang him on the gallows prepared for Mordecai.

Then he gave his ring to Mordecai, making him the king's most noble prince. This was the office that the wicked Haman held.

Esther then pleaded for her people. She knew that once a law was made and signed by the king it must be done. So she and Mordecai wrote a letter for the king and he signed it. And the day that all Jews were to be killed, she asked that they all band together and stand against anyone who might try to kill them.

So, Esther saved the lives of all her people, including Mordecai and herself. And oh, how happy the king was to know that Esther was safe and once more happy.

—By Mary Ralton in *Restitution Herald*.

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A PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, may we love Thee and Thy church more each day. Help us to do our part in the work of the church and to use every opportunity we have that more people will become Christians and follow Thee. Watch over us and keep us close to Thee, dear Lord. Forgive us when we do wrong. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

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"My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments."

LETTERS

FROM TEXAS

Dear Missionary Reader:

This is my first time to write to the Missionary. I have three cats. We did have two dogs but they got lost.

I went to camp meeting this year.

I will close for now.

Wanda Belden

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WHAT MOTHER LIKED BEST

As Martha passed the flower shop,
Red roses were in bloom,
She longed to buy a big bouquet
To brighten Mother's room.

She had some pennies in her purse.
Just ten and not one more,
She counted every one again,
And lingered at the door.

And then she saw while walking home
Wild blossoms in the lanes;
She gathered all her arms would hold
And made them into chains.

She gave her Mother some to wear,
"Just wild ones," she confessed;
Her mother smiled and softly said,
"I like wild roses best." —*Selected.*

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MATCH THE FATHERS AND SONS

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| 1. Jacob | James |
| 2. Adam | John Baptist |
| 3. Zacharias | Seth |
| 4. Joseph | Benjamin |
| 5. Simon | Obed |
| 6. Boaz | Esau |
| 7. David | Hophni |
| 8. Isaac | Rufus |
| 9. Zebedee | Absalom |
| 10. Eli | Ephraim |

Answers to Match

1. Jacob and Benjamin, 2. Adam and Seth
3. Zacharias and John Baptist, 4. Joseph
and Ephraim, 5. Simon and Rufus, 6. Boaz
and Obed, 7. David and Absalom, 8. Isaac
and Esau, 9. Zebedee and James, 10. Eli
and Hophni.

We have only have one letter for our letters column this time.

Why not write a letter for the *Missionary* the next time you go to Sabbath school. All the other children like to know what you are doing. Some of you, I know, could write interesting letters so get busy now and send your letters to: The Sabbath School Missionary, Box 78, Stanberry, Missouri.

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Your Lessons . . .

Lesson for October 4, 1952

"JESUS OBEYS GOD"

Lesson Material: Matthew 3:13-4:11.

Memory Verse: "Teach me to do thy will"

Psalm 143:10a.

LESSON STORY

Jesus is the Son of God. God sent Him to this earth to teach all of us the way of truth and the way to follow God. Jesus is our example. He knew what God would have Him to do and He obeyed.

John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus. He, too, was one of God's preachers. He came to preach the gospel and to baptize those who obeyed God and repented of their sins.

One day when John was baptizing in the river Jordan, Jesus came to him and asked him to baptize Him. Read Matthew 3:14 and find John's answer.

But Jesus wanted to obey God's command to be baptized so He asked John again. "And Jesus, when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Mathew 3: 16 and 17. God said He was pleased. Jesus had obeyed Him.

In the Bible reading for today's lesson there is also the story of Jesus being in the wilderness where the devil came to tempt Him. He was trying to get him to serve him instead of God. But Jesus was always ready to answer him with a text of Scripture.

After Jesus had been in the wilderness

for forty days and nights without food, this is the way the devil tempted Him. He said: "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." Use your Bible and find the answer Jesus gave in Matthew 4:4. What does He mean by "it is written"?

Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him up on a pinnacle of a high temple. He said, "If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down." But Jesus answered again with a text from the Bible. Find His answer in Matthew 4:7.

Finally, the devil took Him to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. He said if Jesus would serve him, He could have all of them. Matthew 4:10 tells Jesus' answer that time. Read it and verse 11 to finish this story.

