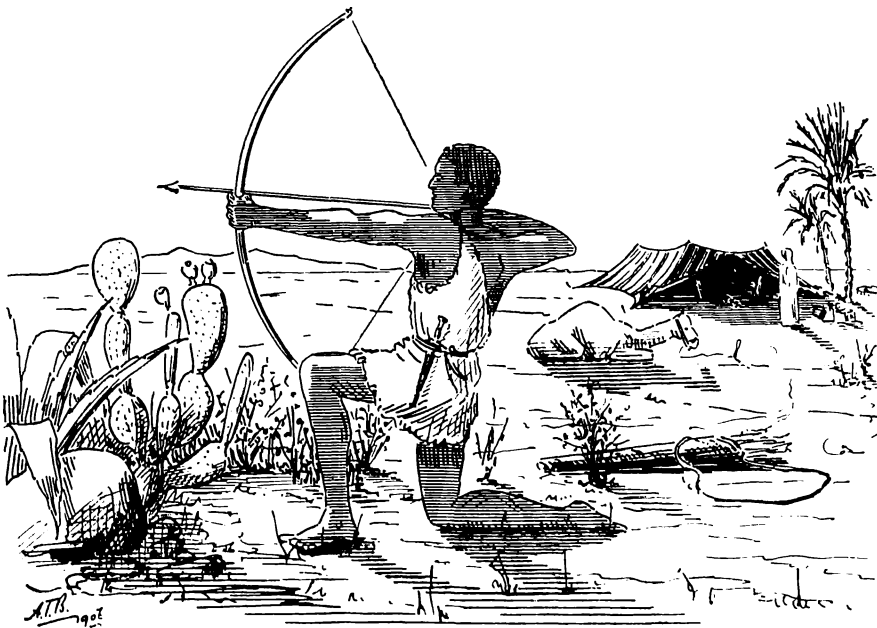


GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young

WHO WAS THIS?



**Sent away from home when he was
14, he “dwelt in the wilderness and
became an archer.”**

(See page 11).

FORGETTING GOD

EX. XXXII. ; PSALM CVI. 21.

I WANT to tell you to-day the story of something that happened while Moses was up in the mount with God, before the Tabernacle was made, when God told him all about making it. Before Moses had left the people this time he had read to them the words of the Lord, which he had written down in a book, and they had promised to be obedient; he had built an altar and sacrificed offerings to the Lord, and he had sprinkled the people with the blood of the covenant which God had made with them (see Heb. ix. 19-22). He had taken Aaron and two of his sons, and seventy of the elders of Israel up into the mount to worship God afar off, and they had seen God's glory. (Ex. xxiv.) The last thing he said to the elders before he left them was that they and the people were to wait until he came back. Then he went up into the mount, and a cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord abode upon it; and he was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

If you reckon up how many weeks there are in forty days you will find there are nearly six. When about five weeks had gone by and Moses had not come back the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron and said unto him, "Up, make us gods which shall go before us," though God had said that they were to have no gods but Himself, and were to make no graven image. And they said "As for this Moses, which brought us up out of the land of Egypt" (as if he, and not God, had delivered them), "we know not what is become of him."

You might think Aaron would have reminded them how very wrong they were, but he seems to have been as bad as they. Perhaps he was afraid, because they

were so many and he was only one. He told them to bring their golden earrings to him. So they brought them. He took the earrings, and melted them, and made a golden calf; and the people said, "These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt." They "forgot God their Saviour" (Ps. cvi. 21). Aaron built an altar to it, and made proclamation, "To-morrow is a feast to the Lord"; and the next day the people rose up early to worship and to bring offerings to the work of their own hands.

They had forgotten God; but He had not forgotten them. He told Moses what had happened; that the people had quickly turned aside out of the way which He commanded them, and had made a molten image. So Moses turned and came down from the mount, with the two tables of stone in his hand, written with the finger of God. I wonder what the people felt like when they saw Moses coming back. They would know that he would not worship a god of gold. He had not forgotten God. He was not afraid because the people were many and he was only one. He does not seem to have thought of anything but their great sin against God, Who had done so much for them. When he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses was so angry that he threw down the tables of stone he was carrying and broke them before the people's eyes. Then he came into the camp and took the thing they had made and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder as small as dust, and cast it into the brook, and some of the water he made the people drink. That was the end of the god which they said had brought them out of Egypt. It was no use at all.

After he had spoken to Aaron, who only defended himself and blamed the people, Moses looked about

the camp and saw that the people were doing things which they ought not to have done. When people forget God they soon begin doing wrong things. Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Who is on the Lord's side? Let him come unto me." And out of all the twelve tribes of Israel that God had delivered and cared for, only one came. Only the tribe of Levi came over on the Lord's side. The idolatrous people who would not listen had to be punished, and the sons of Levi had sad work that day. God always must punish sin; and when trouble comes to people because they will not listen to God's voice they have only themselves to blame. "The wages of sin is death"; and 3,000 of the people were slain that day. They were not on the Lord's side. That was a sad night for everybody: for all the people who had risen early to worship their god of gold, for the Levites, and for Moses.

The next day Moses said to the people, Ye have sinned a great sin; and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. He returned to the Lord and confessed the people's sin; and he loved them so well that he asked that his own name might be blotted out of God's book rather than that they should not be forgiven. But he was only a man himself, and could not bear their punishment; the Lord answered, "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book," yet God had a way by which He could forgive, though Moses could not atone; the Lamb of God was coming to bear the sin of the world. The Lord hearkened unto Moses, His chosen who stood before Him in the breach to turn away His wrath—(Psalm cvi. 23), and said to him, "I will do this thing that thou hast spoken,"


for thou hast found grace in my sight." And Moses prayed for Aaron also at the same time.

I have told you this sad story to shew you what a terrible thing it is to forget God. We read in the Bible of other people who forgot God; and it always brought trouble. There are people who forget God now; but if only they will remember and listen to His voice, and turn to Him now, He will forgive their sin. Moses could not atone for the sin of the people, but the Lord Jesus has made atonement for the sin of the world, and He is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. If you are one that has forgotten God, will you not come to Him now and confess your sin, and ask Him to forgive you? Tell Him that now you want to be on the Lord's side, and ask Him to help you, and He surely will. K.I.B.



SAVED! SAVED!



 WAS reading the other day of a little boy who had fallen into the water, and was in great danger of being drowned. Several stalwart men had been doing their best to save him, but without avail. Presently along hobbled a poor crippled lad, who instantly went into the water, and succeeded in bringing him to land. As I read this, it brought to my mind much of what is to be found in the Bible. For instance, that boy struggling in the water, reminded me of unsaved sinners, doing their best to save themselves. God tells us that all have sinned, and therefore are lost, and without the power to help themselves, as it is written, "without strength." Then, the men who were trying to save him, were like many to-day who tell lost sinners both young as well as old, to do the best they can, and

struggle on, in the hope of being saved at the end. But, just as that boy, would probably have been drowned, if he had been left to the efforts of those men, so if those are listened to, who fail to point sinners simply to Jesus, it will mean eternal loss to those whom they profess to teach.

But just at the right moment, when the boy's efforts had failed, as also those of the men, there came along one who knew just what to do, and how to do it. So dear young friend, when there was no hope for those who had sinned against God, Jesus came along, to save by His atoning death, those who trust in Him. He saw His creatures struggling in sin, unable to free themselves from its bondage, and He straightway went down, down into the dark waters of death, that He might deliver them, and save their precious souls. Oh! what love! What tender pity and compassion, that He should thus die in the place of those who loved sin, and were His enemies! He has not only died, but lives again at God's right hand, to save and bless everyone who trusts in Him, and His precious blood, for the Bible says, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin"—(1 John i. 7). Don't wait any longer for He stands with loving outstretched arms to receive you. Trust in Him, and be eternally saved.

W. G.



"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME"

COMING TO JESUS

VERY likely each little boy and girl who sees these lines has, at some time or another, been asked to "Come to Jesus." Was it your Sunday School teacher, or was it mother or father who asked you?

Perhaps you don't quite know what it means to "Come to Jesus?" Though you cannot see Him, it is really easier to come to Jesus than it is to come to anyone in all the world—because you haven't to go anywhere to find Him. He is "near to all that call upon Him." If you say in your heart, "Lord Jesus, I believe that Thou didst die for me,"—that will be



coming to Him. If you then say, "Lord Jesus, Thou hast loved me and died for me, and now I want to do everything that will please Thee, but I am often naughty. Please make me good and obedient,"—that will be coming to Jesus. If you come to Jesus, you come to God, and Jesus died to make you fit to be with God. By-and-bye you will *see* Jesus. Won't you come to Him now?

Sometimes, when little boys and girls are in trouble, they cry for "mother," but mother cannot be in two places at the same moment. Jesus can. He is always where He is wanted. Nobody ever cries for Jesus without Jesus being at his or her side to give comfort. Jesus longs to comfort all who are in trouble, but He can't do it if they won't let Him. Just as you may have pushed all your friends away when you have been

in tears and angry about something, so do men and women, as well as boys and girls, refuse to listen to the loving, gentle Jesus, Who wants to take all their sorrows away from them. Isn't it ungrateful of people to refuse to let Jesus help them? Jesus died to save them and they won't trust Him; though He is in heaven and is able to do anything and everything for them. Don't be ungrateful to Jesus, Who has shown such wonderful love to you, but let Jesus into your heart now, if you have never let Him in before. He will always be near you, if you only trust Him and talk to Him as you do to your own dear mother and father, whom you can see. Jesus will be a far better friend than any of your other friends; He loves you much more than anyone else loves you.

Say in your heart to Jesus:—

“Jesus, I do trust Thee,
 Trust Thee with my soul,
 Guilty, lost and helpless,
 Thou hast made me whole;
 There is none in heaven,
 Or on earth like Thee;
 Thou hast died for sinners,
 Thou hast died for me.”

A.E.R.



THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

—
“I am the Lord that healeth thee.”—Exodus xv. 26.
 —

“The Great Physician now is near,
 The sympathising Jesus.”



I DARESAY you have often sung the hymn of which these are the two first lines. Shall we look together for a short time at some of the cures performed by the Blessed Lord Jesus, Who left His glorious home on high to come down to this earth,

so full of sin, and therefore full of sorrow, disease and death? He came to bring redemption, joy, healing, and life everlasting. If you will go carefully through the four Gospels, which tell us of His wonderful ministry, and count the number of cures He wrought, you will see that He was indeed "The Great Physician."

But to-day let us take just one which is related by three of the Evangelists. You will find the touching little story in Matt. viii. 2-4, Mark i. 40-45, and Luke v. 12-15.

A poor leper has heard of the fame of Jesus, and in his sore need he seeks for healing. Everybody kept as far as they could from those afflicted by the terrible disease of leprosy, and the lepers had to cry "Unclean, unclean," so as to warn people of their approach. Luke tells us that this was a very bad case—"a man full of leprosy." How he dragged his poor, weary, diseased body along we can only imagine, but he comes at last to the Lord of Life, and meets Him somewhere on the shores of the Lake of Galilee. The leper would not have dared to come so near to any of his fellow-men, but he comes right up to the Lord, and falls down before Him, beseeching Him.

Can we not picture the scene? The sufferer looking up in an agony of supplication into that Blessed Face, so full of love and sympathy. The leper never doubts the Lord's power to heal, but he hardly dares to believe that He will put it forth on behalf of such a poor creature as he is. Listen to his prayer: "Lord, if thou wilt, thou can'st make me clean." But see how the gracious Saviour honours his faith. "He is moved with compassion." He will not keep him waiting one single moment; "immediately" He puts forth His hand, that hand that would so soon be pierced with cruel nails

upon the cross, and, wonder of wonders ! He touches the leper, and " immediately " that touch so gentle, so divine, cleanses and cures.

And " this same Jesus " is just as ready now, when He is in the glory, as He was when in Galilee so many hundreds of years ago, to listen to the prayer of faith, and to save and cleanse all those who come to Him, for His own words are : " Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

J. M. D. B.



" AS A LAMB TO THE SLAUGHTER "

YESTERDAY, while out distributing Gospel papers, I met a coolie man leading four goats and two sheep. It is the custom in these country parts to take the animals to the small slaughter-house the evening before they are killed. The goats cried, and tugged away at the rope, trying their best to get away ; but the sheep hurried on in silence, following the coolie across the river and up the hill to the place of slaughter,

This reminded me of the Lord Jesus, who was led to Pilate to be judged. Then He was taken to Calvary to the place where He was slain. Without a word of complaint He went, and without a struggle to free Himself from the cruel death that awaited Him.

The prophet Isaiah foretold this scene many years before it really happened—" He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth." The Lamb of God, the loving, gentle Jesus, was led by sinful men, and by cruel hands was crucified and slain.

Little ones, it was all for you. He bore man's hatred and God's wrath for you and for me, in order that we might be spared, through faith in Him.

C.L.D.

THE BIBLE

No book for our souls like the Bible,
 Everything else may deceive;
 Reading the sweet words of Jesus,
 What can we do but believe?

Glory to Jesus!
 Life in His Name we receive;
 Reading the sweet words of Jesus,
 What can we do but believe?

No book for our hearts like the Bible
 Telling the kindness of God,
 Proving that sinners are pardoned,
 Ransomed and purchased by blood.

No book for our path like the Bible
 Showing where sin leads astray,
 Pointing our eyes off to Jesus,
 The Light, the Life, and the Way.

Oh! what can compare with the Bible
 Spreading its blessings around,
 Pouring out streams of salvation
 Just where poor sinners are found?

E.T.



BIBLE CHILDREN

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For this month the task is as follows:—Say what the Bible tells us about the lad whose picture appears on page 1. (NOTE: His life story is told in the book of Genesis, and he is also mentioned in 1 Chronicles and in Galatians).

BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before Jan. 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible in the words of the Bible, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in March. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

1. What was the name of a boy who was hidden by his parents when a baby? and why did they hide him instead of obeying the king's command?

2. What did God put into the mother's heart to do when he was three months old?

3. How did God then provide for the child? and how was his mother again enabled to take care of him for a time?

4. What did this boy refuse to be called when he grew up, and what did he choose instead?

5. Why did he leave the land where he was born? and where did he go?

6. Quote a verse which reminds us how the Lord Jesus gave up more for our sakes than this prince did for his brethren.

Answers to the above questions may be found by searching the following chapters:—Exodus ii.; Acts vii.; Hebrews xi.; 2 Corinthians viii.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

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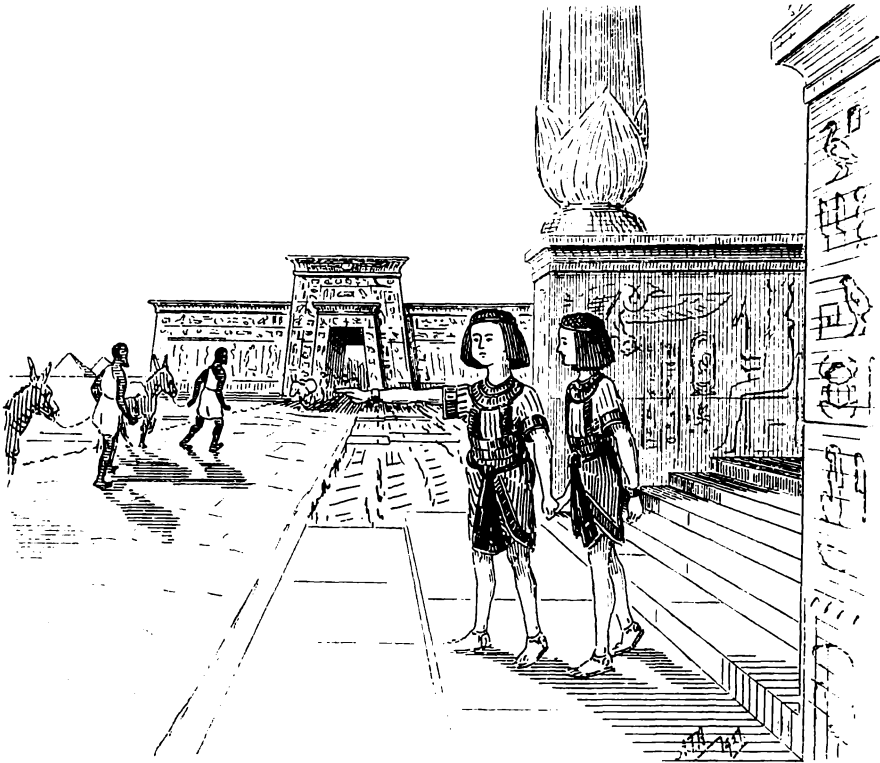
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WHO WERE THESE?



While they were children there was a long famine, and people came from all countries to buy food from their father who was "lord of all Egypt."

(See page 23).

THE WAY TO GOD

SOMEONE was once asked, "Which is the way to heaven?" and it is said that he answered, "Turn to the right and keep straight on." There is only one right way to heaven, only one way to God, Whose Home it is, and that way is told us in His own word, by His own Son (John xiv. 6).

How did God's people of old know the way to come to Him? He told them. The tabernacle and the sacrifices were to teach them. And they are picture lessons for us too, to help to make plain to us how the Lord Jesus is the Way now.

The book of Leviticus is hard to understand, though some of it is explained in the New Testament. But we should try to understand that part of it which tells us how God's people were to come to Him in those days. You know that they had found out that they were sinners. How might they come near to a holy God? The only right way is to come in the way He tells us. He told His people the way then, and He tells us the way now; and the one is a picture of the other. We are meant to learn from the things which He said to them.

They could not come to Him without a sacrifice. No more can we. But theirs had to be offered often. Ours offered Himself once, on the cross at Calvary.

Leviticus tells us about sacrifices and offerings, and all are like pictures of the Lord Jesus, the one perfect sacrifice. No one can come to the Father except by Him (John xiv.).

We read in Ex. xl. just how the tabernacle and the other things were to be arranged. You will remember that God had told the people to make the

tabernacle for a dwelling-place for Him ; and it was at the door of the tabernacle that He had promised to meet with them (Ex. xxix. 43, 44). There was a courtyard round about the tabernacle, with a very wide gate at one end. The tabernacle was at the other end, and its door was opposite to the gate of the courtyard. In between, just in the way from the one to the other, were two things ; first the altar of burnt offering, then the laver of brass, with water to wash in. The altar was set before the door of the tabernacle, and was the first thing you came to. Anyone who wanted to come to God must come first to the altar.

The first chapter of Leviticus tells how they were to come. The people had been told before (Ex. xxix.) that there were to be sacrifices every morning and every evening, day by day continually. Here they are told exactly what to do.

Each one was to bring his offering to the door of the tabernacle. It was to be a lamb, or a bullock, or a goat, or a turtle-dove or pigeon, just what the man could bring ; but it *must* be "without blemish," like the passover lamb. He was to put his hand on the head of the offering, and it should be accepted for him, to make an atonement for him. Then it was to be killed, and offered upon the altar. It died instead of him. Then we are told "the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him." These words are repeated again and again. So the man would know that he was forgiven because God said so.

You will soon see that all this is a wonderful picture of the Lord Jesus, and how we may come to God by Him. He was the Lamb of God ; He was "without

blemish," for He "did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth." He was led as a lamb to the slaughter. He was once offered to bear the sins of many. He died for us. It is only by Him that we may come to God, only through Him that we may be forgiven, for He alone is the Way.


The Israelites had to bring their sacrifices to a priest, to make atonement for them. But we need no priest on earth, for we have a great High Priest, Jesus the Son of God (Heb. iv. 14), and He has made atonement long ago. Our High Priest is "the Author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him." They had sacrifices offered every day. But He "needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices . . . for this He did once, when He offered up Himself."

Those sacrifices of bulls and of goats could never of themselves take away sins (Heb. x. 11), they were only pictures and types of the Lord Jesus, the "One sacrifice for sins," Who has offered Himself without spot to God. But that was the way God told His people to come then, and all who believed and obeyed Him were forgiven.

And as each one of the Israelites of old had to lay his hand on the head of his sacrifice and confess his sin, believing what God told him and obeying His word, so we too must come each one in the way God has said, confessing our sin and believing in the Lamb of God. "Through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and by Him all that believe are justified."



“ FAITH ”

“  RANDPA, I want a box of paints.” Such were the words written in biscuit letters by a tiny little girl on the nursery floor of her grandfather’s house. He lived many years ago in the United States, and the child was a great pet. It was the old man’s custom each morning to visit the nursery, which formed his little grand-daughter’s playground, in order to say “ Good-bye,” and give her a kiss before starting for his daily work.

On the occasion in question, the moment the nursery door opened, the little maiden, in her childish glee, ran over to greet her grandfather ; and pulling him gently by his coat-tails, eagerly exclaimed, “ Come here, grandpa.” Yielding to her request, she led him to a corner of the room, and pointed with her fingers to the sentence which she had written on the floor, “ Grandpa, I want a box of paints.” Loving eyes gazed on the words ; but, being in a hurry, the old man made no remark, and giving her the usual kiss, he simply said, “ Good-bye, darling,” and hurried off to his office. The hours quickly fled, and the shades of evening drew near, but the child’s desire had not been forgotten. Presently, the old man reached his home ; and, leaving the box of paints he had purchased in the pocket of his overcoat, he quickly mounted the stairs, and was soon inside the door of the nursery where the child was still playing.

