



Discussions questions on the Sunday school lesson, God Prepares a Leader, for Sunday, July 27.

1. How early should a child's training begin?
2. What is a good religious program in the home?
3. Why is the church an important factor in the religious training of a child?
4. How explain a child's becoming profane?
5. How may a child be kept faithful in growing his soul?

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Creamed Comments On S.S. Lesson

Creamed comments on the Sunday school lesson, God Prepares a Leader, I Samuel 1:20; 1:24-28; 3:16-21; 4:1, for Sunday, July 27.

During the reign of the Judges, Israel was falling apart. The purpose of God in having one dependable nation needed a centralized government and Samuel was God's man to unify Israel. For such a task, training was needed.

V.20. "Wherefore it came to pass when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bore a son and called his name Samuel, saying because I have asked him from the Lord." Hannah, childless for many years, felt the sting of her condition and besought God prayerfully for a child, promising to dedicate him to God and his work. The training of a child begins before it is born.

V.24. "And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh; and the child was young." The early training of Samuel was in the home, where the right emphasis belongs; but the place of worship is an important place or further training; this is also God's plan. Note she did not send him, she went with him and she also worshipped there.

V.25. "And they slew a bullock and brought the child to Eli." Eli, the priest, was honored as God's man to give Samuel spiritual training. The trained and ordained minister is called to guide the people in their spiritual lives.

V.26. "And she said, Oh my Lord, as my soul liveth, my Lord, I am the woman that stood by thee praying unto the Lord." Eli needed to be reminded of her former agonizing prayer for a son.

V.27. "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him." God and Hannah were partners; she prayed and God answered. God always hears and answers prayers for one who is his devoted son.

V.28. "Therefore also have I lent

him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord. And he worshiped the Lord." As translated, "He whom I have obtained by petition shall be returned." Emphasis in spiritual training was placed on worship. Let it be known that man is the only creature with a capacity to worship, and not to worship is to fail in one's best training—the spiritual training.

V.1. "And the child Samuel ministered unto the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was precious in those days; there was no open vision." Samuel by practice learned the ways of worship. The word of the Lord was "precious" in the sense that it was very rare. Direct revelation from God had almost ceased, so low was the spiritual sense; hence, God did not speak through visions. Samuel was trained to give an upward climb.

Vs.16,17. "And Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. And he said, What is it that the Lord hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me; God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee." Eli had failed to train his sons right and they became very wicked; for this God would call Eli into account; Samuel, knowing this, shrank from telling it to Eli.

V.18. "And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, it is the Lord. Let him do what seemeth good." Eli confessed his guilt and was ready for the penalty; at heart Eli was still faithful to God.

V.19. "And Samuel grew; and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground." Because God was with Samuel, he grew his soul. Our biggest business is, to grow souls.

V.20. "And all Israel . . . knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord." Samuel's spiritual stature commanded respect universally and he was now in position to be a prophet with the needed messages for Israel. Samuel was trained for a purpose.

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Lesson Prayer:

Lesson prayer: We are grateful for a mind capable of learning. We pray for such attention to the learning process of children and youth that the spiritual outreaches may be well balanced with the mental unfolding. Grant that early there may be a consciousness of God that life shall proceed with the thought of God and his purpose.

Book Review

I Led 3 Lives, by Herbert A. Philbrick, the McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., is "the exciting story of Communism in the U. S. A." told by an American patriot, citizen, Communist, counter-spy, who was admitted into the inner circle of the party and for nine years reported everything to the F. B. I. as it happened. The government's case against the eleven top Communists was largely based on evidence supplied by Mr. Philbrick, who was the chief witness against them at the trial before Judge Medina.

Since the end of World War II, when Eastern Germany was occupied by the Soviet Union, 1894 pastors have fled or moved to the Western zones of the country. 295 have received new calls; 103 are unemployed for the time being.

Our Preacher Says

An attempt to have a world government, to proceed with the United Nations' program, leaving the Almighty out of the picture, is getting us nowhere. Spiritual devotion is the only force capable of solving the innumerable world problems. A just God presides over the destiny of nations. When individuals and nations leave the Creator out of calculations, the result is confusion. This needed spiritual force is attained only by many individuals possessed and ruled by the Spirit of God.

Clericus Says:

Clericus says: "Sometimes we may fret about our lot in life and become bored with the monotonous routine of every day tasks; but if we do our duty faithfully and learn to be obedient to those above us, God will bless us and lead us into fields of ever greater service. God prepares his leaders through years of silent discipline until he is ready to use them."

Bringing hope to the hopeless is the greatest adventure of the soul. —Hughes.

Sunday Service

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Msgr. Seimetz, pastor. 6:00 a.m. First Mass. 7:30 a.m. Low Mass. 9:00 a.m. Children's Mass. 10:15 a.m. High Mass. 10:30 a.m. Mass 7:30 a.m. Prayer Hour and Benediction Sunday 2:30 p.m. Holy Communion Sundays. First Sunday, The Catholic Ladies of Columbia. Second Sunday, Holy Name Society. Third Sunday, The Rosary Society. Fourth Sunday, Children of Mary.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert M. Hammond, pastor. In the Bible school there are classes to appeal to each individual and each one's need. Classes meet at 9:15. Don Sliger is superintendent.

The pastor's theme for the morning worship service at 10:30 will be "A Spirit-Filled Life."

Our film series will be continued in the evening service with the presentation of the Life of Paul film, "Second Missionary Journey." The service will begin at 8.

The Associational Youth Fellowship will meet on Tuesday night. Cars will leave the church at 6:30, and announcement will be made of the details.

The regular Wednesday night prayer service will be led by Mr. Harvey Shroll.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Seventh and Marshall. Romaine D. Wood, minister. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship service, 10:45 a.m. Young People's Service, 6:45 p.m.

Junior Service, 6:45 p.m. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m. Midweek service, Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.

Our District Junior Intermediate Girl's Camp opens Monday at the Camp Ground in Marion. Those interested in going contact Rev. Wood.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN

Madison at Ninth. John E. Chambers, minister. 9:15 Sunday school. Chalmers Bollenbacher, superintendent. Our attendance continues to run high for July—let's keep it climbing! 10:30, Divine Worship. Evangelist Embley, organist and minister of music. Mrs. Marie DeBolt and Mrs. Don Cochran will sing the duet "Precious Hiding Place" by Loveless. The pastor's sermon subject is "The Laws of Strength."

6:30, Junior Christian Endeavor and Youth Fellowship. 7:30, the evening service on first floor with gospel message by the pastor.

Monday, opening session of Senior youth camp and assembly at Oakwood Park, Lake Wawasee. Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., mid-week prayer services.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Five Points. William Towley, guest minister. Jack Knudsen, Sunday school superintendent. Harold Giazner, assistant.

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. Worship service, 10:30 a.m. Subject: "The Search and Discovery."

Miss Helaine Toley, guest soloist, will sing "Great Peace Have They."

BETHANY CHURCH

Evangelical United Brethren. F. H. Willard, minister.

Sunday school 9 a.m. Arthur Beeler, superintendent. Morning worship 10 a.m. Rev. John Chambers of Trinity church will speak during the absence of the pastor.

The youth convention and school of leadership education will begin on Monday at Oakwood park. A group from Decatur will be at Tilda cottage during the week.

Sunday school and morning worship as usual next Sunday with the pastor preaching.

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Traverse Chandler, minister. Gerald Strickler, superintendent. "The Presence of Christ" will be the subject of the sermon for the morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. The prelude "I am Thine" by Doane and the offertory "Offertory" by Dupois will be played. The choir, under the direction of Mrs. Gerald Strickler will sing the anthem "Close to Thee" by Von Berge. Communion services will be observed.

The members of the Junior church will attend their own worship services in the basement with Mrs. Edward Anderson in charge. The subject of her Flannel-graph story will be "Jesus and the Children." Bible school will follow the worship service, with classes for all ages.

Whoever thou art that enterest this church, remember it is thy Father's house; enter here with reverence and leave not without prayer.

The choir will rehearse at 7 o'clock Thursdays evening in the sanctuary.

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10:30 a.m. Sunday school, "Christians attend Sunday school regularly."

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Wednesday 7:30 p.m. No Mid-Week Prayer meeting, all members are urged to attend the Payne, Ohio camp meeting.

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NUTTMAN AVENUE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

M. J. Simon, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. Worship service 10:30 a.m. Christian Endeavor 7 p.m. Worship service 7:30 p.m. Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p.m. under direction of the new class leader, Mrs. Edith Carril.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

W. Monroe at Fifth St. Samuel Emerick, minister.

9:00 The church at study with Noah Schrock, general superintendent, directing the adult assembly. Children's assembly will be in charge of Mrs. Lowell Smith. Mrs. Raymond Walters is in charge of the nursery for all pre-school children during the morning services.

10:00 The church at worship. Organ meditations by Mrs. Edgar Gerber open the morning worship period. Mrs. James C. Webb, soloist, will sing, "Green Pastures." On this Missionary Sunday we have two guest ministers, Rev. Melvin Blake, superintendent of the Luan-da District, and Rev. Sebastiao Santos, native pastor of the Quessa Church, both of Angola, Africa.

Sixteen of our Junior Hi youth will leave on Sunday afternoon for Camp Adventure at Epworth Forest. Youth Fellowship

5:30 The MYF will meet at the home of Luther Schrock, 632 S. 13th street, for a picnic supper at 5:30. Assisting hostesses will be Carol Elzey and Janet Hetrick.

