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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD

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Illustration No. 1 - Mississippi River map

Rivers never rest or sleep. Night and day they travel to their destination. Have you ever wondered where and why?

One look at a United States map, and you'll be amazed at the hundreds of streams, rivers, and lakes that dot its landscape. Our water resources are very important. Without water, we would be unable to raise crops and animals or exist ourselves!

One cannot help but think of David's Psalm of praise: "Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly:...thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof." Psalms 65:10.

Water surveys reveal that we have 47,661 square miles of water area in the United States with 91 million acres of wet or swamp land. Added to this is our great underground reservoir of water.

With all this water, it would seem that we would have more floods than we do. And, we would if it were not for our natural drainage systems.

Did you know the Mississippi-Missouri River--the longest river in the world--serves as a drainage system for the heart of our continent? Countless rivers and streams flow into this great river. (See accompanying map.)

A look at a world map will show the Rocky Mountain chain forms a divide between two great ocean drainage systems--the Gulf-Atlantic and the Pacific--toward which the continent of the United States slopes!

Only a divine Creator could have directed such a gigantic world-wide water system--with drainage, abundance of water, and disposal at His command!

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TWICE BLESSED

By Kay Cammer

Mother says, her day begins
An hour earlier, 'cause we're twins;
And every time we get in trouble,
She's twice as mad, because we're double.

We never mind a little fuss,
For every time she looks at us
Her eyes became a gentle blue--
Mom's love is double 'cause we're two.

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IN THE WAY OF CHRIST

By Enola Chamberlin

I wish I might have seen Him,
Wish He might have smiled at me,
As He stood so calm and quiet
On the shore of Galilee.

I wish I might have helped Him
With the pain He had to bear,
While He looked into the future
As He stood so peaceful there.

But that was not meant for me,
Those days are far and dim,
What I must do is follow
The path laid out by Him.

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