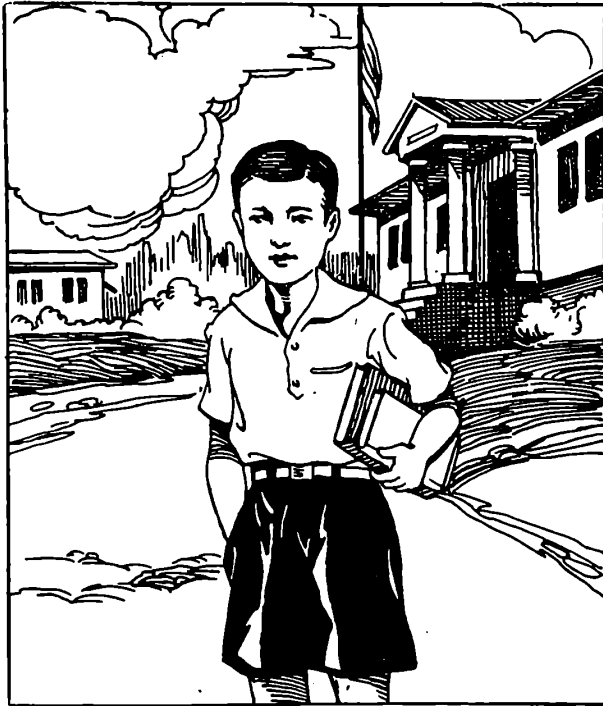


A GOOD SCHOOLBOY

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JOSE is a little boy. He is nine years old. His parents are poor, but they are very good parents. Although they are poor, they send Jose to school.

Jose is in the third grade. He has learned many things in school. Mr. Tuazon, his teacher, is very fond of the little boy.

Jose is obedient, honest, and industrious. That is why his teacher likes him.

Every morning and afternoon when Jose arrives at school he greets his teacher and classmates with a pleasant "good morning" or "good afternoon." He is a polite boy, and is a favorite among his classmates.

Jose goes to bed early and wakes up early. He remembers the poem he learned in school:

*Early to bed and early to rise
Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and
wise.*

As soon as Jose is out of bed in the morning, he goes to the kitchen. There he gets a basin and fills it with warm water. He gets a towel and soap from his room, and washes himself clean. He remembers to brush his teeth.

Then he dresses for the day. When he is dressed, he goes to the mirror and combs his hair.

He does things orderly. He does not need to be told by his mother to do these things. They have all become his habits.

Jose helps his mother in the kitchen after getting himself ready for school. If the table is not yet ready for breakfast, he gets it ready. He spreads the tablecloth, places the plates, the cups and saucers, and the silverware. He fills the glasses with water. He calls his father when the breakfast is ready. Jose and his mother and father eat breakfast together happily.

Before going to school, he kisses his parents goodbye.

Then away to school, to work and to play like the good schoolboy that he is.

Do you want to be that kind of a schoolboy?

SOME QUESTIONS

1. Why does Jose's teacher like him?
2. Are you always obedient?
3. Are you always honest?
4. Are you always industrious?
5. Are you always polite?
6. Can you say from memory the little poem which Jose learned?

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