

BIBLE LESSON—Sermon on the Mount: Matthew  
5:1-12 Incl.

Today we talk about one of the most wonderful stories or parables Christ Jesus ever told. This one He gave on a mountain, and the word "mountain" has a very deep or hidden meaning. We say that he who goes up into the mountain is in touch with his Higher Self. We are not surprised that Christ Jesus on the mountain gave some of the most beautiful thoughts ever given to the people. He said:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." This means we must be humble instead of bragging, if we want to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." These words have made sad people feel happier ever since Christ Jesus spoke them. It seems we think more about Christ when we are in trouble.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." The gentle, kind, and loving people receive many blessings or good things.

"Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Those who forget about hatred, and jealousy, and think good thoughts, remembering to be kind to others and to help others, will get all things needed to help them grow better and better, thus being happier.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Christ Jesus meant by this that those who are kind to others in trouble will be helped when they are in trouble.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." That means thinking good thoughts all the time, which is not easy, but we must do so for that helps build the Golden Wedding Garment we need to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the Sons of God.” Christ Jesus knew that those who try to stop wars and angry thoughts will help bring peace to the world. Those people will be Christ’s helpers.

“Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Sometimes it is very hard to do the right thing, but Christ Jesus tells us those who continue doing that will find themselves in the Kingdom of Heaven.

“Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.” This means Christ Jesus knew that those who try to work as helpers for Him will have unkind things said about them, but if they still keep on doing God’s work anyhow, they will receive their reward in heaven.

All of these sayings of Christ Jesus are nine steps along the path of life. If we do the best we can each day in following these rules, we shall be making the Roses bloom on our Cross, and bring God’s Kingdom of Heaven closer to all people, although it isn’t easy.

Let us suppose that one fine morning on a holiday, we get up bright and early to go to a picnic. We think of all the things we’re going to do, and we’re very happy as we help get the lunch packed. Suddenly Mother comes in, telling us Tommy, our little brother, became ill during the night, and the picnic is off. Perhaps along comes an ugly thought — why did Tommy have to get sick just when we had a holiday and had such a good time planned for the

picnic? Just when we're about to show our temper and say something mean, we happen to think — "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" — "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Mother looks so tired and weary that we forget about the picnic, busying ourselves with helping her look after Tommy. The day goes by like magic. Tommy is out of danger by the end of the day.

At bedtime, when we've said our prayers and lie in bed thinking about the things which happened during the day, we are very glad we helped Mother and Tommy. The picnic didn't matter at all. The great joy is that Tommy is better, and we helped others during the day. We are thankful to Christ Jesus for giving us those beautiful words in the Sermon on the Mount.

#### THIRD SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Purity.

Today we will talk about the part of the body the Star Angels from Libra helped us build and use. The vegetables and fruits we eat are made from many things the plants have drawn up from the Earth and built into their leaves and roots. Some of these things the body cells can use, while others aren't good and must be carried out of the body in different ways.

One of the ways is through the kidneys, which the Libra Star Angels helped us build. They are two bean-shaped organs, one on either side of the spine which holds our bodies straight, just about here (place hands on small of back). These kidney cells are just about the busiest in our entire body; as little streams of blood pass through the kidneys, these cells look over everything in the blood, leaving the good things which can be used, while removing everything else that would hurt our bodies if allowed to remain. Those bad things are thrown into little tubes carrying the waste away to where they can be thrown out. One of the reasons we drink water is because cells of the

kidneys use it to keep the little tubes washed and clean. Another reason is that the cells in our bodies get thirsty, just like we do, and need a drink. If we eat many things our body cannot use, the kidney cells have a difficult time. Although they work hard to get that material out, if there is too much, they are unable to do so, and then it remains in the body and makes us sick.

The Libra Star Angels are teaching us to do as our kidneys do: hold on to the good, the true, and the beautiful, while pushing out of our lives everything bad, because they know if we don't do this, it will hurt us later on.

