

and of how much he gave to the poor and to the church.

But the publican did not boast. He even felt so unworthy to draw near the more sacred part of the temple, that he stood far off in the outer court, where, filled with shame and sorrow at the thought of all his sins, he bowed his head and prayed God to be merciful to him, for he was a great sinner. And Jesus said, that God thought more of the prayer of the humble, penitent publican than of that of the proud Pharisee.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus speak a certain parable? 2. Who was the parable about? 3. Who came with a request? 4. What was this request? 5. How was it received? 6. Why did the judge afterwards grant what was asked? 7. How did Jesus say God receives the prayers of His children? 8. To whom was Jesus' next parable spoken? 9. What two men went into the temple to pray? 10. What did the Pharisee say? 11. What prayer did the publican make? 12. Which prayer did God approve of? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Mother, do you know who we had in our class to-day?" cried Jimmy Bain, as he came in from Sunday School.

"No," said mother, "somebody nice?"

"Nice!" sneered Jimmy. "Scotty Stubbs from Bell's Alley!—and he was just as ragged and dirty as could be, and do you know, mother, he couldn't tell a thing about any of the Bible people—never heard of Moses or Joseph."

"Perhaps he went to Sunday School because he wanted to learn, then," suggested mother.

"But he needn't come to ours," objected Jimmy, "there are only nice little boys in it."

"Oh!" said mother, "nice little boys, who never, never do anything wrong—I see. Now, if I had a Sunday School class, I would rather have in it, one boy who really and truly wanted to learn how to be better, than ten boys who thought they were already quite good enough, without needing to learn anything more." And Jimmy, blushing hotly, ran away very much ashamed.

### Lesson Hymn

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Trusting only Thee!

Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free. Amen.

—Hymn 154, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—109. **Why are the children of Christians baptised?** Because they are members of the Church, and are to be cared for and taught to love and serve Jesus Christ.

SHORTER CATECHISM—26. *How doth Christ execute the office of a king?* A. Christ executeth the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

### The Question on Missions

31. How are the teachers and preachers trained? Teachers and preachers were at first trained by the personal efforts of the missionaries. There is now at San Fernando a Training School for teachers and a Training College for preachers, to which Dr. Coffin devotes almost all his time.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

The heavenly Father loves to see the little hands folded in prayer. The children's prayers are sweet music in His ears. He will



listen to the very youngest of them, and give them everything they need, and send His strong angels to keep them from harm. The children's prayers are sweet music in His ears.

### I Have Learned Today

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