

Without saying a word to anyone, the mother carried the boy upstairs and laid him on the bed in the prophet's room, and closing the door, she called a servant, and told him to go with her at once to Mount Carmel, where Elisha, the prophet, was then staying. When she was still some distance off, Elisha saw her, and fearing something was wrong, sent Gehazi, his servant, to see what was the matter. But the mother only pushed her way on up the hill to Elisha's house, where she fell speechless with grief at the prophet's feet.

Finding out at last that there was something wrong with the child, Elisha called Gehazi, and giving him his prophet's staff, told him to ride quickly down to Shunem and lay it upon the child's face. But seeing that the mother was not satisfied, Elisha then himself arose and rode swiftly back with her to the house, and went up alone to his little room in the wall, where the dead child lay upon the bed.

Closing the door behind him, Elisha now prayed earnestly to God, and then bent himself over the child, putting his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and the child grew warm and sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Then Elisha called the mother, and gave her boy back into her hands, alive and well.

Some time after this, Elisha, knowing that a great famine was coming upon Israel, warned the Shunammite and her son to flee into Philistia, where they were kept alive for seven years, after which they returned to their old home.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did one family in Shunem show their love for Elisha? 2. How did the Lord reward them for their kindness to His prophet? 3. Whither did the child one day go with his father? 4. What happened to him in the field? 5. Where did the mother lay him when he died? 6. What did she tell her servant? 7. What did Elisha do when he saw her coming? 8. How did the mother meet Elisha? 9. What did Elisha decide to do? 10. Where did he go when he reached the house? 11. How was the child brought back to life? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Light of life, so softly shining
From the blood-besprinkled tree;
Never waning nor declining,
Shine, shine on me—

*Never waning nor declining,
Shine, shine on me. Amen.*

—Hymn 576, Book of Praise

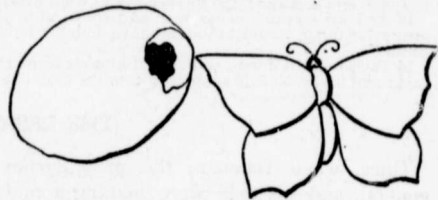
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—118. Has this command been completely fulfilled? No; there are still many people in the world who have never heard of Jesus, and who worship idols.

SHORTER CATECHISM—45. Which is the first commandment? A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 46. What is required in the first commandment? A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God, and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How strange to think that the bright butterfly, now gaily dancing about among the flowers, was once wrapped closely up in the



egg-shaped cocoon! The time is coming when a more wonderful change shall take place in our bodies. Then they will be ready for their beautiful home in heaven with Jesus their Saviour.

**I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD GIVES EVERLASTING LIFE**