

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SERVING OTHER RACES

International Sunday School Lesson for April 3, 1938

GOLDEN TEXT: God is no respecter of persons.—Acts 10:34

(Lesson Text: Mark 7:24-37.)

With this lesson we begin another quarter's consideration of the Gospel of Service (according to Mark), the aim of which is to lead us to appreciate how Jesus in his life and teaching emphasized service to all men; to help us devote our lives to the task of building a new world in accordance with the ideals of our Lord.

In order to get away from the milling throngs which accompanied him and his disciples everywhere they went, and also to seek a place of retirement and rest in order that he could instruct his faithful twelve, Jesus left Capernaum and went to the borders of Tyre and Sidon and entered into a house, probably that of a friend where he thought he could find seclusion. This was not to be, however, for as Mark declares, "he could not be hid."

Hearing that Jesus was in the neighborhood, a distressed mother—a Syrophenician by race—sought him out, and falling at his feet, besought him that he cast out a demon which had possessed her little daughter. In order to test her faith, Jesus gave what seems to be a scornful reproach to the woman when he said, "Let the children first be filled; for it is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs." Matthew, in recording the same incident, quotes Jesus as saying, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel." In other words, Jesus wanted to see just how this woman, a Gentile, would respond to the news that the blessings, both physical and spiritual, which he came into the world to bring, were meant primarily for the Jews, God's chosen people.

Many of us would have turned away in indignation from such a rebuff. But not so this mother. She acknowledged everything that Jesus said to be true, that the Jews were entitled to the bread, but that no one, no matter how proud or selfish, would deprive a dog of the crumbs which fall from the table. So great was her faith in the healing power and the compassion of Jesus, that she was willing to humble herself in the dust if by so doing she could obtain the blessing she requested.

Jesus was so completely won to

her upon her reply that he said: "For this saying, go thy way; the demon is gone out of thy daughter." When she arrived home she found her child healed. Through this miracle, Jesus taught his disciples that faith and healing and works of mercy are not a matter of race, nor family nor tradition, that even the hated Gentiles were the children of God, and as such were entitled to be served by him. This was a truth that was very hard for the disciples to understand—a truth that many of us stumble over even today. We cannot seem to grasp the fact that all men are God's children, whether their skin is black or white, red or yellow, and that their souls are equally precious in his sight.

Upon leaving the borders of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus went through the midst of Decapolis. While passing through, some friends brought to Jesus a man who was deaf and who had an impediment in his speech, asking that Jesus lay his hand on the man. Taking the man aside from the multitude Jesus did everything possible to arouse the man's confidence and expectancy. About all the man could do was to see, so Jesus used sign language. He put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched the man's tongue and then, looking up to heaven, he sighed and said unto him, "Ephphatha, that is, Be Opened." Immediately his ears were opened and the bond of his tongue was loosed. Knowing that the publicity attached to such a miracle would deprive him of any opportunity for seclusion, he charged those about him that they should tell no man, but they, probably through natural enthusiasm, could not hold the good news. And everyone who heard about it was astonished, declaring, "He hath done all things well; he maketh even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak."

What wonders could be wrought in the name of Christ if we, like the Syrophenician mother, could display such wonderful faith, or if we could have our deaf ears opened and our dumb tongues loosened. Robert Stuart MacArthur declares, "In all congregations there are those who are dumb so far as concerns the giving of testimony for Christ. How many there are who have powerful impediments in their speech! They are voluble in the marts of trade; they are eloquent in speaking of politics; but they are pitifully silent when called upon to give testimony to the healing power and redeeming love of Jesus Christ."

Belvidere Club Holds Enthusiastic Meeting

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club was held Wednesday, March 23, at the home of Mrs. F. C. White with Mrs. J. C. Trivette and Mrs. J. M. Copeland as assistant hostesses. The president, Mrs. L. J. Winslow, presided. After the singing of "Arbor Day," the devotional was conducted by Mrs. M. D. Lane using the topic "Tree of Life," Gen. 2:8-16. At roll call twenty-eight members responded with clippings on trees. A new member, Mrs. Linford Winslow, was gladly received into the Club. A splendid program on "Trees" was presented by the Home Beautification leaders, which was as follows:

Poem—"Trees," Mrs. H. P. White. Origin of Arbor Day, Miss Clara White.

