

50 Great Canvassing Appeals and Lessons

From the Children's Century Classic Set

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1. Volume 1 page 10. **God loves us.**

That was the end of the third day of Creation. God looked at everything He had made and decided that it was all very good—just the way He liked it. It was perfect in every way. He has all the power in the universe, so He is always perfect in everything He does. He made it that way because He loves us so much. We are very blessed indeed!

2. Volume 1 page 32. **First promise of the Redeemer**

“Someday heaven will send a Redeemer to pay the price for the sins of Adam and Eve. This Savior will deliver the whole world from your evil curse. And those who accept the sacrifice of God’s Son and call on Him will be saved.”

The saddest chapter of earth’s story had now begun. God the Son had created Adam and Eve, and now He was making a promise to them that He would one day come to this world as a human being. He would be born in a manger, would live among them, and then would die for their sins. This would be the only way He could bring them back to live in their garden home again.”

3. Volume 1 page 36 **Disobedience- Choosing God**

“Disobedience always leads to sorrow and sadness. Many times the results are much worse than we ever dreamed possible. God’s plan is always best and leads to happiness. You can choose to start on this way of happiness right now by choosing to follow God’s way today.”

4. Volume 1 page 41. **Anyone could be saved- size of ark.**

“God told Noah, “Make yourself an ark, or boat, of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. The length of the ark shall be 300 cubits, its width 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits.” A cubit is approximately 18 inches, so that means the ark was approximately 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Wow! That is a really big boat!

Why such a huge boat? Because God wanted anyone who believed in Him and wanted to be saved from the flood to have a chance to get on board the ark and be safe.”

5. Volume 1 page 48. **The rainbow promise.**

“They bowed their heads in prayer to thank God for His care and protection during the long months of the flood. As their prayer ended, they all looked up and saw an amazing sight. Stretched above them over the ark was a beautiful rainbow in the clouds. The first one ever!

And this wasn’t just any rainbow! It was much more than that! It was a promise from God that the whole world would never again be destroyed by a flood. So every time we see a rainbow, it is a reminder of our loving Savior, who always keeps His promises. Before starting to build himself a home, Noah led out in a worship of praise to God.”

6. Volume 1 page 68. **Choices**

“The Bible warns us to “remember Lot’s wife.” As it was in the days of Lot, so it will be in the days before Jesus comes again. Like Lot, we have choices to make as children of God. We must keep our eyes on Jesus and not on this world.”

7. Volume 1 page 152. **Results of willful sin.**

“In everything we do for the church, we need to remember that we serve a holy God. He is a compassionate, loving, righteous God, but if we willfully do wrong, eventually we will pay a price for our sins.”

8. Volume 1 page 174. **Being an Example**

“God had planned a wonderful lesson for Israel that would help them understand the plan of salvation better, but Moses and Aaron had spoiled it by setting a bad example for them. It is never a good idea for us to get angry and take things personally when things don’t go right for us. People are watching our example to see if being a follower of Jesus is a good idea. What we say and do can sometimes turn them away from God, and that is a scary place for any of us to be.”

9. Volume 1 page 178. **Looking to Jesus**

“Make a bronze snake and put it up on a pole,” He said to Moses. “Then anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.” So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole, and sure enough, anyone who was bitten by a poisonous snake and looked at the bronze snake that was lifted up did not die. Today, we don’t need anyone or anything special in order to reach God. We don’t need an idol, priest, money, or influence. However, we have all been bitten by that old serpent, which is called the devil. We can just kneel wherever we are and ask for God’s help. Isn’t that a relief? We need to remember that God is willing to protect us from all the fiery darts that Satan hurls at us. If we look to Jesus, He will protect us from danger, as He has promised.”

10. Volume 1 page 186. **Putting self aside.**

“When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we also accept Him as our Lord. That means we trust Him and put aside our own wants and follow Jesus.”

11. Volume 2 page 8. **Help in need**

“God had said He would help the Israelites conquer Jericho, and He did. Without a doubt, He can be counted on to keep His word, even if it seems impossible. Today He offers you and me that same kind of help. When our troubles are greatest and we need Him most, that’s when He will come to our rescue.”

12. Volume 2 page 15. **Talking to God about decisions.**

“It is true that Joshua was tricked by their lies, but that was because he did not consult the Lord first. Many mistakes could be avoided if we would just talk with Jesus before making any big decisions.”

