

## LESSON VII. (August 17.)

JOURNEYING TOWARD CANAAN. Num.  
10. 11-13, 29-36.GOLDEN TEXT: "For thy name's sake lead me,  
and guide me." Psa. 31. 3.

## Primary Notes.



*Introductory.* Develop the thought of guidance, of direction, of leading, in connection with Golden Text. Illustrate need and manner of guidance by describing ship at sea. Sailors steer by the North Star, which is al-

ways in the same place and easily found. But clouds cover the sky, and how shall they steer by star? Describe mariner's compass, with steadfast needle toward the north. Travelers on trackless prairies use compass, and it shows them the direction, the right way. How well to be led by something above, so that we will look up and not down! We learn to-day how God directed his people, showed them the right way, where to go and where to stop, when to go and when to stop.

*Lesson story: A journey.* What is it? Why do people take journeys? They wish to reach some other place. They must travel over the way between. How important to know the right way! How needful to have direction or leading! One who has been over the way can surely show it best.

Who was it that led the Israelites out of Egypt? Go back to the night they left in haste and review briefly the exodus, under the command of Moses, but more truly under God's command. Describe the first appearance of the cloud which was darkness to Egyptians but light to the Israelites. Describe how the cloud covered the tabernacle when it was set up to show that God was there, that he was near, and how the cloud by day became a pillar of fire by night. God always makes light in darkness for us by showing us the way, even when it is hard to find, as a path is hard to find in the dark.

These people had been slaves. They needed now to be led and taught almost like children. They needed something to look at, not having learned to trust without seeing. But they were obedient. Dwell on this. They followed cloud or rested, according to directions.

Recur to Golden Text, which is a prayer, and lead up to

*Our need of guidance.* How do we need leading? We need to be led away from wrong and into the right as these people were led out of Egypt and toward Canaan. Explain how life is like a journey, and heaven our Promised Land. As it is hard to find the way across a pathless desert, so it is hard to know exactly what to do and where to go day by day. God will show us by his word, which is like a compass, always pointing to Jesus; by the Holy Spirit, who is a Teacher; and by Conscience, that voice in our hearts. Simplify and enlarge upon ways in which we can tell what God's leading is, and illustrate from child-life.

*Memory thought: Direction will be given.* Put letter "D" on the memory heart. We have now spelled out the words "The Lord."

Make it clear that it is as certain that God will lead us as that we need it. Why? He says so. How may we have the directing? By asking for it. Repeat again the Golden Text.

*Thought for teachers.* This lesson comes home to us and we need to believe and apply the very truths we teach about guidance. Let us remember that we are charged with leader-



ship, under God, and that we are to guide the little ones, not as a company but one by one, soul by soul, into the right way.

## LESSON VIII. (August 24.)

## REPORT OF THE SPIES. Num. 13. 26-14. 4.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed is that man that maketh  
the Lord his trust." Psa. 40. 4.

## Primary Notes.



*Introductory.* A talk about discouragers. Once there was a great army of soldiers. They had good uniforms or clothes, good swords and guns, plenty to eat, and everything needed. They were able to

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