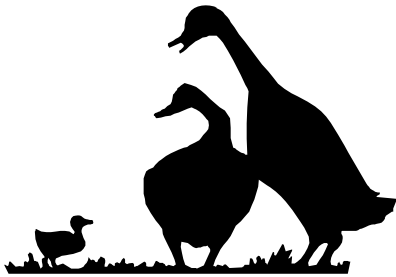


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NATURE'S BABY NURSERIES

The eider duck sets devotedly on her eggs without eating anything. When they hatch, she leads the ducklings down to the pond. Entering it with her newborn, there are often many other ducklings already there that are supervised by one or two adult females, some of which are not mothers. She leaves her brood with them, and departs to find food. Because some of the food is in deeper waters, she may be gone for several days. Upon her return, she, at times, will help take care of the nursery while other mothers leave.

The French word for "nursery" is crèche (pronounced kresh). When animals care for their babies in nurseries, scientists call it a "crèche." Some eider duck crèches have been counted at over 500 ducklings. If marauding gulls appear, the adult females sound an alarm, and the young gather close about them. If the gull tries to catch one, the adult duck will try to grab the gull by the legs and pull him down into the water. As for the chicks, they only need protection from these adult nursery attendants, for they are well able to find food for themselves.

In South America, the Patagonian cavy (which is something like a large guinea pig) is also at first

cared for in a crèche of babies hidden in a tunnel in the rocks. One of the fathers cares for the group till the mothers return from feeding. Upon her arrival, she gives a call and out come about a dozen covies. She sniffs among them, until she finds her two, and then leads them away. More babies are dropped off, and more mothers return for theirs. The babies remain in the nursery tunnel, guarded by an adult above. Adults never use the tunnel, although they initially dig it for the nursery.

When bats return to their caves after feeding, they must find their own within a nursery of a million or more baby bats! Each mother flies in and lands close to her own. Then she calls for several seconds and her baby gives an answering squeak. Formerly it was believed that they merely nursed whatever baby they landed near. But genetic tests established that it was their own. How they find their own child in such an immense nursery is amazing. After nursing her own, she flies off to another section of the large cave, hangs from the ceiling, and sleeps for a time. Then she flies off to obtain more food to feed her only baby. = ^ .. ^ =

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JESUITS IN ETHIOPIA

You all know the Bible story of how Phillip baptized the Ethiopian Eunuch? Well, this man went home to teach the queen Candace and those in his country, the Christian doctrines. They became Christians and set up churches, which had no contact with the outside world for over 1,000 years. Through all those years they kept the Bible Sabbath and lived by the guidance of the Holy Scriptures.

In the 1500s, they came to the attention of Europe, when being harassed badly by Muslim warriors they asked the Portuguese for help in 1534. They were found at that time still keeping the Sabbath holy and only using Sunday as a day of assembly.

When the Portuguese sent some 'help' to the ancient churches, a number of Jesuits were included. Of course they set to work to destroy the ancient faith and replace it with Romanism.

In 1604 they convinced the King to submit to the pope. Then, immediately, they made laws forbidding anyone from keeping the Bible Sabbath. Civil War followed and the people threw the Jesuits out of the country and returned to their Sabbath Keeping.

What made these people so faithful and able to resist false doctrine? Their thoughts ever turned toward their Sabbath home, dearer to them than any palace halls. In other words, they obeyed the four divine policies laid down in the first chapter of Genesis: Namely, the worship of the Creator, Sabbath observance, family life, and proper diet and temperance.

Now, as you know, if you have been reading all our series of history stories, the Roman church by the 1600s was loosing power and having a lot of problems as the light from God's Holy Word shown out among the people they had so long enslaved. They never seemed to get a chance to get back down to Ethiopia to revenge themselves against those people who had thrown them out.

But in the 20th century, something happened—Mussolini rose to power in Italy and he gave the Papal lands back to the pope and obeyed the pope. This was a big step towards healing the deadly wound that had happened when the pope was taken prisoner in 1798 and the Papal lands were taken from him.

