

could prove nothing against him, they paid false witnesses to come and say that Stephen was a dangerous and wicked man, who was plotting against the Temple and trying to upset the teachings of Moses.

Then the elders and scribes and all who were in the Council, fixed their cruel eyes upon Stephen, waiting to hear what he would answer to these terrible charges. But he, trusting in God, stood calm and quiet in their midst, and all who saw him noticed that his face was shining as if it had been the face of an angel.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why was it not wise for the apostles to spend too much of their time in caring for the poor?
2. What complaint was made?
3. What plan did they take to divide the

work? 4. To what would the apostles give all their time? 5. Who chose the new workers? 6. How many were there? 7. What kind of men were they? 8. Who was chosen first? 9. What kind of man was he? 10. How did the apostles set them apart to their work? 11. Did the Church grow after this? 12. What sort of people, amongst others, were added to it? 13. In what special way did Stephen help the Church? 14. Had he any enemies? 15. Why were they so angry with him? 16. What did they do to Stephen? 17. When they could prove nothing against him, what plan did they take? 18. What did the false witnesses say about Stephen? 19. How did Stephen look when he was brought before the Council? 20. What made him brave? 21. What is the Golden Text?

WHY HIS FACE SHONE

One day when God's servant Moses was leading the Israelites across the desert to Canaan, God told him to bring two flat pieces of stone and climb up to the top of Mount Sinai. He was to go up all alone; no one was to be with him, nor was any one to go near the mountain.

Moses did as the Lord had commanded him; he hewed out two pieces or tables of stone and when he had brought them up into the mountain, the Lord came down in a cloud and spoke to Moses and told him many things that the people were to do.

And God wrote the Ten Commandments

on the two tables of stone; and Moses stayed alone on the top of the mountain with God without eating or drinking for forty days.

Then God told him to go down and read what had been written to all the people.

Now, because he had been living with God, the skin of Moses' face shone, but Moses did not know it. When Aaron, his brother, and all the people saw that his face shone, they were afraid and would not come near to speak to him. So Moses put a veil over his face while he talked to the people, but when he went into the tent to speak with God he took it off again.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should fear nothing but sin



Primary Catechism—74. Why is our Sabbath called the Lord's Day? Because on that day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.
75. How should we spend the Lord's day? We should spend the Lord's day in rest, in worship, and in doing good.

Shorter Catechism—10. How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Lesson Hymn

Should the world of sin oppose,

We will follow Jesus;

He is greater than our foes;

We will follow Jesus:

On His promise we depend,

He will succor and defend,

Help and keep us to the end;

We will follow Jesus. Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise