

# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

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### CREATION CORNER

#### “ALL WE LIKE SHEEP”

I WILL never forget my first real encounter with a lamb. From babyhood I had been taught the jingle about my namesake's lamb with snowy fleece. I knew lambs by greeting cards, children's picture- books, and sentimental stories. But I had never come face to face with the actuality until, as a college graduate and high school teacher, I was invited to vacation on a farm in southern Minnesota.

At once I was excited over a flock of sheep I could see feeding in a distant pasture, with young lambs sporting near their mothers. I wondered that they did not look as white as the greeting-card darlings, but I laid it to distance.

At first it had not been convenient to go out to the flock. But one day the farmer said they should really get Mary and a lamb together. With considerable difficulty he manoeuvred one into a pen near the barn; and I was invited to pet it and be photographed in the act. I still have the snapshot -not on display. They got it as I made one grab for the beast that was less unsuccessful than my other efforts. Then I was ready for a bath and clean clothes. The brown, smelly lamb with wool matted with mud and filth was

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anything but friendly and angelic and cuddly, or like the pictures.

So I found out that sheep, as well as sparrows, were well chosen by God as symbols for human beings. Sheep are quite human- Likable and unendurable, winsome and intolerable, stupid, irresponsible, wayward, easily led astray, dirty, and malodorous. Yet sheep are capable of improvement. I have since seen orphan lambs carefully raised that were as charming as the storybook lambkins. And I have known of real affection between sheep and shepherd.

But it dawned on me that day in Minnesota that the love begins with the shepherd-the sheep isn't worth loving; it only needs loving. Goats are a lot more attractive than sheep. They are more intelligent for one thing; they bunch before the attack of predators, instead of running in every direction, to let the killer pick out anyone he chooses. Human beings will run right out into temptation, instead of staying close to God.

I have found that the very helplessness and defenselessness of sheep appeal to the heart of a born shepherd. The goats-they want none of him. But the sheep repay affection. The discern-

ing shepherd recognizes humanlike traits in sheep personalities, and he finds himself understanding God better.

We did not win God's love for any deserving. He loves us because we need His love. All we like sheep have gone our own way, and the wolf has mauled us. We have chosen sordidness and worldliness and worse, and we need cleaning up. The Shepherd provides it.

Then He does the supreme thing: He calls Himself by the name we are, that we may begin to be what He is. Mary Hunter Moore = ^ .. ^ =

## HISTORY

### The Christian Church: part 9

#### The 'Morning Star' part 2

There was a most interesting thing happened during the life of Wycliffe that greatly helped in his pointing out the errors of the Papacy and helped the reformation to get off to a good start. When the Pope Gregory XI died, two popes got themselves elected at the same time. They both claimed to be infallible- that means they said they could never make any mistakes, and they both claimed to be Jesus representative on earth.

At the same time they both called on all the knights and kings and armies to fight the other pope. This was a time of terrible wars and bloodshed as the two popes battled it out to prove who was to be the winner and the head of the church. Can you imagine people who claimed to be like Jesus fighting so horribly like this?

Both of the popes used scriptures to prove the other pope was the Antichrist of the Bible. The people began to think the two popes were really right- they **were** both antichrist. Wycliffe wrote a tract saying this very thing and many people began to break free from the Roman tyranny.

After the death of Wycliffe, the people who believed in the Bible and what Wycliffe had taught went everywhere in England and even over into Europe preaching the gospel. These people were called Lollards.

Persecution broke out against these preachers of truth as the English kings chose to seek the favour of the pope again. Many were thrown into prison, locked up in castles called 'Lollard Towers' and many were burned and killed for their faith. But they thought it an honour to suffer for their dear Lord Jesus.

