

INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR DECEMBER 29

JOSEPH CARES FOR HIS KINDRED

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 47:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—Honor thy father and mother—Ephesians 6:2.
DEVOTIONAL READING—Psalms 137:1-6.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Genesis 45:16-50:26.

Since we took the birth of the Saviour for our Christmas lesson, today, instead of a review, we will go back and take up the alternative lesson for December 22. It will be more profitable to complete the study of Joseph in his attitude toward his kindred than to undertake the review.

9. Joseph Sends to Canaan for His Father. (45:17-28.)

After Joseph had made himself known to his brethren he sent them back to his father in Canaan with the good news not only that he was alive, but that the Lord had exalted him to be lord over all Egypt and that his father and brethren with their families should come down to Egypt where he would give them the best of the land and they should eat of the "fat of the land." This illustrates how one day Jesus Christ shall disclose his identity to his brethren, the Jews, and that his exaltation at the right hand of the Father was to make preparation for them against the awful day of trial which shall be visited upon them (Acts 2:19-21).

10. Joseph Meets His Father in the Land of Goshen. (45:29-34.)

Jacob experienced a double delight—that of seeing his beloved son whom he had long mourned as dead, and of being welcomed to new and strange land by his prime minister. Joseph instructed his father and brethren how to place their request before Pharaoh. Since their occupation was that of shepherds he knew that some tact should be employed in their approach to the king, for "every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians."

11. Jacob and Five Sons Presented to Pharaoh. (47:1-5.)

Though Joseph was high in authority he was not ashamed to bring his father and brethren into the presence of the great Pharaoh, even though they were humble farmers.

12. Pharaoh's questions (vv. 2, 4) He inquired as to their occupation. They answered that both they and their fathers were shepherds. They went a little beyond what they were asked by Pharaoh and instructed to do by Joseph. They requested the land of Goshen for pasture for their flocks.

13. Pharaoh's instructions to Joseph (vv. 5, 6) He told them to make his father and brethren to dwell in the best of the land—even Goshen, and that he be know of any men of ability among them to give them the charge of his cattle. He assumed that since Joseph was so capable and trustworthy that some of his brethren would also possess suitable qualifications of administration.

14. Jacob Blessed Pharaoh (47:7-10.)

Though Jacob was a pilgrim in Egypt, dependent upon Pharaoh even for food to eat, in the dignity of his rank as vizier God would do with him, and through him, he pronounced a blessing upon the Egyptian king. The less he blessed by the greater (Hebrews 7:7). Though conscious to his place of superiority through the divine covenant he did not manifest officiousness, rather the desire to convey a vital blessing. He recognized that he was the channel through which great blessings would come to Pharaoh, in accordance with the Abrahamic covenant (Genesis 12:1-3.) Israel is one day to be the channel through which the blessings of salvation shall flow to the Gentile nations (Romans 11:12-15.)

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Worthington

Death of Small Child.
An eighteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. McGruder died on Monday morning about 11 o'clock. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2 o'clock p. m., with interment at the Martin cemetery near Anabelle.

Streets Cleaned.
Street Commissioner Martin had a squad out on Tuesday cleaning the streets of the heavy coat of mud caused by so much heavy hauling over them.

A Very Quiet Christmas.
The Christmas just passed was the quietest ever experienced in Worthington, not even the sound of a fire cracker being heard. All business houses were closed all day, and there were no exercises in either of the churches.

Funeral of Mrs. Parrish.
The funeral of Mrs. Ernie Belle Parrish, who died early Monday morning, was held at 1:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon from the residence on Main street, conducted by Rev. T. G. Meredith, of Fairmont. A large number of relatives and friends gathered at the home to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. The casket was literally covered by a profusion of beautiful flowers. "Abide With Me," "Face to Face" and "Home of the Soul" were sung by a mixed choir. The funeral party was conveyed to Enterprise on a special car.



Prominent Citizen Dies.
William W. Lewis, a well known resident of the upper part of the county, died at his residence at Briscoe on Thursday morning at 2:30 a. m. after a short illness. Heart trouble was the cause of his death. He was about fifty years of age. He is survived by his widow, one son and three daughters. One daughter, Mrs. Edna Forney, died of influenza about two months ago. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Nancy Cunningham, of Worthington, and a half sister, Mrs. Icie Davis, of Urbana, Ohio. Funeral services were held at the residence at 1:30 p. m. Friday and the funeral party went to Shinnston at 2:00 p. m., where interment was made in the Masonic cemetery. He was a member of Evangelical Lodge No. 14, Knights of Pythias of Worthington, and the United Mine Workers, the latter organization having charge of the funeral.

Personals.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leason, of Roscoe, Pa., are spending the holidays with friends here.

Loburn Strawser and Dayton Miles, of Morgantown, were visiting friends here on Tuesday.

A. M. Hess, of Shinnston, was a business visitor here on Monday. The "quire" is as jocular and jolly as ever.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. White left on Wednesday morning for Weston for a visit with relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McConnell have returned to their home in Washington from Camp Lee, Va. where Mr. McConnell was in training. They are now spending the weekend with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, near Hundred, W. Va.

Mrs. Jennie Carney, who had been the guest of her brother, W. A. Crowl, and family for Christmas has returned to her home in Morgantown.

Miss Ruby Williams has returned from Morgantown where she attended the marriage on Christmas eve of Miss Della Branch Erwin to Altha L. Johnson.

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