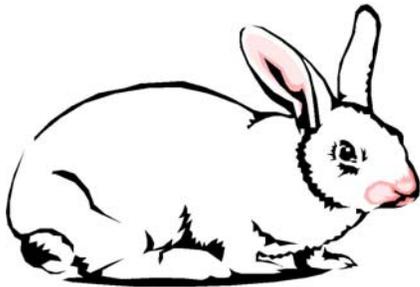


# TEMKIT FOR CHILDREN

## TEMKIT'S MISSION:

To provide Bible based, true reading material for children and youth.

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#### 'Smart' Pets: 3

So how do make my pet smarter by how I treat him? First you have to remember that an animal is not a toy. If you want something to throw around and drag around all the time then you should get a stuffed animal, not a real, live one and if you want something to show off with-buy a fancy china one.

It is important to remember that your pet has feelings a lot like yours. Also he has needs. He needs to have time to eat and be given good food. He needs clean water where he can always get it. He needs a clean safe place to rest and sleep. He needs attention but also time to himself.

It is wonderful that even after sin came into the world, Jesus still left some of the animals with a desire to be friends with people. How lonely our life on earth would be without these little friends. But as the Bible tells us, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly:" Proverbs 18:24.

It is not hard to own and control an animal and force it to obey us from fear, but to have a real friendship, we have to be friendly. The puppy

or kitten is already friendly, most seem to have a strong desire to be friends with us, so we need to be that way too.

Think about some friend you really like. How does he treat you? Does he tease and torment you all the time? No, that would not make you feel he was a friend but an enemy. It makes us feel real bad when someone makes fun of us and teases us a lot.

We have to be careful not to tease or torment our pet if we want them to think we are friends. When we play with them, we must play in ways that they enjoy too. We should not be rough with them and cause them to bite and scratch and struggle to try and get away. You will not be friends that way!

I have seen boys and girls and men and women too, for that matter, and they will say they are playing with a pet but really they are being most unkind. Animals have a kind of dignity of their own. We should respect that. Just as we don't like to be made fun of and made to look stupid, animals show embarrassment also. If you take time to watch and think, you will soon learn what games your pet really enjoys and plays WITH you and what things make him feel unhappy and ridiculous.

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Friends like to do things together, they respect each other and give each other time to rest and be alone as well as time to be together. An animal should not be treated like a baby. It is true that, because we have taken them into our way of life and they can't provide for themselves and must depend on us to provide their needs, they are pretty much helpless. But they still have their own dignity as a creature God made. We should remember that their helplessness is because of us, and we should never neglect to care for their basic needs cheerfully and kindly. I always make a point to never eat myself until my animals are cared for. Also when we are about to leave to go out, always check to see that what the pet needs is available and in good order.

Just as you would not like to drink dirty water in a dirty cup or eat stale, half moldy food, neither does your pet. Remember angels are watching how you treat the pet God has allowed you to have to brighten your life.

By the way, you will soon find out that your kitty has a great built in clock. If you usually get up at a certain time and eat and go to bed at certain times, they soon get to know it and they wonder what's wrong if you don't keep the same schedule. Especially they get to learn if you have a special time to feed or brush them and will get all happy and excited at that time. We have these clocks too, but seldom pay attention to them.

Another mistake people make is to say, "My pet understands every word I say." This is just not true. Animals do not have word language like we do, but they do get to associate certain sounds we make with certain actions we do. Also they seem to understand tone of voice more than anything. If I say to my cat, "You are a horrible cat, you are very bad and I don't like you at all," but I say it in a kind, praising tone of voice, she will smile and roll to show how happy she is with my kind voice.

You should not yell at an animal. A dog or cat has hearing many times sharper than ours and a loud sound causes pain and fear. This makes an animal not to be able to think or be friends but just to react from fear. Even yourself you will find that at the times you are afraid-you cannot think very well.

So how do we control our pets? It is true that in order to live with a pet, they have to stop

some behaviors and learn others. Last week we talked about training dogs so now we will say a few words about cats.

