

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

USING THE BIBLE

Sunday School Lesson For
October 15, 1950

Memory Selection: "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, That I might not sin against thee."—Psalm 119: 11.

Lesson Text: Psalm 19: 7-11;
Acts 8: 26-35.

Paul, in writing to young Timothy, as recorded in II Timothy 3: 36, declares: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction in righteousness." Certainly, there can be little growth in Christian living without regular and careful use of God's word, the Bible.

Among all the books written by the hand of man, there is no book like the Bible. Its preservation down to the present time is a matter of wonder. The material in the Bible, while written over a period of more than a thousand years, from the beginning of the Hebrew nation by Moses to about the end of the first century A. D., by numbers of different authors, some known and many unknown, is still a unit. The thread of God's love for man can be traced from the beginning of creation, through the time of the Old Testament and brought to a climax in the death of His Son on the cross at Calvary, that all who live after believe on Him might be saved eternally.

In the first six verses of Psalm 19, which we are considering in part for this lesson, David, the psalmist, wrote a beautiful tribute to God, the creator. Certainly no one was more qualified to appreciate nature than this shepherd boy, who had spent so much of his time in God's great outdoors. The psalmist loved the God of the creation so much he wanted to know him better and one way he could know God better was through the "law of Jehovah," or as we think of it, a study of the Bible.

David's description of God's law is beautiful. He uses a principle of Hebrew poetry which is called parallelism—parallel thoughts which say practically the same thing but with a slight difference of expression. Read the selected portion from Psalm 19 and find the six names which David gives to God's word and the description he has for each.

In order for the Bible to help us in our Christian growth, it must not only be read often, its practical advice must be put into effect in our lives. The Bible tells us the way we ought to act but unless we act that way, it will do us no good. The psalmist tells us that God promises a reward to those who keep his laws. He does not promise us great financial or social gains. Those who keep God's commandments are promised the blessing of contentment on this earth and, as Jesus declared, the opportunity to become a child of the living God, to know and to do His will, both on earth and in heaven.

It is not always easy to read and understand the Bible. This is pointed out by our references from Acts 9: 26-35. Luke tells us that a high official of Ethiopia, who had been to Jerusalem to worship and who had, evidently, bought a copy of the Scriptures there, was returning to his home. As he journeys, he is reading from the writings of the prophet Isaiah.

Prompted by the spirit, Philip, one of the apostles, comes along-side the chariot and asked the stranger if he understood what he read. The Ethiopian replied, "How can I, except someone guide me." Few of us can understand all there is in the Bible and all of us need help in interpreting it. Some refuse to study the Bible at all because they say they cannot understand it.

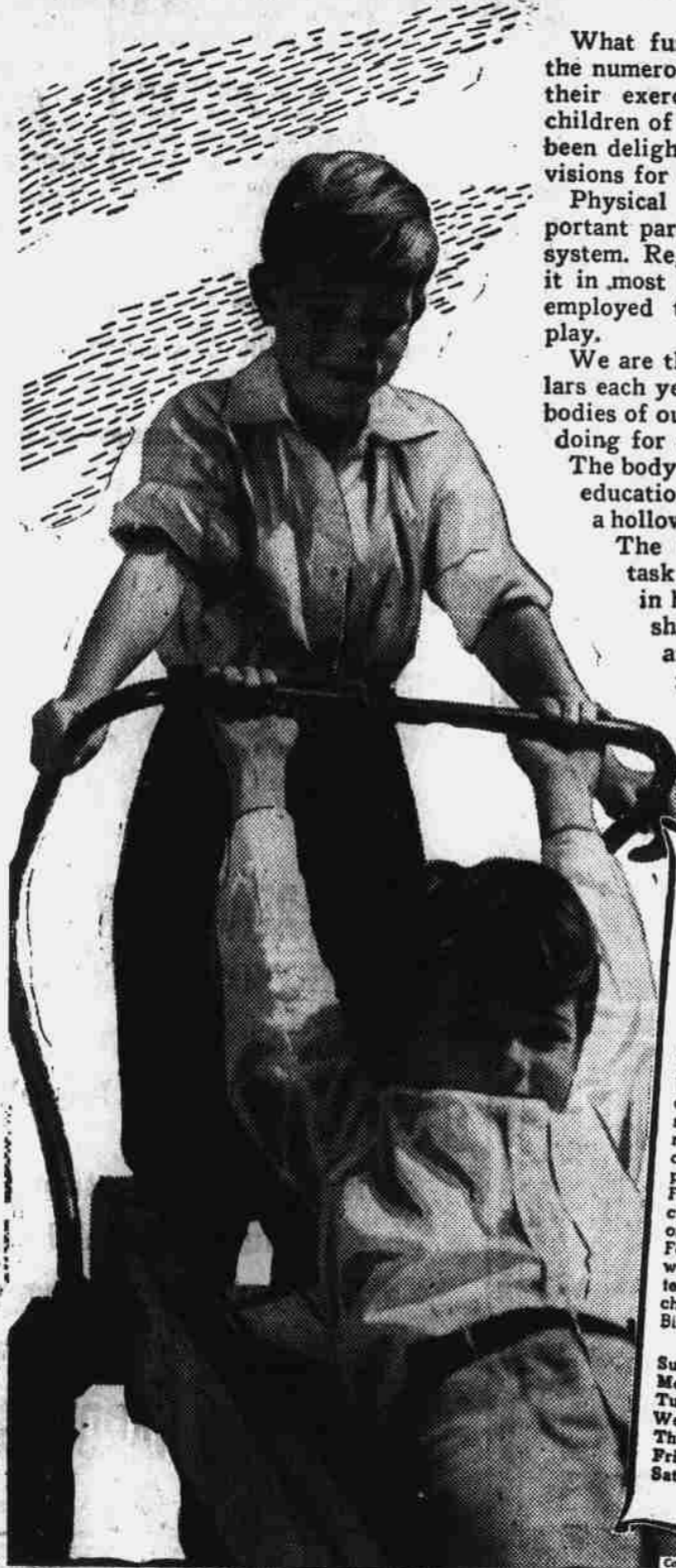
Philip shows us how the Bible is to be used. The eunuch was searching for the truth but he was unable to interpret the passage from Isaiah. Philip gave him the key to understanding when he pointed out that the prophet was talking of Christ and, beginning with the passage from Isaiah, Philip told him all about Jesus. The eunuch believed through faith in Jesus Christ, made a personal commitment to Him, was baptized and, Luke tells us, went "on his way rejoicing."

