

out of the Bible. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I understand it unless some one tells me what it means?" the man said, and he asked Philip to sit in the chariot beside him. So Philip climbed up into the chariot and sat beside the man and told him the meaning of the words he was reading. He told him about Jesus who came to save the people of every country in the world.

The man listened and believed what Philip told him. As they drove along they came to a stream of water, and the man said, "What is to hinder me from being baptized now?" Philip said, "If you believe in Jesus with all your heart, you may be baptized." And the man said, "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God."

He commanded the driver to stop the chariot and he went down into the water with Philip and was baptized. God had sent Philip on purpose to meet this man and teach him to understand God's book and he would carry the news about Jesus to many black people in his home land.

Then Philip's work there was done. Suddenly he disappeared along the road he had come, and the black man from Ethiopia went on his way home rejoicing.

There is nothing like reading the Bible to bring joy into our life. It is the most precious book in all the world. It is more precious than gold. God has promised great reward to all who learn and obey his laws which are written in the Bible. That is where we learn all things which God wants us to know.

Our Golden Text says, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was God's messenger to his workers? 2. What message did an angel bring to Philip? 3. What did Philip do? 4. What did he wonder as he walked along? 5. What did he see? 6. What was the man doing? 7. Who was he? 8. What was he reading? 9. What did God's angel tell Philip to do? 10. What did Philip ask the man? 11. What did the man say? 12. What did Philip teach him? 13. What did the man say he believed? 14. What did he do? 15. Where did Philip go after he baptized the man? 16.

Where did the man go? 17. What is the most precious book in the world? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty. Amen.

—Hymn 559, Book of Praise

The Catechism

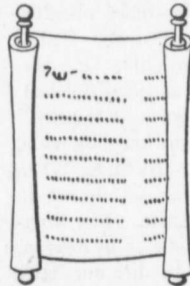
PRIMARY CATECHISM—103. What is the outward sign of membership in the Church? The outward sign of membership in the Church is baptism.

The Question on Missions

2. Are homes in Honan healthy and comfortable? No, for all the doors and windows open into the small yard, and there is not enough fresh air. They are also often overcrowded. The paper windows let in no sunlight, and many of the rooms are damp and have no heat in winter.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was on rolls like this (*copy*) that God's holy law used to be written. Now we have it in a book, the Bible. It is better still to



have it in our hearts. We should love God's law, and try to learn it, and best of all strive to obey it each day we live.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LOVE THE BIBLE