

of pointing, and teach them that their lives, their actions, and their words will point better to Jesus than their hands. John the Baptist's life pointed to Jesus better than his hand did. People are watching the lives of little Christians, and they should be always pointing to Jesus.

LESSON IV—January 26th, 1896.

The Early Ministry of Jesus. LUKE 4: 14-22.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "His word was with power." Luke 4: 32.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT: Speaking li' Jesus.

III. REVIEW: How was John the Baptist dressed? What did he eat? What shews his humility? What should my life do for others?

IV. INTERVENING EVENTS: About fifteen months have elapsed since our last lesson. After the baptism came the temptation. The testimony of John to Jesus, and pointing to him as the Lamb of God (John 1: 19-34). Gaining the first disciples (John 1: 35-51). The first miracle at marriage at Cana in Galilee (John 2: 1-11). Sojourn in Capernaum (John 2: 12). Jesus' first passover (John 2: 13). First cleansing of the temple (John 2: 14-16). Jesus' discourse with Nicodemus (John 3: 1-21). Jesus and his disciples tarry and baptize in Judea (John 3: 22). Further testimony of John (John 3: 23-26). Jesus' departure from Judea to Galilee (John 4: 1-3). Discourse with the woman of Samaria (John 4: 4-26). Many Samaritans believe (John 4: 39-42).

V. LESSON STORY: As Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, reports of his marvelous doings spread rapidly and likely everybody talked and wondered about him. He went into the synagogues and taught the people. Soon he went to Nazareth, the place where he had spent the days of his boyhood and young manhood. Here he was well known. He had been in the habit of going up into the synagogue when he lived there, and as was his custom went up again, when the Sabbath day came. This time the ruler of the synagogue handed him the book of the prophet Isaiah, and Jesus opened it and began to read it aloud. In the portion which he read was the prophecy that the Messiah was to come. Then he told them that he was the Messiah. When the people heard him they wondered at his gracious words and said is not this Joseph the carpenter's son? As Jesus spoke further with them they were filled with wrath and rose up to thrust him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill that they might cast him down headlong. (Make a little sketch of the synagogue and the hill, a small white cross for Jesus, and strokes or dots for the people).

VI. APPLICATION: Jesus always spoke the truth. (Make a scroll such as Jesus read the words of truth from and print truth on it). We should always speak the truth. Because Jesus

spoke the truth about himself, the people were angry and tried to kill him, but he was not afraid and spoke it all the same. Later they made a crown of thorns (sketch crown of thorns on board), and placed it on Jesus' head, and later still they nailed him to the cross (make cross on board) for speaking the truth; but he spoke it all the same, for he knew that it was right. Sometimes people may dislike us (write dislike on board), and try to harm us (write harm on board) for speaking the truth, but all the same we must try to be brave and follow Jesus by always speaking the truth. (Erase "crown," "cross," "dislike" and "harm," leaving only on the board what is shown in cut).

