

BIBLE LESSON—Calling of the Disciples: Matthew 5:18-22 Incl.

Today we talk about the very beginning of Christ Jesus' work. With His great power much work was to be done; we must always *use* the things and talents God gives us — this requires action. After Christ Jesus had been tempted He began preaching to the people, saying: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As He was walking by the Sea of Galilee He saw two men, Simon called Peter and Andrew his brother. They were casting a net into the sea, as they were fishermen. He said to them: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. The meaning of this is that some day we shall be working somewhere, doing something for others, and we shall hear the voice of the Master telling us to do greater work; then we shall leave our work and follow Christ.

After calling His first two helpers, He called ten more, making twelve in all. It is for this reason you have been learning about the Star Angels, the great messengers of God. There are twelve families of them because twelve is God's perfect number. He divides His great work among these twelve families, who carry out His will. These were called disciples, each one corresponding to one of the signs of the zodiac we have been learning about. Each one was best fitted to do a certain work, the twelve of them working together made it a perfect work.

After calling the disciples Christ Jesus went all about Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness. When He saw the crowds of people, He was moved with compassion for them. They were scattered as sheep without a shepherd. He called unto Him the twelve disciples, giving them authority over unclean spirits and the ability to heal all kinds of diseases, both of mind and body.

SERVICE SUNDAY—BIBLE: Matthew 9:35-38 Incl.

This is the time of the year we can look all around to see: trees bursting forth their buds; grass sending up bright green shoots; birds building their nests; rabbits and squirrels scurrying around the parks when not many folks are around to frighten them. They all carry out the Christ message —

Wake Up! Spring is here!

It is time to grow and build and be happy!

Christ also calls us to wake up and do things to make us happy and good.

That means we will be brave enough to let the Life Spark — our true Self in each one of us — be manager of our power station, the brain; that we will use the power from our brain to take good thoughts and put them into brave action, building our lives so Christ can use us as His messengers in spreading LOVE, PEACE, AND JOY by doing things gently with Love!

LESSON SUGGESTIONS FOR TAURUS

GRADE II — FIRST SUNDAY

KEYWORD: Attraction.

The new family of Star Angels comes to us from the sign Taurus. The messenger God sends us from Taurus is the planet Venus, the sweetest and loveliest of them all. She may be seen sometimes in the evening just after the Sun goes down, and sometimes in the morning just before sunrise, for she is never far from the Sun. She shines with a soft and beautiful light, so that it is easy to pick her out. The message Venus brings is beautiful, too: "Little children, love one another!"

Remember we talked about how every thought we

think makes a sound in God's world? So, too, do the thoughts of the Star Angels make lovely music. What would happen if any of these great Star Angels sent out ugly thoughts? The great worlds, which we see as far-away stars, would fall out of their places, knocking against one another, and all God's wonderful universe would be shaken and hurt.

Why could an ugly thought do such damage as this? Each one of God's messengers, the planets, swings in its own circle around the Sun. There must be something holding them in their right places, keeping them from flying off, getting mixed up with other planets and with suns — God's universe is full of suns with their planets around them. That something holding them in place is LOVE, nothing else is strong enough. No one can love and think an ugly thought at the same time.

The Taurus Star Angels are trying to make us understand this and teach us how to live together happily. God wants us to know that the only way it can be done is to love. That is why He sends the beautiful messenger Venus to whisper in our hearts: "Little children, love one another!"

BIBLE LESSON—The Christ Spirit and Jehovah, the Holy Spirit: John 13:31-35 Incl.

We have been learning about the coming of the Christ Spirit to Earth from the Sun. This was nearly 2000 years ago, which may seem a long time, although not really when we realize the Earth is millions and millions of years old. People lived on this earth long before Christ came to help them. The Teacher they had was called the Lord God Jehovah. We call him Jehovah, the Holy Spirit.

Jehovah was a Great Spirit, and for millions of years He helped people grow better. He taught them in a different way than Christ Jesus teaches us today.

At the time Jehovah ruled the people of the Earth,

they did not love one another in the same way as we are trying to nowadays. It was more of a selfish love. They loved their own children, just as parents do today, but many of them did not love children of other parents. They loved members of their own tribes or nations, often hating members of other tribes. That was the best they could do in those days. Jehovah knew they couldn't be ruled by love, so He ruled by law.

Those people could not understand what unselfish love was. But should a great wind come laying waste their wheat and corn, or a terrible famine bring death to many, killing off their sheep and cattle, they could understand they had been wicked and Jehovah punished them for it. That was the only way they could be taught to be good.

