Sunday School Lesson

LESSON VI
PETER PREACHES AT PENTECOST
Acts 2: 5-18, 36-41
Golden Text—Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts. Zech. 4: 6.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—Pentecost, May 28, A.D. 30.

Place—The city of Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples gathered together in an upper room. The sermon was preached in some large out-door area, where many people were able to assemble together to hear the word.

Our Lord had told the disciples that they were to tarry in the city of Jerusalem until they should receive power from on high to witness to the great truths which Christ came to establish (Luke 24: 49). The latter part of the chapter preceding our lesson showed the disciples waiting in an upper room for this new enduement of power. They had been waiting for some ten days, from the time of our Lord's ascension to the day of Pentecost.

Pentecost is the reversal of Babel. The gospel can be told in every tongue that men can speak, and they who have the Spirit are bound to utter the wonderful works of God in all languages, for these works have been wrought for all flesh.

12. And they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13. But others mocking said, They are filled with new wine. New wine was sweet wine, but nevertheless intoxicating.

Peter Preaches

14. But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spake forth unto them, saying, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and give ear unto my words.

15. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose; seeing it is but the third hour of the day. Wine was drunk by the Jews with flesh only, and, founding the custom on Exodus 16: 8, they ate bread in the morning, and flesh in the evening, and so took no wine till late in the day. (At the time this astonishing manifestation occurred) it was only nine o'clock in the morning.

16. But this is that which hath been spoken through the prophet Joel: The words which Peter quotes at the very beginning of his message are found in Joel 2: 28-32.

17. And it shall be in the last days, saith God, I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh: And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and our old men shall dream dreams: 18 Yea and on my servants and on my handmaidens in those days will I pour forth of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

The main theme of Peter's sermon is the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The apostle first presents the prophecies of the Old Testament that foretell such a resurrection; he then proves that Christ actually did rise from the dead; and he concludes by showing the tremendous consequences of such a stupendous, foretold, undeniable miracle.

St. Peter dwells in his sermon, on Christ's person, his sufferings, his resurrection, his ascension, no longer indeed for the purpose of exalting the Jewish nation, or predicting its triumph, but to point a purely spiritual lesson.

36. Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified. What Peter appeals for here is that those who are listening to him, the Jewish people, should know assuredly that Jesus was not what he was judged to be, a criminal worthy of death, but the Christ of God, entitled to their worship and adoration.

"Repent Ye"

Acts 2: 37-41. 37. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? A sharp knife had been struck into their hearts as Peter relentlessly and mercilessly drove home the fact of their responsibilities for the death of the Son of God. They were smitten by his words in the power of the Holy Spirit.

38. And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins: and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The answer given by Peter lays down two conditions, and points to two gifts. Repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus are the requirements. Remission of sins and the Holy Spirit are the gifts.

39. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. The promise here relates to the gift of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit is to be given only to those who have acknowledged the Lord Jesus Christ.

The United States Is Building 250 of These Bombers For England

This twin-motored bomber shown as it arrived from California at Floyd Bennett airfield in New York is the first of 250 ordered by Great Britain for the Royal Air Force. The machine is a Lockheed 14, powered by two 1,100 horsepower engines and with a cruising speed of over 200 miles per hour. The bomber will be dismantled and shipped to England by boat. It is understood that Britain intends to use the American built machines for long-distance reconnaissance work.

Yellowknife Said Growing Rapidly

3,500 Claims Were Filed During 1938 In Canada's Most Actively Prospected Gold Area.

OTTAWA, Canada — Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, was the most actively prospected gold area in Canada during 1938, according to the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa. More than thirty mining and prospecting companies were active in the Yellowknife area, as well as scores of individuals, syndicates and groups. Some 3,500 claims were filed during the year, bringing the total number of claims in the Yellowknife region up to about 5,500.

1,000 People Live There

A thriving settlement of more than one thousand people has sprung up at Yellowknife Bay, attracted by the mining development which has taken place during the past three or four years. Last year a 40-acre townsite was surveyed and subdivided into 125 lots. The townsite now contains forty buildings, and a government radio station maintains constant communication with the outside. Yellowknife is about 800 miles by air from Edmonton, and 600 miles by navigation from Waterways, the end of steel.

With two gold milling plants, several promising developments under way, and numerous gold discoveries scattered over a wide area, Yellowknife has made rapid progress in its three years of active existence.