Rome did everything to stamp out every trace of Wycliffe's work but because he had given the people the mighty power of the Word of God in their own language, they could never get them all the way back into darkness again. Truly the 'Morning Star' of the reformation had arisen and the dawn was on its way. = ^ .. ^ =

## TRUE-STORY-TIME

### "NO DEVIL STRINGS" part 4

#### New Lives for Old

It was a drowsy tropical afternoon without even a breeze to stir the leafy eaves of the Sasaghana schoolhouse. Kata Rangoso sat on an ax-hewn bench, a pencil stuck in his fuzzy mop of hair as he bent over a book. He drew his hand across his perspiring forehead and looked up toward the rafters with a sigh.

Above his head a tiny lizard stalked the rafters in search of insects, its almost transparent body showing signs of ones already eaten. But Rangoso had problems of his own. Why were "people" and "steeple" spelled differently? When did one use "was" and "were"? English seemed hard to learn, yet he wanted very much to understand this strange language and become good at it.

Pana, Peo, and the other boys had gone to tend their gardens, but Rangoso stayed behind for extra tutoring. Soon Mr. Nicholson would return from his house to help him with his English lesson, and he in turn would help the teacher with Marovo language studies.

Mr. Nicholson had told him of plans to open many schools such as this, and of the serious lack of teachers. Only by training young men like Rangoso and placing them in charge of outpost schools could the many calls be answered.

From the moment Kata Rangoso entered school, his former life and boyhood ended. As he had grown up in the time of change for his tribe, he had looked for something better than the ancient traditions. Now every thought, was consumed by the vision of the future which mission-school education opened before him.

Rangoso could see that the devil-worship of his tribe had done nothing to help his people or lift them above the fear and disease they had suffered for centuries.

The first problems the little school faced

were brought on by the fact that the spirit-worship life of the tribes continued as before. The devil-gods of these primitive people still held power over the minds of the students, so recently plucked from the shadows of the jungle. It was not easy to throw off shackles that had bound them since birth.

A few yellowing pages of Mrs. G. F. Jones's diary have been found. The fading ink, smudged and nibbled by insects, gives hint of the courage and dedication of the early missionaries, and of their problems. One notation, in tantalizing brevity, reads:

"School opened with an attendance of 23, young and old. Had considerable trouble with *Spiritualistic manifestations*. "

Pana, now an old man, reports: "Besides our human enemies, we were always aware of the devils. When we were quite young, the old men would talk to us about them. Before the mission came we worshiped the skulls of the dead. We thought that when people died their spirits went somewhere, and the village devil-devil men used to pray to them. We were afraid of the spirits day and night."

Reporting on their early student days, Pana says: "We boys had just come out of the blackness of our old beliefs. At first we did not have the understanding to pray, but we wanted to do right, and many times we were tempted and tried. The chiefs of the villages near our school built a devil's house on Choruku Hill, and we were asked to carry stones up the hill to make a pagan altar, but we stood firm and refused. This made the chiefs very angry."

The people's belief in the power of the spirits to do things was something to be reckoned with by early mission workers. Many spirit demonstrations and weird happenings have been reported by both white missionaries and islanders.

Says Pana: "One afternoon Jugha, several other boys, and I went in my canoe to visit Tatangu at Bambata. It was a fine day, but as we paddled, our canoe began to rock violently although the water was calm. We knew a devil was shaking our canoe, and we could hear him cry above us.

"The devil was very angry and told us not to return to the school at Sasaghana, but we disobeyed him and went back to our school. When we entered our sleeping house, we found that

the devil had broken open our boxes and scattered our things about. At first we thought that some of our enemies had done this, but even as we were gathering up our belongings the devil came and shouted angrily to us and shook the building so that we thought it would fall to pieces. We could not see him, but we could feel his presence strongly.

"One morning while we were in class, a devil came and stood by a banana plant near the school. This time we could see it plainly. It was in the form of a woman with a baby. We knew it was not a real person, and we were ruled with a strange fear. Old Pindala, the devil doctor, told us it was the spirit of a woman who had died in childbirth many years before we were born. Soon the spirit of the woman holding the baby vanished into thin air, but we knew Satan was trying to tempt us because we were attending the first mission school in the Marovo area.

"Rangoso saw the spirit woman and some of the strange things the devils did to us, spoiling our copybooks, and shaking our houses; but he was younger and had not learned as much about devil worship from the old men. He did not have to shake off as much of the old ways as we did."