Jehovah gave them certain laws they must obey. We know them as the Ten Commandments. Some of them are: "Honor thy father and mother; thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not steal; thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," and others we shall learn about some day. The Ten Commandments are God's laws and we should obey every single one of them, but there are two ways of doing so. Some of those people were good because they were afraid of being bad. They were under the law of Jehovah. Since the coming of Christ, some people are trying to be good because they *want* to do so, no matter what others may say. They feel the wonderful *love* which Christ sends them. He does not *force* us to be good as Jehovah did in those long ago days; He simply loves us with all His heart. The wonderful part is we become more honest and truthful because we *want* to, not because we *have* to. We owe all this to the loving Christ Spirit.

Today the Christ Spirit and Jehovah, the Holy Spirit, work together to help us live more beautiful lives. Christ is the Lord of Love, but He wishes us to obey Jehovah, Giver of the Law; that is why He said: "I came not to destroy, but to fulfill." The Ten Commandments were to

be obeyed; Christ came to complete them with a *new Commandment, that we love one another*. This we must do if we are to follow in the footsteps of Christ Jesus.

SECOND SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Beauty.

Today we talk more about the wonderful thing love is.

We read in the Bible: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God." When God first wanted to build His great universe, He first thought about it, making a picture of it in His mind. All the Life Sparks, large and small, have been helping build that beautiful picture ever since. This is where love comes in.

When God made the picture in thought, He spoke a Word, more wonderful than any sound we could ever imagine until all the roses have bloomed on our cross, because His *love* was in it. This was the word that awakened all the Life Sparks that had been sleeping in God and started them working. That word of love still sounds in God's universe. All God's children are trying to learn to love more, so that one day they too may know how to say a wonderful Word like that.

Another thing about love is that it makes everything beautiful. Everything in God's world is beautiful — the blue sky, green hills, flowers, grass, trees, mountains — all of these, everyone knows, are beautiful. If you will look closely, you will see that every single thing God made has beauty in it.

Even the weeds people throw out of their gardens are beautifully made. If a snowflake, or a raindrop, or a cell from our bodies, were placed under a magnifying glass, you will discover they all have beautiful shapes and colors, or both. Please keep your eyes open this week looking for as many beautiful things as you can find, so we can talk about them next Sunday.

BIBLE LESSON—Cleansing of the Temple: John 2:13-17

Last Sunday we talked about Jehovah, the great Spirit ruling the people before the coming of Christ. When Christ came to Earth the people were very wicked. They even sold oxen, sheep, and doves in the Temple at Jerusalem where they prayed and worshipped, making money from these animals. When Christ Jesus saw all this as He came into the Temple, He said to them: "Take these things out; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise." Let us talk about the hidden meaning of this story.

Our temple is the body in which we live. We must keep it clean and holy. If we think thoughts of hate, envy, jealousy, and selfishness, in time this will show in our faces, making us very ugly. However, if we think thoughts of love, peace, harmony, and kindness, then our faces become beautiful.

We now can understand what this story of Temple-cleansing means to us. The body is the temple where the Spirit, the real You, carries on its work. We make our body a sinful place by permitting wicked thoughts and feelings to enter, instead of a holy place as it should be.

The Bible tells that Christ made a whip of small cords, using it to drive out the animals and greedy merchants from the Temple. The whip or rod is the Spiritual Power of Christ, while the small cords are the nerves along which the spiritual power flows. Christ's wonderful power flowing into us drives out the thoughts of our lower nature which are unfit for the precious temple of God, our body.

Christ showed, in this story, how we may use His spiritual power to cleanse our bodies. In doing so, a wonderful light will shine from our faces, and those around us will know we have a beautiful character. It doesn't matter about the shape of our nose, whether the hair is straight or curly, or whether our faces are plain. What counts is whether or not Christ's love shines from our

faces. If it does, everyone around us will see we are beautiful, and we shall be very happy.

THIRD SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Stability.

This is the day we find out which part of our twelve-room house the Taurus Star Angels help us build and use. It is the part of our body used to send out words and sounds — the throat. If you look at a tin whistle, you'll notice a round tube, near the top, where one blows into it. There is a small open slit; the air going through this slit makes the sound. We have a tube inside reaching from throat to lungs; at the top of it in the throat there is a small slit which we can open wide to make a deep sound, or draw almost together to make a little sound or high one. The tin whistle makes but few sounds, but we can make many different kinds. We have two white cords stretched across the open slit, like the strings of a violin, making all kinds of sounds by sending our breath against them in different ways. To make a loud sound, we take a deep breath, throwing the air against them as hard as we can with the slit wide open; while to speak softly, we send a little air against them with slit nearly closed.

Something else goes down our throats besides air; the food we eat goes down another long tube to reach the stomach. In our throats is a small flap keeping the air we breathe and the food we eat from getting mixed up or going to the wrong place. We call this flap the epiglottis. Once in a while we try to swallow and breathe at the same time; the cells in the epiglottis fail to get the flap closed soon enough and the food gets in the air tube. Then we choke and cough until every bit of food is sent back where it belongs.

