

Step By Step Through The Bible With Children

**"All thy children shall be taught of the LORD;
and great shall be the peace of thy children."
(Isaiah 54:13)**

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Lesson 12 -

ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD

Children, you may tell me what kind of a school this is? Yes. It is a Bible School. The Bible is our textbook - which means the book in which all our stories and lessons are found.

Who can tell us why the Bible, which is GOD's Word, was written? Joe, you may tell us. **"It was written for our learning."**

Yes. And already we have learned precious lessons from the Bible (hold Bible in your hands), which we could learn from no other book in all the world.

Much of what we learn, we learn through our eyes, by the help of pictures, and the many things we see about us. GOD has not only given us eyes with which to learn, but He has also given us ears. How pleased He must be when we use both our eyes and ears to learn about Him as we do here in Bible School.

You remember the story was written for our learning, and one of the lessons GOD wishes us to learn is, that **"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death"** (Proverbs 14:12). (Teachers should know this verse perfectly, then help the children to repeat it two or three times, phrase by phrase.)

This symbol of trees, which you see here (left) will help us to remember the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, and how they had to be driven out of the garden, because they walked in a way that seemed right to them, instead of GOD's way, and the end was death.

This symbol (show altars) will help us remember Abel, who obeyed GOD and walked in GOD's way. Also Cain, who disobeyed GOD and walked in a way that ended in death.

Ever since that day there have been two kinds of people upon the earth. godly people, who walk in GOD's way and ungodly people, who walk in their own way. You may say, "godly," all

together. You may now say, "ungodly." Seth and his seed were godly people. Their thoughts were filled with GOD and the things of GOD, more than the things of earth. They believed that the Saviour, whom GOD had promised, would some day come, and they looked and hoped that He might come in their day.

Many years later JESUS, the SAVIOUR, came, just as GOD promised He would, to die on the cross. (Set figure of crosses). Seth and his people never saw JESUS, but because they believed and trusted in Him, GOD counted them righteous, or godly.

In time Seth and his family died and their children lived after them, and in time they too died, and so on down through the ages, people have lived and died and others have taken their places (Use last week's illustration).

Enoch, one of Seth's seed, who lived long after Seth died, loved and trusted GOD so much, that we read here (Genesis 5:24), "**And Enoch walked with GOD: and he was not; for GOD took him**". Mary would you like to come to the front and read it again to us? (Choose an older child who can read).

While Enoch was living here on earth, his heart and thoughts were so much with GOD, that one day GOD caught his body right up to be with Him also, so that Enoch did not die as other people did.

This very short story of Enoch is one of GOD's beautiful object lessons to teach us that there is another day coming when, not only one man, but all of GOD's children, who are then living, shall be caught up into the air, just as Enoch was, to be forever with the LORD.

We call that event the "LORD's Return." When JESUS went back to Heaven, He said, "**If I go . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also**" (John 14:3).

The LORD's return is the Christian's **Hope**. Just as Seth and his people were looking and hoping for JESUS, the SAVIOUR, to come the first time to the earth, so we should be waiting and watching for JESUS to come, the second time, in the air.

We may die before JESUS comes, just as Seth did, but nevertheless, JESUS' return is the Christian's **Blessed Hope**, and we should be watching and waiting for His coming.

After Enoch was caught up to Heaven, the rest of the godly people continued to care for their sheep, and move about from place to place in search of green pastures.

Perhaps, some of them grew weary of waiting for the SAVIOUR to come, just as many Christians in our day have done, and they began thinking more of earthly things than they did of heavenly things and to wish that they, too, might enjoy the worldly pleasures and ease of the ungodly people.

The more they heard of worldly things, the nearer they moved to them. Little by little Seth's people were turned away from GOD by what they saw and heard, and after many, many years,

some of the godly people moved right in with the ungodly people, and their sons and daughters married the sons and daughters of the ungodly.

This displeased GOD very much because when children were born into their homes, they had **one godly parent** and **one ungodly parent**, so you see how hard it would be for little children to know which way was right, father's way or mother's way.

GOD wishes godly men and women to marry other godly men and women, so they can have a godly home where little children may be taught to love and obey GOD. Then when they grow up they, too, will know how to teach their children to love and honor GOD.

But instead, these little children lived in the midst of ungodliness, where they saw and heard wickedness all about them, and soon they became just like what they saw and heard.

