

# 60-SECOND SERMONS

By FRED DODGE

Text: "Certainty is the mother of Quietness and Repose."

—Coke.

A young married couple sat together on their porch, appearing as miserable as any young couple could. Asked why they were so dejected, the husband replied, "We planted our first garden, today. After thinking it over we're afraid that Sandra planted the liver pills and that I swallowed the sweet peas. However, we aren't sure and the uncertainty is killing us."

Troubles and irritations arise when we are uncertain. Year after year we worry along when, with a little effort, we could end our uncertainties. Taking

time to plan; to check details; to think through problems and arrive at sound decisions, will remove uncertainty.

Financier Bernard Baruch admits that he failed in his investments until he forced himself to take the time to be certain. Certainty is not a gift to most of us. We must earn it by personal effort and sacrifice.

Once a man experiences the quietness and repose that comes with certainty, he will make every effort to be certain as he can about everything. To be certain is one of the most peaceful and satisfying comforters that a man can draw over himself, and the most rewarding. Take time, now, to be certain.

# SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

By John Corey, Appalachian State Teachers College

Scientists are made not born. The sooner they start on their way the better.

Elementary school educators realize this and efforts to teach scientific concepts and principles through experiments and other activities as early as the first grade, explains Dr. David Middleton of Appalachian State Teachers College.

Professor Middleton conducts workshops in elementary science for teachers wanting to improve their instructional skills at various localities in the state where his services are requested.

Actually few children are expected to become scientists, says Dr. Middleton. The important reward from science study is that it molds young minds toward the scientific thinking way of doing and understanding things.

Scientific thinking involves solving problems step by step, using first-hand simple materials, thinking clearly and logically, asking the right kind of questions, supporting conclusions by fact.

Such a conditioned frame of mind helps a youngster in every activity he engages, emphasizes Dr. Middleton, from reading, arithmetic and spelling to just plain living.

Yet science suffers as a field where many parents and some teachers lose confidence and are apt to say, as the child does: "I can't."

Opportunities for scientific learning, however, lie all around us, both at school and home. Taking advantage of them can be plenty of fun.

They're found in the soil, the weather and growing plants; in the teakettle that boils, the steam engine that puffs its cloud of smoke, the egg beater with its inter-locking gears, the seesaw on the playground, the rabbit in the pen.

Children inevitably ask about the "whys" and "hows" of these things. When they do, elementary teachers and parents when possible should sidestep textbook explanations and set up simple experiments.

A simple experiment, for instance, to answer the common question from where rain comes

would be to boil water and let youngsters see the steam rise and the water evaporate. Or hold a piece of glass over the steam and see the water condense.

This makes more understandable the concept that water evaporates under certain conditions. And once established, this concept can be built upon. Then children can see why clothes dry and mud puddles disappear. From this they progress to understand that water also evaporates from ponds, streams and oceans. Then they understand the water cycle. And finally, some understanding of weather.

Yes, elementary folk can have fun with science and most important learn more about science.

# No Comment

By JAMES W. DOUTHAT, Assistant Vice President, Government Relations Division of the National Association of Manufacturers

"NO COMMENT" is a report of incidents on the national scene, and does not necessarily reflect NAM policy or position.

Washington, D. C.—An amazing amount of activity—much of it not visible at the present time—is going on in Washington and throughout the nation in preparation for one of the most significant sessions of Congress in history.

Vastly important election-year battles are shaping up—or are already under way—over a multitude of problems, including labor reform, tax reform, government economy, states' rights, and a broad variety of anti-business proposals.

Here, in brief, is the present situation with respect to these major problems awaiting action when Congress reconvenes on January 6:

**Key to Labor Legislation**  
Labor—developments in the steel strike seem to be the key to labor reform legislation.

If the strike should be settled during the 80-day Taft-Hartley injunction period, the pressure for legislation would be eased—unless it is revived by possible strikes against the railroads, missile manufacturers, the electrical industry or other businesses.

If the steel strike is not settled during the 80-day period, it is certain that intense pressure will be brought upon Congress to pass legislation.

This could take a variety of forms of far-reaching conse-

quences—or it could be limited to the steel strike. There is no general agreement as yet on a possible program.

Taxes—the House Ways and Means Committee hearings are continuing on tax reform proposals, but it still is uncertain what, if any, legislation it will recommend.

There has been substantial industry support for the Herlong-Baker proposal to lower personal and corporation income tax rates to a maximum of 47 percent by a series of annual reductions spread over five years.

But many other proposals also are being advocated. The outcome undoubtedly will be determined largely by the amount of support received from the "grass roots."

Government economy—a substantial drop in tax revenue as a result of the steel strike vastly increases the importance of eliminating all unnecessary government spending in order to obtain a balanced budget for the current fiscal year (ending next June 30).

**Unions Cut Federal Revenue**  
The Administration, in September, had forecast a \$95 million surplus. But federal statisticians now estimate that the steel strike has cost the government about \$600 million in revenues—thus emphasizing the urgent necessity for rigid economy.

Government officials believe that prospects for the next fiscal year (ending June 30, 1961) are more favorable. A business boom during the next few months is counted on to boost federal revenue by as much as \$4 billion, to a record \$83 billion, and provide a surplus in the neighborhood of \$2 billion.