Missionary Wicks tells of another spirit manifestation: "A woman of Telina was about to have a baby. According to native custom, a child must never be born in a dwelling house. If this should happen, the house must be pulled down and burned. The mothers of Telina used to go across the water to the main island of Vangunu where a small maternity hut stood in a patch of dense brush.

"Local midwives were attending the Telina woman; but she was having a very hard time, and they could not cope with the situation. They called for Mrs. Wicks, who was a trained nurse; and she was able to help the woman and soon delivered a fine baby boy.

"Still shaking with fright, the midwives then related to my wife an unusual experience they had had while caring for the expectant mother. An evil spirit had appeared to them. It was in the form of a dwarf woman with strangely white skin, but it had vanished as soon as my wife came on the scene.

Continuing the story of the early days of the Sasaghana school, Pana says: "Soon after school began, Mr. Nicholson said to us, 'Would you

like to help Pastor Jones in his work? Would you like to be the first native missionaries in the Solomons to take the gospel to other islands? First you must be baptized. You will know the anger of Satan, but you must stand for the right.'

"Then the first baptismal class was started. We were told that we could not be baptized quickly, but must study long and earnestly and prove ourselves."

So the school months and years rolled by. With many of the students study did not always come easy. One or two dropped out. Panda was one of these. Others who were slow made up in sincerity and dedication what they lacked in brilliance.

Tatangu's sons were among the bright ones. Peo and Rangoso shone in their studies. Rini and Jimarū were later to do the same, with Jimarū becoming a valuable interpreter for the missionaries, with a working knowledge of most of the languages and dialects of the various island tribes. Lilingeto was to become a respected pastor and college dean of men, and baby Joseph a teacher.

Within a few months of the opening of the Sasaghana School, the Marovo boys were conducting Sabbath School lessons in church. One missionary said, "It is a miracle that these young people with such an elementary education can take the Bible, read it, and apply its messages to their lives. "

Before the coming of Christianity to the islands, men treated the women of the tribe as virtual slaves, kicking and beating them as animals. But as the light of Christianity dawned upon these people, noticeable changes occurred in their attitudes and human relationships.

On one occasion Sambenaru had spent the whole day digging yams in her garden along the coast. At evening she loaded her canoe with baskets of vegetables and brought them home. Wary as she was, she decided to return for a second load, which she had left on the other shore.

Hearing of this, Peo and Rangoso came late at night to the missionary for permission to leave the school compound and go to find their mother. They said, "Our old mother is out on the lagoon in the darkness. We fear she will become sick and die if we do not help her."

The boys launched their canoe and went out into a night black with storm clouds. It was

near midnight when they found their mother, almost too tired to paddle. They took her canoe in tow, brought her safely to shore, and unloaded the vegetables. But Sambenaru was not content to rest until she had attended morning worship and brought a basket of her garden produce as tithe. Then she turned to the boys who had shown concern for their toil-worn mother. "If you please, I will go now and sleep. I am very tired."

It was the end of 1917, and combined meetings were being held at the Sasaghana mission. News spread throughout the local villages that a Christian rite was to be conducted—the first Adventist baptism in the Solomon Islands. Canoes full of people began to arrive until 900 onlookers lined the shores. Curiosity had brought most of them, but what they saw and heard they talked about for many moons to come and awakened an interest in the new way of life.

Pana says, "At last, on January 1, 1918, ten of us were baptized. These included Peo, Kata Rangoso, Jugha, and myself. The ceremony was conducted by our pioneer, Pastor G. F. Jones, in the salt waters of the lagoon. We understood well the meaning of the baptismal service. Our hearts were filled with rejoicing because we had thrown off the power of Satan and were now following Christ.

"This baptism right near our school, as a witness to all of those people, was unlike any that would follow, because we were the first ones to come out of the terrible darkness of those days." To be continued: = ^ . ^ =

## ADVENT HISTORY

### The Great Advent Movement: Part 6 THE FIRST CHURCH SCHOOL

The Seventh-day Adventist boys and girls were brave. They went to school with other children. Many times these other children were not kind to them. They said: "You believe Jesus is coming. You keep the seventh day Sabbath. You are foolish."