It is very important that we watch so that only the right kind of words come out from this voice box. We need to be very careful that only *true* words are spoken by us, so that people will believe us when we speak.

BIBLE LESSON—Christ Jesus Calms the Storm: Luke 8:22-25 Incl.

Christ Jesus talked to people in many towns around the Sea of Galilee. One day, after talking for a long while, He wanted to be alone with His disciples. He said to them: "Let us go over to the other side of the sea," and they set out. As they sailed, Jesus fell asleep. A great tempest came up, and the waves beat into the boat. The disciples called to Jesus, saying: "Master, we perish." He awoke, rebuking the wind and the raging of the water, saying: "Peace be still!" There came a great calm with the stopping of the wind. He turned to His disciples and said: "Why are ye fearful? Have ye no faith?" They were afraid, saying one to another: "What manner of man is this that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" This story also has a hidden meaning.

We all know what it is to be angry. If you are playing with the boy down the street, and he does something you don't like, perhaps you may be tempted to fly into a rage, saying or doing something you'd be sorry for later. This would be a bad feeling, like a storm at sea, sweeping over you like waves over a boat; before you know it, something is done for which you will be sorry.

It is all right to have feelings and desires, just as long as they are the right kind — like being happy, kind, or thoughtful.

Whenever we feel anger or temper rising within us, if we just remember the words of Christ Jesus, "Peace, be still," the winds and storms of our feelings will obey us.

SERVICE SUNDAY—BIBLE: Acts 9:1-9 & 20-25 Incl.

The past few Sundays we've been thinking and talking about how important it is to be careful of the thoughts we think and the words we speak.

Today we shall think about our very special words

— the MAGIC KEYS OF LOVE, PEACE, AND JOY. We know how important they are, more so now than before we understood that. One teacher proved that by the way they helped her to get well so quickly after her auto accident. Every single day, the children in her class at school and their parents, have been using these precious Magic Keys.

Some may wonder why the teacher had her accident, but she believes it is because there were those who didn't believe in the Magic Keys. Now they not only believe in them, but use them every single day. Let us do that, too, for they are precious and helpful words.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS FOR GEMINI

GRADE II — FIRST SUNDAY

KEYWORD: Reason.

We take up the study today of the Star Angels of the sign Gemini whose messenger is Mercury. It is always near the Sun, twinkling like the far-away Star Angels of the other signs.

Mercury is a very busy, wide-awake Star Angel, because he helps us get messages from all the other Star Angels. He makes us see with our eyes, hear with our ears, and think about what we see and hear; in this way we learn more about God's universe. God wants us to wake up and see what a wonderful universe it is we live in; that is why He sends Mercury to call to us always, "Look! God's truth is everywhere," while helping us find that truth.

How are we different from animals? They can grow, move, eat, and sleep just as we do, but there is one thing we do which they can't do. A hungry kitten says, "Meow!" for food and also when she wants to come in the house.

We have many *words* to let others know our thoughts and wishes, while animals have just *sounds*. It is because we have a mind with which to think, which animals lack. The beautiful Life Spark, the part of God living inside your body, is right between your eyes, about an inch and a half below the surface of the skin. The animals haven't this Life Spark yet, but a Group Spirit — a very great Being who is one of the Archangels — takes care of each kind of animal, telling it just what to do. That is why you notice all dogs act just about the same, all cats, all birds, all butterflies, etc. Just watch and see for yourself.

This week let us learn to notice things about us — how we're made, how the parts of our bodies work, to what use they are put, etc. We shall talk more about this later.

BIBLE LESSON—The Parable of Christ Jesus: Matthew 13:13-17 Incl.

We all like to hear stories like fairy tales, adventure stories, sea tales, etc., especially if they are good ones. Christ Jesus liked telling stories to His disciples and crowds of people, but because they had a secret or hidden meaning, we speak of them as parables. His reason for telling them was that He wanted people to learn how to live truthful and beautiful lives; the parable showed how this could be done.

Some people heard the stories all right, but did not get the hidden meaning of them. Christ Jesus said they had ears that heard not and eyes that saw not, meaning they didn't think about what they saw, nor did they reason about what they heard. We are seeking to be wide awake and alive to what goes on about us, enabling us to see clearly how to follow in Christ Jesus' footsteps.

We will be having some of these parables the next few Sundays and search out their meaning. This will help us think and reason more readily.

SECOND SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Adaptability.

