

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**

Lesson for April 27  
**Golden Text—Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.**  
 —Prov. 3:5

**The Lesson as a Whole**  
 Solomon, the son of David and Bathsheba (2 Sam. 12:24), was but a young man when he ascended the throne of Israel just prior to the death of his father (1 Kings 1:32-40). His reign was glorious in that he conserved all that his father won by his many conflicts (1 Kings 4:24), and he became famous both for his wisdom (1 Kings 4:30-34) and his achievements (1 Kings 10:26-29). His renown extended to all civilized lands, and for forty years he ruled the kingdom well, but in his old age he failed to rule himself. He who built the Temple of Jehovah (1 Kings 6:37, 38) as a "house of prayer for all people" (Isa. 56:7) disobeyed the express word of God by taking many wives (Deut. 17:17), more than any who followed after him, and we are told that "his wives turned away his heart" (1 Kings 11:3) so that he built altars to their heathen gods and brought down upon his head the indignation of the Lord, whom he had so grievously dishonored (1 Kings 11:6-8).

His early piety gave promise of a godly old age, but he was unfaithful to the ideals of his youth, and in this he became a warning to all who follow after. The Book of Ecclesiastes gives some of his unhappy experiences, but indicates that he was restored in soul before he passed away.

**Verse by Verse**  
 1 Kings 3:5.—"Ask what I shall give thee." Appearing to Solomon in a dream, the Lord gave him the great privilege of preferring some special request. He delights to have His children come to Him as to a loving father to make known the desires of their hearts (Psa. 37:4; Phil. 4:6, 7).

Verse 6.—"Thou hast kept for

him this great kindness." The young king's humility is shown in his recognition of God's goodness to his father David. He realized that the throne was given to him, not because of personal merit, but because God was faithful to His covenant with David (Psa. 89:3, 4; 2 Sam. 7:12-15).

Verse 7.—"I am but a little child." Acknowledging his weakness, ignorance, and insufficiency, Solomon took the place where God could come in, in blessing. He confessed that he knew not what course to take as the ruler of so vast a kingdom.

Verse 8.—"Thy servant is in the midst of thy people." Free from pride and arrogance, he presents a delightful picture of acknowledged weakness and dependence upon divine strength.

Verse 9.—"Give therefore... an understanding heart." Realizing the need of a wisdom which he did not possess in himself, Solomon entreated the Lord to grant the boon of a heart to know His will and thus the understanding necessary for his great task.

Chap. 5:13.—"King Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel." The entire nation was called upon and conscripted to build the Temple of Jehovah and to advance the glory of the kingdom.

Verse 14.—"Ten thousand a month by courses." In order to procure sufficient lumber for the great work he had in view, the youthful king kept a myriad of men at work constantly on the mountains of Lebanon, preparing cedar planks for the Temple and other buildings.

Verse 15.—"Ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand hevers." These were appointed for the heavier work of supplying food for the rest and of hewing down the trees and hauling the lumber to Jerusalem. They apparently worked with the servants of Hiram, king of Tyre.

Verse 16.—"Officers... three thousand and three hundred." All was arranged in an orderly way, the workman laboring under proper



Hello Homemakers! Looking over the shoulders of the folks who were concentrating on their selection of seed packages we were perturbed by the few herb seeds included. Perhaps you already have a herb bed—if not, here are a few notes on the value of such a garden.

How handy it is to go out and gather a few tender shoots of chives. When finely chopped they add zest to fish and vegetable salads, soups, gravies, scrambled eggs, cottage cheese, and many sandwich fillings.

Then we have:

(1) Thyme for poultry dressing, soups, gravies and sauces.

(2) Sage for stuffing used in fowl, pork, beef and for flavouring jellied veal loaf or a potted roast.

(3) Sweet basil combined with any of the following: thyme, majoram or summer savory, lends a new flavour note to spaghetti, green salads, sausage or tomato juice.

(4) Summer Savory for relishes, fish, chicken and meats.

(5) Sweet marjoram for stews and soups; combined with a pinch of thyme and bread crumbs for coating croquettes and cutlets.

(6) Parsley and mint are used for more than decoration since we eat them as garnishes or in sandwiches, casseroles, vegetable dishes, etc.

By all means plant a herb bed, then add a delicate new flavour to your old time dishes. Remember, add it discreetly for a pinch is as good as a pound when seasoning food.

**Recipes to clip and file**  
**Mint Sauce**  
 ½ cup water, ½ cup vinegar, 1 tsp. sugar, 19 sprigs mint  
 Scald the mint for 10 minutes.

supervision.  
 Chap. 11:4.—"When Solomon was old... his wives turned away his heart." It is evident that as his wealth and fame increased, the king lost the spiritual sensitiveness of his early days. He began to live like any godless Oriental potentate, multiplying wives to himself and weakly yielding to their solicitations to set up shrines for the idols many of them had worshipped in their own lands. We are told that Solomon's heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father." Thus he forfeited all title to the promised conditional blessings given to him in the days of his conscientious adherence to the Law of the Lord.