13. Volume 2 page 116. **Defeating giant problems**

“David, the shepherd boy, had achieved a great victory for his people and his God! And it happened because he trusted in the Lord of hosts! Without faith in God and trusting Him to solve this “giant” problem, David would have never defeated Goliath. When you have problems in your life, even if they are problems as big as a giant, remember David. He prayed, and in faith tackled his giant problem, and the problem came tumbling down. So can yours.”

14. Volume 2 page 126. **Telling the truth.**

“We should never tell a lie, no matter how good of an idea it might seem at the time. In the end lies never pay off, and sooner or later, they come back to destroy us and the ones we love.”

15. Volume 2 page 166. **Friendship.**

“That is what a good friendship can do. When all else fails, there is friendship. Good times may come and go, but good friends stand the test of time.”

16. Volume 2 page 168. **Sin has results.**

“He thought no one really knew what he had done, but sin has a way of catching up with us. We may not see the results of the bad things we do right away. But sooner or later, like a poisonous snake, they will raise their ugly heads to bite us.”

17. Volume 3 page 36. **Reward of helping others.**

“This is a wonderful promise from the Bible, telling us that if we follow the example of Jesus and do all we can to help others, we will be rewarded. It goes on to say that there is always something we can do, even if it is giving a thirsty person a cup of cold water.”

18. Volume 3 page 38. **Being a witness.**

“There are many people, old and young, who think that they are not qualified to be a witness for Jesus. Maybe they have just learned about Jesus, and they feel they need to know their Bible better before they can tell others. This is not the case. It doesn't matter how old you are or how well you know your Bible. It only matters that you love Jesus enough to tell others about Him.”

19. Volume 3 page 38. **Helping others.**

“God's power is the same today as it was back in the days of Elijah. Remember to help others whenever you can. It doesn't matter if you are rich or poor. God

will always provide each of us an opportunity to show our love for others. When we do this, we are showing them that Jesus is truly in our hearts.”

20. Volume 3 page 98. **God is with us.**

“**We** can learn a great lesson too. Even if we cannot always see God, He is always there for us, just as the unseen chariots of fire were!”

21. Volume3 page 104. **Obeying God and parents.**

“The message that we can all take from this great story is that God knows what He is doing. When He tells us something, we should do it the first time. The same is true with being obedient to our parents. If we do what we are told the first time, things will be much better and everyone will be a lot happier.”

22. Volume 3 page 122. **Being true to God in good times or bad.**

“We need to always be true to God, not only in bad times, but in good times as well. Never let the good things in our lives get bigger in our minds than God.”

23. Volume 4 page 15. **Relationship with God.**

“The difference between Simeon and the priest was in their hearts. The priest had read the Scriptures so he would know how to perform his duties, while Simeon had made the Scriptures a part of his life. God was real to him, and his goal in life was to please his Savior. That is why he recognized the Baby as the Messiah, while this was just another baby to the priest.”

24. Volume 4 page 25. **Responsibility of parents.**

“Jesus, however, was taught the Scriptures by His mother. The Scriptures promise that the Holy Spirit will aid mothers in the process of teaching their children about God. Godly parents have a huge responsibility when it comes to teaching, and Mary and Joseph took this responsibility seriously.”

25. Volume 4 page 40. **Appeal to be baptized.**

“We all can make a decision to follow Jesus and be baptized. Don’t put it off. Talk to your parents or pastor today. Remember, there is joy in heaven every time someone makes a decision to let Jesus guide their life.”

26. Volume 4 page 46. **Temptation.**

“We can be sure that Satan will tempt us to doubt God, as he did Jesus. However, we can also be sure that God will send us help to overcome all Satan’s temptations.”

27. Volume 4 page 116. **Forgiveness and a clean heart.**

“We too can have a clean heart and a clean conscience. All we have to do is have faith and ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins.”

28. Volume 4 page 128. **Service.**

“The next day Jesus ordained the disciples for service. Now they were ready to go as missionaries for Him. They were not chosen because of their talents and abilities, but because they were humble and willing to serve. So it is today in God’s church. The opportunities we get to serve God are His gift to us. And like the disciples, what we do with those opportunities is our gift to God.”

29. Volume 4 page 138. **Help in problems and difficulties.**

“Starting each day with Christ is having the rock for our start or foundation. Jesus is the Rock. The rain and the wind represent trials or problems that will come our way. We can’t stop them. We will all face difficulties in our lives. But with Christ is our foundation, we will be able to face those difficulties, and our house will stand. By building this way, we will be able to meet Jesus when He comes, and then we will spend every day with Him”.

