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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Lesson for January 16)  
Golden Text.—The child grew, and  
waxed strong in spirit, filled with  
wisdom; and the grace of God was  
upon him. Luke 2:40

The Lesson as a Whole  
Approach to the Lesson  
The Scriptures do not give us a  
great deal of information regard-  
ing the early life of our Lord, but  
the few incidental passages we  
have are sufficient to furnish us  
with the picture of a childhood,  
youth and young manhood of most  
exemplary character. As a lad He  
was subject to His parents, and as  
He grew in stature He manifested  
in a very marked way, both grace  
and wisdom far beyond the ordi-  
nary boy of His age. Yet there is  
nothing spectacular or precocious  
recorded. He grew up as a normal  
child, developing mentally and phys-  
ically as others did. In this the  
Gospel records stand out in vivid  
contrast to the fanciful tales re-  
lated concerning Him in the so-  
called Apocryphal gospels. At  
twelve years of age we see Him  
in the Temple—not attempting to  
teach His elders, but hearing them  
and asking them questions.

From Luke 4:16 we learn that He  
was a regular attendant upon the  
services of the local synagogue and  
in all probability was accustomed  
to taking some public part in them.  
There is a mystery concerning  
His spiritual growth and His Mes-  
sianic consciousness. But His  
words to Joseph and Mary, "Wist  
ye not that I must be about my  
Father's business?" would indicate  
an early realization of His true  
nature and relationship to God as  
His Father.

His critics scorned Him because  
they had known Him as "the car-  
penter," which would indicate that  
He had taken up that trade in sub-  
jection to and association with  
Joseph, his father. He who created  
all things thus deigned to take the  
place of an apprentice to a useful  
trade in order to assist in earning  
the daily bread for the family to  
which he belonged according to  
birth.

The Historical Setting  
From shortly after His birth in  
Bethlehem until His thirtieth year  
Jesus lived in the city of Nazareth,  
the place where Joseph and Mary  
both had their homes at the time  
of their betrothal. The dates would  
be from 4-5 B.C. to A.D. 25-26.

Verse by Verse  
Luke 2:39.—"They returned into  
Galilee, to their own city Nazareth."  
Mary and Joseph had taken  
the infant Jesus to the Temple at  
Jerusalem, in order to carry out  
the instruction concerning purifi-  
cation, as given in the Law of  
Moses (Lev. 12:6-8). When all was  
accomplished they returned to  
their own city, where they made  
their home until after Jesus began  
His public ministry.

Verse 40.—"The child grew, and  
waxed strong in spirit, filled with  
wisdom; and the grace of God was  
upon him." Jesus, though a normal  
boy, was characterized by a wis-  
dom and spirituality beyond His  
years, so that all who knew Him  
realized that the favor, or grace,  
of God rested upon Him in an ex-  
ceptional way.

Verse 41.—"His parents went to  
Jerusalem every year at the feast  
of the passover." As devout Jews,  
Mary and Joseph observed punc-  
tiliously the commandments God  
had given concerning the obser-  
vance of this memorial of Israel's  
deliverance from Egypt.

Verse 42.—"When he was twelve  
years old, they went up to Jerusa-  
lem after the custom of the feast."  
Jesus had reached the age when  
He was considered responsible to  
take up His own duties in connec-  
tion with the congregation of the  
Lord. Thus He, for the first time,  
participated in that feast which  
typified His own death for our re-  
demption.

Verse 43.—"The child Jesus tar-  
ried behind in Jerusalem." Absor-  
bed in contemplation of the sacred  
rites carried on in the Temple,  
Jesus remained in the holy city  
when the rest of the group from  
Nazareth started for home. He was  
not missed until some time had  
elapsed. When unable to locate  
Him in the company, Mary and  
Joseph turned back to Jerusalem  
to seek for Him there.

Verse 46.—"They found him in

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## The Mystery of Time

(By Lewis Milligan)  
The line between the Old Year  
and the New is an imaginary one.  
We are apt to think on New Year's  
Eve that Old Man Time pauses in  
his headlong pace before starting  
out on another journey, or that he  
gives place to a bright and eager  
youngster who knows nothing of  
the past and steps out into the  
future with a smile. The latter is  
a pretty fancy, but it is only true  
of childhood. We come into this  
world with a new brain, void of all  
memory, and we look out upon it  
with white-eyes of wonder and  
curiosity.

