



# Sunday School Lesson

LESSON V  
FOLLOWING VISION WITH  
SERVICE—Mark 9:14-29

Golden Text—All things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time—Autumn, A.D. 29.  
Place—At the foot of the mountain on which the transfiguration of Christ took place, and therefore probably on the plain at the foot of Mount Hermon.

14. And when they came. That is, when the Lord Jesus, with his three disciples, Peter, James, and John, returning from their rapturous experience on the near-by mountain where Jesus was transfigured, came back to the plain from which they had departed for the mountain. To the disciples. That is, to the nine disciples whom Jesus had left behind when he ascended the mount. They saw. "They" refers to Jesus and the three disciples with him. A great multitude about them. Doth of the pronouns "them" refers to the nine disciples. As we shall soon see, the disciples had failed in their attempt to cast the demon out of a poor boy who had been brought to them, and the disciples were taking advantage of their tragic failure to accuse them of impetuosity and an inability to accomplish the things which they boasted of.

15. And straightway all the multitude, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. The multitude were amazed because they had not expected Jesus at this time. He was the one person that they wanted to see, especially because of the heated argument that had arisen. He came down on the lake when his disciples were enveloped in the storm of wind.

16. And he asked them, What question ye wish to ask? The question was probably put both to the scribes and to the multitude in general. Here undoubtedly the question of Jesus was one asked sincerely, to secure information, asked because Jesus did not choose to exercise his divine omniscience on this occasion.

17. And one of the multitude answered him, Teacher, I brought unto thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit. From this verse we gather that the father of this wretched boy had heard that Jesus was near by; but the Lord had come upon him to be transfigured, and the father determined to do the next best thing, i.e., to ask the disciples of Jesus to heal his boy. This spirit was a power too great for the boy to escape from by his own determination, and a power which no other man was able to drive out from the boy's heart.

18. And whosoever it taketh him, it dasheth him down; and he foeth, and grindeth his teeth, and foameth away. The words here describe the condition of this boy under the power of the demon. And I spake to thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able. The disciples had lost the power which they once had to deliver men from the bondage from which the Lord Jesus came to set men free.

19. And he answered them and said, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him unto me. These words were addressed (1) to the father, (2) to the disciples, (3) to the crowd, and (4) through them to the whole people. It was faith that the Lord Jesus sought in the hearts of men, and he did everything any one could do to secure such faith; when faith did not follow his miracles and matchless teaching, the Lord was grieved to the depths of his heart.

20. And they brought him unto him; and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him grievously; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. Here before the very eyes of Jesus the whole affliction of the boy appeared.

21. And he asked his father, How long time is it since this hath come unto him? And he said, From a child. There are many ailments, handicaps, and peculiar twists that many men can say they have had "from a child." If "from a child" we know boys and girls to bear such terrible afflictions and weaknesses, how important it is that "from a child" young people should be brought to know the Lord Jesus Christ! The possibilities for great good in children are just as good as the possibilities for great evil.

22. And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him; but if thou canst do anything have compassion on us, and help us. Notice the double occurrence of the pronoun "us." The father made himself one with the child. The sufferings of his son were his sufferings. Yet people say that atonement through substitution is unnatural and illogical. If earthly fathers feel so, how must our Father who is in heaven yearn over his children, a prey to "possession" and daily when under the control of sin sent into terrible dangers and temptations!

Hand of Faith  
23. And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth. The father's faith had not been very strong to begin with, and the failure of the disciples had made it weaker. What Jesus really told this man was that it was not a question of his (Jesus')

ability to cast out this demon, but the real issue was whether the man had faith enough to believe that Jesus could do it.

When Jesus said that "all things are possible to him that believeth," he meant that everything which we have a right to expect from God, according to the teachings of the New Testament, we shall receive from the Lord, if we have faith to believe in him who has made these promises.

24. Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. He wished to believe, but felt unbelief still too strong within him. He presents himself to the Lord just as he is.

25. And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26. And having cried out, and torn him much, he came out; and the boy became as one dead; insomuch that the more part said, He is dead. What is often feared most in a major operation is what is called "shock." When a power that has dominated a life is removed, it is natural that there should be a convulsive experience in the readjustment of that life to new conditions and to the loss of that which previously had been a veritable part of that life. Here there was more than a power, an actual Satanic, personal dominion over this boy.

27. But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him up; and he arose. Jesus did not here, as it were, pick up a limp body. The cure was immediate, and complete, and so definite that no one could doubt the reality of it. Jesus was not only interested in casting out this demon, but he had an infinite compassion for the boy himself, and waited until the boy was on his feet and restored to normalcy again.

