

## ***Fourth Grade Poems***

### **ABRAHAM AND ISAAC** *by Rev. Dean Beaty*

When Isaac was still young at home, God spoke to Abraham.  
"Take thy son, thy only son, to offer as a lamb."

This was by far the greatest thing that God could ever ask,  
And yet he took the lad with him to do this mighty task.

And as they climbed the mountain side with wood and fire  
along.  
The father knew to trust in God. In this he must be strong.  
With altar made and wood laid straight he bound him hand and arm.  
With knife held high, he heard God's say, "*Do the lad no harm.*"

There in the briars caught by its horns, God had prepared a ram.  
The substitute speaks of our God and His own spotless Lamb.  
His Son He gave our souls to save upon a cruel tree.  
And if in faith we call on Him, from sin we can be free.

### **DANIEL AND THE KING'S MEAT** *by Rev. Dean Beaty*

When Daniel was a teen age lad They took him from his land.  
Into a foreign place they went, before a king to stand.  
They were looking for some youths, their skills to make complete.  
And in the palace they would live and eat the king's own meat.

But when they gave them palace food, Daniel refused to eat.  
It would be against his God and it would bring defeat.  
Water to drink and beans to eat would be their daily food.  
So for ten days that's all they ate and yet their looks were good.

When the king examined them, not being wined and dined.  
He found their wisdom and their skills were wholesome and refined.  
They might have said, "*No one will know, we are so far way.*"  
But trusting God they did what's right. Obedience won that day.

### **DAVID AND GOLIATH** *by Rev. Dean Beaty*

David was the youngest son of Jessie's stalwart clan.  
But they had left to join with Saul to fight a giant man.  
Only he was left at home to watch his father's sheep.  
What happened next on this sad day's enough to make you weep.

All Saul's army shook in fear the enemy was great.  
He called them out to fight with him but no one took the bait.  
Then David came to bring some food and saw what gave him pause.  
Despite their fear and trusting God said, "*Is there not a cause?*"

So with five stones within his bag he faced the man alone.  
But he would win the fight that day, for God was on the throne.  
And though he took just five small stones he dared to stand his ground.  
He only used one out of five to bring the giant down.

So when you face a mighty foe, your Father fights for you.  
For God is there to help you give the enemy his due.  
Do not fear though they may come with armor and with swords,  
He showed no fear for this he knew, "*The Battle is the Lord's!*"

### **ELIJAH vs. JEZEBEL** *by Rev. Dean Beaty*

When last we saw Elijah, a vict'ry he had won.  
But Jezebel had threatened him and he was on the run.  
Since he had won the contest, the question was now, "Why?"  
He sat beneath a juniper and wished that he could die.

He fell asleep, but God could see that he was in despair.  
So God dispatched an angel quick to feed Elijah there.  
So strengthened by the angel's food he traveled forty days.  
But his complaint you won't believe. Just let me paraphrase.

*"There's no one left to fight for God, I'm all alone you see."  
But God told him, "Don't gripe and moan, I'll win the victory."  
"I've thousands more to stand for me who have not bowed to Baal."  
"Get up, be strong, Elisha comes, with him I shall prevail."*

Sometimes God's man gets wearisome, contending in the fight.  
But we can rest assured God has no limit to His might.  
Remember what young David said when faced by giant's sword.  
Whether we are tired or fresh, "**The battle is the Lord's!**"

**NOAH** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Noah heard God say one day, "You need to build a boat."  
"Build it out of gopher wood and pitch it so it'll float."  
"My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Sin was very great.  
God was sick of evil men and now it was too late.

Just Noah and his own three sons, their wives and that made eight.  
That's all the human race God spared, the rest He would liquidate.  
For at least one hundred years Noah preached God's righteousness.  
And God rewarded Noah's clan for their faithfulness.

He took the animals two by two and put them in their stall,  
And some food for many weeks, enough to feed them all.  
Then one day the rain began and the fountains of the deep.  
All those on the outside died but Noah God did keep.

For forty days and forty nights it more than rained, it poured.  
But Noah's family was safe and dry for they obeyed the Lord.  
When the water went away God gave a sign on high.  
To show this would not come again, God put a rainbow in the sky.