BIBLE LESSON—Parable of Marriage of King's Son: Matthew 22:1-14 Incl.

One day as Christ Jesus was talking to the people in Jerusalem, He told them a parable (story with hidden meaning) about the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. He said: "The Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a certain king, who prepared a marriage feast for His son. He sent out his servants to call the guests, but they would not come. Later he sent other servants, saying: 'Tell them, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, and everything is ready. Come.' But the guests went their own ways, one to his farm, another to his store, another home. The king said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but the guests aren't worthy to come. Go ye unto the parting of the highways, and as many as you shall find, ask them to the marriage feast'. The servants did as they were told, gathering together all they could find — good and bad — and the wedding feast had plenty of guests. The king came in to see the guests and he saw a man without a wedding garment. He said to him, 'Friend, how came you in here without a wedding garment?' The man hadn't a word to say. The king called his servants and told them to bind the man hand and foot and throw him out into the darkness."

This was not an ordinary wedding party. The marriage feast in the Bible means the uniting of the lower self to the Higher Self. As you know, the real YOU is a Spirit living in the house we call the body. The Spirit is the Higher Self, and the body the lower self in which the Spirit lives. This body, or house in which we live, has desires and wishes of its own, such as longing for and eating the worst kind of food. The Spirit can't live very long in a house made of poor material. The body therefore becomes sick, and the Spirit is unable to do its good work. Can't you just imagine what it would be like, the body wanting to do one thing and the Spirit another?

Therefore, pain and suffering come to teach us a lesson; after much sorrow, an agreement is made whereby the body promises to love, honor, and obey the true or Higher Self. This we call the marriage between the Spirit and the body. It is the hidden meaning of the parable of the marriage feast. The king in the parable is Christ, who wants all to come to the marriage feast. The king's son is anyone working to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. When the king sent out his servants, it was to ask those most worthy to come to the feast, but they failed to come because they were too busy. The king felt very badly because the wedding day came, everything was ready, but no guests. The servants again went out, this time to gather in all — good or bad — because Christ gives everyone a chance to come. Some of those who did come weren't ready, for they lacked the "wedding garment" and could not stay. That is why the parable tells us the servants were told to send out the guest without the wedding garment.

If we wish to attend the marriage feast given by the King of Kings, Christ, we must have a golden wedding garment. This, as you know, can only be made by deeds of kindness and purity of life. Let us strive each day to live so that we are kind to everyone while, at the same

time, loving one another. In this way we shall daily build our golden wedding garment.

FOURTH SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Courtesy; REVIEW  
Luke 14:7-11 Incl.

SERVICE SUNDAY—BIBLE: 1 John 4:8-12 Incl.

What does it mean? Helping others in any way we can.

Doing what our parents and teachers tell us.

Sharing toys with other girls and boys.

Being happy.

God wanted to help us by sending His Son, Christ, to show us how to be better girls and boys, so the Roses will bloom upon our Cross (our body).

We can make the Roses bloom on our Cross by:

doing what Christ Jesus tells us;

loving Him;

praying;

having happy thoughts.

We can HELP OTHERS by sending them loving thoughts.  
Let us do that today.

When we uncover the Emblem and see the WHITE ROSE we know that it means a pure heart full of love for God and all HIS children (we are all God's children). Let us send loving thoughts to God and all children — those we like and those we think we don't like — because the White Rose means a PURE HEART FULL OF LOVE FOR ALL — girls and boys, men and women.

## LESSON SUGGESTIONS FOR SCORPIO

## GRADE II

FIRST SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Intensity.

The Star Angels today are those of the Sign Scorpio. The messenger from Scorpio is Mars; he is also the messenger from Aries. Let us find out why.

What makes the light go on when we turn on the switch? Electric power. Think how strong that power must be when used for lighting, to operate motors, washers, irons, refrigerators, dryers, freezers, etc., in millions of homes, stores, offices and factories all over the world.

