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Sunday School Lesson

JOY

International Sunday School Lesson for December 24, 1944.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people."-Luke 2: 10.

Lesson Text: Luke 2: 8-12; Hebrews

For some time now, everyone has been thinking about and making preparation for Christmas. All over the country, schools have been dismissed, college students have returned home and, in some instances, members of the armed forces have been given leaves in order that they been given leaves in order that they been given leaves in order that they into the country was scheduled to be held at the country was

absolutely and wholly on holiday and over.

beautiful passages in the Bible and never forget these words of Whit-On account of the he childhood. Luke, the physician, gives tier; many of the intimate details of his "For somehow, not only for Christbirth: the crowded inn, the swad- mas, but all the long years thru, with her friends in town, dling clothes, the manger, the shep- The joy that you give to others, is herds in the field, the angel's announcement, the angelic chorus, and And the more you spend in blessing the visit of the shepherds. The story the poor and the lonely and sad, is so familiar that we are apt to The more of your heart's possessing. overlook its real significance—the message the angel brought to the

What was the angel's message? "For unto you is born this day in For long and hearty laughs turn the city of David, a Saviour, which to the Comic Weekly "Puck." For lack-in-the-Box and all of his other is Christ the Lord." There could be the brightest of features read The wonders. The creature and the no Chritamas had there been no American Weekly. These two great supplements are distributed every iour? He is one who saves or de- week with the Baltimore Sunday soldiers and the waltzing doll. All

The Jews, captives of the Roman dealer. from their bondage, A Messiah had the enemy dead; it takes the casbeen promised and the faithful were ualty messages to tell us of our own Mrs. Santa Claus, Joan Zettle; the still expecting that promise to be losses.

THE GROUND OF UNIVERSAL fulfilled. Their conception of a Sav- stay. 1: 21, describes: "Thou shalt call from a hay mow. his name JESUS; for he shall save | Seaman John L. Gearhart recent-

the people from their sins." a Saviour who is able to save us was seriously wounded. After three -ever since it was a wheelbarrow, from that which, if continued, will months in a naval hospital he is now destroy our very lives and souls, How employed in the Brooklyn shipyards many of us have thought about this with an honorable discharge from

been given leaves in order that they birth of the child in Bethleiem marked the beginning of God's suday season with their loved ones. Dreime effort to make himself under-This will be a joyous season for stood by man. John 3: 16 should week with a severe case of the many, but we should remember that have an especial meaning for us at grippe.

ages to our loved ones and friends Our reference from I John is giv- Army, is home on his Christmas furbecause the congestion of the en in order that we might realize lough, and with his bride of Port mails may cause such a delay in dis- that there can be no real joy at tribution of Christmas parcels that Christmas time unless there is real eymoon at the farm home of the have no Christmas. But don't you of Life, Jesus. John's readers had Colpetzer. think we should analyze that idea not seen Jesus, but John had, and We have an inkling of a fashion-

gifts or food? Haven't we, through The secret of the "Christmas Claus, our observance of Christmas, gone spirit" is in forgetting one's self Mrs. Edna B. Gilliland expects to somewhat astray and lost, along the and finding happiness in other's joy. close her home this week and go to where I left my umbrella lest night." way, the real meaning of Christ- There are lonely ones on Christmas Rockaway, N. J., to spend the win-Day, sad and burdened ones, but ter months with her son, Prof. Ern-The scripture passage from Luke, even they may have a portion of the est Gilliland and wife. giving us the sfory of the birth of Christmas spirit if they will but forthe Saviour, is one of the most get themselves and do something to annual butchering last Friday at the

> the joy that comes back to you; returns to make you glad.

> > FUNNIEST COMICS, BEST FEATURES!

Government, had been looking and longing for one who would free them Front Line dispatches tell us of Claus, Arthur Thoman, White Xmas,



WITH our Christmas Greeting to you goes our sincere hope that Total Victory and a lasting and happy peace will come soon to

Goldman's Food Market

Brockerhoff Hotel Bldg.

Bellefonte, Pa.

PINE GROVE MILLS

After 4 days hang-up for drifted roads our school busses were all on hand for Monday morning school

Farmer William Gardner has been housed up for a few days on account of a nasty case of grippe, Charles Bloom of the U. S. Army, s enjoying a furlough at the Bloom home on South Water street.

The annual Christmas service of the Baileyville Presbyterian Sunday school will be held Friday, Dec. 22 at 8 p. m. Meek's Methodist service is Thursday evening, Dec. 21 at 7:45 o'clock.