**MOSES** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Do you quiver and quake,  
When you see a big snake?  
No doubt Moses felt the same way.  
But God's voice from the fire,  
Was like a great choir.  
What God said he would have to obey.  
In obedience to God,  
Snakes change to a rod.  
He was ready to do the Lord's will.  
Though God's people were slaves,  
There would be no more graves,  
On the side of an Egyptian hill.  
So he led Israel out,  
With a song and a shout.  
But it looked like they all would now drown.  
Then God sent a great breeze.  
And it parted the seas.  
And they all walked across on dry ground.  
So when ever you face  
An impossible race.  
Where you fear you will stumble and fail.  
Just do not look back  
But stay on the track.  
With God's help you will surely prevail.

**DANIEL AND THE LION'S DEN** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Though Daniel was a captive slave, he rose up through the ranks.  
But every day upon his knees, He gave to God his thanks  
His enemies were watching him and filled with jealousy.  
They said, "Oh king make a decree, to pray to only thee."

But Daniel could not do this thing, it was against his Lord.  
They waited till they saw him pray, and bound his hands with cords.  
The lions den would be his fate. He'd die within the hour.  
These foolish men would soon find out, that Daniels's God had power.

And as the night went slowly by the king could get no rest.  
He knew these jealous men were wrong and Daniel was the best.  
And as the sun came shining in, he ran to see his fate.  
Would Daniel's God protect his man or would he be too late.

But God had sent His angel and the lion's mouths made tight.  
And Daniel slept the whole night through. He did that which was right.  
But the fate of his oppressors was not the same at all.  
The lions broke their bones apart, err they could end their fall.

So if the king forbids your prayer and you are faced with threat.  
Just go ahead and do what's right and pay to God your debt.  
Sometimes the Lord will see you through and save you in the end.  
If not it is a wondrous way your heaven to begin.

**RUTH** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Naomi lived in a foreign land and was not satisfied.  
She and Ruth were very sad. Their husbands both had died.  
Ruth had married Naomi's son and Moab was Ruth's home.  
But where Naomi chose to live, Ruth would also roam.

"Wherever you go, I will go. Where you lodge I'll lodge too."  
"Your people will be my people too." "I'll worship the God  
that's true."

And so they moved to Bethlehem, "the house of bread and  
praise."

Obeying God and living right ends up the way that pays.

Ruth went to glean within the field of Boaz, a wealth man.  
He fell in love with Ruth that day and marriage was his plan.  
But there was one, a nearer kin, and this man had first choice.  
He was married and that was that. It gave cause to rejoice.

God worked it out for both of them, for they obeyed the Lord.  
For God had planned years in advance. His throne would be  
restored.

Ruth was the grandmother of Jesse and Jesse's youngest son,  
Fought Goliath with a sling and the Lord the victory won.

Ruth's great grandson was David and though his life was  
flawed.

He loved the Lord and led Israel to worship the living God.  
You never know how things will work. God always has a plan.  
He had a purpose all along. This is true for every man.

**THE LITTLE LAD'S LUNCH** by Rev. Dean Beaty

He only had just two small fish and five loaves in his lunch.  
But how would they begin to feed this ravished hungry  
bunch.

Just as he gave them to the Lord a miracle took place,  
Christ gave them food, yet more appeared as though from  
empty space.

There were five thousand in that place, yet everyone did eat.  
I wonder what the Lord could do with our own bread and  
meat.

It seems so small to offer Him. It's hardly worth the while.  
But any gift you give to God, for sure He won't revile.

The gifts you have may seem so small. Your talents seem so  
few.

But when you give them to the Lord He'll multiply them too.  
And as the lunch the boy gave, blessed thousand on that day,  
Like wind born seed your gifts will spread both near and far  
away.

**JUST WHO IS IN CHARGE?** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Saul aimed his spear to hit the heart,  
But hit the wall with his thrown dart.  
Was Saul so bad with dart and spear?  
Or was it just, that God was near?

David whirled his sling around.  
He aimed to bring Goliath down.  
Was he that good with sling and stone?  
Or was God's power in glory shown?