There is another kind of power — that from God's love — which keeps all of the planets including the Earth in their places. God's love power never stops, even for a minute, although the power we use for all the things we mentioned a minute ago does at times go off temporarily. Besides, God's love does so many things and such great ones, we can't even begin to know them all. Did you know the little light that is YOU is a spark of God and has the same power folded into it just like a rose folded in a tiny green bud? It is just by trying to do things that the power is unfolded.

That is why Mars comes to us from Scorpio, saying: "Do it!" Also, that is why we say "May the Roses Bloom upon your Cross" to one another. Others answer by saying: "And upon your also!"

BIBLE LESSON—Invisible Garments of Christ Jesus: Mark 5:24-34.

We have talked about God's power flowing through our lives constantly to keep us alive. It also does the same for the Earth, the stars, and the whole solar system. Now we shall see how God's power may work in and for us as



it did for the woman in our Bible reading.

As Christ Jesus walked through Galilean cities and villages, the people followed Him. Among them was a woman who had suffered, 12 long years, with bleeding. Even though she spent all she had in seeking relief, nothing helped. She had the thought now that if she could get near enough to Christ Jesus and just touch His garment she would be healed. She did so and, sure enough, she was well instantly. Christ Jesus felt that power left Him, and turning around, asked: "Who touched my garments?" The disciples answered: "Thou seest the crowd around thee, and sayest thou, 'Who touched me?'" Christ Jesus looked around and saw the woman, who was trembling and fearful, so she came and fell at His feet, telling Him the truth. He said to her: "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

We know, from our Bible reading, that this woman suffered so long and yet she never gave up hope of being cured. Also, if we wish to do anything great, we must have a strong desire to do so. The woman had faith, too, that her healing would come about; this was shown by her touching Christ Jesus' garments, and by her words: "If I but touch His garments, I shall be made whole." This miracle of healing was brought about because the woman had touched Christ Jesus' Golden Wedding Garment which, as we have said, extends beyond the physical body. Christ Jesus, of course, would have such a Garment of greater power and it would extend much farther than any other person's garment, while being far more beautiful. It was through this Garment that God's wonderful power flowed. His power flows through ours too, but Christ Jesus' Garment, being so much greater than ours, was powerful enough to draw to it more of God's healing power. Some of the other garments Christ Jesus has are large enough to extend around and through this Earth on which we live. So we can truly say that in these finer bodies of



the Christ Spirit we live, and move, and have our being.

Let us strive, as did this sick woman through her great desire and faith, to touch the garments of Christ Jesus. We can do that if our desire is strong enough and our faith is great.

SECOND SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Transmutation.

Last Sunday we talked about God's power working in and through us, becoming stronger as we do things. Our trouble is, we don't yet know how to do things in the right way, but we're trying to learn. Often we hurt ourselves by using God's power in the wrong way. A broken electric wire causes the power to run away, killing those who touch it, setting buildings afire, doing all kinds of damage. The same happens to us when we use God's power wrongly. Whenever we get angry and strike someone, say unkind words, or do unkind things, an ugly flash goes through us, hurting all the little workers in our body, as well as hurting all people nearby, if they don't know how to love enough to keep us from hurting them.

Those inner bodies of ours that we have talked about can get ahead of us, making us do what they want instead of what our Higher Selves know is right. What we need to do, more than anything else, is to take all the power of God's Love and Light that we can and use it to love and to do all the beautiful things God wants us to do. In that way we shall be climbing up to the next step on the wonderful Ladder of Life.

BIBLE LESSON—Christ Jesus Heals Demoniac Boy: Luke 9:38-43.

One day a man came to Christ Jesus begging Him to pity his little boy and cast out a wicked spirit tormenting the child night and day. Christ Jesus commanded the evil spirit to leave the boy, and prayed the child would never again think evil thoughts. He knew wrong thoughts attract

wicked things to us, and sometimes these wicked things take hold of our minds and bodies, refusing to let go of them. Every time a child thinks good thoughts, beautiful strains of music go out, later coming back to the child, who becomes filled with wonderful melodies.

