

# SCHOOL AND YOUR CHILD

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### Can You Be Both Pal and Parent?

What about this "parent-pal" business?

Some wives nag their mates to get out and play ball or hike or swim with their child, especially if he's a boy. They think it's part of being a good father. A pal is a nice thing for Junior to have. So is a parent. Can you be both? And does Junior want you to?

A. D. Buchmueller, executive director of the Childhood Study Association of America, asks these questions and attempts to answer them in the National Parent-Teacher magazine. First, Buchmueller reminds us that "children need warm, loving, healthy relationships with parents, through which they experience affection and also learn discipline.

But the nature of the relationship varies according to Junior's age. Between the boy's 6th and 7th years, he and Dad can be quite "palsy-walsy." The child loves engaging in activities with parents and will initiate them at this age.

And the activities need not be limited to games or sports, Buchmueller says. The boy can help Dad clean the yard or repair things around the home. He learns certain skills and at the same time discovers what being a man is like.

The adolescent stage between 12 and 16 years of age is another matter. At this age the youngster strives to be independent and purposely sours toward "love-dovey" relationships with Mom and Dad, or seemingly rejects them altogether. So don't force yourself upon Junior as a pal. Often, the teen-ager feels closer to a certain teacher, coach, or TV star.

This temporary turning-away is a healthy growth, says Buchmueller. The parent who becomes offended and reacts negatively may harm the child.

Junior still wants your love, protection, and control. Often he's feeling goes unexpressed, of course, and it involves tremendous conflict for both the adolescent and his parents. Mom and Dad must show patience, understanding, and strength.

The value of being a pal to a son or daughter depends largely on the feelings and attitudes of both child and parent, especially the latter.

Both must enjoy sharing experiences together. If the child prefers being down the block playing with other kids, the relationship will do the child no good and may to him harm.

If Dad plays with Junior largely to temper his wife's criticisms that he's not a good father, then the pal-ship is phoney. The child catches on quickly.

Buchmueller gives another warning. When a parent tries to be a pal out of a selfish desire to relive his own childhood through a son or daughter, the resulting relationship won't help the child.

A mother, for instance, may delight in picking out her daughter's party dresses or in hearing the details of a date.

Buchmueller says it could be that the mother had few dates herself as a teenager and obtains vicarious pleasure from the laughter's social life.

Buchmueller concludes that at times children enjoy parents as pals. But something more is

often needed. That something more could be opportunity to grow toward independence. It could be guidance toward inner control and self direction.

And Mom and Dad must remember they have a pal-ship of their own to maintain as husband and wife, apart from the children. If this is a happy relationship, chances are the delicate undertaking of being a parent while also being a pal.

(Editor's Note: Readers having questions concerning education are invited to send inquiries to School and Your Child, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina.)

## SPORTS AFIELD

By Ted Kessing

Failure to retrieve a fallen quail, grouse, pheasant, duck or any other game species simply amounts to plain, unadorned waste that should be considered unforgivable unless a determined and conscientious effort is made to save it.

Each season thousands of hunters, either careless or too lazy to make an honest retrieving effort, cause a loss of several million dead or wounded ducks which would have made a substantial contribution to the family larder if a little well-directed energy was expended, comments Henry P. Davis, Sporting Dogs Editor of Sports Afield Magazine. A similar situation exists in the ranks of upland game hunters, probably to a lesser extent. Certainly, it is not possible to retrieve every wounded bird. But the point that needs emphasizing is the importance of making an honest try.

In these times when game birds are comparatively scarce and harder to find than in days gone by, the recovery of every single head of killed or wounded game becomes doubly important. The loss of one bird can spoil the whole day for a devoted sportsman. But, unfortunately, there are also many gun-

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ners who take such losses much less seriously. "It's all in the game," they say. Maybe it is, but every devoted hunter should have an ingrained conviction that should make an honest and determined effort to recover every game bird or animal that falls to his gun. This can best be done through the use of a dog skilled and drilled in the practice of searching for and retrieving fallen game. A good retriever, no matter what breed, can make the difference between pleasant relaxation after a fine day's hunt and a feeling of guilty discouragement.