What do we find was one of the first things the pope got Mussolini to do? Why it was to take his

army and march down to Ethiopia, by then a rather poor country, and slaughter people right and left! Most people in the world, had no idea why Ethiopia was to be singled out for attack, but if one knows church history, there is no mystery. The Papacy, has a long memory and so always leads her to seek to revenge herself on those who get in her way. More next week- = ^ .. ^ =

TRUE-STORY-TIME

The following incident happened to a colporteur in the mid-1980s, in Alabama:

"I was going from door to door in North Birmingham, when I knocked on one door and a young man opened it. The only way I can describe him is wild-looking. His hair stood out on his head; he had not shaved in several days; disheveled, untidy, sloppy clothes, and all the rest.

"I began to explain the type of work I was doing, but he interrupted me and said he was not interested. Then he began cursing, and saying terrible things about religion and God. I handed him a Bible correspondence card; he snatched it, tore it up and threw it in my face. Then he hollered for me to get out of here.

"I had seen demon-possessed people before and knew that God would protect me while I did His work. So I spoke up and said, 'Before I go, I have something I'd like to share with you.' Then I pulled a Great Controversy out of my bag, handed it to him, and asked him if he had ever seen it before.

"He replied. 'Yes, I read it when I was in prison.' "Then I said. 'Well, what did you get out of the book?'

"In hot rage, he snapped back, 'Do you think I'm lying; you don't think I read it!'

" 'No, I believe you; I just want to know what you got out of the book.'

"He just stood there for a moment—and looked at me. Then he started breathing real heavy. I could feel the hair on the back of my neck go up as I watched him. His face contorted, and his eyes,—the pupils of his eyes began dilating from large to small, back and forth, back and forth.

"Then, in a raspy voice that was totally different than his own, these words came out of his mouth: 'This book tells about the battle between Christ and Satan. In the end of the book it says Jesus wins. I HATE THAT BOOK. I HATE THAT BOOK, I

HATE THAT BOOK!

“Then, suddenly, he reached out his hand to claw at my throat—and it stopped motionless about two inches from me—and couldn’t go farther.

“Then he began foaming at the mouth, and his whole frame began trembling as though his body was exhausted by what had happened. Then, without another word, the door closed slowly, clicked shut, and there I was standing outside alone. But I was not alone, for I had the angels with me. I had peace of heart and freedom to work for God. The chains and slavery were inside that house, but out here was the sunlight of God’s presence. And more, I had Great Controversy, the book that all the world needs right now. And I had the protection of God as I took it to the homes of the people.” = ^ .. ^ =

Faith is never left Naked!

Hawa Ahmed was a Moslem student in North Africa. One day, she read a Christian tract in her dormitory, and decided to become a Christian. Her father was an Islamic ruler, so she expected to lose her inheritance because of her conversion.

She was completely unprepared for what really happened: when she told her family that she had become a Christian and changed her name to Faith, her father exploded in rage. Her father and brothers stripped her naked and bound her to a chair fixed to a metal plate with which they wanted to electrocute her. Faith asked them to at least lay a Bible in her lap.

Her father responded, “If you want to die together with your false religion, so be it.” One of her brothers added, “That will show that your religion is powerless.”

Although they had bound her, she was able to touch a corner of the Bible. She felt a strange peace, as though someone were standing beside her. Her father and brothers pushed the plug into the socket - and nothing happened. They tried four times with various cables, but it was as though the electricity refused to flow.

Finally, her father, angry and frustrated, hit her and screamed, “You are no longer my daughter.” Then he threw his daughter out into the street, naked. She ran through the streets, humiliated and in pain. Shaking and tearful, she ran to a friend. People looked at her, curious rather than shocked.

Her friend let her in, clothed her and gave her shelter.

The next day, her friend asked neighbours what they had thought when they had seen Faith running naked through the streets. “What are you talking about?” they asked. “The girl had a wonderful white dress on. We asked ourselves why someone so beautifully clothed had to run through the streets.”

God had hidden her nakedness from their eyes, clothing her in a beautiful white dress. Today, Faith is a full-time Bible worker. = ^ .. ^ =

STORY LESSON

My Body Temple - Your Heart

If you place your hand on the left side of your chest, you will feel something beating. If you cannot feel the beats easily, run up and down stairs two or three times, and you will feel them distinctly. What is this curious machine inside the chest, that beats so steadily? It is the heart.

