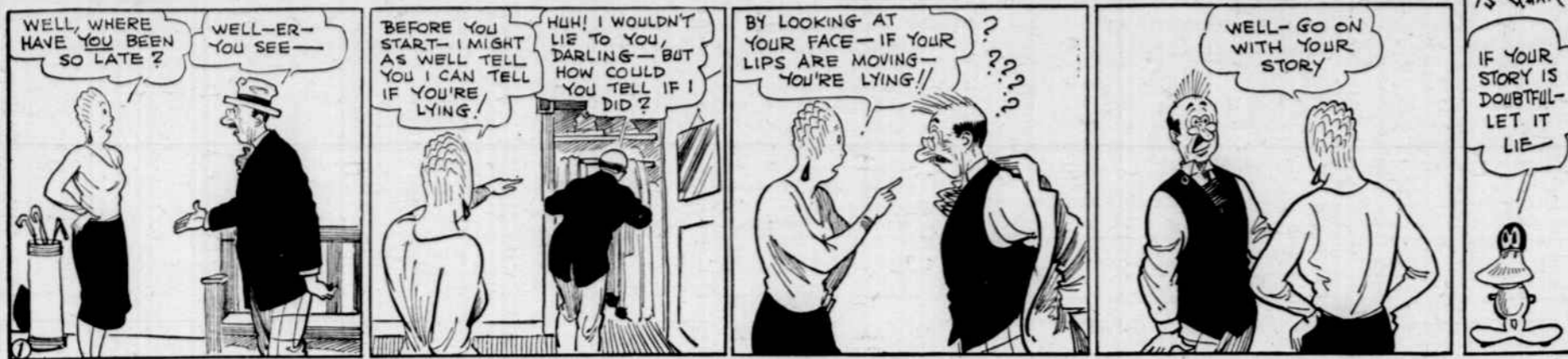


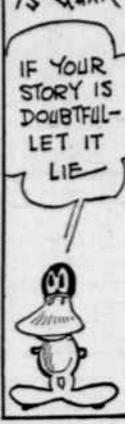
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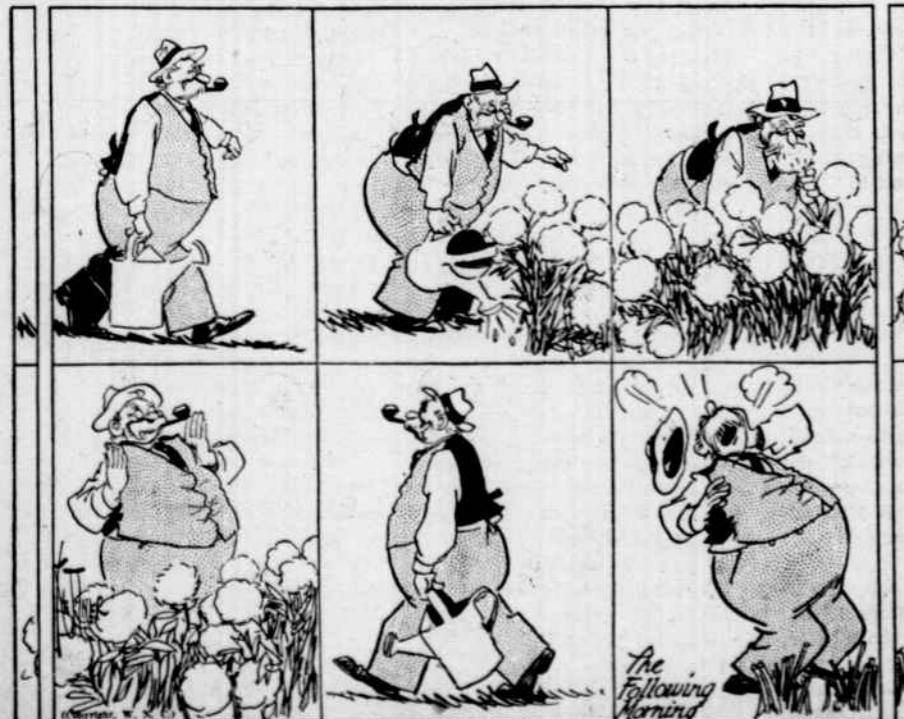
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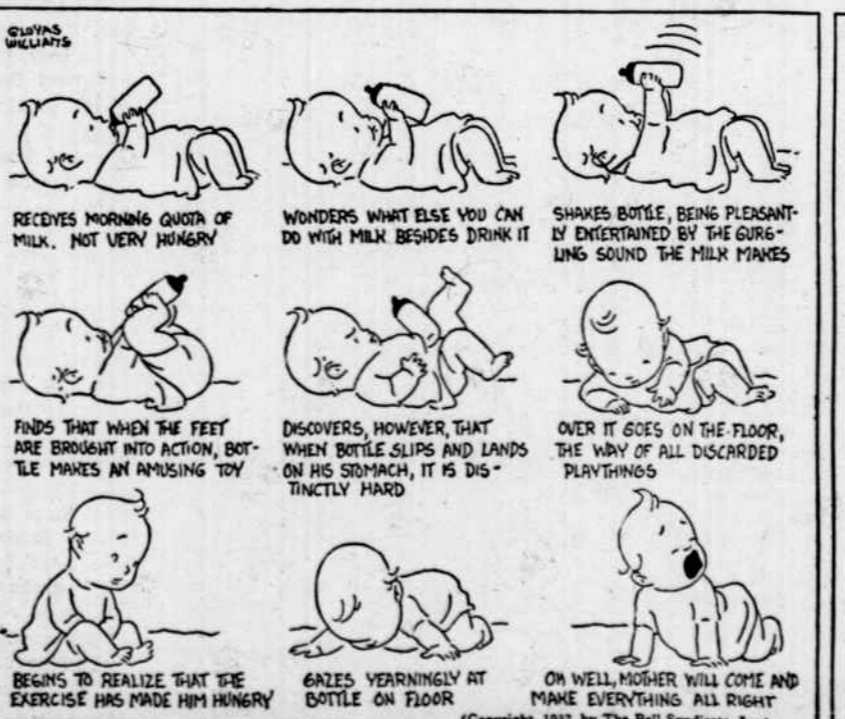
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Lesson for June 23