Basically, cats seem to have more 'programming' built in by God and seem to automatically learn a lot of things. As soon as a little kitten can toddle from the nest it will go to a litter pan if one is close and use it. It is natural for a cat to be clean. This is why it is important to keep a kitty's litter box fresh and clean. Just like you would not want to use a smelly, filthy bathroom, neither does a cat. Sometimes when a cat 'goes' somewhere else for his needs, people say he is dirty, but usually it is because he is clean and his litter box is stinky!

If you want to have a happy friendship with a kitty, don't have too many 'rules'. Sure there will be some places he should not go and a firm word, 'No' backed up by a squirt from a little squirt bottle of water will quickly teach him. If you yell at him though, he will not learn as well. I have seen homes where a cat was yelled at every place it went. I think people like that should not have a kitty. Just get a stuffed toy.

How would you feel if you stayed with a friend and every where you went to sit, they yelled, "Oh, you can't sit there!" Kitties like to be close to you if you have become their friend, and it is right and natural they want to sit on your chairs and beds as you do.

You should NEVER have a kitty de-clawed! This is a cruel, selfish practice, and a very painful operation, that has become 'normal' in our selfish world today. Years ago a person doing such a deed would have been charged with cruelty! Even now it is illegal in some countries! Don't believe those who say, "Oh it doesn't bother them!" That is a lie! Would it bother you to have the last joint of each finger or toe removed?? You can be sure it would be considered a terrible handicap. To have such an accident would be thought a major trauma.

How wrong it is to cripple God's most graceful animal, the kitty and make it handicapped like that just for selfish love of furniture. As I said, if you love furniture that much, get a stuffed cat. You can even get ones that purr and meow.

I have seen kitties waking from this surgery and crying in pain and their eyes are big with fear and questioning, "What has happened to me? What have I done to be hurt like this?" It

badly affects their personality and often makes a happy kitty into a fearful sullen animal that will bite from fear. It is a sad and pitiful sight to see a declawed cat go to jump or do something a normal cat can do gracefully, and see it fall clumsily to the ground.

With patience you can provide a nice scratching place for your kitty and kindly teach them to scratch there. Rub it with catnip so he knows it is for him. A firm word and the careful use of the water squirter does wonders. Also you can carefully trim your kitties' nails regularly. If you are careful and kind, they will not mind this. Get someone who knows cats to show you how to do it right and what kind of nail clipper to buy.

God does care how we treat His creatures, especially the ones He was so kind to let us have close to us. Angels record our deeds and even if we think the animal cannot 'tell on us' what we did to it, the angels certainly will write it all down! = ^ .. ^ =

## **TRUE-STORY-TIME**

### **TULIP-MANIA**

The tulip, was named, from a Turkish word meaning a turban. It was brought to Western Europe in the 1550s. A man named Conrad Gesner, first saw it in the year 1559, in a garden at Augsburg, belonging to Mr. Herwart, a man very famous for his collection of rare flowers. The bulbs were sent to him by a friend at Constantinople, where the flower had long been a favorite.

Very soon it seemed that everybody who was important felt they just had to have some too, especially in Germany and Holland. In those days the rich people spent much of their time traveling and visiting one another and they always tried to have something rare or different that they could show off. So in just about ten years after this, all the wealthy were seeking to get the rarest tulip bulbs. Holland seemed to go just nuts over them and rich people at Amsterdam sent to Constantinople for the bulbs direct, and paid very high prices for them.

The first roots planted in England were brought from Vienna in 1600. Until the year 1634 the tulip got more popular every year until it was considered proof of bad taste not to have a collection of them in any rich man's gar-

den.

The rage for possessing them soon caught the middle classes of society, and merchants and shopkeepers, even of moderate means, began to compete with each other to have the rarest flowers and in the absurd prices they paid for them. A trader at Harlaem was known to pay one-half of his fortune for a single root—not with the design of selling it again at a profit, but to keep in his own conservatory to show off to his friends.

