

## Sunday School Lesson

### ANALYSIS.

April 22. Lesson IV—Jesus and the Home.—Mark 10: 28, 13-16. Golden Text—Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise.—Eph. 6: 2.

#### I. CHRIST'S PROTEST REGARDING THE SANCTITY OF THE HOME, 2-9.

#### II. HIS BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN, 13-16.

**INTRODUCTION**—We find our Lord concerned to uphold the sanctity of the home against current tendencies to disrupt it and to weaken its influence. In particular he protests the laxity of current ideas of divorce. Divorce was permitted under certain circumstances, by the Mosaic Law (Deut. 24), but many of the Jews are apt to interpret this permission as though it meant that divorce had a place in God's holy will for men. Jesus denied that this was so. The Old Testament law was not a sanctioning of divorce, but only a temporary admission of the tragic fact that sinful human nature fails to live up to God's holy ideal for the home. Over against this temporary concession of divorce as the lesser of two evils is a fallen condition of human nature. Jesus sets the original will of God in creation, and forbids divorce as entirely contrary to that will.

Upon this declaration of the sanctity of marriage, Christ's blessing on little children suitably follows.

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V. 2. The question whether the divorce of a wife by a husband is lawful is put to Jesus by certain Pharisees. Their motive is rightly declared to have been of dubious honesty. What they wished was to involve Jesus in some pronouncement to which they could give an anti-legal sense, and so discredit him with the people. Observe that the law did not in any case permit a wife to divorce a husband.

Vs. 3, 4. Jesus' answer is to refer his question to the law. What did Moses ordain in this matter? They reply by quoting the permission granted in Deut. 24: 1-4. The scribes at that time were all agreed that divorce of a wife was legal; they only differed as to the grounds on which it might be granted. Some of them were notoriously lax on this particular point. They considered that any trifling disagreement or dislike constituted a valid ground. And so they threw to the winds the holy intention of God in marriage. The words "bill of divorcement" mean really "a separation of divorce." It was considered that divorce was justified if it was carried out in legal form.

Vs. 5-9. Jesus at once negates the whole idea that divorce has any place in the will of God. The Mosaic legislation on the subject he declares entirely due to the "hard-heartedness" of the Israelitish nation. They had from primeval times practiced the custom of divorce, and what Moses sought to do was to curb this license. Jesus' repudiation of divorce is here made on three grounds: (1) The law in Deuteronomy had relation merely to a "hard-hearted" time, an imperfect stage of society, v. 5. (2) The true will of God is expressed in the original creation of the family and of the marriage-bond, v. 6. (3) The marriage-union is holier than any other union on earth, holier even than the relation of children to parents, v. 7. Consequently, Jesus says that, if men desire to know the will of God, it is plain. Husband and wife form an indissoluble partnership, nay, a single personality in God's eyes, v. 8. Therefore, the bond between them, being constituted by fiat of the divine will, must not be broken. This is the only perfect ideal for man, as God intended him to be.

#### II. HIS BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN, 13-16.

V. 13. It was the custom for mothers to seek a blessing for their children from any distinguished Rabbi or teacher of religion who passed through their midst, and so we find them here coming with their children to Jesus. His disciples, however, showing in this matter a very imperfect understanding of Jesus' warm human sympathies, tried to hold them back. How, they argued, could he who had on his mind the solemn interests of the kingdom of God, be expected to concern himself about children? Surely children at such a time were beneath the Master's notice!

V. 14. But the disciples in this matter had reckoned without their host. Jesus was indignant at their unwarrantable interference, and at once commanded the children to be brought. The Son of man not interested in the

children. The kingdom of God is not for such as they! Jesus declared that children are nearer to the kingdom than are grown-up people. He even says, "The kingdom belongs to such." How so? Because (1) God loves them (2) their innocent nature, not spoiled by the world or tainted by sin, are full of an infinite spiritual promise (3) their humility, their simplicity, their trustfulness, their willingness to receive are just the qualities needed to lay hold of God's highest gift, his kingdom. At the same time (4) the same qualities are a rebuke to proud, self-seeking disciples.

Vs. 15, 16. So Jesus points his disciples to the example of the children and says that even grown men may take a lesson in righteousness from them. Only they who recover the childlike spirit can find their way into the possession of God's kingdom. We must all in the things of God begin at the beginning like the children.



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## Will Rogers Prizes Abstracts for Its Subjects

To the Editor, New York Times: Montgomery, Ala.—Say, Abstracts is sure humming on good schools. That one in Auburn will compare with anybody's university, and coming over here I spent the morning at Tuskegee, that living monument to Booker T. Washington.