The big-hog belt so far this butchering season goes to Willis Schilling who cut up three extra nice ones last Thursday, 'Dick' Irvin and wife of Harrisburg, came up for the occasion. The porkers on foot weighed just about 1700 pounds.

Mrs. Arthur L. Burwell, was guest as he spread his hands upward fervently. "I'm lost, please help me find of honor at a party given by his par- my way out of here." ents at their East Main street home Jimmy's 6th birthday. Many useful little Willie's outspread palm. enjoyed through the evening Choice kiddin'; I'm really and truly lost. refreshments were served to friends present as follows: Paul and Faye Kocher, Lois and Patty Gearhart, John Randolph, Paul and Paula Sunday, Edna Schilling, Peggy Burwell, and Mrs. Mary Miller of State

Cards to their home folks last week eport safe landings in Italy of Lee

Harpster and Billy Corl. Ivan Dodd, of the U. S. AAF, stationed at Lincoln, Neb., for some time, is home on furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dodd, just in time for his share of the deer

rchased from the Johnston Bros.

To all our readers a Merry Christmas and at prosperous New Year friend in China." along with the wish that all our soldier boys will be home real soon to

lour, however, was a sort of poli- Herl Poust, an employe of Penn

Therefore, we at Christmas should J. Fred Gearhart, John was prom-

"Dick" Markle and Jack Strouse

J. Clayton Corl assisted with the

On account of the heavy snow our second grade school teacher. Miss Mabel Bressler, spent the past week

CENTRE HALL

(Continued from page Two) on a Christmas adventure, the an-

mas journey. They go to the North him to take them to Holly-Pop lane, ain't never washed a eagle. There they find the Brownies and manse are called, also the Christmas candle, sugar plum, candy sticks, toy American. Order from your news- too soon it is time to go home. The cast is: a page, Fred Burris; Jack Frost, William Simpson, Santa Eva Horner; Merry Christmas or Cat or Creature, Kay Hearn; the stummick." Mouse, Billy Potter; Sugar Phim. Lucille Emery; Waltzing Doll, Marlene Coldron; Jack-in-the-Box, Ronald Struble. Other groups are Christmas Trees, Brownies, Christmas candle, candy sticks and toy it was nothin' serious."

S/Sgt. Donald Dean Reish is one of the four Centre county soldiers to be cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against h the enemy in the Mediterranean theatre of operations. The other three soldiers are Sgt. Donald Sunday of Pine Grove Mills, Pvt. William H. Rote of State College, and the sentry again called "Halt." T/Sgt, William W. Spear of Milesburg. The men are among the personnel of the 350th Fighter Group which was formed in Great Britain three times, then shoot." in 1942 and have been overseas for two years, taking part in every major campaign in the Mediterranean The tireless devotion to duty and extraordinary heroism displayed by the men of this group dur. he said to the clerk. ng combat operations on April 6. 1944, have set this group above and he said, "you mean itchings." apart from other units involved in omparable fighting during the same period and have great credit upon themselves. Sgt. Reish is a son of airplane, was heard to exclaim; "My goon, That wasn't the washroom Mr. and Mrs. James Reish of Old after all."

Pancakes

Smoke can be avoided when frying pancakes, and the work lessen- mince pie to last month?" by putting one rounded tablepoonful of lard into the pancake I never will be." batter. Nor will it be necessary to grease the pan, as the cakes will not

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then,

In Relished by the Wisest Men"

Says Mrs. Flanagan to Mrs. Murphy

Between the heat of the day-And the heat of the night-

And the heat of me and the heat of Mike-And Mike in bed with his stinkin' feet-And me in bed with the heat-And the baby in bed on one side-

And why am I tellin' you all this, Mrs. Murphy?"

Little Willie Gets 'The Bird' Little Willie, on a picnic, strayed away from his parents and got lost in the nearby woods. He wandered aimlessly for several hours, and and a large lot of salt." Cigars Jimmy Burwell, son of Mr. and finally, became frightened. He decided to pray. "Dear Lord," he prayed would cost you about one cent each.

As he stood in this fashion with half-closed eyes, a bird happened to take produce in exchange for clothlast Monday evening, in honor of fly overhead, and . . . something dropped squarely into the middle of ing, and asked that you "call, be-

gifts were received. Games were "Oh, please, Lord-" in begged, "Don't hand me that .

. . . We Know It's a Horrid Word, But-

(They still do it down in Arkansas) Around the stove we sit and spit In Abner Jenkins' store; We sit and spit and spit and sit And then we spit some more. Sometimes we change things 'round a bit In Abner Jenkins' store;

. . . The Chinese Way

We spit and sit and sit and spit

And then we spit some more.

