

By Harriett Muhammad

**DEAR HARRIETT:** Your column "For And About You" is most interesting. Islam is the leading faith north of the Sahara in Africa. What was the faith south of the Sahara before Christianity was introduced to Africans by Europeans?  
**MRS. L. FLOYD**

**DEAR MRS. FLOYD:** Most of the different faiths south of the Sahara prior to the coming of the Europeans had animistic base, to be sure, but space will not permit me to go into details. Instead, I am giving you a few references which will aid you in finding your answers:

1. MUNTU — THE NEW AFRICAN CULTURE, by Jaheinz Jahn
2. MEN OF COLOR, Volume I, by J. A. Rogers
3. ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA, Book 1, Africa, p. 277b
4. Study of the life of AKHENATON

**DEAR HARRIETT:** I have a 3-year-old who is quite full of energy. I tried to give her little jobs around the house, but she seems to lose interest too fast. Some of my friends think that I'm rushing things. What do you think? Should I wait a while longer, or is three years a good time to start accepting some responsibility?—**WONDERING**

**DEAR WONDERING:** According to the findings of child psychologists: During the third and fourth years the child makes rapid intellectual progress. This is shown most clearly in his use and understanding of language, the most intellectual requirement at this age.

Here, however, much depends on his family.

During the second and third years, there is, as a rule, a manifest increase in imaginative activity. A large element of make-believe enters into the child's play and gives it a purpose and meaning. You may be successful in guiding this make-believe into useful activity, but don't expect too much at this age.

Between the ages of five and seven, however, a child now is rapidly acquiring a basic notion of the world of reality in which he lives. His memory is good enough to be of practical service and now he can execute an order involving three distinct instructions. He learns best by doing, so this would be an ideal time to teach him to be responsible for some household chores.

Let your child do something around the house occasionally now, but don't insist on it. Things will come in due time under the proper guidance from you.

## School Holdouts Drop

WASHINGTON — Out of a total of 29,310 school districts in the nation, only 166 have not yet complied with the desegregation provisions of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the U.S. Office of Education has disclosed.