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GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD (with mat #4)

If, one day, you visit Mount Vernon, Virginia, George Washington's famous home, you will find three or four white elm trees which our first president planted -- still standing! Washington transplanted many white elms from nearby woods to the grounds of his home.

The white elm is called the hero-tree of history. We must not confuse it with the slippery elm, rock elm, English elm, or Dutch elm. The white elm of history is a perfect shade tree, growing over 100 feet in height.

The Pilgrims settled at Plymouth, Massachusetts, near white elms. Indian councils and tribal treaty-making took place under their protective branches. Daniel Boone talked to settlers under elm trees. Early settlers prized them above all other trees -- even fruit trees. Many cemeteries still have white elms that were once planted as monuments.

Many of our historical white elms were only young trees when history was being made. They are remembered because of the important events which took place near them.

Tradition tells us that Washington prayed at Valley Forge under a white elm tree. One can picture him, head bowed, and imagine that he thought of this Bible verse: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord."

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WHEN YOU SHOULD BE QUIET A PUZZLE By Ellen Brown

Below are listed times or places when you should be quiet. Fill in the vowels, a, e, i, o, or u, and you will see what the words are.

S _ R M _ N
P R _ Y _ R
N _ R S _ R Y
H _ S P _ T _ L

L _ B R R Y
B _ B L E _ S T _ R Y
N _ P
S T _ D Y

Answers: sermon, prayer, nursery, hospital, library, Bible story, nap, study.

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AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Lois Snelling

What do you do at Sunday School? If you look up these references in the Bible, the first word in each verse will tell you of one pleasant thing to do.

1. Psalms 47:6
2. Matthew 9:38
3. II Timothy 2:15
4. Revelation 1:19
5. Luke 6:38
6. Isaiah 66:10
7. Psalms 12:1

Answers: 1. Sing; 2. Pray; 3. Study; 4. Write; 5. Give; 6. Rejoice;
7. Help.

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