

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, [SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 11.] DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. [JUNE 10.

Mark 6. 14-29.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit.—Eph. 5. 18.

MEMORY VERSES, 21-24.—And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Galilee;

And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Herod and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt and I will give it thee.

And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

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

LESSON STORY.

A birthday party ought to be a time of great joy and peace. But this lesson tells of one which was a time of wicked mirth, and which led to the cruel death of a good man. We know how fearless and true John the Baptist was, how ready to do or to suffer anything so as to help bring in the kingdom of God. And we know what an evil, wicked man Herod was who cast John into prison.

This birthday party was a wine-party, so we know what to expect. The evil spirit which lives in strong drink has not changed in all these years, and never will. So be sure to guard yourself against it. Does it seem strange to you that a young girl would do such a cruel deed as to ask for the head of a good man? Remember that she had not been taught the good things that you have learned, and that she loved pleasure so much she did not stop to think what was right.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What great party was held?

A birthday party for Herod.