As Israel marched around the wall,  
Could they alone cause it to fall?  
Blow the trumpets, shout with might.  
Walls only fall, when it's God's fight.

When Peter walked upon the sea.  
He asked, "Let me come unto Thee."  
But Peter's walk did not last long.  
Though he had faith, it wasn't strong.

When Samson fought the Philistines.  
His cause for strength could not be seen.  
Was it his hair that made him strong?  
Or did God's Spirit fight the wrong?

Was it Moses who held the rod,  
That caused the sea to be dry sod?  
To think 'twas him, would be quite odd.  
No, I believe that it was God.

When a sinner is born again,  
Made God's child and cleansed from sin.  
Is it his works that makes him whole?  
Or Jesus' blood that cleansed his soul?

We're all involved in God's great plan,  
But all that's good, is by God's hand.  
The potter molds the yielding clay.  
Will we likewise, our Lord obey?

## **COWARDESS OR COURAGE** by Dean Beaty

**Cowardess or courage are with us all each day.**

They walk in our footsteps; they are not far away.  
But a message from the Lord, He would have us hear.  
**"I will never leave thee."** *"I always will be near."*

This message then is needed for both young and old.  
There never is a time when we must not be bold.  
God spoke to Joshua and gave to him this key.  
**"Be strong and of good courage, for I am with thee."**

God called young Samuel, asleep in the night.  
When he heard the Lord's voice, it gave him a fright.  
Encouraged by old Eli, *"When God's voice is near,"*  
*"Say, speak to me Lord and thy servant will hear."*

David was but a youth when he faced the giant.  
He challenged all God's men in words most defiant.  
But David stepped forward and that without pause.  
He said to his brothers, **"Is there not a cause?"**

Abraham was aged when he faced the test.  
Cowardess or courage to give to God his best.  
With Isaac on the altar, Abraham said, *"Yes,*  
*I'll sacrifice to God, for how can I do less?"*

Which of these will guide you when testing comes your way?  
Cowardess or courage, which will rule the day?  
Remember then God's promise always to be near.  
Ask the Lord to help you when ever you might fear.

## **ELIJAH vs. BAAL** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Elijah knew that Israel was sinning day by day.  
Baal, whom they worshiped, had turned their hearts away.  
Though it was just an idol and his followers a fool.  
Elijah had a clever plan to denounce them with a duel.

*"Whoever calls down fire, from their god up on high,*  
*He will be the only God to whom we will comply."*  
The prophets of the idol thought they would win no doubt.  
And so they danced with fervor, began to cry and shout.

They could not bring fire because their god was stone.  
But Elijah prayed to God on high, alive upon His throne.  
To answer him by fire so everyone might see.  
That He was God Almighty throughout eternity.

The fire came down from heaven in answer to his prayer.  
The prophets of the idol were all killed right then and there.  
But this is not the end of Elijah's fight that day.  
Threatened by the wicked queen, Elijah ran away.

The remainder of the story and knowing how it ends  
Will take another poem so read it too dear friends.  
Just learn this mighty lesson, when trials start to bare.  
We can trust God fully to give answer to our prayer.

## **JONAH** by Rev. Dean Beaty

There was a man whose name you know, who God called on  
one day,  
To go and preach in Ninevah but he went the other way.  
It took a storm and the great fish to turn the prophet round.  
The fish obeyed God's every word and spewed him on dry  
ground.

Once set right upon the path he preached to ready ears.  
And they repented of their sin in humility and tears.  
Don't close the book I'm not through yet, there's plenty more  
to come.  
Not satisfied he stuck around, instead of heading home.

And so he climbed a nearby hill to watch the coming sight.  
He could not stand to know that God could love those nasty  
Ninevites.  
For they were different than his kind, vile sinners from the  
fall.  
But here's the moral of the truth, God loves us one and all.

So the next time God says to go to men not quite like you.  
Don't run away or doubt God's Word. You'll find His call is  
true.  
God's Word will not return to you void of its planned  
purpose.  
So take a boat or fish you like or take a Greyhound bus.

## **SHADRACH, MESHACH, ABED-NEGO** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Nebuchadnezzar was puffed with pride,  
Till all the people were terrified.  
But three young men you will recall,  
Were not afraid to stand up tall.

