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*For Children Ages 6 Through 8*



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A story and handwork for each week of the quarter.  
A supplement to the Sunday school lessons.  
One book needed for each pupil per quarter.

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## **Dear Boys and Girls,**

God loves each of us so much! Sometimes in loving us, He lets things happen we do not like.

We must believe God always does what is best and always does what is right. We know this is true because we know He loves us.

In our stories this quarter, we will learn how God shows His love to us. We will also learn how we are to show His love to others.

The stories tell about a boy named Ethan who cannot go to the mission field with his parents. He learns about God. God is his Shepherd who loves him. God protects him. God helps him. Ethan learns too that he needs a Saviour.

Trust God. Pray and ask Him to teach you how to love Him and others.

### **TO THE TEACHER**

Life does not always go according to our plans. It is often difficult to accept change and God's redirection.

We adults have difficulty accepting God's plans, and so do children. We sometimes forget, however, that children's expectations of needs being met usually revolve around parents rather than God.

It is so important to teach children from an early age that God is able to meet them at their point of need. It is our duty as parents and teachers to help them understand the role God plays in their lives.

In our stories, a young boy learns that God's plan is always best. He comes to understand how God shows His love and how we are to show God's love to others.

We are privileged to teach our students about Jesus and His gift of salvation. May our lives reflect our submission to God's plan for us and our love for Him. May we teach our students how to love God and others. May we yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

## ***Finding Love***

“No one loves me!” shouted Ethan, holding his head in his hands.

“Ethan, are you OK?” asked Aunt Sarah.

Wiping his eyes, Ethan moved to the door of the barn and called out, “I’m fine!”

Aunt Sarah opened the door. “I know living with us for a while is hard, but your parents will be back.”

“Why did they leave me? I could have gone to the mission field too.”

“They wanted you to be safe. Besides, I could use the help of a strong sixth grader here on the farm,” said Aunt Sarah.

“Hey, what’s going on?” asked seven-year-old Grace, Ethan’s cousin.

“Ethan is just trying to make peace with the idea of staying with us for a year,” said Aunt Sarah, Grace’s mom.

“I’m so glad you’re here, Ethan! It will be so great to have a brother,” said Grace.

“I’m not your brother,” Ethan said as he stomped off to the farmhouse.

“Why is he so mad, Mom?” asked Grace.

“He doesn’t like being left behind while his parents are on the mission field. We need to show him as much love as we can,” said Mom.

“We could teach Ethan my Bible verse, I John 4:11: ‘Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another,’” said Grace (see I John 4:7-19).