Running swiftly to meet him, and flinging her arms around his neck, the little one again drew her grandfather to the same corner of the room where her morning’s request had been so simply expressed. “ Look here, grandpa,” exclaimed the child, and gazing

on the floor, the old man's eyes beheld these words, which were also written in biscuit letters, "Grandpa, I thank you for that box of paints." How passing strange was this, seeing that as yet the little one had not received the paint-box, nor was it even in her grandfather's hand. But such is the way of "*Faith*"; and, needless to say, the old man's joy was full. A few minutes only elapsed, before the child's wish had been gratified, and, with beaming eyes, she was examining her new treasure.

Such is the sweet story of a child's trust and confidence in one whose love she had known, and proved, many times before; but her action affords a striking illustration of the reality and power of faith, seeing that she thanked her grandfather even before she had actually received his love-token. God does not ask us to thank Him, dear children, before we have received the greatest of all gifts, "the gift of eternal life"; but let us never forget that "without faith it is impossible to please Him." "Faith cometh by hearing; and hearing by the Word of God." "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

Paul could say, amidst the raging of the billows, and the darkness of the storm that led to the subsequent shipwreck of the boat whereon he stood, "Be of good cheer, for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." If Jesus says, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved," He not only means it, but He expects us to believe His words. The hand of Faith has simply to receive from God His priceless gift of a full and free salvation in Christ; but, when that salvation is ours, the very least that we can do, is to thank Him for it with adoring hearts.

S. T.

THE OLD, OLD STORY

FIVE lads were sitting on a seat in a Recreation Ground one dark evening, some months ago. They came from one of the poorest parts of the neighbourhood, and belonged to that class of young men that one generally sees loafing around street corners, and outside public-houses.

On the evening in question, however, they had left their usual haunts, for this more secluded spot. And their loud coarse voices could be heard for some distance, as they disturbed the quiet evening air, with their jokes and songs.

A young man, who had occasion to walk through the grounds that evening, was just passing through the gates when the tune of a well-known hymn struck his attention; and he stopped to make quite sure that he was not mistaken.

The singers were evidently not much used to the hymn as the chorus was all that they sang, and these were the words—

“Tell me the Old, Old Story,
Tell me the Old, Old Story,
Tell me the Old, Old Story,
Of Jesus and His love.”



The lads (for it was none other than they who were singing) little knew that that was exactly what the young man wanted to do, and so, crossing over the ground that lay between him and them, he approached the five saying, "Was it *you* that wanted to be told 'The Old, Old Story.'?" "Oh no, sir," was the reply, "You've come to the wrong place." "But I am sure the singing came from here," said our friend.

At last, after a little more parleying, they admitted that they had sung the words. "Well then, do you mind my telling you a little of the 'Old, Old Story'?" said the young man.

As they raised no objection, he quietly told them a little of the love of Jesus, and pressed upon them the imperative need of listening to the voice of God, warning them of the risk they were running, in trifling with eternal things.

The lads listened attentively, answering any questions put to them, and the young man left them trying, by the light of a few matches, to read some leaflets which he had given them.

They were not strangers to that "Old, Old Story," they knew several texts of Scripture, and portions of Gospel Hymns, which they had learnt at Sunday School, but they were not *saved*, and they knew it. They did not need to be told that they were sinners, and yet they had never come to Jesus to have their sins forgiven.

How many boys and girls are like that? They keep on putting off their souls salvation, knowing all the time the awful risk which they run.


T. W.



THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

PART II.

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases."—
Psalm ciii. 3.

F you will turn to Matt. ix. 1—8, you will read of a very wonderful cure wrought by the Great Physician. The story is also told us in two of the other Gospels, Mark ii. 1—12 and Luke v. 17—26.

The Lord Jesus at this time was in Capernaum which is called "His own city"; it was on the shores of the Lake of Galilee and was one of a number of busy, populous towns; but now the scene is greatly changed. The shores of the lake at the present day are solitary and deserted, and learned men and travellers cannot agree even as to which is the exact site of the city where the Lord dwelt, and taught and healed the numbers who came to Him.

Here He was in a house, probably Peter's, and there were crowds of people listening to Him, so that even the entrance was blocked up with the eager hearers. But there is a sick, helpless sufferer who wants to get to Christ. He and those who are carrying him on his bed - for he is paralysed and quite unable to move himself—know well that this wonderful Jesus of Nazareth is able to cure him, but how is the patient to be brought into the presence of the Physician? It seems quite hopeless, but the four bearers are determined, and their faith and energy triumph over all difficulties. True, they cannot bring their helpless burden through the crowd, but there is another way. They carry him up the low stair-case, which is on the outside of the house, and they uncover a part of the

roof, as travellers in the East tell us that the peasants there frequently do to lower their grain or straw. The invalid is gently let down until he is at the feet of the Blessed Lord, Who is both able and willing to cure.

How rejoiced the Lord must have been at the faith of those four men! We can imagine with what love and pity He would look upon the sufferer and with what infinite tenderness He would pronounce those life-giving words: "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." But amongst the crowd that was around Him, there were proud and scornful Pharisees who did not believe in the lowly Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God, and they had hard thoughts of Him in their hearts. But He could read their hearts as an open book, and to shew to them and to all around that He had power on earth to forgive sins and to heal diseases, He turns once again to the helpless figure at His feet, and says to him: "I say unto thee, arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." And "immediately" new life flows through the veins of the paralysed, and he who had been "borne of four" now rises from his pallet-bed, takes it up, and goes home, "glorifying God," as the Gospel of Luke tells us.

At the feet of Jesus he had found pardon and new life, and there by faith we must all go if we would obtain the forgiveness of our sins and life everlasting. We cannot see Him now, but we can act upon the words of that beautiful hymn:—

"Yet still to His footstool in prayer I may go
And ask for a share of His love,
And if I thus earnestly seek Him below
I shall see Him and know Him above."

J.M.D.B.



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A SPECIMEN OF HOW THE 'PICTURE QUESTIONS' SHOULD BE ANSWERED
(SEE JANUARY NUMBER)

The lad whose picture appeared in our January number was Ishmael.

Ishmael was the son of Abram and Hagar the Egyptian. Before his birth, the Angel of the Lord had told his mother to call the child "Ishmael," and said "He will be a wild man; his hand against every man, and every man's hand against him" (Genesis xvi. 12).

When he was 13 years old, God gave the promise: "As for Ishmael, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation" (Genesis xvii. 20.).

A year later his half-brother Isaac was born. Not long afterwards, Isaac's mother, Sarah, was vexed by Ishmael's rudeness, and persuaded Abraham to send him and his mother away. They wandered in the wilderness, where their provision of bread and water was soon spent, and they would have died of thirst; but God heard the voice of Ishmael (whose name meant "God shall hear") and He showed Hagar a well of water. He also renewed His promise concerning Ishmael. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer (Genesis xxi.).

He married an Egyptian, and had twelve sons, "twelve princes," whose names are given in Genesis xxv. and 1 Chronicles 1. Ishmael was 89 years old when he and his brother Isaac buried their father Abraham (Genesis xxv. 9). Ishmael himself died at the age of 137. His descendants were called Ishmaelites, and

by a party of them, with camels, Joseph was carried into Egypt—see Genesis xxxvii. 25, and xxxix. 1.

Although not named in the New Testament, Ishmael is “the son of the bondwoman” mentioned in Galatians iv. 30. He was not the “child of promise” as Isaac was; but all God’s promises about him were faithfully fulfilled.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

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1. What wonderful sight did a shepherd see on the Mount of Horeb? What was this shepherd’s name, and what did God say to him when he turned aside to see it?

2. What did God tell him He had seen and heard? What did He say He would send him to do, and what promise did He make him?

3. What two reasons did the shepherd give for not being willing to go, and how did God answer him?

4. Did the people to whom he was sent believe that God had sent him? What did they do?

5. Write a list of the seven promises each beginning “I will,” which God gave to him for the people after their taskmasters had made their work harder.

6. How do we know that these promises came true? Can you find any promises in the New Testament in which the Lord Jesus says, “I will”?

Answers to the above questions may be found by searching the following chapters:—Exodus iii., iv., and vi.; Joshua xxi. and xxiii.; Matthew xi.; John vi. and xiv.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young


WHO WAS THIS?



(See page 35).

A PRICELESS ORNAMENT

FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

PRING is almost here now and with this season of the year come the loveliest of all Nature's ornaments. The snowdrops are the first flowers to make their appearance, and do not these contrast wonderfully with the bare, brown earth around, and remind us of purity and freshness, which only God can impart?

Then there comes another tiny flower, not so easily seen as the snowdrop, and perhaps you might even pass it by unnoticed. But ah! where does that beautiful fragrance come from? and you draw a deep breath to inhale the delightful odour. "Surely there must be some flowers about," you exclaim, and then begin an eager search with your eyes along the ground. At first you see nothing, and you begin to feel disappointed, when suddenly a bunch of green leaves attracts your attention. You stoop and peer under their broad surface, and, yes, there they are, almost hidden from view, the little, modest, dark blue violets. Here is the secret of the fragrant odour, and these are the first violets of the year. How pleased you feel, and how well repaid for your long search!

Dear young Christian friend, are you like the violet, blossoming silently, out of sight, showing forth pleasant ways that are like the scent of sweet flowers to all who come near you? You would probably not be aware of the presence of the violet, but for its sweet scent. Then copy this little flower. Show to Whom you belong by modest acts of kindness, gentleness and patience—not by parading your virtues before the world, nor by setting yourself up to be better than your neighbours.

Isn't the violet one of the meekest and lowliest of flowers? and yet you are always pleased to see it. So will it be with you, if you are earnestly striving to live up to the name of Christian which you bear, if you are really and truly a believer in the Lord Jesus.

It needed no great display of brilliant colour in order to make the violet beautiful, it is just a sweet-scented violet and nothing more, and you love it for that reason, and yet you may have an ornament that is more beautiful and precious, "even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Pet. iii. 4.

Then seek it from Him Who is ready to give you this priceless ornament, and you will find it far better than all beside, to enable you to be beloved by all as the violet is, and, above all, to give pleasure to the One to Whom you owe everything; for God loves to see His children thus adorned.

L.P.



PLAYED WITH IT AND LOST IT



HAVING recently moved into rather an old house, which is built close to some corn stores, I find that there are very many mice there. Now you all know how fond of mice cats are, and it was through a little incident which took place this morning, that I am led to write to you. While sitting at breakfast I noticed that my kitten was eagerly trying to get through a small door, which opened into a pantry. Finding that pussy could not quite succeed, I opened it for her, and she immediately jumped in, seized a mouse, and began to play with it. Well children, though she is a very sharp kitten for catching mice, and was in the habit of playing for a long time

with them before eating them, it somehow happened that she lost this one. I suppose she got rather careless, anyhow great was pussy's disappointment when she had to go without her dainty breakfast.

Now, dear children, this is only a little incident, which might take place any day, but as I remarked, half aloud to myself, "Played with it and lost it," I was deeply impressed with the sorrowful fact that many people are doing exactly the same thing in relation to eternal things. A great number of children, I'm afraid, are playing with their soul's eternal salvation. How solemn! Are you one of these, my dear young reader; if so, why?

Some of you go to Sunday school, Sunday after Sunday, and your teacher pleads with you to come to Jesus just now, while He offers Himself to you as your Saviour, but you go on playing with salvation and don't quite make up your mind to accept it. Now, my dear children, I want you to be honest with yourselves and answer these few questions as if to God Himself. Why are you putting it off? What keeps you away from the Saviour Who loved you so much that He died for you, and still loves you, and is yearning over you and longing to save you from eternal destruction? Could He do more for you? He is the same Jesus Who cried, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me and drink," and now He offers Himself in all His blessed fulness to be to you just what you need. Are you thirsty? Come and drink. Are you weary and tired of your sins? Jesus says, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." Do you want to know the way to come? Just tell Jesus, and He will show you that He is the way, the truth and the life, and He has said, "I am the door," John x. 9.

But perhaps you are not thirsting for Him, neither are you weary or tired of sin, nor seeking to know the way of salvation, nor longing to know Jesus as your friend. Well, just remember that Jesus longs for you, and if your heart seems cold and hard just ask Him to make you long for Him.

Now just one word more to any who do not care at all about Jesus or the life that He gives—take care, my dear young friend, that you do not lose your soul. In the name of the Lord Jesus Who died for you, I ask you to consider earnestly “What will it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”

“Don’t play with it and lose it,” you cannot count on to-morrow. God’s word says, “Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation.” May He rouse your slumbering heart while yet there is time, and incline you to come to Jesus—and may you never have to regret bitterly that you played with salvation and lost it!

F.K.W.



NUMBERING THE PEOPLE

NUMBERS, CHAP. I.

“*To every man his work.*”—MARK XIII. 34.

JUST a month after the Tabernacle was set up (Ex. xl. 17), the Lord spoke to Moses and told him to number the people. They were still in the wilderness of Sinai, where they had come ten months before, and where so much had happened to them. There they had heard the voice of God speaking to them, and there they had received His law. There they had waited while Moses was up in the mount with God, when they forgot God and made a golden calf. There they had heard from Moses how

the Tabernacle was to be made, they had given offerings for the work, they had helped with it, and at last they had finished it. There they had learnt the way to come to God. There they had kept the Passover feast of remembrance for the first time, just a year after they had left Egypt.

Now in about three weeks they were to leave the place where they had been for so many months, and were to go forward again on their way to the Promised Land. They still had Moses for their leader, and still God was their Guide. Before they started they were to have their marching orders from God Himself, and they were to learn that for every one of His people He has a place, for every one there is work to do.

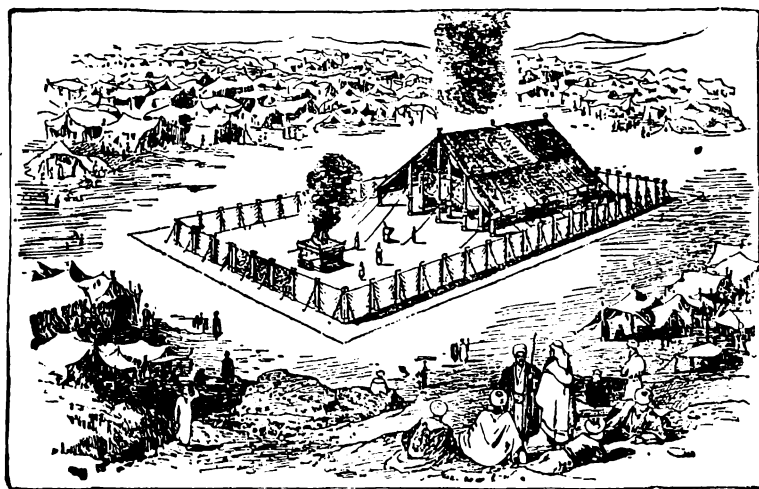
The first thing God told Moses at this time was to take the number of the names of all the men who could fight. Every one was to be counted of every tribe, all that were able to go forth to war, every male from 20 years old and upward. So it was done; as the Lord commanded Moses, so he numbered them. You will find how many they were in v. 46. And every one of them was redeemed (see Ex. xxx. 12).

Each of the 12 tribes had a prince or leader chosen by God, and they helped Moses and Aaron to number the people. Their names are given in Numbers i. The prince of the tribe of Judah was Nahshon, the great-grandfather of King David's grandfather. These men were not to do just what they thought right themselves, but all of them, all the leaders and all the men, were to do "according to all that the Lord commanded Moses" (v. 54). They were the servants of the Lord, His fighting men, to do His work, to obey His commands.

Our great Prince-leader, the Captain of our salvation, is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself (Hebrews ii.). We

are to be ready to do whatever He tells us ; we are to follow Him. But, of course, He is not your Leader till first of all you have come to Him, and asked Him to make you His. For the first thing He tells everyone to do is to come to Him. Then you will be numbered among His people.

When the people were all counted, the Lord told them how to camp, and how to march. Every man was to pitch his tent by his own standard, with the ensign of his father's house. Three tribes were to be on the east side ; and when they set forward on their journey these were to start first, with Nahshon and the



tribe of Judah at their head (Numbers x. 14). Then there were to be three tribes on the south side, three on the west, and three on the north. The

Tabernacle, with the camp of the Levites round about it, was to be in the midst of all, and when they journeyed, it was still to be in their midst. As they encamped, so they were to set forward, every man in his place (ch. ii. 17).

They were to be ready to start at the commandment of the Lord ; at His command they stayed, at His command they went. So long as the cloud which showed God's presence rested upon the Tabernacle, whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, they journeyed not : but when it was taken up they journeyed (Num. ix. 15 to 23).

The Lord had told Moses not to number the tribe of Levi among the rest. If you carefully read that first chapter you will see that there were now twelve tribes without them, for the two sons of Joseph had each been made the head of a separate tribe. The Levites were chosen by God to do a special work for Him and they had a special place, for they were always to camp round about the Tabernacle. The sons of Levi were the only ones who had come over on the Lord's side on that sad day when the people forgot God and worshipped the golden calf. God said that the Levites should be His, because all the firstborn were His (ch. iii. 12, 13); and the Levites took the place of all the firstborn of Israel (ch. iii. 45). So they were counted separately.

God's people are not counted now, you will say. Not by man, for no man knows their number. But it is known to that One Who telleth the number of the stars, and calleth them all by their names. The Lord knoweth them that are His. He knoweth them that trust in Him. The smallest of those twelve tribes of Israel had in it 32,200 men, so it is not likely that any of the leaders knew the names of all their men; but the Captain of our salvation knows us every one, and is always ready to help us. And He does not count only those over twenty, nor only the boys and not the girls, but all who trust in Him, every one who has listened to His voice and come to Him in the way He has told us.

Do you want to be a "a good soldier of Jesus Christ"? Have you begun to serve Him yet? Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life? You need not wait till you are 20 and you need not be hindered by anything. Did the Lord Jesus ever turn

away any of those who came to Him? And do you think that He will now? He is just the same. His people are told to "fight the good fight of faith," but He has other work too for every one of them. If you do not know what yours is, ask Him to show it you, and then ask His help to do it. A good soldier obeys orders, and is ready to do whatever his captain tells him.

King David's men once said to him "Behold thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint." If you can truly say that, you may "serve the Lord Christ" in many ways, though you may not be very old. I know a little boy not quite three who tries very hard to help his mother, and sometimes he succeeds, but of course he could be of no use if she did not show him the way.

If you are numbered among the people of the Lord, remember that He wants you to serve Him in the place where He has put you. If He wants you somewhere else by and by He will send you there. And "when He putteth forth His own sheep He goeth before them." Whatever may come, if you follow your Captain and obey His word, you need fear nothing: for we are "more than conquerors through Him that loved us."

K.I.B.



THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

PART III.

MARK X. 46—52.

LUKE XVIII. 35—43.

"The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind."—Ps. cxlvi. 8.

LONG ago, when the Lord Jesus trod this earth of ours, one day in the land of Judæa, just outside the city of Jericho, a poor blind beggar, by name Bartimæus, was sitting. No doubt he had sat

there day after day, and how long and weary the time must have seemed to him as he strained his ears to listen for the approach of the passers by, hoping that they might give him some money.

Do we thank God as we should for the blessed gift of sight? What must it be never to be able to look upon the faces of those whom we love, never to gaze upon the deep blue summer sky or the wonders of the star-lit heavens, never to be able to look upon the rosy clouds of sunrise or the splendour of the sunset, never to see the tender green of the young leaves in spring or the brilliant colours of the autumn woods, never to look out upon the ocean when it is glistening in the sunshine? And these are only a few of the beautiful pictures in God's book of nature. Let us be more and more grateful to Him for having given us eyes to see.

The eyes of Bartimæus were closed to all around, but his dark days were soon coming to an end, for the Great Physician was to pass through Jericho that day. The blind man, as he listened intently, could hear that a great crowd was coming near him, and, on eagerly asking what it meant, he was told that it was Jesus of Nazareth Who was passing by.

Jesus! That name which is above every name falls like music on the ear of Bartimæus. It thrills him with hope, he feels that now is his opportunity, now or never. Jesus of Nazareth may soon have gone beyond his reach, and in his blindness he will not be able to follow. He cries out: "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me." The people around try to hush his cries, but he heeds them not; the more they try to quiet him the more earnest he becomes, he must gain the ear of Jesus of Nazareth, he cannot let Him "pass by."

And now we have a marvellous picture presented to us. Jesus, the God-Man, the One of Whom it is said in the first chapter of Hebrews that He is the brightness of God's glory and the express image of His Person, the Lord Jesus Christ actually stands still at the cry of the blind beggar, and commands that he shall be brought before Him. Those around now comfort Bartimæus and tell him that Jesus of Nazareth is calling for him, and they lead him to the Lord who asks him: "What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" Out of the very depths of his heart the blind man cries: "Lord, that I might receive my sight," a short prayer, but how fervent! "Immediately" his prayer is granted. And what is it that he sees first of all? The face of the Blessed Saviour.

The end of the story is that he followed Jesus in the way, and in Luke we are told that he glorified God, and all the people when they saw it gave praise unto God.

May we, also, "follow Jesus in the way," the narrow way "which leadeth unto life."

J. M. D. B.



BIBLE CHILDREN

In connexion with our series of pictures of children mentioned in the Bible, we invite our young readers to answer the question or do the task which is set month by month, and at the end of the year rewards will be given to those who have sent the best answers. Papers sent in should give the name, age, and address, of the writer; and should be addressed to "Questions, c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London," not later than the 20th of each month.

