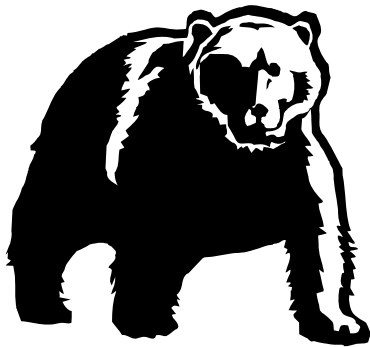


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CREATION CORNER

God Can Work Though His Creation 'The Hiding Place'

We all know the story about how the Ravens brought food for Elijah. Where did they get it? Probably from that huge table that Jezebel set for her priests of Baal everyday. "Pesky Ravens! Snatching the food and flying away. Wonder why they always head that direction??"

Here's another amazing story of God's care sent by a friend. In all ages past, God has granted his people the "Hiding Place" in one form or another. I once read of a person who was lost in the Alaskan wilderness during a blizzard. While dying in the frozen snow, he awoke to find that a bear had lay down beside them to nap and keep him warm for the night.

In the morning, the bear got up and let him journey onward to safety for another day, only to lay down beside him again when the evening chills and heavy snows again began to take their toll. Finally, as the wanderer began to near civilization again, when the lights of a nearby town could faintly be made out, the bear disappeared forever. When all earthly support runs

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HISTORY

The Protestant Reformation: 18 JESUIT METHODS

Last week we began learning about the methods the Jesuits were taught to use in their battle against Protestants and the Light of God's Word. The methods taught by Ignatius Loyola actually came right from Satan, and were wicked, sneaky and dishonest. Especially after the Council of Trent, they went forth through the world like wolves, to destroy Protestantism and re-establish Romanism. Let's look at what Jesus showed to Ellen White about them.

"Throughout Christendom, Protestantism was menaced by formidable foes. The first triumphs of the Reformation past, Rome sum-

moned new forces, hoping to accomplish its destruction. At this time the order of the Jesuits was created, the most cruel, unscrupulous, and powerful of all the champions of popery. Cut off from earthly ties and human interests, dead to the claims of natural affection, reason and conscience wholly silenced, they knew no rule, no tie, but that of their order, and no duty but to extend its power.

“The gospel of Christ had enabled its adherents to meet danger and endure suffering, undismayed by cold, hunger, toil, and poverty, to uphold the banner of truth in face of the rack, the dungeon, and the stake. To combat these forces, Jesuitism inspired its followers with a fanaticism that enabled them to endure like dangers, and to oppose to the power of truth all the weapons of deception. There was no crime too great for them to commit, no deception too base for them to practice, no disguise too difficult for them to assume. Vowed to perpetual poverty and humility, it was their studied aim to secure wealth and power, to be devoted to the overthrow of Protestantism, and the re-establishment of the papal supremacy.

“When appearing as members of their order, they wore a garb of sanctity, visiting prisons and hospitals, ministering to the sick and the poor, professing to have renounced the world, and bearing the sacred name of Jesus, who went about doing good. But under this blameless exterior the most criminal and deadly purposes were often concealed. It was a fundamental principle of the order that the end justifies the means. By this code, lying, theft, perjury, assassination, were not only pardonable but commendable, when they served the interests of the church. Under various disguises the Jesuits worked their way into offices of state, climbing up to be the counselors of kings, and shaping the policy of nations. They became servants to act as spies upon their masters.

“They established colleges for the sons of princes and nobles, and schools for the common people; and the children of Protestant parents were drawn into an observance of popish rites. All the outward pomp and display of the Romish worship was brought to bear to confuse the mind and dazzle and captivate the imagination, and thus the liberty for which the fathers had toiled and bled was betrayed by the sons. The Jesuits rapidly spread themselves

over Europe, and wherever they went, there followed a revival of popery.” Great Controversy 234, 235. More next week. = ^ .. ^ =



TRUE-STORY-TIME

Battleships, carriers, destroyers, one behind the other, were moving majestically out of San Francisco Bay under the magnificent span of the Golden Gate Bridge. Every now and then, as a ship neared the bridge, a bright, piercing bluish-white light flashed from its control tower and was answered by a similar flash from the fort beside the bridge.