Were you looking about this past week, thinking about what you saw, and trying to understand what it was all about? School gives us the opportunity of learning about wonderful things in God's world, the great things men have done. Some have built better and better houses until we now have many conveniences built right into homes; others built constantly improved ships, better airplanes, trains, etc. God's way is always the best way of doing things, that is why He wants us to find out how He thinks and works. Every time someone learns more of His truth it helps the whole world. We never seem to learn all there is to know about His wonderful truth, but we shall never be happy until we have learned to do all things in God's way. We begin by practicing each day the use of our minds; when we see things that aren't the way we'd like them, we can seek a way of improving them, while asking God to help us do so.

BIBLE LESSON—Parable of the Ten Virgins—Matthew 25:1-13 Incl.

Christ Jesus often went to the Mount of Olives to think. One day the disciples came to Him there asking questions. One was: "When will the Kingdom of Heaven come?" In answer He told them this parable: The Kingdom is like ten virgins going forth, with their lamps, to meet the bridegroom. Five were wise and five were foolish; the wise virgins took oil in their lamps and some extra along, while the foolish ones took just what was in their lamps. While awaiting the bridegroom they all slept. At midnight someone cried: "Behold, the bridegroom! Come ye forth to meet him!" All the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, "Give us of your oil, for our lamps are going out." The wise ones answered, "Perhaps, there will not be enough for

us and you. Go ye rather to them that sell and buy for yourselves." While they were gone the bridegroom came. Those that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

This parable teaches us that if we love others and help them as Christ Jesus taught us, in time the Christ Light will shine so strongly from us that we will have power to heal and bless as He did. Such a high spiritual state as this we may call a "marriage feast," a wonderful occasion. He is the "bridegroom" whom all the world (the ten virgins) hopes to meet some day. But some people don't live in the right way; they are like the foolish virgins who had lamps but did not fill them with oil. That is, they did not do the acts of love and service that makes the Golden Wedding Garment.

Some are able to adapt themselves and learn new things, while others continue thinking the same thing day after day, and because of this do not grow. As we learn new things in God's Plan we must be ready to fit them into our lives, to become better helpers for Him. We want to be like the five wise virgins — let us hope, and pray, and work, that we may be ready.

THIRD SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Proportion.

Let us look at that twelve-room house of ours, finding out what part it is the Star Angels of Gemini help us build and use. Place your hands on your sides, where the movement of the lungs can be felt, and take a deep breath; now let it out. You feel the lungs swell up, pushing out the sides of your body; when you let the breath out, the walls or sides return to their former position. Remember the tube we speak through, starting in our throat, going down to the lungs to carry the air, and the epiglottis (little flap) keeping the air from going into the food tube and food getting into the air tube? When we take a deep breath, air goes into the air tube, flowing into two other

tubes, one on each side, branching into the lungs which are full of tiny cells or sacs. Fresh air we know is full of oxygen, making all the cells in our bodies strong and lively, enabling them to do their work. Our body is filled with streams of blood, some quite large while others are so tiny they can scarcely be seen. As these streams flow throughout our bodies, they take up air used by the cells, carrying it along, emptying it into the lungs. They catch hold of the oxygen in the fresh air, and carry it to all the little workers in the body awaiting it. Therefore, when we breathe, we fill our lungs with oxygen the cells need, the lungs expanding somewhat like a sponge when it is put into water. After the cells in the blood have pushed bad gas or bad air into the lungs, these squeeze up tight, sending bad air out through nose or mouth. This makes us understand how important fresh air is to keep little cell workers happy and strong; also why we should breathe deeply to get plenty of air into the lungs.

That is the work of the Gemini Star Angels — to help the lung workers take in oxygen, giving out just the right amount to each and every cell that it may do its work well. They endeavor to teach us to breathe God's Love and Life into ourselves, giving out just the right quantity all around. We all must try hard to do this.

BIBLE LESSON—Parable of the Sower: Luke 8:5-16
Incl.

One day as Christ Jesus was by the sea talking to a crowd of people, they came in such numbers that He got into a boat, from where He continued speaking. This time He told a parable about a farmer who was sowing seed; some fell by the wayside, and the birds ate it. Other seeds fell on rocky places without much soil; although they grew, the Sun scorched them, and with no roots they withered away quickly. Other seeds fell among thorns, which grew up and choked them. Still other seeds fell on

good ground, yielding a crop, some a hundred times over, some sixty, and some thirty. After this Christ Jesus said: "He that has ears to hear, let him hear."

There is a special meaning to this parable, as to all of them. The sower is Christ Jesus, the seeds are His words of wisdom sown among us every day. In the garden, we know all seeds do not grow; something happens to them. The same is true with some of the seeds Christ Jesus sows; they do not take root in us. Some of His words fall on deaf ears, because we do not pay attention. These are the seeds sown by the wayside which the birds eat. We may liken the seeds sown on rocky soil to those who hear the words of Christ Jesus, remembering them only for a short time. Perhaps we go to Sunday School in the morning, behave very well, but in the afternoon we do something naughty. That is like the seeds sown in stony places in our hearts, and we become unkind. It could be we are cruel to brother or sister or our pets. It is then that the seeds of kindness which Christ has sown will die.

Next are the seeds falling among thorns, which spring up only to have the thorns choke them. We could compare this with our trying to do what is right, but being tempted by someone else to do wrong. We must be very careful not to let this happen. There are the seeds falling on good soil, growing into beautiful plants, yielding much fruit. The good soil is the good life we lead, while the fruit is love, kindness, and unselfishness growing out of being good. Let us be careful to grow the best fruit by preparing good soil through learning what Christ Jesus would have us do and trying always to do our very best every single day.

ASTROLOGY:—The Moon has a side we don't see, and yet it is powerful in causing ebb and flow of the ocean's tide just as is the part of the Moon we see. In the same way, the planets can influence men to do or not do certain things. This influence depends on the lessons men have

learned or not learned in previous lives on Earth. That is why we say astrology tells the secret of life.

Our solar system is made up of a Sun with planets around it, formed from a central fire-mist set into motion by God's power. Rings or planets, are thrown off from this Sun; those farthest away are formed first, while those nearest the Sun are formed last. Every single one of these planets is made up differently as to climate, vegetation, those who live thereon, etc. And yet all are life sparks from God and part of His kingdom. We speak of them as God's children, just as we are. We may think of the Sun as God the Spirit, and of the planets as organs of His body, all moving in His strength and at His will.

SERVICE SUNDAY—BIBLE: John 15:12-17 Incl.

Everyone has within him a spark of God which he is to make grow larger each day that he may become a real helper to God. We can all do that by: *watching our thoughts*—keep good ones, chase away others by putting good thoughts in their places; *watching our words*—speak only kind words; *watching our deeds*—do kind things.

This may not seem like very much, and yet when we carry out these three steps each day, we become stronger and better workers for God.

He needs every one of us as helpers to take over the work of looking after this earth on which we live. That is very important work, requiring all the good we can build around that spark of God within each one of us.

Let us all do our very best to reach the place where we may be counted upon to be ready and willing to help wherever we may be called upon to do so.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS FOR CANCER
GRADE II

FIRST SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Intuition.

Today we have a new Star Angel — Cancer — which we call the Mother Sign of God's Universe. These Star Angels watch over all mothers — our own, mothers of animals, mothers of plants — and help them to use the wonderful golden light of Christ's Love. The Moon is the Messenger from Cancer and the Moon belongs only to our Earth.

Long ago (we don't know just how long), when the Earth wasn't as hard as it is now, many of our brothers and sisters among the Earth children didn't learn the lessons God was teaching in Life's School — and they got farther and farther behind until they couldn't catch up. Then God sent part of the Earth on which they lived, out into space where they could better be helped and taken care of by themselves. This is how the Moon was born and why it travels around the Earth.

God sends His light directly to the Moon from the Sun. Mother Moon then sends light down to Earth.

God doesn't want any of us to get behind and be sent away from Earth like that, so Mother Moon keeps whispering all the time: "Remember, Remember!" Mother Moon helps us listen to God's voice when it tells us the things that are right and true. She is always trying to teach us to see more and more of God's beautiful things that we help to make when we do the right thing.

BIBLE LESSON—Christ Jesus Goes up into the Mountain: Luke 21:34-38.

Christ Jesus and His disciples went up to the Mount of Olives, outside Jerusalem, very often because it was

such a lovely place with many trees and soft leaves to rest upon. It was also quiet away from the city.

Hidden meaning: Christ Jesus often went up into the mountain of spirit. By that we mean that this body of ours is not our real Self, but is what our Spirit uses to carry on our work. For instance, your scooter can be made to go in any way you wish, even though that scooter isn't yourself, but just what you are using to get where you wish to go. So it is with our bodies, which are more wonderfully made than the scooter.

We all know the brain is in the head, and it is through the brain that the real You can guide the body where you wish. The Real You is the spirit back of the brain. The Real You knows much about the past, for many years, long before our present bodies were made.

Let us suppose now that we are able to get in touch with this highest part of ourselves. We would know much more than we do now. It is very hard to get in touch with this highest part of us, but sometimes it can be done. That is what is really meant by "going up into the mountain." We go within ourselves and get in touch with the highest part of ourselves, which is the Spirit, the God within.

That is where Christ Jesus went when "He went up into the mountain" — after becoming tired from talking to the people. Then He would come back to the people and give them some of the beautiful truths which were given Him by His Highest Self.

We may also "go up into the mountain" when we learn how, but first, we must be at peace (friendly) with everyone in the world; second, we must keep our minds and bodies still, very still and quiet, and wait for the inner voice to speak to us. When it does, the most wonderful message will be given to us. It takes time to learn to do this, so we must be willing to keep trying and never give up. Then we shall surely learn to hear the inner voice speak to us.

