

Sunday School Lesson

GOD'S MESSIAH
International Sunday School Lesson
For December 25, 1949

SCRIPTURE SELECTION: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among men with whom he pleased."—Luke 2:14.

Text: Isaiah 9:2-7; 11:1-5
of the depths of Israel's
est days in her national and
nal history, a voice arose tell-
of the coming of the redeemer,
who would have the people
their sins. The voice was that
of Isaiah, the greatest prophet of
Israelites.

The redeemer would be known by
number of names. "Wonderful
counselor," "The Mighty God,"
"Everlasting Father," "The
of Peace." His reign would
ernal and justice and judg-
were to result from his au-
ity and power. Such was the
prophecy of this Israelite prom-
more than seven hundred years
of the coming of Jesus Christ
arh.

The prophet foresaw an era of
picturing a time when the
and the lamb, the leopard and
and calf and the young lion
exist amicably in the same
We, sheltered and unfamiliar

with the dread of wild beasts hard-
ly grasps the striking meaning of
the picture used.

The world's thinking at the pres-
ent time has been prepared by the
growing influence of Christianity
for consideration of peace on earth
and good will to men but in Isaiah's
day his idea of a warless world was
revolutionary.

The world is suffering today be-
cause of the ravages and destruc-
tion during the two great world
wars. Financial and material re-
sources were recklessly expended in
a non-productive rampage of death
and destruction.

Beyond the material damage, the
moral fiber of mankind suffered
seriously as a result of the pas-
sions and hatreds stirred up dur-
ing the contest. Sorrow and misery
visited millions of homes. Should
not all this impel mankind to the
abolition of war?

The individual rational mind of-
ten questions the necessity for men
to be enemies. Christianity for
centuries has been advertising the
blessings and necessities of human
brotherhood. Why is it that na-
tions and races cannot be mutual-
ly helpful rather than destructive?

Millions of individuals see the
foolishness and wickedness of war
but the political machinery of the

world is beyond the power of these
single units of humanity to recon-
struct and control in the interest
of their own welfare.

The function of war in civiliza-
tion has been to settle disputes be-
tween nations. No other good pur-
pose is served by such conflicts. As
a method of deciding disputes, war
favors the strong, regardless of
right or merit.

Surely, it is reasonable to ask
that justice and righteousness be
the basis for adjusting interna-
tional disputes. It is a fairer and
better method not to mention the
fact that it operates without waste
of lives and treasure.

Christianity should exert itself
to prevent war. To accomplish this
we must provide peaceful machin-
ery to perform the functions of
war, that is, for the arbitration or
judicial determination of interna-
tional disputes.

The nations of the world are
trying desperately to set up the
machinery of lasting peace in the
world through the medium of the
United Nations. At times, it seems,
their efforts will be vain because
of the bickering and spirit of an-
tagonism exhibited between the
member nations.

However, it is a part of the Chris-
tian's responsibility in our day to
help keep the hope of international
peace alive and to do everything
possible to assist in the smooth
functioning of any agency whose
ultimate aim is world peace.

Neighborly Yours

By Maggi Marchand Brown

Every time I hear the beautiful
Christmas hymn, "O Holy Night,"
I remember a strange little Christ-
mas story.

A few years ago I went up to
Berchtesgaden in the Bavarian
Alps. My colleagues and I were
heart-worn from the human har-
dred that festered amid the pov-
erty-stricken ruins of Germany.
The trials at Nuremberg were sus-
pended for the holidays, and we
had that opportunity to rest our-
selves among the lofty moun-
tains.

Berchtesgaden is a story-book
town, on a lake that is like a gleam-
ing black pearl in a silver forest,
as the clouds spread a frosting on
every tree and bush.

Began to Feel Lonely
A woman from the mountains,
I felt almost at home there. But
the day before Christmas, while I
was climbing down from the Ober-
salzberg Hills in deep snow, I be-
gan to feel like a lonely pilgrim on
the earth. The great eve was com-
ing. . . If I could have one gift,
I told myself, it would be that
glorious song, "O Holy Night."

from tip of spoon on slightly but-
tered paper. Set aside to harden.