“Look, they’re signaling,” said Rupert. “I wonder what they are saying to each other.”

“That’s more than I can tell,” said Father. “Perhaps some important message in code, or merely saying farewell.”

“But why do they still signal by lights?” asked Rupert. “I thought they did it all by radio nowadays.”

“You would think so,” said Father, “but the fact is they still use light signals and flag signals--probably in case the radio breaks down sometime.”

With nothing else to do but watch the ships go by, and the flashing lights, the two started talking about signals in olden times and how people began to use them long, long ago.

“History tells us,” said Father, “that during the famous Battle of Marathon, the Persians signaled to one another by turning their brightly polished shields in the sunlight.

“Then in Egypt, for hundreds of years, there stood a tall building called the Pharos Tower,

used for signaling by fire at night and by smoke during the day. All sorts of information was sent out in this way, announcing events of importance in the kingdom and also warning of the approach of enemies.”

“Makes me think of the Indians and their smoke signals,” said Rupert.

“That’s right;” said Father. “The Native Americans became mighty clever with them, holding smoke back over their fires with blankets or some other covering, then releasing it in puffs at various intervals, according to the message they wanted to send. Might try it sometime, when you go camping.”

“But not with one of Mother’s blankets,” laughed Rupert. “Do you know about other signals?”

“Now, let me see. Oh, yes, I should have mentioned the beacon fires of the Middle Ages. These were built on cliffs or high hills and mountains, where they could be seen for miles. When the Spanish Armada was seen entering the English Channel, hundreds of beacons were lighted, flashing the news of the threatened invasion from one end of the country to the other.”

“Seems a bit old-fashioned today,” mused Rupert.

“That’s right,” said Father, “but if for any reason our supply of electricity was to be cut off, and our radios, radars, and telephones all broke down, we might be glad to go back to some of these ‘old-fashioned’ means of communication. We might even adopt the drums or tom-toms from the African natives. It’s said that they can send a message across Africa almost as quickly this way as if it were telegraphed. Certainly much faster than by regular mail.”

Slowly, majestically, the last of the great gray ships sailed out into the Pacific. Evening shadows wrapped the mighty bridge and the glorious bay in night and mystery, while a million lights shone out from the surrounding cities as if trying to rival the twinkling stars.

“Come to think of it,” said Father, “this talk about signals makes me think of that text in the Bible where it says of the sun, moon, and stars, ‘Let them be for signs,’ or signals. Genesis 1:14. I used to wonder what that meant. Then one day I read the words of Jesus: ‘There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men’s

hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.’ Luke 21 :25-27.

“When I first read this,” Father went on, “I saw that right from the beginning of Creation our Lord planned to use the sun, moon, and stars to signal to the world and to us when the time of His return in glory would be drawing near. He would send signals in the sky and on the earth. By every possible means He would seek to warn us of the approach of that great day.

“As the prophet Joel said long ago: ‘I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.’ Joel 2: 30, 31.”

“Has God signaled to us from the sky?” asked Rupert. “He surely has,” said Father. “More than two hundred years ago there came the strange darkening of the sun, on May 19, 1780. Nobody has ever been able to explain it. Not even the wisest astronomers. It is just recorded as the ‘Dark Day.’ Even Webster said in his famous dictionary, ‘The true cause of this remarkable phenomenon is not known.’

“That same night the moon took on the appearance of blood, and most people who saw it were convinced that it was a sign that the world was soon coming to an end.

