

"Israel," which means "Perseverer with God." Find the story.

2. "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him." This is what Jacob should have done. Where are the words written?

ANSWERS, Lesson XII., First Quarter—
(1) Rom. 8 : 28. (2) Ps. 32 : 8.

For Discussion

[From the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY AND LEAFLET]

1. Which was the worthier of the birth-right—Esau or Jacob?

2. Is it ever right to do evil that good may come of it?

Prove from Scripture

That God dislikes deceit.

The Catechism

Ques. 51. *What the Second Commandment forbids.* This commandment does not forbid the use of pictures or other works of art for purposes of adornment. God ordered the making of the serpent of brass, and the figures in the temple. But when the people of Israel began to worship the brazen serpent, it was destroyed by the order of King Hezekiah, 2 Kgs. 18 : 4. Not only is the worship of God by images forbidden, but also any other mode of worship which He has not ordained. The appointment of officers in the church, not sanctioned by scripture, the setting apart of

sacred days without divine authority, the celebration of the sacraments otherwise than God's Word prescribes, are breaches of the Second Commandment, as truly as are the image-worship of the Romish, or picture-worship of the Greek, Church.

The Question on Missions

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1. *What do we know about the history of Formosa?* Formosa has been known to the Chinese since an early period of the Christian era, but it is from the time of the Ming Dynasty in the 13th century, that we get more frequent mention of it in Chinese history. In the 17th century, the Dutch and Spanish contested for the island, the Dutch finally gaining the supremacy and driving the Spanish out. The Dutch occupied the island for thirty-eight years, but in 1662 they in turn were driven out by the Chinese pirate chieftain Koxinga. Prior to Koxinga's time, the number of Chinese in the island was comparatively small, but during his occupation and the reign of his son a great many Chinese immigrated to the island. In 1683, Formosa was annexed to the Chinese Empire. It continued as a part of that Empire for more than 200 years. In 1895, it was ceded to Japan by China, and has since been under Japanese rule.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

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Subject for the Quarter—God's good men.

Golden Text for the Quarter—This is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith.—1 John 5 : 4 (Revised Version).

Lesson Thought for the Quarter—Good men gain the victory.

Introduction—Our Lessons last Quarter told us of the making of this beautiful earth, etc., and of the wickedness of people God had made. God punished the wicked and took care of the good. (Recall the names.) We are going to hear of some more of God's good men. We see how God made good to come out of evil in the case of these men, and how God helps good