For this month the task is as follows: Give the name of the baby shewn on the cover, also the names of his father and mother; and write briefly, *in your own words*, the story of his life as told in Exodus and the last chapters of Deuteronomy. Also say where he is mentioned in the New Testament.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Bible Children Stories for January, 32 papers received:—Commended (in order of merit): W.H., A.L., H.H., L.M.N., F.L., J.C., N.T., G.B., M.R., R.N., C.E.F.M.

Five who answered gave the name only, but this is not enough. Read the question on p. 11. Write these stories in your own words, and not on the same paper as the Bible Searching Questions; write neatly and clearly.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

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1. How many times did God send Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh, saying "Let my people go"? Give references.

2. What nine troubles did God have to bring upon the land of Egypt because Pharaoh refused to let His people go? And how many times did Pharaoh say he would let them go?

3. In what words are we told that God made a difference between His people and Pharaoh's people in four of the plagues?

4. In what words did Moses warn Pharaoh of the last and most terrible plague that should come upon his land?

5. What did God tell the Children of Israel to do in order that they might be safe from the Destroying Angel? And what did He promise to do when He saw the blood?

6. Write out the verses where the Lord Jesus is called the Lamb of God, and where He is spoken of as "a lamb without blemish and without spot."

Answers to the above questions will be found by searching the following chapters:—Exodus v. to xii.; John i.; 1. Peter i.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for January, 95 sets received:—Commended: W.H., F.A.S., L.S.; (under 12), L.S.Y., R.G., M.A.H., H.H., J.K., N.T., C.T., W.V.J.T., R.F.W.; Six answers correct: D.L.B., E.W.B., Harry H., J.J.H., B.L., M.L., E.M., H.Mc.K., Eva M., G.R.S., L.W., V.E., D.E.; (under 12), four correct: M.B., D.B., E.C., Amos E., T.H.H., E.J., D.M., C.E.F.M., D.O., C.R., H.W., I.Y.

GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young

WHO WAS THIS?



**She was sister to the baby in the
ark of bulrushes.**

(See page 47).

SUCH were the last words which fell on my ears a short time ago, as, with another servant of Christ, we sat by the bedside of a dear young man who, just twenty-four hours later, passed away to be “with Christ, which is far better.” He had been the victim of consumption for some time before I first knew him, and my weekly visits to his home at V—— were always happy times, as we talked together of the precious love of Him Who came “to seek and to save that which was lost.” Dear H——, though at first somewhat reticent, was always an attentive listener, but gradually his heart responded more and more to the precious truths of the Gospel, and eventually, through the grace of God’s Spirit, he became fully assured of God’s salvation. The day before my final visit, the doctor had given but a faint hope of his living through the night; but he rallied a little in the morning, and was at times quite conscious during the short period that we read, and prayed with him in the fading light of that afternoon. Then, as we rose to go, I took his hand, and, though he was in evident pain, yet with a clear voice, and looking up into my face, he exclaimed, “I am ready.” “Thank God,” said I, as with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow, I left the room, feeling sure that I had gazed on that pale young face for the last time, and a few days later I stood at his grave in the old churchyard. Reader, “*are you ready?*” Dear H—— had taken the Christ of God as his own personal Saviour, and was simply trusting in the precious blood of Jesus for the pardon of his sins; hence he could truly say, on the very threshold of the eternal world,

" I am ready." Sooner, or later, death will overtake every child of Adam, except believers on the Son of God who are alive when He comes to receive all such to Himself. Yes, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, " the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God ; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we (believers) which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air ; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." How intensely solemn a moment will that be for every unbeliever, whether dead or alive, for all such, whether young or old, will be left behind for judgment. Hence, dear reader, again I lovingly ask you, "*Are you ready?*" If, in truth of heart, you really desire to be "*ready*" when Jesus comes, the following things must be personally true of *you*.

To make it simple, let me put it in acrostic form, as follows :—

<i>Ready.</i>	{	REDEEMED by the blood of Christ (Eph. i. 7 ; 1 Peter i. 18 and 19).
		ETERNAL LIFE in Christ, through faith (John vi. 47).
		ACCEPTED in the Beloved (Eph. i. 6),
		DELIVERED from the wrath to come (1 Thess. i. 10).
		YIELD yourself to God (Romans vi. 13).

Oh ! what infinite blessings belong to those, whether young or old, who fully yield themselves to God ! Are they not better than all that the world can offer you ; and are they not all found in the Lord Jesus Christ ? If so, why not possess them *now*, dear reader ? Delay not then another hour ; but trust in Jesus *now*, and you

will be *ready* whenever He may come. Forget not the warning words of Him who died for you, "Be ye also **READY**; for, in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

S. T.



WE ARE NOT CHRISTIANS



I WAS returning home after scattering a little Gospel seed last Lord's Day afternoon, when I met two little girls, and I asked them if they had been to Sunday School. After a pause one of them looked into my face and said, "*We are not Christians, we are Hebrews.*" Dear children, I cannot tell you how sad these words made me feel. *Not Christians.* So I spoke to them about Jesus being the Lamb of God and told them that it was only through His blood shed on Calvary that they could go to Heaven, and that He was the door. They both looked at me and passed to the other side of the road, but my heart was touched for these little girls, and I prayed to God to bless His own Word to their precious souls. I then thought that there may be many who go to Sunday School and are *called Christians*, but if they were to speak the truth they would have to say the same as these two little Hebrew girls, "*We are not Christians*, because our sins are not washed away in the blood of Jesus, because we have not come as sinners to Him, nor been made happy in believing." Oh! dear children, now is the day of salvation, now is the time to come to the loving, living Saviour, and if you come He will receive you, and save you, and then you will be able to say in truth, "*I am a Christian*, saved by the blood of the Lamb of God."

A.C.W.

TWO AGAINST TEN

NUMBERS XIII., XIV. DEUTERONOMY I.

ABOUT a year and two months after the children of Israel had come out of Egypt, and nearly three weeks after the numbering at Mount Sinai, the cloud was taken up from the Tabernacle, and they started again on their journey. They marched in order, with the tribe of Judah at their head, and the Tabernacle in the midst of all. What a multitude they were! Not only the 603,550 men, but all the women and children too, and flocks and herds as well. They were going by a way that they did not know, and they had to travel through "a great and terrible wilderness," but they had no need to fear, for they still had their faithful Guide. The Lord Himself went before them, to search out a resting place for them, in fire by night to shew them by what way they should go, and in a cloud by day (Deut. i., 33).

At first all went well, but very soon the people began to murmur and complain. Perhaps it was because they had been encamped so long at Horeb that they found it hard to go on marching day by day. Perhaps they forgot that they were only passing through the wilderness and that their troubles would not last. The journey they were making now need not have taken them long; from Horeb to Kadesh-barnea, by way of Mount Seir, was only 11 days' journey, even though they had to walk. But they were much longer on the way than they need have been, and through their own fault; they were hindered by things that happened because of their discontent.

At last they did come to Kadesh-barnea (Deut. i., 19). Before them they saw the mountain of the Amorites, and on the other side of this was the land of Canaan.

Moses told the people "This is the land which the Lord thy God doth give unto thee . . . go up and possess it, as the Lord thy God hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged."

But they seem not to have been ready to go at once. They all came near to Moses and asked that they might send men before them to see what the land was like. God said that twelve men should go, one of every tribe, and so they were chosen. Two of them were Caleb and Joshua, and of these two we are told that "they wholly followed the Lord their God." This must have been the reason why they were not afraid and discouraged, as the others were, by what they saw in the land. Before they started Moses had said to them all, "Be ye of good courage," and had told them just what to do.

These twelve men went searching up and down the land for 40 days, and then they came back again to Moses and Aaron and all the people at Kadesh (Num. xiii. 26). They showed them the fruit of the land, pomegranates and figs, and very beautiful grapes. At the valley of Eshcol they had cut down a branch with one cluster of grapes, so big that they had to carry it between two on a pole. They told them also, "It is a good land which the Lord our God doth give unto us. Surely it floweth with milk and honey."

Now how happy the people must have been, you will think. And so they might have been, if they had only remembered that the Lord Jehovah was their Helper. But when they heard also that the people of the land were strong, that the cities were great, with very high walls, and that there were giants there, they were afraid; they forgot that with God on their side they need fear nothing and that Moses had told them "Fear not."

You need never be afraid if you are on the Lord's side and have Him for your Helper. You need not say "It is no use to try, I can never do it," for "If God be for us, who can be against us."



Caleb and Joshua were not afraid, and they tried to cheer up the people; they said "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it." They trusted in the Lord. The other ten said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." Thus they made the people more afraid. They said it was no use to go. There were two against ten; and the people

listened to the ten.

All that night the people wept and cried, though there was not the least need, if they had only been willing to obey. Also they murmured against Moses

and Aaron and against the Lord; they said that they wished they had died in Egypt or in the wilderness. They even talked of making a captain and going back to Egypt. Thus they rebelled against the Lord.

In the morning while Moses and Aaron were praying to God, Joshua and Caleb spake to all the company of the people and told them again that the land was an exceeding good land, and said, "If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into the land and give it us; . . . only rebel not ye against the Lord, nor fear ye the people of the land." But the people refused even to listen, and wanted to stone them to death. There were only four who trusted God and were not afraid out of all that great company. Then the glory of the Lord appeared in the Tabernacle before them all. They had forgotten that He knew all and had heard all.

The Lord was angry with the people for their rebellion and disobedience. But Moses prayed very earnestly that He would pardon their iniquity, according to His great mercy, and the Lord answered "I have pardoned according to thy word." But the people could not go into the land now; "they could not enter in because of unbelief." So they had to turn their backs upon the Land of promise, and wander again in the wilderness, because they did not believe what the Lord said, and would not obey Him. The Lord said, "Surely there shall not one of these men see that good land, which I promised unto their fathers, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun." They were to die in the wilderness. "Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have said, so will I do. . . . But your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised."

When Moses told the people all that God had said, they mourned greatly. The next morning they got up early and wanted to go then and fight the people of the land though they would not go before. Moses told them that now the Lord said they were not to go, and that He would not be with them. They rebelled again and would go, but they were defeated and chased by their enemies, for now the Lord was not with them, and though they were over 600,000 they could not win the battle without Him.

This is what we too must remember. Through God we may do valiantly, but of our own selves nothing at all. The Lord Jesus says, "without Me, ye can do nothing." But with Him for our Captain, trusting in Him and obeying His word, we can do whatever He tells us. The apostle Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me." And the Lord Jesus says to us, "Be not afraid, only believe" (Mark v. 36).

K. I. B.



THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

PART IV



"He spake, and it was done."—PSALM XXXIII. 9



JOHAN iv. 46-54. The Lord Jesus had been staying for two days in Samaria on His return to Galilee from Judæa. Cana of Galilee was the home of one of His disciples, Nathanael (John xxi. 2), so perhaps it was at his house that the Lord was staying at this time.

A nobleman, or courtier, at Capernaum, down on the shores of the Lake of Galilee, about 18 miles or so

from Cana, is in sore trouble, for his son is lying dangerously ill of a fever. The anxious father, hearing that Jesus is no further off than Cana, hastens to Him and begs Him to return with him to Capernaum to heal his dying son. The nobleman evidently thinks of Christ as a wise physician, but he does not yet realize that He is God as well as Man, and that therefore He can cure his son with a word wherever He is.

By the Lord's answer to him (verse 48): "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe," we can see that his faith so far was weak. But the agony of the father's heart breaks forth in the cry, "Sir, come down ere my child die." The loving heart of the gracious Saviour answers to that pathetic appeal with the marvellous words: "Go thy way, thy son liveth." The father at once believes and goes his way.

As he is hastening home his servants meet him with the joyful news that his son is well again, and on asking them the exact time when the fever left him the father finds that it was at the very moment when the Great Physician had spoken those words of power and healing the day before. He becomes a true believer in the Lord Jesus, and all his household with him.

Can we not learn a lesson from this story? It was only after the nobleman had met Christ and Christ had spoken to him that his faith was strong. It is the same with each one of us. Until we come to Jesus and speak to Him for ourselves, and hear Him speak to us through His blessed Word and by His Holy Spirit, we cannot really know Him, however much we may know *about* Him, but when once we have come to Him by faith and can say from our heart that He "loved *me* and gave Himself for *me*," then we find that He is indeed "worthy of all our trust."

J.M.D.B.

Jesus said, "*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me.*"—John v. 39.

"*From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*"—
2 Timothy iii. 15.



BIBLE CHILDREN

In connexion with our series of pictures of children mentioned in the Bible, we invite our young readers to answer the question or do the task which is set month by month, and at the end of the year rewards will be given to those who have sent the best answers. Papers sent in should give the name, age, and address, of the writer; and should be addressed to "Questions, c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London," not later than the 20th of each month.

For this month the task is as follows: Give the name of the little girl shewn on the front page, and the names of her two brothers. Write fully, *in your own words*, the story of what she did when set to watch the ark of bulrushes beside the river Nile; and also what she did after the crossing of the Red Sea many years after. Children over 12 are asked also to find out, if they can, how many years had gone by from the time of the picture to the crossing of the Red Sea; and to give references.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Bible Children Stories for February, 27 papers received:—Commended (in order of merit): J.W., E.C., W.H., Horace H., M.P., R.N., A.L., B.L., E.H., B.R., Nellie T., J.C. Fairly good: Cissie R., T.H.H., A.T., V.E., D.E., Archie E., Eliz. M.

The names of the boys whose picture appeared in February were Manasseh and Ephraim, the sons of Joseph and Asenath his wife. Their grandfathers were Jacob, also called Israel, and Potipherah, priest of On (see Genesis xli 50, 51, 52 and xlviii. 1, 2, 8, 9).

All but two of those who sent papers gave the boys' names correctly.

Always write these stories in your own words, and not on the same paper as the Bible Searching Questions; write neatly and clearly.

BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before April 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in June. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

1. By what way did God lead the children of Israel when they went out of Egypt, and how did He go before them?
2. Who pursued after them, and where were they overtaken?
3. What did Moses say to the people when they were sore afraid?
4. How did God make a way of escape for them through the midst of the sea?
5. Who sang a song of praise to the Lord after this deliverance, and what did they say that He was to them?
6. Quote verses from the New Testament telling us :—
 - (a) How the Good Shepherd leads His sheep.
 - (b) What the Lord said to His disciples when they were afraid.
 - (c) That God will make a way of escape when we are tempted.
 - (d) How we may offer the sacrifice of praise to God.

Answers to the above questions will be found by searching the following chapters:—Exodus xiii., xiv., xv.; Mark iv.; John x.; 1 Corinthians x.; Hebrews xiii.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for February, 71 sets received:—Commended: Harry H., L.S., A.H.W., D.E., N.H., Eliz. M., F.A.S.; (under 12), H.W.J.B., R.N., D.C.B., R.F.W., H.W.; six answers correct, E.W.B., L.C., V.E., J.J.H., E.H., B.L., F.L., Cissie M., L.M.N., M.P.; (under 12), E.C., R.G., I.Y., L.S.Y.; four correct, Amos E., Archie E., Horace H., M.A.H., T.H., E.J., A.L., C.E.F.M., D.O., N.T., C.T., W.V.J.T., J.W.

Answers to January Questions omitted last month: Six answers correct (under 12), H.W.J.B., C.K., R.N., J.W.

Read the Questions more carefully and search the Bible until the right answer is found. Some did not do so this time.

GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young

WHO WAS THIS?



**In the Tabernacle at Shiloh he heard
his name called in the night.**

(See page 59).

THE news of the terrible fire which broke out in a large coal mine at Hamstead, close to the great city of Birmingham, a few weeks ago, will no doubt be fresh in the minds of many of my young readers; some of you will have seen the accounts in the newspapers, whilst others will have heard about it from your parents and friends, but I wonder if it had any effect upon you in making you realize how suddenly death may overtake us and how needful it is, therefore, to be ready?

A few days after the first account of that sad event, in which so many of the poor miners lost their lives, something appeared in the newspapers which seemed like a bright ray of sunshine amidst all the gloom and sadness. I wonder if any of you noticed it, and if you were able to share the joy of the truth it contained?

It was a message which had been left behind by six of those brave miners, written by one of them upon a slate which was found near them, and it said, "We are all trusting in Christ!" What a comfort this must have been in that hour of darkness and danger, as, indeed, it always is to those who trust in Jesus as their Saviour.

I dare say most of you have some idea of what a coal mine is like; you will have seen illustrations of the workings, as they are called, the great tunnels or passages which are made deep down in the earth and from which the coal is extracted, and brought to the top by means of the well or shaft which is made from the surface of the earth down to the mine. Sometimes these workings extend for a long distance in various directions under the earth, and of course all is quite dark, so that the miners have to light their way with

safety lamps, which probably you have heard about ; but some of the mines to-day are lighted by electricity.

The greatest danger in these mines is from explosions, owing to the presence of coal dust and different gases which accumulate in some parts of the workings.

In order to loosen the coal, the miners very often have to use a small charge of some explosive, like dynamite, of a special kind known as "safety explosives," which do not cause fire ; but even then they have to be very careful. Sometimes, in spite of all that is done to prevent it, these terrible explosions will occur and the mine is set on fire, great masses of coal and earth falling into the passages and blocking them up, so that the poor miners have but little chance of escape from death if they are not soon rescued. But how precious to be able to say like those six miners, "We are all trusting in Christ !" to know that if death overtakes us, or if the Lord Jesus should return—He is coming, we know not how soon, to take us to be with Himself—that we are ready, through trusting in Jesus Who died to save us. How calmly could those miners face the death which threatened them, for they knew that Jesus had died so that all their sins might be forgiven, and they had put their trust in Him Who says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out," and this means every little boy and girl as well as men and women. Have you, dear reader, put your trust in Christ, do you know Him as *your* Saviour, as the one who died for *you* ? If not, will you not come to Him *now*, He is able and willing to save you *now*, if you will just yield your heart to Him, in response to His loving, tender invitation, "Come unto Me !" and so may you know the joy of being READY.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

PART V.

Psalm cxx. i.

MATT. xv. 21—28. Mark vii. 24—30. Last month we thought about a father coming to the Great Physician to ask Him to cure his dying son, to-day we have the story of a mother who comes to Him to plead for her afflicted daughter. It is not a fever the poor “young daughter” is suffering from, like the nobleman’s son at Capernaum, but something far worse. She is “grievously vexed with a devil,” but in 1 John iii. 8 we read these cheering words, “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil.” He who could cure the leper with a touch and the fever by a word, is able to free this poor girl from the power of the evil one.

We see from the story in the Gospels that the Lord Jesus had left Galilee and gone with His disciples into the neighbourhood of Tyre and Sidon, not far from Sarepta or Zarephath, where, long ago, the prophet Elijah had restored a child to life. It seems as if Christ had gone for a little rest and quiet after the busy scenes in Galilee, for we read (Mark vii. 24) that “He entered into a house and would have no man know it.”

But it becomes known that He is there, and a poor heathen woman in the neighbourhood cannot rest until she falls at His feet and tells Him all her trouble. We read in Matt. xv. 22 that she addresses the Lord as “Son of David.” Being a Gentile woman, not one of the chosen people of God, but outside, she

had no claim upon Him as "Son of David." First of all He does not give her any answer whatever, then at last He speaks, but it is only to tell her that His own people, the Jews, have the first claim upon Him. Then she cries again out of the depth of her need and distress: "Lord, help me." But still the Lord continues to test her faith and even says: (Matt. xv. 26) "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs."

But even this answer which would have sent so many away, only makes the poor mother more anxious to obtain the blessing. She is willing to take any place, however low, even the place of a dog, and her wonderful faith at last gets a glorious answer, much more valuable and precious for having been so long delayed. What praise the Lord Jesus gives her in verse 28., "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." He had often to rebuke His disciples for their want of faith, and say "O ye of little faith," but to this poor heathen woman He gives the highest praise, and her story has been written down for us in God's own Book for this purpose amongst others, to encourage us to keep on praying and to trust the Lord even when He does not answer our prayers at once.

How the mother's heart must have glowed within her at those words of the Saviour's, how she must have treasured them in her memory! And then, when she had reached her home once more, we can picture her joy and thankfulness at finding her young daughter well again, and freed from the power of the enemy.

J. M. D. B.



A SERPENT OF BRASS

(NUM. XXI. ; JOHN III. 14).

MANY years had passed by since the time about which I told you last month, when the people of God had to turn away from the Promised Land because of their unbelief, because they were afraid to do what God told them or to go where He led them. In the first month of the fortieth year the Israelites came again to Kadesh. It was 38 years from the time when they left Kadesh for the first time until they came over the brook Zared (Deut. ii. 14, Num. xxi. 12) ; and in that time nearly if not all the men who were counted at Mount Sinai had died, as God had said they should, because of their unbelief. A very little while after this, we are told that "there was not left a man of them," except Caleb and Joshua, and Moses himself (Num. xxvi. 64, 65).

So the people of whom you will read to-day were not the same who came to the borders of the land before, but their children. Some of them had been little children or big boys and girls when God delivered them from the bondage of Egypt and brought them through the Red Sea. All the rest had been born in the wilderness, after their parents left Egypt.