The Bible tells that Christ Jesus healed many people, and that He nearly always told them they made it possible for Him to cure them because they came to Him in humility, and above all, in faith. Often He said, after healing them, "Sin no more." Often He spoke of sickness as coming because of sin. It is true that sin is the cause of sickness which comes to our physical bodies. We know God does not bring sickness upon us; we do that by sending out wrong thoughts, holding wrong feelings, and doing when the Roses bloom upon our Cross, we shall-wrong acts or deeds.

Sick people often have much pain, and pray for peace and harmony in their bodies. We must learn that wrong thoughts produce a kind of poison, doing great harm to our bodies. If we want to obey Christ Jesus' commands, we must stop injuring our bodies with wrong thoughts.

Christ Jesus has told us that some day we shall do all the wonderful things for others which He did if we would follow in His footsteps by thinking right, feeling right, acting right. Then perhaps we shall speak with great power, commanding the blind to see and the dumb to speak

### THIRD SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Manifestation.

Today we shall talk about our bodies and which part of them the Star Angels from Scorpio helped us to build. If it were not for the Scorpio Star Angels we should have no bodies at all. They are the ones who helped us build our bodies from tiny seeds — not only the one we live in now, but all the other bodies we have lived in since our Earth was thrown off from the Sun. We don't remember living in any other bodies than the one we live in now, but when the Roses bloom upon our Cross, we shall.

You all know we are born as tiny babies, growing up into men or women. Every minute we use the power of God's Light and Love in us either the right or wrong way. Because we don't know enough to do the right thing always, we often hurt our bodies, wear them out or get them out of order; then, after a time, we can't use them any longer. We leave them, going into a part of God's wonderful world which we can't see while we are living in these physical bodies we have now. When we get to that part of the wonderful world of God, we see all the things we've done, and feel how bad the wrong things were and how beautiful the good things were that we did. After being in Heaven for a while and learning everything we can about the life we finished on earth, we want, very badly, to come back again in a new body to learn more and try to use God's power better than we did the last time. We come back, build us a new body, starting out just where we left off the last time.

BIBLE LESSON—Christ Jesus Teaches About Rebirth: John 3:1-15.

Not only do the Scorpio Star Angels help us build bodies, but also they help us to cast aside our bodies when they have become too old for further use. For this reason, they are often called the Angels of Death, but as we know, there really is no death, just the beginning of a new life.

Out in the garden we find a tiny rose bud, whose petals begin opening one by one until it has become a beautiful full grown rose, lovely and fragrant. After a while, the petals drop off one by one, until just the stem remains. We wonder what has happened to our beautiful rose — shall we ever see it again, and why did it die? The life that played through the rose came from God and it can never die. Through His messengers, the Angels, God gave a spark of His life to the rose bush, from which was born the lovely rose. But the life flowing through it did not want

to remain there forever. One day God sent out a call for the little life spark in the rose, telling the Scorpio Star Angels to send it back to His kingdom to sleep for awhile. Back it went, hidden from our sight, to sleep, and some day, perhaps in the spring, it will return once again, fresh from God's kingdom, giving life to an even more beautiful rose than before. The Scorpio Star Angels, who took the rose from us, will then have brought it back, making us happier than we should have been had it always remained with us. Christ Jesus knew this wonderful truth about life's return to the heavenly kingdom and its birth again on Earth, often talking about it to His disciples.

We read in the Bible that one day a man named Nicodemus, ruler of the Jews, came to Christ Jesus at night saying: "Rabbi, we know thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these things thou doest, except God be with him." Jesus said: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus then asked Him: "How can a man be born again when he is old?"

Jesus answered: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born anew. The wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the spirit." Nicodemus asked: "How can these things be?" Jesus said: "Art thou a teacher of Israel and understandest not these things? . . . No one hath ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven, even the Son of Man, who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him may have eternal life."

