

**International Sunday School Lesson**  
**—for—**  
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**GOD'S MIGHTY DELIVERANCE**

**Memory Selection:** "He saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power." — (Psalms 106:8)  
**Lesson Text:** Exodus 11:1 through 15:18.

The purpose of today's lesson is an attempt to show that God's is always active in history, and that he sometimes expresses his will through catastrophic events which become incentives to faith. In reading the lesson from our bibles, Exodus 11:1 through 15:18, we see that the Lord visited "one plague more" upon the Egyptians, and he charges Moses to instruct the Israelites to mark their doors with the blood of a lamb, so that, when he passes through the land and takes the firstborn of every Egyptian house, and the firstborn of the animals owned by the Egyptians, he will recognize the sign on the doors of the Israelites' houses, and pass them by with the plagues of death. He further instructs Moses that they (the Israelites) shall eat unleavened bread for seven days, and that these cov-

ants shall become sacred ribs to be observed, by them through all generations to come. Reading further through the book of Exodus, we see the children of Israel delivered from the wrath of the pursuing Egyptians; and the safe conduct of the Israelites through the Red Sea, and the destruction of the pursuers in the closing of the waters.

Even for us the story of the Exodus is more than sacred history. The events are not nearly as important as the message this history conveys. As we study this lesson today we can relate it to the problems of our own century.

The plague of Moses' day should not constitute any problem for us. The universe does work against oppression. Every tyrannical regime carries within itself the seeds of its own destruction. This is God's universe. He has made this world to operate under the rule that "whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7). In our century it is difficult for us to believe, sometimes, that good will triumph over evil. Evil, in its continuing guise of one form following another, seems so strong as to defy destruction. One bad regime is upset, only to be replaced by another of equally threatening proportions. The atomic age, with its threat of total destruction, carries danger for more than the firstborn. But the church still believes that God is at work in this world. Christians do not look to God to smite down the foes of Christianity by some plague; rather, they see God at work in the lives of Christian men.

In their hour of crisis the Hebrews were certain of the power-

ful promises of God. He was their leader who planned their escape into the wilderness. A powerful symbol to them, of the presence of God was the accompanying cloud, which became a pillar of fire at night (Exodus 13:21; 14:19-20). The illuminated cloud which was a symbol to the Hebrews of the understanding brought by God to his people, was the very same cloud that was a source of confusion to their enemies. Without this visible sign of God's presence the Israelites might have gone back to Egypt.

God recognized the need of the people for sacraments that could become a part of their life. Chief among these sacraments was the Passover. The feast of Unleavened Bread eventually became a part of the Passover celebrations. Also arising from the Exodus was the rite of the Dedication of the First-Born. Since God had spared the firstborn among the Hebrews during the dreadful plague, they now became the possession of the Lord. (Exodus 13:1-16). Infant baptism in the Christian Church fulfills much of the same purpose as the Hebrew rite of the Dedication of the First-Born. So this ancient sacrament of God's people is continued by God's people today.

The Passover rite also stems from the deliverance of the Hebrews from the last plague — the death of the first-born. The purposes of the two rites commemorating this event, differ, however. The Dedication of the First-Born looks forward to the life dedicated to God's service. The Passover looks back to the deliverance which made any life possible. Later the Passover came to represent a deliverance from present sins. Forgiveness for sins was included in the deliverance. The Christian Church has continued the Passover in the Holy Communion. Parallel elements are to be found at many points. Jesus was crucified at the Passover season. The Last Supper was possibly a preparatory meal for the Passover. Indeed, it may have been the Passover feast itself. The Christian Church has seen Jesus as the Christ, the lamb of God. 1 Corinthians 5:7. His sacrifice has been for our deliverance. The symbols of the Lord's Supper even include eating and drinking as commemorative rites.

"Bookie Too, you are giving yourself a pretty big build-up, so come next week, old girl, you had better deliver the goods."

**Here Comes The Bookmobile**

"Bookie Too, I have decided to change that 'maybe' to a 'yes,' so go right ahead, take it away. It's all your this week — oh, wait a minute — perhaps I had better ask 'What is your subject?'"

"Subject? Do I have to have a subject? You don't. You just ramble on and say the first thing that pops into your head. That is, if you know how to spell it."

"Shush, Bookie Too. Don't give away all the family secrets."

"W-e-l-l, let's see. I could write about the weather, since I go out in it so much. I might try books, since I carry them around. Or perhaps people, since I go around the county and meet so many of them. Or —"

"Bookie Too, you have had a whole week to think up a subject, and apparently you haven't done a thing about it. I don't believe you are in any way prepared to write a column."