“Then, a little over fifty years later, on the night of November 12-13, 1833, the stars fell from heaven. I don’t mean the fixed stars, of course. But the shooting stars, or meteors. It was the mightiest shower of meteors the world has ever seen, and again many who saw it believed it was another of God’s signs or signals, that the end was drawing near.”

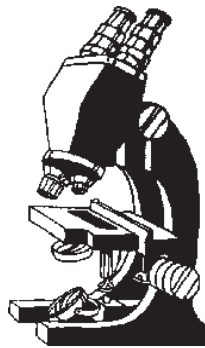
“That was a long time ago, though,” said Rupert. “Well over a hundred and seventy years.”

“That’s right, son. The falling of the stars was the last of God’s signals in the sky. But since then He has sent a thousand more in the events taking place about us on the earth. In this twentieth century we have seen the greatest wars, the greatest famines, the greatest pestilences, and the greatest earthquakes of all time. And, I hardly need to remind you, Rupert—all

the world is sick with fear as to what is going to happen now with all the terrible weapons that have been invented. Everywhere today, just as Jesus said, men's hearts are failing them for fear, and for looking on those things which are coming upon the earth."

"God's signals," said Rupert.

"Yes, God's signals, in the sky, on the earth, and in the sea - all about us. And all saying to us, like the flashing lights on the control towers of the battleships that have just sailed past us into the night, 'Jesus is coming; Jesus is coming; Jesus is coming soon.'" = ^ .. ^ =



STORY LESSON

My Body Temple A Drop of Blood

Did you ever cut or prick your finger so as to make it bleed? Probably you have more than once met with an accident of this sort. All parts of the body contain blood. If the skin is broken in any place the blood flows out.

Do you know what a microscope is? It is an instrument, which magnifies objects, or makes them look a great deal larger than they really are. Some microscopes are so powerful that they will make a little speck of dust look as large as a great rock.

If you should look at a tiny drop of blood through such a microscope, you would find it to be full of very small, round objects called blood corpuscles. They look something like little red donuts but they don't have holes.

You would notice that there are two kinds of cor-puscles. Most of them are slightly reddish, and give to the blood its red color. A very few are white.

Do you wonder what these little corpuscles do in the body? They are very necessary. We could not live a moment without them. We need to take into our bodies oxygen from the air. It

is the business of the red corpuscles to take up the oxygen in the lungs and carry it round through the body in a wonderful way, of which we shall learn more in a future lesson.

The white corpuscles have something to do with keeping the body well. They are carried by the blood into all parts of the body and stop where they find a foreign object, something that is not part of the body. This may be a virus, bacteria, or it may be something like a sliver! The white corpuscles go to work fighting this foreign object to prevent infection and sickness. If it is a germ, the white corpuscles gobble it up!

The corpuscles float in clear, almost colorless fluid, called plasma, which contains the digested food and other elements by which the body is nourished. = ^ .. ^ =

BUILDING FOR JESUS

Another Angel, Father!

Way back when Ellen White was first given the job of carrying God's messages to the people, she had some problems with a man who was working for the devil and was causing her a lot of trouble. At that time it seemed that she was going to die and the faithful church members gathered to pray for her.

As they prayed she became better and she was shown a vision where she was told that she had an angel with her at all times, but that if she began to have problems from the devils agents at any time, she was to ask her Heavenly Father to send another angel and help would come and the evil power would be broken.

She remembered this and not too long after that she was speaking in a meeting and a man was there who claimed he could bring her under his hypnotic powers. He was sitting near the front of the group and he had his hand over his face and was looking at her through his fingers. He would groan and make strange noises as she began to tell the people about the heavenly visions.

She could feel the evil powers with this man and remembering what she had been told, she "then raised my hands to heaven and earnestly cried, Another angel, Father! Another angel! I knew that my request was granted. I felt shielded by the strong Spirit of the Lord, and was borne above every earthly influence, and with freedom

finished my testimony.”

The man was asked afterwards why he could not stop her from telling the people about heaven, as he had claimed to be able to do. He just made a silly excuse, but his influence on the people was broken.