These very wonderful words have a hidden meaning

which we shall, some day, learn more about. Right now, the important thing for us to remember is that Christ Jesus said that we must be born anew, or again, before we can enter into the kingdom of heaven. Earth life teaches many lessons, and we come back many times until we have learned them all. Only after that may we stay in heaven. The rose was once a small, scraggly plant growing wild in the woods, while today it is large, beautiful, and fragrant because each time it died it was born again a little more beautiful than before. When we really try to learn our lessons and correct our faults, we are given, in the next life, a more beautiful body and a more kindly way of thinking, feeling, and acting than we had before.

SERVICE SUNDAY—BIBLE: Mark 10:46-52 Incl.

There is in each one of you a spark of God called the real YOU. It is folded up tight like this rose in a tiny green bud. As you do the things God wants you to do the real YOU will open up and spread out like this rose. The rose makes us happy because it is pretty and smells sweet, but our work is much more than that. We started out as tiny seeds too, only growing faster and larger than the rose.

And we have a great work to do; it is: to learn all we can about how to take care of our bodies so they will always be ready to carry out our thoughts. We need good thoughts to do good. Then the little workers in our bodies will do what the real YOU tells them.

When we use the charm words of LOVE — PEACE — JOY all the time and keep bad thoughts away by always having good thoughts, and doing everything in a kindly way, always remembering to thank God every day for His loving care to us — then each day we shall become better helpers for God. As we do more of the right things, there will come a day when we, too, shall be called God's Helpers.

## LESSON SUGGESTIONS FOR SAGITTARIUS

## GRADE II

FIRST SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Scope.

Our new family of Star Angels today comes from the sign Sagittarius. The symbol for this sign is made like this  $\uparrow$ . The messenger God sends us from Sagittarius is the great, splendid Jupiter, who says to us always, "Be kind!"

What these Sagittarius Star Angels are doing is to help us climb the Ladder of Life by whispering to us how wonderful it is up on the next step. All the life sparks coming out from God in the beginning know, way down deep inside, that they are a part of God and must go on growing and climbing until they become as great and powerful as their Father, God. The little sparks in plants and animals, even though they haven't a mind to think with, also know this way down deep inside, which is why they work so hard. The plants work to grow and bloom and be beautiful, while the animals work at growing up strong, able to take care of themselves and their little babies.

Just as quickly as we had climbed up far enough on the Ladder of Life to have a mind, the great Sagittarian Star Angels gave us one. Ever since, they've been helping us make that mind grow, that we may know we are really and truly God's children, able to understand the messages He sends us through all the Star Angels. He wants us to remember always the wonderful things which lie ahead of us when the Roses have bloomed upon our Cross, and when we have reached the next step on the Ladder of Life. Jupiter comes to us from Sagittarius telling us to be kind because it is only by being kind that we may ever climb the next step on the Ladder of Life and see the great things there.



## BIBLE LESSON—The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13.

We've been learning something about the Ladder of Life stretching from the smallest of God's creatures to the greatest of the Angels. Each one is climbing the Ladder of Life leading to God. Below us are our animal friends, dog and cat, rabbit and squirrel; below them insects: bees, ants, grasshoppers and many others. Far above us on this Ladder, so far we cannot see them, are great Beings whom we call Angels, Archangels, and Star Angels.

Everywhere upon this Ladder are God's creatures climbing toward the light of God's love and goodness. Everywhere we hear songs of praise and love sounding forth from those seeking God. We hear the meadow lark singing his morning greeting to God, Creator of all things, afterward soaring high into the air trying to get closer to Him. The crawling caterpillar wants to come nearer to God's love, and soon grows a pair of wings; later as a beautiful butterfly it flits through the air from flower to flower.