30. Volume 4 page 144. **Appeal to decide.**

“According to Jesus, many people in the world who don’t even know Him will one day receive eternal life because they were honest souls in search of truth. That means there will also be many who are not accepted into heaven even though they think they are God’s people and deserve a place. So, where are you in this picture? Have you come to Jesus to ask for His help lately? Do you believe He can help you even when you can’t see the evidence right away?”

31. Volume 4 page 154. **God’s word.**

“When the Word of God comes to us, it will go into our hearts. We have the choice of rejecting His Word and having the Word snatched away, or we can let other things get in the way so that God’s Word and His love can’t grow. Instead,

it is choked out. These are sad choices. However, we also have the choice of opening our hearts and letting the love of Christ grow in our hearts. Did you get that? The condition of the ground is up to us, you and me. We can listen to God's Word with a soft heart so we will not be like the seed that fell on the hard path. We can take what we hear into our hearts, let it take root, and go deep within us. Then we will not be like the seed on the stony ground. After that, when the cares of this world, like the thorns and weeds, grow and get in the way of our Christian growth, we, with God's help, can pull them out so that the plant can grow strong and tall. If we will do this, we will be like the good ground God wants us to be."

32. Volume 4 page 160. **Trusting Jesus in the storm.**

"That is a lesson for all of us today. We all have troubles and face storms of many different kinds. We can let those storms scare us and cause us to feel that we have no hope and no way out. Or we can remember that Jesus is always with us, and He is only a prayer away. He has promised to always be with us. He is Someone we can all count on."

33. Volume 4 page 190. **Choosing Jesus.**

"Jesus has invited all of us to a great banquet someday soon, but it will not be in the fanciest banquet hall or in the most lavish hotel here on earth. Nothing we have here can compare to the banquet that Jesus is preparing for us in heaven. We can be sure of that because "eye has not seen, nor ear heard the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." Do not be like the first group and refuse this invitation. Jesus is preparing the dinner now. I want to be ready. Don't you?"

34. Volume 5 page 7. **God's acceptance.**

"After He accepts us completely, He will start giving. First, He will give us new clothes. These new clothes represent a new start. We trade in our filthy rags, which represent our sinful life, and we put on the clothes of righteousness, which only Christ can provide. Then we will be given a feast. This feast represents extreme happiness. Any time someone makes a mistake and tells Jesus they want to return to Him, there is a big celebration in heaven. This story represents the consequences of disobedience and the rewards of following or returning to a loving, caring Father, who only wants what is best for us."

35. Volume 5 page 8. **God's acceptance forgiveness.**

“Let us never forget to obey our heavenly Father. However, if we do make a mistake, then go back. He will be waiting with open arms and a kiss on the neck. Not only will He be happy, but every angel in heaven will rejoice with Him.”

36. Volume 5 page 20. **Help in trouble prayer.**

“I am sure the disciples never forgot that night on the lake. When they needed help, Jesus was only a prayer away. Remember that you never have to deal with your problems alone. Jesus will lift you out of your problems, just like He lifted Peter out of the water. All you have to do is call on Him.”

37. Volume 5 page 46. **Salvation.**

“Not only was Jesus the Good Shepherd, but He was also the Lamb of God who took away the sins of the world. He was the Lamb sacrificed on the cross to save you and me. It is a sad story, but we should be glad that Jesus paid the price for us.”

38. Volume 5 page 52. **Kindness Good Samaritan.**

“Who knows? Someday we may need someone to show us kindness. We all know how it feels to need a friend, and how it feels to have that need met. Think about a time when someone shared their lunch with you, helped you do your chores, or prayed with you when you needed it most. It feels good to be helped, and it feels good to help others. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” That means we should always think of others before we think of ourselves. Jesus is our example, and like the Good Samaritan, we need to reach out to others so that they will see the love of the Father in us.”

39. Volume 5 page 58. **Relationship with Jesus.**

Remember, Jesus knows what it is like to give up things. He was in heaven and had a wonderful life. He had mansions and golden streets. He could walk, talk, and hold hands with His Father and the angels. He lived in a warm and perfect world without sin. However, there was one more thing that He wanted. He wanted you and me. He loved heaven, but He wanted to share it with us. That meant He had to give up heaven for a little while and come down here to save us. He came to a world where He wasn't liked by everyone. He came to a world that was cold and cruel. He came to a world that took His very life. Yes, He even gave up His life for you and me. He did it all because you and I were more important to Him than anything else. The question for you and me today is the

same question that the rich young ruler had. How important is Jesus to you? We have two options. We can follow the rich young ruler's example and walk away sadly with our heads down. Or we can say, "I choose You, Jesus. Help me to give up anything that would keep us apart." Let's make that choice today.

