

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 9.

AUGUST 26th 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

First Miracle of Jesus. John 2: 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory." John 2: 11.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 1-5. Children's Hymnal 12, 8, 228, 81.

PROVE THAT—Jesus is all-powerful. Matt. 28: 18.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 90. How is the word to be read and heard that it may become effectual to salvation?

DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

| MONDAY. | TUESDAY. | WEDNESDAY. | THURSDAY. | FRIDAY. | SATURDAY. | SABBATH. |
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| John 2: 1-11 | Mark 7: 1-9 | John 15: 8-14 | Mark 2: 14-20 | Matt. 11: 1-6 | John 17: 1-11 | Rev. 3: 14-22 |

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The intervening days were occupied in the journey, a distance of about sixty miles. On the third day from the calling of Philip and Nathanael, Jesus arrives at Nazareth with his new disciples. Finding himself invited with his companions to a wedding at the not far distant village of Cana, whither his mother had already gone, he repairs thither. His first public act is to sanction with his presence the sacred relations of the home; and his first miracle is one of kindness, setting the stamp of his approval upon innocent joy.

LESSON PLAN. I. Jesus Sharing our Sorrow. vs. 1-2. II. Jesus Observing our Wants. vs. 3-5. III. Jesus Supplying our Need. vs. 6-11.

I. JESUS SHARING OUR JOY. 1. The third day—from the calling of Philip and Nathanael. There was a marriage—the whole feast would last several days. See the weddings of Jacob (Gen. 29: 22) and Samson (Judges 14: 12.) Cana of Galilee—There was another Cana in the tribe of Asher, (Josh. 19: 28.) Some think that it lay seven miles N. E. of Nazareth and is now called *Cana el Jelti*. Others, with more probability, place it about four and a half miles N. E. at *Kefr Kenna*. This last is the traditional spot. Only ruins now remain at either place. The mother of Jesus—We would naturally infer that she was there because of the wedding. John never names her, perhaps because she was one of his own household so, long. See

ch. 19: 26, 27. The brothers of Jesus were also present (verse 12.) From the fact that Joseph is not mentioned it is supposed that he was dead. Mary gives instructions to the servants like one who was more than a stranger guest. 2. Jesus was called—(R. V.) "bidden," invited. Every wedding, or other social gathering, should be such that we could invite Jesus there. His disciples—The five already mentioned, with the addition of James perhaps. Nathanael may have been acquainted with the family but the others were from another part of the country, and were probably invited as being friends of Jesus. In this marriage feast, "which he adorned and beautified with his presence," Jesus sets the stamp of his approval upon the sweet relationships