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4. You ought to know that the modern Sunday-school has its roots far back in the past. It dates from the time of Abraham and God's command: "He will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord."

5. You ought to know that the synagogue school of the time of Christ, called the "House of Searching," corresponded to our modern Sunday schools. We have the best of reasons for believing that Christ was a pupil and a teacher in such a school until he arrived at the age of thirty .- Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

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Empty chairs were the bait used by a Connecticut teacher to draw street corner boys into the Sunday-school. One day she expected three of them-had placed chairs for their use-but, though she had seen them standing outside with the boys of her class when she reached the building only her own original scholars responded to the entrance bell. Much disappointed, it suddenly occurred to her that if the boys could draw them to the door of the building they were the agents best calculated to get them to enter it; so she showed them the chairs she had provided and asked if they were willing to use their influence to induce their friends to join. On their consenting, three of them were given a chair each to fill. The next Sunday the class had three new scholars, and each following Sunday, before the class dispersed, an extra chair was placed in the class, the teacher asking, "Who will see that this chair is filled on Sunday next?" Many an eager assurance was given that one or another of them had some boy in mind whom he thought he could bring, until they were as enthusiastic as the teacher about it. Before long they had so many scholars that they had to be given a separate room for their own use. -S. S. Times.

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