The heart may be called a live pump, which keeps pumping away during our whole lives. If it should stop, even for a minute or two, we would die. If you place your hand over your heart and count the beats for exactly one minute, you will find that it beats about seventy-five or eighty times. When you are older, your heart will beat a little more slowly. If you count the beats while you are lying down, you will find that the heart beats more slowly than when you are sitting or standing. When we run or jump, the heart beats harder and faster.

Why does the Heart Beat? We have learned in preceding lessons that the digested food is taken into the blood. We have also learned that both water and oxygen are taken into the blood. Thus the blood contains all the materials that are needed by the various parts of the body. But if the blood were all in one place it could do little good, as the new materials are needed in every part of the body. God has provided a wonderful system of tubes running through every part of the body. These tubes carry the blood into every part. They are connected with the heart. When the heart beats, it forces the blood through the tubes just as water is forced through a pipe by a pump or a fire-engine.

The heart has four chambers, two upper and two lower chambers. The blood is received into the upper chambers, called the atrium, and is then passed down into the lower chambers called

ventricles. From the ventricles it is sent out to various parts of the body.

The heart tubes through which the blood is carried are called blood vessels. There are three kinds of blood vessels. One set carry the blood away from the heart, and are called arteries (ar' te-ries). Another set return the blood to the heart and are called veins. The arteries and veins are connected at the ends farthest from the heart by many very small vessels. These minute, hair-like vessels are called capillaries (cap'il-la-ries).

An artery leads out from the lower chamber of each side of the heart. The one from the right side of the heart carries the blood only to the lungs. The one from the left side of the heart carries blood to every part of the body. It is the largest artery in the body, and is called the aorta. Soon after it leaves the heart the aorta begins to send out branches to various organs. These divide in the tissues again and again until they become so small that only one corpuscle can pass through at a time.

These very small vessels now begin to unite and form larger ones, called veins. The small veins join to form larger ones, until finally, all connect into two large veins which empty into the upper chamber of the right side of the heart. The veins

which carry blood from the lungs to the heart empty into the upper chamber of the left side of the heart. To be Continued:



BUILDING FOR JESUS

Remember The Duck

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with, out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back to dinner.

As he was walking back, he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let fly, hit the duck square in the head, and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woodpile, only to see his sister watching. Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch that day, Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes."

But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen today, didn't you Johnny?" And then she whispered to him, "Remember, the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing, and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need

Sally to help make supper."

But Sally smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help." And she whispered again, "Remember, the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he killed the duck.

She knelt down, gave him a hug, and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. But I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

If you do a wrong thing and are tempted to hide it, instead of going right away and telling the truth, and asking for forgiveness; remember the duck. Don't let the enemy make a slave out of you by your dishonesty. Jesus was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. But because He loves you, He is ready to forgive you. = ^ .. ^ =



AN AXE TO GRIND

Did you ever hear someone say, “I think he has an axe to grind”? Well, read this old true story by Benjamin Franklin and you’ll know what it means.

One cold winter morning, when I was a little boy, I met, on my way to school, a smiling man with an axe on his shoulder.

“My pretty boy,” said he, “has your father a grindstone?” “Yes, sir,” said I.

“You are a fine little fellow,” said the man. “Will you let me grind my axe on it?”

It pleased me very much to be called a fine little fellow; so I said: “Oh, yes, sir; it is down in the shop.”

“And will you, my little man,” said he, patting me on the head, “get a little hot water?”

Now, how could I refuse? He was such a smiling, pleasant man! As fast as I could, I ran into the house and brought him a whole kettleful.

“How old are you? And what’s your name?” he asked. But, before I could answer, he went on: “You are one of the finest lads I ever saw; will you just turn a few minutes for me?”

Tickled with his praise, like a little fool, I went to work. It was a new axe, and I toiled and tugged and turned till I was tired enough to drop. The school bell rang, but I could not get away; it rang again, and there I was still, turning away at the grindstone. My hands were blistered and my shoulders ached.