In 1634, the rage among the Dutch to possess them was so great that the regular work of the country was neglected, and everybody was buying, selling and trading tulips. As more people got caught up in this mania in 1635, people were paying what would today be hundreds of thousands of dollars for a few bulbs, so they could sell them again and make more money.

One special bulb called the Harlaem tulip was bought for 12 acres of land. Another for 4600 florins, a new carriage and two matched horses with fancy harnesses.

People, who had been away from Holland for a while and came home when all this mania was going on, thought the country had gone mad. One very funny story is told of a sailor who knew nothing about tulips and the rage to buy them. He had delivered some information to a merchant and for reward the man gave him a fish to eat for his breakfast. The sailor saw what he thought was an onion laying on the merchants counter, took it to eat with his fish. No one noticed and he went down to the dock to enjoy his food. As soon as he left the place there was an uproar as everyone searched for the rare tulip worth thousands of dollars but no one could find it.

Finally someone remembered the sailor and went to find him. They found the simple fellow sitting happily on a coil of rope eating the last of his fish and 'onion'. Little did he know that the value of his breakfast was equal to pay for a whole crew of sailors for a whole year!! The poor man was thrown into prison for several months but nothing brought back the rare tulip.

The bulbs became so valuable that by 1636, stock markets were selling tulips just like stocks and bonds. People tried to buy when prices went down a bit and sell at higher prices and many

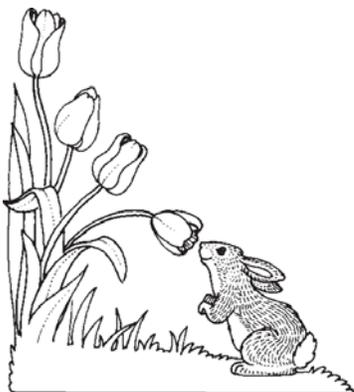
got rich for a while. Nobles, citizens, farmers, mechanics, seamen, footmen, maidservants, even chimney-sweeps and old clotheswomen, dabbled in tulips. People of all grades converted their property into cash, and invested it in flowers. Houses and lands were offered for sale at ruinously low prices, or assigned in payment of bargains made at the tulip-mart. But like any kind of gambling, it soon went bad.

The day came when the bottom fell out of the market and people who had paid high prices for the bulbs, lost their money, as no one wanted to buy them at such high prices any more. People who had been rich a few weeks before were reduced to beggars. Many nobles saw the family fortunes lost forever. It took years for the country to get on its feet again.

In 1636, tulips were sold at the stock exchange in London and Paris, and the sellers tried to get a mania going there too, so they could make fortunes. It only partly worked, but it did succeed in making the flower very popular.

As you know even today the Dutch are famous for rare and special tulips and many of the ones we plant come from Holland. As an Englishman may boast of his fine horses, so the Dutch boast of prize tulips. But never again did they cost such a ridiculous high price as in those years when a flower, cost as much money as would have provided a workingman and his family with food, and clothes, and lodging for six years!

It is interesting to notice the timing of this mania. It was at the very time of the reformation. I sort of suspect that this 'tulip-mania' was one of the devil's tricks to try and keep people too busy to think about Bible Truth! Do you know of things today that people get all excited about so it keeps them from prayer and Bible study? Watch out for 'manias'! = ^..^ =



## STORY LESSON

### “Our Amazing Health Message!”

In the year 1800, George Washington, the USA's 1<sup>st</sup> President, got sick, and sent for a Bleeder. These were semi-doctors, who treated by bleeding the patient. He hurried in and being very anxious to cure this important person he quickly 'bled' the patient. This meant he opened up a vein and let about 2 cups of blood run out.

Washington did not seem to feel any better the next day, so he sent for a doctor who sent for two more to consult with. While he was waiting for them to come, he bled him again and took out a lot of blood.

When they came they repeated this and took out a quart of blood. Still he got worse! (Can you wonder why?) So they each tried their best treatments. One put some irritating chemical on his skin and blistered him. Another gave him nasty medicine that made him vomit. Then they gave him doses of mercury called calomel and made him breath fumes of vinegar mixed with some other chemical.