ASTROLOGY — Each planet we see is the form used by a great and exalted spiritual being who is God's servant or ambassador in that part of God's kingdom. We call him a planetary Spirit, who is trying to carry out God's will. God's will is for everything that is for the greatest good even though sometimes there must be sorrow, pain, or illness for a while.

These planetary Spirits not only have power over the beings on their own planet, but also over beings on other planets. The amount of power which the planetary Spirits have over other beings is according to the growth of those beings. The less growth or progress those beings have made, the greater the power the planetary Spirit has over them. The farther those beings have gone in their growth, the more they are able to make their own path, with less guidance by the planetary Spirits.

This is why astrology helps us in our daily lives. We learn where we are weak, where we do wrong, where we are strong. Also we find out which times are best for learning more, in that way getting more strength for good.

SECOND SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Sympathy.

Sympathy means pity — tenderness — sharing the trouble of another person.

What makes mothers different from other people? When you stop and think about it — there is no one like Mother. We wake up in the dark — get hurt — get lost — we want her because we know she will understand just how we feel.

That is just the way God loves us and understands. He knew it would be a long time before we get the Roses blooming on our Cross, so that we can see and know how He loves us. So He gave us mothers to show us how to love and understand. We must all learn this before the Roses can bloom upon our Cross. Everyone is different from

everyone else so no one ever thinks or feels just as we do. Mothers always seem to know just how we feel when things go wrong; that is why they can help so much.

When we see someone sick or sad, if we try very hard to think just how we would feel in his place, the first thing you know we'll be loving him and wishing with all our might that we could help. Then what happens? We find just loving him has helped. Isn't that interesting?

Now, one thing we would like you to remember is to put your arms around your mother every day, telling her how much you love her. Will you do that?

BIBLE LESSON—Parable of the Lost Sheep: Luke 15:4-18 Incl.

At the time of Christ Jesus, many people were shepherds and had many sheep. That is the reason Christ Jesus often spoke of sheep when talking to the people of Palestine, telling parables about sheep. One of them is the Parable of the Lost Sheep which we shall tell about now.

One day as Christ Jesus was talking, He heard some Pharisees (people belonging to a group who are very strict about obeying the rules of their group, but without love in their hearts) talking. This is what they said: "This man (meaning Christ Jesus) receives sinners and eats with them."

Christ Jesus saw the Pharisees were cold and unfeeling and He wanted them to be kind and sympathetic to the poor. The Pharisees were well dressed and had more than enough to eat, but no love in their hearts for others who didn't have enough.

Christ Jesus told them a parable: If a man has 100 sheep and loses one, he leaves the 99 that are safe and goes out looking for the lost one until he finds it. Then he comes home, calling in neighbors and friends, saying: "Be glad with me, for I've found my lost sheep." Christ Jesus then spoke further: "I say to you, in the same way, there is joy in heaven over one sinner who is sorry for the wrong he

has done, more than for the 99 who did no wrong." He wanted to teach the Pharisees a lesson about loving one another, but the Pharisees' hearts were cruel and unkind, so they turned away.

When we understand this parable we learn a very important lesson. The shepherd in the parable is Christ, the Good Shepherd who watches over the sheep and loves them dearly. We are the sheep, and there are many kinds, some poor, some rich, some sick, some well, some good, and others bad. Christ loves them all just the same. Like the shepherds, He seeks lost ones and is very glad when they are found. Sinners are those who stray from the loving care of the Good Shepherd. The Pharisees said Christ Jesus received sinners and ate with them. To Christ that makes no difference, because all who live in this world are children of the same Heavenly Father and Christ is the Good Shepherd over them all. Just as Christ protects the weak, and has sympathy (pity) for sinners, so must we if we are to walk in His footsteps.

ASTROLOGY — Today we shall talk about the different planets, also the different signs. First, and closest to the Sun, is Mercury, which travels very fast around the Sun. Next is Venus which takes a while longer to get around the Sun once. The Earth takes a whole year to move around the Sun just once. Mars takes nearly two years; Jupiter takes 12 years; Saturn takes almost 30 years; Uranus takes 84 years; and Neptune takes 165 years to travel around the Sun just once.

We know there are 12 signs in the Zodiac (which we will talk about more next Sunday). They are: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, and Pisces. We have talked about them often in Sunday School and you all know that each one of us is born in one of those signs. The Sun was in that sign when we were born — that is when we celebrate our birthdays, the exact day we were born. (Discuss

and question signs of the students — merely as to birth-days — in a very general way.)

THIRD SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Metabolism.

That is a large word which means that a living cell changes the food we eat into what it can use, and then gets rid of the rest for which it has no use.

