

the commands of Jesus were hard to obey, they ceased trying and forgot them.

Others came to hear Jesus preach and listened to Him gladly; but afterwards they went away and forgot His words because they were so taken up with worldly things. These were like the ground in which the seed was choked by the thorns. But those who hear the Word of God and obey it and bring forth fruit, or good deeds, are like the fields of good ground which bring forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred times as much as the farmer sowed.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus speak His first parable? 2. Where did the people sit who heard it? 3. Into what four kinds of soil did the seed fall? 4. Which only yielded fruit? 5. What question did the disciples ask Jesus about the parable? 6. What was meant by the seed? 7. What kind of hearers are like the hard footpaths? 8. Who were like the stony ground? 9. Who were compared to the thorny places? 10. What kind of hearers were like good fields? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Letty dropped a few flower seeds into the ground and little leaves soon began to peep up and grow. They liked the air and sunshine so much that they were very big in a month or two. Then came beds of beautiful flowers; and the flowers blossomed all the summer long, and the old ladies over the way had a bunch to brighten their room every day.

Letty's mother kept dropping kind word-seed into everybody's heart. Letty watched these seeds grow too. They blossomed into comfort and love and bright faces and smiles and thanks. "I'll plant kind word-seeds too; see if I don't", said Letty. "I think the flowers are perfectly lovely."

Lesson Hymn

Is there a thing beneath the sun,
That strives with Thee my heart to share?
Ah! tear it thence, and reign alone,
The Lord of every motion there—

Then shall my heart from earth be free,
When it hath found repose in Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 215, 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.

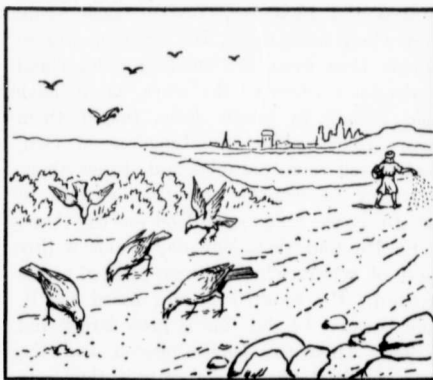
SHORTER CATECHISM—22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

The Question on Missions

2. Who are the pupils in these schools? They are either themselves professing Christians, or the children of Christian parents. There are other schools in which children can go, but they all have heathen influences. The church wants its children to be educated in a Christian way.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As you color this picture of the birds eat-



ing the seed that fell on the hard road, ask God to give you a tender heart.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LISTEN WHEN
JESUS SPEAKS