

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

GENTILES GIVING FOR JEWISH CHRISTIANS.

LESSON 10.]

2 Cor. 9. 1-11.

[Sept. 5.]

GOLDEN TEXT.—Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—2 Cor. 8. 9.

MEMORY VERSES, 6-8. (Read chaps. 8 and 9.)—But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man accordingly as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

There had been a famine in Judea, and the Christians there were in great poverty. Paul called upon the Gentile Christians to help their poor Jewish brothers. Paul tells them how to give. Whoever sows a little seed will reap but little, but he who sows freely shall have a rich reward. It is a great privilege to give to God's poor. God loves to see us do it cheerfully. He is not pleased when he sees that we give because others do, or because we think it is our duty. He wants us to give gladly.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What caused suffering among the Jewish Christians?
A famine.
2. What did Paul ask the Gentile Christians to do?
To help the poor Jews.
3. How did Paul want them to give?
To give freely.
4. Who will reap the best harvests?
He who sows most.
5. Whom does God love?
The cheerful giver.