Today we talk about our bodies — our house of twelve rooms. The sign Cancer rules the stomach, which looks like a bag, large at one end where the food comes in and small at the other end where the food goes out. When we eat, the stomach puffs up like a balloon; when it's empty, it crumbles like a balloon from which the air has been let out.

We know the workers in our bodies get hungry and must be fed, but they can't use the food we eat just as it is because they are so small. So the food must be broken up and mixed with different juices until it becomes soft and watery before the little cells can take it.

There is an army of workers in our stomach. Some make juices to soften the food, some work the muscles and nerves which do the mixing, some work as messengers to tell what kind of food is coming to the stomach so the other cells will know what kind of juice is needed in the stomach. Here's how it is done: you take a bite of carrots and the little messenger flies to the stomach and says: "Carrots coming." By the time you have chewed the bite of food and swallowed it, the right kind of juice is waiting in the stomach for it.

There's a busy time for the little workers when we have finished eating. They are working away at everything sent to the stomach from the mouth; they're trying to fix the food we have swallowed so that all the other cells in the body can use it. They do this by working the muscles of the stomach so the food is shaken up and mixed.

When the food is all mixed, it is pushed along to a little door at the small end of the stomach; that door always stays shut until a certain kind of juice touches it, then it flies open, letting just a little bit of food through at a time. The stomach cells know just what other cells need to build a good strong body. That is the reason why when we send the wrong kind of food, it sometimes is just sent back again.

What would be the wrong kind of food? What is the right food?

BIBLE LESSON—Loving Care of Father-Mother God: Luke 12:22-24 & 27-28.

All boys and girls have a father and mother, or someone very close, to watch over them. They are our physical (bodily) parents or guardians whom we should love very much for their loving care to us. When we were born we could not take care of ourselves, but they did look after us. That is the reason we can be here this morning. Since they looked after us when we were babies, we should be very thankful to them.

As we have those who care for our bodies, so everyone has a divine parent whom we call Father-Mother God. We are all children of this one heavenly Parent and even though we cannot see Him, He does watch over us with loving care.

Christ came to tell people about our Father-Mother God and His love. This is the way he told it: "There is no need to be anxious for your life, what you shall eat, what you shall drink, what ye shall wear. Look at the birds of the field, they do no work, but your Heavenly Father looks after them. And men, women and children are more than the birds." Christ Jesus meant that if God looks after the birds, He will watch over us.

Then Christ Jesus spoke of our clothes, saying people

need not worry about them, because if we look at the lilies we see they grow, yet they do no work, and what is more beautiful than a lily? If God looks after the flowers and grass which last only a few days, He surely will look after us, if we act right and have faith, giving us what we need. God had Christ Jesus tell people this because He wanted the *people to have faith in God*, who makes everything, and then the *things which are good for us will come to us*. So when we do the best we know how, love our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, all people everywhere, and trust in God, then we shall have things which are good for us.

ASTROLOGY — Last Sunday we talked about planets and signs. Today we shall see what we do with them so as to know how they apply to each one of us. You may have heard the word “horoscope” and wondered what it meant. It is a plan, outline, diagram, or chart of the heavens showing where the planets are, what signs they are in, what connection they have to one another and the Earth.

The planets and the Earth move all the time, and will not all be in the same place again for about 26,000 years. This means everyone’s horoscope is different from every one else’s — even twins are not exactly the same, because the Earth is constantly moving, which makes a change in the planets’ positions or locations. Of course, if two people were born at the same minute, in the same place, on the same day, in the same month of the same year, *then* their charts would be the same.

If two babies are born at the same time, but in different parts of the United States, say New York and Los Angeles, their charts will be different, because when it is 6:00 P.M. in Los Angeles, it is 9:00 P.M. in New York. If two babies are born at the same time in different parts of the world, say Los Angeles and London, their charts will be different, because when it is 8:00 A.M. in Los Angeles, it is 4:00 P.M. in London, or 8 hours difference. This is because the

Sun is almost ready to set in London when it rises in Los Angeles. (Use globe and glass to show how this is done.)

SERVICE SUNDAY—REVIEW—BIBLE: Luke 19:1-9

This is the month when we think of picnics, vacations, holidays, and no school. Also, a time when days are warm and bright with flowers, trees, fruits, and vegetables growing more beautiful daily.

And yet, we are asked to REMEMBER, REMEMBER — what is it we're to remember? One thing is, to let our mothers and fathers know how much we love them. When we see how much they do to take care of us, this helps us understand in a little way just how great is God's love for us all — boys and girls, men and women. Even though some people don't do as God wants them to, God still loves them. So every day we need to remember to thank God for His love to all, and for giving us mothers and fathers to take care of us.

Also, we must remember to eat the right foods so the little workers in our bodies, who look after the food we send down to them, can use and get it ready for the cells in our bodies, which they need to keep strong and healthy. If those little workers cannot use what we send them, they will send it back — has that ever happened to you?