Finally poor George Washington with his dying breath asked them to please just go away and let him die in peace. And die he did; from a disease that was probably just a bad cold? No, from the treatment!

Then the doctors told the people the wonderful treatments they had given to the president but which, sadly, had failed and he died in spite of the good care. People didn't know any better. The doctors didn't know any better.

At that time, medicine had descended into ignorance and relied mostly on chemicals and poisons. Believe it or not, sometimes these poisons seemed to work, because when the body was busy with a disease, and a dose of poison was given, it had to stop whatever it was doing and try to get the poison out to save its life.

So it would speed up the heart and do what it could to get it out and so sometimes the person seemed 'cured'. But bad effects followed later, or the disease just 'came back', once the poison was out of the body. Sadly some of these poisons, such as calomel (mercury) do not come back out of the body but stay in and cause trouble forever. Many people suffered and died or were ruined for life by these drugs, when if they had just rested and done natural things to help their body, they would be fine.

It was during the Dark Ages that, denied the Bible and true knowledge of God's truth, people turned to drugs and poisons. These came from heathenism and the worship of the serpent god, Asclepius, and were adopted into the Roman church and practiced by many of the priests. This science of poisoning was called Pharmacopoeia, and has come down to us in Pharmacology, the use of chemicals and poisons to affect the body and mind of the patient. Its symbol was 2 serpents around a stick with wings on it, carried by the god Mercury. Have you seen it? It is the symbol of popular drug medicine today. That should be a warning to us!

You see, wherever the true worship of God is found, its followers learn knowledge of the human body and nature. Why? Because they worship the Creator and He teaches them true knowledge and wisdom.

Whenever people move away from knowledge of God and His word, they move towards chemicals and magic and ignorance of the human body and nature. Why? Because they go away from God, Who is the Life-giver, and Satan guides them to hurtful and cruel practices and into ignorance.

It is not how many schools or fancy educations we have that keeps true knowledge with us. Oh no! It is how much men respect and honor God and His Word that matters. As the Dark ages passed, gradually as God allowed the light of His word to start shining out in the reformation and people started to read the Bible again, knowledge of true science began to happen too.

Sad to say terrible seeds of doubt and error were sown by Satan into the world of science around the same time. It was the ideas of spiritualism and evolution. These ideas have grown up like weeds and in our days they are choking out the true knowledge in medicine and putting us back into the times when attacking the body with poison was thought the way to treat sickness.

But God knew all about the bad seeds that Satan was planting and He planted some good seeds that could grow up and be a blessing. You see, in this world, Jesus is always trying to give mankind the good- and people keep wanting instead the 'tree of good & evil'!

After 1844, there was a little group of people who chose to study and learn to understand

God's truth from the Bible and that was more important to them than anything else in the world! They worked hard at it and sometime prayed and studied all night. God helped them and when He saw how much they wanted His truth, He sent them a special gift. He sent the 'Spirit of Prophecy' to a teenaged girl.

That meant God chose Ellen Harmon (later White) to be someone He would use to give special messages to and she would pass them onto the people who wanted so much to know His truth. One of the special things He gave her was true knowledge of our bodies and how to get well and stay well. We are going to learn about that in this series of stories. To be continued.  
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**Year 3: 1st Quarter:**

**“GO YE...AND PREACH THE GOSPEL”  
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 4: “THE GOSPEL  
GOES FORTH”**

This series of Bible Story Lessons is about the wonderful adventures of the apostles. 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: “And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.” Acts 8:37**

### Sunday

**Text: “Acts 8:3,4 “As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.”**

The death of Stephen marked a real change in the early church. All at once it seemed they were no longer just preaching to the Jews and trying to get them to accept Jesus as their Messiah, now they were going everywhere telling the good news to gentiles as well.

This was because it came at the end of Daniel’s prophecy of the seventy weeks of years especially given to the Jews. Jesus had died in the middle of the last week of years, just as the prophecy said He would and Stephen died in AD 34, which was the end of that final week.

Jesus had said, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8 And it was just in that order that the message went out!

The death of Stephen triggered a terrible time of persecution that caused the believers to move out from Jerusalem and scatter to different areas. As they went the gospel message was spread all around. Many went to Antioch and that became the great center of true Christianity for a long time.

Of his cruel work Paul said later: “I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison. . . . And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.” That Stephen was not the only one who suffered death may be seen from Saul’s own words, “And when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.” Acts 26:9-11.

At this time of peril Nicodemus stood boldly for his faith in the crucified Saviour. He had hidden the truth in his heart for three years after he had talked by night with Jesus, but now he took his stand with God’s people. Joseph of Arimathea also came to help the persecuted ones

and these two once very rich men become poor in this world’s money, gladly spending all to help the believers.

*Thought* - It certainly seemed that nothing would ever get Saul to accept Christianity! But the Lord knew his heart and really his terrible hatred against the believers was a relation to his growing conviction that they were right and the Jews were wrong. It was very hard for a proud Pharisee to accept such a thought! A person only gets angry when he hears truth if down inside his heart he knows he is doing wrong.

### Monday

**Text: Acts 8:5,6 “Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.”**

Philip went to Samaria and preached the gospel and many there believed on Jesus and joined the believers. As he was preaching many wonderful healings were done and devils were cast out and the whole city was full of joy.

There was a very interesting man there whose name was Simon Magus, or Simon the great. He was a witch and a pagan priest. The Bible says he, “beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria.” The people of Samaria had a long time been afraid of him and admired his powers. They thought he had the great power of God. Now they weren’t so sure. When he saw all the fuss being made over Phillip, he decided he had better get in on it- or lose his influence.

He joined the believers not because he believed, but because he thought this was the way he could get that power they had. After a while when Philip was so busy he sent for some of the other apostles to come and help, and the church sent Peter and John.

When they came, they found out the Samaritan believers had not yet received the Holy Spirit, so they prayed and asked God in the name of Jesus to send the Spirit to them. And as they laid their hands on the new believers, the Holy Spirit came to them in great power.

Simon Magus saw this and he thought he could make his fortune. If whoever he laid his hands on would get the Holy Spirit, he could

charge a lot of money for this. He offered to buy this power from the apostles.

Peter told him, "Your money perish with you, because you have thought you could buy the gift of God with money. Your heart is not right with God. Repent of this wickedness!"

Simon answered, "Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me." You see he wasn't sorry for his sin, he was just afraid of the results. Simon never became a true believer. To this day when people want to sell the truth of God for money, we call it Simony.

**Thought** – We don't hear a lot about Simon Magus in the Bible. But history has some interesting information. It seems that the man whom the Roman church called its first Pope, was not Simon Peter, but Simon Magus the witch! He later went to Rome and was honored by Nero and later when he died was buried at the Vatican, at that time it was the place where the Pagan's worshipped magic.

## Tuesday

**Text: Acts 8:26, 27 "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship."**

Now while Philip was at Samaria, one day the Holy Spirit told him to go out into the desert and there he would tell him what to do. Philip was busy at Samaria, he easily could have said, "Why would I want to do that for?" But he knew the voice of the Holy Spirit and he just went out into the desert where no one was around and waited to find out why.

It was not long before he saw a rich chariot coming along the road and the Holy Spirit told him to go up close to it. When he did he soon saw that this man was reading the Scroll of the book of Isaiah. He was a believer in the true God of Israel.

He had been to Jerusalem for one of the special feasts and had bought the scroll there. Thrilled with his treasure he was busy reading

it. The part he was reading was Isaiah 53. You can read it for yourself. It is all about Jesus and what He would do for us and it was written about 500 years before it all happened.

Philip quickly asked, "Do you know what you are reading about?"

"How can I", the man said, "If someone doesn't help me?" And he asked Philip to get into his chariot and tell him all about the scripture.

Philip told about how this was a prophecy of Jesus and how it had all just come true not long before. The Eunuch was thrilled and quickly accepted Jesus as the Messiah. Then he saw a large pond of water and asked, "Why could I not be baptized right now?" Philip answered in the words of our memory verse, "If you believe, you can!"

