

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for August 15

GOD GIVES LAWS TO A NATION.

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 20:1-17. GOLDEN TEXT—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind...

Basic laws have been laid down by God for the orderly administration of his universe. Men see them clearly in the physical universe, although at times they do not recognize the One who created all things.

These commandments given to Israel at Mt. Sinai are worthy of careful study on the part of every reader. They may be grouped under two divisions.

I. A True View of God (vv. 1-11). The first and most important question to be asked regarding any law is, "By whom was it established?"

Men sneer at theology as being out of date, but the fact is that Christian doctrine is the only safe foundation for Christian character.

1. Whom to worship (vv. 2-5). There can be but one true God, and he alone is to be worshipped.

2. How to worship (vv. 6, 7). We are to love him and keep his commandments. There is to be no sham about this, for no matter how sweet and pious may be the praise and prayer of a man, he has taken the Lord's name in vain unless he keeps the Lord's commandments by holy living.

3. When to worship (vv. 8-11). God has ordained that man should not incessantly bear the burden of toil. He is to have a day of rest and a time for worship, undisturbed by the duties and responsibilities of daily labor.

II. A Right Relationship to Man (vv. 12-17). To be right with God means that we will also be right with our fellow man.

1. Family life (v. 12). The fifth commandment has to do with the relation between child and parent. There is a plain and direct command that father and mother should be honored.

2. Physical life (vv. 13, 14). God is interested in our bodies. Already we have noted his provision for a day of rest each week. Now we are reminded of the sanctity of human life. "Thou shalt not kill," and remember there are many other ways to kill a man than by shooting him.

3. Social life (vv. 15-17). "Thou shalt not steal" — and remember any dishonest appropriation of what does not belong to you is stealing.

Enthusiasm in Work. Enthusiasm is the element of success in everything. It is the light that leads and the strength that lifts men on and up in the great struggles of scientific pursuits and of professional labor.

A Translation. Let us learn what death is. It is simply a translation; not a state, but an act; not a condition, but a passage.

THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

Clean Comics That Will Amuse Both Old and Young

THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



Sample



'SMATTER POP—How's Your Pooch on Burglars?

By C. M. PAYNE



MESCAL IKE

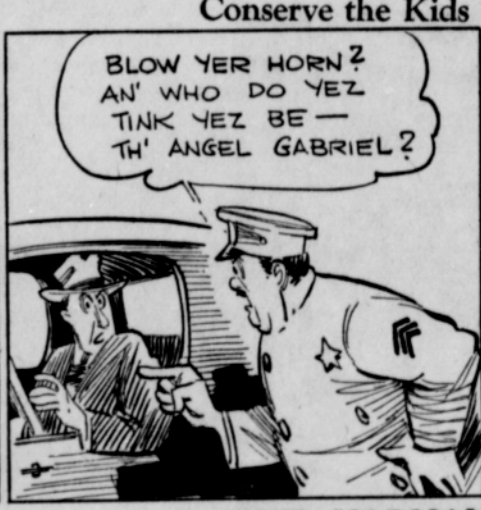
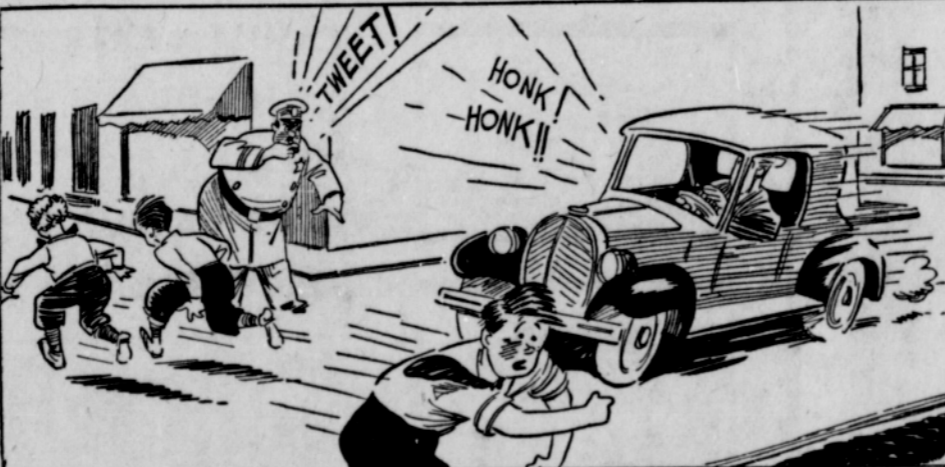
By S. L. HUNTLEY



Luke Is a Business Man Through and Through

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin



Conserve the Kids

By FRED HARMAN



BRONC PEELER — The Plan of Action

By FRED HARMAN



The Curse of Progress



The Hard Way

Sammy was not prone to overexertion in the classroom. Therefore his mother was both surprised and pleased when he came home with the announcement: "I got a hundred this morning."

Emergency

A doctor had an urgent phone call from a gentleman saying his small son had swallowed his fountain pen.

Robber

"See that man? He looks honest, but he defrauded me of half a million."

LONG REACH

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

