Sunday School Lesson

LESSON VI
HONORING OUR PARENTS
Exodus 20: 12; Luke 2: 46-52; John 19: 26, 27; Ephesians 6: 1-4

Golden Text

Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.—Exodus 20: 12.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time.—The Decalogue was given 1498 B.C.; our Lord was in the temple talking with the doctors during the passover early in April, A.D. 8; his crucifixion took place exactly twenty-two years later, Friday, April 7, A.D. 30; the epistle to the Ephesians was written A.D. 64.

Place.—The Decalogue was given from Mount Sinai; the scene from our Lord's boyhood took place in the temple at Jerusalem; the crucifixion of our Lord occurred outside of the city, probably a little way toward the north; the epistle to the Ephesians was addressed to the church at Ephesus, the greatest city of the province of Asia of Paul's day, on the coast of the Aegean Sea.

1. The command to honor our parents, Ex. 20: 12. 12. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

Of all human relationships that between parents and children is considered the most important and, as we shall see later, the most fundamental. Duty to parents stands directly next to duty to God and before all other duties to other people..

Foundation of Society

Three elements stand out: respect, obedience, affection.

However far afield society may develop itself as it grows away from its base, it must continue true to the end of time that the family is the ocial unit; and that the principles of social order — authority in the rufer, subordination in the governed—look back for ever to the home as their birthplace and their nursery.

The training of the years of obedience will affect all the choice of subsequent years; but beyond the period of control there must come that of individual responsibility.

46. And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions:

47. And all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Conscious of His Mission

48. And when they saw him, they were astonished; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us? behold, thy father and I sought thee sorrowing. 49. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? knew ye not that I must be in my Father's house? 50. And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. These are the first words uttered by the Lord Jesus of which we have any record in the New Testament. It shows a consciousness, even in the boy Jesus, of a divine mission, of being the Son of God. There is also here revealed a life-purpose.

51. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and he was subject unto them: and his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. 52. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. The particular part of this passage which applies to our lesson is the statement found in verse 51 that Jesus returned and lived at Nazareth in subjection to the discipline and authority of Joseph and his mother. The perfect response of the Boy to the will of God meant for him natural correspondence to ordinary conditions. Even though he had communion with God more intimate, more uninterrupted, than his parents ever could have had, Jesus throughout his boyhood was perfectly obedient to what we call the Fifth Commandment.

Solicitude For His Mother

John 19: 26, 27. 26. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold, thy son! 27. Then saith he to the disciple, Behold, thy mother! And from that hour the disciple took her unto his own home. From the pulpit of his cross Jesus preaches to all ages a sermon on the Fifth Commandment. That he spoke to his mother would in itself bring infinite comfort to her heart; but he did more than that; he made provision for her.

Eph. 6: 1-4. 1. Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), 3. that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. 4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord. The Christian religion penetrates into every part of human life.

This Corn Was Grown Without Benefit of Soil

For the first time corn is being grown commercially, two crops a year, winter and summer, without soil. The plants are fed by chemicals placed about the roots and reach a height of 12 to 14 feet. This method was begun in the 17th century and has been found to give better control over the plants. For the past three years the Ohio Agricultural Experimental station has been experimenting with using this method to produce corn commercially.

Are You Listening?

By FREDDIE TEE

EACH LISTENER A CRITIC

Andre Kostelanetz believes that every radio listener should be a critic instead of an indifferent patron who takes radio for granted. The maestro reveals that artists welcome criticism, whether brickbats or bouquets, so long as it is constructive. He thinks it would be an excellent idea if some means were found to enclose in the same envelope with the monthly gas or electric bill a questionnaire for listeners to tabulate their radio likes and dislikes.

EX-CONSTABLE

W. Don Fast, ex-constable of the Canadian Mounties, who supplies data for the Saturday night "Johnny Presents" dramas over CBS still has many friends on the force who come to his aid whenever he feels material is running low.

LOOK-ALIKES

Doris Rhodes, the CBS singer and Ethel Merman, another song star are look-alikes. Each is mistaken for the other on numerous occasions, although they have never met.

GIFT FOR BETTY LOU

Betty Lou may soon have a little friend. Listeners have been whiting to Tommy Riggs suggesting a suitable companion for lonesome Betty Lou. The candidates thus far include the Dionne Quintuplets, Charlie McCarthy, a panda, Mickey Mouse, Snow White, Donald Duck and a baby brother. Mr. Riggs, who is heard with his imaginary creation on NBC's Quaker Party broadcast, is seriously considering giving Betty a unique gift, probably at Christmas time.

STILL "MIGHTY MONARCH"

Majestic radio advancements for 1939 contribute largely to the new conveniences which simplify tuning in short-wave stations by devoting a separate channel (9½" wide) for each of the short-wave channels. This added feature plus Push-Button "Electromatic" Tuning distinguishes Majestic, "The Mighty Monarch of the Air," as outstanding radio value this season.

