

"BLITZ SCOUTS" WELCOMED HOME



The four British "Blitz Scouts," who toured Canada and the United States telling of Boy Scout war service in Britain, finally reach home. They are welcomed at Paddington, London, by the Chief Scout of the Empire, Lord Somers, Sir Percy Everett, Deputy Chief Scout, and an evacuee Scout troop from Gibraltar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON V JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

John 6  
 PRINTED TEXT  
 John 6:8-14, 30-35  
 GOLDEN TEXT.— Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life. John 6:35.  
 Memory Verse: We . . . are helpers. 2 Corinthians 1:24.  
 THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING  
 Time.—All the events of this chapter fall in the month of April, A.D. 29.  
 Place.—The feeding of the five thousand took place at Bethsaida, on the shore of Galilee, while the walking on the sea was, of course, on the same body of water. The sermon on the Bread of Life was delivered in the synagogue of Capernaum.

"One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, who hath five barley loaves, and two fishes: but what are these among so many? Jesus said, Make the people sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand." The vast assemblage was thus sub-divided and broken up into manageable portions. The apostles were able to pass easily up and down among the groups, and to minister in orderly succession to the necessities of all.

Divine Omnipotence  
 "Jesus therefore took the loaves. And having given thanks, he distributed to them that were set down; likewise also of the fishes as much as they would." We must be content to behold in this multiplying of the bread an act of divine omnipotence — not indeed now as at first, of absolute creation out of nothing, since there was a substratum to work on in the original loaves and fishes, but an act of creative growth; a quantitative, as in the water turned into wine there was a qualitative, miracle, the bread growing in the Lord's hands, so that from that little stock all the multitude were abundantly supplied.

A Visible Symbol  
 "And when they were filled, he saith unto his disciples, Gather up the broken pieces which remain over, that nothing be lost. So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves, which remained over unto them that had eaten." With the Lord of nature, as with nature herself, the most-prodigal bounty goes hand in hand with the nicest and exactest economy; and He who had but now shown Himself God, again submits Himself to the laws and proprieties of His earthly condition, so that as in the miracle itself His power, in this command His humility, shines eminently forth. This which remained over must have immensely exceeded in bulk and quantity the original stock; and we thus have here a visible symbol of that love which exhorts not itself by loving; but after all its outgoings upon others, abides itself far richer than it would have done but for these; of the multiplying which there ever is in a true dispensing; of the increasing which may go along with a scattering.

Teachings of John  
 "When therefore the people saw the sign which he did, they said, This is of a truth the prophet that cometh into the world." John tells us later that he wrote his Gospel that men might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, they might have life through his name

(20:31). All through his book he continually keeps in mind the effects of the miracles, and the matchless teaching of the Lord Jesus, upon those who behold His acts and hear His words.  
 "They said therefore unto him, What then dost thou for a sign, that we may see, and believe thee? what workest thou? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness: as it is written, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat." How so-called seekers after religious truth made innumerable foolish demands, postponing the hour of real decision, demanding evidence in the religious realm which they would never require in any other sphere of life! In spite of the fact that these people knew with

certainly of the great miracle which Jesus had just performed in feeding the five thousand, they asked Him to produce further signs, which would be capable of proving that He was what He claimed to be, the Sent One of God. To support their demand they mentioned the great miracle of the wilderness wanderings in which their prophet Moses had obtained for them from the hands of God sufficient daily food (manna) for their sustenance during forty years.  
 The Bread of Life  
 "Jesus therefore said unto them, Verily verily, I say unto you, It was not Moses that gave you the bread out of heaven; but my Father giveth you the true

bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world. They said therefore unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." At this point our Lord attempts to lift up His listeners once again from the level of things material, to which their minds seem to be held, to higher levels of spiritual reality, telling them clearly that while under Moses they did have bread miraculously bestowed, yet it was only for their physical needs, but that now the Father was giving them the true bread from heaven. Bread is the word which symbolizes the great elemental necessity of life called food.

That food must be eaten by all men, if life is to be sustained, every one recognizes, but Christ also insists on another truth, that, as men with bodies must have physical food, so, because they have a soul, if they are to truly live and to have life that is eternal, a life that satisfies, a life that is rich, they must likewise partake of another bread, which is He Himself, the Bread of Life. There are men today who do not confess to any spiritual hunger, and pretend to get on without God, without divine revelation, without prayer, without sacrifice, without the forgiveness of sin. There are millions of such men. But these men are not living abundant, rich, satisfying lives of peace, and power, and purity. Life that is life, life that satisfies, is life that comes through the Lord Jesus Christ. Here, as in so many other places in the Gospels, our Lord continually talks about life, meaning fundamental spiritual life, and declares that that life is only to be found in Him.

Japan May Feel Big Quake Soon

Major Earthquakes Shook Japan In 1923, 1933 — What About 1943?

If the law of probability means what statisticians think it does, Japan may experience a severe earthquake within the next year or so, said Fordham University's seismological authority, Rev. J. S. Lynch, S.J., in a recent General Electric Forum.  
 The last major Japanese earthquake occurred in 1933 and exacted a toll of 3,000 lives. A predecessor, strangely enough, shook Japan in 1923. Will the next be in 1943?  
 According to Father Lynch the three worst recent quakes in the main islands were those of 1891, 1923, and 1927.

In 1891 the main island of Japan was practically broken in two. Cracks were observed clear across the island from the Sea of Japan on the left to the Pacific Ocean on the right. About 8,000 lives were lost.  
 The next big quake, which occurred in 1923, took 100,000 lives. It actually occurred some miles off shore, but such was its intensity that in some places the coast slipped six feet.  
 "The third big quake of 1927—the Tango earthquake—occurred on the main island some 100 miles south of the 1891 quake," said Father Lynch. "It caused horizontal slips amounting to eight feet and extending 50 miles in from the Sea of Japan." Because the region was not densely populated only 3,000 lives were lost.

