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My Bow In The Cloud

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Johnny was playing in the summer house that afternoon. The day had been alternating between sunshine and rain, but the many showers hadn't bothered Johnny. He was building some houses for his new pets, the hamsters. Any mail now would bring the new pets. The description said they looked like little bears.

Johnny glanced out the window and there in the sky he saw it. The hamsters seemed of little importance now. He rushed out of the summer house toward the big house shouting, "Mother, come quick!"

Mother turned out the fire under the food on the stove and hurried out on the porch calling Johnny anxiously, "Johnny, what's the matter? It's wrong?"

"Oh, mother, look!" cried Johnny as he pointed to the sky, his eyes bright with interest and excitement.

Mother looked and, behold, there in the sky was one of the most magnificent rainbows, aglow in its majestic beauty, that she had ever seen.

Johnny was tugging at mother's hand. "Tell me the story, mother," he asked. Mother knew that Johnny knew the story of God's Bow in the cloud, but she also knew that he never tired of it no matter how many times he heard the story. So mother told Johnny the story. "A long time ago, Johnny," she said, "the people on the earth became so wicked that it seemed that not one person in the whole earth remembered God. God was grieved in His heart about their wickedness and decided to destroy the people from the face of the earth."

"But Noah, mother," said Johnny, "What about him?" Johnny usually prompted mother at this point.

"Yes," continued mother, "Noah was a good man and found favor in God's sight. God told Noah how to build an ark, which saved Noah and his family and many animals from the flood. The Lord caused it to rain—"; "Forty days and forty nights," interrupted Johnny.

Mother smiled and continued, "The flood covered the earth for a long time until every living creature was destroyed. After that the Lord caused the water to leave the earth, so Noah and his family and all the animals could go on dry land again.

"Then God made a promise to Noah and to his seed that God would never again send a flood to destroy the earth. As a token of that promise God said, 'I do set my bow in the cloud.' God told Noah that when God would look on the 'Bow in the cloud, He would remember His promise to man."

Johnny looked at the rainbow. "How wonderful," Johnny thought, "I can see the rainbow and know God sees it and remembers His promise." Mother went back to her cooking but Johnny sat down on the step and watched the rainbow until it faded away.

—M—



THE BEST USE

"My mother gave me a Bible for my gift last Christmas," said a little girl complacently, "and Aunt Lou gave Cousin Harry one at the same time. Just look at them now and see the difference!"

Harry's was a little worn. Its gilt edges were tarnished, and the newness was gone from the cover, but it looked as if it had been read very

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CAROL ANN AND THE MATCHES

Carol Ann Mitchell liked to do nothing better than to play with matches. And that is what she did every time she could hide away where she thought no one could see her. You see, she knew that she should never, never play with fire.

One day she took a box of matches from the cupboard, went into another room, and shut the door tightly. Mother was busy in the kitchen, so she thought. "Mamma won't know what I am doing. She will think that I am playing with my new dolly."

But Carol Ann was so quiet that mother knew something was wrong.

Carol Ann sat on a couch that was placed in front of a curtained window. When mother came to the door, she quickly hid behind her back the two matches she had. She forgot all about the curtains, and the first thing mother saw was the flame climbing up the curtains.

Carol Ann was so frightened that she couldn't move. Mother snatched her from the couch so that her clothing would not catch on fire. Then Mother ran for the garden hose.

While mother was spraying the fire, which had spread to the wall by this time, Carol Ann's brother came into the room. Seeing the fire he became frightened, too. But fright didn't affect him as it did his sister. He could move, and did, but only up and down he jumped, making an awful racket. Every time he bounced up he screamed at the top of his voice. And every time his feet hit the floor, he screamed.

"My," said the neighbors, "whatever can be going on over at the Mitchell house? We must go over and see what is happening."

Soon they saw the smoke pouring from the window. They quickened their steps, but by the time they arrived, the fire was out and Mrs. Mitchell came out the door carrying the hose. Her face was streaked with black.



PRAYING

I am sure that all of you say your prayers for that is the way we talk to God. Prayers don't need to be long and tiresome but we should pray every day.

Jesus prayed to the Heavenly Father and asked Him for help and if Jesus needed to pray, I am sure we do too. He taught His disciples to pray and gave them a prayer to say.

We are to ask, believing that God will answer our prayers if we ask for the right things. God wants us to come to Him with our troubles and the only way we can go to Him is by prayer.

The Bible says that "the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers."

We should never forget to thank God for His goodness to us and this is done in prayer. We are to pray for the sick, and for strength to live like God wants His children to live.

Let us pray for our fathers and mothers, for our playmates and friends. And we are told to pray for our enemies. Let us all remember this.

—M—

Memory Verse For The Week

"For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death." Psalm 48:14.

In this verse David is promising to let God lead him all of his life.

"I'll never, never play with matches again," Carol Ann sobbed. "What if I had burned the whole house down! All my dollies and my pretty clothes, and all our nice furniture would have burned up!"

And so far as I know, Carol Ann kept her promise. —Sharon Boucher in Our Little Friend.

—M—

PLACES I HAVE BEEN

Dear Friends:

My Grandmother read me the pieces you wrote in the Missionary. The piece I'm going to write is about the places we have been.

Last winter the family and I went out to Western Kansas to my aunt's place. From there we went through the Panhandle of Oklahoma and through the corner of Texas. Then we went to New Mexico and saw the Carlsbad Caverns. We walked four miles. In one room they turned off the lights, and it was so dark that you could almost feel it.

When we ate lunch we were 750 feet under the ground. Then we went and saw the jumping off place. We went around a corner and saw the place where the Indians used to live. There were rope ladders that led down in a hole so deep that we could not see the bottom of it.