*"When you hear the music play,"*  
*"Bow down to me, to me you pray."*  
But his goal was slightly flawed.  
It was against the Hebrew's God.

*"Do what you will, oh mighty king,"*  
*"But we'll not do this wicked thing."*  
*"Jehovah God is who we serve."*  
*"And from His law we will not swerve."*

*"One more chance is all I'll give,"*  
*"Bow down to me or you won't live."*  
Into the furnace they cast them bound.  
*"No more of them will e'er be found."*

*"But look they're loose in their attire!"*  
*"And one is with them in the fire."*  
So here's a lesson we must learn.  
They did not bow and could not burn.

**RHODA** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Peter was in prison, bound with chains to a big guard.  
An angel came to let him out, so the chains he did discard.  
At that very moment there was prayer for his release.  
God's answer to their asking surely did their faith increase.

When Peter reached their house and knocked upon the door.  
Rhoda went to answer it as she had done before.  
When she saw him standing there, she ran to tell the group.  
Excited by this miracle, she left Peter on the stoop.

The people said *"You're mad, it's his angel that you saw."*  
*We know that he can't be outside, he's imprisoned by the law."*

Here's a vital question. Was faith behind their prayers?  
Or did God send him an angel, just to show how much He cares?

Sometimes we pray like they did, somewhat short on our belief.

But God in love still answers and comes to our relief.  
Prayer is still important even when our faith is small.  
Cast your cares upon Him. He will listen when you call.

**PAUL SEES THE LIGHT** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Saul was on the road one day to put Christians into jail.  
God stopped him with a beam of light so he would not prevail.  
In his blinded, humbled state, God asked him with a plea,  
**"Saul, Saul,"** He listened close, **"Why persecutest thou Me?"**

Saul answered with a question that cannot be ignored.  
He truly wanted to know, **"Just who art Thou, Lord?"**  
**"I am Jesus whom thou persecute. You're kicking 'gainst the pricks."**

It was time Saul turned around and changed his politics.

God had in mind a purpose and Saul would see it though.  
**"Lord,"** Saul pleaded eagerly, **"What wilt Thou have me do?"**  
The Lord gave him instructions, for three days he couldn't see.

When it was all over, Saul preached Christianity.

His name was changed to Paul, a great servant of the Lord.  
Those who read his letters, by them he is adored.  
If God can take a Saul and change him into Paul,  
Think what God could do with those, who give to God their all.

**WHO, ME?** by Rev. Dean Beaty

**"Thou mighty man of valor,"** was what the angel said.  
But seeing Gideon on that day, he must have been misled.  
It wasn't because of valor that Gideon hid his grain.  
He hid it from the Midianites so his work was not in vain.

Midian was Israel's enemy. They stole the people's grain.  
Gideon would win in battle though his plan might seem harebrain.  
He gathered up his army, thirty-two thousand men.  
God said, *"That is too many if I am going to win."*

You never have too many when fighting a large foe,  
One hundred and thirty-five thousand each one with spear and bow.  
God said, **"I will be with thee, three hundred, that will do."**  
*"If I'm to get the glory and win the fight for you."*

Three hundred men with pitchers and lamps all hid inside.  
And trumpets at the ready. But was this suicide?  
When they broke the pitchers and blew upon each horn.  
**"The sword of the Lord,"** they shouted and Israel was reborn.

God won for them the victory. He alone would get the praise.  
They lived in peace and plenty for God's way always pays.  
Although they were out numbered, four hundred men to one,  
Alone, God is a majority and that is why they won.

**DOUBTING THOMAS** by Rev. Dean Beaty

In the evening of the same day Jesus rose out from the tomb.  
The disciples met in fear. They were together in a room.  
Even though the doors were shut, Christ came into their view.  
And speaking words of comfort, said, **"Peace, be unto you."**

Thomas was not with them, but they told Him, *"He's not dead."*

But Thomas, call the Doubter, questioned everything they said.

*"Except I see His hands and side, his death I will still grieve.  
Or thrust my hand into His side, till then I'll not believe."*

Eight days past by before the Lord appeared to them once more.

