

oxen who, the more He tried to lead and direct them, the more they stiffened their necks and kept on in their own way.

Suddenly in the midst of their sin God sent punishment upon His people, even as He had surely threatened He would do. The King of Assyria now came upon Israel, and with a great army besieged and took the fortress of Samaria; and dividing the people of Israel into bands, he bound them with chains, and took the whole nation away as slaves, setting them at work in different parts of his kingdom. Then the Israelites remembered the warnings and entreaties of the Lord. But it was too late. Because of their sins they had lost their homes and country forever.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what sin did the Israelites again fall? 2. From whom did they learn to worship idols? 3. Who had warned them against it? 4. How did the people show honor to the heathen gods? 5. What did they teach their children? 6. What loving messages had God sent them? 7. To whom did they wickedly go for advice? 8. What had God always said would happen if they disobeyed Him? 9. To what did God now compare His people? 10. How were they punished? 11. What did the Israelites lose through disobedience? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

When Aunt Mary was young, she was married in England, and came to Canada to live. After eighteen years she returned for a visit.

The ship arrived earlier than her friends thought possible. Aunt Mary thought she would surprise her mother, and took a cab to the old home, but the door was shut and locked, and nobody answered the bell. She felt so disappointed she almost cried, but a neighbor told her her mother had just gone on an errand, and soon she came.

If people are disappointed to find doors locked against them, how much worse must they feel to find people's hearts turned against them. The best Man who ever lived spent His life in helping His neighbors and

friends, and they would not receive Him. His name was Jesus Christ.

### Lesson Hymn

Tender Shepherd, never leave us  
From Thy fold to go astray;  
By Thy look of love directed,  
May we walk the narrow way!  
Thus direct us, and protect us,  
Lest we fall to sin a prey. Amen.  
—Hymn 586, Book of praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—128. *What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day?* The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—55. *What is forbidden in the third commandment?* A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of anything whereby God maketh himself known.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Did you ever see a mariner's compass? Here is a picture of one. The needle in the middle always points to the North. By



watching it the sailor can always tell in which direction he is going. We have a guide to tell us how we ought to live. It is God's own Book, the Bible. If we follow its teachings, we shall never go astray, but shall at last reach the heavenly land. Would it not be very sad, if any of us should miss the way, by not doing what this Book tells us

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT GOD WANTS MY LOVE