"Yes, I am. At least, I know what my object is."

"What?"

"To write a column for The News-Record, of course."

"Well, for goodness sake, get started. You have already used up half a column just stalling around."

"Half a column? That does it. I refuse to write only a half column. I stick to the 'all or none theory.' I will just wait until next week."

"Bookie Too, you are as temperamental as a prima donna. For the last time — are you or aren't you going to write this column?"

"I am NOT going to write a half of a column. Most emphatically NO!"

"Aw, Bookie Too, please don't act that way. We need a column. I have been counting on you. Now what shall we do?"

"Just say, 'due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, the column that was due to appear in this space by the world famous author and critic, Bookie Too Dodge Universal Mobile, will be delayed by one week.'"

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Rev. J. B. Brigman

**REV. J. BASCOMBE BRIGMAN, 60, PASSES THURS.**

**Was Former Marshall FWD Pastor; Rites Held Saturday**

The Rev. J. Bascombe Brigman, 60, pastor of Mt. Bethel Free Will Baptist Church at Jupiter, died at 10 a. m., Thursday, April 17, 1958 in an Asheville hospital following an illness of two weeks. He resided on Asheville RFD 4.

The Rev. Mr. Brigman had been a Free Will Baptist minister for 35 years and had served pastorates both in Madison and Buncombe counties.

Services were conducted at 2 p. m., Saturday in Mt. Bethel Church with the Rev. Jesse Laws, the Rev. W. S. Vehau, the Rev. Charlie Elkins and the Rev. Clarence Howell officiating. Burial was in West Memorial Park, Weaverville.

Masonic rites were conducted at the graveside.

Pallbearers were Barnett Edwards, Mack Buckner, Tommy Payne, Howard Payne, Preston Metcalf and Stanley Buckner.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons of Mt. Bethel, Marshall, Laurel Fork, Foster's Creek, Cedar Hill and Shoal Hill Free Will Baptist churches.

The Rev. Mr. Brigman was a Mason, a member of Blackmer Lodge, No. 170, Weaverville, and a member of Weaverville Chapter No. 49, Eastern Stars.

In addition to his ministerial duties, the Rev. Mr. Brigman was a farmer and once owned and operated the B and B Furniture Store on Biltmore Avenue, Asheville.

He was well known in Marshall and Madison County, having pastored churches in this county, and was, for several years, pastor of the Marshall Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are the widow; two daughters, Mrs. Charles Pritchard of Asheville and Mrs. Clyde Gillespie of Toddendorf, Germany; five sisters, Mrs. W. R. Buckner of Waynesville, Mrs. Floyd Holcombe, Mrs. Frank Briggs and Mrs. Virgil Metcalf, all of Mars Hill, and Mrs. Bernice Stanley of Barnardsville; five brothers, Tom Brigman of Mars Hill, Wayne Brigman of Asheville, Owen and Roy Brigman, both of Cincinnati, Ohio, and James Brigman of Salt Lake City, Utah; and five grandchildren.



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Upon his arrival at Fort Jackson, he was initially assigned to the U. S. Army Personnel Center where he was issued his clothing, given a complete physical examination and a comprehensive battery of aptitude tests to deter-

**LEAPS FROM CAR**

Soda Springs, Idaho — A 27-year-old mother of four jumped from her car at a railroad crossing in this southern Idaho town just before a freight train ground the vehicle into scrap.

Mrs. Eldon Perkins of Soda Springs, saw the freight approaching an intersection near the town. She slammed on the brakes, but they didn't hold on the icy street. The auto slid onto the tracks and Mrs. Perkins jumped out.

The train demolished the car and carried it nearly 200 feet down the track.

representing The Travelers in his own agency which is located at the L. N. Davis Company.

He is a veteran of World War II and served in the European Theatre of operations. Mr. Plemmons is a member of the Waynesville Lions Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Waynesville Masonic Lodge 259, and Yorkite Body, a member of the First Baptist Church of Weaverville, and a member of the board of deacons of the church.

He is married to the former Eloise Young of Mars Hill, N. C., and the couple has two daughters. Mr. Plemmons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pink J. Plemmons of Hot Springs.

mine the Army duty assignment for which he will be best fitted.

During his basic training he will be taught to fire the M-1 rifle. Also included in his training will be instruction in such subjects as military courtesy, first aid and personnel hygiene.

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