

enough if the children *see Jesus* in it, and they may forget themselves for once. Still, put this as a closing question: Suppose Jesus, stung with the taunts, *had*, by the Divine power at his command, come down from the cross, *what would have become of us?* Well may we say, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his *own blood* be glory . . . and dominion for ever and ever. Amen!"

The Primary Class.

1. THEMES FOR BIBLE READINGS.

1. THE BITTER CUP. Job xxi. 20; Psa. lxxiii. 10; lxxv. 8; Isa. li. 17; Jer. xxv. 15-17; Rev. xiv. 10.

2. THE KING. Num. xxiv. 17; Psa. ii. 6; Matt. xxv. 34; 1 Tim. vi. 15; Rev. i. 5, 6; iii. 21; xvii. 14; xix. 16.

3. REVILINGS. Matt. v. 44; 1 Cor. iv. 12; Heb. xii. 3; 1 Pet. ii. 23.

4. GREAT DARKNESS. Gen. xv. 12; Exod. x. 21; xiv. 20; Rev. viii. 12; ix. 2; xvi. 10.

5. FORSAKEN. Judges vi. 13; 2 Chron. xv. 2; xxiv. 20; Psa. xxii. 1; lxxi. 11; Isa. liv. 7; lxii. 4.

6. THE CRUELTY OF THE WICKED. Judges i. 7; Psa. xvii. 9-12; lxxi. 4; Prov. xii. 10; Ezek. ii. 6; Matt. ii. 16.

7. THE DIVINE SONSHIP OF CHRIST. Matt. xxvi. 63, 64; John i. 18; iii. 16-18; 1 John iv. 9.

2. SEED-THOUGHTS.

1. For what *purpose* did they offer him wine mingled with myrrh?

2. Why did he refuse it?

3. Why did they crucify the *thieves* with him?

4. What feeling did the railers show when they retorted upon him?

5. If he could, why did he not come down from the cross?

6. What did the chief priest admit he had done?

7. Would it have been any greater miracle than he had done for him to have come down from the cross?

8. Why did the *thieves* reproach him?

9. Why did he not *reprove* them?

10. What, if any, was the significance of that darkness?

11. How can we account for his impression that his *Father* had forsaken him?

12. Why did he receive the sponge of vinegar?

13. What was indicated in the rending of the vail of the temple?

14. What convinced the centurion that he *was* the Son of God?

The Primary Class.

The *details* of the crucifixion need not be given to a class of little children. It is sufficient to notice that it was a very painful, lingering death. The enemies of Christ had at last brought him to this dreadful death. He died for all men, even the most wicked; and at his death he was in company with two very wicked men. The people cruelly made sport of his sufferings. There was darkness; through it there went up the cry of the forsaken One; then came a piercing shriek of agony; Jesus died, and as he died the temple vail was rent.

Draw attention, 1. To the character of Christ. He was kind, loving, and did many good works. He never did any wrong; 2. To the wickedness of his enemies. They did all they could to hurt him; 3. To his great love in consenting thus to die, when he could in an instant have destroyed them all; 4. To the reason for this willingness to die that all who believe in him might live forever. He died for us—to save us from endless death. Hence he is called our *Saviour*. Repeat the Golden Text. Then ask, Do we love this Saviour who has suffered and died for us? If we love him we will trust him, and try in all things to please him.

Backboard Exercises.

HE SUFFERED

BITTERNESS.

SORROW.

REVILING.

DEATH.

To Save me a Sinner.

WITH

WITHOUT

JESUS

ALIVE FOR EVERMORE.

DEAD IN SIN.