

here. **Manifested forth his glory.** It revealed Him as Ruler in the world of nature, and as using His power to increase human joy. **His disciples believed on him.** They had been followers and learners. This work of wonder and of love now makes them, in the true sense, believers.

## DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—The first miracle in Cana, John 2: 1-11. T.—Custom of purifying, Mark 7: 1-9. W.—Christ at the table, Mark 2: 14-20. Th.—“Whatsoever He saith, do!” John 14: 15-24. F.—Testimony of miracles, Luke 7: 16-23. S.—Glory of Christ, John 17: 1-8. S.—A waiting Guest, Rev. 3: 14-21.

*Prove from Scripture—That Christians should be joyful.*

**Shorter Catechism—Ques. 60.** *How is the sabbath to be sanctified?* A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

**The Question on Missions—4.** Where were the first missionaries to begin? They were to begin at home, and then to go to the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1: 8.)

**Lesson Hymns—**Book of Praise, 418 (Supplemental Lesson) 404; 195; 68 (Ps. Sel.); 287 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 293.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

**Juniors—**In what province was Cana? Where did Jesus' family live?

1-3 To what was Jesus invited? How long did marriage feasts often last? What difficulty arose? What request did His mother make of Jesus?

4, 5 What did Jesus call His mother? How do we know that this was a respectful title? What did Jesus' mother say to the servants? Is this a good rule for us? Why?

6-8 In what was water kept by the Jews? For what purpose? With what did the servants fill the jars? What did they take out? Who made the change.

9-11 What proof is there that the water was really

made wine? What effect had the miracle on the disciples?

**Seniors and the Home Department—**Where was Cana? What testimony to Jesus in the Lesson?

1-3 Why did Mary appeal to Jesus in her need? What does He mean by “Mine hour is not yet come”? Illustrate Jesus' affection for His mother? (ch. 19: 26, 27.)

4-8 Explain Jesus' delay. How were (a) the servants, (b) the rulers of the feast qualified as witnesses to the miracle? Show that true religion gives joy. (John 15: 11.)

9-11 What does the word “signs” used of miracles indicate? How was Christ's glory manifested in this miracle? Give another instance of Jesus' power over nature. (ch. 6: 16-21.)

## THE LESSON IN LIFE

“The flame purrs and sings,  
And the heart upward springs;  
The multiform blaze  
Fills the soul with its rays;  
The good angels meet  
In the light and the heat,  
And heaven opens wide  
At the holy fireside.”

2. “I wonder,” says George MacDonald, “how many Christians there are who understand that God invented laughter, and gave it to His children.”

3. To have Jesus in the home is to have heaven begun on earth.

4. The Son of Mary was a true son: obedient to His parents as a child; providing loving care for His widowed mother, when He was to be taken from her. A son can owe no one more than he owes his mother; and none but a dastard will ever repudiate that debt.

5. Be sure there was an emphasis on that word “He” in Mary's speech. The word can bear it. When He commands, and whatsoever He commands, we are not only safe, but in the way of blessing, if we obey.

6. Do you love a generous friend, one that neither stints nor spares? Where will you find one so generous as this Jesus? One day of His company, as that family in Cana discovered, will leave you many days rich.

7. When strong drink is master, it is always the best first and the worst after. All bright and jolly at the beginning, but “at the last” the serpent's bite and the adder's sting.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How came Jesus to be at the marriage? .....

2. How was His mother's confidence in Him shown? .....

3. What was the effect of this first miracle on His disciples? .....