

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School 'Lesson'

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Lesson for July 13

THE BOYHOOD OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:4-52.
GOLDEN TEXT—And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.—Luke 2:52.
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Boy Jesus in God's House.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Boy Jesus.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A True Israelite.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Lessons From the Boyhood of Jesus.

I. Jesus Growing (v. 40).
While Jesus Christ was God yet His deity did not interfere with His development as a human being. The processes of His physical, mental and spiritual growth were the same as in any normal human being.

1. "Grew and Waxed Strong." It was necessary for His body to develop. His brain, nerves and muscles must not only attain unto their proper size but must come to act together, become coordinated.

2. "Filled With Wisdom." His training was largely in the hands of His mother. She was a Bible woman, as evinced by her song of praise when it was announced to her that God's favor was to come upon her. She was, therefore, a suitable teacher. She, no doubt, taught Him to commit Bible verses to memory and taught Him the great stories of the Old Testament from the creation through the patriarchs and prophets.

3. "And the Grace of God Was Upon Him." By the grace of God doubtless is meant God's loving favor and tender care.

II. Jesus Tarrying Behind at Jerusalem (vv. 41-43)
At the age of twelve years the Jewish child took His place as a worshiper in the temple. He was then considered "a child of the law." Being conscious of His mission, when His mother and Joseph were returning from attendance at the Passover, Jesus tarried behind in the temple and inquired into the meaning of the ordinance of God's house. He had an alert, eager mind which inquired after truth, especially, the truth concerning His Father's house. His heart yearned for His Father.

III. Jesus Found in the Temple (vv. 44-47).
When His mother and Joseph had gone some distance on their return journey they perceived that Jesus was not with them and sought for Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances. Not finding Him there, they returned to Jerusalem, where they found Him in the temple.

1. He Was Sitting (v. 46). This shows that He was no passing raptor or sightseer. He was perfectly at home in His Father's house.

2. He Was Hearing the Teachers of God's Word (v. 46). This shows that He was eager to learn God's will.

3. He Asked Questions (v. 46). His growing mind was inquisitive. It more than received what was taught. It inquired after truth.

4. He Answered Questions (v. 47). His answers showed great wisdom, such as to astonish those who heard Him, for we should not surmise that He was consciously displaying His wisdom. It was not an exhibition of His divine wisdom, but the expression of the workings of a perfect human mind suffused by the Holy Spirit.

IV. Mary's Complaining (vv. 48-50).
She remonstrated with Him for His behavior. To this He replied in a dignified, yet tender manner. He made no apology showing that He was more than the son of Mary. God was His Father. Though Mary did not understand these things as a wise mother she kept them in her heart.

V. Jesus' Obedience (v. 51).
Though He was fully conscious of His divine being and mission He lived a life full of filial obedience, thus teaching us that obedience to parents is pleasing to God and a duty which will be discharged faithfully by those who have the Spirit of Christ.

VI. Jesus' Development (v. 52).

1. Mental. He increased in wisdom. Although the divine nature was united with the human, the human was left free to develop as a normal human mind.

2. Physical. He increased in stature. This shows that His body developed according to the laws of a normal human.

3. Spiritual. He increased in favor with God and man. As His mind increased, and His apprehension of God became more full, the Divine Being could more fully express Himself through Him and, as the perfect life was lived, men could recognize in Him superior qualities and therefore their hearts would open to Him.

Little Regard for Others
A self-centered sinner is self-satisfied, selfish, conceited, contented with himself, but has little regard for others.—The Living Word.

Preaching and Salvation
Sentimental preaching affects the feeling, but only conviction of sin effects salvation.—The Living Word.

Helping Others
Sometimes a good way to help others is by keeping out of their way.

MRS. WINKLER HOSTESS TO WESLEY BIBLE CLASS

Mrs. J. L. Winkler entertained the Woman's Wesley Bible Class at her home Friday afternoon July 4, from 2 to 5 o'clock. The sitting room and hall were beautifully decorated with daisies and ferns.

Mrs. Winkler had prepared a splendid program. The meeting was opened by singing America. Mrs. Bennett conducted the devotional exercise, after which the song "If Your Heart Keeps Right" was sung. The class adopted it as their song. An interesting contest on the twenty-third psalm was enjoyed by all.

We were very glad to have Mrs. Warren of Gastonia, Mrs. Rogers of Mooresville, and Mrs. Grady Parthing as guests.

The hostess served strawberry ice cream, cake and mints. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. S. Stanbury.

Three German Executioners Suicide in as Many Months

Erkner, Prussia—Executioner Krautz, who recently killed himself in this village, is the third executioner to meet death by suicide in Germany within three months.