The following little verse gives us good advice:

"Read the Bible every day,
Praying while you read it.
It will teach you how to live,
If you will believe it."

GO TO SOME
CHURCH
NEXT SUNDAY

SLIDIN' DOWN THE CHUTE



What fun these youngsters have on the numerous contrivances designed for their exercise and amusement! The children of past generations would have been delighted with such elaborate provisions for their enjoyment.

Physical training has become an important part of our modern educational system. Regular periods are assigned to it in most schools, and instructors are employed to supervise the children's play.

We are thus spending billions of dollars each year to develop the minds and bodies of our children. But what are we doing for their spiritual development? The body without the soul is dead, and education without spiritual growth is a hollow mockery.

The Church has the stupendous task of supplying this vital need in human life. Its function is to show people the way of God and teach them to think and feel and act in accordance with His will. Body, mind and spirit—but the most important of these is the spirit.

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.

Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday...Micah	6	6-8
Monday...Luke	10	25-28
Tuesday...Deuteronomy	6	4-9
Wednesday...Matthew	22	34-40
Thursday...Philippians	2	1-11
Friday...Romans	12	9-21
Saturday...Isaiah	26	1-7

THIS PAGE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING FIRMS:

Lynch Funeral Home
PHONE 2811 HERTFORD, N. C.

Simon's
OUTFITTERS FOR THE FAMILY

Nelson's Cleaners
PHONE 2976 HERTFORD, N. C.

Albemarle Elec. & Refrigeration Ser.
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS — RADIO SERVICE

W. M. Morgan Furniture Company
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS — G. E. APPLIANCES

Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co.
YOUR FORD DEALER

Hertford Locker & Packing Co.
A COMPLETE LINE OF FROZEN FOODS

Towe-Webb Motor Company
CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH SALES AND SERVICE

I. C. Blanchard & Company, Inc.
"BLANCHARD'S" SINCE 1833

Hertford Cleaners
PHONE 2811 HERTFORD, N. C.

Hertford Livestock & Supply Co.
PHONE 2501 HERTFORD, N. C.

Major - Loomis Lumber Company
HERTFORD, N. C.

Hertford Oil Company
SINCLAIR PRODUCTS — U. S. TIRES

Jordan's Barber Shop
BILL JORDAN, Prop.

Hertford Banking Company
MEMBER F. D. I. C.

Hertford Hardware & Supply Co.
PAINTS - HARDWARE - BUILDING MATERIALS

Reed Oil Company
ESSO PRODUCTS

Hertford Furniture Company
"MOVED IN TOWN, IT'S TRUE, BUT STILL RETAIN LOW PRICES, TOO"

The Southern Cotton Oil Company
HERTFORD, N. C.

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 CHURCH OF CHRIST
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor
Church services 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.
Church service 7:45 P. M. second and fourth Sundays.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES
E. B. Edwards, Pastor
First Sunday:
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 7:30 P. M.

Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 10 A. M.
Woodland Church, 7:30 P. M.

Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:30 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.

ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH
E. R. Meekins, Pastor
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Carl Bjork, Pastor
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.
Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
Elizabeth White, Pastor
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.
Preaching second and fourth Sunday evening at 7:30.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH
Carl J. Yow, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 A. M.
Morning worship—11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 P. 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.

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
Ben O. Merritt, 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.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
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.

BERRA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Walker Perry, Pastor
2nd and 4th Sunday at 10:30 A. M.
Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
Evening worship first and third Sundays at 7:30 P. M.

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

Go To Church Your Church Any Church But Go