

**INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER  
BIBLE STUDY CLUB**

THE GAZETTE'S BRANCH.

Prizes for Answers.

The Gazette has secured the right to publish the International Sunday School Lesson questions by the Rev. Dr. Linscott, which have aroused so much interest elsewhere, and they will appear weekly. One of these questions each week is to be answered in writing, and upon these answers prizes will be awarded. This paper is also authorized to form a Local Newspaper Bible Study Club for its readers, and guarantees to all who join and fulfil the conditions, that everything herein promised shall be faithfully carried out.

Persons may join the club at any time during the year, but must, of course, answer the 52 questions hereinafter explained, to qualify for the prizes. It is, however, desirable that the questions be answered as the lessons are studied.

The International Newspaper Bible Study Club, which had its origin last year at Brantford, Ont., is for the purpose of promoting, in an unfettered way among the masses, a wider study of the Bible, the baser truths of Christianity, and the problems which enter into every man's life. It is composed of all those who join a local club and take up the simple course outlined herein, barring only ordained clergymen. We have the sympathetic co-operation of the latter, but it is not considered fair to have them compete for the prizes. Sunday School teachers, Bible class scholars, and churchgoers generally may belong to this newspaper club, also non-churchgoers of all shades of opinion. All such are warmly invited to join and compete for the prizes.

**CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.**

1. Each contestant, or his or her family, must be a paid-up subscriber to this paper during the continuance of the contest in order to qualify for membership in the International Newspaper Bible Study Club and this Local Club.

2. Each contestant in this Local Club must answer each of the written questions for 52 consecutive weeks, commencing for Sunday, July 23th, and the answers must all be in the possession of this paper within two weeks after the close of the contest.

3. Each question must be answered separately, and the paper written on one side only. No answer must exceed 200 words, and may be less. If possible, write on letter paper, size about 8 1/2 by 11 inches.

4. Each answer must have the name and address of the writer at the bottom of the answer, so it can be identified, given a number, registered, and then the name cut off so the examiner may know it by number only.

5. Students should be careful to understand the question before answering. To do this the lesson text must be read, and especially the verse or verses upon which the question is based.

6. The answers for this local club must be delivered at this office, and they will be collated at the close of the contest and forwarded to headquarters for independent examination by competent examiners. The prizes will then be awarded according to the highest number of marks won by members of the International Newspaper Bible Study Club, and prizes which may be awarded to members of this Local Club will be given out from this office.

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All who can write, and have ideas, are urged to take up these studies regardless of the degree of their education, as the papers are not valued from an educational or literary standpoint, but from the point of view of the cogency of their reasoned ideas.

Rev. Dr. Linscott's Suggestive Questions on the Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 27th, 1903.

Review.—Read Prov. 14.

Golden Text.—Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. Prov. iv: 23.

A profitable review of the last twelve lessons may be had from the plan which follows. Read each lesson for the term, and then repeat the Golden Texts, and answer one question from each lesson, as follows:

October 4.—David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem. II Sam. 6.

Golden Text.—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Psalm 100: 4.

Verses 1-4.—If a man is highly educated, successful and popular, but neglects the house of God and personal religion what does he gain or lose as a result?

(This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

October 11.—God's Promise to David. I Chron. xvii.

Golden Text.—There hath not failed one word of all his good promise. I Kings, viii: 56.

Verses 7-8.—Is a blacksmith, or machinist, or farmer, or daily laborer, just as dear to the heart of God as one who is rich and in an exalted position?

October 18.—David's Kindness to Jonathan's Son. II Sam. ix.

Golden Text.—Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another. Eph. iv: 32.

Verses 11-13.—Should the State make provision to keep the aged, and all who are not able to support themselves?

October 25.—The Joy of Forgiveness. Psalm 32.

Golden Text.—Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Psalm 22: 1.

Verses 3-4.—Compare two men, one who hushes the voice of God in his soul, and another who listens to that voice and obeys, and say what, if any, effect the habits of these men will have upon the length of their lives.

November 1.—Absalom Rebels Against David. II Sam. xv.

Golden Text.—Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee. Ex. xx: 12.

Verse 23.—May we expect to win in any battle if our hearts are filled with fear?

November 8.—David Grieves for Absalom. II Sam. xviii.

Golden Text.—A foolish son is a grief to his father. Prov. xvii: 25.

Verse 33.—What can you say for, or against, the pathetic grief of this heart-broken father at the death of his worse than worthless son?

November 15.—The Lord our Shepherd. Psalm 23.

Golden Text.—The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. Psalm 23: 1.

Verse 1.—Does scientific research, and our fuller knowledge of the vast network of worlds in the universe, tend to weaken or strengthen our faith in God's individual love and care for each person?

November 22.—Solomon Anointed King. Kings 1: 1-2: 12.

Golden Text.—Know thou the God of thy Father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. I Chron. xxviii: 9.

Verse 6.—Are unusual good looks and ability generally a help or a hindrance to character?

November 29.—World's temperance Sunday. Isa. i: xviii: 1-13.

Golden Text.—I keep under my body and bring it into subjection. I Cor. x: 27.

Verse 2.—Is it possible for a nation of drinkers to permanently prosper?

Dec. 6.—Solomon chooses wisdom—I Kings iii: 4-15.

Golden Text.—The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs ix: 1.

Verse 13.—Will every true Christian have all the riches and honor that are good for him?

December 13.—Solomon dedicates the temple. I Kings viii.

Golden Text.—I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122: 1.

Verses 1-11.—What is the chief institution of a nation, and what is the chief duty of man?

December 20.—Solomon's downfall. I Kings xi: 4-13.

Golden Text.—Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Ex. xx: 3.

Verses 6-8.—Hundreds of strong, brainy men are serving long terms in penitentiaries; what proportion of them would be there if they had been true to the Christian's God?

Lesson for Sunday, Jan. 3, 1909.—The Ascension of our Lord. Acts i: 1-14.

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