Krautz had cut off the heads of 125 prisoners, while Schwietz and Spaothe, the two British executioners who ended their own lives had carried out only 123 and 48 executions respectively.

In his last years Krautz wandered about the villages of Prussia telling stories of the 125 persons he had put to death, and suffering many delusions. He slept with his executioner's axe at his head, and said he was unable to rest well without it.

Krautz regarded guillotining as an art and was always trying to perfect himself in its practice. Both he and Schwietz regarded Jules Dillier, the Parisian executioner as the great master of their craft and exchanged letters with him.

MISS WILSON ENTERTAINS

(For last week's issue.)
On Wednesday afternoon Miss Neida Wilson entertained a number of friends in honor of her thirteenth birthday. There were many there and she received many beautiful gifts. After many games we went over to the administration building of the Training School in the playground and played many more interesting games. The hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake and punch.

All went home very happy and the writer is sure the afternoon is well spent.—Reported.

Dr. A. W. Dula will give his lecture on eye strain and eye care at the following places: Boone, Monday night July 14th; Sherwood Tuesday night July 15th; Banner Elk Wednesday night July 16th; Valle Crucis on Thursday night July 17th. This lecture with appropriate pictures is given to benefit the general public and especially the school children. Admission is free.—Dr. A. W. Dula.

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A Request to the Candidates of Watauga county for the Legislature

Being a voter and a tax payer of Watauga county, I consider it my privilege to request each candidate to express themselves through the press how they stand in regard to the Coffey road law. Do you advocate free labor or do you advocate taxation?

I believe the people should know now instead of waiting only a few days before the election. Individually I think it high time this local issue be settled permanently.

J. ALLEN GRAGG,
Skulls Mills, N. C.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

All persons are hereby notified that I have sold my entire interest in the firm of McKay Ragan Brick and Stone Company to R. M. McKay. McKay is to pay all debts owed by said firm, and all persons indebted to said firm will make settlement with him.

This the 7th day of July 1924.
J. S. RAGAN,
7-10-24

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

For the purpose of collecting the taxes for the year 1922, I will on Monday August 4, 1924, for the purpose of collecting said tax and penalty together with the costs, sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door of Watauga county at 1 o'clock p. m. the following lands to wit:

NORTH FORK
Worth & Co., 640 acres, penalty \$3.58, tax \$75.38.
Ida South 14 acres, penalty .54, tax \$2.31.
R. F. Miller, 14 acres, penalty \$1.02, tax \$8.33.
Mrs. John W. Main 118 acres penalty \$4.50; tax \$24.37.
Cartie Eggers, 3 acres, penalty .18; tax \$1.00.
Baker & Co., 60 acres, penalty .30 tax \$4.50.

This the 4th day of July 1924.
J. E. YOUNG,
Ex-Sheriff.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Under an order of the Superior Court I will on August 7, 1924 offer at public sale on the premises to the highest bidder for cash all the lands belonging to J. A. and Will Lentz said lands situated near Blowing Rock and consists of about two hundred acres. Terms and conditions to be announced on day of sale.

G. M. SUDDERTH, Trustee.

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THE SECOND SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAINING SCHOOL

Beane, North Carolina will begin on July 15th. Board in the dormitory is \$27.00 for the six weeks. Registration is \$5.00 per term. "An outing in the mountains is for you."

North Carolina, Watauga County, in the Superior Court, before the Clerk, Annie Greer vs. J. Steele Greer.

NOTICE

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior court of Watauga county to have the bonds of matrimony between the plaintiff and the defendant dissolved, and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of superior court of said county to be held on the first Monday in September 1924 at the court house of said county in Boone, N. C. and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This July 1, 1924.
A. W. SMITH,
Clerk of the Superior Court.

North Carolina County of Watauga In the Superior court fall term 1924 John Ernie Betterly vs. Sarah Betterly

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

The defendant will take notice that an action entitled as above has been

commenced in the Superior Court of Watauga County seeking the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony and the summons in said action having been returned by the sheriff "not to be found in the state of North Carolina" Now therefore pursuant to an order made in cause of publication as the law directs the defendant will take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of Watauga on the 14th day of July 1924 and answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or the relief demanded in said complaint will be granted.

This June 5th, 1924.
A. W. SMITH,
Clerk Superior Court.

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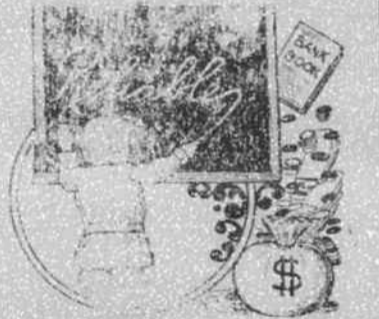


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