The Eunuch said he believed with all his heart and so the chariot was stopped and Philip baptized this important man from the court of the Queen of Ethiopia. And as soon as he was finished, the Holy Spirit took Philip away so he seemed to disappear.

**Thought** – Never did the Ethiopian forget what he learned that day. He went home and there taught all who would listen about Jesus. A church was raised up that continued unknown and faithful for hundreds of years. Later when ones from the Roman church found it, the people still kept the true Sabbath!

## Wednesday

**Text: Acts 9:1,2 "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem."**

Saul was still busy persecuting the true believers and he was angry that they were getting away from him by fleeing from the city. He got a good idea and went to see the High Priest. He asked him for letters of authority to command the people in Damascus to let him arrest the believers there and drag them back to be punished.

Of course the High Priest was very happy with this idea and off went Saul on his horse

with his armed men to go after the poor Christians who were just trying to get away from him and worship Jesus in peace.

On the last day of the journey, “at midday,” as the weary travelers neared Damascus, they came within full view of broad stretches of fertile lands, beautiful gardens, and fruitful orchards, watered by cool streams from the surrounding mountains. After the long journey over desolate wastes such scenes were refreshing indeed. While Saul, with his companions, gazed with admiration on the fruitful plain and the fair city below, “suddenly,” as he afterward declared, there shone “round about me and them which journeyed with me” “a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun” (Acts 26:13), too glorious for mortal eyes to bear. Blinded and bewildered, Saul fell prostrate to the ground. AA 114

**Thought** – Saul had been blinding his eyes to the truth and now his physical eyes were blinded.

### Thursday

**Text: Acts 9:5,6** “And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.”

While the light continued to shine round about them, Saul heard, “a voice speaking . . . in the Hebrew tongue” (Acts 26:14), “saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me? And he said, Who art Thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.”

Jesus was saying that Saul was acting like a stubborn ox who when the driver would prick it to make it obey, would kick at the driver. Jesus had been trying to get Saul to see the truth and in his heart he knew it but he was fighting against it.

The men with him were also afraid- they saw the light and heard a voice but they did not see Jesus like Saul did. Saul was terrified and even as he lay there helpless on the ground the scriptures proving that Jesus was the Messiah flowed through his mind like a river. He realized in

persecuting the followers of Jesus he had been doing the work of Satan.

“What do you want me to do”? Jesus told him to get up and go into the city and he would be told what to do. When Saul got up- he was blind and had to be led by the hand into the city. He went to the home of one of the believers named Judas and he took him in and put him in a room.

**Thought** – How different was Saul now! Blind and helpless and so sorry for his sins, he didn’t want to eat or drink anything.

### Friday

**Text: Acts 9:10-12** “And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.”

For 3 days Saul sat in darkness and mourned and repented for his terrible sins. Finally the Lord told him in a vision that a man named Ananias would come and he would be able to see again.

The Lord also spoke to Ananias and told him where to go and that he was to lay his hands on Saul and he would be able to see. This man was startled. “Lord”, he said, “This is the man that has come here to arrest us and throw us into prison.”

But the angel said to go anyway because Saul was a chosen vessel of the Lord to do a special work for Him. So Ananias went to the house and came in where Saul was praying and fasting. He put his hands on Saul’s head and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.” Instantly it was like scales fell off of his eyes and he could see again. Then he went and was baptized right away.

Saul didn’t waste any time. As soon as he was healed he started to preach the message about Jesus from the scripture prophecies and

showed the Jews at that place clearly that Jesus was the long looked for Messiah.

This did not make them very happy you can be sure and soon a group of them decided to kill him as soon as he would try to leave the city. They watched the gates to catch him. Saul knew about their evil plan so some of the be-

lievers got a rope and a large basket and let him down from a window in the wall at night and he went on his way to his hometown of Tarsus.

**Thought** - so the unbelieving Jews lost their best champion that day and Jesus got a brave soldier for the cross! = ^ .. ^ =