Why They Couldn't Act  
28. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, how is it that we could not cast it out? They were ashamed and perplexed and bewildered at their own impotency, because they knew that once they had had power to cast out demons, and they knew also that they ought to have had power to do so that day. Such humiliating experiences are wholesome for every Christian worker. Times of impotency and failure are used by God for a great searching of our hearts and lives.

29. And he said unto him, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer. These mightier spirits require the full measure of faith to dislodge. The disciples did not think of prayer. They let their faith drop, and thus failed. Depression laid hold of them, and in consequence they neglected what they then needed most, prayer; and so their faith failed and they were left without power. Prayerlessness always results in lowered spiritual vitality, and that in turn brings failure.

The feathers of the toucan are not waterproof; the colors wash off in a rain.

## Miss England To Wed



Muriel Oxford, "Miss Great Britain" in 1936, will marry Gilbert A. Evans, a London stock broker. Miss Oxford figured in the disappearance of Frank Vosper at sea, last year, when he vanished from a party she gave.

## IS THIS YOUR BIRTHDAY?

By A. R. WEIR

What the Stars Foretell for Those Born on April 29 and 30th and May 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

If you were born on a date listed above your Zodiac sign is Taurus. This sign is of the Earthy Triplet and it gives you great practicality, a strong will and fixed determination. You are self-possessed, have decided views and great powers of perseverance.

While you have influential friends you should beware of open enemies, who will attempt to cause trouble for you. Your children will be a source of great happiness to you. Your lucky number is six. An unexpected business change for the better is indicated.

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## Tombstone Laid To Appease Ghost

Victim of Murder 200 Years Ago Said to Haunt Premises

To appease the ghost of a sailor who has haunted the Blue Posts Inn at Portsmouth, Eng., ever since he was murdered 200 years ago, a tombstone has been erected over his grave in the inn's courtyard.

According to legend the sailor arrived at the inn one night early in the 18th century and was killed by a stranger, who robbed him of a bag of jewels and money. The landlady and her son, fearing that the crime would damage the name of the inn, dragged the body into the courtyard and buried it under a flagstone.

White-faced Sailor  
A traveller who slept in the room where the murder occurred a few days later complained that he had seen a "white-faced sailor, with blood on his face."

For generations the inn retained its reputation of being haunted, and even after a new building was erected the sailor was said to haunt the corridors at night.

The present landlady hopes that the new tombstone will appease the ghost.

## Second Great War Now In Progress

Began When Italy Gave Aid To Franco, Is Famous Soldier's Claim

LONDON.—The second great war of the 20th century began in July, 1936, according to Capt. Basil Liddell Hart, historian and expert on military matters.

Captain Liddell Hart, who is military correspondent of the London Times, told the University College Union Society in London that the first operations of the war came when Italy with aircraft gave "direct assistance" to the Spanish insurgents and Germany with warships gave "indirect assistance," helping transport troops from Africa to Spain.

Preceding the war, he said, encouragement and experience had been gained by Japan in Manchuria and Italy in Ethiopia in defying the League of Nations and developing the new technique of camouflaged war.

"The situation in this new 'great war' now would seem to be that the enemy is within reach of gaining the decisive points without a battle, and in the most vital direction we have made no serious attempt to prevent him," said Captain Liddell Hart.

## Butterfly's Flight Well Controlled

It Is In Some Ways Superior To That Of A Bird

Butterflies are such light, fragile creatures that one would suppose them to be largely at the mercy of the winds in flying. Their wavering, seemingly erratic flight, even on still days, suggests this. But, writes Sir W. Beach Thomas in the Atlantic Monthly for January, "Their flight is now known to be much more under control than seemed likely. Large flocks of butterflies have been seen taking their way against strong winds over the sea as both immigrants and emigrants." Further, the author tells us, the flight of butterflies is in some respects superior to that of birds. As an instance he cites the huge light blue butterflies of the Brazilian forests and the purple emperor butterflies of France and Great Britain which have the power of rising into the air almost vertically "with an ease and at a speed that are scarcely credible." These capable aeronauts seem to be the gyroplanes of the insect world.

Sideways and Backwards  
Insects have several tricks of flight of which other flying creatures and heavier-than-air flying machines are incapable. For example, many species, including dragon flies, have the ability to go into reverse gear and fly directly backward without changing their bodily position. In addition to this, they can fly sidewise, either to the right or left, at right angles to the axis of their body. Many of the smaller insects, including bees and flies, can hold their own with the larger dragon flies in reverse or lateral flying.

