

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

**P**POINT to Jesus little children  
By your loving words and deeds,  
He's the friend of all the friendless  
He's the friend the sinner needs—

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Matt. 5: 16.  
TUESDAY—I Pet. 2: 9.  
WEDNESDAY—Phil. 2: 15.  
THURSDAY—Matt. 5: 13.  
FRIDAY—Matt. 5: 14.  
SATURDAY—John 1: 15.  
SABBATH—John 1: 29.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

**E**IGHTEEN years have passed since our last lesson. Both Jesus and John the Baptist had grown up to be men, and were about thirty years of age—John being about six months older than Jesus.

John the Baptist did not live, nor eat, nor dress just like other men. He went out into the wilderness and made his home there, he lived on locusts and wild honey that he found there, and dressed in coarse clothing made of camel's hair.

God gave him a special command to preach to the people, because he wanted them to be sorry for and give up their sins, and allow Christ's love into their hearts. Those who did this were to be baptized with water.

The people were so much interested in John's life and preaching, that they thought perhaps he was the promised Christ, for they were expecting a king. But John would not allow them to give any honour to him, but told them that one was coming, so great and so good, that he was not worthy to stoop down and unloose the latchet of his shoes. He meant Jesus, and was preparing for him.

One day Jesus came and was baptized by John in the river Jordan. John was a very brave man, he spoke the truth without any fear. The wicked Herod was doing what was wrong, and John rebuked him for it. Herod did not like this and put John in prison, and afterwards had him put to death.

John's life was spent not telling people about himself, but about Jesus, not in pointing to himself, but in pointing to Jesus. Let us do like him, not try to make ourselves great, but point people to Jesus like John did.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. How was John the Baptist dressed ?
2. What did he eat ?
3. What shews his humility ?
4. What should my life do for others ?

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh, God! make my life so like the life of Jesus, that it will always be pointing others to Him.