History of Trees, Mrs. R. R. White. Song—"Trees," Mrs. T. C. Perry. Uses of Trees, Miss Lucy White. Miss Hamrick gave an interesting talk on "Buying Ready-Mades."

At the close of the program, Mrs. W. T. Smith conducted a very interesting contest on Trees.

During the social hour the hostesses served delicious home-made candy and fruit.

Those present were: Mrs. J. M. Copeland, Mrs. L. C. Winslow, Mrs. W. T. Smith, Mrs. C. T. Rogerson, Mrs. H. P. White, Mrs. L. J. Winslow, Mrs. S. M. Winslow, Mrs. V. C. Lane, Mrs. T. C. Perry, Mrs. J. C. Trivette, Mrs. Winford Chappell, Mrs. N. D. Chappell, Mrs. M. D. Lane, Mrs. F. M. Copeland, Mrs. B. W. Copeland, Mrs. T. R. Winslow, Mrs. Clara Winslow, Mrs. N. Q. Ward, Mrs. R. R. White, Mrs. N. W. Chappell, Mrs. Vick Stallings, Mrs. V. C. Winslow, Mrs. Linford Winslow, Mrs. F. C. White, Miss Olive Layden, Miss Clara White, Miss Margaret B. White, Miss Lucy White, Miss Gladys Hamrick.

PENDER ROAD NEWS

A. M. Farmer, of Norfolk, Va., visited his mother, Mrs. Mamie Farmer, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Willie Manning Harrell was the guest of Mrs. B. A. Berry Sunday.

Reuben Stallings was called to the

bedside of his sister, Mrs. Willie Briggs, at Gliden, on Sunday. Mrs. Briggs is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Godwin visited Mrs. Godwin's mother, Mrs. C. M. Umphlett, Sunday.

Mrs. Reuben Stallings is on the sick list this week.

Those calling at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stallings on Sunday were: Mrs. R. A. Perry, J. B. Perry, Mrs. Willie Lane and daughter, Miss Adelaide Eaves, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Whedbee and children, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Whedbee, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Berry and two sons, Mrs. B. A. Berry, Mrs. Louis Eaves, Miss Sallie Sue Skinner, Mrs. John Corprew, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Proctor and son, J. E. Eaves and Stephen Elliott.

Mrs. Luna Bateman, from near Elizabeth City, is spending this week with her niece, Mrs. Reuben Stallings.

Mrs. Sue Godwin and Mrs. Dennis Godwin called to see Mrs. Reuben Stallings Monday afternoon.

Howard Louis, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Eaves, has the measles.

CUMBERLAND

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller and Elmer Miller visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perry on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Morgan, of Red Spring, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Morgan.

Mrs. Harry Barber, Mrs. D. L. Barber and children, of Winfall, and Mrs. George Roach spent last Wednesday with Mrs. C. L. Godwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Umphlett and children, of Winfall, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Morgan.

Mrs. Jesse Tadlock, Mrs. Ernest Stallings and son, Carey, spent last Tuesday with Mrs. Wallace Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Trueblood and Callie Mae Trueblood, from near Burgess, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Madison Trueblood.

MT. SINAI SOCIETY MEETS

The Woman's Missionary Society of Mt. Sinai Church met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Wallace Morgan at her home at Cumberland, with Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Ernest Stallings as joint hostesses. The devo-

tional was led by Miss Mamie Stallings.

Mrs. Harvey Stallings was in charge of the program with the following members taking part: Miss Celesta Godwin, Mrs. Wallace Morgan, Mrs. Junior Miller, Mrs. E. U. Morgan and Mrs. E. C. Hollowell.

The Society will meet with Miss Mamie Stallings in April.

Delicious ice cream and cake were served.

Those present included Mesdames C. A. Bagley, E. C. Hollowell, B. F. Jordan, T. E. Madre, Warner Madre, E. U. Morgan, T. E. Morgan, Clifton Morgan, David Miller, Effie Miller, Arthur Pierce, George Roach, J. V. Stallings, Ernest Stallings, Robert Stallings, Sr., Charlie Umphlett, J. W. Ward, Wallace Morgan, Harvey Stallings, Junior Miller and Henry Cartwright, Misses Mamie Stallings and Celesta Godwin.

