SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 47
MOTIVES THAT STRENGTHEN FAMILY LIFE
Exodus 2:1-4; 20:12; Joshua 24: 14, 15; Proverbs 31:10-31; Luke 2:41-51; Ephesians 5:22-33; 6: 1-4; Colossians 3:18-21
PRINTED TEXT
Exodus 2:1-4; Joshua 24:14, 15; Ephesians 5:28,31; 6:1-4

GOLDEN TEXT.—Love Never Faileth. I Corinthians 13:8.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time. — Moses was born, possibly, about 1571 B.C., though of this date we are not sure. The Ten Commandments were given, if this date is correct, in 1491 B.C. Joshua delivered his last address in 1427 B.C. The last part of the book of Proverbs may have been written about 1015 B.C. The incident taken from our Lord's life, when He was twelve years of age, is to be placed about A.D. 7 or 8. The Apostle Paul wrote his Epistles to the Ephesians and Colossians about A.D. 65.

Place.—Moses was born in the land of Goshen, and was placed, when a baby, among bulrushes in some one of the fingers of the Nile delta. The Ten Commandments were delivered at Mt. Sinai. Joshua delivered his last address at Shechem. The incident taken from our Lord's life occurred in Jerusalem. The book of Proverbs was probably, for the most part, written in the city of Jerusalem. Ephesus was a great Greek city in the Roman province of Asia; Colosse was located in the same province on the Lycus River. Shechem was a city located in central Palestine, in what later came to be called Samaria.

A Mother's Faith

1. "And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. 2. And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. 3. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch; and she put the child therein, and laid it in the flags by the river's brink. 4. And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him."

The Israelitish people were in great disfavor with, and suffering great physical hardships under the Egyptian government then in power. A law had gone forth that every male child born to the Hebrew people should be put to death. When there was born this baby boy, known later in history as the great prophet Moses, the parents had faith that God had some great purpose for the child. After the child had been put safely in the ark, the sister was set to watch, not with any thought of harm that might come, but simply to see 'what would be done to him.' The mother returned to her house fighting back her natural anxiety by a faith in God that could not fail her.

Household Worship of God

14. "Now therefore fear Jehovah, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye Jehovah. 15. And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah." Joshua was a perfect example of doing himself what he was now preaching to the Israelites that which they ought to do.

This is the privilege of a man holding great power, in high position, being honored by an entire nation,—to publicly declare that, for himself and his household, he would be found serving the Lord God. Inasmuch as our lesson particularly concerns the family, emphasis here may be placed on the phrase "and my house." Of course, no man can compel the adults of his household to worship any one God, but a father can see to it, while his children are under his roof, that they do attend Sunday School, that they are present in the house of the Lord on the Lord's Day, that they do hear the Word of God read, and prayers offered, every day, around the family table.

The Love of Husbands

28. "Even so ought husbands to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his own wife loveth himself: 29. for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the church; 30. because we are members of his body. 31. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh." The Apostle Paul lifts this whole subject up to the highest conceivable plane when he compares the love of husband for the wife with the love of the Lord Jesus Christ for the Church. This mutual loyalty and love is to be perfectly human; but also, if it is as it should be for Christians, it is to be inspired by what is perfectly divine.

Parents and Children

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." Obedience is the law of childhood. It is, in great part, the child's religion, to be practised 'in the Lord.' The reverence and love, full of a sweet mystery, which the Christian child feels towards its Saviour and heavenly King, add new sacredness to the claims of father and mother. Jesus Christ, the Head over all things, is the orderer of the life of boys and girls. His love and His might guard the little one in the tendance of his parents. The wonderful love of parents to their offspring, and the awful authority with which they are invested, come from the source of human life in God.

THUNDERBIRD TOTEM

Sergeant Clifford Hicks, of London, Ont., one of the R.C.A.F. pilots now standing guard in Alaska, poses for this picture with the Thunderbird totem which the unit has selected as its official good luck piece. U. S. and Canadian airmen work together for the defence of the northern outpost.

