

grew and grew till the harvest time. Then the sower gathered the ripe, yellow wheat and put it in his barns.

Then Jesus told them the meaning of the story. The sower sows God's word in people's hearts. Sometimes Satan comes and snatches it away. That is like the birds coming and picking up the seeds from the pathway.

Some people take the word of God into their hearts gladly, but when trouble comes they forget God's word. Their hearts are like the stony ground where the seed did not take root very deeply. Riches and pleasures are the thorns that keep God's word from growing in some other hearts.

But the harvest is not all bad, for God's word grew in the hearts of many people and made their lives beautiful and full of service to the sower, who is none other than Jesus himself.

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.

He said, "Take heed therefore how ye hear." This is our Golden Text. Ask Jesus to make your hearts good ground where God's word will take deep root.

Questions on the Lesson

1. When were there no story books for children? 2. Who knew that everybody liked stories? 3. Why did Jesus tell the people stories? 4. What were these stories called? 5. Who was the greatest doctor that ever lived? 6. Who was the greatest preacher that ever lived? 7. Who was the greatest teacher that ever lived? 8. Where was Jesus' schoolroom? 9. Where did Jesus go when the crowd followed him to the seashore? 10. What story did Jesus tell them? 11. In what four kinds of soil did the seed fall? 12. What happened to the seed in each of these kinds of soil? 13. What seed does the sower sow, in Jesus' story? 14. Who snatches the seed out of our hearts if he can? 15. What did God's word do for those whose hearts were good ground? 16. Who is the sower? 17. What is the Golden Text?

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

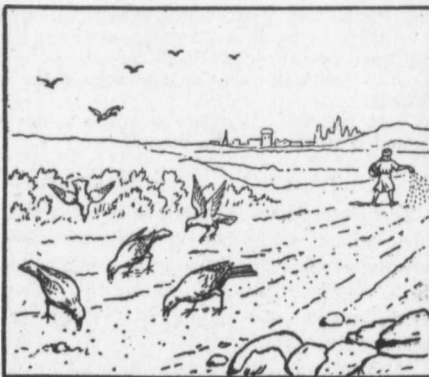
PRIMARY CATECHISM—72. Which is the Fourth Commandment? The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." 73. Which day of the week is our Sabbath? The first day of the week is our Sabbath.

The Question on Missions

7. Do the boys and girls help in the work of the Homes? Yes. Both girls and boys help in the work of the house, such as making beds, preparing vegetables, washing dishes and clothes, scrubbing floors. Besides, the girls do sewing, and the boys do outside work.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

As you color this picture of the birds eating



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

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO
JESUS' WORDS