All their lives they had been fed with manna which God gave them day by day. All their lives they had seen the Tabernacle in their midst, with the wonderful cloud that shewed God's presence resting on it. They had seen this cloud taken up when they were to start again on the journey, and resting when they were to encamp. All their lives they had journeyed through the wilderness, and God had cared for them, and guided them, and provided for all their wants. You

may read of all their journeys in Num. xxxiii. And no doubt they had heard many times over of all the wonders God had done in bringing His people out of Egypt. Not only their fathers and mothers, but those who had been children then could tell them ; for even young children would remember such wonderful things as long as they lived. You might think that these people would never murmur or complain.



Now the time had nearly come for them to enter into the land which God had promised to give them, and they had come to its borders. The king of the country, Arad the Canaanite, heard that the people of Israel came again by the way by which the twelve men had come to search out the land so many years before ; and he came out and

fought against them, and took some of them prisoners. But God heard the prayer of His people, and gave them the victory over their enemies.

After this they had to go a long roundabout journey, right round the land of Edom ; for the people of Edom would not let them go across their country, though they had asked them. Perhaps the Israelites

would have liked to fight the Edomites, as they had done King Arad ; but God had said to them, " Meddle not with them, for I have given Mount Seir to the children of Edom for a possession." The Edomites were descended from Esau, Jacob's brother, as the Israelites were from Jacob himself.

So the people might not fight ; it would be no use if God were not with them. But they did not like the way they had to go, though God was leading them. They forgot that He had always " led them forth by the right way " (Ps. cvii. 7). And very soon they got discouraged, and began to speak against God, and against Moses. They said they had no bread and no water, though God had given them all they needed.

Have you ever thought that it is a wicked thing to speak against God ? Sometimes people say they wish they had never been born. Yet God made them. Or they hate the place where they have to live. Yet perhaps God put them there. The way God tells His people to go, the things He tells them to do, are always best as well as right, because He is so much wiser than we and knows so much better than we do. And He loves us too.

In the great and terrible wilderness through which the Israelites were going, and where God had led them for so long, were many poisonous serpents, and scorpions too (Deut. viii. 15), which have a deadly sting ; but God had kept His people in safety. Now the serpents came among them and bit them ; this was because of their sin. Many of the people died.

When they saw the serpents and felt their bites, the people thought of their sin. They went to Moses and confessed that they had sinned, and asked him to pray to God for them. Then God told Moses to make

a serpent of brass, and put it on a pole, and everyone who looked at it should live. It did not matter how badly they were bitten, if only they looked they were made well. Of course it was not that a piece of brass could cure them (see 2 Kings xviii. 4) ; it was just that they were to obey the word of God. He told them to look ; they were to shew that they believed His word by doing what He said, and as many as looked were made quite well. The brazen serpent was put where all could see, and if anyone who was bitten would not look at it, he would have to die, but everyone who looked was cured at once.

Perhaps you remember that in the Gospel of John this serpent of brass is spoken of by the Lord Jesus. He says, "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." He spoke of Himself, and His death on the cross. We too are sinners, as the people of Israel were ; but God has made a way of escape for us. The Lord Jesus gave His life for us, He was lifted upon the cross "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

He can say "Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." By Him everyone who believes God's word and obeys His voice shall be saved. He died upon the cross, He was "lifted up" (John xii. 32), so that everybody may know how He bore the punishment instead of sinners ; but only those who look to Him, who trust in Him, can be saved. "Neither is there salvation in any other ; for there is no other name given under heaven among men, whereby we must be saved."

K. I. B.



“**G**OOD-BYE, Mother. I shall not be late, shall I?” Every day the writer hears these words from a little child as he leaves his home, to go to the day school. Supposing the boy was not at school at the proper time, what would be the result? I fancy I can hear some of my young readers say, “Why, he would have a black mark in the register!” And all boys and girls know what a disgrace that is. I have often thought, as I have seen hundreds of children on their way to school, some in the upper school and others only in the infant classes, how all have the same anxious desire to be in time. All are anxious to have the mark of honour against their name in the register.

Dear boys and girls, have you ever thought of God's register, and of all your sins written there? Is it not a much greater and a more serious disgrace that you should still go on unheeding when God has sent Jesus Christ, His own beloved Son, that you may have your sins washed away? You are anxious to get to school for fear of being punished. Is it nothing to you that Christ bore the punishment of your sins on the Cross? The work is finished, and God is waiting, oh! so patiently, for one boy or girl to give his or her heart to Him, to trust in Jesus Christ as Saviour, and to have all his sins washed away for ever.

When you are given a black mark in the school register, not any one can alter it. The mark remains as long as the book lasts. But the Lord Jesus, in His great love, wherewith He loved us, can wash all our sins away, and no one can see them any more. Yes, God has promised to put our sins behind His back. Can you have anything more sure?

E.G.R.

THE SAVIOUR

Have you heard of the love of the Saviour,
 Who left the bright glory above,
 To die in the place of the sinner
 In infinite wisdom and love?

Do you know that the death of the Saviour
 Has answered to God for your sin?
 Is your outward and secret behaviour
 The fruit of His Spirit within?

Have you told out the love of the Saviour?
 Sought others for Jesus to win?
 Told them how, in His strength, they may conquer
 Their sad inclination to sin?

Will you be in the home of the Saviour,
 And gaze on His beautiful face,
 Through eternity's ages of rapture,
 To sing of His wisdom and grace?

Let us praise then the Name of the Saviour,
 And seek all His goodness to show,
 Let us pray that we may not by failure,
 Cause grief to the One Whom we know.

A. E. R.



BIBLE CHILDREN

In connexion with our series of pictures of children mentioned in the Bible, we invite our young readers to answer the question or do the task which is set month by month, and at the end of the year rewards will be given to those who have sent the best answers. Papers sent in should give the name, age, and address, of the writer; and should be addressed to "Questions, c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London," not later than the 20th of each month.

For this month the task is as follows: Give the name of the child shewn on the cover. Who was his mother, and what did she do for him every year? Tell in your own words how God first spoke to him, at the time shewn by the picture. In after years he anointed two men to be kings: who were they?

Bible Children Stories for March, 26 papers received:—Commended (in order of merit): L.M.N., W.H., Horace H., E.C., M.P., J.C., R.N., F.L., A.L., T.H.H. Fairly good: D.E., G.B., V.E., A.T., Archie E., E.J., E.G., Amos E.

The name of the baby whose picture appeared in March was Moses; he was the son of Amram and Jochebed. All of those who sent papers gave these names correctly, but some did not say where Moses is mentioned in the New Testament (see Acts vii., Heb. xi., &c.); others left out part of the story, and did not tell how he was sent by God to bring the Israelites out of Egypt and lead them to the Promised Land.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

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Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before May 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in July. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

1. What did God say to Moses when the Children of Israel murmured in the wilderness because they were hungry?
 2. What did Moses say to the people about their murmurings?
 3. How was the manna given, and how often did they gather it?
 4. What was it like? and for how many years did they continue to eat it?
 5. How did God give them water at Rephidim? and what was the name of another place where He gave them water in the same way?
 6. Quote a verse where the Lord Jesus makes a promise to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness: and another where He says that those who come to Him shall never hunger and never thirst.
- Answers to the above questions will be found by searching the following chapters:—Exodus xvi., xvii., Number xx., Matthew v., John vi.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for March, 61 sets received:—Commended: F.A.S., L.M.N., Eliz.M., L.S., J.K., J.J.H.; (under 12), H.W.J.B., D.C.B., M.A.H.; six answers correct, E.H., W.H., B.L., M.P., B.R., M.R., O.R., J.T., P.E.T., S.H.T.; (under 12), D.O.; four correct, E.C., Amos E., Archie E., R.G., Horace H., T.H.H., G.L.K., C.E.F.M., R.N., G.R., H.W., J.W., R.F.W., L.S.Y.

The initials of 10 others (whose papers were otherwise correct) have had to be left out because they did not fully answer question 5 (see Exodus xii. v. 21).

GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young

WHO WAS THIS?



A king's grandson, who "fell and became lame" when he was five years old.

(See page 71).

AFTER FORTY YEARS

DEUT. I., II., VIII., XXIX., &c.

MONTH after month, year after year, the children of Israel had journeyed through the wilderness, till at last they came to the end of the fortieth year. Those who were children at first had long ago grown up into fathers and mothers with children of their own; the fathers and mothers had died. But still God was the guide of His people, still He went before them in a pillar of cloud and of fire. As He had cared for the parents, so He cared for the children. For whatever changes may come, He is always the same; He will always help and take care of those who trust in Him, and will lead them by the right way.

In the first month of this year Miriam had died; in the fifth month Aaron died, and Eleazar his son was made high priest instead. Moses was now a very old man, nearly 120 years old, and he knew that the time was coming near when he too should die and "go the way of all the earth." But before he left them he had much to say to the people whose leader he had been for so long. He wanted to remind them of all that God had done for them and for their parents, so that they might remember and not forget, when he should no longer be with them. He knew that God would still be with them, that He would never change or fail, but he was afraid that the people would forget.

On the first day of the eleventh month of the fortieth year, Moses began to say what he had to say to the people, and all through the book of

Deuteronomy you will find his last words to them. He reminded them of how God had brought them through the great and terrible wilderness, how He had gone before them in the way, how He had fought for them. "These forty years," he said to them, "the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing." They had been fed with manna; and in all the forty years their clothes were not old nor yet their shoes (Ch. xxix. 5). He reminded them of all the wonders done before their eyes in the land of Egypt, at the Red Sea, and in the wilderness (Ch. xi.). He said to them, "Thou shalt remember all the way the Lord thy God led thee these forty years." Again and again he said to them, "Take heed lest ye forget." He told them to "remember, and forget not" how they had rebelled against the Lord. He warned them to keep diligently all the commandments of the Lord, to do them, to love the Lord, and to walk in His ways, that it might be well with them and with their children; and he reminded them of all that the Lord had commanded.

At last the day came when Moses said, "I am 120 years old this day; I can no more go out nor come in." And he told the people what he had told them before, that the Lord had said he was not to go with them over Jordan. But he said, "The Lord thy God, He will go over before thee. . . . Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Then he called Joshua, and told him before all the people that now he must lead them, he must go with them into the land; and that God would be with him, so he need not fear, nor be dismayed.

And Moses wrote all the words of the law in a book, till they were finished; and he told the Levites to put it in the ark of the Lord. Also he wrote a wonderful song, and taught it to the people. Then he blessed the people, every tribe by name. And then he blessed them altogether, saying, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. . . . Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord?" These were the last words of Moses, the man of God, to the people he loved so well.

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah. There the Lord shewed him all the land. He looked westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and saw it all, unto the utmost sea. For the Lord had promised, "from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be" (Ch. xi. 24). And Moses saw it with his eyes, though he might not go over thither. But many hundred years later he did stand upon a mountain in that land, and there he talked with the Son of God.

So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. He was alone with God, and God buried him. His work was done, his life was ended; and death had no terrors for him. Death is not a terrible thing to those who know and love the Lord; for Moses it was just the gate that led to "a better country, that is an heavenly" (Heb. xi. 16); better even than that good land which he might not enter then.



POONACHI, THE BLACK GIRL

POONACHI and Christine were young nursemaids who lived a long way off. The place where they lived was Ceylon, a lovely island in the Indian Ocean, where there are beautiful trees and plants, and animals of nearly every kind. Most of the people who live there are black, and are called Cingalese. Poonachi and Christine were both black, but they were not sisters. They lived near one another, and as their mistresses were friends, the two girls very often went out together with the little ones in their charge.

Mrs. M——, the lady with whom Poonachi lived, was a true Christian. She pitied Poonachi, who sometimes was sad, and used to talk to her. Finding that she was willing to learn, her mistress told her to come up every evening for a short time, when she would tell her many things. So nearly every evening Mrs. M—— used to talk to this young nurse, and tell her about God, and about His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. She also bought a book, with the alphabet in, to teach Poonachi how to read; and was surprised to find how very quickly and readily Poonachi learnt. She soon knew the letters of the alphabet, and then was not long in learning how to read, for she loved the work, and learned much more quickly than most English girls do. One evening, Mrs. M—— being engaged with some friends, could not go up to Poonachi at the usual time, but went later, when free to do so. As she got near she thought she heard someone talking, and soon found that it was Poonachi, praying aloud, not to dumb idols, but praying to the living God, in the Name of the Lord Jesus! This encouraged Mrs. M——, and

she went on teaching her all she could, so that, Poonachi's heart being ready to receive the truth, she soon became a real Christian.

Now Poonachi's father was a Cingalese, and a worshipper of idols. He would not listen or learn about the true God, and when he found that Poonachi had learned to read, and had become a Christian, he was very angry indeed, for she would not now worship the idols which he thought so much of. So he determined not to allow Poonachi to go on being a Christian. He would rather kill her, his own child, than allow it; for heathenism makes people very, very cruel. He even tried to poison her by sending her poisoned food, but that was found out, and Poonachi would not eat anything more that came from him.

Now, it happened on a certain fête day, when there was plenty of fun and rejoicing going on, that Poonachi went out with her little charge, Mrs. M——'s little baby-girl. Her friend Christine joined her, and they walked on some little distance. Unknown to them, Poonachi's father was watching, and presently he came quietly behind them with a knife, or some sharp instrument, and plunged it again and again into Poonachi. The poor girl had the baby in her arms, and probably it would have been killed too had not Christine caught it



up and run off as fast as she could go, to put the baby in safety, and to seek help for Poonachi.

Mr. and Mrs. P——, Christine's master and mistress, were in their beautiful garden, when they saw a crowd of people down the road. Mr. P—— ran to see what the matter was, and saw Christine coming along with Mrs. M——'s little child in her arms; her own garments, and the baby's, stained with blood—Poonachi's blood! When Christine told what had happened, several of them hastened to the spot, and found there both Poonachi and her father lying in a ditch—he had killed his daughter, and was lying near her, overcome with drink. Being a Christian had cost Poonachi her life. She had not long heard about the Lord Jesus, but when she heard, she believed with her heart.

Probably you, dear reader, have heard *many* times about the Lord Jesus? Have *you* believed on Him with your heart as Poonachi did? Do not let this black girl put you to shame; and if you *have* like precious faith in that blessed Saviour, may you be true and faithful to Him, as she was! Then one day you, with Poonachi, and many others redeemed by His blood, will meet together in His presence, and praise Him for what He suffered to bring you there.

Christine afterwards went to live with Mrs. M——, and came to England with her. She was presented with a gold locket and chain for her brave act in rescuing the baby.



"The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped."—ISAIAH xxxv. 5.

MARK vii. 31-37. After the Lord Jesus had cured the poor young Gentile girl, about whom we talked last month, He left "the coasts of Tyre and Sidon" and returned to the familiar scenes on the shores of the Lake of Galilee. It was not long before the Great Physician was again sought out. This time one that was deaf was brought to Him. One whose ears were shut to earthly sounds, but presently the Saviour's voice would penetrate those closed ears, and they would be awake to all the music around, the singing of the birds, the ripple of the water of the lake, the kindly voices of the friends who had brought him to this wonderful Man, and, best of all, to the voice of the Son of God Himself.

I wonder how many of us are as grateful as we should be for the gift of hearing, or feel, as we ought to do, for those who are deprived of it. This particular sufferer was not only deaf, but had an impediment in his speech, so that it was difficult for him to make himself understood.

See what the Blessed Lord does. He first of all takes him apart from the multitude, so that He and the one whom He is going to cure shall be alone together, and then with His finger He touches the deaf ears and the stammering tongue, and, looking upwards, He sighs. Perhaps it may seem strange to us that He should sigh when He was just going to perform the cure, but you remember that when He was on His way to the grave of Lazarus He wept, even though He was about to restore him to life. It was the burden of the sorrow and suffering that met Christ at every turn that was weighing upon His loving heart.

“Be opened,” He says, and “straightway the deaf and dumb hears and speaks.” “He spake plain” (verse 35). May we not be sure that the first distinct words were words of praise and gratitude to the Great Healer?


Just in the same way, before we come to Christ by faith, our ears are deaf to His tender pleadings, our tongue cannot speak His praises, but when once we get away alone with Him, and feel His life-giving touch, what a change comes over us! There is a music then for us in the name of Jesus that we could not hear before, and we can join with those of old in exclaiming “He hath done all things well.”

J. M. D. B.



THE PRODIGAL SON

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

 ONE day when the Lord Jesus was living on the earth, He went to have dinner with some poor people, and as soon as they had an opportunity they all gathered eagerly round Him, to hear His gracious words.

Then He told them one of the most beautiful tales in the whole of the Bible, and this is the story, or parable as it is called: Once upon a time there lived a man who had two sons, and one day the younger one told his father that he was tired of staying at home, and wanted to go out and see the world. He asked his father if he would please give him some money, so that he might go and do as he liked. So the father divided all the money and valuables that he had, and gave half to each of his sons. A little while after, the younger son packed up all his clothes and things and went away.

He went to a very far country, and when he got

there he wasted his money, and made a lot of friends that he knew his father would not have liked, and didn't try to be good at all.

Then there came a famine. (That is a time when there is not enough food in the land for every one and so it gets very dear in price, and when that happens lots of people who haven't a great deal of money cannot afford to buy much to eat, and so they die because they are so very hungry). This boy soon came to an end of his money then, and he began to look for some way to earn more, and the only way he could find was by looking after pigs and feeding them.

One day while he was doing this nasty, dirty work, he began to think about his home—so far away—and his dear father who had always loved him and been so good to him. And he began to wish that he could see him, and as he wished he began to understand how very naughty he had been in wanting to leave his father, and how wrong it was of him to have wasted his money as he had done—and altogether he got so miserable that he couldn't bear himself any longer—so, just as he was, lonely, wretched, and very, very unhappy, he started off towards his home.

And what do you think his father did? He was looking out for news of his son, and long before he arrived the father saw him coming, and ran out to meet him. And the boy stammered out such a miserable, pitiful confession. "Father," he said, "I have sinned against heaven and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." And he would have tried to say more, but the father loved him so much that he didn't give him a chance to go any further, but took him back home and gave him new

clothes to wear, and new shoes, and even a ring to put on his finger, and then—he had a beautiful party for him.

And when the people asked why they were rejoicing so much, he said, in just the sweet gracious way you would expect of such a father, “It is meet” (which means suitable) “that we should make merry and be glad: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”

This tale has a meaning for us, for you know that little girls and boys are often naughty now. They don’t, perhaps, run away from home, but all the same they are not as good as they might be, and each one needs the forgiveness of their Heavenly Father. This each one can obtain by believing that the Lord Jesus died for their sins on Calvary’s Cross, and by telling Him that they are sorry for what they have done wrong. Then there is joy, even in the presence of the angels of God.

D. B. S.-M.



BIBLE CHILDREN

In connexion with our series of pictures of children mentioned in the Bible, we invite our young readers to answer the question or do the task which is set month by month, and at the end of the year rewards will be given to those who have sent the best answers. Papers sent in should give the name, age, and address, of the writer; and should be addressed to “Questions, c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London,” not later than the 20th of each month.

For this month the task is as follows: Find out what the Bible says in 2 Samuel, chaps. iv., ix., xvi. and xix., about the boy shewn on the cover; then write the story briefly in your own words.

Bible Children Stories for April, 23 papers received:—Commended (in order of merit): B.R., W.H., E.M., M.P. E.C., D.E., V.E., C.R., R.N., A.L. Fairly good: L.M.N., G.B., E.J., Nellie T., A.T., M.R., Horace H., F.L., E.H., J.C.

Miriam was the little girl who watched the ark of bulrushes

beside the river Nile. It was about 80 years later that the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, for Moses was three months old at the time of the picture, and 80 years when sent by God to Pharaoh before the ten plagues (Ex. vii. 7). All who sent papers gave the names correctly, but some of the elder ones did not give the time as asked.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before June 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in August. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

1. For what purpose did God tell Moses to gather the people together on the day they stood before Him in Horeb?
2. What did the people say when they heard God's voice out of the midst of the fire?
3. Where do we read in the Gospels that a voice spoke from Heaven and what were the words?
4. Why did God tell the people to make Him a Sanctuary, and how was it to be made?
5. Who brought the Lord's offering for the work of the Tabernacle? Did they bring enough?
6. With whom does the Lord Jesus promise to make His abode now?

Answers to the above questions will be found by searching the following chapters:—Deuteronomy iv., v.; Matthew iii., xvii.; Mark i., ix.; Luke iii., ix.; Exodus xxv., xxxv., xxxvi.; John xiv.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for April, 55 sets received:—Commended: M.P., Eliz. M., F.A.S., Eva M., L.M.N., W.H., Harry H.; (under 12), Cissie R., W.V.J.T., Archie E., C.T., D.L.; six answers correct: E.W.B., D.E., V.E., E.H., J.K., A.L., B.L., F.L., H. Mc K., M.R., L.S., G.S., I.Y.; (under 12), E.C., R.G., R.N., D.O., J.W., L.Y.; four correct: H.W.J.B., D.P.B., Amos E., M.A.H., T.H.H., C.E.F.M., C.M.R., R.F.W., H.W.

The answers received this month were specially good, shewing careful searching on the part of nearly all who sent.

GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young

WHO WAS THIS?



He had Sunstroke in the Harvest Field.

(See page 83).