States rights—vigorous efforts are under way to obtain Senate approval of the House-passed bill by Rep. Smith (D-Va.) to protect state laws against federal preemption. The Senate bill is sponsored by Senator McClellan (D-Ark.) and 30 of his colleagues.

Anti-business—many proposals of this kind present a constant threat to industry. These include measures to destroy the "good faith" defense to price discrimination charges, to require advance notice to federal agencies of plans to merge or to increase prices, and to permit the Justice Department to seize company records on suspicion of antitrust violation.

The list of legislation important to industry could be expanded almost endlessly. And more threats to industry are constantly being dreamed up by the new dealers.

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## Sunday School Lesson

GOOD NEWS FOR THE WORLD

International Sunday School Lesson for December 20, 1959

Memory Selection: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."  
(Luke 2:10-11).

Lesson Text: Luke 2:8-14; Acts 11:19-30.

The purpose of today's lesson is to develop ideas about how we can share the gospel with the world. If we will only present ourselves to God, it is remarkable how he will bless and use us. Especially during the Christmas season do we think of sharing our great gift of the gospel with others.

In reading our Scriptures for today we re-live again the beautiful story of the birth of Christ. And in the Book of Acts we read an accounting of the spread of Christianity and of how the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Today, just as in the Biblical days, there is room for Christianity to spread, and all Christians must answer the question: How can we share

the gospel with the world?

Going back in time—to the time when the stories we are studying today occurred — we find a handful of disciples of the Lord preaching and practicing their faith among strangers. And we find those strangers feeling comfort and hope through the tenets of that—to them—foreign faith, and being converted. This has held true down through the ages. In a small hotel room many years ago, two traveling men, who were strangers to each other, found to their delight that each was studying his Bible before retiring. Out of the discussion that followed about the particular problems of traveling men, these Christians founded the Gideon Society whose Bibles are in practically every hotel in the United States.

A widowed mother who went to her pastor some fifty years ago asking help in the care and support of her orphaned children, was the reason a program of child care was developed that built homes for children and provided care for thousands of families. In New York City an alert Christian, seeing thousands of foreign students not befriended or extended a helping hand, invited a group to his home for Sunday evening. For years this

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Morning worship service, 11 A. M.  
Training Union at 6:30 P. M.  
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

**GREAT HOPE BAPTIST**  
REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship second and fourth Sundays at 11 o'clock.  
Evening worship first and fourth Sundays at 8 o'clock.  
Prayer service Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**ROCKY HOCK BAPTIST**  
THURMAN W. ALRED, Pastor  
Sunday School morning at 10 o'clock.  
Evening worship at 11 o'clock.  
Training Union at 7 P. M.  
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**EDENTON PRESBYTERIAN**  
REV. JAMES MACKENZIE, Pastor  
Sunday School morning at 10 o'clock.  
Evening worship at 11 o'clock.  
Girls' meeting—all teen-age girls, Sunday, 6:30 P. M.  
Christian Service Brigade—all teen-age boys—Tuesday, 7 P. M.  
Mid-week Prayer Service—Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

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REV. E. C. ALEXANDER, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
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Preaching every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and every Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

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REV. R. B. COTTINGHAM, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Preaching service at 11 A. M.  
E. P. U. at 7 P. M.  
Prayer service Thursday nights at 8 o'clock.

**SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL**  
REV. GEORGE B. HOLMES, Rector  
8:00 A. M., Holy Communion.  
9:30 A. M., Church School.  
10:00 A. M., Adult Bible Class.  
11:00 A. M., Morning Worship.  
7:30 P. M., Young Churchmen.  
Wednesday, 10:30 A. M., Holy Communion.

**BALLARD'S BRIDGE BAPTIST**  
REV. LAMAR SENTELL, Pastor  
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.  
Preaching services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

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REV. JOHN MARTIN, Pastor  
Sunday School at 10 A. M.  
Preaching service at 11 A. M.  
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Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock.

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E. P. LONG, Congregation Servant  
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Bible study Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.  
Service meeting and ministry school Friday nights at 8 o'clock.

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Gems of Devotion Broadcast Sunday at 9 A. M.  
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
Children's Church at 6:30 P. M.  
C. A. service at 8:30 P. M.  
Evangelistic service at 7:30 P. M.  
Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 P. M.

### THE BEST CHRISTMAS OF ALL



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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.

Mommy said that this year I could help trim the tree, if I'd be very careful. The ornaments are so shiny and bright, and it's such fun to decide where to put them.

Mommy let me help fix our little crèche, too. I put in the figure of the Christ Child and He looked so pretty . . . all sort of pink and gold.

We fixed the crèche first because Mommy said that we must always remember that Christmas is, first of all, the Christ Child's birthday. When we finish trimming the tree, Mommy is going to read us the story about the first Christmas . . . about the shepherds and the angels . . . about the Wise Men and their star . . . about the little Jesus, born in Bethlehem, in a manger.

Mommy's told me the story before but she says that this year I'm big enough to stay up with the rest and hear her read it. And, of course, we'll go to Church, and Mommy says I can carry my fur muff.

I think this is going to be the best Christmas I've ever had!

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Isaiah	4	2
Monday	Luke	2	2-11
Tuesday	Luke	2	12-16
Wednesday	Luke	2	17-21
Thursday	Matthew	2	1-14
Friday	Matthew	2	10-15
Saturday	Luke	1	46-55

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