Farms Are Called The Best Market

Increase in Rural Buying Power Urged by Head of Ontario Agricultural College

Industrial Ontario's greatest untouched market lies in front of its doorstep, but governments and business men must co-operate in increasing the farmer's present limited buying power by seeing that he got a fair return for his products, Dr. George Irving Christie, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, told the Toronto Electric Club last week.

He said there were 100,000 Ontario farms with crippled productive powers because farmers could not afford hired help and had no access to electricity—the only other means of running their farms. If power lines were extended into many rural areas, farmers could substitute electricity for manpower, using pumps, washing machines and many other devices.

"I believe the great opportunity in years to come lies out in the country. Our electric program has just started.

Never So Lovely

Each leaf may fall as it will,
Resigned and stoical and still,
Fritter away, be free,
Once part of the pride of a tree.

Quiet now at your side,
One who is stripped of pride
Thinks as the still leaves fall
You are loveliest giving all.

Ida Elaine James, in Spirit.

Auto Deaths Are Compared To War

Safety Depends On Rising Up Of Citizens says Minister Of Highways

If thought of death and suffering by innocent victims, which must inevitably come if war occurred, stayed the hands of those who a few weeks ago threatened to precipitate world conflict, then realization of the toll of life and limb taken on the highways of Ontario should curb the mad selfishness of careless car drivers, who caused motor accidents. Hon. T. B. McQuesten, minister of highways, stated in an address to the Hamilton Kiwanis Club.

Curb Mad Selfishness

The agony of a child whose body has been shattered by the impact of a car is not less heart-rending than cries of an infant crushed by the explosion of a bomb, he said.

"Safety depends upon the rising up of citizens to demand that something be done to curb the slaughter which is occurring on our highways every day," continued the speaker. "Unless this kind of support is given an administration, its efforts can be of little value. Hope for the future is in voluntary efforts."

Security of Home Is Modern Need

Because Homes Are Cradles Of People Who Can Make Our World a Better Place To Live In, Declares Woman Author.

The world must be made a better place to live in and only from the homes can those come who are to make it a better place, suggested Cornelia Stratton Parker, author and lecturer, who addressed the Montreal Women's Club.

"Where Shall We Go?"

Mrs. Parker discussed difficulties of modern home-making. There was not the same feeling of permanence and security in the apartment or house separated only by walls from its neighbors, as there had been when homes had their gardens and places for the children to play. Social life for young or old was more of a problem in the modern home with its restricted space. Instead of young people thinking of home as the background of their social life the question now was "Where shall we go?"

Greatest Need In History

The need of real homes is greater than ever before in the world's history, declared Mrs. Parker, but it was being torn in every direction, as the world was outside. One of the most important effects of the home should be psychological security, which depended not on things but on persons, and the emotional bond binding parents and their children together.

The production of commercial salt in Canada during the first six months of 1938 totalled 119,026 tons compared with 112,405 tons in the corresponding period in 1937.

When The Hunted Chases a Hunter

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When wild game stalks the hunter that's news. And in the case of Albert O'Dell, of Delburne, Alberta, it revealed rare judgment in the pinches.

O'Dell started out in approved nimrod fashion. He did the stalking. He crept stealthily toward what appeared to be a big Canada goose perched on a grain stook near Delburne. Then the intended victim had his turn, for the "goose" was a skunk.

The hunter backed away. The skunk stepped from his perch and followed. The hunter turned, broke into a run. So did the skunk. The hunter glanced backward, saw he was losing ground. In desperation he whirled, and fired both barrels.

They Walked Home Mere 300 Miles

If you were a hiker and attempted to walk from Saskatchewan to Alberta you'd find it a long way. And you'd find it still longer if you had to coax sheep to walk it too.

That's what two shepherds had to do, driving a flock of sheep right across the prairies. They were hired by sheepfarmer T. Jsrman, who bought the sheep and found the cost of railway transport so high that he decided the only thing to do was to walk the sheep home—300 miles away!

Manufacturing establishments in the Prairie Provinces of Canada numbered 2,610 in 1936, and had a gross value of production of $247,707,022.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

ON April 12, 1934, a weather station on Mount Washington officially recorded a wind velocity of 231 miles per hour . . highest on record anywhere. It is estimated that the wind velocity inside a tornado is about 500 miles per hour.

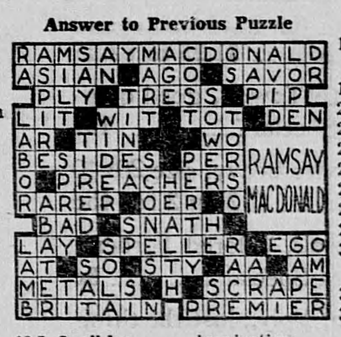
NEXT: The butterfly of ill omen.