All these quakes showed visible surface effects. The main belt of Japanese quakes, however, runs along the Pacific side of the main island some distance off shore.  
 One of the most disastrous effects of off-shore quakes is the huge water wave. At Sanriku, a small island off shore, water waves caused 30,000 deaths in 1896 and 3,000 in 1933.  
 Formosa (Taiwan), the munitions storehouse of Japan, has a belt of quakes cutting across the middle of the island. In this belt some 4,000 people were killed in 1935; other quakes of first magnitude in the belt occurred in 1920 and 1922.

The strength of Britain's home guard is approximately 2,000,000 armed men.

JUDICIAL DISSENTER

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 11 Frozen water.  
 12 Adult insect.  
 15 Ever (contr.).  
 16 Booty.  
 17 Goat antelope.  
 18 Platform.  
 20 Wayside hotel.  
 21 He was a Civil War  
 23 Varnish ingredient.  
 24 Instrument for combing wool.  
 25 Russian emperor.  
 27 Arm joint.  
 30 Cry for help.  
 31 Plaster of Paris.  
 34 Harness strap.  
 38 To ring.  
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 21 Serrated tool.  
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 24 To peruse.  
 26 Corded cloth.  
 28 Fabric.  
 29 Diagonal.  
 32 Suture.  
 33 To deliver from danger.  
 35 Price.  
 38 Calm.  
 39 Kind of dolphin.  
 VERTICAL  
 2 King of beasts.  
 3 Portrait statue.  
 4 Veteran.  
 5 Stiffness.  
 6 To fend off.  
 7 Pits.  
 8 Prevailed on.  
 9 Supper.  
 10 Assam silk-worm.  
 13 Earthy materials.  
 14 Manners of walking.  
 42 Sorrowful.  
 44 To mutilate.  
 47 Fuel.  
 48 Coin.  
 49 Snake.  
 51 Exclamation.  
 52 Era.  
 53 Neither.  
 56 Type measure, (abbr.).  
 57 Southeast (abbr.).  
 58 Pronoun.  
 59 New England (abbr.).

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RADIO REPORTER By REX FROST

Overhead the rat-a-tat-tat-tat of machine guns . . . the sharp crackling burst of shrapnel . . . and then . . . c-r-u-m-p-p-p . . . the building shivers . . . a cloud of dust . . . and the clattering on the roof of bricks and debris. Can you imagine anybody wanting to think up a radio programme amid the sickening thud of bombs, the whistling of anti-aircraft shells and the noisy collapse of falling rubble? Not a very inspiring atmosphere, shall we agree, for the thoughtful origination of an air show. But it actually happened during a devastating air raid in London on April 28th, 1941. To take their minds off the horror of the moment, a group of people, including a prominent official of the C.B.C., were sitting in a London restaurant that awful night of a heavy blitz calmly discussing what happens to ordinary people when war drives a wedge into their lives. And so came into being a radio family known as the Robinsons . . . the inspiration of that series heard nightly over the C.B.C. 5 p.m. except Saturday and Sunday, known as "Front Line Family." In the early days it was easy to get material for "Front Line Family" as some of the most dramatic London raids took place soon after the serial started. A number of the actors came to the microphone swathed in bandages, mute evidence of their actual experiences in the trial and terror of those frightful days. There is nothing far fetched about the Robinson Family and its adventures. Many a family in Britain has had similar experiences. All have met these experiences with a similar sense of humour and endurance. Here is a programme which every Canadian family should listen to. In the quiet tranquillity of the Canadian scene it brings some understanding, some appreciation of the terror which stalks abroad in the Europe of today.

"This is MacGregor talking," "gregor," slapped back from the ear-piece . . . and so continued the conversation. So here's answering a few of the questions that roll in at CFRB about Woodhouse and Hawkins, those two jovial funsters who set the pace and laughter during the Ontario Caravan programme and the "Double or Nothing" show. "Woodhouse" in ordinary life is plain Art MacGregor who hails from the Land of the Heather . . . Aberdeen to be precise. And his partner "Hawkins" . . . Frank Deville in plain clothes, hails from Victoria, B.C. In addition to being a very clever comedy team Art and Frank, as they are affectionately called in radio circles, are individually very fine character actors. Just tune in some time and see if you can guess who plays the part of Mr. McGillicuddy, Mr. Percival Woolley, Mr. McHayloft, Mr. G. Howie Blotz, Mr. Iva Gardener, Mr. G. I. Itch, or the other several characters which they impersonate during the "Caravan" show. Get a load of these boys. They're clever. And funny.

And now it's the "Victory" radio receiver. Down in the good old U.S.A. all manufacturers of radio sets have banded together with the object of turning out a standard radio set manufactured on one basic and simple design. Not elaborate. No gadgets. Just wartime simplicity . . . a sturdy set built for durability . . . a set for the "duration." In the past five or six years, there were over 1,000 different types of radio receivers on the market. Now they're to boil them all down to one standard set. It will be some job, you say. Yes definitely. But so will be the job of smashing the Nazis. The proposed "Victory" radio receiver is just another step along the road to Freedom.

More than 750,000 pairs of army boots for India have been made in Australia and are awaiting shipment.

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TRUE BUFFALOES DON'T HAVE HUMPED BACKS

SOME SHOTGUNS MUST BE BROKEN BEFORE THEY WILL SHOOT. SWS FRED R. GERST, ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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NEXT: Was George Washington a perfect physical specimen?

POP—Run, Kids! By J. MILLAR WATT

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