One new member, Mrs. Alvah Madre, was added to the list, and two visitors were present, Mrs. Jesse Tadlock and Mrs. Claudia Twine.

In Temuco, Chile, horse hair has become so scarce that thieves are stealing the tails of horses.

Will Rogers' Humorous Story

By WILL ROGERS

THE other day Junior came home from school with a new book under his arm, so his mother asked



him where he got it. "I won it, mother," he says, "it's a prize." "A prize," his mother replied, "and what did you win it for?" "For natural history, ma. Teacher asked us how many legs a hippopotamus has and I said five." "But sonny," she objected, "a hippopotamus has only four legs!" "I know that now, mother, but all the rest of the kids said six and I was nearest, so I won!"

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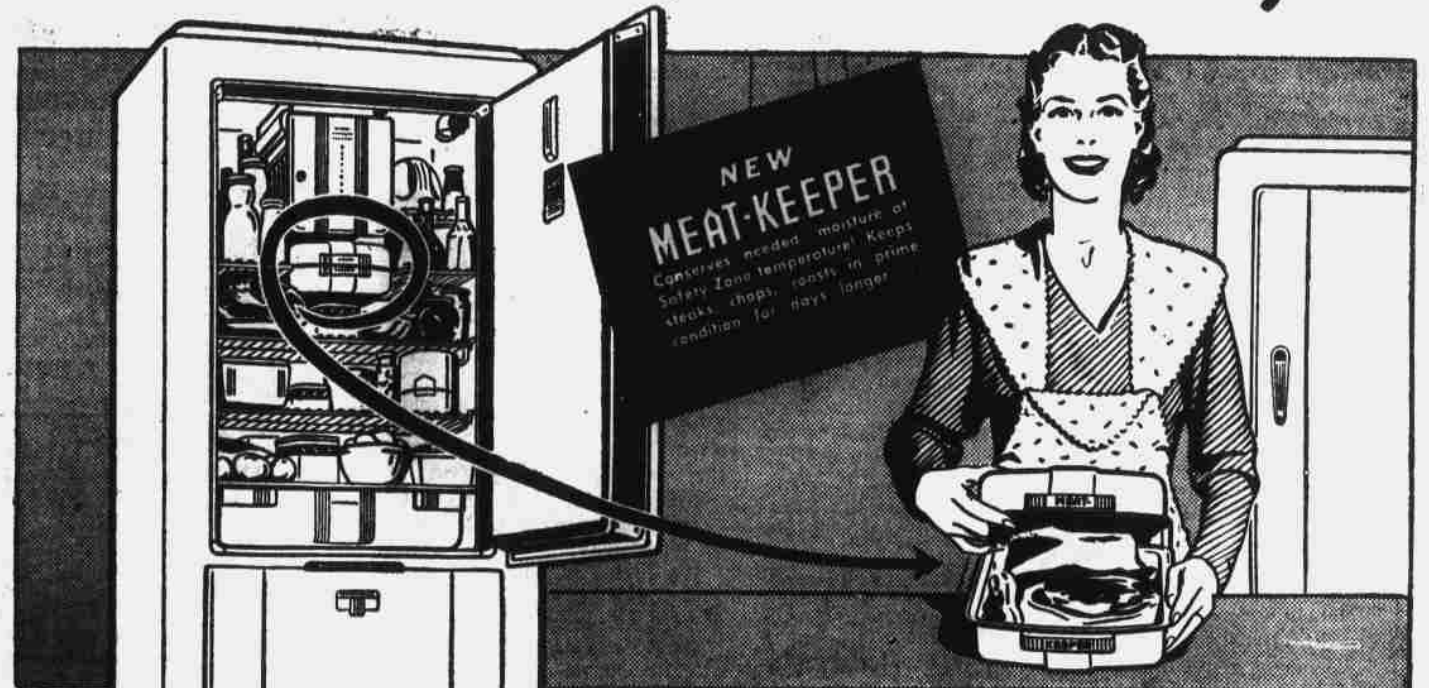
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