Children, if you ever find yourself in a situation where you feel afraid, or where you know people or evil spirits are trying to stop your work or influence your mind; you too can call for “Another Angel” and it will be sent!

Did you know the Bible tells that “Another Angel” is going to be sent to help God’s faithful ones finish taking the 3 angel’s messages to the world? Yes indeed, when things start getting tough, and humanly it seems impossible - another angel will be sent. See Rev. 18:1- “And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.” God will always provide all the power we need to win over Satan and his hosts!



Year 1: 4th Quarter:
“BIBLE PICTURE STORIES”
WEEKLY BIBLE LESSON 12: “SUPPERS
AND WEDDINGS”

For our Bible lessons we are going to use the King James Version of the Bible. Just like the boys and girls used to use to learn to read from in the pioneer days.

There will be some texts to look up for each day and you should practice your memory verse until you can say it without looking. Don’t forget to learn the text too.

MEMORY VERSE: “And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.” Matthew 22:12

Sunday

Text: Luke 14:16,17 “Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.”

The church leaders and Pharisees in Jesus day were sure they were all going to go to heaven, and they had a saying, “Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of Heaven.” When they said this it was obvious that they felt there was no doubt that certainly they would be there.

Jesus had an important lesson to teach them, and so He began to tell this story about a man, who had invited the people of His land to the great supper. When the supper was all prepared, the message went out for everyone to come to the supper. But when the servants told the invitation to the people, they all made excuses.

One said he had bought land and had to go see it. Another said he had bought oxen and had to go and see how well they plowed. These asked to be excused. The other person said he had married a wife and so couldn’t come. He didn’t even ask to be excused.

When the servants came and told what had happened, the rich man said, “The supper is ready, and those who I asked to come, don’t deserve it. Go to the poor and the crippled and blind and tell them to come.”

The servants did this and told him there was still room, so he told them to go look everywhere and bring in all who would come so his table would be filled with guests for none of those other people shall even taste the supper.

Thought - When Jesus came to earth and was teaching the people, His words were like a great supper of God’s truth spread out for the people.

Monday

Text: Luke 14:21 “So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.”

In this story, the first guests invited to the supper were the Jewish leaders and Pharisees, but they were not interested in it. Other things

were more important. Houses, lands, honour, oxen, money and marriages meant more than the heavenly feast.

The poor and lame and blind, were the harlots and tax collectors and common people who did listen to Jesus, and many of them followed Him. These were people that the Leaders would not even talk to, because they thought they were unclean and worthless.

When the servants were told to go into the highways and byways and urge the people to come to the supper; this meant the taking of the gospel message to the whole world.

“For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper,” these words of the great man in the story were a warning to those Jewish Leaders. And they are a warning to us also. If we think that earthly things are so important that we have no time to answer the Lord’s invitation, no time to bother with God’s Truths, we too will never taste of God’s wonderful supper.

Thought - Jesus was telling the leaders that they would miss out on that heavenly supper, not because God didn’t want them, but because they themselves refused to come to God in the way He asked them to.

Tuesday

Text: Matthew 22:4-6 “Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise: And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

Now near the end of Jesus’ ministry, He tells a similar story, but this time it is even more of a warning. It is a King that is inviting the people in His country to the wedding feast for His Son. And the people invited, do even worse than in the first story; here they even kill the King’s servants!

Verse 7 tells us what the King did; “But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.” Jesus was again warning the Jews what would happen if

they rejected what Heaven had sent to them to save them. His words were fulfilled in A.D. 70, when the Roman armies destroyed Jerusalem.

Then as in the first story, the servants were sent out to call all, both ‘bad and good’ to come to the marriage supper. They came and the banquet hall was filled with happy guests. This meant the gospel invitation going to the entire world.

Thought - Each one of us can be a guest at that wonderful marriage supper; the King invites all to come!