A search for mysterious pirate treasure thought to be buried on the uninhabited island of Suwarrow, 900 miles northwest of Tahiti, will be carried out by the owner and crew of the New Zealand yacht Ngataki.

The children here spoken of are the children of Israel; but those whom Peter spoke of as "afar off" must be the Gentiles.

40. And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. When Peter says that these were to save themselves from a "crooked generation" he means that the time would come when the wickedness and crookedness of the world in general, already manifest in his generation, would be judged, and men would be saved from such judgment only if they were safe in Jesus Christ.

41. They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls.

Forty-Pound Wolf Shot Near Chesley

George Jacklin, a farmer just a few miles west of Chesley, shot a large timber wolf near his home. The animal weighed about 40 pounds and Mr. Jacklin shot it when the dogs, which were running rabbits, chased it. The wolf had been seen a few days ago in Brant Township, close to where it was shot, at Monk's bush, near Mr. Jacklin's home on the 12th concession of Brant Township. A bounty will be placed on the animal.

India Is On Side Of Democracies

May Swing The Balance of Power, Native Girl Declares On Lecture Tour of This Continent

In the present undeclared war of democracies and dictatorships, India, with one fifth of the globe's population, is clearly on the side of the democracies, Miss Bhicoo Batlivala, an attractive Indian girl who has come to this continent on a lecture tour, said in an interview. Miss Batlivala is convinced that India will play an important role in international affairs in the near future and that the weight of her 300,000,000 people may eventually displace the balance of power in Asia and in Europe.

Is Boycotting Japan

"In the middle of February, the All-India National Congress, which governs our internal affairs, will meet for its annual session near the town of Jubbalpore," she said. "It always meets in a village so as to be nearer the people. The federation of all India will be the main point of the agenda, although the delegates are also bound to speak of the international situation. India is the country which has the most effective boycott of Japanese goods, in protest against the aggression in China."

Gandhi is still the beloved leader of the Hindus, Miss Batlivala believes, and his ideal of non-violence has not lost any of its force.

More Care Needed In Grading Apples

More rigid grading and holding off the market apples unlikely to give consumer satisfaction, was one of the recommendations made to the 79th annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario by George Wilson, of Simcoe, the president.

Consumption of apples was declining "quite rapidly," Mr. Wilson said, and it was a problem which required the immediate and serious attention of the apple grower.

Jews in Palestine are paying voluntary taxes on cigarettes, bus fares, tickets of admission to places of entertainment, and even on imported vegetables, to raise funds for security measures.

Heiress To Millions

Mises Helen Winthorpe Weyant, a chorus girl in several Broadway musical shows under the stage name of Winthrop Wayne, will receive an outright bequest of $300,000 and one-third of a fortune estimated to amount to between $30,000,000 and $70,000,000 according to the terms of the will of Col. Jake Rupert, late owner of the New York Yankees. Miss Weyant, a striking brunette in her late thirties, is pictured in her home in New York.

Are You Listening?

By FREDDIE TEE

"EXTRA! EXTRA!" ANNOUNCER

A voice that once earned 20 cents a night selling newspapers is now announcing the new "Screen Guild Show," heard over the Columbia network every Sunday from 7.30 to 8.00 p.m., EST. It is that of John Conte, the 23-year-old announcer, who also serves on the "Silver Theatre" programs heard over the same network from 6.00 to 6.30 p.m., EST, on the same day.

John Conte

Conte is a native of Palmer, Mass., but received his schooling in Los Angeles; that's the place where he used to be a newsboy. While he says that selling newspapers is excellent training for announcing, he admits that selling "commercials" is much more lucrative than selling "extras". Besides, he claims, you meet a better class of people.

NO ROLLING STONE, HE

Frank Munn, tenor star of NBC's Waltz Time show, is far from being a rolling stone. He has been on the air for 16 consecutive years, lived in one place for over 20 years, and eaten at the same Manhattan restaurant for some 12 years.

"ARCHIE"

"Archie", whose heckling of guest performers and accounts of goings-on in "Duffy's Bar and Grill" have made him a stand-out on the CBS series, "This is New York," is really Ed. Gardener producer of the program. When the show was still in rehearsal form, Gardner suggested "Archie" as one of the program's characters. There was no actor around to read his lines, so the producer read them himself. He did such a good job that a clamor immediately went up from the rest of the cast and officials that Gardner continue in the role. And that's how Gardner also became actor "Archie." Other regularly featured performers on "This Is New York" include Leith Stevens and his 35-piece orchestra and the Lyn Murray Chorus. Different guests, both prominent and otherwise, but all closely identified with life in New York, appear on the program, each week. The series is heard every Sunday over the WABC-Columbia network, 8.00 to 9.00 p.m., EST.