They have a great idea there that some of our schools are copying. They teach the pupils that they are going to have to work, and how to work. Our old mode of college education was teach 'em so they think they won't have to work.

And singing! Oh, boy! After hearing 1,500 of those colored pupils sing negro spirituals, I feel sure I will shoot the next white person that I hear try sing one.

Yours,  
Will Rogers.

## Customs Cruiser Roughly Treated

### Bayhound, at Moorings in Saint John, Suffers From Mysterious Blast

St. John, N.B., April 1.—A terrific explosion aboard the customs preventive cruiser Bayhound, in port here, shattered the after-section of the vessel Saturday afternoon. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

Captain John Faulkner and his crew were in the forward part of the boat and were unharmed. The Bayhound was moored at the harbor end of Nos. 6 and 7 berths, Sand Point, and had arrived Saturday from a cruise in the bay. Members of the crew and workmen in the freight sheds nearby were startled by a loud blast. The stern of the cruiser was raised nearly out of the water as she tugged at her mooring lines; splinters and pieces of wood were blown high in the air and there was general confusion.

As soon as Captain Faulkner, his officers and men recovered from the shock, an examination of the vessel was made. It was found that the hull of the cruiser was undamaged and the craft was not leaking, but the afterdeck part of the craft was a complete wreck.

For a space of about ten feet square the deck planks were ripped and broken, and the deck beams were demolished. The heavy wooden railing suspended on iron stanchions above the afterpart of the ship was smashed to pieces and blown overboard, while the ironwork was twisted. A flat-bottom boat hanging to the davits on the starboard quarter of the vessel had its stern blown off, leaving only about two-thirds of the boat hanging by the bow ropes. The short main mast used for the suspension of the wireless gear was broken off in the centre, and a small gaff for a flag was broken in two. The wireless gear was strewn about the afterpart of the ship.

An examination under deck showed much damage. The explosion appeared to be caused in the section where a number of storage batteries had been stored to supply the vessel with electric power for wireless and other use.

The Bayhound only went on duty again last week, having been laid up for some time to have new powerful engines installed and to receive a general overhauling.

It is said that the next war will cost the United States \$500,000,000. Is Tex Rickard going to stage it?

## Wyandotte Lays Twice a Day; Arouses Anger of "Union" Hens

London.—A white Wyandotte hen eggs a day. As the other hens appeared to resent this, the Wyandotte had to be segregated to save her from serious injury.

Now she has recommenced laying two or more eggs a day, and her record for one week was: Sunday, one; Monday, two; Tuesday, one; Wednesday, two; Thursday, two; Friday, none, and Saturday, four.

## FLOWERS and VEGETABLES No. 9

### Annual Flowers.

With a little planning annuals will give continuous bloom from June until frost, but of course judgment must be used in the selection of varieties. The earliest bloomers must be planted as soon as the snow disappears. These will come up with the first warm days of early Spring, defy the frosts and keep on growing. In this class will come the cornflowers, cosmos, annual larkspurs, calendulas, and several others. It is only necessary to thin these out and cultivate a little.

Many of them, the poppies especially, are difficult to transplant, and allowing them to sow themselves in the Fall or sprinkling the seed over the soil or snow now is the best way to handle them. For mid-season blooming, there is the pilox, marigold, calliopsis, salpiglossis, and nasturtiums. Verbenas and tall weeds stocks will begin to make a fine display toward the end of July and continue for the rest of the year. Petunias will also come along about this time and earlier if given a start in the hot bed. Zinnias will be nicely in bloom by Aug. 1 and the asters about the same time. Cosmos and salvia will brighten up the garden from September on.

### Deep Cultivation for Peas.

The deeper the soil is cultivated, the more sugar there will be in the peas. This vegetable requires cool soil for its roots, to produce its maximum crop. By loosening up the soil to a considerable depth the roots are allowed to penetrate for food and moisture and remain cool. With April nearly over it is time to think about getting in the earlier types. In this class will come the round seeded sorts which will stand slightly more frost than the finer quality wrinkled peas. Do not sow while the weather is still cold and damp, however, or the seed is liable to rot in the ground. For small gardens probably more crop will be produced from the climbing types which can be supported on brush or chicken wire. Where one does not want to go to the trouble of providing a support of this kind, however, the dwarf types which, if grown in double rows, will support themselves, are more desirable. Make sowings a week apart as the pea crop is a short one.

### Growing Good Spinach.

Spinach is now a standard Canadian vegetable, and is a most convenient one to grow. It is hardy, light frost having little effect on it. To tender it must be grown very quickly. Spinach requires a well pulverized rich soil, and it must be grown in the cool weather. A quick acting fertilizer such as nitrate of soda is recommended for this crop. Some of the newer Danish or New Zealand types are best. Plants should be thinned to five inches apart, and the foliage may be cut down several times and it will grow again.