When we were through looking at everything we went out in an elevator. When we were going up it closed our ears. When we got off we saw some bats.

I am a nine year old boy. Your Friend,
Kenneth Lee Haffner

Kenneth, for your piece. It is very nice. I hope you will be the next to tell of a place you've been?)

—M—

GOD'S CARE

When I go out to walk at night,
And see the stars aglow,
I like to think God made them all,
And watches where they go.

But then, I think, the Bible says,
He shields the sparrow's brood;
He makes them light upon the ground
And gives them daily food.

So, I am not afraid at all
Since these two things I've seen;
For stars and sparrows know God's care,
And I come in between.—Selected.

—M—

"I like to remember that Jesus was once a boy, too," said Bud. When Jesus was a boy, He was kind and loving to everyone. Let us think often about the boy, Jesus, and try to be like Him.—Sel.

—M—

The best friend to have is Jesus.

THE BIBLE GROCERY STORE

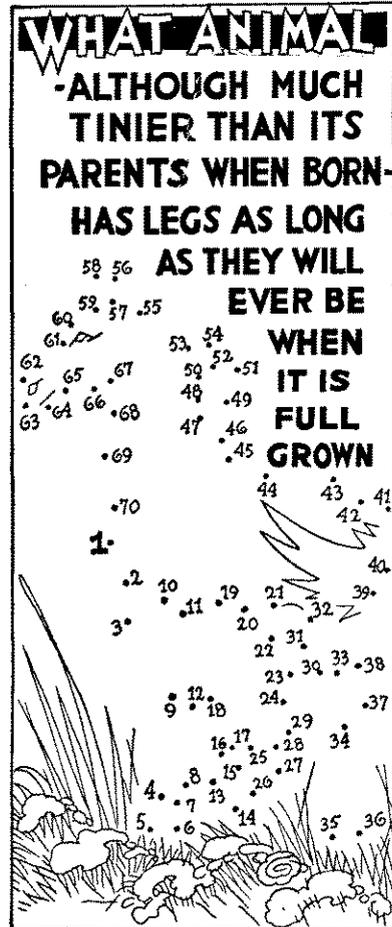
In the following find some things that can be bought at a grocery store. The answers will be printed next week.

1. In the Lord's Prayer we say, "Give us this day our daily"
2. What sweet did John the Baptist eat in the wilderness?
3. Jesus once said to His disciples, "You are the of the earth."
4. One of Noah's sons had a name that reminds us of meat. What was it?
5. What grain did Ruth glean in the field of Boaz?
6. What did Joseph's brothers go to Egypt to buy?
7. Jesus said the "Kingdom of heaven is like a grain of seed."

—Selected

—M—

We are using an easier puzzle for the smaller children this week. It is an animal and I don't remember that it is mentioned in the Bible, but God created it just the same. Begin at the dot by the figure one and draw a line to 2 and then 3 and so on. See if you can name the animal.



—M—

Let us always be thoughtful and kind to others.



FOR
NOVEMBER 12, 1949

Lesson Material: Jeremiah 38:1-13.

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage:
... for the Lord thy God is with thee."
Joshua 1:9.

Doing Right When It Is Hard

In our lesson Jeremiah was doing right and telling the people what God had said. Some of the people didn't like what Jeremiah had told them and they went before the king and asked that he be put to death. The king told them to do as they wished. They took Jeremiah and put him in a dungeon where there was mud. It appeared that they were going to let him die there.

It must have been hard to serve God when he was treated that way. One man heard what had been done to Jeremiah and went to the king and told him that Jeremiah was apt to starve there. The king told him to get thirty men and get Jeremiah up out of the dungeon. So Jeremiah was rescued.

Another example of serving God when it was hard was Daniel. He refused to worship the king instead of God and was put in the lion's den. He knew that he would be punished for doing right but he obeyed God just the same. If he had prayed to the king he would have broken the first commandments, which says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." God saved Daniel from the lions.

Sometimes it is hard for us to do right when those around us make fun of us and tease us because we are serving God, but we must obey God just the same. These are the times we need to pray more to God to be able to keep doing right. We are not treated like Jeremiah and Daniel were, and they chose to do right even though they were punished.

Jesus was not discouraged when He was abused while He was on this earth, living an example for us. It must have been hard for Him to give up His life for us that we might be saved from our sins.

Questions

1. What is the lesson about?
2. Was Jeremiah punished for doing right?
3. Was he left to die?
4. How was he rescued?
5. Why was Daniel punished?
6. Did he break the first commandment?
7. Was Jesus always treated kindly?
8. Is it hard for you to do right?

9. Are we punished like Jeremiah and Daniel were?
10. What should we do when we ~~find~~ find it hard to do right?
11. Do you think God will help us as He did Daniel?

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YOUR LETTERS

FROM OHIO

Dear Readers:

How are all you boys and girls today? I hope you are all well, as I am well.

Some of you have been reading my letters in the Golden Gems. For the ones of you who do not know me, I will introduce myself. I am Joan Bartholomew. I am eleven years old and in the seventh grade. I go to Jones Junior School.

I have been keeping the rules of the W. Club as faithfully as I know how.

We went to Sabbath School and church as usual today. I like to go to Sabbath School and church for there we learn of God and His Son, Jesus.

Christian love,

Joan Bartholomew

P. S. Some of you probably know me by the name Marcille Bartholomew instead of Joan, as Marcille is my second name while Joan is my first name.

(Joan, we are glad to hear from you. We have been wanting letters from those who used to write to the Golden Gems. We are glad you like to go to church.)

—M—

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often. Here and there I saw pencil marks near favorite verses, and in one or two places it seemed as if tears might have fallen. Little Harry Gordon had become a Christian lately, and his Bible had evidently been very precious to him.

—Our Jewels