

fulfilment of this prophecy in the mission work of the church to-day.

After making clear the great truth that our salvation depends on the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, press home the obligation resting upon His followers to follow Him in His service and sacrifice, that the glad tidings of salvation may be made known all the world over.

For Teachers of the Boys and Girls

In bringing out the teachings of the great passage set for to-day's study, the Lesson Plan may be followed :

I. JEHOVAH'S SERVANT, vs. 13-15. Refer to other passages in which the "Servant" is described (see chs. 42 : 1-9 ; 49 : 1-13 ; ch. 50 : 4-11), discussing the special features in each description. The points to be made clear in this portion of the Lesson are : the wisdom and consequent success of the Servant ; the threefold account of His coming glory (point out how this suggests Christ's resurrection, ascension and enthronement) ; the amazement of those who beheld Him, and its cause ; the effect of His appearance on the nations ; the reverence with which "kings" would regard Him.

II. HIS SUFFERINGS, ch. 53 : 1-9. Discuss the prophet's words on behalf of his people (v. 1), and bring out the likeness of the treatment of the Servant which they indicate, to that of Jesus by the Jews (see John 1 : 11). Have the estimate in v. 2 compared with the beginnings of Christ's kingdom, and ask the scholars to show in detail how v. 3 was fulfilled in the Saviour's experience.

The point to emphasize in vs. 4-6 is, that the sufferings which the Servant endured were due not to any faults of His own, but to the sins of His people. The scholars will readily see the reference here to the cause of Christ's sufferings. Dwell on the picture in v. 6 of our wanderings and the way of restoration.

Vs. 7-9 recall specially the trials and death of Jesus. The teacher should bring out, by careful questioning, the points of resemblance between this Old Testament prediction and the things that actually happened to Jesus.

III. HIS TRIUMPH, vs. 10-12. Ask for the reason given in v. 10 for the Servant's sufferings,—“it pleased the Lord to bruise Him.” Make clear that this means, not that the Lord had pleasure in the Servant's sufferings, but that they fulfilled His great purpose. Emphasize the truth in, “His soul an offering for sin”,—the Saviour died that He might take away the sins of men. Speak about the results predicted here of all that Jesus did and suffered,—multitudes in all ages saved by His sacrifice, a glorious resurrection and an endless life of power and glory for Himself, perfect satisfaction with the outcome of His earthly life and death, a great host of sinners reckoned as righteous for His sake, because He had borne their iniquities.

Leave time to make the missionary application of this wonderful Lesson. How we should count it our greatest privilege to help to make this great Saviour, who did and suffered so much for us, known to those who are still ignorant of Him !

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Lesson Points

“A life on service bent,
A life for love laid down,
It is the life for others spent,
Which God will crown.” v. 13.

The power that redeems is greater than the power that creates and sustains. ch. 53 : 1.

We can measure the greatness of the Saviour's love by the depth of His sorrow when that love was rejected. v. 3.

Jesus bore the consequences of our badness that we might share the rewards of His goodness. v. 5.

Many go astray, not because they must, and cannot help it, but because they are fools, and will not help it. v. 6.

In the silence of Jesus we see His entire submission to the will of the Father. v. 7.

It was necessary that the world's Sin-bearer should Himself be sinless. v. 9.

Only the self-excluded are shut out from the benefits of Christ's salvation. v. 11.

Christ wins men to Himself so absolutely,