So use a retrieving dog this season and derive the full measure of fun from your hunting season. Not only will you have the satisfaction of knowing you have not left any dead birds or cripples in the field to die a lingering death, but you will have conserved your ammunition, enhanced your gamebag at the least expense to game resources, and gained a large dividend of extra and unexpected fun in the bargain. A good retriever is worth far more than his salt any time.

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### CHRIST IS WITH US

International Sunday School Lesson for March 12, 1961.

Memory Selection: "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (John 14:23)

Lesson Text: John 14-16

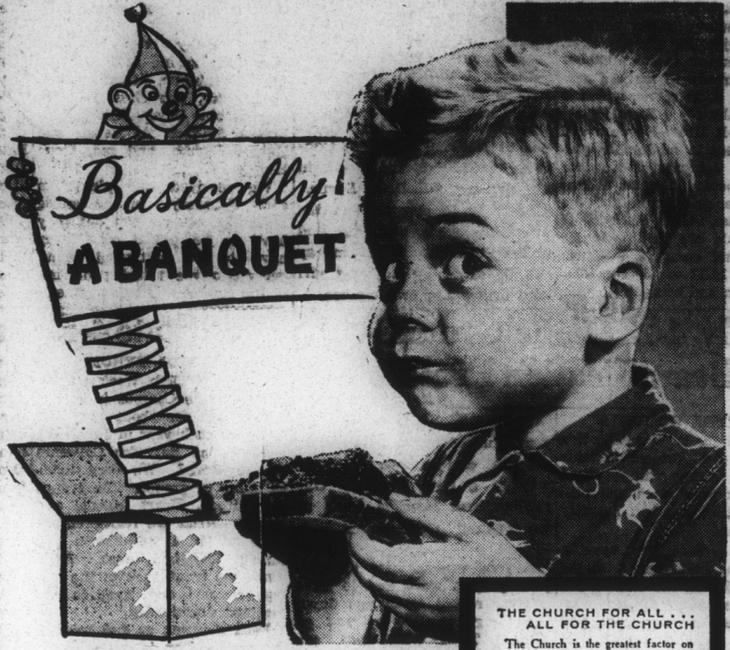
Today we endeavor to help people understand the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of Christ, and we discuss ways in which we may make Christ's presence real to us in these days and times.

Continuing our studies in the Book of John, we see how Jesus prepared the disciples for future witnessing. We study, in effect, the transition of Jesus in the flesh to Jesus in the Spirit, and the resulting widening of Jesus' scope to influence the lives of his followers. John is stating, irrevocably and with passion, that the Spirit of Christ is universally present to all men who trust in Him. His power and salvation is available to untold multitudes the

world over, and is not confined to the simple crowds of Galilee. Salvation is available everywhere. John depicts the glorious unity of man's spirit with the Spirit of Christ in the Father.

The theme of the three chapters we are studying today is, in short, the presence, power, and help of the Holy Spirit. The early church believed vividly and vigorously in the swift, dramatic return of Jesus—his Second Coming. The early church, however, was sorely disappointed; Jesus did not return as soon as expected. But in Chapters 14, 15 and 16 John has the answer for those in the early church, and for us also. In the abiding presence of the Spirit, Christ is with us now and always. John grasped the inner, permanent, spiritual meaning of Jesus' return, and in these chapters he has discussed it for our profit and education.

John, in stressing the fact that the coming of the Spirit universalized Jesus, also delineates the Spirit's work. "He will convince the world of sin" (16:8). The Holy Spirit has an accusing as well as a comforting work. **Continued on Page 7—Section 2**



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Only wise men and hungry children fully appreciate their blessings! Many of God's gifts, like the air we breathe, are received without thought. Others, like the abundance of the harvest, we think about only in season. Still others, like our religious heritage, get varying degrees of attention and response according to our spiritual perception... or the precariousness of our plight.

This isn't Christmas... or Easter. And we hope it is not a time of personal crisis for you and your family... If it's just a normal week, full of the routine of life—then it's an ideal time to remember your blessings. And Sunday will be an ideal day to begin, renew or strengthen that wholesome habit of worshipping God in the church of your choice.

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