U.S. Hands Passport To Vichy's Envoy

In Washington the Vichy French ambassador's passports were handed to him last week, thus making formal and complete the break in relations with the United States.

State Secretary Cordell Hull disclosed that all Vichy French ships in United States ports had been taken into protective custody.

Nazis Circulate Cardboard Money

Pieces of carboard, three centimeters square, are being used as currency by the German Frost Fish Fileting Factory in Trondheim. On one side is printed "10 oere" (the value is about two cents), and on the other side the insignia of a Geramn heavy artillery battery is marked. The Norwegian people are being made to use these cardboard pieces like the ordinary coin currency. It is reported that this new coinage is being used because metal is becoming scarce.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

NEXT: The powerful squash plant.

Liberia: Offshoot Of United States

Monrovia, the Capital, Named for Fifth U. S. President

At the western-most tip of Africa, says the Stratford Beacon-Herald, lies Liberia, the little republic founded by Americans for their freed slaves, developed under their moral protection, the little capitol, Monrovia, named for the fifth U. S. president. Miles of good road have been built, millions of rubber trees have been planted, the health of the natives improved, and religious and sociological organizations have contributed to their welfare. But now that American troops have landed at Liberia, which is south of Dakar, the Nazis behold the move with loud charges of "pure rape of a free state," since everything which does not contribute to Nazi advantage is always wrong in Germany's eyes.

350-Mile Coastline

For some 350 miles extends the coastline of Liberia, and for 170 miles inland penetrates its territory. Along that entire length of coast there is no good harbor. The surf breaks tumultuously along its stretch of shore, and reefs and sand bars make it dangerous. The rivers bring silt to their mouths and block them. Rugged headlands rise from the water, the palms wave. Most of the settlers are along the coastal belt, and in the clay soil just beyond they raise coffee.

A Plateau Country

Liberia is a plateau country rising some 1,500 feet above the sea, grown densely with forests and visited by heavy rainfalls. Trees grow to a height of 200 feet, and are splendid examples of their species, both because of their equatorial position and the abundant rainfall. There are cotton trees, many kinds of palms, about 22 different kinds of trees and shrubs producing rubber and trees which yield large, edible nuts. Coffee grows wild as well as cultivated. Pineapples, oranges, limes, papaws, alligator apples, avocada pears, breadfruit, bananas, yams, sweet potatoes are plentiful.

The ground orchids and the tree orchids are profuse among the wild jungle lands, and in fact all flowers bloom with a brilliance and abandon in Liberia. Bright-winged birds fly through the forests. Wild creatures of amazing number make their homes in the almost impenetrable woodlands, called the best forest country of all West Africa.

Canada Breaks Vichy Relations

Termination of diplomatic relations between the Canadian and the Vichy Governments was announced by Premier Mackenzie King in a statement last week which referred to the Laval Administration as "A German puppet government."

The French minister—who has been in Ottawa since early in 1940—was informed by the prime minister that because those "in nominal control" of the French Government had ordered resistance to the United Nations forces in North Africa it was "perfectly clear that there no longer exists in France a legal or constitutional government in any sense representative of the French people, but only a German puppet government."

Therefore the Canadian Government "has ceased to recognize the present government at Vichy as being the de jure Government of France and diplomatic relations with Vichy are accordingly terminated."

Thousands of tons of wild thistle seed is being harvested in Chile for its edible oil.

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RADIO REPORTER

By REX FROST

Programmes may come and programmes may go, but Amos 'n Andy go on for ever. Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, to give them their proper names, have just passed the 4000 mark, completing thereby one of the longest series of programmes on record in radio broadcasting. Naturally they have their troubles thinking up new scenes and new situations. However they've adopted a philosophical attitude in regard to the difficulties they encounter in the writing of their episodes . . . "We've done 4000 scripts" they say "and we can manage one more" . . . which is another reminder that not only do these famous black-face comedians present their numerous characters themselves, but they actually create their own situations and write their own scripts. These C.B.S. favourites, who are heard over CFRB, Toronto, Monday through Friday, 7 to 7.15 p.m., seem good for a long time to come.

