

## STRAYING LAMBS.

How many lambs are straying,  
Lost from the Saviour's fold'  
Upon the lonely mountains  
They shiver with the cold.  
Within the tangled thickets,  
Where poison vines do creep,  
And over rocky ledges,  
Wander the poor lost sheep.

Oh, who will go to find them,  
Who, for the Saviour's sake,  
Will search, with tireless patience,  
Through briar and through brake?  
Unheeding thirst and hunger,  
Who still, from day to day,  
Will seek, as for a treasure,  
The lambs that go astray.

How sweet 'twould be at evening,  
If you and I could say,  
Good Shepherd, we've been seeking  
The lambs that went astray;  
Heart-sore, and faint with hunger,  
We heard them making moan,  
And lo! we come at nightfall,  
Bearing them safely home.

—Mrs. E. H. Gates.

## LESSON NOTES.

## FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHN.

A.D. 30.] LESSON I. [Oct. 3.

JESUS BETRAYED.

John 18. 1-14. Commit to memory vs. 4-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Mark 14. 41.

OUTLINE.

1. The Approach of Judas, v. 1-9.
2. The Defence of Peter, v. 10-11.
3. The Arrest of Jesus, v. 12-14.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Jesus go with his disciples?  
To the garden of Gethsemane.  
Why did he go there? To pray.  
Who came into the garden? Judas and a band of soldiers.  
Who went forth to meet them? Jesus. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)  
What did he ask them? "Whom seek ye?"  
What did they answer? "Jesus of Nazareth."  
What did he tell them? "I am he."  
What happened when he said this? They moved back and fell on their faces.  
Why did they do this? They were afraid.

What did Jesus say unto them? If you seek me, take me, but let my friends go.

Who was angry when they took Jesus? Peter.

What did he do? He cut off the right ear of the high-priest's servant.

How did Jesus rebuke him? Put up thy sword into the sheath.

What did he say to him? I will drink of the cup my Father has given me.

What did they do with Jesus? They bound him and led him to the high-priest.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

These are very solemn, precious lessons which we are to study this "Quarter."

Each week, in your little rocking-chair, with Bible and Question Book, not only study them, but think over—all about them.

If you will read Matt. 26. 53, 54, you will see that God had power to keep Jesus from being taken (betrayed) at this time; but God's own time had now come for him to die.

DON'T FORGET.

"Jesus was betrayed and followed by a mocking throng,

That I might sing an angel's song."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The dominion of sin.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is religion? Religion is holiness in heart and life.

What is it to be holy in heart? To be holy in heart is to be changed by the Holy Spirit, so as to be saved from sin and to love God.

A.D. 30.] LESSON II. [Oct. 10.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE.

John 18. 28-40. Commit to mem. vs. 36-38.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I find in him no fault at all. John 18. 38.

OUTLINE.

1. The Accusers, v. 28-32.
2. The King, v. 33-37.
3. The Robber, v. 38-40.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did the Jews take Jesus? To the palace of Pontius Pilate.

What was Pilate? Governor of Judea.

What had he power to do? To put Jesus to death.

What did the Jews want him to do? Condemn him to die.

What question did Pilate ask Jesus? "Art thou the King of the Jews?"

What did Jesus answer? "My kingdom is not of this world."

What would have taken place if it had been? His followers would have fought the Jews and kept them from making him prisoner.

What did Jesus declare to Pilate? I am a king.

Of what was Jesus king? King of truth.

Who hear his voice and own him King? Those who have the truth in their hearts.

What did Pilate tell the Jews? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What did Pilate offer to do? To let Jesus go.

What did the Jews cry out? "Not this man, but Barabbas?"

Who was Barabbas? A robber.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

When Jesus stood before Pilate he knew the day was coming when not only Pilate, but all those cruel, wicked Jews, would stand before him. Then he would be their Judge. Do you think in that great day Jesus will say of them what Pilate said of Jesus in the GOLDEN TEXT?

"No fault in Jesus at all," dear little people!

DON'T FORGET.

"Jesus was rejected and despised that I might stand,  
Accepted and forgiven at his right hand."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The truth.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is it to be holy in life? To be holy in life is to do my duty to God and man, according to God's holy word.

What is your duty to God? My duty to God is to worship him, to love him, and to keep his commandments.

## THE SABBATH A LOVING DAY.

"MOTHER, I suppose one reason why they call the Sabbath a holy day is because it's such a loving day," said a little boy as he stood up by his father's side and looked up into his mother's face.

"Why, is not every day a loving day?" asked his mother. "I love father, and father loves me, and we both love you and baby every day as well as Sunday."

"Well, you've no time to tell us on week-days," said the little boy. "You have to work, and father has to go off early to his work, and he is so tired when he comes home. But Sunday he takes me on his knee and tells me Bible stories, and we go to church together; and O it's such a loving day!"