Where the gardener must depend continually on commercial fertilizers an application of hydrated lime, about one pound to two square yards, should be made every year. Lime is used to sweeten the soil.

Very light soils will be benefited with plenty of straw manure, and the same treatment plus a little application of ashes or sand will loosen up clay.

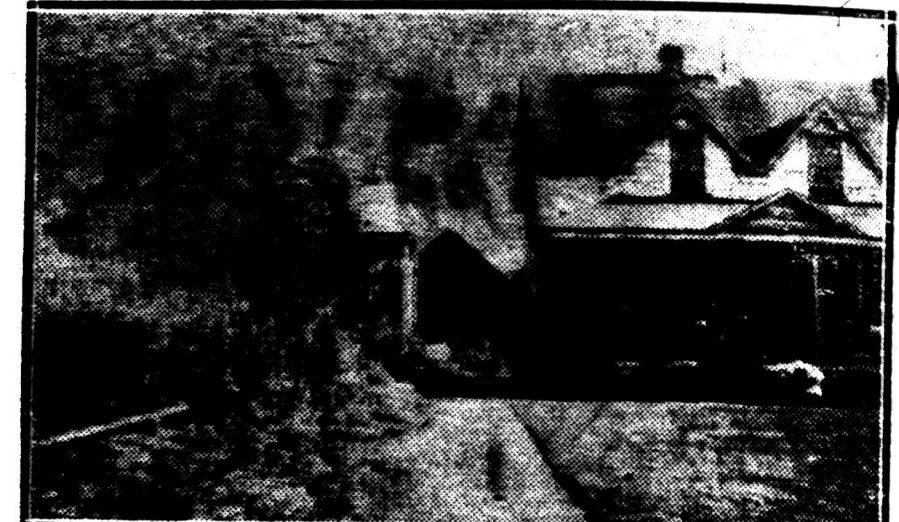
In uncovering the perennials care must be exercised not to disturb such early growers as tulips, and other Fall planted bulbs, which will now be pushing their way through the soil.

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## Triumph and Disaster Are Mingled In Reports of Gulf Sealing Fleet

Largest Catch Ever Taken in These Waters Secured by Steamer Neptune With 28,000 Pelts on Board and 5,000 More on the Ice—Schooner Guide is Total Wreck—Seaman Dies

St. John's, Nfld., April 1.—Triumph and disaster mingle in the week-end news from the sealing fleet, some of the steamers reporting heavy catches, while the schooner Guide, hunting seals in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, has become a total wreck on Port-au-Port Peninsula. Captain Sealed and crew of the schooner escaped safely to shore. No details were received. The Sagona, Captain Jacob Kean, is the first steamer to head for port, advising a killing of 16,000 seals. Wireless advices from the Sagona also brought the news that David Best a member of the crew, had died on board.

The steamer Neptune, working in the gulf, reported the largest catch ever taken in those waters, having 28,000 pelts on board, and 5,000 on the ice.

The "eyes" of the sealing fleet, Pilot Caldwell, who has been flying over the sealing grounds this season, splicing and reporting the location of the herds, and advising the fleet by radio, had a narrow escape yesterday when flying from Port Saunders too Quidi Vidi Lake, near here. One of the landing skids had become loosened and

## Ireland Attracting Continental Tourists

New York—Ireland this year will make a concerted effort to become the "playground of the western world," according to Howard S. Harrington of Dunlow Castle, who arrived here on the Levanthan, of the United States Lines. One new steamship line is in operation between Ireland and Belgium and another direct line with four fast steamships will be established between Ireland and Germany soon, he said. Civic associations throughout Ireland are working together to attract tourists to Ireland from the continent of Europe, Mr. Harrington continued.

unknown to the fleet, dropped off during the flight. When Caldwell brought the plane down on the ice at Quidi Vidi, the machine tipped, smashing the propeller, but causing practically no other damage, and the pilot was uninjured.

## MUTT AND JEFF—Bud Fisher.



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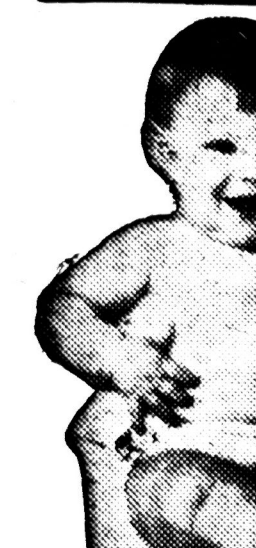
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