

International S. S. Lessons.**THE PRISON OPENED.****14th February.**

Les. Acts 5: 17-32. Gol. Text. Acts, 5 1-29.
 Mem. vs. 29-32. Catechism Q. 88

Time. Uncertain; probably not long after last lesson.

Place. Jerusalem.

1. Brought out of Prison. vs. 17-21.
2. Preaching in the Temple. vs. 22-26.
3. Obeying God rather than Men. vs. 27-32.

QUESTIONS.

What resulted from the preaching and work of the apostles?

How did the Jewish rulers feel about all this?

What did they do?

How were the apostles delivered?

What did they then do?

What was done to the apostles?

Of what did the high priest accuse them?

How did Peter reply?

LESSONS.

1. God's angels can open prisons.
2. God's ministers should preach wherever they go.
3. The world blames its troubles upon Christians.
4. No human command should close a Christian's mouth.
5. The Christ men despise we should ever exalt.

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR.**21st February.**

Les. Acts, 6: 8-15; 7: 54-60. Gol. Text.
 Rev. 2: 10.
 Mem. vs. 57-60. Catechism Q. 89.

Time. Probably A. D. 36.

Place. Jerusalem.

1. Stephen's Life and Work. vs. 8-11.
2. Stephen before the Council. vs. 12-15.
3. Stephen's Death. vs. 54-60.

QUESTIONS.

To what office was Stephen ordained?

How is his character described?

What is said of his works?

What did certain Jews try to do?

With what result?

What did they then do?

What was the effect of Stephen's defence before the council?

What was done to him?

What were his last words?

Who stood by?

What did he do?

What did he afterward become?

LESSONS.

1. Faith gives power for Christian work, and for defence of the truth.
2. Faith transforms a believer's life and very face.
3. Faith looks up in the hour of danger.
4. Faith looks within heaven and sees Jesus Christ.
5. Faith makes a Christian's death glorious.

THE DISCIPLES DISPERSED.**28th February.**

Les. Acts, 8: 1-17. Gol. Text. Acts, 8: 4.
 Mem. vs. 5-8. Catechism Q. 90.

Time.—Probably A. D. 36.

Places.—Jerusalem, Samaria.

1. A Fierce Persecution. vs. 1-3.
2. The Scattering of the Disciples. vs. 4-11.
3. The Power of the Gospel. vs. 12-17.

QUESTIONS.

What happened after the killing of Stephen?

What was the result?

What did Saul now do?

What did the scattered disciples do?

What "Philip" is meant in verse 5?

Where did he go?

What did he do there?

What was the effect of his work?

Who was sent to Samaria by the Apostles?

What was the result of their visit?

LESSONS.

1. Hatred of Christ leads to bitter hatred of his disciples.
2. Persecution only sends believers out to carry the word.
3. The gospel carries rich blessings, and produces great joy.
4. Those who believe on Christ should publicly confess him.
5. Those who truly believe receive the Holy Spirit.