MOSES died in the land of Moab; and the children of Israel wept and mourned for him thirty days. Then the time came for them to go forward again on their journey. Moses was gone; but the Lord was still with His people. And they were not left without an earthly leader, for God had chosen Joshua the son of Nun to bring them into the land (Num. xxvii. 18-23). Joshua had been Moses' minister or helper, all through the 40 years, and probably none knew more of all that God had done by Moses than he did. Only one other was left of all the grown men that came out of the land of Egypt, and that was Caleb.

"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister." We can quite fancy how sad Joshua must have been because his dear master was gone, and how much afraid he would feel at the great task before him. He might think it was much too hard for him, though we are not told that he said so. But very soon he found out that he was not left alone; and that all he had to do was to obey the word of the Lord. God talked with him as He had done with Moses, and told him what to do; and He promised him, "As I have been with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Was not that a wonderful promise? Don't you think it must have made Joshua feel that he never need be afraid?

That was the very thing that he was told not to be. Moses had said to him, "Be strong and of a good courage," and had told him the Lord would be with

him. God had spoken to him before, while Moses was yet alive, and had told him the same thing (Deut. xxxi. 23). Now three times over He repeats this charge, and last of all He says, "Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

Moses was gone, but God remained. He never fails those who trust in Him. We cannot always understand His ways, nor see why He lets troubles come to us. But we must remember always that He knows best (for He knows the end from the beginning). We can safely trust Him in everything. Sometimes He allows troubles to come for the trial of our faith, which His word tells us is "much more precious than of gold which perisheth." Sometimes the difficulties we think so great are only blessings in disguise. And if we only turn to Him in them, we shall find that the troubles and difficulties which may come to us by the way will teach us to know Him better. For He is "a very present help in trouble," whatever the trouble may be.

In the first chapter of the book of Joshua the Lord tells Joshua how he may know what to do. He says to him, "Be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: . . . that thou mayest prosper (or, do wisely) whithersoever thou goest." He tells him not only to read this book of the law, but to think about it day and night, to do what is written in it; "for then" He says, "thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

We are not told much of what Joshua said, but we are told what he did. At once, without any waiting, he obeyed the Lord's word. He commanded the officers

to go through the host, and tell all the people to make ready, for within three days they were to pass over Jordan and enter the land. This was the first thing God had said they were to do.

The people answered Joshua and said, "All that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go." They promised also to obey him as they had obeyed Moses; and then they said to him, "Only be thou strong and of a good courage." So six times over this message came to Joshua. And as we read on through the book called by his name, we shall find how he was strong in the Lord to do all that God sent him to do.

This message was sent to others as well as to Joshua. When the angel came to talk with Daniel, the "man greatly beloved," he said to him, "Be strong," and Daniel was strengthened. The apostle Paul told Timothy to "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." It is only in this strength that anyone can really "do wisely," or do anything for the Lord.

Perhaps you say, "But I am not very old, I cannot do anything for the Lord at all." Do you want to? Are you one of His children through faith in Christ Jesus? (Gal. iii. 26). Have you come to the Saviour, as He calls us all to do? (Matt xi. 28), and is He your Saviour? If so, then you can do something for Him. Even quite little people can help mother, and do what she tells them; and quite little people can do what the Saviour tells them, and follow His steps (1 Pet. ii. 21).

If you want to know how to "do wisely," you must, like Joshua, read the Book, think about it, and do what it says. He had only a small part, from Genesis to Deuteronomy, for no more was written then; but we have the whole Bible. As well as the Old Testament we

have the New, which tells us about the Lord Jesus and His life on earth, and which makes all the rest more easy to understand. This Book says to us also, "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" (Eph. vi. 10). So that if ever you have things to do which seem very hard, remember that all those who trust in the Lord have a strong Helper. If you cannot do anything, then tell Him so and ask His help, for He has said, "My strength is made perfect in weakness."

For He hath said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." So that we may boldly say, "The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear."

K. I. B.

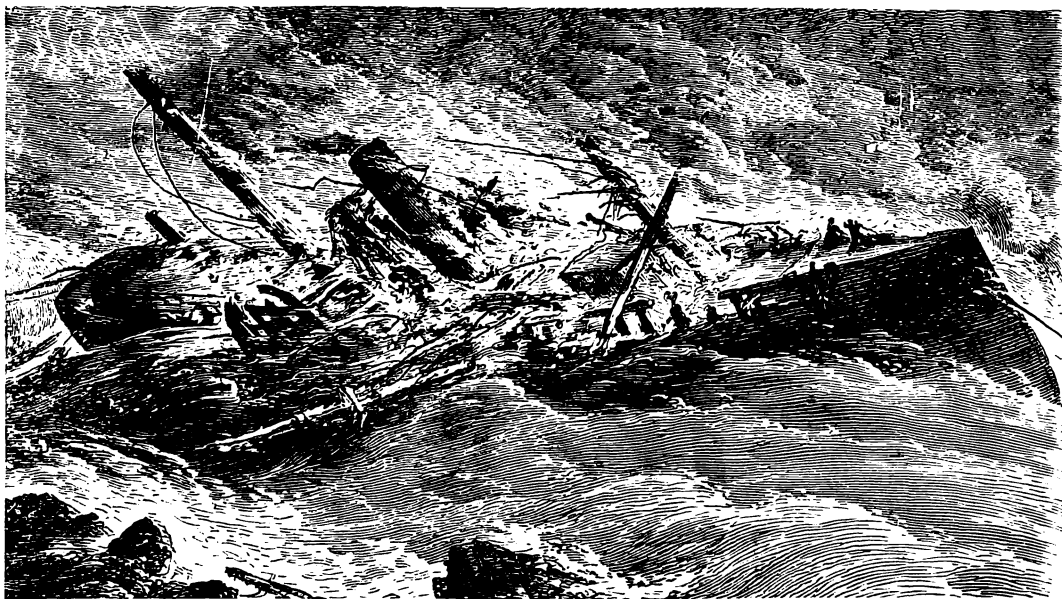


HOPE—THE ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

HARK! how the storm is raging; the cruel waves are beating fast and furious over the sides of yonder ship; and, her anchor having dragged in the awful hurricane, she is swiftly hurrying to destruction on a lee shore. There is no hope; and soon, with a terrific crash, she will break in pieces on the rocks. Such things happen, alas! nearly every day, not only to many a vessel, but, sadder still, in many a human life. "Having no hope, and without God in the world," are words that only too fitly describe the true state and condition of every unsaved sinner, whether young or old, who is hurrying on to eternal destruction without Christ.

My dear young friend, the question that now awaits your answer is, "Will your anchor hold"? If Christ Himself is not the anchor of your soul, your ship will surely founder on the rocks. But, for the Christian boy or girl, how sweet is life's voyage! Christ is the captain of his ship; God's Word is

his chart; God's Spirit guides the helm; and the anchor of his soul rests, not on earth's quicksands, but "within the veil, whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus." Yes; that heavenly Anchor can never give way; it is sure and stedfast; because it rests, not on any efforts of ours, but on the finished work of Christ, and on the unalterable Word of God. "Hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost given



to us." "We are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But, if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Hope, in human things, always means uncertainty; but in divine things it is exactly the opposite. It is "sure and stedfast" as the very throne of God. Jesus, having suffered for our sins, has gone back to heaven, and now lives for ever on His Father's throne; and Scripture says, "He is

our hope." Is He your hope, my dear child ; or are you hoping to reach Heaven's shore by some way of your own ? If so, when the storm comes, your anchor will not hold, but if "*Jesus only*" be "*the anchor of your soul*," it will never give way, for it rests securely, yea "sure and stedfast, within the veil."

More than this, God Himself is called "the God of hope"; and, if you are one of His own dear children, by faith in Christ Jesus, my earnest prayer for you is that He may "fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." The One who died to *save* you, now lives to *keep* you, as one of His own blood-bought ones. What, then, is your prospect as, amidst earth's constant storms, you gaze by faith across its billows, to "the other side"? Neither shipwreck on the sands of time, nor destruction on the rock of sin, can ever be your portion; but a sure and certain hope is yours, founded on the finished work of the great Captain of our salvation. The darkness may thicken all around; but the "Bright and Morning Star" will soon dispel the midnight gloom. Yes, He Himself is quickly coming to take you home to His Father's house on high. "He that hath this hope in Him, purifieth himself even as He is pure." S. T.



THE GREAT PHYSICIAN—PART VII.

Matt. xvii. 14-18; Mark ix. 14-27; Luke ix. 37-42.

THE story we are going to think about to-day is told us by three of the evangelists. The scene is most probably at the foot of Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in the Holy Land. The Lord

had been up there with three of His disciples: Peter, James and John, and on that mountain top He had shown them some of His glory. Peter speaks of this in his 2nd Epistle, 1st chapter, verses 16 to 18. He says of the Lord Jesus Christ that they were "eye-witnesses of His majesty" (verse 16), "when we were with Him in the holy Mount" (verse 18).

But they had to descend into the valley, and no sooner had they reached it than they were met by trouble and distress. They find the other nine disciples surrounded by a clamouring multitude, amongst whom are scribes, who are "questioning with them." How thankful the nine must have been to see their Master in their midst just when they most needed Him, for a father had brought his son to them, his "only child," as Luke tells us, who was terribly afflicted, and they had been unable to cast out the demon which was tormenting the poor lad.

But now the Great Physician draws near, and His disciples know that His presence, His word, and His touch are all-sufficient for every need, however great. The boy was indeed in a sad case, afflicted from his early years by a dumb and deaf spirit, which cast him now into the fire, now into the water, so that his life was constantly in danger. Could there be hope for him?

Bitter must have been the father's disappointment when he found that the disciples of Jesus of Nazareth, of Whom he had no doubt heard the fame, were powerless to help him. The faith of the disciples was not strong enough to cast out the evil spirit, though in the name of the Lord they should have been able to do it.

Jesus directs that the boy shall be brought to Him. Even as he comes the demon tears him and throws him on the ground. The Lord talks to the father, who,

having just seen the failure of the disciples to cure his unhappy child, can hardly believe in the power of the Master, and says, "If Thou canst." Christ takes up his words, and answers, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth," and the father lifts up his eyes full of tears to the Blessed Lord, and cries out, "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief." Then the word of power goes forth from the Divine Healer, the demon dare not disobey that voice, and leaves the boy, but to all appearances dead. But once again the word of the Lord is followed by the touch, and he arises to a new and changed life.

Let our daily prayer be "Lord, I believe; help Thou mine unbelief." We do believe, we do trust Christ, but we want to trust Him more, to have our faith strengthened day by day.

J. M. D. B.



LIGHT

WHAT do you think light is? Perhaps that is rather a hard question to ask you, considering that some clever people give up the best part of their lives to explain to us how to produce even imitations of it. Still, we know a little about it, don't we? We know that it is the light that makes the difference between day and night, and then we know that, even better than daylight, there is sunlight. There is also artificial light—gas light, lamp light, electric light, but then these are only used in the absence of real light.

What do we want light for? So that we can see. Just fancy what a miserable world this would be if we all went groping round without being able to use

our eyes! Beside enabling us to see the nice things in the world—such as our fathers and mothers and all our friends, and the flowers and trees and animals—light also shows us what to avoid and what to do. For instance, it shows up the mud in the streets in dirty weather, and the cobwebs in our houses, and many other things that want putting right.

Most of you know the hymn beginning :

“Jesus bids us shine, with a clear pure light,
Like a little candle burning in the night.”

We can't be real light. The Lord Jesus is the real Light. When He was in the world He said: I am the Light of the world,” but we can take the place of the little candle and represent the Light. This is what He wants us to do. He wants us to live so near to Him that we shall reflect His light in the world; He wants us to be so bright that people coming along, groping in the dark, may see their way to Him by our little lights twinkling along the road.

Blindness is one way of being in the dark, isn't it? Well, there was a blind man once who was a beggar. He used to sit by the pavement kerb, and beg from the people who passed along the street. One day he heard that Jesus Christ of Nazareth was coming by—the One who had cured quite a number of people by speaking a few words or doing some simple action—so when he heard the crowd pushing by him, this blind man called out to attract His attention, and begged that He would heal him, too. And He did. Perhaps you say, you are not blind like that, but yet you know that you are not a “light” in the world. Have you ever asked to be made one? Have you ever thought of it as really applying to you, when it says in the Bible, “*Whosoever*

asketh receiveth"—and the Lord Jesus is willing to make you a "light." "Come unto Me," He says, "Him that cometh to Me, I will in no wise case out."

D. S.-M.



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For this month the task is as follows: Read the 4th chapter of 2 Kings, especially from v. 18 to v. 37; then write in your own words the story of the boy shewn on the cover.

Bible Children Stories for MAY, 23 papers received:—Commended (in order of merit): R.N., A.T., T.H.H., E.C., L.M.N., M.P., W.H., H.H., M.R., V.E., B.R. Fairly good: E.M., F.L., A.L., Amos E., D.E., Florence P., K.P., J.C.

The name of the child whose picture appeared in May was Samuel. His mother's name was Hannah. The story of how God spoke to him in the night is told in 1 Samuel iii. When an old man he anointed Saul to be king, and afterwards David.

All who answered gave these names correctly, except one who left out the kings; and most of the stories were good.



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Please notice that the questions this month begin a new series; so those who have not been answering lately will have a good opportunity to make a fresh start.

The names of those to whom books will be awarded for careful, correct, and regular answers during the last six months, will be published (D.V.) in August or September.

1. What did Moses tell the people before he went up alone into the mount with God, before God told him about making the Tabernacle? How long was he away?

2. What did the people do when they "forgot God their Saviour" while Moses was up in the mount?

3. What did Moses say to the Lord when he prayed to Him for the people after this great sin?

4. Which book in the Bible tells us most about the sacrifices and offerings by which the people then were to draw nigh to God? Quote three verses which say what kind of offering they were to bring, and how they were to offer it.

5. Who has given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God?

6. Quote two verses from Hebrews shewing that there is no need for any further sacrifice.

The answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Exodus xxiv., xxxii.; Leviticus i.; Ephesians v.; Hebrews ix., x.

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Answers to Bible Searching Questions for MAY, 43 sets received:—Commended: Eliz. M., M.P., L.S., V.E., M.R., W.H., Horace H., F.A.S., H. McK., I.Y. (under 12), M.A.H., H.W.J.B., Archie E., H.W., R.N., R.G., L.Y.; six answers correct: E.W.B., D.E., Harry H., E.H., J.K., B.L., B.R., O.R. (under 12), E.C., Amos E., D.O.; four correct: C.E.F.M., GR., C.T., J.W.

In answer to question 3, Exodus xvi. ver. 26, should have been given as well as ver. 21.

In answer to question 5, some writers gave "Meribah" as the name of the second place, they should have said Kadesh (Num. xx. ver. 1), because at Rephidim also the name of the place was called Meribah, which means strife (Ex. xvii. 7).



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GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young

WHO WAS THIS?



She told her Mistress that her Master could be cured of leprosy.

(See page 95).

THE SCARLET LINE

JOSHUA II.

BEFORE the children of Israel crossed the river Jordan, Joshua sent two messengers over before them to search out the land, and especially to see Jericho, the first city to which they would come. These men came to the house of a woman named Rahab, and there they went in to stay for the night.

Now this woman had not been a good woman ; her neighbours would have told you that, for she had the name of being a bad woman, and not without reason. But this story shews us how God can save bad people, and even use them to help His servants.

The king of Jericho heard that these men had come, and he sent to Rahab telling her to give them up. But Rahab knew that they were God's servants, and she had something in her heart which made her want to save them from the king. You will find what this was in Heb. xi. 31. She had hidden them on the flat roof of her house, with the stalks of flax she had spread out there to dry. She told the men sent by the king of Jericho that men had come to her but they had gone again ; and she said, " Pursue after them quickly, for ye shall overtake them." So the king's men pursued after them, going the way to the river, and as soon as they had gone out of the city, the gate was shut, so that no one else might go out after them without the gate-keeper knowing it.

Of course it was wrong for Rahab to say what was not true, and God could have kept the men in safety where they were hidden without her telling a lie. But we must remember that she was a very ignorant woman who did not know much about the true God, and she

had only just begun to wish to serve Him. Perhaps she did not know it was wrong to tell lies, for until now she had been an idolater. But we know, because we have the Bible to tell us what God says about it.

When the king's men were gone, Rahab went up to the men on the roof and told them why she had hidden them. She said to them, "I know that the Lord hath given you the land." She told them how she and her people had heard of all that God had done for them at the Red Sea, when they came out of Egypt, and on the other side of Jordan; and she said, "The Lord your God, He is God in heaven above, and in the earth beneath." She had heard of the true God, and she believed; this was why she acted as she did. It was because of her faith. The apostle James tells us (James ii. 25) that Rahab was "justified by works" when she had received the messengers and sent them out another way. That is to say, she shewed her faith by her deeds. It was because she had faith in God that she did what she did.

Before she sent the men away in safety she had something to ask them. She asked them that as she had shewn kindness to them, so they would shew kindness to her and to her father's house and deliver their lives from death, when they came again to the land with the rest of the Israelites. And the men promised her, "It shall be, when the Lord hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee." Then she let them down by a cord through the window, for her house was built upon the city wall, and she lived upon the wall. So when they reached the ground they were already outside the city, and had no need to go through the gate where men were watching for them.

Before they went, they told Rahab something that she was to do. In the same window by which she had let them down, she was to bind the line of scarlet thread; and her father and mother and all the people, who were to be kept safe, were to come inside the house where the scarlet line was, and to stay there. Under the scarlet line they would be safe, but nowhere else. So the men departed, and Rahab bound the scarlet line in the window.

Now Rahab had to tell her relations the good news of how they might be safe. We can imagine how she hurried about to tell them all what to do, and to persuade them to come to the place of safety, for she did not know how soon the city might be destroyed. We do not know just how long it took her, but she could not have wasted any time; for when the people of Israel marched against Jericho very soon afterwards, and on the seventh day the walls fell down, all her relations were with her in the house. Joshua sent the two men to bring her safely out, and they "brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren," and all her kindred. Then how glad they must all have been that they had listened to her words! For in all that doomed city there was only one safe place, and that was the house with the scarlet line in the window. Everyone inside that house was safe.

Perhaps you remember that all the stories in the Bible were written down that we might learn from them (Rom. xv. 4). I think you will find it quite easy to see the meaning of this story. The city of Jericho was going to be destroyed, and this world in which we live is going to be destroyed; but there is a place of safety now as there was then, and there is room for all who will come. It was "by faith" that Rahab

“perished not with them that believed not”; she believed and obeyed the words spoken to her by God’s servants. Her relations believed and obeyed also, and everyone who came under the shelter of the house with the scarlet line was safe.

The scarlet line in the window speaks to us of the precious blood of Christ; it reminds us that all who believe and obey Him are sheltered by that precious blood, and they are safe whatever may happen. It is only those “that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thess. i. 8, 9). For everyone who has come to the Saviour, everyone who has believed and obeyed “the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith” (Rom. xvi. 26) will be taken away in safety by the Lord Jesus Himself before that sad day comes.

Are you safe? and if you are, do you know anyone who is not? If so, you, like Rahab, may tell them of a place of safety.

K. I. B.



THE GREAT PHYSICIAN—PART VIII.

“I was brought low, and He helped me.”—Ps. cxvi. 6.

Matt. viii. 14-15; Mark i. 29-31; Luke iv. 38-39.



IT was a Sabbath day in Capernaum, and the Lord, according to His custom, had been to the Synagogue, and on returning He entered into Peter’s house where He finds the mother-in-law of His disciple prostrate with a fever. Luke tells us it was a “great fever.” These “burning fevers” are still frequent in some parts of the shores of the Lake of Galilee, where it is hot and marshy.

The disciples at once tell the Master of their trouble, feeling sure of His help. All through the Gospels we find them coming to Him in their difficulties and sorrows, and we know that He, blessed be His Name, is just as ready, now that He has gone back to the Father, to listen to whatever we have to tell Him. No one can ever feel for us or sympathize with us as He can. So let us follow the example of the disciples and "tell Jesus" everything.

Can you not picture the Lord standing in that sick chamber and looking down on that poor woman consumed and parched with fever? Luke tells us He "rebuked the fever" just as He rebuked the evil spirits. Matthew and Mark dwell upon the fact that He touched her hand and the latter adds the detail that He "lifted her up," but each of the evangelists who relates the story, shews how immediate and complete the cure was.

We know that the kind of illness from which Peter's wife's mother was suffering, leaves the patient weak and exhausted, but when, at the word of the God-Man, the "fever left her," she was at once restored to her usual health, without any tedious ups and downs, weakness or exhaustion. *At once* she arose and ministered to Christ and His disciples. The first use she made of her restored strength was to wait upon the One Who had healed her, and we can well imagine the joy she must have found in ministering to Him and those who were with Him. Let us ask ourselves every day the question that the Psalmist asks in the 116th Psalm and the 12th verse: "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" And may He help us to serve Him and those whom He loves.

MAMMA, SHALL I EVER BE A GOOD BOY?

(FOR THE LITTLE ONES).

THIS is what a little boy asked his mother a short time ago, just after he had broken a window. After waiting a few moments longer he added, "I've been a good boy quite two minutes now, haven't I?"

But those two minutes were almost too much for him, and he was very soon in mischief again, and managed to upset a glass of water.



He is only six years old, but still has lived long enough to be a naughty boy sometimes.