So let us remember to thank God for His love, for our mothers and fathers, and for the chance to grow strong and healthy by eating the right foods as our mothers ask.

LESSON SUGGESTIONS FOR LEO

GRADE II

FIRST SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Rulership.

Today we will talk about a new Star Angel in the sign of Leo. This is the Sun. We show the Sun by drawing a

circle and putting a dot in the center. The Earth and the other planets move around the Sun.

Here's the way the planets came to be where they are and what keeps them from bumping into one another: In the very beginning, God made a picture of the wonderful world He was going to build. All tiny life sparks began working on that picture with the help of God's older children — the Star Angels. The Star Angels from Leo gave us the seed of our bodies, but we were sound asleep and didn't know. These Star Angels are still helping us build our bodies and use them. We lived in a world which was dark, but God loved us so much it made the world warm. After a long while, we began wakening a little. By that time God's love had made the world all fiery and bright. Many of God's children were growing up together in that fiery world. Some worked harder than others and got ahead—some wanted to do one thing and some another.

After a long time, when we had awakened a little more, we were divided into classes just as in school today. The way God did this was: He sent all His children out into different parts of space on their own part of that fiery world. He gave them their own path to follow around the fiery globe which is our Sun. Each class was sent just the right distance away, and each class was given a Star Angel to take care of it. So that is how the Earth and all the planets came to travel around the Sun, each in its own path; ♃ ♅ ♄ ♁ ⊗ ♀ ♃ closest to the ☉.

Neptune came from another world to learn from God how to make a world of His own. Neptune wants to help us all He can to make the Roses Bloom upon our Cross. He travels around away out beyond Uranus and says: "Listen! God is calling!" The Sun says: "Be Strong!" God knows that if we are weak and careless instead of fine and strong we never will climb the Ladder of Life to see all the wonderful things waiting for us there.

BIBLE LESSON—Christ Jesus Talks on Humility:
Matthew 18:1-4.

The Sun is the largest of all the heavenly bodies. Christ came to us from the Sun. He is the greatest and most powerful Teacher God has ever sent us. Christ Jesus made the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk, and did many other things called miracles (an act or happening in the material or physical world that departs from the laws of Nature, or goes beyond what is known about these laws). God wants us to be like Christ Jesus and He has told us how.

One day, the disciples met and talked about which one would be the greatest among them in the life to come. Each wanted to be the greatest, just as some of us may want to be first. They could not decide, and went to Christ Jesus, asking Him: "Master, who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" He looked at them lovingly, but for a moment said nothing. Then He called a little child, set the little one in the midst of them, and said:

"Whosoever will not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter into heaven."

We aren't told what the disciples thought of Christ Jesus' answer, but we can imagine they were puzzled. For months they sat at His feet, learning of His wisdom, and thought they had become great. And yet, now, He told them they must become as a little child before they could enter the Kingdom of Heaven. What did He mean? Surely they could not learn anything from a child. This is what Christ Jesus, their Master, meant: in spite of all that the disciples knew, they lacked, or did not have, some things which a child has. A child does not think he knows everything, and he is teachable, trustful, obedient, and humble.

Nowadays, some boys and girls grow up very quickly. Going to school, they learn many things but, sorry to say, they become puffed up with pride (think they know it all)

about what they know or can do. They boast or brag about the way they can do this, that, or something else, and begin to try to boss around some of the other boys and girls. That, of course, is not what Christ wants.

The Spirit of the Sun wants us to be strong and bright, for that is what He Himself is, but He also wants us to be kind and loving. The Sun is the Heavenly messenger of love, and the loving Christ came from the Sun to teach us to be kind and loving to one another, and to rule ourselves instead of others. Those who can do these things will be the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

So we always want to remember that the truly great teachers and leaders are those who not only are strong in body and mind, but who also love all people, even their enemies, and can rule themselves.

SECOND SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Generosity.

The Star Angels from the Sun say to us: "Be Strong!" There is something that pours out from the Sun, holding every planet in its place, helping all life sparks living on each planet to build bodies, and grow, and learn how to make the Roses bloom on their Cross. That something is the strongest thing in the world — God's *Love!* When God tells us through the Star Angels from the Sun to "Be Strong!" He means we should learn to love as He loves, because no one can be truly great, or strong, or wise, or happy, until he learns how to love.

Now, there's one sure way of telling whether we are beginning to learn how to love, and that is to notice whether we want to share with others all things which make us happy. When we want to keep things for ourselves alone, that makes Christ very sorry. He knows that until we learn how to love, we will never make the Roses bloom upon our Cross, or be truly happy.

So let us, each and every one, watch ourselves to see how much we like to make others happy.