Ed. Gardner

NEW MOTOROLA AUTO RADIO

The Canadian Radio Corporation, Toronto, announce an assortment of outstanding automatic push-button Motorola automobile radios for 1939 at surprisingly new low prices. The advantage of just pressing a button and having a station respond instantly eliminates the necessity of the driver taking his eyes off the road to have to turn a knob to tune in. Every Motorola 1939 model has this new push-button automatic feature.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

THE Massachusetts Institute of Technology has made studies of high-speed phenomena which disclose the curious actions of a golf ball in motion. At the moment of impact with the club, the ball flattens, remains momentarily pressed against the face, then shoots off into space.

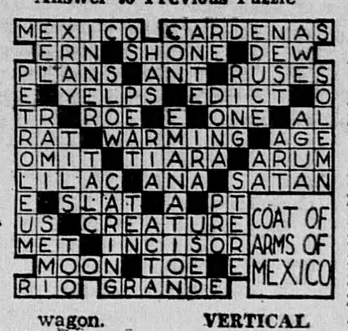
NEXT: Why do waltzing mice "waltz"?

Famous Flyer

HORIZONTAL

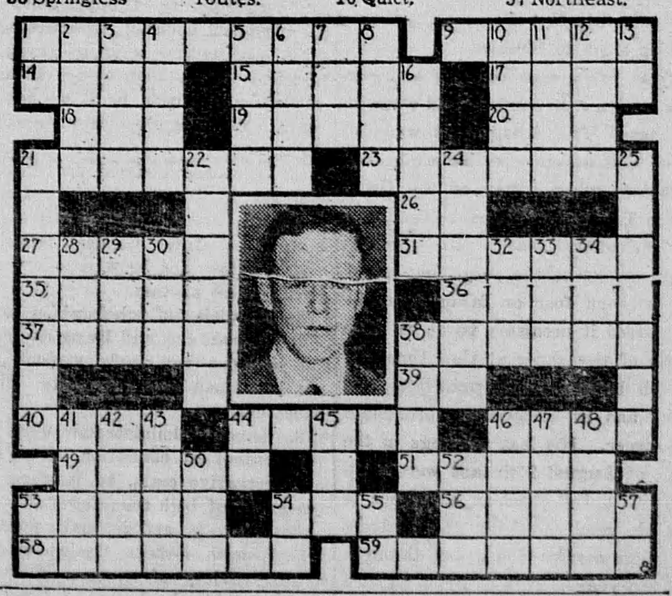
1 Pictured aviator, Colonel Charles ——.
9 He was the —— flyer to make a New York to Paris solo flight.
14 Surface measurement.
15 French measures.
17 Branches.
18 Distinctive theory.
19 He started out as a —— flyer.
20 God of sky.
21 Maintains.
23 Having markings like letters.
26 Behold.
27 Yields.
31 Opposite of winning.
35 To depart.
36 Astringent powder.
37 Pertaining to Alps.
38 Springless wagon.
39 Measure of area.
40 God of war.
44 Aside.
46 To paint with gold.
49 To lixiviate.
51 Rock.
53 Wireless.
54 By.
56 Made of oatmeal.
58 Those that reel.
59 He likes to —— new air routes.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

1 Musical note in scale.
2 Part of eye.
3 Promontory.
4 Lady.
5 Orient.
6 Wagon track marks.
7 African antelope.
8 Female fowls.
10 Persia.
11 Genus of frogs.
12 Bad soft coal.
13 Note in scale.
16 Quiet.
21 He won the —— of the entire world.
22 To feel displeasure.
24 Peanut.
25 He has lived in —— for the last 2 years.
28 Snaky fish.
29 To dibble.
30 Night before.
32 Sun.
33 Wrath.
34 To scold.
38 Makes lace.
41 Wings.
42 Maxim.
43 To depart by boat.
44 Sound of surprise.
45 Monkey.
46 Place where a race ends.
47 In.
48 To ogle.
50 Mining shaft hut.
52 Peak.
53 Railroad.
54 Postscript.
55 Musical note.
57 Northeast.



POP—Anything Salty Goes Over Robin's Left Shoulder

By J. MILLAR WATT