Verse 5.—"Ashtoreth... and Milcom." Ashtoreth is identical with Astarte, the moon-goddess of the Zidonians and Phoenicians. Milcom was identical with Molech, the sun-god, to whom human sacrifices were offered. Note verse 7.

Verse 6.—Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord." So far had he departed from the high ideals of his youth and the faithfulness to God that then characterized him, that he even fostered idolatry because of the influence of his heathen wives.

Verse 7, 8.—"Then did Solomon build a high place for... all his strange wives." The infatuated king actually abetted these women in their worship of the demon-gods of their nations.

Verse 9.—"The Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel." The king's apostasy, brought upon him the indignation of Jehovah, whom he had so grievously dishonored.

**The Heart of the Lesson**  
 We are told that "the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom" (Job 28:28). By "fear" is meant not "dread" but "reverence for." He who has regard for the Word of God and seeks to do His will is truly wise. As one walks with Him, He, by the Spirit, gives knowledge and understanding. It was this that characterized Solomon's early days. In later years he became self-sufficient and self-indulgent, and so the wisest man became a fool, and instead of being subject to the law of the Lord, he erred by taking the path of disobedience and became the tool of designing women. His failure is recorded as a warning to us all. There is no safety except as we walk with God. Past experiences will not suffice for the present or insure future integrity. We need grace to order our ways daily by the revealed Word of God.

cool, strain and add 2 or 3 leaves of finely chopped mint leaves before serving with lamb.

**Creamed Chive Potatoes**  
 3 cups cubed potatoes, 1 cup top milk, ½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. pepper, 1 tsp. butter, 1 tsp. chives, chopped fine.

Peel and cube potatoes; put in greased casserole and cover with milk and salt and pepper. Bake 45 mins. in electric oven at 350 degs. Dot with butter and sprinkle with chives before serving.

**Sausage with Spice Cover**  
 1 pound sausages, tea biscuit dough for 6 servings, 2 tps. sweet marjoram.

Roll out tea biscuit dough ½ inch thick — sprinkle the finely chopped marjoram over dough. Wrap parboiled sausages in 4 inch squares of dough. Bake 15 mins. in oven at 400 degs.

**Herb Sauce Casserole**  
 two-thirds cup rice, 4 hard-cooked eggs, 2 cups white sauce ½ tsp. dried thyme, 1 tsp. minced parsley.

Boil rice in salted boiling water until tender. Drain and rinse in hot water. Make white sauce of 2 cups milk, 3 tpsps. flour and 2 tpsps. butter and blend in the thyme. Put rice and sliced eggs in casserole and pour herb sauce over all. Sprinkle with parsley.

**Tomato Soup Cake**  
 one-third cup shortening, 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 tsp. baking soda, 1 can tomato soup, 1 ¾ cups once-sifted flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, ½ tsp. ground cloves, ½ tsp. sweet basil, ½ cup raisins, ¼ cup sliced peel.

Cream shortening and blend in sugar gradually. Dissolve soda in soup and beat into sugar mixture. Mix and sift flour, baking powder and spice twice and add to first mixture. Stir in raisins and peel. Turn in greased pan and bake in preheated oven 375 degs. about 50 minutes. Serve with coffee.

**The Suggestion Box**  
 From H.C. we are reminded of oiling things to make them run smoothly. Every so often your mechanical servants need such attention to do a good job. Oiling keeps the appliance motor cool, prevents wear and tear, and stops squeaks and racket. Oil the motors once every six months or a year. The instructions accompanying the

appliance will give you the last word on this. (If you have lost your instruction book, we suggest you write the manufacturer for one.)

A drop of oil will go a long way (all the way, in fact). Do not be too generous with it and use a thin machine oil recommended for household use.

The sewing machine has several places to anoint with oil. If your model is run by foot power, the sides of the foot treadle need the occasional drop—also the crank of the treadle wheel. The sides of the flywheel shaft should have their share as well as the shuttle and the needle spindle at the top of the machine.

The vacuum cleaner oil hole may be found on top or side of the motor.

The electric mixer usually has a small hole toward the back of the motor and needs a small dose once in six months.

Some refrigerators need an oil refresher for the motor so cast your eye over the instructions.

The wringer of the washing machine does a hard job, and sometimes it is a good idea to give the wringer gear box and the roller compression screw a new lease on life with a drop of oil.

Fix that squeaky door hinge in passing by raising the pins slightly and putting in a drop of oil. If the pin cannot be lifted, leave a drop or two on top and it will slowly work its way down into the joints of the hinges.

**20 PORKERS IN LITTER AS KINDNESS PAYS OFF**

Vera Morrison, 11, of Beaverton is firmly convinced that kindness to animals pays and she now has 20 healthy three-week-old Yorkshire pigs as proof. It all started some time ago

when a neighbor gave Vera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Morrison, a Yorkshire piglet which was not receiving fair play from its brothers and sisters.

Mr. Morrison carried the ill-treated porker home in his overcoat pocket and she soon became the pet of Vera. She received the best of care and attention at the hands of her young owner and, in repayment, three weeks ago presented her third litter for inspection. 20 of the 22 pigs from that litter are still alive.

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