

**THE SQUIRREL'S LESSON.**

Two little squirrels out in the sun—  
One gathered nuts, and the other had none,  
"Time enough yet," his constant refrain,  
"Summer is still only just on the wane."

Listen, my child, while I tell you his fate  
He roused him at last, but he roused him  
too late,  
Down fell the snow from a pitiless cloud,  
And gave little squirrel a spotless white  
shroud.

Two little boys in a schoolroom were  
placed  
One always perfect, the other disgraced;  
"Time enough yet for my learning," he  
said;  
"I will climb by and by from the foot to  
the head."

Listen, my darling their locks are turned  
gray;  
One as a governor sitteth to-day;  
The other, a pauper, looks out at the door  
Of the almshouse, and idles his days as of  
yore.

Two kinds of people we meet every day—  
One is at work, the other at play;  
Living uncared for, dying unknown—  
The busiest hive hath ever a drone.

Tell me, my child, if the squirrels have  
taught  
The lesson I longed to implant in your  
thought;  
Answer me this, and my story is done:  
Which of the two would you be, little one?

**LESSON NOTES.**

**SECOND QUARTER.**

A.D. 29.] LESSON XI. [June 13.

**JESUS THE CHRIST.**

John 7. 37-52. Commit to memory verses 43-50.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living  
God. Matt. 16. 16.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The Declaration, v. 37-39.
2. A Division, v. 40-49.
3. A Decision, v. 50-53.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

What did Jesus say unto the people at  
the feast? "If any man thirst, let him  
come unto me and drink."

Why did he invite them to come to him?  
Because he could give them the living  
water.

What is the living water? The Holy  
Spirit.

What is it that helps to make the earth

beautiful with grass and trees and flowers?  
Water from the clouds.

What is it that makes our lives beautiful  
with love and patience and unselfishness?  
The living water which Jesus gives.

What did some of the people believe?  
That Jesus was the Saviour. (Repeat the  
GOLDEN TEXT.)

Who sent officers to take Jesus? The  
chief rulers.

What word did they bring back to them?  
No man ever talked like this man.

What was the reply of the rulers? The  
common people believe because they know  
not the law.

What did Nicodemus say? Is it not  
against our law to judge him without  
hearing his words?

What did he mean? That they ought to  
hear Jesus themselves before they denied  
that he was the Messiah.

What was their answer? That Jesus  
was from Galilee, and no prophet could  
come out of Galilee.

What was the birthplace of Jesus?  
Bethlehem.

Why did the chief rulers not know this?  
Because they did not try to find it out.

How did they feel toward Jesus? They  
hated him, and wanted to kill him.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

What do I know about "Jesus the Christ?"

I know

He is the Son of God. He came to be my  
Saviour.

He loves me. He wants to help me.

He wants to keep my little feet on the  
upper road.

What does "Jesus the Christ" know about  
me?

He knows

I am very weak. I often do wrong.

I love him. I try to be his child.

I am sometimes dis- I want the home in  
couraged. heaven.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The Son of  
God.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS.**

Did their sins hurt any besides them-  
selves? Yes: their sins hurt all mankind.

How did it hurt them? By causing them  
to be born in sin, so that they also suffer  
pain and death.

A.D. 29.] LESSON XII. [June 20.

**JESUS AND ABRAHAM.**

John 8. 31-38, & 44-59. Commit to mem. vs. 32-36.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my  
day: and he saw it, and was glad. John  
8. 56.

**OUTLINE.**

1. Bond and Free, v. 31-36.
2. True and False, v. 37-50.
3. Living and Dead, v. 51-57.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

What did Jesus promise those who  
believed in him? That they should know the  
truth.

What truth? The truth about him  
and God his Father.

From what was the truth to free them?  
From the power of sin.

What did they tell Jesus? That they  
were slaves to no man.

How did he reply to them? Whosoever  
sins is the slave of sin.

What did Christ come to be? The  
deliverer from sin.

Why did the Jews refuse to believe in  
the words of Jesus? Because they did wrong  
and did not want to do right.

Why were they not the children of God?  
Because they refused to hear the words of  
God.

Why did Christ call them the children  
of the devil? Because they had the spirit  
of the devil in their hearts.

Whom did he say should never see the  
face of his Father? All who kept his commandments.

What was their reply? Art thou greater  
than our father Abraham, who died?

What did Jesus answer? (Repeat the  
GOLDEN TEXT.)

What question did they then ask him?  
Hast thou seen Abraham?

How did Jesus reply? "Before Abraham  
was, I am."

What did the Jews do? They took  
stones to kill him.

Why? Because he had declared himself  
equal with God.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

I wonder if mother ever promised  
anything? You believed it, didn't you?

Believing the Bible calls faith. You can  
see the present with your little mind's  
eye even before it came, couldn't you?

Was every promise made you glad, did it  
make you glad? God promised the Saviour to Abraham.

Did Abraham believe the promise, and although he  
died before Jesus came, by faith the GOLDEN  
TEXT is true.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Eternal life.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS.**

What do you mean by being born in  
sin? We are all born self-willed, and, but for  
the grace of God, inclined only to evil.

May we all hope for this grace?  
Yes, through the Saviour, who was promised  
to us when our first parents fell into sin.