The Seventh-day Adventist fathers and mothers said: "We need a church school. Our children must study the Bible. They must learn to be missionaries."

Miss Morton was a teacher. She said: "I will start a church school." So the children came.

They had school in a room in the church. They studied the Bible. They had reading, arithmetic, and spelling.

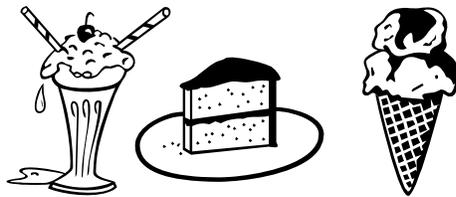
They learned how to do missionary work. They paid twenty-five cents a week for this school. How glad they were to have a church school.

Another teacher had school in a kitchen. There were twelve boys and girls in this school. After a few years they had a real schoolhouse. The boys and girls were happy to have their own schoolhouse.

The Lord sent a message to Mrs. White about the church schools. She said: "There must be many schools. Teach the children about the Bible. Teach them to be missionaries. Soon there will be many schools."

Teachers started church schools in many places. There were hundreds of church schools. There were thousands of children in these schools. They studied the Bible. They learned to be missionaries.

We need to learn these things today also!  
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## **BUILDING FOR JESUS**

### **'TREATS'? or TRICKS?**

What do you think of when you hear the word "TREAT"? Most of us think of something special to really enjoy. Some treats are good. God wanted His people to have certain times to be like treats to them. The Sabbath, when rightly kept, is indeed a treat for God's people as He comes very close to them and blesses them on that day. Spending time with Jesus is always a treat.

A lovely walk in the woods, a picnic in a pretty area, story time and Mom or Dad playing with us for a while; All these things can be treats. So can a bowl of fresh ripe strawberries or a juicy peach right off the tree. But today I want to mention a wrong idea that has come in among us about treats.

It is sad to say that we live in a world where unhealthy foods are often more common than

good foods. Many of the things that people eat are not good for our bodies. Candy, ice-cream, pop, greasy fried foods, sugar, meat and cheese are all bad for our health. But sometimes we fool ourselves by saying, "Oh, I am just going to have this for a treat".

Now tell me, if something is bad for my health, is it really a treat? No it is a trick! It is one of Satan's tricks to get us to think that if we just have something we know is bad now and then for a 'treat' it is OK. Once he gets us doing it a little bit and thinking it is a treat, he can easily get us doing it more and more and then one day we find our body is sick from all the bad stuff we have put in it. Is it a 'treat' to be sick? Oh, No! But Satan thinks it is fun to see us sick, it is a treat for him.

I am going to tell you what a treat really is. It is something that is all good all the way through; it is something that will never make you sick; it is something that doesn't break any of God's health laws or any of the Ten Commandments. Why? Because if it does break health laws or God's law or have bad things in it, it is not a treat at all- it is a nasty trick and will only hurt you in the end.

I sure don't want to give old Satan a treat laughing at me, do you? = ^ .. ^ =



**Year 1: 2nd Quarter:**

**"MESSIAH OUR PRINCE"**

**WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 6: "JESUS' KINGDOM"**

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.

**MEMORY VERSE: "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:17**

### Sunday

**Text: Matthew 3:2 "And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."**

Ever since man entered into sin he has lived in Satan's kingdom. All through history God's mission has been to try and show man what God's kingdom is like. Only when we see what God's kingdom really is, can we decide to leave Satan's kingdom and choose God's kingdom.

It is not easy for us to understand God's kingdom because it is so very different from everything we know here on earth. We are born into Satan's kingdom, we see it all around us and we think that this is the way things have to be. We even come to think that it is the only way, and even the 'right' way. But God's ways are much better.

