

The Women's Page

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

The Child and the Kingdom

(CHRISTMAS LESSON)

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GOLDEN TEXT: "A little child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:8.

LESSON PASSAGE: Matthew 1:18-25; 18:1-6; 19:13-15.

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer, and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

The Birth of Jesus, 18-21

Daydreams, high hopes and secret prayers surround the birth of a child. A new life is always the bearer of potential history. A father may wonder if one day his son will be premier of his country or a minister of the church. A mother may look forward to the companionship of a daughter whose loveliness will be an unceasing delight. The Magnificat seeks to express the emotions of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Matthew's account reflects the thinking of Joseph. To them both the birth of Jesus had profound spiritual significance. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Their national hope has become our world-wide prayer. Could Joseph and Mary return to earth for Christmas Day, 1939, and hear the hymns and carols which they know that the greatest force for good in the world is the Christian Church, could they learn of the devotion of millions of people who through Christ have found the secret of victory over sin, they would know in how far the Bethlehem babe was rightly named. Christ is our chief hope that the world may be freed from ignorance, poverty, disease, crime, greed, hate and war. As a Savior from sin, Christ is dealing with the world's greatest need.

Joseph and Mary, 22-25

The joy of parents is accompanied by responsibility. Parents are responsible for the very life of their child in the early years. Food, clothing and shelter must be provided. Soon the need for education must be met. Mental interests and social companionship, recreation and pleasure must be arranged. The skills and secrets of the past must gradually be taught. As problems arise the moral standards of the community must be imparted. To religious questionings the answers to doubts must be given. To care for a growing life is perhaps the most sacred obligation ever resting upon two people. The home is the unit of society and the family is the first school. How much poorer the world would be had Joseph and Mary failed in their trust! Together they protected the life of Jesus from danger. In Egypt and in Galilee they shielded him from accident. They taught him a trade. They shared with him the heritage of spiritual faith and custom. They took him to Jerusalem that he might there become a son of the law. The great truth of the Incarnation was dependent upon a home.

Adult Prestige, 1

Quite frequently adults make themselves rather ridiculous. The intricacies of diplomacy, the requirements of rank and etiquette, raise barriers between nations. The saluting and heel-clicking in the armies of the world make normal personal relationships impossible. Guarding the entrance of some stores are soldierly-looking men in coats of many colors. How impudence have come to be! How foreign it all is to the frankness and simplicity of Jesus! When his disciples

revealed that they were thinking of their own greatness, he suggested to them that they should try to be child-like, natural and teachable and not over-concerned with personal prestige. It is easy for ambition, pride and jealousy to impair the usefulness of gifted people.

The Child in the Midst, 2-6

Christ has greatly influenced adult thinking concerning children. Much is being done for child welfare. Christmas is the children's festival and millions of dollars are spent to give children added happiness on Christmas Day. There are laws against child labor and against minors frequenting resorts that are morally dangerous. Governments provide for Children's Aid Societies. There are children's hospitals, shelters and orphanages. Policemen are placed at street crossings to safeguard children on their way to or from school. There are children's newspapers, books and libraries. Service clubs raise large sums of money to care for crippled children. The state has public schools and the churches maintain Sunday Schools to serve the children. Child psychology has made great progress in recent years. The fact that Christ was himself a child and that as a man he loved children has helped to change the thinking of Christian nations in their estimation of childhood.

Christ and the Children, 13-15

At this present time there are thousands of refugee children. Helpless children have perished at sea when vessels have been torpedoed. In several countries children have recently been bombed from the air. Children are suffering cruelly, not only from actual injury but from fear. Hundreds of thousands of children have had to be evacuated from cities through danger of air raids. Regular home, school and church life has been impossible for many children. War and disease follow in the wake of war. The cruelties imposed on innocent and defenseless children should alone be sufficient to turn the conscience of the world against war. Would it not help if this Christmas we think constantly of Christ, the lover of children as the Prince of Peace? Calmly let us recall the sufferings of children this Christmas-tide and read again these words: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Questions for Discussion

