



CARLOS of Puerto Rico

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

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Show Illustration #1

Carlos's eyes were big and dark and shining. You might even say they were bright and shiny as chocolate pies! As Carlos bounced his ball for his little dog to catch, he laughed. His perfect teeth shone white against his dark skin.

"Jump, Bonito," Carlos called again and again.

To most people Carlos's little dog looked quite ordinary. But to Carlos the dog was beautiful and so he had named him "Bonito" which means beautiful.

It was not every boy in Puerto Rico who was as fortunate as Carlos. Carlos lived in a lovely home on the outside of the city of San Juan.

His mother and father were good to him. He always had plenty of food to eat and good clothes to wear. Then, too, there was his little brother and that nice new car his father had bought.

Carlos was a very happy boy as he played that day with his ball and dog. He thought he needed nothing more.



Show Illustration #2

Even in school Carlos was at the head of his class. He was usually the first to answer questions. The only thing which made Carlos unhappy was getting grades which were not perfect.

Yes, you might say Carlos was indeed a very fortunate boy.

Yet Carlos needed the most important thing in life. He needed it badly even though he didn't realize it.

Some of the boys and girls in Carlos's class at school went once a week to what they called a Good News Club.

Rosa (Rose), who sat close to Carlos in school, invited him again and again. But Carlos always said he wanted to play, and would not go.



Show Illustration #3

Then one day, as Carlos played outside, he saw so many boys and girls

running up the hill, down the hill, all in a hurry to get to the home where the Good News Club was held, that he decided he would go to see what it was all about. He slipped inside the house and sat on the floor close to the door. He hoped he would not be noticed; but he smiled at Rosa when he saw her looking his way. She seemed pleased because he had come.

When the boys and girls sang:

Si Cristo me ama,
Si Cristo me ama,
Si Cristo me ama,
La Biblia dice así .

(Jesus Loves Me)

Carlos tried to sing with them. He began to forget about himself as he heard the beautiful music.

But what was this, "The Biblia tells me so"? People were not supposed to read the Bible for themselves, were they? Yet as the singing came to an end, Carlos noticed the teacher holding a book in her hand which surely said, *La Biblia*.



Show Illustration #4

And then the teacher was pointing to a picture hanging on the wall as she said, "This is a picture of the Lord Jesus knocking at the door. Surely the person on the other side of the door will open it quickly when he knows it is the Lord Jesus, the Son of God.

"Let me tell you why He knocks and why He is not always permitted to enter.

It is a true story and God has told us about it in this Book, His Book, the Bible.

"Long, long ago before our world was made, the Lord Jesus was with God the Father in Heaven. They saw that men living on the earth were sinful and could never get to Heaven with sin in their hearts. They knew that men could never get rid of sin themselves. For all men are born in sin.

"The Lord Jesus was willing to leave Heaven where He lived with God the Father. He was willing to come down to earth and become a Man, so that He could suffer the punishment for our sins.

"And so it was that the Lord Jesus laid aside the glory which He had with the Father and came to earth. He was born as a baby and His first bed was a manger in a stable."