Monday 8:30 W.S.C.S. program committee meeting at the home of Mrs. Watson Maddox, 618 Washington street. All officers and circle leaders are urged to attend.

Tuesday 7:30 Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Building Council in Wesley room. Members of this committee are: Clyde Butler, chairman, Harry Dailey, Mrs. Hugh Andrews, W. Guy Brown, Miss Laura Stanley, Mrs. John Doan, and Fred Busche.

Wednesday 7:30 The theme for the Wednesday evening study will be, "The Fruits of Our Faith."

8:30 Board of education meeting.

Friday

6:30 MYF picnic will meet with the MYF of Butler, Indiana, for a picnic at Sweeney park, Ft. Wayne. The group will leave the church at 5 p.m. Each person will take a dish of food and table service.

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Tenth and Dayton St. H. J. Welty, minister.

9:00 Sunday school hour. Classes for all ages. Ralph Myers, general supt. Lester Strahm, junior supt. Bring the family to Sunday school.

10:00 Morning worship. Solo, Mrs. Mervin Rupp. Message: "Spiritual Obstruction."

7:00 Children's gospel hour. Mrs. Mervin Rupp in charge.

7:00 MYF. Eddie Belhold in charge. The MYF group from the Woodburn church will be in charge.

7:30 Evening service. Hymn sing and chorus time. Duet, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Rupp, of Beaver, Alaska. Message, "Our Need Met."

Wednesday, 7:30 prayer service and Bible study. 8:30 Choir practice.

MYF Youth Camp will be at Wipona Lake, Ind. July 26—August 2. A number of young people from the local church will attend. The pastor will be an instructor and camp evangelist.

Dedication day of our new church is August 3. We give this invitation to the entire community to come!

We welcome you to attend any or all our services.

ZION EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

William C. Feller, pastor.

Church school at 9:00 a.m. Raymond Snyder, superintendent. Edward Jaberg will teach the combined adult classes.

Worship service at 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Robert W. Roschy, executive secretary of the Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne, will preach the sermon in the absence of the pastor. Mrs. N. A. Arnold and Miss Pauline Brintzenhoff will sing, "The Stranger of Galilee" by Mrs. C. H. Morris. Mission band during the sermon portion of the service.

Members of the Heidelberg class and their families will journey to Lake James, Gleneyre Beach, after lunch on Sunday for an afternoon and evening of fellowship and a pot-luck supper with the Fellers who are vacationing at the lake.

The Ruth and Naomi Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Ed Borne Thursday noon for a pot-luck dinner and meeting. Members are to bring a covered dish and table service.

Come and worship with us.

The national council of churches' division of Home Missions will sponsor training conferences in five cities during June and July for college and seminary students and teachers who are to serve this year in the churches' international, interdenominational ministry to migrant farm workers.

On Sept. 30 the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible will be celebrated by hundreds of thousands of Christians in the U. S. and outside it. Thirty-two of the foremost Biblical scholars, headed by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean emeritus of Yale Divinity school, labored for 14 years to make plain the meaning of God's word to today's readers.

Do You Know

1. Who called his followers "the salt of the earth"? 2. Where is the command, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see God"? 3. Complete, "O Lord, how manifold are thy works! . . ."

4. What does Christ say about our treasure? 5. Finish James' sentence, "Draw nigh to God . . ."

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5. " . . . and he will draw nigh to you." (Jas. 4:8).

Our Common Responsibility

General Dwight Eisenhower says "Men of divergent views in the country live in peace together because they share together certain common aspirations which are more important than their differences. The common responsibility of all Americans is to become effective, helpful participants in a way of life that blends and harmonizes the fiercely competitive demands of the individual and society. Our American heritage is threatened as much by the most unscrupulous office or by the most powerful foreign threat. The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter."

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The tragic events of our life are often unintentional. One never aims for tragic ends, but the means and methods, when wrong, lead in the wrong direction. The road to hell is paved with good intentions in the beginning. It is a good thing to accept the aims of a good life, but to neglect the ways and means that lead to those

aims is the place where the great mistakes are made. In this country, many accept these ideals and do little or nothing to achieve them. Christ is the way, the truth and the life. Why not accept the invitation and come to church next Sunday?

—The Rev. D. Carl Yoder.

Wit and Wisdom

The Greater Achievement

A mother, entering her son's room, was shocked to find him scratching his Bible with a pen-knife. "My boy, what are you doing?" "Mother, I have been reading of that poor father who came to Jesus and said, 'If thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.' And I thought he oughtn't to say 'If' to Jesus, so I scratched it out."

World Religious News

The international union of gospel missions reports that a rescue mission in Tokyo has been organized in response to a letter written to Honur Rodeheaver by Ugo Nagada in Japan.

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