Date Loaf Candy

- 3 cups sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup milk
1 cup pecans
1 package dates (8 oz.)
Boil sugar, milk and dates until
mixture forms a soft ball in water
(238 degrees F.). Remove from fire
and add butter. Beat until it begins
to harden, then add walnuts or
pecans. Drop on a damp cloth and
form in a roll. Remove from damp
cloth in which a roll wrapped
and cut in slices one-half inch
thick when cool.

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Trudging alone into the little
town, I could think of nothing else
until three small German children
crossed my path and spoke to me.
"It's so cold!" one of them said,
shivering. "Are you hungry and
cold? Are you going to the Red
Cross hut and eat those fat, sweet
cakes with holes in them?"

Visits Red Cross

I did not know there was a Red
Cross establishment in Berchtes-
gaden. "Doughnuts?" I looked at
their eager, pinched faces. "Sup-
pose you show me which way to
go, and I'll see whether we can get
cakes for all of us."

We followed their keen little
noses, straight to the American
Club. I went inside while the chil-
dren pressed against the window,
watching hopefully.
"I'll take coffee, please," I told
the German girl at the counter.
"Put six doughnuts into a bag for
me to take out to my friends."

Is Given Bouquet

She could see the youngsters
staring, and she smiled. "For you,
then, here is a little bouquet of
snow flowers."

They were lovely tiny white bells
with dark leaves that grow on the
edge of the Alpine glaciers, and I
put the cluster on the table while
I drank my coffee.

About half a dozen American
soldiers were in the big room, sit-
ting with their thoughts of home
at Christmas. A few of them talked
in low tones, but the quiet there
was like the hush before a religious
service. I could not hurry away. . .
We Americans looked at each other
with understanding silence. . . Now
the evening was coming on, and
there seemed to be nothing to say,
but we all waited for a sign as
shepherds of each other.

Desired Song Played

Then a young soldier got up and
walked to the phonograph. He did
not search out a particular record.
No. . . He picked up the handiest

Who Knows

- 1. How long did Britain rule
Palestine?
2. When did Finland become an
independent nation?
3. Who wrote: "I Hear America
Singing"?
4. What is the most plentiful
element in the earth's atmosphere
and crust?
5. What is the southernmost
section of the U. S.?
6. What is the northernmost
section of the U. S.?
7. Name the "Three Musketeers."
8. What three former Nationalist
capitals are now in Chinese Com-
munist hands?
9. What is the salary of the Vice
President of the U. S.?
10. How far is the planet Jupi-
ter from the earth?

THE ANSWERS

- 1. From 1917-1948
2. In 1917, when she de-
clared herself free of Russian rule.
3. Walt Whitman.
4. Oxygen, which accounts for
about half the weight of each.
5. Key West, Fla.
6. The Lake of Woods projection
of Minnesota.
7. Athos, Porthos and Aramis.
8. Felphuz, Nanking and Aram-
in.
9. \$50,000 a year, plus \$10,000 in
tax-free allowances.
10. About 54,000,000 miles.

record, glanced at it, and set the
machine.

He was playing "O Holy Night."
Outside, the children heard the
hymn, and, listening, they waited
like lambs that had come to the
Master's fold.

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THE GRILL

Jane and Arnold Service
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Veterans News

Veterans Administration in a
statement explains what is meant
by a "change of course," in the
light of its recent regulations re-
quiring veterans to obtain advise-
ment and guidance if the plan to
change their GI Bill courses to new
general fields of study.

Under the regulations — Instruc-
tion 1-B to Public Law 266 — a
veteran may make a change, with-
out advisement and guidance, so
long as his new course is in the
same general field as his original
objective or a normally related pro-
gressive objective.