When he does naughty things, he knows quite well that he ought to be punished, and so he quickly asks his mother to forgive him.

Then when she has told him how very sorry it makes

her for him to be naughty, he will ask his favourite question, "Mamma, shall I *ever* be a good boy ? "

So you see, even little children *can* be naughty sometimes, and *know* that they *are* naughty, and *think* that they ought to be punished, and really *want* to be forgiven.

This little boy has a still smaller sister who is as full of fun and mischief as her brother.

She is not quite five, but she often says after a naughty fit, "I wish me tan be good girl."

Sometimes we forget that the great God, Who lives up in heaven, and Who is kinder than the very best earthly father and Who loves little children more than the dearest mother ever could, sees all our naughty ways ; and, too, we also forget that they grieve Him and keep us away from Him.

Now when the Lord Jesus lived down here on this earth, He one day told us how much God cares for boys and girls.

He said, "It is not the will of your Father in heaven that *one* of these little ones should perish " ; and, once upon a time, when even some of His own disciples wished to turn the children away from Him, He was much displeased with them, and called the little ones to Himself, took them up in His arms, put His kind hands upon their little heads and blessed them.

I expect you know the words He said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

The Lord Jesus knows that even little children do many naughty things ; He also knows that every really naughty thing is a sin, and must be punished ; He knows, too, that little ones want to be forgiven, and to be really good, so one day, long, long ago,

“He *died* that we might be forgiven,
 He died to make us good,
 That we might go at last to heaven,
 Cleansed by His precious blood.”

It was very, very kind of Him, and He did it because He loved us. Do *you*, little one, love Him? Do *you* trust Him?

If you really wish to, then just tell Him so *now*, before you do anything else, and He will listen to you, and make you His own child. Tell Him, just in the same child-like way as the little boy asked his mother that question at the top of the page.

The Lord Jesus can hear all we say and if you *do* want to be His own little one, tell Him now that you give yourself to Him. He will know quite what you mean in your heart, and will take you to be His own.

When you have done this, really and truly, then you may just be glad and thankful, for He said, “Him [or her] that cometh to Me, I will in no wise cast out.” God is so pleased with what the Lord Jesus did, when He suffered on the Cross for our sins, that He says He will forgive anyone now who is really sorry, *for Jesus’ sake*; and is it not enough to make us sorry for our sins when we think how much the dear Lord Jesus had to suffer so that they could be forgiven. W. G. T.



WHEN JESUS COMES

I WONDER how many of our young readers will be ready when Jesus comes, for coming He most surely is. In the Bible, we have His own word for it, for in John xiv. He says to His disciples, as He is about to die, and leave them, “I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye

may be also ! ” From this, we not only know that He is coming, but that He will only come for those who are ready, made so by trusting in Him. You see, the disciples belonged to Jesus ; they had left all and followed Him, and He was their one loving Friend. And His love to them was so great, that He could not be satisfied to leave them for ever in this world of sorrow, but assured them that He was going away to prepare a place for them.

But I want to ask you, dear young friend, are you one of those for whom Jesus is coming ? You can be, from this moment, for you can become His, by coming to Him, and believing in Him. You need Him as your Saviour, for however young you may be, you have sin in your heart, which can only be forgiven if you come to Him. And when once you have been washed in the blood of Jesus, you are His, and are sure to go to be with Him when He comes. He may come at any moment, then let me ask you once again, Are you ready for Him ? I have known little boys and girls who have fled to Jesus in their sins, and been forgiven by Him, and have not been afraid to think of that moment, which for them will be so happy, for they will see Jesus, and be like Him ! And this blessed coming Saviour says, “ Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest ! ” (Matt. xi. 28). Oh ! dear young reader, come to Jesus, that when He comes, you may go to be with Him.

W. G.



BIBLE CHILDREN

In connexion with our series of pictures of children mentioned in the Bible, we invite our young readers to answer the questions or do the task which is set month by month, and at the end of the year rewards will be given to those who have sent the best answers. Papers sent in should give the name, age, and address, of the writer; and should be addressed to "Questions, c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London," not later than the 20th of each month.

For this month the task is as follows: Read about the little girl shown on the cover, in the 5th chapter of 2 Kings; then write her story in your own words, telling also how her master was cured.

Bible Children Stories for JUNE, 19 papers received:—Commended (in order of merit): M.P., C.R., R.N., E.C., V.E., F.L., A.T.. Fairly good: Horace H., L.M.N., W.H., M.R., B.R., A.L., E.G., G.B., K.P., O.R., Amos E., F.P.

The name of the boy whose picture appeared in June was Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan, and grandson of Saul. These names were correctly given by all who sent papers; but some of the stories were not so good as usual. (Mephibosheth was a grown man when King David sent for him, and it was when Absalom rebelled against him that Ziba went out to meet the king and Mephibosheth was left behind.)



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before August 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in October. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

1. What did God tell Moses to do on the first day of the second month in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt?
2. After the people were numbered and had been told where to pitch their tents, how were they to set forward on the march?
3. When the children of Israel were journeying, how long were they to stay in one place, and when were they to go on again?

4. When the twelve men who were sent to search the land of Canaan came back to Kadesh, what did they tell Moses about the land, and about the people ?

5. How did the children of Israel rebel against the Lord when they heard the evil report of the land ? and what did God say should be their punishment ?

6. Quote three verses from the New Testament shewing :—

(a) That though God's people are not numbered now, yet He knows all those that are His.

(b) That though without the Lord Jesus we can do nothing, yet with His strength we can do whatever He tells us.

(c) That with the Lord for our Helper we need not fear anyone.

Answers to the above questions will be found by searching the following chapters :—Numbers i., ii., ix., xiii.; Deuteronomy i.; 2 Timothy ii.; Philippians iv.; and Hebrews xiii.

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The answers for June complete the six months' series. We hope to publish next month (D.V.), the names of those to whom books will be awarded.

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WHO WAS THIS?



**He was crowned in the Temple when
7 years old.**

(See page 106).

STONES OF REMEMBRANCE.

JOSHUA III., IV.

NOW the time had come for the people to cross over the river Jordan. Three days after the Lord had spoken to Joshua, the officers of the people went through the host and commanded the people, saying, "When ye see the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place and go after it." They were to follow the Ark, and go where it went.

They were now quite near the river; and people who have seen the Jordan think, from what the Bible says, that they had encamped on a stretch of land actually in the valley of the river. The Jordan is like no other river in the world; it flows through such a very deep valley. Beyond the real banks the land gradually rises to a great height on both sides, and even in time of flood this river never overflows the surrounding country, but only rises higher in the valley. Just where the children of Israel must have crossed, this valley broadens out till it is about twelve miles from the mountains on one side to those on the other. The Jordan is not usually very deep, but it flows so rapidly and has such a strong current that it is not at all easy to cross, especially when in flood.

Yet all the people had to cross it to reach the Promised Land. And the river was very full, for it was the time of barley harvest; and "Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest." What were they to do? Just to listen to the Word of God, and obey it. Not to go their own way, but to follow the Ark.

They were not to be in too great a hurry, but to wait and see which way the Ark should go. When their

fathers had left the wilderness of Sinai (Num. x.), the Ark of the Lord had gone three days' journey before them to search out a resting-place for them. Now there was to be a space between the Ark and the people, not three days' journey, but more than half-a-mile. They were not to come nearer to it, not to crowd round it, but to follow it, so that they might know the way by which they were to go ; for they had not passed that way before.

Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for to-morrow the Lord will do wonders among you." He said to the priests, "Take up the Ark of the Covenant, and pass over before the people." They did as he said, and went before the people. Then the Lord spoke to Joshua, and told him to command the priests who carried the Ark, saying, "When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan." To the people Joshua said, "Come hither, and hear the words of the Lord your God ;" and then he told them what God was going to do.

As he told them, so it came to pass. When the people removed from their tents to pass over Jordan, the priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant going before the people. As they came to the river, and the feet of the priests that carried the Ark were dipped in the brim of the water, it came to pass that the waters which came down from above were stayed from coming, a great way off from a city called Adam ; the waters which went down to the sea all flowed away, and the people passed over close to Jericho. The Ark of God went down first into the river-bed, the priests that carried it stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground.

Now the people might make haste, for they knew

what to do. They were not to be in a hurry before they knew the way, for then they would only have gone wrong; but when the way was made for them there was no need to wait. "They hasted and passed over." They did not need to hurry because of danger, for the water must have been quite out of sight, many miles away. When God makes a way for His people there is nothing to fear.

The Ark and the priests who carried it stayed still in the midst of Jordan till all the people were gone over. While it still remained there, God told Joshua to take twelve men, one of every tribe, and tell them to go down into the river-bed and bring up twelve stones from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. These they were to carry with them to the place where they should stay that night, and there they were to be set up "for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever." They were to be stones of remembrance, by which the people might always be reminded of what God had done for them in that place. And when their children asked them in time to come, "What mean ye by these stones?" they were to tell them how God had cut off the waters of the Jordan before them and made a way through the river. And the children of Israel did so, as the Lord spake unto Joshua.

At last the Lord told Joshua to command the priests to come up out of Jordan. And when they were come up out of the midst of the river, the waters returned unto their place, and overflowed all the river banks as they did before. The people encamped in Gilgal near to Jericho, and there Joshua set up the twelve stones which they had brought out of Jordan, to be stones of remembrance.

The people would have several things to remember.

They could not make a way for themselves, but God made a way. The Lord did wonders among them. All they had to do was to hear the word of the Lord, obey it, and follow the Ark; so they were brought safely through.

Some years ago I had a Sunday School class, and one day we had this story for a lesson. We thought we should like to choose out "stones of remembrance," but instead of getting them out of a river, we chose them from the Bible; not real stones, but just something to help us remember what the Lord has done for His people now. Six of the stones were names of the Lord Jesus, and six were commands of His; for He tells us to remember Him, and He tells us to keep His words.

What the Lord is to His people.

Saviour (Luke ii. 11).

Shepherd (John x. 11)

Friend (John xv. 14)

Redeemer (Gal. iii. 13)

Master (John xiii. 13)

Lord (John xiii. 14)

What He says to them.

Come unto Me (Matt. xi. 28).

Follow Me (Luke v. 27)

Learn of Me (Matt. xi. 29)

Abide in Me (John xv. 4)

Keep My commandments (John
xiv. 15)

Love one another (John xiii. 34).

"These things have I told you that ye may remember." John xvi. 4.

Just as the Ark of God went down into the midst of Jordan, so did the Lord Jesus go down into death for us. He went alone, and none could go with Him; He has made a safe way for all those who follow Him. Have you been by that way? Do you want to know the way by which you are to go? Then listen to His voice, obey His words, and follow Him. The only right way, the only way of safety, is to come to Him, and follow His steps. Not only has He made a way of escape from danger, as when He led His people through


the Red Sea ; but He will always lead you by the right way, the way which leads where He wants you to go. Only follow Him.

“Remember how He spake.”

K. I. B.



A WILTSHIRE SHEPHERD BOY.

UR READERS may be interested in reading the story of a Wiltshire shepherd boy who was known to me when young. His parents were thoughtful, studious, and fond of reading God's word, but they were poor, and at the age of eight years he had to tend sheep on the Wiltshire downs. His desire was to be a good boy, and as he grew up to be a good man ; but like many of our young people of to-day he paid no heed to God, nor troubled himself about that awful thing called sin, which was in him, nor of his need of Jesus as a Saviour. He grew up to be a man, but not a good man, and, as he himself afterwards said, sin brought him near to a lost sinner's grave, near to an open Hell.

Passing over about fourteen years of his downward course, we find him a drill instructor in Her Majesty's service ; but, although promoted above so many of his fellows, he was a full grown servant of sin, spending his spare time in music halls and other similar places. Next we see him, once more in the Wiltshire village, surrounded by those who cared for his soul, but he was so hardened through sin, that to them his case seemed hopeless. God, however, was working in that village, and many were being saved. A prayer meeting was held in his father's house, and not knowing of this

he entered the room, and was induced to take a seat. Instead of praying, those who were present, began to sing, and this was their song :

Thou God of grace our Father,
We now rejoice before Thee ;
Thy children we and loved by Thee ;
'Tis meet we should adore Thee.

The reality of God's presence with His people was so real to his soul that his own awful condition, in the sight of a sin-hating God, crushed him—of mercy he



dared not think. Several days went by and much passed through his mind, till at last, while he was reading the Bible, the Spirit of God caused the love of God, through Jesus, to shine into his hardened heart. His mother's prayers were answered, his soul was saved. May each of my readers have the happiness that was his, in knowing that his sins were forgiven and the joy of serving the One who died for them and rose again.

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

PART IX.

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 “*Whoso offereth praise glorifieth Me.*”—Ps. l. 23.
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 LUKE XVII. II—19.

THE following story is only told us by one Evangelist. The Lord Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem, and passing through Samaria and Galilee. As He enters a village, probably a Samaritan one, He sees a melancholy group standing “afar off.” Ten men, all afflicted with that hopeless and loathsome disease of leprosy. They seem to have recognized the Great Physician. Even though they did not dare to come near Him as the poor leper did, of whom we read in Matt. viii. But they cried to Him, and we can imagine how that cry of agony and entreaty would thrill the tender heart of the Saviour, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

The Lord, in this case, only uses the *word*, without the *touch* (verse 14.) “*As they went*, they were cleansed.” In obeying the Lord’s word they obtained the blessing. But one out of the ten men, and alas! only one, as he feels the vigour of renewed health coursing through his veins, and realizes that the awful disease has left him, turns back and with a loud voice glorifies God, in his grateful adoration falling on his face in homage to the One who has wrought this wonderful cure. The Evangelist adds that this one was a Samaritan, one of a despised race, one who was looked down upon by the Jews, as we are told in John iv. 9.

The Lord was touched by the gratitude of this “stranger,” and we know He was grieved at the ingratitude of the nine who had also been healed.

This poor Samaritan got a double blessing, for from the Lord's lips he had the assurance: "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

Let us think over this story that has been written in God's word for our teaching, and let us see to it that we imitate the thankful man, not the unthankful ones. Surely when Christ has done such great things for us, even to the shedding of His precious Blood, which was the only thing that would avail to make us white and clean in His presence, our hearts ought to overflow in praise to Him, and let us remember that, in the words of the hymn we often sing:

"Children's praise He loves to hear,
Children's songs delight His ear."

J. M. D. B.



WHAT TO DO IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.



Remember Three Things.

1. Don't talk, but listen ; unless your teacher asks a question which you can answer, or you want to ask a question about something you do not understand.

2. Don't look about you. Look at your teacher, or at the superintendent, if he is speaking ; then you will hear much better what they say. If you do not listen, you cannot hear, nor understand, nor remember what is said ; and then what use is it to come ?

3. Keep your eyes closed during prayer. If you keep them open you will be noticing and thinking of other things, and you will not be joining in the prayer. Yet the prayer is for you as well as for all the rest. If you want the Lord to bless you, don't you think you ought to ask Him ?

O. S. S. T.

CHILDREN'S PRAISES

Long ago in ancient days
 Children sang the Saviour's praise,
 Sweet hosannas did they raise
 To the lowly King.

We now praise the children's Lord,
 Heart and voice, with one accord,
 Join to spread His fame abroad,
 Joyful songs to sing.

When He lived on earth below,
 Little ones to Him might go,
 For the Saviour loved them so,
 None were turned away.

Now, though He is gone on high,
 Still He hears the children's cry,
 Looks upon us from the sky,
 Listens when we pray.

Let us then with willing mind
 Praise this Friend so good and kind,
 Those that seek Him early, find.
 "Come," He says, "to Me."

He will wash your sins away,
 He will keep you lest you stray,
 He will teach you day by day
 More like Him to be.

K. I. B.



BIBLE CHILDREN

In connexion with our series of pictures of children mentioned in the Bible, we invite our young readers to answer the questions or do the task which is set month by month, and at the end of the year rewards will be given to those who have sent the best answers. Papers sent in should give the name, age, and address, of the writer; and should be addressed to "Questions, c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London," not later than the 20th of each month.

For this month the task is as follows: Write in your own words the story of the boy shown on the cover—saying, what was his name? How did he escape death when a baby? How was he made king (describe what was done by the priests, the captains, and others)? How long did he reign? where? and over what people? What was done to the Temple during his reign? What bad things

did he do after the death of the priest who had crowned him? How was he punished? (See 2 Kings xi. & xii. and 2 Chronicles xxii., xxiii. & xxiv.).

Bible Children Stories for July, 19 papers received. Commended (in order of merit):—W.H., E.C., M.P., F.L., Horace H., R.N., A.L., B.R., V.E., J.C., A.T., E.M.M., M.R. Fairly good: Eliz. M., K.P., Amos E., O.R., E.G., F.P.

The boy whose picture appeared in July was the son of a Shunammite woman, who had made the prophet Elisha always welcome at her house. She had no son and he promised that she should have one. When the boy was grown he was taken ill in the harvest-field, and died very suddenly, but his mother went and fetched Elisha at whose prayer he was restored to life again.

Nearly all who wrote gave these points correctly, and most of the stories sent were good.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS,

January to June, 1908.

During the six months ending June, 1908, we have received answers to these questions from 118 of our readers, 33 of whom have sent quite regularly every month; others have answered 3, 4, or 5 times. It is hoped that during the next six months many others will try to answer more regularly. The object of these questions is to encourage you to search the Bible carefully (see John v. 39), and this will bring its own reward (2 Tim. iii. 15); but we are glad to be able to award books to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during this time.

A Reference Bible will be sent to *Florence A. Smith (age 13), whose papers were every time correct and commended.

Books are awarded in each of the following divisions to those whose names appear in full:—Over 15 years: *Lilian M. Nance. Highly commended: *H.McK., *M.R., *V.E. Commended: E.H., *B.R., G.R.S.

12 to 15 years: *Lily Smith and *Elizabeth Morris, 6 times correct, 5 times commended. Highly commended: *W.H., *M.P., *B.L., *Harry H., *D.E. Commended: *E.W.B., F.L., J.J.H., Eva M.

Those who have become 12 during the six months:—*Horace Harle. Highly commended: *I.B.Y. Commended: J.K., T.H.H., A.L.

10 to 12 years:—*Horace W. J. Baker. Highly commended: *Archie E., *M.A.H., *R.G., *Harry W., *E.C. Commended: W.V.J.T., D.L.

Under 10 years:—*Leonard S. Young. Highly commended: *R.N., *C.T., *C.E.F.M., *D.O., *J.W., *Amos E. Commended: R.F.W., M.B., D.C.B.

Those marked * have sent answers every time, also G.R., O.R., G.B., E.J.B. Some of the others who sent 2 or 3 times did well. We hope that they will all try again, and we are glad to see that some of them have sent for July.

NOTE: Except in the class specially mentioned we have taken the age as it was given in January.



QUESTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

1. Why did the children of Israel murmur, so that fiery serpents were sent amongst them, and what did they say?
2. When Moses prayed for the people, what did God tell him to do?
3. What did the Lord Jesus say about this serpent of brass?
4. What did Moses tell the people to remember about the way the Lord had led them in the wilderness?
5. What did Moses say to Joshua on the day that he was 120 years old?
6. In Moses' last words to the people what did he say about God being their refuge? Quote a verse from the Psalms which tells us that God is our refuge.

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Numbers xxi., Deuteronomy viii., xxxi., xxxiii., Ps. xlv., John iii.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for July, 46 sets received:—Commended: N.T., M.P., E.H., I.Y., E.A., W.H., Horace H.; (under 12), R.G., L.Y., E.C., six answers correct; E.W.B., V.E., N.H., Harry H., T.H., J.K., B.L., H.McK., Eliz. M., Cissie M., M.R., M.T., S.T.; (over 12), H.W.B., R.N., four correct; Amos E., G.F., C.E.F.M., G.R., J.W., W.Y.