Wednesday

Text: Matthew 22:11 “And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment.”

Now here is the secret of this story; you remember that the King allowed all, both ‘bad and good’ to come? Well, when they came, something very special was given to them absolutely free. It was a beautiful, expensive Wedding Garment!

This Wedding Garment is the same as the ‘White Raiment’ that Revelation 3:18 tells us about. It represents Jesus’ perfect life and character, which He gives to us, instead of our sinful life and character. Jesus was the richest Gift that Heaven could give for us. To put on this Wedding Garment, we have to repent of our sins and choose to have Jesus live His life in us.

Although everybody was invited, and all who wanted to, could come, there came the time when the King came in to see the guests. After all, this was His Son’s wedding feast, and the King wanted everything just right. As His eyes went over the guests sitting happily at the table, he saw a man that did not have on the lovely wedding garment that he had been given!

This man had figured his ordinary clothes were good enough, and he wasn’t going to let the King tell him what to wear. But when the King asked him why he did not wear the costly garment given to him, he wasn’t so bold then. We are told he had nothing to say. So he was thrown out of the wedding.

Thought - There was no excuse for that man not to wear the lovely robe given him by the King; and there’s no excuse for us either, if we don’t let Jesus remove our sinful characters and give us His White Robe of character so we can

go to the Wedding Supper.

Thursday

Text: Matthew 25:1, 2 “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.”

These 10 virgins were what we would call Bridesmaids. They each had a lamp, and their job was to meet the bridegroom when he came, and to have all their lamps burning brightly.

We are told that half of these girls were wise and half were foolish. What made the difference? Well the wise ones took extra oil with them, and the foolish ones didn't. Maybe they thought they would not have to wait very long, and wouldn't need extra oil.

It took much longer for the bridegroom to come than they had planned on, and after a while all those girls began to slumber and sleep. At midnight they were waked up by a lot of noise and bustle—the Bridegroom had come and it was time to meet him with their lamps all bright and shiny.

Now the wise ones put in their oil, and were ready to go, but the foolish ones found their lamps were empty and going out. They asked the wise girls to give them oil but they could not.

While the foolish girls went off to buy some oil, the wise ones went into the wedding supper with the Bridegroom. When the other girls came later, they were locked out.

Thought - Jesus was teaching many things in this story. What lessons can you see there?

Friday

Text: Matthew 25:11-13 “Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.”

In this story, the girls are the ones who have heard the invitation to the marriage supper and have chosen to accept. They are 'church members'; they all have Bible truth, the lamps; and they all want to meet the Bridegroom and go in with Him.

As the time grows long, they all slumber and

sleep, but when the Midnight Cry awakens them they all wake up. But here is where there is a difference, five of them are in trouble, they are out of oil.

What is that 'oil' that is so important? —It is the Holy Spirit in the heart and more than that; it is a personal experience in knowing and trusting God. That is why we can't give it to anyone else; each must get it for themselves. And we have to get it and have it with us ahead of time, when things start happening and the hard times come, it is too late to start looking for it then.

Did you know that you can think you have the Holy Spirit in your heart and really be a Christian, because you feel so happy thinking about heaven, going to church or singing hymns, but the Holy Spirit is still on the outside, trying to get you to let Him in?

Every so often He will impress you that there are things you are doing or not doing that need to be given over to Jesus, so He can come in and dwell inside your heart, to change your character to be like Jesus. But if we think to ourselves; “No, I don't want to stop doing that, I enjoy it too much.” Or “No, I don't want to give all my life to Jesus, I have other plans, and He might want me to do things I don't feel like doing.” Then the Holy Spirit is kept out and we are still like the foolish girls.

Thought - Let us all be very serious about getting ready to meet our Bridegroom! Jesus is coming soon, and only those who have really chosen to get ready, and stay ready by Jesus' power, will look up and say, “Lo! This is our God, we have waited for Him and He will save us!” = ^ .. ^ =

