

Sabbath School Lessons.

Sept. 11. PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN.

Lesson, Acts 8: 26-40. Golden Text, John 3: 36. Memory vs. 32, 33. Catechism Q. 94, 95. Time, the summer of A.D. 37.

*Gaza*—Sixty miles southwest from Jerusalem. *Ethiopia*—A country south of Egypt. *To worship*—This shows that he was either a Jew or a convert to the Jewish religion. *Isaiah*—The prophecy of Isaiah. *How can I*—He felt that he was ignorant, and he was eager to learn the truth. *Preached Jesus*—Showed him that it was Jesus of whom the prophet spoke, and pointed out the way of salvation through him. *Both into the water*—This does not mean dipping, for one went into the water as much as the other. There was no vessel to dip up water. Both stepped down into the little stream. Philip dipped up water with his hand, as a minister now does from the baptismal bowl, and baptized him. *Caught away*—In a miraculous manner.

QUESTIONS.

*Introductory*.—What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *A perplexed inquirer*, vs. 26-31.—What did an angel say to Philip?

- What did Philip do?
- Whom did he meet in the desert?
- What was the Ethiopian doing?
- What did the Spirit say to Philip?
- What did Philip hear?
- What did he ask the Ethiopian?
- What was the Ethiopian's reply?
- What did he ask Philip to do?

II. *A Ready Learner*, vs. 32-35.—What was the Scripture he was reading? Where is it found? What did the Ethiopian ask Philip about it? What did Philip then do? Who is our only Redeemer?

III. *A Rejoicing Believer*, vs. 36-40.—To what did they come in their journey? What did the Ethiopian desire? What did Philip do? How were the two separated? What is said of the Ethiopian? What became of Philip? Where did he further preach Christ?

1. We should diligently study the word of God.
2. We should gladly receive instruction in divine truth.
3. Sincere inquirers will be directed in the way of life.
4. The gospel gives great joy to every believer.

Seek ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near.

Sept. 18. REVIEW OF STUDIES IN ACTS.

Lesson, Acts first 8 chapters. Read them carefully. Golden Text, Eph. 2: 20.

REVIEW EXERCISES.

- What parting command did Jesus give his apostles?
- What was the promise?
- What then took place?
- What did the disciples do on their return to Jerusalem?
- How was the parting promise fulfilled on the day of Pentecost?
- What did Peter say to the lame man?
- What did the lame man do?
- Why did the rulers arrest the apostles?
- What command did they give the apostles?
- What did Peter and John reply?
- What was the sin of Ananias and Sapphira?
- How were they punished?
- How were the apostles delivered from prison?
- What did the high priest say to them when they were again arrested?
- What did the apostles reply?
- What false witness was borne against Stephen?
- What was done with Stephen?
- How did he die?
- What followed the martyrdom of Stephen?
- How was the preaching of Philip received in Samaria?
- What did Simon the sorcerer offer the apostles?
- What was Peter's reply?
- What Scripture was the Ethiopian reading when Philip joined him?
- What did Philip do?
- What effect followed Philip's preaching?
- Review-drill on titles, Golden Texts, Lesson Plans, Questions for Review and Catechism questions.

Will the young people remember what a great Sabbath School teacher has said about the quarterly review, and the good that it is if rightly observed. He says:—"A good review is one of the most difficult, but also one of the most profitable, effective, and interesting lessons of the quarter. It needs to be conducted in different ways for different classes, but in all the classes, the main facts, the leading dates, the chief landmarks, the general trend of the history, should be learned by heart, and repeated in concert, even by the older scholars. *Drill, drill*, till every scholar knows these things by heart.

To-day if ye hear My voice, harden not your hearts.