Flying Horse

HORIZONTAL

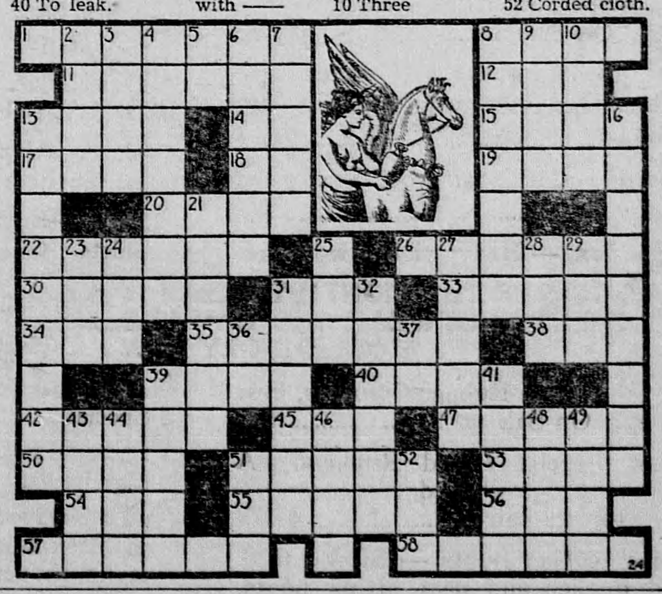
1 The winged horse of mythology.
8 Its story is in the Greek ——s.
11 Large gully.
12 Ever.
13 To put up an ante.
14 Neuter pronoun.
15 False step.
17 Elk.
18 Toward.
19 Black haw.
20 Last word of a prayer.
22 Funeral orations.
26 To grow teeth.
30 More recent.
31 To annoy.
33 Characteristic
34 Light brown.
35 To embellish.
38 By.
39 Valiant man.
40 To leak.
42 Inflexible.
45 To bow.
47 Brilliant facet.
50 Paradise.
51 To divide.
53 Network.
54 Guided.
55 Self-respect.
56 Antelope.
57 It is fabled to have sprung from the body of ——.
58 It is associated with —— collectively.
13 It was used in many ——s.
16 To pierce.
21 Mingled.
23 Meadow.
24 To possess.
25 Coffee pot.
27 Moral.
28 Spigot.
29 To hasten.
31 Pressing machine.
32 Made fun of.
36 Measure of area.
37 Senior.
39 Adherent of Hinduism.
41 To clear of guilt.
43 Unoccupied.
44 Harmonized.
46 Genus of sheep.
48 Spring fasting season.
49 Toilet box.
51 Mineral spring
52 Corded cloth.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



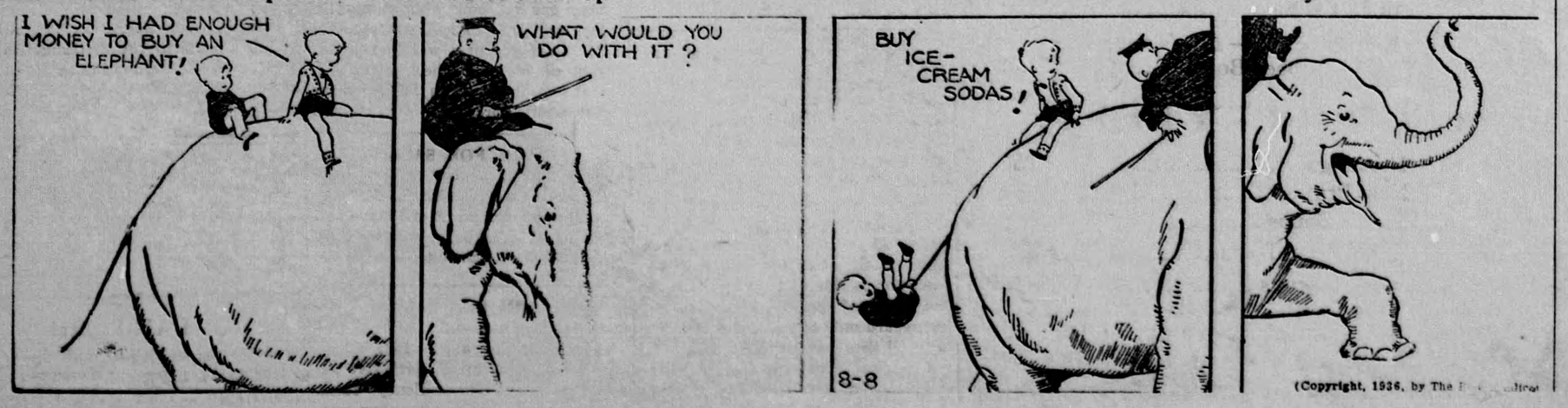
VERTICAL

2 Sea eagle.
3 Fence door.
4 Medial estimate.
5 Musical note.
6 Combines.
7 Threads pushed under the skin.
8 Untidier.
9 To scream.
10 Three inspiration.



POP — How Could Pop Know Ma's Ideas In Make-Up

By J. MILLAR WATT



Ontario People Sloppy Speakers

"As a province we are slovenly speakers," Roy Fenwick, director of music in Ontario schools, told the High School Home and School Club at Burlington, when he pointed out the benefit of teaching music for the development of the speaking voice. Teaching by radio was still doubtful, he said, as there were not sufficient radio programs during school hours and not sufficient radios in schools to warrant providing the programs.

Music in education was for the two-fold purpose of raising the level of appreciation and to discover and encourage talent.