

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

BIOGRAPHY IN THE BIBLE

International Sunday School Lesson
For October 10

Golden Text: "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths."—Proverbs 3:6.

Lesson Text: Genesis 11:31-32; 12:1-8.

As pointed out in our lesson for last week, this quarter's series of lessons will give us an opportunity to study the Bible from a different angle. From early childhood, we have learned about the various characters in the Old Testament—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Joseph, David, Jonathan—to mention only a few.

An interesting fact to keep in mind about the biographies in the Bible is that there is no effort to hide the faults and failures of its heroes. It does not attempt to "glamorize or glorify" them, but gives us all the details, good and bad. Sir Walter Scott has said: "Biography is the most interesting, perhaps, of any species of composition, but it loses all its interest with me when the shades and lights of the principal characters are not accurately and faithfully detailed. I can no more sympathize with a mere eulogist than I can with the ranting hero upon his sage."

Of course, in one lesson we could not give even a short sketch of the main characters in the Bible. But we are given one example of real biography—that of Abram, later known as Abraham. Dr. Alexander Whyte, in his character study of Abraham, says, "Of no mortal man but of Abraham alone does Almighty God ever speak and say, He was My friend." Of course, this is the highest tribute that could be paid to any man.

Abraham was also called the "father of the faithful." Such a man inspires faith in others, and apart from faith, no man can see God. In seeking to interpret Abraham's character, Prof. A. B. Davidson says: "Abraham went out on an unknown way, in search of an unknown heritage. He believed that the heritage existed, he believed that God would bring him to it, and he cast himself upon him to show him the way. But it is his ignorance that the Scripture magnifies. Faith is belief in God amidst ignorance. It is trusting God in the dark. And how great the darkness was, on a way which none had trod in his day. All he knew was God; that was the only firm point he had. And even his knowledge of God was faith. By faith he knew God; by faith he believed God, by faith he committed himself to an unknown way toward an unknown land. This was faith. Worthy was he to be called the father of the faithful."

While Abraham stands as the example of the pioneer who, under God's command, goes out by faith, not knowing whether he is going, there have been many others since Abraham's time who have shown staunch faith in face of difficulties. Men of faith have existed in every age and time will prove that such men and women exist today. History points out many in the past who have proven their faith — such men as (Concluded on Page Two)

MONEY in the BANK



This lad has "money in the bank" and is proud of his financial independence. He delivers newspapers and does other odd jobs to turn a few extra pennies.

He acquired two useful habits in his early childhood—work and thrift. Through these he is able to pay his own way, have his own spending money, and put something aside each week as savings.

Boys like him are not very apt to be found in trouble. They do not spend their spare time in idleness and among the wrong kind of associates, but divide it between recreation and useful work.

Three elements are essential in any logical solution of our juvenile delinquency problem—religious training, healthy recreation, and useful employment. Give a child these and he will steer a safe course.

The most important of these is religion—faith in God and humble obedience to the teachings of His Holy Word.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Sunday Matthew 25:14-30
Monday Matthew 20:1-16
Tuesday Mark 6:1-6
Wednesday Matthew 9:35-38
Thursday John 4:31-38
Friday II Thessalonians 3:6-13
Saturday Acts 20:32-35

For schedule of yearly readings, write American Bible Society, 430 Park Ave., N. Y. 22, N. Y.

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Perquimans Church Services

HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
C. W. Duling, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
W. H. Marler, Pastor
Church services first and third Sundays at 3:00 P. M.
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. R. Byerly, Pastor
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.
Burgess and Bethlehem Churches hold Christian Union together on second and fourth Sundays.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES
E. B. Edwards, Pastor
First Sunday:
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.
Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.
Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.
Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 10 A. M.
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.
Fifth Sunday
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
W. J. Berryman, Pastor
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.
Church services every third Sunday at 11 A. M.

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Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Church Services, 11 A. M.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. E. G. Willis, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 A. M.
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS MEETING
Bertha V. Smith White, Minister
Bible School, 10 A. M.
Meeting for worship, 11 A. M.

WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
G. M. Singletary, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. on first and third Sundays and 2:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.
Church services, 3:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays.

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D. L. Fouts, Pastor
Church School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Young People's Meeting, 6:30 P. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

Be a Better Citizen! Go to Some Church Next Sunday

CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.
Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rev. Preston Cayton, Pastor
Bible School 10:30 A. M., except fourth Sunday, at 10 A. M.
Morning worship on fourth Sunday at 11 A. M.
Evening worship fourth Sunday at 8 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
E. T. Jilson, Rector
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

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