An aged Chinese servant proudly displayed to his employer pictures ceedings, and consequently cannot Farmer 'Dick' Fye is manipulat- he had just received from China of a very nice looking Chinese girl give them to our readers." ng a new Allis-Chalmers tractor and two babies; his wife and two sons he boasted.

> country for the past twenty years." "Yes, yes, me know," explained the oriental, "but me got velly good these are; McAllister & Beaver, at-

. . . Natural Growth

Tom: Jack and Pat had stolen a horse; a cow and a cart. They had torney; Orvis & Alexander, attortical emancipator, not the sort of State dairy barns, is off duty nurs- been conducted to the police station. The officer in charge first turned to neys, the firm consisting of John H. saviour that Matthew, in Matthew ing a broken wrist caused by a fall Tom, inquiring how long he had had the horse, "Ever since it was a coit."

Next the officer turned to Jack, asking how long he had the cow. ly visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Ever since it was a calf," replied Jack.

realize that the foundation of our inent in the Normandy invasion on joyousness should be that we have his last of many trips overseas and

A Near Accident

Defendant- We were practically at a standstill when the officer came Pire Insurance Company of Centre tion was cast by women?

The Court—"I'll have to stop this thing right now or you will be the home of John Spangler, Centre time that women outnumbered men in the ballot.

She Knew

An army officer was showing his fair guest about the camp grounds, Civil War days were quoting wheat it will be a sorrowful season for Christmas time. It should remind us numbers of others.

"Dick" Markle and Jack Strouse when a bugle sounded. "What's that for?" the fair one inquired

numbers of others.

For weeks the newspapers have
the flesh by His Son, Jesus Christ.

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He Just Remembered

A country minister was preaching a sermon on adultery. He was "Brockerhoff Row." S. A. McQuistion these loved ones and friends may fellowship and unity with the Word groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John aware, he stated, that the footsteps of some of his own brethren had a carriage manufactory in the rear slipped and were making calls on the wives of neighbors.

a little? Does Christmas joy depend he assures them of this fact over able wedding over the holiday sea-church. The minister asked him why he was leaving so suddenly; and was son, already permitted by Santa it because he was embarranced and self-conscious about the sermon McClelland, who had recently sufson, already permitted by Santa it because he was embarrassed and self-conscious about the sermon fered loss by fire, had again estab- Benson's sanitorium. Philipsberg, "No," replied the man, "it's just not the sermon I just remembered lished his gents' furnishing store in where she was a surgical patient for

She Surrenders

Shovelrunner Ike-"Why is it you have so many boy friends?" Blondie-"I give up."

Progressive Bay Friend

Molly-"Why do you call your boy friend Pilgrim?" Polly-"Because every time he calls he makes a little progress."

Inexperienced

Down in Texas the short cotton crop forces a large number of country had just moved his establishment his sister, Mrs. Julia Crider. negroes to the cities. One of them applied for a job at one of the large to Bishop street, and invited farm- Mr. and Mrs. Merl Alexander and Miss Ruth Furl was stricken ill and employment agencies. "There's a job at the Eagle Laundry," said the man behind 'he desk, witnessing the operation of Mum- spent Sunday at the home of N. R. pital last Thursday

gels take them on a short Christ- "Want it?" The applicant shifted uneasily from one foot to the other. "Tell you fodder cutter and masticator, and Cpl. Robert Henry, who has been buck last Friday near Runville

Pole to see Santa Claus and ask how it is, boss," he said finally "I sure want a job bad, but de fack is, I the Star corn sheller. (We wonder

Before Each Meal

Wife-"You said you were hungry for my love, yet you just kissed the ing on Main street. (The writer sup-

Hubby-"Shucks, darling. She was just an appetizer.

And a Lot of Them

The class in natural history was reciting. Finally the teacher asked, corner of the Diamond, apparently Where is the nome of the swallow?" Long silence and then a hand waved, "Robert, you may answer." "The home of the swallow," declared Robert seriously, "is in the from groceries and fruits to shot

. . . Nothing Serious

Insurance Salesman-"You look like a good risk, Mrs. Malone, but merchants. Little Girls, Angels, Snowflakes, will you tell me what your father died of?" Mrs. Malone-"Oi can't rightly remimber as to thot, sur, but sure

Obeying Orders

A pervous but determined rookie was on guard for the first time in life. A dark form approached him. "Halt!" he cried in a threatening tone, "Who are you?" "The officer of the day."