After a while, **all** of the godly seed were living among the ungodly Seed. No doubt for a time they continued to love, and obey GOD, and to teach their children about Him.

But, in time, the bad seed spoiled all the good seed, so that the good seed looked and acted just like those with whom they lived.

PART 2

(The following week review the two lines of seed and continue with Part 2. See closing below).

And do you know, children, that right here in America, we are living in the midst of a story much like the one I have been telling you?

A long time ago, a few godly people left their own country to come to America, that they might worship GOD, and teach their children to love and honor GOD without being punished, and perhaps put in jail by ungodly people.

At first they had many hardships and much suffering, but GOD was very near to the people, who were willing to suffer that they might live in a land where He was honored.

As time went on, many more people came to this land of freedom, so they could worship GOD and read His Word. They built Christian schools where GOD's Word was read, and children were taught to love and obey GOD, and also to honor and obey their parents.

godly teachers taught the children about GOD, and how He made the earth, and all the creatures of the earth, and then said, "**Let us make man in our image, after our likeness**," which means, altogether different from the fish, birds, and animals which GOD had made.

Then when Sunday came, the boys and girls were glad to go to church with their godly parents to worship GOD, whom they had learned about in school. Because the people loved and honored GOD's Book and GOD's Day, this land was called Christian America.

Later the good people built Christian colleges also, so their sons and daughters could follow on

in the "wisdom of GOD," and not be turned away into the "wisdom of man."

After many years some of the wise people became pleased with themselves and proud of their wisdom, as if it were their own wisdom, and not the wisdom of GOD which they had. They forgot to thank GOD, and to give Him the glory which belonged to Him.

Soon they were turned away from GOD into the "**way which seemeth right unto a man**," and they became ungodly and began to search for wisdom without GOD. They said, "**We think**" the world was made so and so, and "**we think**" man came from a monkey.

These ungodly men wrote down **what they thought**, for boys and girls to read, just as if their words and thoughts were wiser than the words and thoughts of GOD. And in time, they said, "It is not good to have the Bible in our schools. Children should study man's book and not GOD's Book."

Then the ungodly people took the Bible out of our schools, so children were no longer taught the "wisdom of GOD" in school, but instead, they were taught the "wisdom of man."

Because children were not taught the Bible in school, they soon thought they did not have to go to church either, to learn the wisdom of GOD and to hear His Word read.

Little by little America has forgotten GOD, until now there are millions and millions (27,000,000 children not in Sunday School) of children in America who do not honor the Name of GOD, or obey the Word of GOD.

Because children go to school and learn about **everything** and **everybody**, except GOD, they grow up thinking GOD is "nobody," just as Cain's ungodly seed did.

These dear children, who are so precious to GOD, and for whom CHRIST died, live in the midst of ungodliness, where the Word of GOD is not read; the name of GOD is not revered, and the house of GOD is never entered, and the day of GOD is not honored.

JESUS came from Heaven to earth to tell people about sin and how to be saved. He said, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**" (John 14:6).

You see, children, JESUS is all any boy or girl needs. He is the **way** you need; His words are the **truth** you need to guide you in **His way**, and He gives you the **life** you need to walk in His way.

Books of wisdom written by men **who do not believe** in GOD, and **who speak against GOD** and the wisdom of GOD, are not good books. Children should be taught the wisdom and truth of GOD, so that they will never be turned away from GOD by the wisdom of man. That is why JESUS said, "**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**" "**Suffer (let the) little children to come unto me.**"

It is just such children as you whom JESUS came to seek and to save.

CLOSING

(To Be Used With Both Lessons)

JESUS came to give those who were lost in sin a new life - even those children who disobey their parents, quarrel with other children, cheat in school, and in their games, and lie, and steal. The moment we believe JESUS died for us, and receive Him as our Saviour, we receive new life and become new creatures. Let us say together II Corinthians 5 :17.

We do not become perfect the moment we become Christians, but as we study and learn to walk with JESUS, He guides our feet in right paths and helps us to make right choices.

How pleased GOD must be to see boys and girls here today, who have left their play to come to hear Him speak to us from His word, that we may learn to walk in His way.

We know we are sinners because the Word of GOD tells us, "**all have sinned.**" We also know we are sinners because our hearts tell us when we fight, quarrel, lie, or steal, that we are doing wrong.

