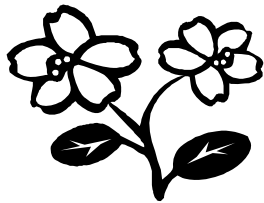


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CREATION CORNER

"Pray without Ceasing"

"Consider how they grow" Matthew 6:28

The departing guests were saying a sectional good-by. Little Miss Three-Years-Old occupied the waiting time in running close circles on the grass until she tumbled in a heap of ecstatic dizziness. Her joy was complete until mother noticed her and said sharply, "Stop that!"

Little Miss obeyed, but the joy drained out of her. I thought: "Oh, mother, let her rejoice in her youth. She's doing no harm, exploring her entrancing powers. Don't be taking the joy out of her life, when her recreations are innocent, and you don't provide something else."

To the child I said, "Come on! Let's run in a straight line." Instantly joy returned to her down-cast face. Together we ran to the edge of the yard. Together we sat down in a sudden plop. Then we looked around for the next number on the program.

"Oh! Oh!" she shouted. "Little leaves pwaying!" Yes, a big clump of clover leaves near us were going to sleep in the on-coming dusk, each one in the attitude of babyhood at mother's knee in every Christian home: the two lower leaflets folded together like little hands at prayer, and the third leaflet bent down like a reverent head.

"Little leaves pwaying!" repeated the baby softly, looking wonderingly from me to the clover clump.

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"Yes, darling," I said, "the little leaves are praying. They are going to bed. They worked and played all day. Now they are sleepy. They go to bed early. They don't fuss, and they never forget to pray."

"Little leaves work like daddy?" she asked.

"No, honey. Little leaves stay in one place, where Jesus made them grow. They work by breathing in fresh air and sunshine. They play by waving back and forth in the wind. They go to sleep like this. When the sun comes back in the morning, they will wake up."

Baby looked meditatively at the sleeping clover leaves. The radiance of a new thought flowed over her.

"Little leaves pway while they sleep. *Little leaves pway always!*"

Later as I bowed beside my bed, I prayed the baby's "pwayer": "Lord, keep me as faithful as the clover leaves."



The clovers look at God all day;
Then fold their rounded hands to pray
When evening comes;
And bend their heads
And sleep upon their earthy beds.

So lift I up my heart all day
To Thee, above my toilsome way.
When evening comes,
I gladly bend my weary head
To rest on angel-guarded bed.
Mary Hunter Moore - = ^ .. ^ =

HISTORY

The Christian Church: part 4: 400-500 AD

The church of Jesus' apostles did not get corrupted suddenly. It took time for the precious truth of the simple gospel of Jesus to be lost sight of and replaced with man's ideas. But one of the ways it happened was through huge church councils. They would claim to be trying to say what was truth but really the Bishop who could get the most power or influence was the one who's ideas were said to be true.

Some bribed the Emperor with gold to support them. Others got the wild and dangerous monks on their side. One bishop marched into one of the councils with an army and the other Bishops hid under benches and things thinking they were going to be killed. They would go along with whoever had the most power, so if they agreed with one person at one counsel, at the next they might say just the opposite.

It is very plain as you read about these councils that they did not ask God to guide them and they did not study the Bible to learn truth. They just put forth man's ideas. One Bishop that at one council was declared to be right and true, at a later council was rejected. They beat him and stomped on him so badly he died a few days later. That sure does not sound like followers of Jesus, does it?

Now you may hear some time about the 'Church Fathers' and their writings. There are two groups of these 'Fathers' one before the councils called 'early Church Fathers' and one after the councils 'Later church Fathers'.

People are told it is important to read their writings. They think that especially the early ones would know the truth from the disciples and so we could believe them. Sadly, this is not true.

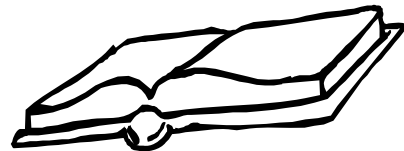
Those early 'Fathers' were the ones who came

out of Pagan religions. Some had been priests and teachers of heathenism and they did not give up their ideas when they became 'Christians'. They thought that they were much smarter than Christians who just believed the Bible.

They were the ones who corrupted the church with their wrong ideas. Paul and John wrote when they were still alive that already they were starting in his day to do this, and to watch out for it.

Some of these men were so cruel and power hungry that people were afraid of them. One of them was jealous of a woman who used to preach in the same city where he was, and more people came to hear her than him. He sent cruel men and they pulled her from her chariot and murdered her horribly right in a church. And yet they claimed to be Christians and church leaders. It was mostly from men like these that the Roman Church got her doctrines and beliefs!

