

answered: "We cannot give you any, because there would not then be enough left for us. You had better hurry to the shops and buy some for yourselves.

While they were away, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding, waving their lamps and singing.

After a while, those who had gone to buy oil came back, and found themselves too late. The procession was over and the door of the bridegroom's house was shut and locked. Then they knocked loudly, saying, "Lord! Lord! Open unto us!" But the bridegroom from within answered, "I do not know who you are. I cannot open the door to you."

When Jesus had finished this parable, He said to the disciples: "Watch therefore,

for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus say as to the time when He should come again?
2. What does He expect to find His friends doing when He comes?
3. What is the story of the virgins called?
4. What is a parable?
5. What did the wise virgins take with them?
6. What did the foolish maidens ask when their lamps were going out?
7. Why could not their friends lend them oil?
8. What happened when they went to buy?
9. What did those who were ready do?
10. What did the others do when they found they were too late?
11. What did the bridegroom answer?
12. Of whom is he a picture?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Whisker and Fly-Away

Whisker and Fly-Away were two chipmunks who lived in the same forest.

One summer day Whisker said, "I must begin now to gather nuts for winter." "Oh," said Fly-Away, "there's plenty of time. I mean to enjoy myself a little longer."

One morning the ground was covered with a soft white carpet. "Dear me," said Fly-Away, "this must be winter. Whatever

shall I do?" and he lay hungry and shivering in his hole all day.

The next morning he went to Whisker's house for help. "I'm very sorry," said Whisker, "but I have only enough food for my own family." So poor Fly-Away could only go home, and that winter he had to learn some very hard lessons. He was wiser before the warm days came again.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus wants me to be ready to meet Him



Primary Catechism—10. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
11. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.

Shorter Catechism—61. What is forbidden in the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment forbiddeth the omission or careless performance of the duties required, and the profaning the day by idleness, or doing that which is in itself sinful, or by unnecessary thoughts, words or works, about our worldly employments, or recreations.

Lesson Hymn

Little travellers Zionward,
Each one entering into rest
In the kingdom of your Lord,
In the mansions of the blest.
There to welcome Jesus waits,
Gives the crown His followers win:
Lift your heads, ye golden gates,
Let the little travellers in.

Amen.

—Hymn 569, Book of Praise