Again He came into their midst but did not use the door.  
Then said He in words of love, **"Come touch my hands and side."**

**"My Lord and my God."** was all he said. His doubts were put aside.

Though Thomas had the privilege to witness this great scene,  
Just listen to what Jesus said to those who've never seen.  
There is a gift for everyone who by faith the Lord received.  
**"Blessed are they that have not seen and yet they have believed."**

**"DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?"** by Dean Beaty

Peter had done an awful thing when he denied the Lord.  
But he had sorrowed more than most, with bitter tears  
outpoured.  
And now the question Jesus asked could make one's heart  
beat freeze.  
Here is the question Jesus asked, **"Do you love me more than  
these?"**

To what Christ pointed we don't know. It isn't real plain.  
It could have been the fish they caught or the profit they  
would gain.  
Perhaps it was his friends nearby, comparing him to them.  
What e'er the point of Christ's intent, Peter was out on a  
limb.

He could not bluff his way through this. The truth he must  
impart.  
For Jesus knew him through and through, for Jesus knew his  
heart.  
And even in his answer, he acknowledged this was true.  
So he answered the best he could. **"You know that I love  
you."**

But Jesus wasn't finished yet, twice more Christ asked anew.  
Peter's concern was growing fast, **"You know that I love  
you."**  
The soul of Peter had now been reached. His heart had been  
stirred deep.  
The Lord again commissioned him to **"GO AND FEED MY  
SHEEP."**

**MEPHIBOSHETH** by Rev. Dean Beaty

Mephibosheth, now there's a name to wrap around your  
tongue.  
He had a problem for he was dropped when he was very  
young.  
He was lame in both his feet. He couldn't walk at all.  
He is a type of all mankind. We're broken by the fall.

Mephibosheth was born to reign. His grandpa was the king.  
Saul disobeyed the Lord one day and he lost everything.  
Though the deed was not the lad's, he suffered for it too.  
Sin passed down through all these years has cursed both me  
and you.

But there was one who loved his dad. David was his name.  
He became the king and killing Goliath was his fame.  
David made a covenant with Jonathan, Saul's son.  
**"I'll deal kindly with your kin if the battle is not won."**

Saul and Jonathan died in war and David became king.  
But he recalled the oath he gave to do this noble thing.  
So he sent for Mephibosheth, who lived in poverty.  
Mephibosheth was given a home and money to live free.

This sounds familiar, just like us, we're crippled by the fall.  
But God's great love paid for our sin, through Christ, you will  
recall.  
Now a home's prepared for us, for Christ has made us free.  
And we can live with Christ our Lord for all eternity

**The King's Dream** by L. J. Sattgast

King Pharaoh of Egypt had a dream.  
It made him wonder, "What could it mean?"  
His servant said, "I know of a man,  
And he can tell you if anyone can."  
When Joseph came before the king  
He said, "My God knows everything!  
Tell me all about your dream,  
And God will tell me what it means.  
  
"I dreamed," said the king, "Of fourteen cows,  
And though I cannot tell you how,  
Seven fat cows were swallowed whole  
By seven thin cows who were out of control.  
But the curious thing about the matter  
Was that none of the thin cows got any fatter!"  
  
Then Joseph said, "Here's what it means:  
God is warning you through your dreams.  
For seven years we'll have good crops,  
But after that the rain will stop.  
So find a man to be in command,  
And put him in charge of your majesty's land.  
  
Pharaoh was glad to hear this plan.  
He quickly said, "You'll be the man!"  
He put him in charge of everything,  
And made him ruler next to the king!

**The Walls Fall Down** by L. J. Sattgast

The Israelites came to the Promised Land.  
A man named Joshua was in command.  
The first thing they saw in the valley below  
Was a pretty little town called Jericho.  
God told Joshua, "There's something you should  
know.  
It's all about the city called Jericho.  
The people there are wicked, So I'm giving you  
their town,  
But you won't get in till the walls come down.  
  
God told Joshua exactly what to do.  
He told him to tell all the people, too.  
So early in the morning at the break of day,  
The people and Joshua started on their way.  
First came some soldiers leading the way.  
Then came the priests with trumpets to play.  
Next came the Ark of God with priests all around,  
And last came the rear guard, but no one made a  
sound.  
  