Someday someone may tell you that you should believe the church fathers and read their writings. You should ask them, "Now why would I think I could learn good things from such men?" Read your Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy writings which are true, not writings of such mixed up and wicked men. = ^ .. ^ =



THE BIBLE STANDS

**The Bible stands like a mountain towering
Far above the works of men;
Its truth by none ever was refuted,
And destroy it they never can.**

**The Bible stands and it will forever,
When the world has passed away;
By inspiration it has been given,
All its precepts I will obey.**

**The Bible stands every test we give it,
For its Author is divine;
By grace alone I expect to live it,
And to prove and make it mine.**



TRUE-STORY-TIME

The Three Little Birds

There once was a man named George Thomas, a pastor in a small New England town. One Easter Sunday morning he came to the Church carrying a rusty, bent, old bird cage, and set it by the pulpit.

Several eyebrows were raised and, as if in response, Pastor Thomas began to speak "I was walking through town yesterday when I saw a young boy coming toward me swinging this bird cage. On the bottom of the cage were three little wild birds, shivering with cold and fright.

I stopped the lad and asked, "What you got there son?"

"Just some old birds," came the reply. "I set a trap, used some bait, and I got them!"

"What are you gonna do with them?" I asked.

"Take 'em home and have fun with 'em," he answered. I'm gonna tease 'em and pull out their feathers to make 'em fight. I'm gonna have a real good time."

"But you'll get tired of those birds sooner or later. What will you do then?"

"Oh, I got some cats," said the young fellow. "They like birds. I'll take 'em to them."

The pastor was silent for a moment. "How much do you want for those birds, son?"

"Huh??!!! Why, you don't want them birds, mister. They're just plain old field birds. They don't sing, they ain't even pretty!"

"How much?" the pastor asked again. The boy sized up the pastor as if he were crazy and said, "\$10?" Now ten dollars was a lot of money back then!

The pastor reached in his pocket and took out a ten dollar bill. He placed it in the boy's hand. In a flash, the boy was gone, leaving the old bird cage.

The pastor picked up the cage and gently carried it to the end of the alley where there was a tree and a grassy spot. Setting the cage down, he opened the door, and by softly tapping the bars persuaded the birds out, setting them free.

Well, that explained the empty birdcage on the pulpit, and then the pastor began to tell this story.

One day Satan and Jesus were having a conversation. Satan had just come from the Garden of Eden, and he was gloating and boasting. "Yes, sir, I just caught the world full of people down there. Set me a trap, used bait I knew they couldn't resist. Got 'em all!"

"What are you going to do with them?" Jesus asked.

Satan replied, "Oh, I'm gonna have fun! I'm gonna teach them how to marry and divorce each other, how to hate and abuse each other, how to drink and smoke and curse. I'm gonna teach them how to invent guns and bombs and kill each other. I'm really gonna have fun!"

"And what will you do when you get done with them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, I'll kill 'em," Satan glared proudly.

"How much do you want for them?" Jesus asked.

"Oh, you don't want those people. They ain't no good. Why, you'll take them and they'll just hate you. They'll spit on you, curse you and kill you!! You don't want those people!!"

"How much?" He asked again. Satan looked at Jesus and sneered, "All your tears, and all your blood."

Jesus said, "DONE!" Then He paid the price.

The pastor opened the door of the cage and he walked from the pulpit, leaving the people staring at the empty cage.



ADVENT HISTORY

We are going to have a series of stories about the Great Advent movement out of which the people known as Seventh-day Adventists came. The 'time of the end' in the Bible started in 1798 and around that time many prophecies from the Bible began to be fulfilled. We will learn about them.

Part 1: Dark Days and Falling Stars:

Dark Day: 19th of May, 1780

Falling Stars: 13th November, 1833

The day became as dark as night, and everyone wondered what it could mean.

"Mother, what time is it?" cried Ben, as he came running in from the yard. "It is only ten o'clock in the morning," said mother with a smile. "Then why is it so dark, mother?"

"Do not be afraid, my son. Here comes your father now."

"What can this mean?" said father, as he opened the door. "It is getting dark. The cows have come to the barn. The chickens have gone to roost. They think it is night." Mother lighted a candle. It was as dark as night. Ben started to cry. "Do not cry," said father .

"What can this mean?" said mother. Father answered: "Jesus told His disciples about a dark day that would show that His coming was near. This may be the last day on this earth."

It was so dark Ben could not play. He watched it until at last he went to sleep. How happy Ben was the next morning to find the bright sun making the world light again.

Many years passed by. Ben became an old man. He became a grandfather . Nellie and Edward were his grand-children. Nellie and Edward liked stories. They liked to hear about grandfather when he was a little boy.

Grandfather told them many stories. One time he told them the story of the dark day and of that night when the moon was as red as blood. He said: "These were signs that Jesus is soon coming."

Nellie and Edward heard the story. Grandfather told it so vividly they could almost see him as a boy. When the story was finished, they went upstairs and mother put Nellie and Edward to bed. Grandfather went to bed, too.

