

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE PEOPLE DELIVERED

International Sunday School Lesson  
For November 11, 1951.

Memory Selection: "Jehovah is my strength and son, and he is become my salvation."—Ex. 15: 2.

Lesson Text: Exodus 12: 30-31;  
14: 15-22, 31.

Moses, having accepted the divine call to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, leaves Midian. Meeting his brother, Aaron, by the sacred mountain, he performs the three miracles to confirm his authority, namely: the rod changing into a serpent, the hand turned leprous and then healthy, and the bloody water. The two brothers journeyed into the Hebrew colony and, at a public gathering, revealed their wonders to persuade the people. In this, they were successful. The Israelites heard the news gladly and turned to a renewed worship of Jehovah. While leading the people, Moses took them into his confidence in the hope of securing full and loyal support.

Various appeals to Pharaoh then followed. At first, the plea of the two Israelites was rejected and the taskmasters were instructed to make the burdens heavier upon the workers. The Hebrews, forecasting their fickleness through the ages, turned upon Moses with recriminations because his efforts had only brought them harder tasks.

Again, the two brothers appeared before Pharaoh, and with their miracles, sought to induce him to allow the departure of the Israelites from Goshen. Aaron's rod became a serpent but the court magician duplicated the feat in some jugglery and Pharaoh was not convinced, even though Aaron's serpent consumed those of the magicians. In the hardness of heart, Pharaoh inquired, "Who is the Lord?" The answer came in ten plagues, each driving home an answer to this question and finally resulted in the exodus of the Hebrews.

The ten plagues, which afflicted the Egyptians, were: First, the waters of the sacred Nile were turned to blood for seven days. Second, innumerable frogs came at the command of Moses, interfering with ordinary living. Third, insects (gnats, lice or some such pest) visited the land, producing great annoyance. Fourth, flies in vast numbers. Fifth, murrain, an infectious disease, fatal to cattle and domestic animals. Sixth, boils, festering and burning man and beast. Seventh, hail, thunder and lightning, unusual natural occurrences. Eighth, swarms of locusts, devouring the country's green plants. Ninth, darkness, sweeping over and consuming the country for three days. And, tenth, the death of the first-born throughout Egypt, man and animal.

The Israelites were given particular instructions as to how they should avoid the terrific toll of death in the last plague. So was instituted the ancient feast of the Passover, commemorative, in later years, of how the God of Israel delivered them from the Egyptians. So important was the event that it was to be the first day of the year thereafter. It stands today as one of the greatest religious events of the orthodox Jew, having come down the centuries and being one of the oldest religious observances of man. Centuries later, the Christians found in this ancient rite the prophecy of the sacrifice of Christ for the salvation of man. The human soul, in bondage of sin—a slavery more permanent than that of Egypt—was to be rescued. The Lord's Supper, a communion of the Christian Church, was instituted by the Savior during the Jewish season of the Passover.

When the tenth plague came upon Pharaoh and his people as a thunderbolt, leaving a dead child in every home, Pharaoh called in terror for Moses and Aaron, bade them and all their people leave Egypt at once, even conceding their holy mission, "Go, serve the Lord, as ye have said." Thus the Israelites began their journey—a long period, occupied by the training of an undisciplined mob into a social and political unit and by the development of a racial consciousness of the supremacy of their religious revelations. The journey from Egypt and escape from servitude there made an everlasting impression in these people.

Assembled at Succoth, the Israelites numbered several hundred thousand. The direct route was to the northwest but it was peopled by warlike Philistines and the roaming slaves were unable to cope with them. While God could have helped them to overcome these, as he did the Egyptians, the Hebrews needed an opportunity to be trained and prepared for their great mission. Therefore, Moses led them southwest, along the Western side of a branching water to the Red Sea Gulf. Pharaoh soon realized his loss and sent his army after them.

Trapped on four sides—by the sea, the mountains, the desert and the soldiers—the people murmured, but their great leader, Moses, had faith in the power of Jehovah to deliver them. At the critical time, the waters of the sea of the Red Sea blocking their escape disappeared and the people



## Portrait of a Soul

Did you think a soul was invisible? Did you even suspect that it was a theological concept that only ministers could understand?

Well, look into this boy's eyes! Do you see happiness... the certainty that life is full of beauty and trust? Do you see hope... the assurance that every tomorrow will be better than every today? Do you see courage... the fortitude that will look through defeat to victory? Do you see faith... the confidence that God, hears, and knows, and cares, and helps?

You're looking into a soul! You're seeing the spark of Himself which God has put into every one of us. And you're seeing it still unblemished by the cares and disappointments of life.

You can see a soul through your own child's eyes. But unless you give that soul a chance to grow up with the body and mind that possesses it... soon you'll no longer see it in your child's eyes... and perhaps, someday, you'll no longer see it in his life.

The Church, through careful religious education, develops that spiritual inner-being which we call the soul. Your child deserves the advantage of the Church's instruction. And, in church worship, you will rediscover the beauty and strength of your own soul.

## 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 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.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Romans	13	2-14
Monday	Matthew	16	21-28
Tuesday	Luke	12	28-34
Wednesday	Galatians	11	1-10
Thursday	Psalm	30	1-12
Friday	Lamentations	3	22-33
Saturday	Mark	12	28-34

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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  
First Sunday  
11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Colon Jackson, Jr., Pastor  
Church services second and fourth 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**  
J. S. Craffin, 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.

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R. M. Gradeless, Pastor  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
James F. Burke, Pastor  
Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.  
First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.  
Sunday School 9:45 A. 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. Bennie Crawford, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
Preaching second and fourth Sunday evening at 7:30.

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Morning worship—11:00 A. M.

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Sunday School, 11 A. M., every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third Sunday at 3 P. M.

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Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
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Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.  
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**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.

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Rev. Charles F. Wolf, Rector.  
9:45 A. M., Church School, every Sunday.  
9:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 1st Sunday.  
8:30 A. M., Holy Communion, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays.  
11:00 A. M., Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday.  
11:00 A. M., Morning Prayer, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays.  
10:00 A. M., Holy Communion, Fridays and Saints' Days.

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Morning worship on first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.  
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A. H. Ostlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Church Services 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Sunday school at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

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