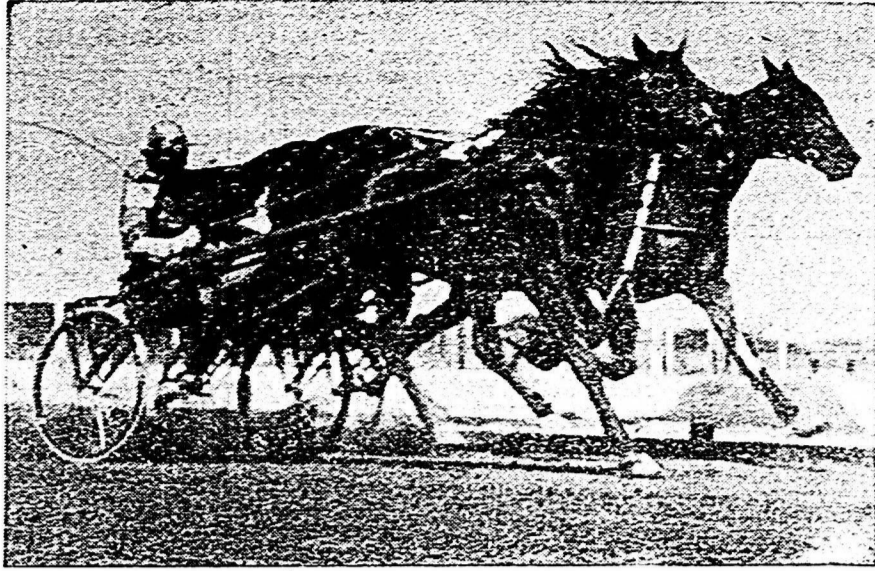
## Bible Facts

All book-lovers read the Bible for the beautiful, dignified English it contains, if for no deeper reason. Men who have made a very careful analysis of the Bible say that it contains 2,565,480 letters, 10,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The word "and" occurs no fewer than 46,627 times and the word "Lord" 1,588 times.

Those who order their lives by the Bible could not choose a better set of practical instructions. The Book of Proverbs contains the sanest advice on behaviour ever given to man. In the earlier books there are rules for eating and drinking, for sowing crops and the maintenance of bodily health. Historically, it is accurate; it contains a comprehensive list of the flora and fauna of Palestine and the surrounding countries, their merchandise and mineral products, and in many books, chiefly Revelation, are prophecies which look as if they were coming to pass today.

The large boulders scattered about Britain, and now known to have been left by glaciers, once were thought to have been washed in by the big Biblical flood.

## They Dash To A Close Finish at South Carolina Track



Dynamic, driven by Harry Whitney, barely wins a race from Neophyte, on rail, driven by Billy Post, in a neck-and-neck finish on the Aiken Mile Track, South Carolina.

## Age Is Leading Reason For Lack Of Employment

Survey By Canada's National Employment Commission Shows Chronic Disease Takes Second Place In List of Unemployment Causes—Construction Industry Hardest Hit

While employment figures were much brighter for the years 1937 and 1938 than in the previous two years the statistical reports compiled by the National Employment Commission, published in booklet form, reveal that the majority of heads of families unemployed in 1937 have not been continuously self-supporting for a 12-month period since 1933.

Of 99,561 heads of families in Canada unemployed in September of last year more than 13,500 were not employed for that period since 1933, 16,600 since 1932, 14,300 since 1931 and 17,411 since 1930 or earlier. And of the 99,561 only 1,734 were never self-dependent. The same proportion holds good for Ontario.

A table of the causes of unemployment reveals that age is the leading cause for men and broken homes the leading cause for women. For men, chronic disease takes second place and physical defect third place as the cause of unemployment. For women age is second cause, chronic disease third and physical defect fourth.

Addition to drugs or alcohol is a minor cause for both men and women, only 16 heads of families in the whole Dominion being listed under this cause. Employable persons, however, enjoyed some measure of employment in 1936 and 1937, as approximately one-third of them last had work in either of those two years.

The age group of the largest number of employable persons is that between 26 and 45 years, while the age group of the largest number of unemployed persons is from 46 to 65 years.

A comparative table of unemployed in Ontario cities in September, 1937, reveals as follows: Stratford, 751; Woodstock, 937; St. Thomas, 356; Owen Sound, 175; Sarnia, 154; Niagara Falls, 1,421; Oshawa, 1,970; London, 3,360; Kitchener, 916; Guelph, 1,161; Galt, 326; Chatham, 269; Brantford, 2,957.

## Soya Bean Crop Has Many Uses

The multiple uses of the soya bean, both as a food and for the production of plastics, was demonstrated to members of the Canadian Railway Club last week, meeting in Montreal. A score of articles used in the manufacture of automobiles, and samples of bread, coffee substitute, milk, sauces, flour and other food products were exhibited, and the members took away handfuls of beans to plant in their gardens.

The lecture was given by G. R. Russell, who emphasized that there was a market for this product in Canada, as the country now imported 1,355,632 pounds of soya beans, and there was no reason why they should not be more largely grown. The growing of the bean restored large quantities of nitrogen to the soil and it was the intention of the Dominion Government to establish soya bean plots in various parts of the country to demonstrate that they could be grown in any soil, and be a valuable addition to farm products.