Guidance Required

If he wants to change to a dif-
ferent general field, however the
instruction requires that he under-
go advisement and guidance to de-
termine his aptitude for and need
of the course to complete his edu-
cational or job objective.

A change of course, VA explained,
means a change of a veteran's edu-
cational or vocational objective. It
does not mean changes made with-
in a course.

For example, a veteran may
change one or more unit subjects of
his over-all course of study, or he
may drop a subject or add another
—all without having to go to VA
for approval.

Also May Specialize

Or, he may progress to a more
advanced phase of his course, also
without having to apply to VA.

As instances, he may go from pre-
engineering to a specialized field
of engineering; or he may go from
pre-medical to dental, or from lib-
eral arts to journalism.

On the other hand, VA pointed
out, if the veteran wants to change
his GI Bill course of study from
medicine to engineering, or from
carpentry to typewriter repair, for
example, his case would fall under
the provisions of Instruction 1-B.

Changes Not New

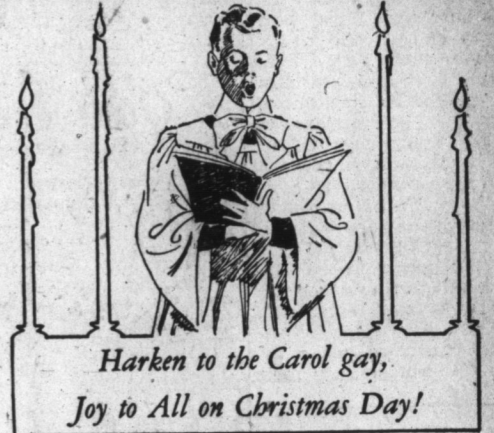
VA stated that these definitions
of "change of course" are not new.
They are being emphasized now to
prevent any confusion on the part
of GI Bill students or schools.

Q. What happens to the divid-
end of a National Service Life In-
surance policy where the insured
has been adjudged incompetent?

A. The NSLI dividend will be
paid to the veteran's legal repre-
sentative.

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orations in your home—you might
avoid getting scorched

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Sunday-Monday
December 25-26



Also News-Comedy

Thursday, December 29



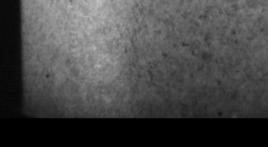
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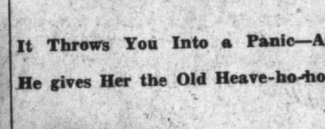
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Saturday, December 31



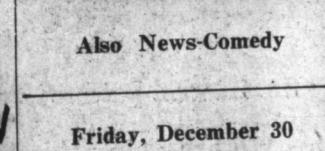
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It Throws You Into a Panic—As
He gives Her the Old Heave-ho!



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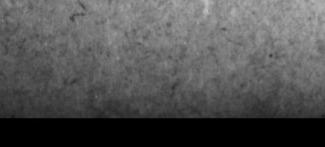
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Sunday, January 1



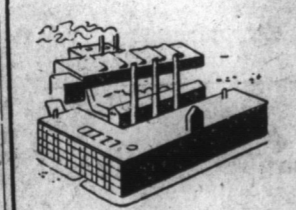
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Monday, January 2



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own community somewhere be-
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ginia's blue Atlantic and the rich
valleys of West Virginia . . . from
the shadow of the Nation's Cap-
itol to the interesting towns of
Northeastern North Carolina.
'All year 'round they're pro-
gressives and pioneers, devoted
to improving our modern way of
life. But come Christmas, they're
as old-fashioned as the sprig of
holly on your grandmother's muff
. . . for nobody can improve
upon Christmas.
'They share your love for the
chimes and the carols, including
local talent, and Tiny Tim and all
the other garnishings. But more
than anything else they like the
spirit of it . . . the good healthy
business of thinking about other
people in the midst of a world
that's too much with us. That's
the spirit that makes every Vepco-
vian stop right in the middle of
their kilowattsto say to one and all:

'merry, merry Christmas!'
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