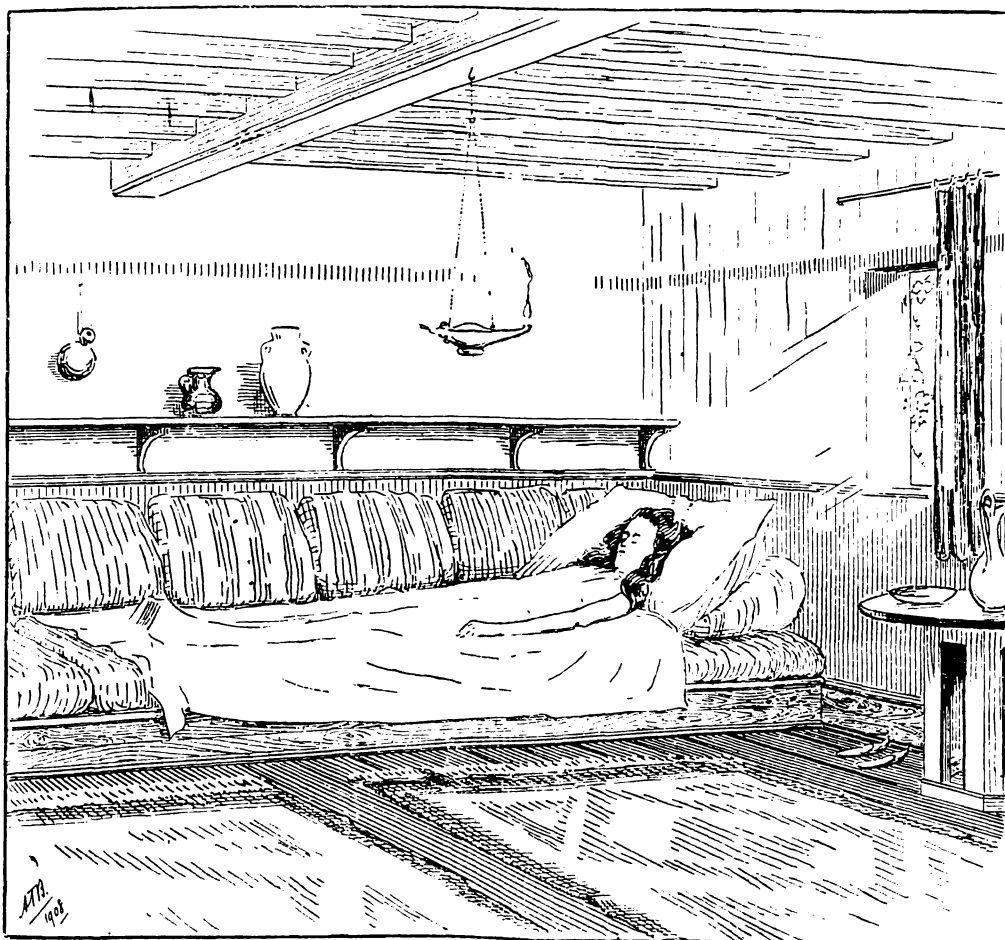
The following sent good papers but overlooked the first part of question 4:—F.A.S., F.M., E.M.M., F.L., A.L., C.T.

We are very glad to see some new names amongst those who have sent, and also some familiar ones which we have missed lately.

GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young

WHO WAS THIS?




**Christ said of her, "The damsel is not
dead but sleepeth"**

(See page 119).

OBEYING THE CAPTAIN

JOSHUA V. AND VI.

LL the people had been brought safely across the river Jordan by just obeying the word of the Lord, and following the Ark as He told them.

They encamped in Gilgal, where they set up the twelve stones of remembrance, and there they stayed for a little while.

Here they kept the Passover, on the fourteenth day of the month, four days after they came to Gilgal. On the morrow after the Passover they "did eat of the old corn of the land," and the day after that the manna ceased. For forty years God had given it to them day by day, but now they were no longer in the wilderness, and He supplied their wants in another way; "they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year."

They had entered into the land, but they still had to take possession. God was going to fight for them and with them, to drive out the people of the land because of their great wickedness (Deut. ix. 4, 5), because of the abominations which they did (xviii. 12). He had said to them, "When ye are passed over Jordan, . . . then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land" (Num. xxxiii. 51, 52). They were to make no covenant with them, nor with their gods, nor do after their works, but utterly to overthrow them. He said, "They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against Me" (Ex. xxiii. 33).

Jericho was not very far from where they had crossed the river, and that was the first city against which they had to go. It may be that Joshua wondered how he should best lead the people against this great city; but he had no need. He was out one day near

Jericho, when looking up he saw some one standing by with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and said to him, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" and he said, "Nay, but as captain of the Lord's host am I now come." How glad Joshua must have been! He had only to obey his Captain, and then he would know what to tell the people. He fell on his face and worshipped.

Jericho was "straitly shut up" against the children of Israel. The gates in the city wall were kept shut, and no one was allowed to go in or out. The people inside no doubt tried to persuade themselves that they must be quite safe within their strong walls, and that the Israelites would not be able to get into their city. Some of them really were safe; but they were in the house of Rahab, with the scarlet line in the window.

The Lord spoke to Joshua and told him what to do. All the men of war were to compass the city, going right round it, seven priests were to bear before the Ark seven trumpets of rams' horns, and thus they were to march round the city, once a day for six days. On the seventh day they were to go seven times. And Joshua commanded the people, saying, "Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, . . . until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout."

They did just as God had said. The priests bearing the trumpets passed on before the Lord, and the Ark followed them, the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the gathering host came after the Ark. So the Ark of the Lord compassed the city, going about it once; and they came into the camp and lodged there. The second day they did just the same; and so they did six days.

No doubt the people inside the city were laughing at

them by this time, and saying, "Look at those silly people, just see what they are doing!" They would have done better to listen to Rahab, and think how they might escape the destruction that was surely coming. Perhaps the Israelites themselves wondered what could be the use of just marching round the city, and doing no more; but they were obeying the word of the Lord, and that was all that mattered.

On the seventh day they rose early about the dawning of the day, and this day they went round the city seven times. At the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the Lord hath given you the city." So the people shouted; and when they heard the sound of the trumpet, and shouted with a great shout, the wall of the city fell down flat, and the people went up straight before them and took the city. The wall in which the people of Jericho had trusted was no use to them; destruction came upon them.

But some in the city were safe. You know who they were; all those who were sheltered in the house with the scarlet line. Joshua sent the two men in to fetch them out; and they went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and all her kindred and all that she had. Everyone who had sheltered in that house was safe.

So the city of Jericho fell before the Israelites, as God had said it should (Josh. vi. 5); for "the Lord was with Joshua," and with His people. That was how they got the victory. Three things I want you to notice in this story; the people were obedient, they were believing, and they were persevering. They believed God and did what He told them, and they went on doing it day after day, and time after time

until He told them to do something else. They were "not weary in well-doing." They may have felt tired, and wondered why they had to go on marching when perhaps they could see no use in it; but they kept on, and so they got the victory. They obeyed the Captain.

Have you begun to obey the Captain of our salvation? Are you one of His soldiers? (2 Tim. ii. 3). If so, you have nothing to fear, for He is become "the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him." Come to Him, follow His steps, learn of Him, and if you just do what He says and keep on doing it, you will be able to say, "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

K. I. B.



CONVERSION

THERE are many boys and girls to-day, as well as many men and women, who lead a so-called religious life, and whose faces are constantly seen in churches, chapels, and meetings; but who, as yet, are not truly converted to God, simply because they deceive themselves by thinking that this outward form of religion will make them right with God, whereas, in reality, they are all wrong. Well may the question be asked, "*What is conversion?*" Let the words of Jesus sink deep into our souls, and furnish the reply, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Not only must there be the sense of sin, but, what marks every little child, the sense of helplessness and dependence, as well as of simplicity and trust; for what does a little child know about itself, although it is generally quick to discern kindness and love in

others? But conversion, when real, is no mere passing emotion, or temporary excitement, but a complete and thorough change of life and ways. We have to believe and accept *God's thoughts* about ourselves, and give up our own; we have to trust *God's word*, and not our own feelings; we have to take *God's way*, and surrender our own, yea more, we have to do *God's will*, not our own; and this not merely in some things, but in everything.

The great hindrance to conversion, whether in young or old, is the blinding power, as well as the love, of sin; the love of pleasure, too, and of the world, in all its enticing forms, are great barriers to the soul's blessing. How many precious souls, too, are eternally lost through indecision, and the "fear of man, which brings a snare." Perhaps, however, one of the most common forms of self-deception is found in all the outward forms and ceremonies of mere religion that exist to-day; and even little children can be religious without knowing God, or the value of the precious blood of Christ which alone cleanses the believer from all sin.

"And Jesus called a little child"—such was His loving way when here below; and such is His way now. Only quite recently a tiny child of five years old answered to that heavenly call, "Come unto Me;" and, filled with her new-found joy, communicated the good news to her mother on reaching home after a special service for children held in the north of London. Flinging her arms round her mother's neck, she exclaimed, "Oh! mummy, me's so happy now, all my sins are washed away." This little one was not deceived, but had, in truth, come to Jesus, just as she was, in her sins. He *called* her; He *received* her; He *blotted out* all her sins; He *saved* her, and *filled* her little heart with joy and peace in believing. Such is

the Jesus, dear children, whose love and grace I want you to know, and prove, personally for yourself. He is always calling the children; and His words are the same to-day as ever, "Suffer the children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." He called little Samuel of old, when quite a boy; and, in a later day, He used the little maid that waited on Naaman's wife as a channel to bring blessing to her master. How sweet

is the story of the youthful King Josiah who came to the throne of Israel, when only a lad of eight. As he grew up, he proved himself to be a faithful and devoted child of God, for he not only loved God's Word, but obeyed it in repairing the house of the Lord, and destroying every kind of idol. He also purged out of the land every form of false worship, and kept the pass-over in a way that it had never been held since the days of the Judges. Further,

it is recorded of him that "there was no king before him like unto him who turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses, neither after him arose there any like him." Here is a good object lesson for us all, whether young or old, of what constitutes a true conversion, yea a real turning to God, and serving God all the days of his life. Oh! that



every reader of this paper might be like Josiah, at least in this respect, that "he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

S. T.



THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

PART X.

"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction"—Ps. ciii. 4

LUKE VIII. 26—39

IN the 22nd verse of this chapter we are told that the Lord Jesus had asked His disciples to take Him over to the other side of the Lake of Galilee. The eastern side was more retired than the other, and sometimes the Lord went there when He needed rest and quiet. But just as He must "needs go" through Samaria (John iv. 4) that He might meet the woman of Samaria and tell her of the "living water" which He alone could give, and that He might bring the message of salvation to that Samaritan city where she lived, so now there was a special reason for this visit to the eastern shore of the lake. There was one poor man there grievously tormented by demons, to whom the Lord's presence was to make a mighty difference. Just as He landed on the shore there met him a man possessed by demons, naked, miserable, whom no one could tame. Men had tried to bind the unfortunate creature with chains and fetters, but in the strength of madness he had broken them off. But One was now approaching who was able to tame him, One who was manifested to destroy the works of the devil, One who came to bring deliverance to the captives.

The man who was possessed rushes down to the lake-side, and at once the demons within him recognize

who this Stranger is who has just landed from the boat (verse 28). They knew well that it was none other than the Son of God. Jesus asks the man his name, but he, in his misery and madness, cannot tell it and only gives the name for a large number, so many were his tormentors. On the mountains near, many swine are feeding, and the demons, knowing that their time has come for leaving their victim, beg the Lord to allow them to enter into the swine. The Lord permits it; they leave the man, and enter into the herd which rushes down from the heights above into the lake where the swine perish.

Those who took care of the herd flee in terror to the city where they tell their masters what has happened. The result of their report is that the Gadarenes come out to see with their own eyes if what they have heard is true. They find that the swine have perished, but they see Jesus there, and to their amazement the man whom no one could tame, no longer naked, wild and restless, but "clothed and in his right mind," and sitting at the feet of the wonderful Stranger who has brought deliverance so complete.

What effect has this upon the Gadarenes? Read the 37th verse, how solemn and awful! "The whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about" beg the Lord to depart from them. We are told in the same verse that "they were taken with great fear." Jesus at once goes back to the boat and leaves them. The Gadarenes wished to be rid of His presence, but the man who was healed only longs to be with Him, but Christ has other work for him to do and tells him: "Return to thine own house and shew how great things God hath done unto thee." The Lord in His infinite mercy will give the Gadarenes another

chance; the man obeys, telling through the whole city the marvellous story of his deliverance.

Has not the Lord done "great things" for us?

J. M. D. B.



THE FORGED CHEQUE



WILL you cash this cheque for Mr. R— please? These were the words of a boy of sixteen who worked at a factory in W.—G. I looked at the cheque and saw that the signature was a bad copy of Mr. R.'s, and as I had just heard that that gentleman had died the previous evening, I soon came to the conclusion that it was a forgery. After putting a few questions to the lad, he looked very confused, and tried to cover up his guilt by telling one lie after another.

How true it is that when Satan has the sinner in his grasp, he leads him on step by step to perdition, every moment drawing him nearer to that awful place where hope never comes. The boy's thoughts were for running away, now that his sin was discovered, but I compelled him to go with me to the factory. Mr. R's son was in the office, and after explaining the circumstances, I left the boy, miserable and crying bitterly, in his charge.

On the way he confessed that he had forged the cheque to get money, as he had lost by betting, and he did not think that he would be found out, as Mr. R. was dead. I could not let the opportunity pass without telling him of his Creator—God in Heaven, whose eyes are in every place, and although in our sins we might deceive our fellow creatures, God is never deceived.

The boy trembled as I further told him that as surely as he would be punished for this sin, God would punish him through eternity unless he looked to the Saviour who died for him, that he might have forgiveness through faith in His precious blood, which was shed for him and for all sinners.

Reader, you may say you have never been guilty of such wickedness, but do you know that "All have sinned" and "There is none righteous?" But thank God, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." There is therefore *now* a refuge for you, so come to Jesus *now* and He will save you. F. E. S.



BIBLE CHILDREN.

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For this month the task is as follows: Write in your own words the story of the girl shewn on the cover. (The story is told in each of the Gospels, except the fourth).

Bible Children Stories for August, 17 papers received. Commended (in order of merit):—A.L., E.C., W.H., H.H., M.P., V.E., B.R., A.T., R.N., Amos E. Fairly good: O.R., M.R., K.P., E.C. E.M.M., F.P.

The little girl whose picture appeared in August was carried away captive out of the land of Israel by the Syrians; and she waited on Naaman's wife. Because of what she told her mistress Naaman went to the land of Israel, and was there cured of his leprosy in a way that he did not expect, by obeying the words of Elisha the man of God. He dipped seven times in Jordan and was made clean.



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before October 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T.

Weston, 53, Paternoster Row. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in November. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.



QUESTIONS FOR OCTOBER

1. What promise did God make to Joshua after the death of Moses?
2. What was he told to do in order that his way might be prosperous, and that he might have good success?
3. How did Rahab hide the men Joshua sent from Shittim to Jericho, and what did she say to them which shewed that she had faith in God?
4. What did she ask them to do because she had shewed kindness to them?
5. What did they tell her to do so that she and her friends might be safe?
6. Quote 4 verses from the New Testament shewing—
 - (a) That the Lord has said He will never leave nor forsake His people now.
 - (b) That the Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation, and how.
 - (c) What people must do now to be saved.
 - (d) Where the Lord says we are to abide.

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Joshua I., II., John XV., Acts XVI., 2 Timothy III., Hebrews XIII.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for August, 46 sets received:—Commended: N.T., I.Y., M.P., L.M.N., M.R., W.H., Horace H.; (under 12), H.W.J.B., C.E.F.M., G.F., R.G., L.Y., F.M.D., E.C.

Six correct: E.W.B., V.E., E.H., Harry H., T.H.H., A.L., B.L., E.M.M., Eliz. M., F.M., S.H.T.; (under 12), R.N.; four correct: W.A., Amos E., M.A.H., G.R., J.W., W.J.Y.

E.A., O.A., F.L., C.M., F.A.S., M.T., sent good answers except to part of question 5, H. McK. except to part of question 4.

Contributions for these pages are desired. Articles should be written on one side of the paper only, and should be sent to the Editor of "Glad Tidings," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, E.C. The Editor reserves to himself the right of adapting any pieces submitted, unless the contributor states objection to this.

GLAD TIDINGS

for the Young

WHO WAS THIS?



He was present at a great miracle.

(See page 130).

TAKING POSSESSION: THE PROMISED INHERITANCE

“**E**VERY place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours.” This was what God had said to His people in the lifetime of Moses; and He said it again to Joshua before they crossed Jordan. He had brought them to the land; now they were to enter in and take possession. Still He would be with them to help them.

You have heard how the people of God were brought across Jordan and into the land; and how the city of Jericho fell before them when they obeyed the word of the Lord. You might think that, with the Captain of the Lord's host to help them, nothing could go wrong; but sometimes they forgot their Captain. They were defeated at Ai because they did not go in obedience to God's word, and because there was sin among them; and they were deceived by the Gibeonites because they “asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord.” God's people cannot do without His help.

But when they had discovered and put away the sin, God sent them again to Ai, and this time they were victorious. And when they kept their promise and went to help the Gibeonites against the five kings who came to make war upon them, the Lord said to Joshua, “Fear them not, for I have delivered them into thy hand”; and a mighty victory was won. Still there was fighting to be done. The other kings of the land came to fight against Joshua, and he made war a long time with all those kings. When many kings together came against Joshua, with all their hosts, and with horses and chariots very many, again God said to him, “Be not afraid because of them”; and they were all defeated. Joshua did all that the Lord told him; and at last we

read (Josh. xi. 23) "So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said unto Moses.—And the land rested from war."

Now the Lord told Joshua (chap. xiii. 1, 6, 7) to divide the land unto the people "for an inheritance," so that they might possess it for their own. Each tribe was to have its own share, each family its own inheritance. Trusting in the promises of God they were to go each to their own inheritance and take possession; "the soles of their feet" were to tread upon it; it was no use to them until they took possession.

So Joshua and those with him divided the land amongst the people. The Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh had their share already (see Num. xxxii. 33), on the other side of Jordan; the land between Jordan and the Great Sea (the Mediterranean) was divided amongst the rest. Only the tribe of Levi did not have a share with the others, because they had a special place and a special inheritance (ch. xiii. 14, 33 and xviii. 7); but they were given cities to dwell in out of the inheritance of the other tribes (chap. xxi).

No one was forgotten, there was an inheritance and a place for everyone; but there were some who came with special requests to Joshua and got what they asked for. Caleb came and asked that he might have Hebron (where he had been with Joshua and the other ten so many years before¹, because the Anakims were there, and the cities great and fenced; for he said, "If so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said." Hebron was given to him for an inheritance, and he did drive them out. The daughters of Zelophehad came and reminded Joshua of the inheritance Moses had promised to them; and they

got it. At last all was finished. Joshua was the very last to receive his inheritance; and so they made an end of dividing the country.

Perhaps you wonder why the land was called their *inheritance*. If you were to count, you would be surprised to find how many times that word is used in the chapters which tell about dividing the land—about 50 times. They were not meant to forget it. Now the dictionary tells us that *inherit* means “to take as an heir, or by descent,” and *inheritance* is “that which is or may be inherited.” That is to say, inheritance means something which comes to a person because of his birth; because of his father and mother, because it was theirs, or belonged to one of their relatives. The land of Canaan was the inheritance of the people of Israel, because, more than 400 years before, God had promised it to Abraham for his children (Gen. xv. 7, 16 and xvii. 8). It was theirs, not because they were good, nor because of anything they had done, but because they were children (or descendants) of Abraham; because of the promises which God had made to their fathers so long before (Deut. vii. 8). For God always keeps His promises.

The Lord gave unto Israel all the land which He swore to give unto their fathers, and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. There failed not aught of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

I have told you that the people of Israel had to take possession of what God had given them before they could dwell there. Then it became their very own; they found that all His promises were true. Have you ever thought how, all through the Bible, there are many wonderful promises, “exceeding great and precious

promises," to all those who will take possession of them? Look for them, and you will find they are for *all* who just believe what God says and come and ask Him for it. I once heard a story of an old man who marked the promises in his Bible "T.P." for "tried and proved." He had tried them and found them true. He had taken possession. T.P. may stand for that too. Have you tried any of them? "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee," have you called upon Him? "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out;" have you come?

We read of a wonderful inheritance, too, "incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away," which is "reserved in heaven" for those who are "kept by the power of God through faith." You cannot get it by anything you can do, for it is an inheritance. It is for those who are "Children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." "Not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us—that we should be made heirs." Then the inheritance is ours. Is it yours? Everyone who has claimed the promises of God and come to the Lord Jesus can truly say, "He hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." Only He can make us "meet" or fit to share in that inheritance; but He can and He will if you come to Him, for then you will be made a child of God (John i. 12).

K. I. B.



"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His Name's sake."—1 John ii. 12.

"To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His Name whosoever believeth [in Him] shall receive remission of sins."—Acts x. 43.

“THY NAME IS AS OINTMENT POURED FORTH”

CANT. I. 3.

As the lovely flowers
 Scent the summer air,
 Filling leafy bowers
 With their fragrance rare;
 So the Name of Jesus,
 Wheresoe'er it goes,
 Sheds a perfume round us,
 Sweeter than the rose.

When we walk with Jesus,
 Joying in His love,
 All is sunshine round us,
 All is bright above;
 Then His Name is dearer
 Than aught else on earth,
 And we shout with laughter,
 Joy with angels' mirth.

When the weary sickness
 Racks our limbs with pain,
 He who knows our weakness
 Doth our strength maintain.
 And the Name of Jesus
 Gives us quick relief;
 He can soothe and ease us
 In our every grief.

Brighter than the sunbeam,
 Sweeter than the light,
 Flooding all creation,
 Vanquishing its night
 Is the Name of Jesus
 To the soul oppressed,
 Ending all its troubles,
 Bringing longed-for rest.

A. E. R.



"I LOVE HIM!"

WHEN Jesus was upon earth, His disciples one day tried to drive some children away from their Master, thinking that He did not want to be troubled with such little ones, and His words to them were, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven" (see Mark x. 14). The following story is given here to show that He is just the same now, and loves little children, and delights to have them come to Him for blessing.



The story was told to me by a Christian lady with whom I found myself in a railway train some years ago. It was about a little boy she had found while she was visiting the poor houses in the district. The poor little fellow had been greatly neglected by his parents and was often left alone for the greater part of the day.

