

We take a brief imaginary journey with a foreign missionary across the ocean, the desert, or we travel with him over unbroken roads on an ox team. First we inspire the children with eagerness to see these strange and wonderful countries, and then assure them that nothing but the love for Christ makes the hardships of a missionary's life endurable. Then give the assurance that his life is glorious and happy because of this love for Christ and the work.

Now a little about the pioneer work of the early century. The first missionaries had the hardest time. The task intrusted to them was to clear the way for the coming of Christ. Give an item or two of travel in an unexplored country, and encounters with savages and wild beasts. A few words about the progress of the work, and how the work of our missionaries is made easier by those who have gone before. Back numbers of missionary papers will furnish interesting items easily adapted to the sub-primaries.

The disciples of Jesus were learning how to become home missionaries. In their home country, the country where Jesus lived, John the Baptist had been their pioneer missionary. His message was, "Make the way ready for the coming of the Lord." Had John suffered any hardships?

At the time of which our lesson teaches the disciples were beginning to take short missionary journeys to teach of Christ, and coming back to him from time to time, to renew their courage and to learn more of him.

Why did their home missionary work begin before Jesus went back to heaven? While Jesus found many in his own country who loved and obeyed him, he had been turned away and driven forth from his old home in Nazareth (lesson for February 25), and in his adopted home here [showing Capernaum on sand-map] they had not been kind to him. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." How does Jesus feel toward those of his own land who close the doors of their hearts against him?

#### OUTLINE BIBLE LESSON.

When Jesus saw the people of his own land he pitied them because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. Then Jesus said to his disciples: "The harvest (of souls) is large; but the laborers are few. Pray the Father to send laborers to his harvest." And

he called his twelve disciples, and gave them power to cure sickness of mind and body. These twelve Jesus sent forth in his own country, and charged them to teach Christ to their own people. Jesus said: "Take nothing for your journey. The Lord's messengers are worthy of food and shelter. You must go among men as dangerous as wolves among sheep. Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

Food and shelter will be given the twelve as they teach from house to house. What will they say about Jesus?

They have seen his miracles. What will they say of his power? They have known his love. What will they say to those who are trying to live without that love?

What will they say to those who are sorry for their sins, and are crying, "Show us this Saviour?"

#### LESSON XI. (June 10.)

##### DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. Mark 6. 14-29.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Eph. 5. 18.



*Introductory.* [Recall, as usual, the little lesson verse to tune "Webb" or "I want to be like Jesus:"]

A little time may be well spent in emphasizing the practical teaching of the little song, Verse 1.

"We come to learn of Jesus,

The Saviour from above;

His life was pure and holy,

And full of deeds of love.

He came to earth to save us,

To take our sins away;

O, may we love and trust him,

And do his will to-day."

Review titles, texts, and the blessings written across the circle of blessing, drawn and kept upon the board. Take time for teaching Golden Texts and explaining them, fastening them also to the lesson. Brief lesson notes cannot enlarge upon this duty, but it is taken for granted that teachers will fix the Scripture words of the text in young hearts, and review constantly to make sure of the fastening. Children do not weary of repetition, either of Bible or hymn