Do You Know?

If you do not know these answers, see who can find the text first.

1. Who had five loaves and two fishes?
John 6:9.
2. Who said, "I am the bread of life"?
John 6:35.
3. Who said, "Cast thy bread upon the waters"? Ecclesiastes 11:1.
4. What boy was left in a basket by a river? Exodus 2:5.
5. Whom did Peter raise from the dead?
Acts 9:36, 40.

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Lesson for October 11, 1952

"HAPPY WAYS OF LIVING"

Lesson Material: Matthew 5:1-16.

Memory Verse: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it."
Luke 11:28.

LESSON STORY

After Jesus was baptized by John in the river Jordan, He went about all Galilee "teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people." People thronged to hear Him. He was always followed by a great crowd to be healed and taught.

The first sermon of His that we read in the Bible is found in Matthew 5. Keep your Bible open to this chapter while we study

this lesson. There was a great crowd present the day Jesus gave this sermon to the people and to us. Verse one says "multitudes" were there. Notice verses 3 to 11. How are they alike? They are called the beatitudes. Spend a part of your class period learning three of them in order. They all tell how we may be blessed. Discuss: poor in spirit. Those of us who want to possess the kingdom of heaven are trying to be poor in spirit. By that we mean we are not proud or haughty. The poor in spirit will some day be very rich. Folks who are "poor in spirit" are usually meek. What will the meek have as their reward? Where will the kingdom of heaven be?

The happy way of living is found in the Bible. If we really want to do God's will we "hunger after righteousness" (the right way of living). How shall we be filled?

Discuss: "pure in heart." Is their reward worth working hard for? What are some things that you could see a person who is "pure in heart" doing? Could he or she lie? or steal? or be unfair in any way?

Sometimes it is hard for Christians in this wicked world. We are "made fun of" or persecuted in other ways. Read verses 11 and 12. Is there a reward promised?

We cannot expect the world to love us but if we love the world, we cannot expect to be called Christians. It is better to be "Christ like" and be loved by God. But we are expected to be God's lights in the we must shine brightly so that all may world and try to lead others to Him. So see and God will be glorified. What lesson do you get from verses 14 to 16 of Matthew 5?

True or False

Correct the false statements.

1. Jesus baptized John.
2. The "poor in spirit" shall see God.
3. Jonah went to Nineveh as God commanded.
4. Jesus fed a multitude with 6 loaves and 10 fishes.
5. A synagogue is a large home.
6. There are 75 books in the Bible.
7. Jesus spent His boyhood at Nazareth.
8. David wrote the Psalms.
9. Esther was Moses sister.
10. Moses and Aaron were brothers.

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TINY TOT LETTER

Dear Missionary Readers:

This is my first time to write to the little paper. I am a little boy five years old. I am in the beginners class and my teacher is Mrs. Jennie Hosteter. I like to read stories.

I make my home with Miss Susie De Wind, and we go to church every Sabbath. I like our S. S. teacher, Miss Carrie

Coulson. I like to listen to the singing of songs.

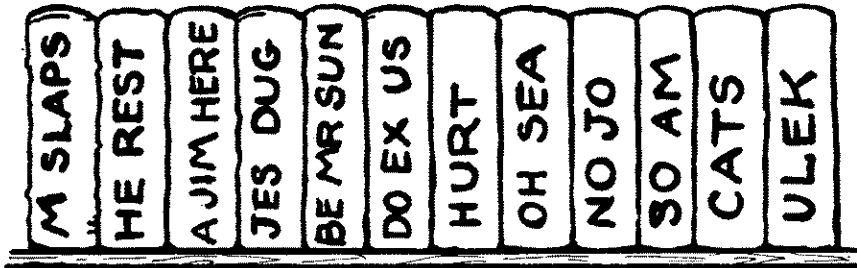
Your little friend,
Randy Nienhius

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MEMORY VERSE

"My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness." Psalm 119:172.

TINY TOT PUZZLE



The names of these books look very queer, but if the letters are straightened about, each will be found to be one of the books of the Bible.