## Penal Settlement Italy's Gibraltar

Pantelleria Island In Mediterranean Lies Across British and French Route to the Indies

Once regarded as a penal settlement, similar to Devil's Island, the Isle of Pantelleria is now being regarded by Italians as a potential Mediterranean "Gibraltar" of their own.

Many British atlases do not even mark it, but, lying across the British and French route to the Indies, it occupies a position of high strategic importance.

Pantelleria is a volcanic island rising to a peak (Monte Grande) of about 2,500 feet. Its area is 33 square kilometres, and it stands in the middle of the narrow channel between Sicily and the French North African colony of Tunisia, from which it is only a few minutes' journey by aeroplane.

Stationary Battleship  
It dominates British and French shipping to the Indies as effectively as a mountain dumped in the middle of the English Channel would dominate all Franco-British shipping.

The population of Pantelleria is nearly 7,000—mainly a peasant class who have up to now tended their vineyards and lemon and orange groves in peace. But now Italy visualizes the island as "a magnificent battleship," stationary, it is true, but which no squadron could hope to sink. Farther south, again in mid-channel, lie three more islands, small but of strategic importance, within a few minutes' flying from any point on the Mediterranean between Sicily and Africa—Lampedusa, Linosa and Lampione.

## Gold From Lead

The dream of alchemists of old and scientists throughout the ages has been realized—according to a young workman at Lodz, Poland. He claims to have found a way of making gold from lead, and has exhibited to the Lodz Inventors' Association a sample of the gold produced by his process.

The Association has appointed a committee, consisting of two chemical experts, a mechanical engineer, and a member of the Polish Society for Fostering Inventions, to investigate and watch a demonstration of the process.

Either first was used as an anesthetic on March 30, 1842.

## Woman Cricketer "Whistles While She Works"



Miss Marjorie Pollard, former captain of England's Women's cricket team is seen here officiating in a recent field hockey match between Stevenage and Slough ladies' teams. She is on tour as newly appointed national organizer to the Women's Team Games Board, organizing sport throughout England.

## Speed Control Robot Invented

Automatically Toots Horn When Absolute Limit Is Reached

Two inventors in Beaver Falls, Pa., advanced, this week, a robot speed control for automobiles "as a sort of electrical conscience for drivers who really want to obey the law."

The robot flashes a red light on the dash, operates a buzzer and then honks the horn when the machine reaches the maximum speed limit. The control, or governor, operates by centrifugal force.

The inventors, William Broad and Stephen A. Moltrup, a retired manufacturer, said a state safety campaign inspired the "robot" and that they hoped eventually to market it, possibly to the state motor police.

Red Warning Light  
As the automobile increases its speed, the control swings wider and wider until it hits the first electrical contact, causing the red warning light to flash.

Then comes the buzzer, following which "you have about half a minute, to reduce your speed," Broad said. "If you don't, the control sets off the horn."

That's where the highway patrol comes in because if they hear the horn "they can start looking for a speeder," Broad declared. He added: "That ought to slow folks down." Broad said the invention attaches to the drive shaft of the transmission and can be fastened to any make of machine and regulated for any speed.

## Disney Still Likes Mickey Mouse Best

In Spite of the Popularity of "Snow White" and Other Cartoon Characters

Walt Disney, Mickey Mouse's papa, is like an old woman who lived in a shoe. He has so many brain children, he doesn't know what to do.

While other film studios are cutting out jobs and slackening production, Disney's plant employs more than 700 workers—a record number. The "help wanted" sign hangs on the door.

Mickey, who made his first hit ten years ago, is still the No. 1 star. Disney says so. But Mickey was almost crowded out as the Disney family began to grow. It's strictly on his creator's orders that he's making a comeback this year.

Three Little Pigs Back  
The three little pigs, after an absence of five years, are coming back—with the big bad wolf. This time they will use a lie detector to foil the wolf, who by now has three little wolves.

Eighteen short cartoons a year is the studio schedule. All are in technicolor. They cost \$50,000 each and earn about \$15,000 profit. Mickey still has the same voice, Walt Disney's but his ears are modified, his hands and face are smaller.

New Ventures Predicted  
"Snow White," finished only last December after three years of work, is regarded by Disney as an experiment, which taught him how to make a better picture next time. It is expected to earn about \$7,000,000.

One long feature a year is planned. For 1938 it is "Bambi" the story of a deer. Next year it may be "Pinocchio."

Another Disney ambition is to animate cartoons to fine music. He had Leopold Stokowski record "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" recently, but the story has yet to be drawn.

"I never cared a hoot for music when I was a kid," says Disney. "But I might have if I'd heard it in a cartoon."