All around the city the priest and soldiers walked.  
But everyone was quiet; No one even talked.  
The trumpets gave a blast the seventh time around.  
Then the people all shouted, and the walls fell  
DOWN!

**Elijah and the Prophets** by *E. J. Sattgast*

Elijah, the prophet, went to see the king.  
The prophets of Baal danced all around.  
He went with a message God wanted him to bring.  
They prayed to their god, but he didn't make a sound.  
"There won't be any rain, and there won't be any dew  
Elijah joked, "Could your god be asleep?"  
So they shouted even louder, but they didn't hear a peep  
For you worship idols, and your wife does too!  
Three years passed, And the land was very dry.  
Elijah stepped forward, and after he had prayed,  
Elijah met the king on a mountain nearby.  
Fire fell from heaven to the altar he had made.  
He said to the king, "Now here's what we'll do.  
It burned up the altar, the stones and the sod,  
It's time to find out which god is true!"  
So the people all shouted, "The LORD- He is God!"

**Adam and Eve** by *Emily Hunter*

One day when Eve went out for a walk,  
What did she meet, but a snake that could talk!  
  
Hiding behind the forbidden tree,  
The snake spoke to her as plain as could be.  
  
"Eve," he smiled, "God told you a lie!  
Eating this fruit will not make you die!"  
So Eve ate the fruit, and Adam did too...  
Exactly what God told them not to do!  
  
Later when God called to Adam, "Come here!"  
They both ran and hid in shame and in fear.  
No longer happy or unafraid,  
They now were sorry they'd disobeyed.  
  
And just as God said, one day they died,  
For God's Word was true...  
twas the snake who lied.  
  
But God loved them so,  
that He made a way.  
So both could live in Heaven one day.

**A Good Sister** by Emily Hunter

When Moses' mother had to hide him,  
sister Miriam stood beside him.

Through the river grass she eyed him.

When he cried, she hush-a-byed him,  
till the princess came and spied him.

Then she said, "Oh, princess fair!

Won't the baby lying there

need a nurse to give him care?

To cuddle him and comb his hair?

I can find a nurse for you...

if, of course, you want me to!"

Guided by the God above her,

Miriam brought a nurse-

none other than the baby's own dear mother!

Wasn't she good to her baby brother?

**The Boy who Shared His Lunch** by Emily Hunter

Little boy, could you share

Whatever's in your basket?

"Take it, sir! Take it, sir!

It's just a tiny lunch,

With all the many people here,

It isn't very much.

There're only five small barley loaves

And these two little fish.

My mother fixed them just for me,

But take them if you wish!"

And as the little boy looked on,

His eyes popped out his head!

For everyone had fish to eat,

And everyone had bread!

For when the Savior took his lunch,

And asked a blessing on it,

Each time a piece was broken off,

A new one grew upon it!

Yes, everyone had lots to eat.

Each person ate his fill.

And when they all could eat no more,

There were twelve baskets still!

**The Shepherds** by L. J. Sattgast

Late one night, one quiet night,  
Some shepherds sat by the flickering light  
When all of a sudden...

They saw something BRIGHT!

“What is it?” they cried

As they tried to hide,

For it gave them such a terrible fright!

But then they heard an angel say,

“Don’t be afraid, for on this day

A baby was born on a bed of hay.

And even though He is so small,

This baby is the Savior of all!

The shepherds quickly ran with joy

To find this very special boy!

At last they found where the baby lay—

Fast asleep upon the hay!

**John the Baptist** by Emily Hunter

John the Baptist lived alone

In the desert dry and bare.

And he preached to every person

Who came to see him there.

Do you know the kind of clothing

John the Baptist liked to wear?

He wore a leather girdle

And a coat of camel’s hair.

Do you think he dined on baked potatoes

And a juicy steak?

No, you’d never guess the kind of food

That John the Baptist ate!

He caught himself big locusts

Which were hopping everywhere,

And he finished off with honey-comb,

Just like a hungry bear!

**Samuel Listens** by L. J. Sattgast

Hannah was sad for she wanted a son,  
So she went to the temple to pray for one.  
She promised God, if He answered her prayer,  
That her son would serve in the temple there.

