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# THE Teachers' Preparation Leaflet

LESSON 3.

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2nd QUARTER.

**Joseph sold into Egypt. Gen. 37: 23-36.**

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Ye thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good." Gen. 50: 20.

**COMMIT TO MEMORY** vs. 26-28. **CHILDREN'S HYMNAL**, 127, 151, 39, 71.

**PROVE THAT**—Children's sins bring sorrow to parents. 2 Sam. 18: 33.

**SHORTER CATECHISM**—Quest. 97. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

## DAILY PORTIONS.

*(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)*

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Gen. 37: 23-36	Gen. 37: 13-22	Gen. 39: 1-6	Ps. 105: 16-22	Ps. 57: 1-13	Matt. 10: 21-31	1 Pet. 3: 8-17

**INTRODUCTORY.**—Joseph was sent by his father to enquire after the welfare of his brethren who were feeding their flocks near the scene of their cruel slaughter of the Shechemites. It might be that some smouldering embers of hate would be fanned by imprudence on their part and mischief happen. Solicitous, therefore, for their safety, Jacob sent his son to ascertain whether all was well. Arrived at Shechem, Joseph was informed that his brothers had removed to Dothan, some 18 miles farther north. His approach was descried by them and a plot laid to kill him, and thus bring his dreams to naught. Their wisdom and cruelty were on a level with that of Herod when he slew the babes of Bethlehem. Human wickedness may further God's plans, it can never thwart them. Desiring of saving his life, Reuben proposed that he be cast into an empty cistern, on the shallow plea that the crime would be less shocking than if they shed his blood. It was really more diabolically cruel. To him they assented and our lesson describes the further proceedings.

## NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

**LESSON PLAN.** I. Joseph Sold. vs. 23-30. II., Jacob Sorrowing. vs. 31-36.

**I. JOSEPH SOLD. 23.** When Joseph was come to his brethren—At Dothan, 70 miles from Hebron. What later historical notice of Dothan? (2 Kings 6: 13). They stripped Joseph—Joseph wore this coat probably because it was his usual dress, and he

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