1. Why is the birthrate much higher in some countries than in others?
 2. "God with us." Has the Incarnation meant that to me?
 3. How has Christ changed adult attitudes towards children?
 4. Is it easier to be converted than to become teachable and trustful as a little child?
 5. How does war injure children?
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SAFETY FIRST AT CHRISTMAS

An appeal to workers in industry to carry their safety methods into their homes, especially at Christmas time, was issued today by R. B. Morley, general manager of the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations. "The lessons in safety you can give your children when it comes to decorating the house for Christmas will last them for a lifetime," he pointed out. A warning was given against the use of unprotected candles in windows because curtains are apt to be set on fire, and a similar caution was given against use of candles on Christmas trees because of the ease with which a tree might be disturbed and the branches fired.

Where electric bulbs are used for decorations, the safety head recommended the use of colored bulbs rather than wrapping plain bulbs in colored paper which is highly inflammable under such conditions. A thorough check-up of the wiring in electric light strings was stressed to insure that wire coverings had not been worn out during their annual storage. This was particularly necessary, Mr. Morley said, in the case of outdoor light extensions, since rain and ice could easily cause a short circuit.

An asbestos-type of snow for brightening the tree was recommended instead of absorbent cotton which offers a serious fire hazard. The use of metal tinsel is preferable to tissue paper or celluloid tree decorations which may easily catch fire if they become overheated.

A further precaution against Christmas tree accidents suggested by the Industrial Accident Prevention Association is that the Christmas tree be set in a large tub of water to keep the tree from getting too dry and tinder. "Accident prevention is not a 'joy-killer,' but accidents are," Mr. Morley concluded.

Christmas Cookies

A NECESSITY TO CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINING

By Katharine Baker

A well-filled cookie jar is an indispensable part of the season's entertaining and an old-fashioned custom which we can't afford to abandon because it adds so much to gracious hospitality. Cookies of all sizes and shapes, gaily decorated and colored, make charming gifts too and can express good wishes at a very small cost. Let your imagination and decorative ability run riot when it comes to packaging these gifts. Silver and gold paper, paper doilies, ribbons, of all colors can be used with delightful effect.

Holiday Nuggets

- 2 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
 - 1/2 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 3/4 cup butter or other shortening
 - 2 eggs, well-beaten
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 - 1 1/2 cups currants (1/2 pound)
 - 1 1/2 cups walnut m. t. coarsely cut
- Sift flour once, measure, and add baking powder, salt and cinnamon, and sift together three times. Cut butter into flour; add eggs, sugar, and lemon rind. Combine thoroughly. Add currants and nuts, mixing well. Drop from teaspoon on greased baking sheet and bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 4 dozen nuggets.

Swedish Cookies

- 4 cups sifted cake flour
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 2 cups butter
 - 1 egg, well beaten
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Sift flour once, measure, and sift again. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar gradually, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat well. Add flour, a small amount at a time, mixing thoroughly after each addition. Add vanilla and blend. Shape into 2 rolls, 1 1/2 inches in diameter, chill overnight, or until firm enough to slice, and cut in thin slices. Or press dough through cookie press. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in hot oven (375 deg. F.) 4 to 5 minutes or until done. Makes 5 dozen cookies. When sliced, they may be decorated with bits of candied cherry, angelica or citron, chopped nuts, colored sugar or decorating.



APPRENTICES ARE ASSET TO RAILWAY

In an address before the Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association at Chicago recently, A. H. Williams, general supervisor, apprentice training for the Canadian National Railways, stated that the officers of the company realize the importance of having a well planned system for training apprentices so that they may have mechanics who have been trained for the replacement of craftsmen in the different departments—of main shops, roundhouse, and repair and inspection yards.

In order that they may be retained in the service of the company as they finish their apprenticeship, only sufficient apprentices are taken on each year to take care of the normal separation from the payroll, according to Mr. Williams. "The Canadian National Railways encourage these apprentices to become professional engineers and have already had a number of graduates."


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