In the night grandfather called them. He called father and mother. He called Nellie and Edward. He said: "Get up quickly! Everyone ran outside to see the stars falling from the heavens. Come look at the stars! They are falling. It is as light as day."

Everyone ran outside to watch the stars. Nellie and Edward were afraid. Nellie stood close to mother. Edward stood close to father. Many people were crying. They were afraid. They thought the end of the world had come. Grandfather looked happy. He said: "This is another sign that Jesus is soon coming."

When daylight came, the falling stars could no longer be seen. The sun shone brightly.

Nellie and Edward played with their playmates. They talked about the falling stars. They told them the story of the dark day and of the night when the moon was as red as blood. They were happy that Jesus was soon coming. = ^ .. ^ =



BUILDING FOR JESUS

Magic part 1

There is so much talk about magic spells and wizards and things like that today. So many children's programs, books and movies talk about it, and it is so popular.

It is natural for people in this world to want power. to want to be able to get what they want, or do what they want, without a lot of work. Satan is tricking people by making them think there is such a thing as 'magic' and you can say certain words or mix certain things together or make motions with your hands or a wand and that will make something just happen.

I want to tell you that it is all a big lie. Satan invented lies, so he likes to lie to us. If somebody believes he is working magic to make a table float to the ceiling, for example, he studies to learn the magic words, then he says them, and the table floats to the ceiling.

Yes, it can really happen. But I want to tell you HOW it happens. Satan's bad angels take hold on

that table and lift it up. That is how it happens. Magic is really a lie but Satan makes it seem real.

Now that is why Jesus doesn't want us to have anything to do with 'magic'. He knows that it is a trap of Satan to hurt us. We are told in the Bible not even to learn about things like that. We must not read about it, or play with people who do magic. We are not even to pretend to do it, or read or watch pretend stories about it.

People end up thinking they have special powers and they know secret things, but really Satan is just tricking them. It is just he and his angels that do the 'magic'. Satan really hates all people. He wants them all to suffer and die. He hates us because Jesus made us and Jesus loves us and he hates Jesus!

Remember, even if magic seems to work and seems to be real, it is still only Satan and his nasty angels tricking people so they will not get to go to heaven with Jesus! = ^ .. ^ =



WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 13:

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don't forget to learn the text too.

“THE TWO SONS”

MEMORY VERSE: “Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.” Hebrews 11:11

Sunday

Text: Genesis 15:5 “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be”.

Think for a moment about Abraham. God had promised him that he would be the father of nations and that the Messiah would come through his line and here he was old, and his wife was old and he had no children at all!

God had even changed his name from 'Abram' to 'Abraham' which means 'Father of a multitude'. Just imagine someone asks your name, you say 'Abraham' and they say, “Oh, how many children do you have?” and you say “None.” That would make you feel strange, wouldn't it?

Abraham believed God, the Bible tells us; but he had no idea how this could happen. So when Sarah one day suggested that he take a second wife and so have a son by her, he began to think about it.

He knew it was not God's plan for men to have more than one wife, but finally he did what Sarah said and married Hagar, Sarah's maid. Sure enough a boy was born and named 'Ishmael' meaning 'God will hear'. But this brought a lot of trouble into Abraham's family. To learn more about that you can read the story from the Bible.

Thought - When we try our own ideas to help God out, we get into trouble!

Monday

Text: Genesis 18:10 “And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard it in the tent door, which was behind him.”

Remember last week how we learned that Jesus told Abraham, Sarah would have a son, when He visited him about the destruction of Sodom? Well, sure enough, just like Jesus said, she had the son and they called him 'Isaac', which means laughter, because Sarah had laughed when the Lord told her about it.

Now when Isaac was weaned, Abraham had a party for him and Sarah saw Ishmael making fun of Isaac. Now poor Ishmael, he had thought he was to be heir of all Abraham had, and now here was this new son. It was hard for him to accept.

Sarah told Abraham to send Ishmael and Hagar away. Abraham felt bad and prayed about it. God

said that he was to send them away. You see, God never gave men permission to have more than one wife, even if it was the custom, it still was not right.

Abraham felt sad, but he obeyed and sent away the boy and his mother. God promised to take care of Ishmael and make him a great nation also, and He did. Ishmael's children are the Arabians. The Jews and the Arabs have fought always and still do! What a lot of trouble could have been saved if Abraham had not had that other son!

Thought - Even if everybody else does something that is wrong, it does not make it right!

Tuesday

Text: Genesis 22:2 "And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."

Sarah and Abraham were so happy with their son Isaac. They watched him grow up from a babe to a child, and finally a teenager. They taught him all about God and how he was to be the one through whom the Messiah would be born. Isaac was a good and obedient boy, and made his parents very happy.