Christ Jesus knew we should lift our hearts and minds to God in praise and thanksgiving; that is why He gave us the wonderful prayer called the Lord's Prayer. We need to learn and study this prayer, saying it many times, because when said in the right way, it brings us very near to God.

The first line is: "Our Father which art in Heaven." As we say this, we are lifting our hearts up to God, the Creator of all things. In saying, "Our Father" we show we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same divine Father, who is in heaven. The next line: "Hallowed be thy Name." The word "hallow" means to make holy, meaning that God's name should always be kept holy. Thus, when we say: "Hallowed be thy Name" we are then praising and glorifying God.

The third line is: "Thy kingdom come." The word



kingdom here means the Kingdom of Heaven we have been learning about and which we shall enter when we have woven our Golden Wedding Garment. Christ Jesus will rule over this kingdom which is far more beautiful than this world we now live in. It is right that we should pray for the coming of a better world, and in praying this line, "Thy kingdom come," we should think of Christ Jesus and the coming of His kingdom.

Let us say the next line all together: "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." It was Jehovah who gave us the laws of God and Christ Jesus who gave the love of God. Now the great Being we call the Father is the Will principle back of life. His will is always done in heaven, and here on Earth it will be done when our wills are in tune with His. When we say, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven," we should always think of the Father and pray very earnestly that our small wills may not be contrary to His divine will.

In the three lines, "Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come; thy will be done" we are speaking to the Holy Spirit, the Son, and the Father. They stand very high on the Ladder of Life, and the more we raise our hearts in praise and thanksgiving, the higher we climb on the greater Ladder stretching from earth to heaven.

SECOND SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Reverence.

God's Messenger, Jupiter, is saying to us this month, "Be kind!" It is only by being kind that the Roses will bloom upon our Cross and we can climb the next step on the Ladder of Life.

God's world is wonderful — and God's Love and all His Ways. We see the Sun sending forth light and warmth helping keep us alive, making the earth beautiful with grass, trees, and flowers, none of which could live without sunlight. At night the sky is filled with millions of stars,

each a great world where more of God's children live. Next we look at our world, seeing what men have done with power inside of themselves (which is part of God) — they've built large cities, railroads, airplanes, ships, and many other wonderful conveniences.

Next, we look at our bodies, thinking of the millions of busy little workers, and the wonderful things going on inside our bodies every day. Even the smallest plant has the life spark from God pushing it out from the seed, helping it grow into a beautiful thing. When we see all these wonderful things, it makes us feel like saying: "How wonderful God is and how we love Him."

BIBLE LESSON—The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13.

Last Sunday we talked about the Lord's Prayer, especially the first portion. Let us go over it together:

"Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done in earth as it is  
in heaven."

The next line is: "Give us this day our daily bread." When we ask our Father to give us daily bread, we are asking not only for bread, but for all kinds of food to keep our physical (earth) bodies whole and sound. We must have clothes for our bodies, books to improve our minds, as well as a clean bed to rest upon at night. God, our Father, knows we need all these things. He has told us when we do work for His kingdom to come and do His will at the time, these things will be given to us.

We come now to: "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." It is hard always to do the right thing and we all do things at times that we should not. When we do wrong, we should ask forgiveness of the person we wronged, as well as for God's forgiveness. Christ, His Son, was sent by God, His Father and our Father, as the Teacher of Forgiveness. We should think of Christ Jesus when we say that particular line.

Suppose someone did wrong to us, then we should forgive that person, asking Christ to forgive him too, because we must forgive others if we expect to be forgiven.

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” or rather, “Do not let us enter into temptation, but deliver us from error.” This means we are asking our Father to protect us from thinking wrong thoughts and doing wrong. Whenever we get angry, if we will just remember this part of the prayer, soon our anger will leave and we shall be glad we didn’t act badly. Sometimes it is hard to make our thoughts behave, but if we ask God to “Deliver us from error,” and think a good thought, all will be well.

The closing line is “For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory,” meaning we praise God, our Father and Creator.