There is nothing more fascinat-  
ing than the pure wonder in the  
eyes of an infant. They seem to  
say, "Where am I?" Although a  
new-born child has no memories,  
wonder itself is a kind of element-  
ary or subconscious memory. This  
is what Wordsworth meant when  
he wrote:  
Not in entire forgetfulness,  
And not in utter nakedness;  
But trailing clouds of glory do we  
come  
From God, who is our home.

Plato suggested that all new  
knowledge is reminiscence, and it  
would seem that the curiosity of a  
child is an effort to recall some-  
thing it had known before. As each

the temple." There He was talking  
with the doctors of the Law, men  
who knew the Hebrew Scriptures.  
He was eagerly questioning them  
on many things that stirred in His  
heart, and listening respectfully  
to their explanations. Observe, He  
did not attempt to teach those el-  
derly men, but He occupied the  
place of a learner, with due respect  
for age and with proper humility  
of spirit. When, however, ques-  
tions were put directly to Him, He  
answered so wisely and with such  
evidence of spiritual insight as to  
amaze the doctors.

Verse 47.—"All that heard were  
astonished at his understanding  
and answers." They could not but  
realize that this twelve-year-old  
lad possessed greater spiritual in-  
sight than they had ever seen be-  
fore in one so young. Even as a  
child He lived in constant commu-  
nion with God His Father.

Verse 48.—"His mother said unto  
him, Son, why hast thou thus  
dealt with us?" Mary did not yet  
seem to understand that the obe-  
dience of Jesus was due first of all  
to God as His only real Father. She  
complained reproachfully, "Thy  
father and I have sought thee sor-  
rowing." Although so highly favor-  
ed, we may gather from these  
words how little Mary entered into  
the full meaning of the Incarna-  
tion. Otherwise she would have  
understood that the fault, if any,  
was with Joseph and herself for  
not keeping in closer touch with  
Him who had been committed to  
her to mother and watch over in  
His early years.

Verse 49.—"Wist ye not that I  
must be about my Father's busi-  
ness?" There was no need to seek  
Him as though He were lost or in  
danger of straying. Young as He  
was, He knew His relationship to  
the Father, whose will He had  
come to do.

Verse 50.—"They understood not  
the sayings which he spake unto  
them." The mystery of His person  
was not yet clear to them, conse-  
quently His words perplexed them;  
but His mother pondered them in  
her heart and was undoubtedly re-  
minded of what Gabriel had told  
her concerning Him when she was  
given to know that she was to be  
the virgin-mother of Messiah.

Verse 51.—"He went down.....  
to Nazareth, and was subject unto  
them." Thus we see in Him a  
model child, giving honor and  
loving obedience to Mary and  
Joseph.

Verse 52.—"Jesus increased in  
wisdom and stature, and in favour  
with God and man." There was  
something about the youth that  
drew men's hearts out to Him. As  
He developed physically He grew  
in grace and spirituality, for  
though He was truly God, He was  
just as truly man.

Mark 6:3.—"Is not this the car-  
penter?" When at last the hidden  
years at Nazareth were ended and  
He went forth to proclaim the  
Kingdom of God, those who had  
known Him throughout His early  
life were amazed that a carpenter  
could speak with such power and  
clearness. They knew Him as one  
of a somewhat large family and  
they were astonished that He  
should so readily turn from the  
carpenter's shop to the desk of the  
teacher, when He had received no  
formal education to fit Him for  
such service.

The Heart of the Lesson  
In childhood and youth Jesus  
was perfect in all ways and thus  
became an example of how all  
young people should behave in the  
home, the shop, and in the place  
of public service of God. Solomon  
tells us that "foolishness is bound  
in the heart of a child; but the rod  
of correction shall drive it far  
from him" (Prov. 22:15). In Jesus  
we see a child in whose heart fol-  
ly had no place, and who needed  
not the rod for correction or pun-  
ishment. Conscious of His divine  
paternity, He lived in the fear of  
God even in those early days.