"Advance!" The officer advanced, but before he had proceeded half a dozen steps prictor; the Fallon House, Lock Haven, E. W. Bigony, proprietor, and "This is the second time you have halted me," observed the officer, the United States Hotel, Williams-

"What are you going to do next?" "Never you mind what I'm gonna do, My orders are to call 'hait'

New Kind of Art

A prospective customer entered an art shop "I want to see some of those pictures that are done by scratching." The clerk thought a moment, and then his face lighted up. "Oh, yes." we usually send out advance warn-

It Couldn't Have Been

A well dressed man, cigar in hand, falling through the air from an

A Changed Man Haughty House Wife-"Aren't you the same man I gave a piece of Tramp (bitterly)-"No, mum, I ain't; and wot's more, the doctor says

That's all, folks. When a girl is big as a house it costs a lot to get

Back in the 'Good Old Days'

(Continued from page one; tierce." A tierce, by the way, is a

head. The same low prices prevail-Bishop street seemed to be the favorite location for thirst emporiums, of which there were many. A number of them flourished just within the shadow of the Temperance Hotel which, by reason of its

cask between a barrel and a hogs-

name and character, lent an air of respectability to the street, A number of out-of-town advertisers evidently found a market in Bellefonte, For instance, Mrs. Simens of Lock Haven offered "200 barrels of fish; 200 barrels of liquor (cheap, too); 50 boxes of chewing tobacco: 100,000 segars (oh, myl), clude?

Reuben Keller of Centre Hall, who onducted a general store, offered to hold and believe!"

Through the maze of miscellanleous, editorial and advertising matter filling the pages we find two II will get a bonus?

items of news; "Through the imperfection of one of the flues a fire broke out in the Catholic church at this place on Saturday before Christmas, which threatened for a time the destruction of the building. Through time exertions of some of our citizens it was extinguished however before any serious damage was done."

"The Teachers' Institute which held its annual meeting at Howard last week was well attended. We had not received a report of the pro-

Sorting through the professional "Are you kidding?" cried his puzzled employer. "You've been in this cards are found the familiar names of many prominent families. Among torneys, who individually were H. N. McAllister and James A. Beaver; J. for the presidency. D. Shugert, attorney; Harry Y. Stitzer, attorney; W. H. Larimer, at-Orvis and Cyrus T. Alexander; A. O. Grove Mills gave his attention to population of the District of Columbia is 14,590 per square mile dental work; Andrew Woite of Milesburg was quoted as a "licensed come from? anctioneer.

The court proclamation called for a two-weeks' session to begin Jannary 29, 1865. It was issued by precept of the Hon. Samuel Linn, president judge, and John S. Proudfoot

Hall. George Buchanan was president of the organization.

In comparison with present-day war prices, the Beliefonte markets in at \$2.40; rye, \$1.60; corn, shelled, \$1.50; potatoes, 50c a bushel; pork, 15c; butter, 40c; eggs, 25c.

Nearly every business place in Bellefonte was represented in the advertising columns. George Livingstore in the Harris a furniture store on the Lester. the Armory building on the north- two weeks.

John S. Lonberger was the lead- it hung up. jewelry store and kept the time- W. B. Williams on Sunday, ma's celebrated improved straw and Stiver. if any of those implements are in existence today). Hoffer Brothers' general merchandise store occupied a location in the "Iron Front" buildposes Main street was that thoroughfare now known as Allegheny street, but is lost on trying to locate the "Iron Front" building. Burnside's store at the northwest carried the widest selection of goods in town. One could buy anything and powder and fishing tackle, Also located at the northwest corner of the Diamond was the firm of Baxstresser & Crist, leading hardware

The hotels were the Cummings House on Bishop street, R. D. Cummings, proprietor; The Garman Hotel, opposite the Court House, with Daniel Garman, proprietor; The Conrad House, Main street, J. B. Butts, proprietor. Other hotels catering to the public through the advertising columns were The Hublersburg Hotel, J. H. Morrison, pro-

Patent medicine ads of various and devious descriptions flaunted their cure-alls throughout the pages of the old newspapers, leaving one to conclude that the "sneker" age was at its beight.

This is the time of the year when ing as to the timeliness of resolutions for the New Year

Query & Answer Column

F. W.—How is the war directly responsible for laundry supply short-

Ans,-It takes 31 pounds of soap to make synthetic rubber for tires

of an eight-wheeled 21/4-ton truck. B. M .- What is the population of Colmar, Prance, now in the fight-

Ans.-46,000, prewar. Industries include textiles, cotton, wool, Elk

thread, starch, machinery, leather goods. L. A. K.-Why does lemon juice go well with fried dishes and salads? Ans,-Its acid attack cellulose and saponify oil and make the food

easier to digest. P. R.-Where do we get the word commando?