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

LESSON TEXT—Acts 1:6-8; 13:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16:15.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Sharing the Good News of Jesus
JUNIOR TOPIC—Paul Goes Preaching
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Can I Do for Missions?
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Missionary Purpose of the Church.

God is, in his essential being, merciful and compassionate. All his promises to and actions toward man have been with redemptive ends.

I. Israel a Missionary Nation.
Following the apostasy of the whole race, God called Abraham to become the head of a race through whom all the nations of the earth were to be blessed (Gen. 12:1-3). The first gospel promise, that of Genesis 3:15, was to become an actuality through the missionary activities of the Jewish people.

1. The nations of the earth invited to look to God (Isa. 55:22). Israel was called to be the peculiar witness to the nations of Jehovah, the one God (Deut. 6:4).

2. Christ given as a light to the nations (Is. 49:6). Christ is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). Christ is the light of the world (John 8:12).

3. Jonah, a Jew, goes as a missionary to a Gentile city (Jonah 3:1-10). Jonah is prophetic of the nation and God's purpose for the Jews. While the chosen nation has been disobedient to God as Jonah was, yet after severe chastisement they shall fulfill the divine purpose.

II. The Church a Missionary Organization.
The very genius of the Church is propagation through devout missionary effort.

1. The apostolic commission (Matt. 28:18, 20).

a. The authority of Jesus (v. 18). God gave him all authority in heaven and earth. b. The commission of the apostles (vv. 19, 20).

(1) It was to teach, that is, make disciples of all nations (v. 19). They were to make known to the world that Christ died to save sinners.

(2) Baptize those who believed. This baptism was to be in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, indicating that the believer has been brought into definite relationship to each member of the Holy Trinity.

(3) To teach the disciples obedience (v. 20). Profession is not enough. Obedience must issue.

c. The all-sufficient promise (v. 20). There would constantly be the blessing and fellowship of the all-powerful Savior and Lord.

2. The missionary program (Acts 1:6-8). The Church is under solemn obligation to witness to all the world of the gracious salvation which has been provided in Christ.

3. The first foreign missionaries (Acts 13:12). The occasion for this enterprise was a meeting of certain prophets and teachers at Antioch. While these ministers were engaged in praying, the Lord laid heavily upon their hearts the evangelization of the world. This marks the beginning of foreign missions as the deliberately planned enterprise of the Christian Church.

4. Preaching the gospel in Europe (Acts 16:6-10). Paul's inclination was to tarry in Asia Minor preaching the Word, but he was carried along by the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is just as active in closing doors as in opening them. The time had come for the gospel to begin its conquest of another continent. Paul, being hemmed in on all sides, was given the vision of a man of Macedonia pleading for help.

5. Preaching Christ before Agrippa (Acts 26:12-20). Paul, having been brought before the king, took advantage of the opportunity to witness to him of the Savior. Observe,

a. His manner of life (v. 12). He showed that he had been in strictest accord with the most rigid sect of the Jews. b. His supernatural conversion (vv. 13-15). Christ had appeared to him on the way to Damascus and revealed himself to him. c. Jesus Christ commissioned him for a work (vv. 16-18). He was sent to the Gentiles to open their blind eyes, to turn them from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. d. His consecration (vv. 19, 20). He rendered immediate obedience to his commission. He showed that the opposition which he now experienced was due to his vigorous prosecution of his work.

The Foot of the Rainbow
The foot of the rainbow is never where you think it is. Perhaps there is a pot of gold there, but there are many more pots of gold that you will pass on your way to realize your dreams. Some men have the vision to see them.

The True End of Life
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