

**THE CHILD'S PRAYER.**

GREAT God, and wilt thou condescend  
To be my Father and my friend?  
I a poor child, and thou so high,  
The Lord of earth, and air, and sky.

Art thou my Father, canst thou bear,  
To hear my poor, imperfect prayer?  
Or stoop to listen to the praise  
That such a little child can raise?

Art thou my Father? let me be  
A meek, obedient child to thee;  
And try in word, in deed, and thought  
To serve and please thee as I ought.

Art thou my Father? I'll depend  
Upon the care of such a friend;  
And only wish to do and be  
What-ever seemeth good to thee.

Art thou my Father? then at last,  
When all my days on earth are past,  
Send down and take me in thy love,  
To be thy better child above.

**TEMPERANCE LESSON.**

**THIRD QUARTER.**

**STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

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*Deut. 21. 18-21. Commit to memory vs. 18-21.*

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. *Ezek. 18. 4*

**OUTLINE.**

- 1. Disobedience.
- 2. Punishment.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

Who gave the law to Moses? The Lord.  
To whom did Moses then give it? To the children of Israel.

What command has God given to children? That they honour their parents.

What is a rebellious son? One who will not obey.

To whom did the law say such a one should be brought? To the elders of his city.

What were the elders? The heads of tribes.

What was made their duty? To see that the law was obeyed.

What complaint must the parents make? They must declare the sin of their child.

What may often be said of a disobedient son? "He is a drunkard"

What was the law for drunken sons? That they be put to death.

What did this show? That drunkenness is a great evil.

What should be done with evil? It should be put away.

What does strong drink do? It poisons the mind as well as the blood.

How does it affect the heart? It makes it cold and hard.

What do drunk men often cause? The death of their parents

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE**

*Downward steps:*

Disobedience. Drunkenness.

Dallying with sin. Disgrace.

Death.

Jesus points upward Who will go up the shining way?

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The doom of the sinner.

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**THE COMMISSION OF JOSHUA.**

*Josh. 1. 1-9.*

*Commit to memory vs. 8-9*

**GOLDEN TEXT**

Stand therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. *Eph. 6. 14.*

**OUTLINE.**

- 1. The Leader.
- 2. The Commission.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

Who led the children of Israel forty years? Moses.

To whom did the Lord speak after Moses' death? To Joshua.

Who was Joshua? The son of Nun, and Moses' minister.

What is a minister? One who serves.

How had Joshua served Moses? In helping him to lead the people.

What lay between the Israelites and the land of Canaan? The river Jordan.

What did the Lord command Joshua to do? To lead the people into Canaan

What must he cross to do this? A great river.

Who lived in the land of Canaan? Idolaters.

What did Joshua need? Courage and faith.

What encouragement did the Lord give him? "I will be with thee"

What does God give to those who trust him? His wisdom and strength.

What did God command Moses to do? To keep all the law.

Why should we study God's word? So as to know and do it.

What promise belongs to all who keep God's law? "Thou shalt have good success?"

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

Joshua was told to do things that seemed impossible.

What God says "I" can be done.  
Joshua was a great leader and ruler.  
But he was himself ruled by God.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION**—Christian courage.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS**

*Who was Samuel?* The prophet who was called by the Lord when he was a little child?

*Who was David?* The sweet psalmist of Israel, who was raised from a shepherd to be king.

**"I AM THE DOOR"**

In a town in the north of Scotland, some boys were in the habit of meeting together for prayer. A little girl was passing, and heard them sing. She stopped to listen, and thinking it was just an ordinary prayer-meeting, she felt anxious to get in. Putting up her hand she pulled the latch, but it would not open; it was fastened inside. She became very uneasy, and the thought arose in her mind, "What if this were the door of heaven, and I outside?" She went home, but could not sleep. Day after day she became more troubled at the thought of being shut out of heaven. She went from one prayer-meeting to another, still finding no rest. At length, one day, reading the tenth chapter of Job, she came to the words "I am the door." She paused, and read the verse again. Here was the very door she had been seeking, and wide open, too, and she entered and found peace.

**ALL CAN HELP.**

WHEN France was ruled by tyrants a band of boys used to march through the streets with the motto (in French) on their flags:—

"Tremble, tyrants, we shall grow up."

But let none of the boys and girls think they must wait until they "grow up" before they can lend a hand in fighting against wickedness and helping the right. You have heard of the loaded team that was stuck in the mud and the men couldn't quite start it. A little boy came up, saying, "I can push a pound." He lent a hand and his help was just enough to start the load. Let every boy and girl lend a hand of helpfulness at home, in the school, and in the Church. You can push a pound by a kind word, a little gift, or a deed of love. All your pounds together will help a great deal in saving people from sorrow and sin.