At last the axe was ground. What a sharp, keen edge it had! Then I looked up, expecting thanks. But the man suddenly turned toward me with a frown, and said: “You little rascal, you have played truant! Be off, now; scud away to school, or you’ll catch it!”

It was hard enough to turn a heavy grindstone so long, and on such a cold day; but to be called a “little rascal” for doing it was too much. These harsh words sank deep into my boyish mind, and often have I thought of them since.

Boys and girls, whenever you meet a flatterer, beware of him. You may be pretty sure that he has “an axe to grind,” and wants you to turn the grindstone.



Year 1: 4th Quarter:
“BIBLE PICTURE STORIES”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 13:
“DOORS AND PATHS”

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: “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6

Sunday

Text: Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”

Here we have a door and a supper in one verse! It shows how Jesus wants to be very close to us. He wants to come to supper with us, and He wants us to come to supper with Him.

He wants to be a part of everything we do, but he does not push His way in! Jesus has showed us a picture of Himself as knocking at the door. He does not open it; you do. If you do not choose to open up the doors of your heart, you will never know what it is to have the Heavenly Guest with you.

Many people today are telling us that we can have a friendship with Jesus, that as long as we pray and read a bit about Him each day, we can just live our lives the rest of the time however we feel like, and we are still friends with Jesus. But Jesus will not share our hearts with our worldly pleasures and idols. He wants all our heart and will not come in and abide with us, until we are willing to give Him all our heart.

Some people have so much junk piled up at the doors of their hearts they can't get the door open. They feel that their families, their jobs, their entertainment and sports, their worldly friends; are all more important than giving their whole self to Jesus.

Yet these people like to fool themselves that they can still be ready for heaven because they pray now and then and maybe even go to church.

Jesus will only come in when you invite Him in and give all your self to Him. You have to really want Him more than anything else.

Thought - When you do that, you will soon find that having Jesus in your heart is more wonderful than anything in the whole world!

Monday

Text: John 10:7 “Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.”

In this story, Jesus was telling the people that it was only through Him that anyone could be saved and come into the safe fold, under the care of the heavenly Shepherd.

He warned them that there would be people who would make up other ways to be saved by their own good deeds or holiness, or tell others that some other person or made up god could save them. He told us not to listen to them because they were thieves and robbers. They only want to hurt and destroy the sheep.

There are many people in the world that get others to follow them by promising them salvation if they do what they tell them. But they really only want to have the people's money and keep the

people as slaves to serve them.

One of the ways we know these enemies is, they don't tell us to come in by the only door, which is Jesus. Another sign that things are not right, is that these people tend to be proud and boastful. They get angry when you insist on following only what the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy tell you.

When you find someone who does these things—get away from them as fast as you can, even if you find them in a church! Remember what Jesus said, only thieves and robbers that want to steal and kill, tell you that there is another door other than Jesus.

Thought - Even the pope, who calls himself Christian, now tells people that it is not necessary to believe in Jesus or the Bible to be saved. This is a terrible lie! But Jesus' true sheep know the true Shepherd's voice.

Tuesday

Text: Matthew 7:13 “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.”

Here Jesus told the people about two roads in life. The one road is wide and seems smooth at first, and the other road is narrow and strait. (This word means tight)

These roads are different, separate, in opposite directions. One leads to eternal life; the other to eternal death. The roads are different, and also the people on the roads are different. The roads are opposite; one is broad and smooth, the other is narrow and rugged. So the people that travel these roads are opposite in character, in life, in dress, and talk.

The popular way seems easy, because most people go that way. You can do whatever you want; you just live whatever way you feel like. You ignore God's laws and just have as much fun as you can find.

In the broad road all are thinking about their selves, their dress, what they want to eat, and the pleasures in the way. Silliness and glee they freely indulge in, and often laugh loudly. They don't think about their journey's end, of the destruction at the end of the path. Every day they approach nearer their destruction, yet they madly rush on faster and faster.