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In the year 1877, Benjamin Disraeli, Prime Minister of Great Britain declared in the House of Commons at Westminster . . . . "The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their powers as a state depend." Yes, good health is always a national asset. In wartime it is a vital weapon. The old adage that a soldier marches on his stomach is equally true in these days of total war to the industrial worker and the war-time home-maker. Because there are thousands of people all over Canada with less time for marketing and planning menus, and because improper selection of foods may lead to reduced national efficiency, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is focussing attention on this important question of nutrition in a new broadcast feature, entitled "The Hidden Enemy." Dr. Elizabeth Chant Robertson, noted Canadian authority on nutrition is advisor to the series of C.B.C. broadcasts to be heard every Wednesday evening at 10.15. The programmes are not presented in the old-fashioned dry manner in which the subject of nutrition has been surrounded, but are offered as cheerful litle sketches . . . not without humour . . . illustrating the necessity of balanced diet in a campaign to step up the energy of Canadians serving in industry, in offices and homes, as well as in the armed forces. The series should be of particular interest to the ladies.

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A few weeks ago we reported a change in the time of the popular "Treasure Trail" broadcast, which is currently heard over CFRB, Toronto, and an Ontario network, every Wednesday 8.30 p.m. Now we have to report a change in the personnel of the broadcast. Rai Purdy, well known dramatic artist and radio programme producer, who has been associated with "Treasure Trail" since its inception, is now a member of His Majesty's Forces. By coincidence Rai Purdy's successor, Jack Fuller is teamed with Al Savage. Jovial Jack is now announcer for Jim Hunter. Quick-witted Al is a former associate of the Telegram's Talking Reporter.

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The now popular Rex Battle has "battled" his way to popular appreciation both as a band leader and a concert pianist. We hear many comments these days regarding the series of programmes currently being presented by Rex Battle, Monday and Friday evenings, 7.45 to 8 p.m. over CFRB, Toronto and a network. Here is a programme which will appeal to those who enjoy better class music rendered through the medium of the ivory keyboard.

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A new series of discussions of Air Raid Precaution Measures is currently being heard over CFRB every Friday night at 10 o'clock, sponsored by the Ontario Committee of the Civilian Defense Corps. Province-wide members of the C.D.C. will find these talks entertaining and instructive.

ROMAN RULER

HORIZONTAL
1 Twin brother of Remus.
7 He was legendary —— of Rome.
13 Uneven.
14 Biblical priest.
16 To thread.
17 Fenced.
18 Clamor.
19 Dubbed.
20 Small child.
21 Window parts.
23 Metal.
24 Title of courtesy.
25 Burial rites.
27 Waiter's gratuity.
29 Behold.
30 Skillet.
31 Gazelle.
33 New England (abbr.).
34 To make a beginning.
36 To grow old.
38 Proverb.
40 Male sheep.
41 Female fowl.
42 To bow.
43 Vehicle.
45 Hair ornament.
47 Wound spirally.
49 Game fish (pl.).
51 Derby.
52 You and I.
53 Sooner than.
54 Preposition.
55 Affirmative.
56 Into.
58 Southeast (abbr.).
59 The brothers were thrown in the —— river.
60 A wolf saved and —— for them.

VERTICAL
1 Corded cloth.
2 Speech.
3 Tooth.
4 Consumed.
5 Guided.
6 Kind of auto.
7 Sheerer.
8 Vase.
9 Spruce.
10 To abdicate.
11 Early part of night.
12 Scarlet.
15 Family.
21 Play on words.
22 To sink.
24 He —— or killed Remus.
26 Agricultural tract.
26 Act of lending.
28 Rind.
30 Gem.
32 Clay house.
35 Characteristic.
36 Exclamation.
37 Half an em.
39 To love.
43 Animal.
44 Poems.
46 Less good.
47 Light talk.
48 Pitcher.
49 Style.
50 Ovule.
55 You.
57 North America (abbr.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle

POP—Proof

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