How many here have done things which their hearts told them were wrong? Then - we know we are sinners, do we not? And JESUS came to seek and to save sinners; not good people but bad people.

Is there one here who wishes JESUS to save you from sin, and to make you a new creature? If so, you may raise your hand, and I will help you to ask JESUS to save you. William has his hand up.

William, have you done things which your heart told you were wrong? "Yes." We call that "sin," and JESUS came to save those who believe that He died for their sin. Do you believe, William? "Yes."

You may bow your head and repeat after me this prayer, "I believe I am a sinner. and that I deserve to be punished. I believe JESUS bore my punishment that I might be saved. I now receive Him as my SAVIOUR. Amen."

To whom do you now belong; William? "GOD." For whom are you going to live? "GOD." There is much that boys and girls can do for GOD after they are saved.

The greatest thing you can do is to tell others that **JESUS has saved you**; not because you were good, but because you were bad, but have now put your trust in Him. Then you may tell them that JESUS died for them, as well as for you, and that He wishes to save them, also.

Let us say together: "**Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house**" (Acts 16:31). That means, when we are saved, we should ask GOD to save all those in our family who are not saved.

We cannot save them, but we can tell them of the One who can save from sin, and then trust that GOD will save them. GOD does not always save immediately those we pray for, but "He is

faithful, who promised."

Sing the following verse to the tune of "JESUS loves me, this I know":

JESUS shall come, this I know.
He himself hath told me so.
John fourteen, and one, two, three,
Read yourself, and there you'll see.

Chorus,

Yes, He is coming,
Yes, He is coming,
Yes, He is coming,
The Bible tells me so.

Let the children clap their hands on chorus. Have an older child read John 14:1-3 from the Bible.

Lesson: Genesis 5.

Memory verse: Hebrews 11 :5. (Teach the first phrase, or the first two phrases, or the whole verse, according to your own judgment. Review thoroughly before the lesson the other "By faith" verses.)

First Psalm

The First Psalm is a picture of the two ways about which we have been studying. The teacher should work out the motions given below, so they come just at the right time and on the right word.

When several have learned the Psalm, have them stand before the class and repeat it together. Two weeks later allow someone else to do the motions, while all say the verses. It can be used a number of times, and in this way those who cannot read will learn it also. For a change, allow half of the children to say the first three verses, and the rest the last three verses.

Motions

Verse 1. Hold closed Bible in left hand; take three or four steps toward an arm chair, stop rather abruptly on "**standeth**," then sit down on "**sitteth**."

Verse 2. Open the Bible on "**delight**." Put hand over brow and rest elbow on arm of chair, on "**meditate**."

Verse 3. Rise on "**shall be**." Raise hand slightly above head, on "**tree planted**," to show growth and fruitfulness. Drop the head and shoulders (but not the back) slightly on "**not wither**." Raise head and shoulders and stretch upward slightly on "**shall prosper**."

Verse 4. Turn head slowly from side to side on "**ungodly not so**." Make a gesture with the hand

to the right and well back, wriggling the fingers on, "**chaff . . . driveth away.**"

Verse 5. Turn head from side to side as in 4th verse on the "**ungodly . . . stand.**"

Verse 6. Raise hand and point first finger heavenward. While hand is raised bend wrist and point finger and hand downward, and bring arm straight down to side, finger still pointing downward.

Note: This suggestion is only for teachers who have learned to accomplish much in a short time.

"What are we to teach the children? If we want them to be saved we must teach them the Gospel which alone can save, over and over again, as plainly and as simply as possible. The Gospel of Calvary. What stillness has come over a meeting at the simple reading, from the Bible, of the crucifixion. Nothing will save the children but GOD's love revealed in CHRIST's dying for them.

"The fact of sin must be clearly stated: the fact that sin grieves GOD, and must be punished, and brings its own punishment. Do not deceive a child by telling him he is good and innocent. Make it plain to him he is a sinner and needs a Saviour. How can he feel his need of a SAVIOUR unless the fact that he is a sinner is brought home to him. Offer the children salvation now, GOD never promises salvation tomorrow.

You must not expect too much from a newly-converted child! Remember children do not cease to be high spirited and to be children because they have given their hearts to the Saviour. They will not become matured saints perhaps for many years.

"'First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.' Always remember GOD is looking for the blade!"

- Edith Goreham.

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