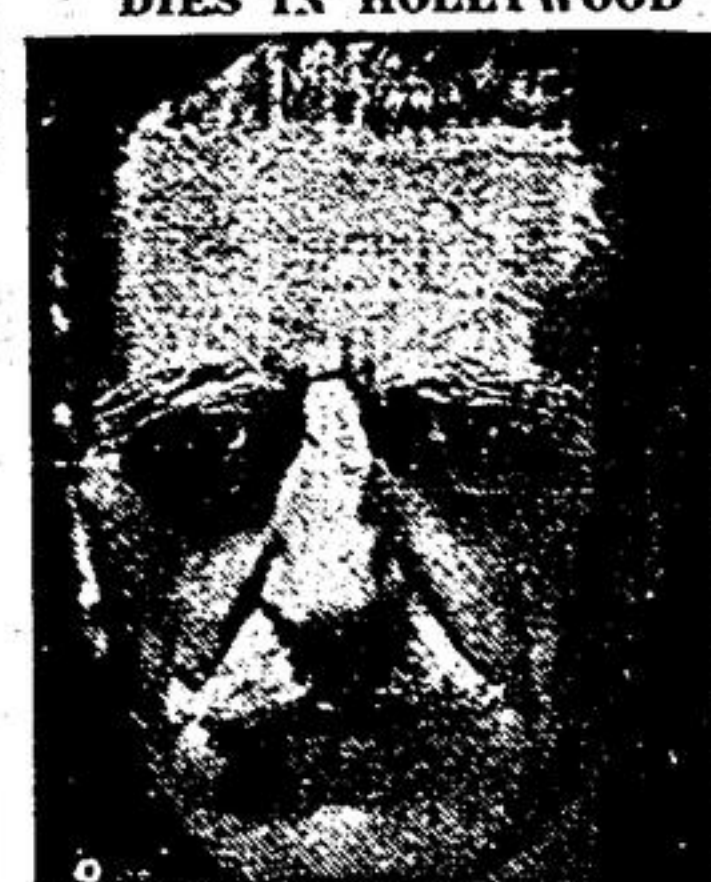
curiosity is satisfied, the child  
seems to say, "I remember now!"  
and proceeds to explore further the  
world in which it has found itself.  
We are all children of an older  
growth, and no matter how much  
knowledge we have acquired, if we  
have retained our sense of wonder,  
there is still a vast unknown to  
explore. We live to learn, and if we  
are attentive students we should  
learn how to live. We make mis-  
takes, and we are often frustrated,  
but this is part of our tuition.

Every end is a new beginning.  
We measure time by cycles—a day  
is one revolution of the earth, a  
month a cycle of the moon, and a  
year the completion of the earth's  
orbit around the sun. We set our  
clocks and calendars by these  
cycles for our own convenience;  
but what we call the end of a year  
is an artificial measurement, for  
the New Year might as well begin  
in June as in January, so far as the  
cycle of the earth is concerned.

Mathematical scientists tell us  
that our idea of time is an illusion.  
In 1887, A. A. Michelson, an Ameri-  
can physicist, conducted experi-  
ments to measure the velocity with  
which the earth moves through the  
ether. From these experiments he  
came to the amazing conclusion  
that the earth did not move at all—  
that it was stationary! That, of  
course, was the belief of the earth  
ancients, who thought the earth  
was the centre of the universe.  
While no flaw could be found in  
Michelson's mathematical deduc-  
tion that the earth was stationary,  
this was known to be impossible.  
The result was a mystery to the  
mathematicians until Einstein  
expounded his theory of relativity  
(space-time) in 1905—but that  
theory is a still deeper mystery.  
The deeper we probe, the more  
mysterious the universe and life  
itself becomes, because the finite  
human mind is incapable of grasp-  
ing ultimate truth. Keats realized  
this when he wrote:  
Beauty is truth, truth beauty —  
that is all  
Ye know on earth, and all ye need  
to know.

After all our explorations into  
the unknown we must return to  
our base. Baffled by the mystery of  
things, Job exclaimed, "Whence  
then cometh Wisdom? And where  
is the place of understanding?"  
And he concluded: "Behold the  
fear (reverence) of the Lord, that  
is wisdom; and to depart from evil

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age of 85. Active in the theatre  
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Aubrey was the personification  
of the distinguished Briton in  
films as well as in person. Few  
of his friends were aware he  
was seriously ill, although he  
had been suffering for some  
time from a heart ailment.

is understanding." That is a good  
motto for the New Year—not only  
for individuals but for nations, and  
if it were observed there would be  
no more wars. Here's wishing the  
world a Warless New Year!



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