This kind lady read to him from the Bible, and spoke tenderly of the great love of Jesus in suffering death for the sins of such as he was, and told him of God's offer of salvation to all, even to the youngest, because of the value of the death of Jesus in His sight. That little boy's heart was reached by the blessed Saviour's love, and though only of the age of eleven years, he gladly trusted in Him to the salvation of His soul. After a time the lady had to leave off her visits, and go away, and the last time she saw him she said she shall never forget. Asked by her if he still felt that he could trust in the Lord, he simply exclaimed, "I love Him!"

Oh! dear young reader, he loved Jesus because Jesus first loved him. Jesus had received him and filled his lonely little heart with His own divine love, hence all fear was gone, and he had perfect confidence in the One who had become His Saviour. My dear young friend, can you say of Jesus "I love Him!" There is no mistake about it, He loves you, and wants to draw you to Himself that you may be one of His ransomed ones! May you open your heart to drink in His love, as did this little boy!

W. G.




THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

PART XI.

"My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."—
Ps. cxxi. 2

LUKE VII. 1—10

HE Lord Jesus had finished speaking to the people in what is called the Sermon on the Mount, and was returning to His dwelling at Capernaum. A Roman centurion, captain of the troop

of soldiers stationed in that place, was anxious about a servant who was "dear unto him," and who appeared to be at the point of death. Though a Gentile, this centurion loved the Jews and had built for them a synagogue, and even at the present day the beautiful ruins of this building can be seen on the shores of the Lake of Galilee on the supposed site of the Lord's city.

So the messengers who came from him to Christ were eager that the Great Physician who had cured so many sicknesses in that neighbourhood, should go with them to the house of the Roman soldier and there heal the servant who was nigh unto death. The Lord, as ever, readily went with them. But while He was yet on His way, the centurion sent his friends with a respectful and humble message, showing that he knew something of the power and dignity of the One to whom he had sent. Even as this Roman himself had soldiers and servants under him to whom he gave commands knowing that they would be obeyed, so he believed that, at the word of Jesus of Nazareth, disease would depart and health would return. A word from Christ's lips would be sufficient, there would be no need for this Physician to visit the sufferer.

In verse 9 we learn that Jesus "marvelled" at the faith of this Gentile. In Mark vi. 6 we read that He "marvelled" at the unbelief of His own people, the Jews. The faith of this Roman centurion reminds us of that of another Gentile, the woman we read about in Mark vii., and it was honoured in the same way. Though the Lord's foot never crossed the threshold of the dwelling either of the Canaanite woman or of the Roman soldier, yet the word of power, uttered by the One who with a word could still the storm or call

the dead from his grave, was "mighty to save" in both instances, and these two Gentiles so "strong in faith," had the joy of seeing those they loved restored to them in answer to their pleadings.

Do we, any of us who read this story, believe as we ought to do in the power of Christ? He told His disciples just before He left them (Matt. xxviii. 18) "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth."

J. M. D. B.



WHY YOU GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

A CLASS of little tiny boys once told me that they came to Sunday School to learn about God and about Jesus, to learn about heaven, and the way to get there. They told me, too, that the way to learn was to listen to what their teacher said, and to remember it. Do you go to Sunday School for these reasons? or do you go to see your friends and talk to them? or just to get marks enough for the treat? The others are better reasons.

O. S. S. T.



BIBLE CHILDREN.

In connexion with our series of pictures of children mentioned in the Bible, we invite our young readers to answer the questions or do the task which is set month by month, and at the end of the year rewards will be given to those who have sent the best answers. Papers sent in should give the name, age, and address, of the writer and should be addressed to "Questions, c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London," not later than the 20th of each month.

For this month the task is as follows: Tell in your own words the story of how the Lord made use of food carried by the lad shewn on the cover. The story is told in all the Gospels, but the boy is only mentioned in one.

Bible Children Stories for September, 15 papers received. Commended (in order of merit):—E.C., A.T., R.N., W.H., Horace H., E.M.M., V.E., A.L. Fairly good: M.P., Amos E., B.R., F.L., K.P., F.P., O.R.

The boy shewn in September was Joash or Jehoash son of Amaziah king of Judah. He was saved by his aunt Jehosheba when the rest of the king's sons were slain, and hidden for 6 years in the temple. When he was seven years old, Jehoiada the high priest sent for the rulers and the captains and the guard, and made a covenant with them; Joash was crowned king and Athaliah was slain. He was king of Judah, and reigned 40 years in Jerusalem. During his reign the temple was restored. After the death of Jehoiada he left off worshipping the true God, and served idols; and he slew Zechariah son of Jehoiada, who spoke against his wicked ways. The Syrians came against him, and the Lord allowed him to be defeated because of his sins. After the Syrians went away his own servants conspired against him and slew him.

This story seems to have been found more difficult than usual, and only two of you answered correctly all the questions which were given as helps. Some said that Joash was King of Israel, others that he reigned over both kingdoms. When Joash was king of Judah, first Jehu was king of Israel, then Jehoahaz, and then Joash or Jehoash son of Jehoahaz (see 2 Kings 12—1, 13—1, and 13—10).



BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before November 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in January, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.



QUESTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

1. When the people came to Jordan what were they commanded to follow? and why were they not to come too near?
2. When the people were clean passed over Jordan what did the Lord tell Joshua to do?

3. What were they told to say when their children should ask them in time to come "What mean these stones?"
4. Whom did Joshua meet when he was by Jericho? what did Joshua ask, and how was he answered?
5. When they compassed the city of Jericho, in what order were they to march? and how many times were they to go round it?
6. Write out three verses from the New Testament telling us:—
 - (a) Whose steps we should follow.
 - (b) Whose words we are to remember.
 - (c) Whom we ought to obey.

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Joshua III., IV., VI., Acts V., XX., 1 Peter II.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for September, 38 papers received:—Commended: F.A.S., E.M.M., W.H., L.M.N., Horace H., N.H., S.T.P., M.T., V.E. Six correct: T.H.H., F.L., B.L., M.P.; (under 12), four correct: Amos E., F.D., M.A.H., R.N., Gordon R., J.W., W.Y.

The following sent correct answers except that in answering question 1 they omitted to say why the people murmured (see Numbers xxi. ver. 4): E.A., Eliz.M., F.M., N.T., H.McK., I.Y., H.W.J.B., R.G., L.Y., E.W.B., E.M.B., R.B., George R., S.H.T. The first nine are commended as their answers are otherwise very good.

Contributions for these pages are desired. Articles should be written on one side of the paper only, and should be sent to the Editor of "Glad Tidings," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, E.C. The Editor reserves to himself the right of adapting any pieces submitted, unless the contributor states objection to this.



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WHO WAS THIS?



From a child he knew the Holy Scriptures.

(See page 143)

JOSHUA'S LAST WORDS

SOME long time after the Lord had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies (Joshua xxiii. 1), when Joshua was nearly 110 years old he called for all Israel, for their elders, their judges, and their officers, and reminded them how they had seen all that God had done for them, and how the Lord their God had fought for them.

He warned them to be "very courageous, to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses," to "cleave unto the Lord," to "take good heed unto" themselves. He told them that he was "going the way of all the earth," and he reminded them that "not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you, all are come to pass." Then he warned them of the evil things which were just as sure to come on those who turned away from the Lord and would not walk in His ways.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for their elders, their judges, and their officers, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua spoke to all the people, and reminded them how God, at the first, had chosen out Abraham, and brought him from his native land, and led him through the land of Canaan, and given him his son Isaac; how Isaac's son Jacob and his children had gone down into Egypt; how, when the Israelites, the children of Jacob, were made slaves in that land, He had sent Moses and Aaron, and plagued Egypt, and had brought the people out; how, when the Egyptians pursued them to the Red Sea, and they cried unto the Lord, He had brought them safely through it and through the wilderness; how He had given them vic-

tory over their enemies on the other side of Jordan ; how He had brought them across Jordan, and made Jericho fall before them, and all the people of the land ; and last of all how He had given them a land for which they did not labour, and cities which they had not built, and vineyards and oliveyards which they had not planted.

All these things Joshua told them to remind them of all that God had done for them, and how great was His goodness ; and then he said, " Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth ; put away the gods which your fathers served . . . , and serve ye the Lord." " In sincerity " means without pretence ; and it is plain that some of the people were only pretending to serve the Lord, and were really serving false gods, or Joshua would not have had to tell them to put away the other gods (ch. xxiv. 14 and 23).

Again Joshua said to them, " Choose you this day whom ye will serve ; whether the gods which your fathers served . . . , or the gods of the Amorites . . . ; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Then the people said " God forbid that we should forsake the Lord and serve other gods . . . , we also will serve the Lord, for He is our God." Joshua warned them that they could not serve the Lord, and serve strange gods as well, for if they tried to do this, great evil would come upon them ; and the people answered, " Nay, but we will serve the Lord." Then Joshua said to them, " Ye are witnesses . . . that ye have chosen you the Lord, to serve Him " ; and he said " Now therefore put away the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the Lord God of Israel."

And the people said unto Joshua, "The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey." So they chose to serve the Lord. Joshua made a covenant with them that day, and wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak. And he said to all the people, "Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; . . . lest ye deny your God."

These were the last words of Joshua to the people of Israel; and I want them to be my last words to you for the end of this year—"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." For two years now I have been writing month by month to tell you stories of God's people of old, how the Lord heard their cry, and saw their affliction, and raised up Moses to be their deliverer; how He spoke to Moses at the burning bush, and sent him to bring His people out of Egypt; of the plagues which came on Egypt because Pharaoh would not obey God's voice; how the Israelites were sheltered under the blood of the lamb when the destroying angel passed through the land; how they were brought through the Red Sea, and fed with bread from Heaven and water from the rock, how they heard the voice of God at mount Sinai, and were taught how to make the Tabernacle. How they learnt the way of approach to God, how they were numbered and learnt that each one had his place and his work; how the ten unfaithful men brought a bad report of the land, and the people could not enter in because of unbelief; how He led them all the way, from the time when they first cried to Him because of their affliction and He sent Moses to them, until the time when all that He had promised was fulfilled.

You know that just as the Lord heard the cry of His

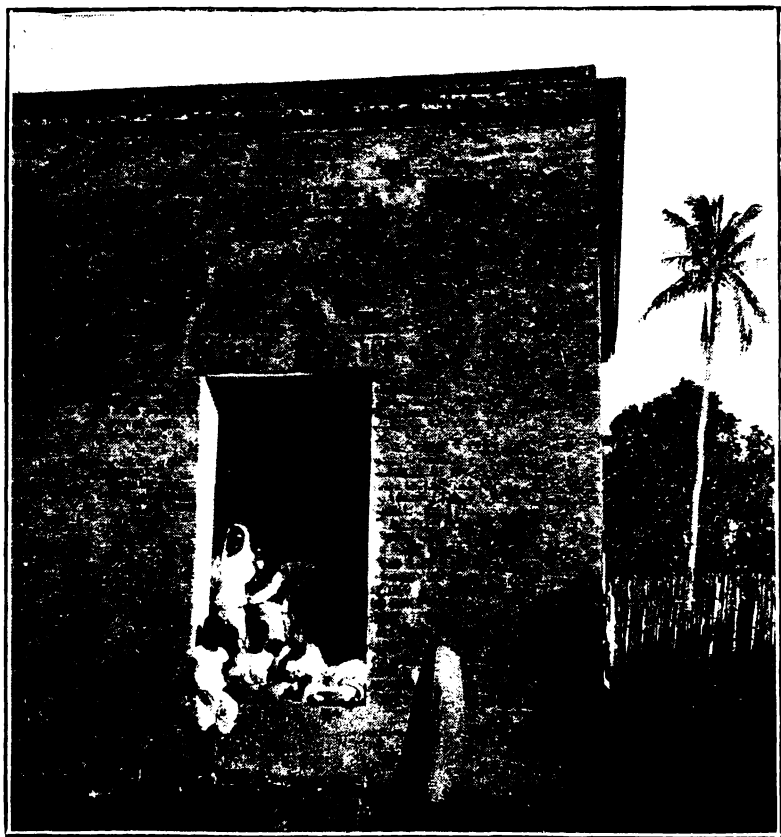
people then and delivered them, so He is quite ready now to receive all who come to Him (Heb. vii. 25). Have you come to Him? Have you chosen yet whom you will serve? or do you think there is no hurry? If you do not choose to serve the Lord, then you are choosing *not* to be His servant. "Choose ye *this day*." In Proverbs we read terrible things of some who "did not choose the fear of the Lord" when they might have done. But in the New Testament we read of one of whom the Saviour said "Mary hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her." What was it Mary chose? She "sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word." Have you come to the Saviour's feet, and asked Him to forgive your sins and to teach you how to serve Him?

Do you say you don't know how? If you really want to, if you choose that, He will show you how; only ask Him. "The blood of Christ" shall "purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God" (Hebrews ix. 14). The Lord Jesus says "If any man serve Me let him follow Me." He will teach you what to do; you have only to obey. Serve means to obey, as well as to work for. "Come unto Me," He says, "Learn of Me," "Follow Me." Are you ready to obey Him? That is what it is to choose whom you will serve.

If you have chosen whom you will serve, if you have come to the Lord in faith and asked Him to be your Saviour, then remember that whatever He has given you to do, in whatever place He has put you, you can do for Him. "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, . . . for ye serve the Lord Christ." Whatever we have to do, we are to do it "as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."

RAHAEL

I THINK you children will be interested to hear about the little girl standing up on the extreme left of this picture. She is a little Indian girl about ten years old. Her name is Rahael, which is the Indian form of Rachel. Her parents died when she was quite small, and she was left to the care of an aunt, who took all her money, made her go out in the



fields to look after cows and goats, beat her, and altogether treated her most unkindly. Minding cattle in India is no easy task, especially in the hot season, when grass is very scarce, and the animals have to be

driven far afield to find any at all. Several times poor little Rahael tried to escape from her aunt's clutches by running away to distant relatives, but she was always taken back again.

At last she managed to get to some Indian Christians and they took her to some English Missionaries, who had a Home for Indian girls in the town. The magistrate of the place, on being asked by these ladies if they



might keep her and care for her, said no one could take the child from them against her will without going to law, and as no one has troubled to do that, Rahael, to her great delight, was allowed to go and live with the missionaries, and there she is still, getting stronger and

more childlike every day, so wisely and lovingly is she treated. She was like a little old women when she entered the Home, and scarcely knew how to smile or play.

You would like to see her now, I know, playing with the other children in the garden (where grow palms, banana plants, and many other trees and shrubs strange to English children), swimming in the pond (as you see in the picture) sitting learning to make lace, or in school as in the first picture.

There, with the other children, she learns to read and write, squatting on the ground, barefooted and bare-headed. Their schoolroom is not a room with doors, windows, desks, and chairs like yours, but it is just an open verandah, as you see, where the children can sit on the ground shaded from the hot Indian sun, and feel whatever breeze there may be.

I think you can guess, too, what else little Rahael learns in that Home, what she never would have learnt in that cruel heathen home from which she has so mercifully escaped. And that is, she learns about the true God, who so loved sinners, big and little, black and white, rich and poor, that He sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ into this world, to die in their stead, so that now all who put their trust in Him receive forgiveness of their sins. And the ladies, who, for Christ's sake, love and care for little Rahael, have good reason to believe that she is one of those happy children who belong to Jesus because they believe that He died in their stead.

E. M. H.



THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

PART XII.

"I say unto you, Love your enemies . . . Do good to them that hate you."—Matt. v. 44

LUKE xxii. 49-51, John xviii. 10, 11. We have thought over eleven of the miracles of the blessed Lord Jesus since the beginning of the year, and for the last month in 1908 let us consider the very last work of healing He performed upon this earth; as far as we are told in the Bible.

The incident took place in the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas Iscariot, the traitor, knew what a favourite resort this was of his Master and his fellow disciples, and guided the Lord's enemies there, and under the olive-trees in that garden Jesus was taken. Peter, seeing the men coming to lay hands upon his beloved Master, hastily draws his sword, but only succeeds in cutting off the ear of one of the servants of the high priest. The Lord rebukes His impulsive disciple, and, at once, with His gentle and divine touch, heals the wound of Malchus.

In Matthew xxvi. 53, 54, are recorded those wonderful words of Christ which were spoken on this occasion, when He says that He needed but to pray to His Father, and at once He would be given more than twelve legions of Angels (a legion was from 4,200 to 6,000). Think how His enemies would have shrunk away before such a multitude of Angelic warriors, but in mercy to us all, that prayer was never uttered. Of His own free will that Blessed One allowed Himself to be bound, and, after enduring cruel pain and mockery, was at last nailed to the cross on the hill of Calvary, when He shed His precious blood for you and for me


that we might be washed from our sins and "made meet for the inheritance of the Saints in light."

"Oh Christ, what burdens bowed Thy head!
Our load was laid on Thee;
Thou stoodest in the sinner's stead,
Did'st bear all ill for me;
A Victim led, Thy blood was shed;
Now there's no load for me."

J. M. D. B.



FREE FOOD

 GENTLEMAN was walking along the streets in the East End of London, and as he was passing a baker's shop he noticed a small ragged boy looking with hungry eyes at the good things in the window. Touching the boy on the shoulder he asked him if he was hungry and would like a meal, if so he was to follow him. The boy looked at him, believed his word and quickly followed his guide who entered the shop and, putting some money on the counter, told the woman to get a cup of coffee and to supply food in plenty to the starving lad. When he had had enough to eat, the gentleman began to tell him that God offered to all, without payment, a gift of salvation, by accepting which, the hungry and miserable soul was fed and made happy for ever.

Now, little unknown friend, won't you be like this boy and accept at once God's invitation and come to the Lord Jesus who will lead you in the narrow path that ends in Heaven. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." We are told by God that all have sinned, so that we know we are lost, and unless we come to Christ we shall be for ever miserable. Don't think

that God does not mean what He says. The boy did not stop to talk about his unfitness to enter the shop, nor did his friend say to him, "You must make yourself better before I take you in." So we must not think that we can do anything for our salvation but, as God says, come to His Son who has done the work.



R. L.

BIBLE CHILDREN.

In connexion with our series of pictures of children mentioned in the Bible, we invite our young readers to answer the questions or do the task which is set month by month, and at the end of the year rewards will be given to those who have sent the best answers. Papers sent in should give the name, age, and address, of the writer, and should be addressed to "Questions, c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row, London," not later than the 20th of each month.

For this month the task is as follows:—Write what you know of the boy shewn on the cover: what was his name, and what were the names of his mother and grandmother (see 2 Timothy i.) Of what nationality was his father? (Acts xvi.). How many letters did the apostle Paul write to him? What did Paul tell him about the Holy Scriptures? (2 Timothy iii.).

Bible Children Stories for October, 17 papers received:—Commended (in order of merit): W.H., Horace H., E.C., M.P., A.T., R.N., M.R., A.L. Fairly good: V.E., O.R., E.G., L.T., E.M.M., K.P., F.P., B.R., Amos E.

The girl, whose picture appeared in October, was the only daughter of Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue. She was very ill, at the point of death and her father came and besought the Lord to come and heal her. As they were going, a messenger came saying that she was dead, but the Lord told Jairus "Fear not, believe only and she shall be made whole." When they came to the house, the minstrels and people were making a noise, but the Lord put them all out and allowed no one to go in with Him but Peter, James and John and the father and mother of the maiden. He took her by the hand and lifted her up, saying "Maid, arise," and she arose straightway.

Some of the stories sent were very good, but others were careless. One writer said the girl was two instead of twelve years old, and some did not give the father's name or say that he came to the Lord.

BIBLE SEARCHING QUESTIONS

Our readers are invited to answer these questions and send in their answers before December 20th, marked "Questions," c/o Mr. T. Weston, 53, Paternoster Row. Children under 12 do any four; over 12 do all. Answers to be as far as possible IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE, and chapter and verse to be given. Initials of those answering correctly will be published in February, if the Lord will. At the end of six months, books will be given to those who have answered most correctly and carefully during that time.

1. Which chapters in Joshua describe how the land of Canaan was divided unto the children of Israel for an inheritance? Quote one verse from the last of these chapters shewing that all was done.

2. What special inheritance did Caleb ask for, and why did he receive it?

3. Find a verse in Genesis which tells how God promised Abraham that He would give this land to his seed for a possession.

4. What kind of inheritance is reserved in Heaven for those who are "kept by the power of God through faith"?

5. When Joshua, in his old age, gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, what did he invite them to choose? and whom did he say he would serve?

6. (a) What can make us fit to serve the living God?

(b) How should the servants of Christ do what they have to do?

(c) What is promised to those who serve the Lord Christ?

Answers will be found by searching the following chapters:—Joshua xiii. to xxiv., Genesis xvii., Ephesians vi., Colossians iii., Hebrews ix., 1 Peter i.

Name, age last birthday, and address should be written clearly on each paper.

Answers to Bible Searching Questions for October, 41 papers received:—Commended: E.A., F.A.S., N.T., W.H., Horace H., E.M.M., L.M.N., Eliz. M., E.W.B., I.Y., N.H., M.P., M.R., V.E.; (under 12), R.G., L.Y., E.C., H.W.J.B., G.F.; six correct: T.H.H., B.L., S.P., E.R., S.H.T.; (under 12), Amos E., R.N.; four correct: E.M.B., M.A.H., C.E.F.M., J.W.

Some of the above should have included Joshua i. v. 5, in the answer to question 1, but the answers on the whole are particularly good this month.

F.M. sent a very careful paper but omitted to answer the first part of question 3.

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