

him? What wonderful thing happened when the baptism occurred? Develop the truth that he, the sinless one, was baptized as an example to us. If time permits, read Matt. 3 : 13-15. Pupils of this age will need very little explanation of these verses.

Now turn to Matt. 28 : 18-20. Have pupils read these verses silently. Ask to whom Jesus was speaking. Why was all power given to him? Why not, "Come ye," instead of, "Go ye?" Lead the pupils to understand that Christ's human form was about to be withdrawn from them and that he was giving his disciples final instructions about carrying on the work for which he had been training them.

Emphasize the form of expression used. Tell the class that this is one of the mysteries about God which we cannot understand. The Father is God, the Son is God and the Holy Spirit is God, but the Bible tells us that these three persons are one God.

Remind the pupils that in last week's lesson Peter told the people to repent and be baptized. Why then does our church baptize infants, who cannot have repented? See who can recall v. 39 of last week's lesson and impress on those who have been baptized, that, by their parents' vows, they have been dedicated to God, and are already members of the church, and upon reaching the age of

understanding, should take upon themselves the vows their parents made on their behalf.

Use the picture illustrating this lesson in the pupils' Quarterly as a starting point for the next part. Ask one pupil to describe this picture. Who are the men in the chariot? What are they doing? By direct questions, develop the story, then have one pupil relate it. Refer to Philip's unquestioning obedience. Contrast it with Jonah's reluctance to go to Nineveh, as learned from Lesson VIII. of last Quarter. (This is not Philip the apostle, but Philip the evangelist, one of the seven deacons. See Acts 6 : 5.)

If you have a map, point out the part of Africa which was then called Ethiopia. It is now Nubia and Abyssinia. Ask to what religion the Ethiopian belonged. Explain that at this time, Jews were to be found in all parts of the civilized world, and this man had probably been converted to Judaism. Why was he traveling? From Acts 2 : 10 we learn that proselytes as well as Jews went to Jerusalem to worship. Ask why the eunuch wished to be baptized. Make sure that every pupil understands the significance of this confession, v. 37.

Close by referring to the satisfaction both men must have felt, one because he had led another to Jesus, the other because he had come to know the Saviour.

FOR TEACHERS IN THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Teachers in the Primary Department should study carefully the scholars' materials in the PRIMARY QUARTERLY.

AIM OF THE LESSON. To show how Jesus himself by his baptism set an example for God's children to follow.

(Teachers in this Department may use, as additional lesson material, Mark 1 : 1-11.)

LESSON TAUGHT. When God sent his Son, Jesus, to the world, he wanted his people to be ready for the coming of the king. Hearts and minds and souls must be pure and clean. God told his servant John to help the people to know how to do this. So John the Baptist began to preach.

Crowds came from the big city of Jerusalem and from other places round about to hear this man who had a message from God, and who spoke so earnestly. When the crowds came to listen to him, John led them to the grassy banks of the Jordan River and said

to them : "Your king is coming. Make ready for your king."

"How shall we do this?" the people wanted to know. They felt sorrowful, for they knew just how unready for a king they were. Their hearts were black with sin. Their lives had been selfish. (Many were proud and had treated the poor people in unkind, unloving ways.) "What shall we do?" they asked sorrowfully, "to make ourselves ready for the king who is coming?"

John was very willing to tell them. He said : "Repent. Be sorry for your sins. Turn away from them and wash those black hearts till they are clean and pure and ready for your king's coming."

Many people were eager to do this. And all who confessed their sins, John led down