First God showed His love for man, through the promise of a coming Savior, who would in love pay the penalty for man's sin, and allow him to belong to God's kingdom— if he chose to do so. The sweet lambs, gentle and innocent, that were killed, represented the gentle and pure 'Lamb of God' that was to come.

Why did not God have them offer a lion, or a bear? Because He was telling them that His kingdom is pure, gentle and sweet, His character is like that. Satan tries to keep us believing that God is harsh and cruel. He is not fierce and cruel; that is Satan's way.

They also showed that God is the One who gives us everything. The lambs offered were not something that man was giving to God; people cannot make a lamb; it was to be a symbol of the salvation God was giving to man.

So why was it an 'offering'? Well, the offering part was the faith, showing that they believed in what God was going to do for them. When the person offering the lamb, thought about what God was willing to do for him, and how much God loved him, then he offered love and praise to God; that was man's only offering to God.

**Thought** - We really belong to God, but He is so kind, He allows us to choose if we want to be His, or not.

### Monday

**Text: Exodus 25:8 "And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them."**

As soon as the sacrifice idea was given to try and teach man about God's kingdom of love, old Satan got busy to twist it around and make it tell lies about God. He got the people to think the offerings were something they were doing for God, and that He was cruel, and loved to see things suffer and die.

It did not take long until there was a false idea of God, and a religion built around that false idea. Cain, the very first baby born, decided that his offering was something he was giving to God. He believed Satan's lies about God being selfish and unfair, and he built a whole religion and way of life around that idea.

God kept trying to show man the Truth about His character and His Love. The next way we see with the Children of Israel as they came out of Egypt. They had pretty well forgotten everything they ever knew about God's character, and what His kingdom is really like. They worshipped like the heathen.

Jesus wanted to come close to them and teach them. So He said; "Make me a sanctuary so I can dwell among them". He was saying, "Make me a house so I can live with you".

See how He loved the people? They had been wicked and disobeyed Him, but He still wanted to be close to them and teach them. The sanctuary and its services were all lessons telling of God's Love.

**Thought** - When we do wrong, Jesus still loves us, He tries to come close to us, but we must choose to let Him help us.

### Tuesday

**Text: Matthew 5:19 "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."**

God gave the people of Israel a written copy of His Law, the very Law of His kingdom. This

Law is really God's very character. It is what Love is all about. Back in the beginning Man knew what Love was, but as years passed and Satan twisted everything God had given to show His love to man, then it was needful that God give man a simple outline of what Love was and how it would act.

God's Kingdom is set up in such a way that what we do affects what kind of life we have. It is really so simple; God made us, He gave us everything, so our duty is to love Him and obey Him always. When we do this, we come closer to Him and because He is the source of Life, when we come closer to Him, we have more life, more happiness, more joy, more of everything that is good.

When we give all our love to God, we will also be kind to other people because we know they also belong to God, and He loves them just like He loves us. Therefore we will never want to hurt any of them. The last 6 commandments tell us what kinds of things will hurt others and ourselves. We won't do such things if we love God and are part of His kingdom.

If we break God's Law, we move further away from God. Satan's kingdom is a kingdom of death. Pain, sadness, cruelty, loneliness, sickness and finally death are what happen when we follow Satan's ideas. But he tricks man into thinking that God causes these things. He says God's Law causes them. It is not true, they are caused because man goes away from God and God is the source of all good.

**Thought** - If I have a bright light and I turn it off and now my room is dark, should I say it was the light that made it dark??

### Wednesday

**Text: Hebrews 10:5 "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:... 7, Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God."**

After a while the sanctuary services and offerings and ceremonies were no longer helping the people to learn about God and His love. Like everything else, Satan got the people believing that the offerings and the ceremonies themselves, were what made them holy. No

longer could they see the sweet promise of what God was going to do for them in these object lessons. They again thought just like Cain, that these were things they were doing to please God. They even worshipped the temple, thinking it was able to save them through some kind of magic. It was like an idol to them.

Was God going to give up trying to tell the people about what His kingdom is like? No, He decided to come even closer. A body was prepared and Jesus, who was God, just as much as the Father, came to earth to live among man. He was going to show them just what people in God's kingdom would be like.

