

Primary Department

HELPS FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES, BY MISS JESSIE A. MUNRO, TORONTO

SECOND QUARTER

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

PREVIEW

We are to continue our Studies in John's Gospel, that beautiful gospel of the mind and heart of Jesus, that gospel written "That ye might believe," "and that believing ye might have life."

Throughout the lessons of this quarter we are to see CHRIST JESUS AS OUR SAVIOUR SAVING BY HIS LIFE AND DEATH.

In the FIRST SIX LESSONS we see Him : 1. Displaying His power over death. 2. Touching a heart by His grace. 3. Giving an example of service. 4. Guiding to God. 5. Promising a

heavenly Comforter. 6. Showing the secret of fruit-bearing.

In the NEXT FOUR LESSONS we see Him as the passive instrument in the hands of His enemies : 7. Betrayed by a disciple. 8. Tried by unjust judges. 9. Condemned, though faultless. 10. Dying for sinners.

We see Him in the LAST TWO LESSONS in His divine power and glory : 11. Risen from the tomb. 12. Sitting on the right hand of God.

Let us so prayerfully and earnestly "lift up" this loving Saviour before the eyes of our little ones that all may be "drawn unto Him."



LESSON VI.—May 7, 1899

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES. John 15 : 1-11

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ Jesus saves by His Life and Death

Golden Text.—"I am the vine, ye are the branches."—John 15 : 5.

To-Day's Lesson Thought.—Without Jesus I can do nothing good.

Introduction.—Little Ada Willis' mother had been ill for some weeks. The doctor said she would not get better. One day God took her away to be with Him : *she died*. Ada grieved very much. Very often her friends saw her go and kneel down sobbing, and she always was happier after doing this. She said, "Jesus said He would send a Comforter, and I keep asking Him to send Him, and I think He always comes when I ask for Him." Can you remember the name of this Comforter? To whom did Jesus promise to send the Comforter? What will He do for us? Shall we see Him when He comes? (See that the children have the *spiritual idea*.)

The Lesson.—Write on the board "The Vine Lesson" (green chalk). One way to establish

a point of contact would be to show any vine or plant growing in a pot; also a branch broken off and withered. Speak of the different parts of the plant—root, vine and stalk, branches growing out of the stalk, leaves, flowers and fruit on the branches. (Vines and plants and trees are not much use unless they bear fruit or seed.) In Palestine many people had vineyards. (Explain.) So Jesus spoke of the vine. All the sap (life) in