Ans.-It may vary in length.

mandeered" for military expeditions against the natives. W. A. B .- What is a week-end pass and how many days loes it in-

Ans,-It's a Portuguese word adopted by the Boers-a unit "com-

G. D. H .-- If a man gets an honorable discharge with Certificate of Disability, is he entitled to compensation or anything? Ans.-If the disability was incurred in or aggravated by his active service, it may be compensable. The man should consult the nearest office of the Veterans Administration. He has all other rights also to which

veterans are entitled. Soldier-Has there been a law passed that all veterans of World War

Ans,-No "bonus" legislation has been passed.

K. McL.-Do animals foretell the coming of earthquakes by some peculiarity of action?

Ans.-Animals are said to show a restlessness for hours preceding an earthquake. Catfish are particularly sensitive to coming shocks and swim away from the place of approaching activity. Birds also have been observed to show alarm.

R. B. N.-What is the number of public library books per capita in

the United States? Ans -The American Library Association reports that for the country as a whole there is less than one book per capita, the actual figure being .87. Figures range from 3.58 in New Hampshire to .15 in Mississippi.

Ans.—The country was long without a railway but a short line inland from Durazzo was reported to have been constructed by the Italians in 1940 during their occupation of the country.

F. B. W .- Are there any railways in Albania?

S. R. V.-Who invented the expression New Deal? Ans .- American Nicknames says that the term was invented by Dr. Samuel L. Rosenman during the early days of the Roosevelt campaign

E. W. D.-What is the present daily cost of the war?

Ans.-The cost is approximately \$250,000,000 a day. W. T.—What is the density of population of the District of Columbia? Ans.-With a land area of 61 square miles and an estimated popula-Furst, attorney; Dr. Wingste of Pine tion of 889,993, including armed forces stationed there, the density of

> L. E. P.-Where did the cannons in Lafayette Square in Washington Ans.-They were captured by General Jackson in an expedition against the Spanish in Florida in 1818. The cannon were made by Joseph

> Barnola, of Barcelona, Spain; two in 1748 and two in 1773, Each one has a name. Two are named for Visigothic Kings-El Egica and Witiza, Two are named for Greek gods-El Apolo and Aristides. N. E. T .- What is a "widow's walk?"

Ans .- It is the railed-in balcony which is often seen on the roof of

old New England seashore homes. Here the wives of seafaring men were The annual meeting and election accustomed to watch for the return of their husbands, A. E. L.-What proportion of the vote in the recent presidential elec-

Ans,-Women cast 50.3 per cent of the total vote. This was the first

L. K. B.-Was Bob Pitzsimmons an American citizen? Ans -- The Australian born pugilist was naturalized in 1895,

A. C. C .- Has the United States the largest Navy in the world? Ans.-The United States Navy is the largest in the world. According to a statement made by Rear Admiral Earle W. Mills, assistant chief of the Bureau of Ships, the end of this year will see the United States Navy's fighting fleets at greater strength than that of all the fleets of the world

enjoying a two-weeks' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hen-Mrs. George Fink of Philipsburg, ry, and also his many friends here,

of Cummings livery stable. Henry P. is visiting at the home of her son, returned on Saturday to his camp RUNVILLE

east corner of the Diamond Lyons N. R. Stiver thinks that he is a given by our young people on Sun-& Loeb announced a 30 to 40 per lucky hunter. On Priday he went day evening, Dec. 24, at 7:30, at cent reduction in clothing, among up in the hills on his farm and in which time they will make an offerthe articles advertised being hoop an hour from the time he left home ing to the Quincy Orphanage.

pieces of the townsfolk in good re- Harold Cronister left on Saturday ing.

ers to call and be "astonished at sons, Jack and Terry, of Tyrone, was taken to the Lock Haven hos-

he killed a six-point buck and had The U. B. church will begin their evangelistic services on Sunday eveing tinsmith and stove merchant Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams and ning, Dec. 31, and continue for two with shop and store on Bishop three little daughters of Lemont, weeks. Everybody welcome. street, G. W. Patton conducted a visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ployd Davis is on the sick list and under the doctor's care at this writpair, J. H. Myers, implement dealer, for Williamsport, where he will visit W. A. Walker is still on the sick

The Caristmas program will be

Florida this Season then by all means see

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CHURCH bells ring gaily this joyous holiday, expressing better than we can say, the merry Christmas greetings we have for each and everyone.

Allegheny Street

Bellefonte, Pa.