When you are all caught up in walking the broad road and the so-called pleasures of sin, you think

you are happy, but down inside you really are empty. Why do people drink alcohol, and take drugs? Why do they smoke? Why do they rush from one entertainment to another, even though they may be tired and need to rest?

It is because they are trying to cover up the fear and loneliness down in the bottom of their hearts.

Thought - If you want to see just how 'happy' the people in the broad way really are—see them when they run out of alcohol, or smokes: see them when they have no entertainment and can't get any; then you will see them really miserable!

Wednesday

Text: Luke 13:24 “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.”

Matthew 7:14 “Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”

We can go in the broad way with no real effort; we can take all our pride and sins, our bad habits, silliness and selfishness. But notice we need to 'strive' to enter the narrow way. (Strive means to try hard.) It's just like the opening the door thing, we have to respond to Jesus and seek to come to Him. Even though He is calling, He is knocking; nothing happens if we don't answer and reach out to have Him in our lives.

Jesus once said that for a rich man to enter into the way of life, it was like a camel going through the eye of a needle. Now they say there was in Jerusalem a very small gate called the 'eye of the needle'; and if a camel was to be led through that gate, it had to get down on its knees and have all its load taken off first, and then it could manage to get through.

This is the same with all of us; we can't get through the gate into the way of life with all our worldly idols and stuff; all our own selfish pleasures, pride and plans. We have to get down on our knees and ask Jesus to take all those off of us, so we can be totally His children; then we can slip through that gate. But remember the worldly stuff is left behind, if we take it back, we will find ourselves back out on the broad way again.

Thought - Something as precious as eternal life, and the presence of our dear Saviour with us all the time, and a wonderful future in heaven, is worth 'striving' for!

Thursday

Text: Proverbs 13:15 “Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard.”

These two paths are different than what they seem. The broad way that seems so easy—turns out to be the hardest way of all. People, who choose to walk in the broad road, think they are being free, and yet they end up as miserable slaves to everything and are afraid of everything.

People think it is being grown-up and big and tough to smoke and toke and drink alcohol. But later, they don't look so smart, when they have to be desperately searching for more stuff to satisfy their habits. They look downright pitiful! Even when they work hard, all their money goes to just keep a paper tube of weed burning in their mouth, or a glass of mind-killing poison in their hands.

People in the broad road will say that being a Christian is being a slave. They think that you, all the time, are wishing to do the same things that they want, but you have to force yourself not to, and so you are not free.

This is not so at all. Once a person has really given his heart to Jesus and got rid of the worldly baggage in the power of Jesus, and Jesus really lives inside; he finds himself so free and peaceful and full of holy joy, that he wishes he had not waited so long to come to the Lord.

The worldly person can never know how wonderful and free is the true Christian's life; unless he too, gets down on his knees, gets the 'stuff' taken off, and comes through that door into the strait and narrow path. “The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.” Proverbs 28:1

Thought - If you don't yet know for yourself how truly free and wonderful it is to be really born again as a child of the Heavenly King; then find out today!

Friday

Text: Proverbs 4:18 “But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”

One of the most common things you will hear from people who are travelling in the broad road to destruction, is that they are 'bored'. Did you ever hear people say that? Why do they feel bored?

It is because they have become slaves to another

habit that is just as addicting as nicotine or drugs. It is the entertainment habit, and it is very sad that even little children are being taught to get into this habit.

They get so used to watching or doing exciting things, and when they are finished, they feel sad and let down. Then they have to run and find some more excitement or pleasure to make them happy again—until it also runs out and they are all sad and down again.

What a rotten way to live! Thank our Lord that we do not have to live like that! When we belong to Jesus, there are so many good, pure things to enjoy,

and they are not depending on outside entertainment. Yes, and the wonderful thing about the Christian life is, that we can know that the peace and joy we have today, will be even better tomorrow.

Jesus teaches us new lessons all the time, and as we learn from Him we find greater peace and happiness. Even in hard times, just having Jesus close to us brings wonderful joy. So you see, the 'easy' road is really the hardest; and the 'hard' road is really the easiest!

Thought – A true Christian, locked up in a dungeon, is happier than a wicked man in a palace!
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Revelation 3:20