

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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International Sunday School Lesson for December 15  
THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT IN INDUSTRY

Deut. 24:14-15; Ephesians 6:5-9; I Timothy 6:17-19

Religion that does not improve daily living is far from practical. By this test the spiritual power of the Bible is above that of the sacred book of every other form of religion. Right relationship between all classes in society are indicated in both the Old and New Testaments. From the very beginning Jehovah has been teaching mankind how to live with one another. Industry has always been divided into two general classes—capital and labor. The best results for both can be had only as the explicit directions of Scripture are applied. Both must work in closest understandable cooperation. Industrial and social principles are found in all parts of the Bible. The chosen portions for today in addition to those above, are Exodus 1:8-14; 20-17; Amos 5:6-15; Zechariah 8:16-17; Matthew 20:1-16; Mark 12:1-9; Luke 3:14. A general summary is the golden text: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

cheered meanwhile by the statement that while they might be servants "according to the flesh" they could attend to their duties "as unto Christ." Though no earthly eye was watching they should know that God was always beholding their thoroughness, or lack of that quality in service. They had entered into a contract and must deliver full value. What is the difference whether an employer short-changes the man or he short-times the man who is rightly expecting full work during each hour? The story is pertinent about the woman who said life was so different since she became a Christian, "Now I sweep under the rugs."

The spirit of the Golden rule is being expressed in better working conditions that are afforded labor today. Sanitary surroundings, rest rooms, recreation centers, educational classes, bonuses, etc., all help both parties concerned. Each is studying the problems of the other. The wealthy are recognizing the responsibility that goes with their vast accumulations and are giving in lavish amounts for the general good. Kindness makes the day's work smoother and more successful. Multitudes are proving that Christianity does work in industry. In fact it offers the only workable solution for the serious problems that are involved. Even so, it has never been fully tried.

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### How Caesar, the Janitor, Enjoyed His Christmas

THE Barrows family was having a gloomy Christmas. Mrs. Barrows, depressed by recent misfortune, made little effort to enliven the atmosphere and Mr. Barrows, resenting her gloom became gloomy himself. Robert, home from college for vacation was blue because a sprained ankle kept him from the holiday dances.

So it was only ten-year-old Mabel who was in tune, and even she felt rather wistful as she looked out on the snowy street. Suddenly, she gave a startled exclamation:

"Oh, mother! Here comes Caesar! I forgot to tell you I'd invited him to dinner!"

"Caesar! The colored janitor at the church?" cried Mrs. Barrows.

"Yes; the other night when I asked him where he was going to have Christmas dinner, he said, 'No place honey; I ain't got no mo' home dan a alley eat' and so I told him to come here. I forgot to tell you."

Mrs. Barrows, who could always rise to a social emergency, smothered her irritation, and hurried to the kitchen and when the glorified Caesar, in well brushed suit, shining shoes and red necktie was ushered into the dining room he found a small, well-appointed table set for him in one corner.

"Dis snub is great doin's!" he exclaimed; and throughout the meal he kept up a stream of jokes and reminiscences which set the family at the big table first into chuckles and then roars.

When the dessert was finished, Robert asked Mabel to bring his banjo down from his room, and for an hour he played and sang college songs and negro spirituals, while Caesar chimed in with his rich baritone until the room rang with melody—and harmony, too, of more kinds than one.

When the plaintive strains of "Going Home" were ended, Caesar said:

"Wal, I nevah did hyah dat tune befo', but it seems lak I knowed how to sing it jes' by intermission, as day say. Ah reckon dat tune is a purty good one to go home on—an' I've bothered you-all long enough any way."

"No bother!" exclaimed Mr. Barrows heartily. "You've done us all a lot of good."

"Yes," said Mrs. Barrows, "you've cheered us all up immensely."

"Hyah! Hyah!" came the rich negro chuckle, "Ah reckon you-all don need much cheerin' up. You's a mighty cheersome fam'ly."

And Caesar departed, leaving echoes of laughter and song.—Myrtle Koon Cherryman.

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### Christmas

CHRISTMAS seasons pass away. The brightness and the cheer merge into the drab of routine life. The tokens of love and appreciation fade into dim memories. The toys are broken, the candy and the nuts are eaten and the laughing children go chasing other pleasures.

The burdens laid down, for the time, by older people are taken up again; the stooped forms go trudging on and the world forgets.

But Matthew's story of Joseph and Mary, the wise men and the star, with Luke's story of the child, the angels and the shepherds stand out always bright and clear unmarred or dimmed by centuries.

The star will come again and bring the wise men. The angels will sing again the same old song. A multitude of children will share again like joys of other years. New pleasures, new hopes and new aspirations will crowd another season. Matthew and Luke will tell again the deathless stories which give to Christmas immortality.—William L. Gaston.

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### BELIEVING IN A SANTA



He—I suppose you still believe there's a Santa Claus.  
She—I did—until you came along.

### First Observance of Christmas

The first observance of Christmas December 25, was sometime about the middle of the fourth century after Christ. Until that time the date of His nativity was not settled definitely since the early Christians considered the observance of birthdays a pagan custom.

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