Then came the terrible night when God spoke through an angel to Abraham and told him to go and offer Isaac for a burnt offering! Imagine the pain and shock to Abraham! It would have been easier for Abraham to die if God wished, but his son Isaac? The promised miracle baby? How could God ask this of him?

Abraham knew God's voice, but he couldn't believe this command. He prayed for God to explain it, but no answer came. He went out to where he had met angels and talked with them, but no one came to talk to him. It was dark, everyone was asleep. The stars shown bright over his head and he remembered the promise 'Your children will be like the stars'. How could this come true if Isaac died?

We are told that Abraham went in and looked at Isaac sleeping in his bed and at Sarah as she slept. At first he was going to wake her and tell her about it. But then he thought, no, she might not be able to bear that thought and he knew he must obey God.

Thought - We need to trust and obey God no matter what happens.

Wednesday

Text: Genesis 22:3 "And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him."

Finally, Abraham wakened Isaac, and told him to come with him, and left early in the morning to go to the mountain to make that terrible sacrifice.

He did not tell Isaac the whole story yet, and as they traveled and Isaac chatted away to his father, Abraham's heart became heavier with every step. He would gladly have died in Isaac's place, but no, God said to offer Isaac.

For three days they traveled; Finally Abraham saw a cloud on top of a distant mountain and he knew this was where God wanted him to make the sacrifice. He told his two servants to wait there, while he and Isaac went to the mountain alone. He put the wood on Isaac's strong shoulders and took the fire in the burner and headed to the mountain, his heart like a lump of lead in his breast.

Verse 7, "And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Thought - Imagine what Abraham felt like when Isaac asked him that question.

Thursday

Text: Genesis 22:8 "And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together."

At last they were on the mountaintop and they built an altar just in the way God had told them to do. Then, finally, Abraham had to tell Isaac the truth. At first he could not believe what his father was saying; he was to be the offering?

Isaac was young and could have run away from his old father, but he loved God also, and felt honored that God had asked for him as a special offering. He knew he was a miracle baby, and he was obedient to God's wishes. Both he and his father knew that God could raise him up from the dead, from the very ashes of the burnt offering.

They hugged and kissed each other and their

tears fell fast. Finally Abraham lifted the knife to slay his precious son. Suddenly the voice of the angel was heard; "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

Then they looked, and there was a ram caught in the bushes by his horns. They went and got the ram and offered it, in place of Isaac. God did provide an offering.

Thought - Imagine how happy Abraham and Isaac were as they returned from the mountain together.

Friday

Text: Galatians 3:29 "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Abraham had a few times distrusted God. When he lied about Sarah being his wife, twice, he wasn't really trusting God. When he married Hagar, he wasn't trusting God. God gave him this great test, probably the hardest test any human was ever given, to show that Abraham would be faithful and therefore worthy to be called the father of all the faithful people who would believe in Jesus. God gave Abraham a special understanding of the great sacrifice God was making in giving His only Son.

Dear children, I want you to think about the great sacrifice God made for you and me in giving Jesus to die for our sins. The angel called to

Abraham and gave him a ram to offer instead. But Jesus had to come and God had to see his precious Son, mocked, tortured and dying in agony on the cross. There was no other way for God to be able to save you. No other way! There was no Ram could take the place for Jesus. The Angels, who love Jesus, wanted to come and snatch Jesus out of the hands of the cruel men, but God had to say, "No."

The darkness around the cross and the terrible earthquake on that day, told a little bit about the anguish of God the Father as His dear Son suffered for our sins.

Sin is terrible. It is deadly. That is why Jesus offers to take it out of our lives forever. His death pays the cost for your sins to be forgiven, and the power of Jesus' perfect life is given to you, so you can live an obedient life like Jesus, and then go home to live forever with the One who loves you so much.

Thought - God loves you dear young people; Jesus would have died for just you, if you were the only sinner. = ^ .. ^ =

"More precious in the Saviour's sight than the whole world is the soul who gives himself to Jesus. Christ would have passed through the agony of Calvary that one soul might be saved in his kingdom. He will never abandon one for whom he has died. Unless his children choose to leave him, he will hold them fast." Youth's Instructor, May 1, 1902

This is the end of our First Quarter of Lessons.

Bless This House

**Bless this house O Lord we pray; Make it safe by night and day;
Bless these walls so firm and stout, Keeping want and trouble out:
Bless the roof and chimneys tall, Let thy peace lie over all;
Bless this door, that it may prove ever open to joy and love.**

**Bless these windows shining bright, Letting in God's heav'nly light;
Bless the hearth a'blazing there, with smoke ascending like a prayer;
Bless the folk who dwell within, keep them pure and free from sin;
Bless us all that we may be Fit O Lord to dwell with thee;
Bless us all that one day we May dwell O Lord with thee.**