#### THIRD SUNDAY—KEYWORD: Agility.

Today we shall talk about our twelve-room house, this valuable body of ours, because we want to find out just which part of it the Sagittarius Star Angels helped us build and use. These Angels want us to know and feel how wonderful God’s world is, how wonderful are all His ways; they call us to push ahead, climbing faster the Ladder of Life where glorious things await us.

The parts of our bodies helping us to move quickly and easily, climbing hills and going where we want to go, are the two long bones in our legs reaching from hips down to the knees. They fit so wonderfully at the top and bottom. The upper end of each has a sort of cup with a ball inside (make cup with left hand, fitting closed fist of right hand into it, turning it about.) Inside the cup are small cushions of cartilage, with strings called ligaments stretching like rubber bands just the right distance to keep the bone in place, while permitting it to move every way necessary and yet not slip out. At the lower end the bones

are fitted together somewhat like a door hinge, moving only in one direction. With the assistance of these bones, we can walk about, seeing how great and wonderful God's world is. Through them also we can do our share in God's wonderful Plan, to make His Kingdom come, by moving around to be kind and helpful to as many people as we can.

BIBLE LESSON—Prophecies of Christ Jesus: Matthew 24:1-42.

Christ Jesus came into our world to show us the Way, the Truth, and the Life, coming to us from the Sun, and for three years did His great work of preaching the gospel and healing the sick. At the time He came the world was very wicked, greatly needing His help. He told the people of that day that the Kingdom of Heaven was to come, giving many prophecies about this Kingdom. To prophesy means to tell what is to happen in the future. Today we are going to read about some of the prophecies.

One day Christ Jesus was going on His way when the disciples came to Him, wishing to show Him the buildings of the temple. He said to them: "See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down." Later, as Christ sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him saying: "Tell us when shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of Thy coming and the end of the world."

Christ replied: "Take heed no man lead you astray. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray . . . Ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled . . . The gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all nations; and then shall the end come . . . If any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there, believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs,

and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Behold I have told you beforehand. If therefore they shall say unto you: Behold, he is in the wilderness, go not forth; behold, he is in the inner chambers, believe it not. For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west, so shall be the coming of the Son of Man . . . The sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light . . . And they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send forth His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other . . . But of that day knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only . . . Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.”

In all of these sayings, Christ Jesus told us about the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven and of His return to us. Things then will be different than they are now. We shall be living more in that part of God's world that we cannot now see, with life very beautiful. He also says the Sun will be darkened and the Moon will not give light because at that time we shall have woven our Golden Wedding Garments, and have the *light within*. There will be no need for light from the Sun and Moon. Our bodies will shine with a beautiful golden light.

What we must remember is: the more we love one another and the more good deeds we do, the sooner will the Kingdom of Heaven come. What will delay its coming are thoughts of hate, jealousy, envy, or cruelty. Let us be careful always of what we say and do, to hasten the coming of Christ.

SERVICE SUNDAY—BIBLE: Luke 6:31-35.

We know how kind Christ Jesus was when He was here on earth, because He did so many kind things every

day. He told everyone what to do so they too would be kind. We can't do all the wonderful things He did but we can keep on trying. Then, some day, we shall be workers for Christ, doing the things He did. Here is a little poem telling of one way we can be kind.

A new girl came to school today,  
The children all passed her by.  
I thought I saw a teardrop  
Shining in her eye.  
At recess time I said to her:  
"I'll show you around,"  
For, I, too, had felt sad and strange  
Before I found a friend.

I knew the boys would laugh at me,  
The new girl smiled — and did not seem  
To mind because she said:  
"I think of you as one who is  
Brave enough to be kind."

—*Apologies to Ettson Brooks*

We all know the little poem called the WHITE ROSE CHAIN. Let's say it together:

Today I will think only good thoughts;  
Then I will do only good deeds;  
I will be kind to every living thing;  
My heart will then be pure as a white rose  
And I shall see God in everything.