40. Volume 5 page 62. **Choosing Jesus**

"There are many things in life that we have to concern ourselves with, but our priority should always be our relationship with Jesus."

41. Volume 5 page 116. **Sheep or Goat**

"If you and I were to find our place in this parable, where would we be? With the sheep or with the goats? One day very soon, Jesus will come again, and then He will separate the sheep from the goats. That will be a very exciting day if we are the sheep Jesus was talking about. Let's plan on it."

42. Volume 5 page 180. **Eternal Life**

"I have seen the Lord!" Mary exclaimed again and again as she raced off to tell everyone the good news. "He has risen from the dead!" That was indeed the best news the world would ever hear. The Son of God had risen from the tomb, and all those who trust in Him can now have the hope of eternal life."

43. Volume 6 page 28 **Honesty**

"God wants us to always be truthful and honest, not only to please Him but for ourselves. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). That simply means that Jesus wants us not only to have life, but to have a healthy, happy life. If you lie to your parents or to anyone else, you will not be happy very long. If you tell a lie, then confess it and make it right. If you ask God to help you to always be honest, He will. Then you will be a delight to God, your parents, and your friends.

44. Volume 6 page 55 **Ministering**

"Dorcas was a minister. Sometimes when we think of ministers, we think of people who go around preaching in strong, loud voices to large groups of people. Some ministers do that, and by the power of God many people are led to Christ and a great work is done. But all great ministers are not preachers. Dorcas would see someone in need and make them clothing. Or she would see

someone hungry and fix them some food. Her needle and thread and stove preached a better sermon than her mouth. She ministered to the people in the same way that Jesus did when He was on this earth. A bowl of food for the hungry, or a coat for those who are cold, is just as important as preaching the gospel.”

45. Volume 6 page 56 **Resurrection**

“The resurrection of Dorcas is an example of what it will be like someday for those who are raised to eternal life when Jesus comes again. In that glorious morning, Jesus will tell everyone who has labored in service for Him, “Well done, good and faithful servant.” I want to hear those words; don’t you?”

46. Volume 6 page 92. **God’s help in hard times**

“What a story for all of us to remember when we go through hard times! Someday we may have to face trials for our faith in Jesus such as Paul and Silas did. When that time comes, Jesus will help us to be faithful to God.”

47. Volume 6 page 148. **God’s Armor Conquerors**

“Truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, and the Word of God all protect us from Satan and the power of his demons. That is why we must put them on every day, just as a soldier puts on his armor. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross makes all of this possible. That is why we no longer need to worry about whether or not we have eternal life. With this armor on, we are already more than conquerors. We have already been given the tools to protect us from sin and the temptations of Satan.”

49. Volume 7 page 124. **Salvation**

“If we are not given a clean record, it means that we have not been covered by Jesus’ blood because we have not asked Him to cleanse us of every sin. It means that we like the things of this world more than we want to be with Jesus in heaven. That means we will not get to live with Him forever, but must die when He comes again because “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). What a shame that would be. We know that Jesus loved us so much that He died to save us from our sins. We know that He is in the heavenly sanctuary as our High Priest helping us to fight against Satan’s temptations. We know that He wants to make us as white as snow, if we will just surrender our lives to Him. “The gift of God is eternal life,” and Jesus wants to give it to us. Why not accept that gift today?”

48. Volume 7 page 155,156. **God is with you in tough times**

“And remember that even though times may be tough, God has given all of us a wonderful promise. “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

This means that we will never have to go through tough times alone, because God has told us He will be with us each step of the way. That is a very important promise. The Bible is full of great promises that will help us through any difficulty that we find ourselves in. But if we are not reading God’s Word, we will not know these promises. Then we will have to handle our problems on our own and that never works very well. Jesus loves us and is always there for us. He died on the cross to save us. Now that is one amazing way of saying I will never let you down!”

49. Volume 7 page 162. **Importance of God’s word the Bible.**

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50. Volume 7 page 176. **An Appeal to Be In Heaven.**

“This has all been made possible because He sent His only Son to die for us, “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). That is the story of the great controversy between good and evil. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats throughout the vast creation. From the Creator of all things flow life, light, and gladness throughout the vast reaches of space. From the tiniest atom to the greatest world, all things in their beauty and perfect joy declare that “God is love.” I can’t wait to be there. How about you?