

EASTER MORNING.

LIFT up, O little children,
Your voices clear and sweet,
And sing the blessed story
Of Christ, the Lord of glory,
And worship at his feet.

CHORUS.

O, sing the blessed story!
The Lord of life and glory
Is risen—as he said—
Is risen from the dead.

Lift up, O tender lilies,
Your whiteness to the sun;
The earth is not our prison,
Since Christ himself hath risen,
The life of every one.

Ring all ye bells in welcome,
Your chimes of joy again,
Ring out the night of sadness,
Ring in the morn of gladness,
For death no more shall reign.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A D. 30.] **LESSON I.** [April 1.

THE MARRIAGE FEAST.

Matt. 22. 1-14. Commit to memory vs. 11-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. Rev. 19. 9.

OUTLINE.

1. The Feast.
2. The Guests.
3. The Garment.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

How did Jesus often speak to the people? In parables.

What is a parable? A story that makes clear and plain the truths of God.

What is the parable of this lesson? The story of the prince's wedding.

To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven? To a royal wedding-feast.

Who refused to come to the wedding? Those who were first invited.

How did they treat the king's servants who bade them come? With coldness and indifference.

What did some do? They persecuted them and killed them.

What did the king do when he heard of it? He destroyed them in his wrath.

What did he tell his servants? That those whom he had asked were not worthy.

What did he command them? To invite all they could find in the highways, both good and bad.

How did they receive the king's invitation? They accepted it, and came to the wedding.

Who came in to see the guests? The king

Whom did he see at the table? A guest without the wedding-garment.

What was the wedding-garment? A dress given by the king to every guest.

What did the king ask this guest? "Friend, how camest thou in without the wedding-garment?"

Why did he not reply? He could give no excuse.

What did the king say to his servants? "Bind him, and cast him into outer darkness."

What did Jesus wish to show the Jews by this parable? How they had treated God's Son, whom he sent first to them.

What did he wish to teach the whole world? That every one is invited to be saved and taste the joys of heaven. (Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.)

What does he offer to all? The wedding-robe of righteousness.

What must we do with it? Put it on and wear it.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

How would you treat the invitation of a real king, asking you to his son's wedding?

The King of kings invites you to the marriage feast of HIS Son.

He offers you a stainless and beautiful wedding-garment to wear.

How have you received his invitation—the offer of his gift; with coldness and contempt, or with joy and acceptance?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The grace of God.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Does the Saviour care for children? Yes; for he said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

A D 30.] **LESSON II.** [April 8.

CHRIST'S LAST WARNING.

Matt. 23. 27-39. Commit to mem. vs. 37-39.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right Spirit within me. Psa. 51. 10

OUTLINE.

1. The Final Warning.
2. The Final Woe.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who were the scribes and Pharisees? Great and learned members of the Jewish church,

What did Jesus pronounce upon them? Woe, or sorrow and punishment.

For what reason? Because they were hypocrites.

What is a hypocrite? One who pretends to be what he is not.

What did the scribes and Pharisees pretend to be? Righteous and without sin.

What did Jesus know? That their hearts were full of pride and selfishness.

What had they forgotten? That God looks upon the heart.

Whom did the Pharisees pretend to love and honor? The prophets of God who had been slain and persecuted.

What did they do to show the people their great respect? They rebuilt and beautified the tombs of the dead prophets.

What did Jesus tell them? That they had the same spirit as their fathers, who murdered them.

Why did he speak so to them? He knew that they were seeking to kill him, their promised Messiah.

What did he declare unto them? That they would persecute and murder the prophets he sent to them.

To whom did he refer? To his apostles and followers.

What did Jesus say should surely come upon them? Most awful punishment.

Why did Jesus weep over the holy city, Jerusalem? Because he loved it.

How did he say the Jews would some day acknowledge him? With gladness, shouting, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

A hypocrite is one who is not true and cannot be trusted.

One who goes to church and Sunday-school not to please God, but to make others think well of him.

One who is very sweet and pleasant when visiting, but cross and selfish at home.

One who talks much and does little.

If Jesus should come to you to-day, what would he say: "Woe, hypocrite," or, "Well done, good and faithful servant?"

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The fulfilment of prophecy.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Was he once a child himself? Yes, and we read about his infancy in the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke.

PLUCK, pains, prayer, are three potential P's in Sunday-school work. Do not get discouraged easily; do not slight your duties, do not forget to pray, and you will prove their power.