All His life Jesus lived in the way of God's kingdom, not Satan's. When Satan caused his people to treat Him cruelly, Jesus showed us how God acts. He was patient, kind and helpful—always wanting to see people happy. His hands always were used for good. Never once did they do something mean or cruel.

Because the people were like us; used to living in Satan's kingdom and thinking that it was the right way, most people did not understand Jesus. Even His parents and brothers and sisters often got angry with Him, as He would not do anything wrong. They were so used to some of the wrong ways, that they thought they were right, and tried to force Jesus to go along with them. He never would.

Sometimes we think we get lonely, but what about Jesus? All His life there was not one person on earth who could really understand Him. He was a heavenly plant, giving off always the perfume of kindness and love, in a world that was full of selfishness.

**Thought** - Take time often to think about Jesus and His goodness. How brave He was while here on earth, in the middle of Satan's nasty kingdom!

### Thursday

**Text: Matthew 7:21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."**

When Jesus began His ministry the first thing He told the people was that they needed to repent. Why? What did they need to repent of? Well, He came to show them that they were doing the works of Satan and not the works of the

heavenly kingdom. As soon as the people saw that there was a power here in Jesus, and a kind of life that they did not have, they were to repent and be sorry for their wrong ways and seek God's kingdom.

The people thought they were OK with God, because they were Jews, and God's special people. They thought that the services and ceremonies of the temple caused God to bless them, because they could please Him by doing these things. They didn't remember that the ceremonies pointed to Jesus. They had lost sight of what the promised Messiah was to do for mankind, and instead were looking for a mighty general to come with big armies and make all the other people in the world to be their slaves. They thought Satan's ways of force, were the right ways, and so they were cruel and harsh to everybody.

When they saw the sweet, gentle, patient ways of Jesus, they saw something so very different, that they didn't want to believe it could be the right way.

No! They said; we want someone that will fight for us; someone that will give us riches and power over everybody; somebody to make us big and important. We don't want to learn to be kind and nice. We don't want to learn to help the needy. We won't believe that this poor man of Galilee is our Messiah.

They saw the miracles Jesus did with the power of His heavenly Father, and they knew that ordinary men could not do such things. But they declared Jesus was using Satan's power to do these things. They were so used to Satan's kingdom that they couldn't recognize God's kingdom when it was right there with them.

**Thought** - We must be careful, or we can fail to know Jesus' kingdom, and get it all mixed up with Satan's kingdom, and follow Satan and think we are following Jesus!

### Friday

**Text: Matthew 23:13 "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up**

**the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."** Read all the 'woes' in this chapter.

One of the saddest things about Jesus' time on earth was that the very leaders of the church; the 'Seventh-day Adventists' of that day, did not want any part of the real kingdom of heaven! They had the habit of listening to each other, and their own so called learned men, and few of them bothered any more to read the scriptures for themselves. They loved to show how smart they were, and the people were so used to admiring these leaders and obeying them, that they didn't even know the Son of God when He was right there in front of them.

For more than three years, Jesus tried to show these leaders about God's kingdom, how it was so different from what they were teaching, but they wouldn't believe Him. Finally Jesus knew that He must tell the people what these leaders were really like. He knew that when He did this, they would never stop, until they had killed Him. But for the sake of a few that might wake up and believe the truth, He told them just what they were; right to their faces.

He made it plain to them that even though they thought they were following God, they had changed leaders and didn't know it. They were doing the works of Satan. He also told them that they were stopping people from entering the kingdom of God and being saved, which would have believed God, if these wicked leaders had not stopped them. When people believed in Jesus, the wicked, selfish leaders threw them out of the church!

It has never been God's plan for human leaders to rule over God's people, telling them how to worship God. He wants each one of them to learn and follow Jesus himself. A body is no good with more than one 'head', and Jesus is the Head of His people. He never gave that job to anybody else.

**Thought** - Let us, each one, learn to follow Jesus all the way into His kingdom! = ^ .. ^ =