The little boy, Samuel, for that was his name,  
Learned to help the people whenever they came.  
Eli would show him exactly what to do,  
And all the while little Samuel grew.

Then one night when bedtime came,  
He heard old Eli calling his name.  
He ran to Eli, but Eli said,  
"I did not call. Go back to bed!"

When it happened again, old Eli knew,  
And he told the boy what he should do:  
"Listen, for God is speaking to you!"  
So Samuel listened with all his might  
And talked with God that very night.

**Noah** by Doris Ritzius

By faith I built an ark for God  
Despite my neighbors' laughter.  
I made it large and sealed it well,  
And here's what followed after:

Then God said, "Noah, load the ark  
With animals of all breeds.  
Be sure to also take along  
Such things as meet your needs."

And next God said, "You get on board;  
Your wife and children, too."  
God closed the door and sent the rain;  
'Twas nothing else to do...

But wait till forty days are o'er  
Until the rain quits falling.  
I learned a lesson great from this:  
To listen when God's calling!

**Simon, the Cross-Bearer** by Doris Ritzius

Within Cyrene I make my home;

A visitor was I

When I was in Jerusalem

One day that changed my life.

I came into the teeming crowd

Awaiting Jesus' death,

When suddenly a voice rang out—

It fairly took my breath.

"You come now, sir, and take this cross

Upon your shoulders strong,

And bear it to Golgotha's hill;

The task will not take long."

I took the cross from Jesus' back;

'Twas bleeding, raw, and sore.

Oh, how I wish I could have done

For Him so much, much more.

**Servant Girl** by Doris Ritzius

Though I was but a servant girl

To Naaman's lovely wife,

I learned that he had leprosy—

T'would soon destroy his life.

"Master, Master, I beg you, go

To see the prophet now.

Elijah is a man of God;

I know he'll help somehow."

So to Elijah Naaman went

To seek a cure complete,

And Naaman's body soon was cleansed

From his head down to his feet!

Though I was but a servant girl

God showed me what to do,

And if your heart is willing,

God also can use you!

**Simon Peter** *Author Unknown*

I owned a little boat a while ago,  
And sailed a morning sea without a fear,  
And whither any breeze might fairly blow,  
I steered my little craft afar or near,  
Mine was the boat; and mine the air;  
And mine the sea; nor mine a care.

One day there passed along the silent shore,  
While I my net was casting in the sea,  
A man, who spake as never man before.  
I followed Him—new life began in me.  
Mine was the boat, but His the voice;  
And His the call, yet mine the choice.

Once from “HIS” boat He taught the curious throng,  
Then bade me let down nets out in the sea.  
I murmured, but obeyed, nor was it long  
Before the catch amazed and humbled me.  
“HIS” was the boat, and “HIS” the skill,  
And “HIS” the catch, and “HIS” my will.

**Mary and Martha** *by Annie Johnson Flint*

Martha was busy and hurried,  
Serving the Friend divine,  
Cleansing the cups and the platters,  
Bringing the bread and the wine;  
But Martha was careful and anxious,  
Fretted in thought and in word,  
She had no time to be learning  
While she was serving the Lord,  
For Martha was “cumbered” with serving,  
Martha was “troubled” with “things”—  
Those that would pass with the using—  
She was forgetting her wings.

But Mary was quiet and peaceful,  
Learning to love and to live.  
Mary was hearing His precepts,  
Mary was letting Him give—  
Give of the riches eternal,  
Treasures of mind and of heart;  
Learning the mind of the Master,  
Choosing the better part.

**The Slaying of Goliath** *by Doris Ritzius*

I, David, a lad, came my brothers to see  
And hearing a challenge that day,  
Told Saul, "I am willing. I now volunteer,  
The Philistine giant to slay."

So saying, I took up my sling in one hand;  
In my scrip, five stones from the brook,  
For no other weapon was proven to me;  
My trust in the Lord all I took.

Determined, I then reached into my bag,  
Selecting one stone smooth and round,  
And placing it carefully into my sling  
I began to swing it around.

I deftly released it; God guided my aim  
The stone found its mark in the head.  
The mighty Philistine fell crashing to earth—  
The giant, Goliath, was dead!