

Who is the Truly Brave?

Who is the truly brave?
The boy with self-control,
Who curbs his temper and his tongue,
And, though he may be big and strong,
Would scorn to do the slightest wrong
To any living soul.

Who is the truly brave?
The boy who can forgive,
And look as though he had not heard
The mocking jest, the angry word:
Who, though his spirit may be stirred,
Yet tries in peace to live.

Who is the truly brave?
The boy whose daily walk
Is always honest, pure, and bright,
Who cannot lie, who will not fight,
But stands up boldly for the right
And shuns unholy talk.

Who is the truly brave?
The boy who fears to sin:
Who knows no other sort of fear,
But strives to keep his conscience clear,
Nor heeds his comrade's taunt or jeer,
If he hath peace within.

Who is the truly brave?
The boy who dates to pray,
And humbly kneeling, seeks the face
Of God, and asks supplies of grace
To help him run the Christian race,
And walk in wisdom's way.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 1451] LESSON III. [Oct. 21

THE STONES OF MEMORIAL.

Jo. 4. 10-24. Memory verses, 20, 2.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Then ye shall let your children know,
saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry
land. Josh. 4. 22.

OUTLINE.

1. The Leader Honoured.
2. The Lord Remembered.

TIME.—1451 B.C.

PLACE.—Same as in last lesson.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Clean passed over*—Entirely over, every one over. *Waters . . . returned into their place*—That is, the streams began to flow again as usual. *Over all his banks*—That is, filled up to the full the whole bed and bottom of the river. *Fifth day of the first month*—Not quite forty years since the first passover. *Pitch*—Ver. 20: Not paint or cover with pitch, but build up into a pile, or monument.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson, are we taught

1. That God's mercies never fail his people?
2. That we ought to remember God's mercies?
3. That we ought to fear the God of mercies?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. How long did the priests stay with the ark in the dry river bed? Till all had passed over. 2. When only did they come forth? When Joshua gave the command. 3. What did Joshua do with the twelve stones carried by the twelve men? Built a memorial pillar. 4. What did he say this was for? An object lesson for their children. 5. What were they to tell the children it meant? "Then ye shall let," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Honouring God

CATECHISM QUESTION.

3. What is sin? Sin is disobedience to the law of God in will or deed. Romans viii. 7. The mind of the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be. 1 John v. 17. All unrighteousness is sin. James iv. 17. To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin. [1 John iii. 4; Isaiah liii. 6; James i. 14. 15.]

B.C. 1451] LESSON IV. [Oct. 28

THE FALL OF JERICHO.

Josh. 6. 1-16. Memory verses, 15, 16

GOLDEN TEXT.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down,
after they were compassed about seven days
Heb. 11. 30.

OUTLINE.

1. The Besieged City.
2. The Lord's Host.

TIME.—1451 B.C.

PLACE.—Before the city of Jericho.

EXPLANATIONS.—*tristly shut up*—Closely shut up; the gates closed and defended; also hemmed in by the army of Israel. *Seven trumpets of rams horns*—Signal trumpets, or horns for blowing a loud sound. *Seven*—The number so often used here and elsewhere was the Hebrew sacred number. *The rearward*—The gathering host, or entire rear of the army following the priests.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where does this lesson show—

1. A demand for faith in God?
2. An illustration of faith in God?
3. The reward of faith in God?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What promise had God given Joshua concerning Jericho? I have given it into thy hand. 2. How many parts compose the besieging army? The soldiers, the priests and the people. 3. What was the method of the warfare? To march each day around the city. 4. On the seventh day how was it varied? By seven marches and a blast of trumpets. 5. When the trumpets sounded, what did the people do? Shouted with a great shout. 6. What was the effect of the people's obedience? "By faith the walls of Jericho," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Triumphs of faith.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

4. What was the sin by which our first parents fell from their holy and happy state? Eating of the fruit of the tree of which God had forbidden them to eat. Genesis ii. 16, 17. The Lord God commanded the man, saying: Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Genesis iii. 6.

THE CORAL WORKERS.

IN the Pacific Ocean there were long ago many empty spaces without any land. The sun shone brightly, but no flowers or trees could grow beneath its rays. The seeds that fell from other countries into the water floated by, but there was no soil where they could stop to rest. The Master saw that if there were only some islands there might be lovely homes for men and animals.

"My little builders can do this," said he.

So he called for the coral insects, and told them to build some islands. The little workers were so taken by surprise that they popped their heads out of their windows and looked at each other in astonishment.

"We!" they exclaimed. "We are no bigger than pin-heads. We never could build even one island."

"If the whales would only try it! A whale's work would amount to something," said the astra.

"But the whales have their own work to do," said the Master-builder "and if they come down here to make islands, who will keep the North Pacific free from sea-weeds? I do not ask one of you alone to build an island. Think how many of you there are!"

"But we do not know how to shape

the islands, they will all be wrong!" cried the coral insects.

"I will take care of that," said the Master; "only see that each one builds *one little cell*."

So the corals divided the work among themselves. Some began to build the middle and some the outer edge. Very lazily they worked. The islands grew higher and higher, until they came up to the top of the water. Then the waves and winds brought sand and weeds and leaves to make soil. The nuts and seeds that had fallen into the water found a nice bed to sleep in for a few days. When they felt rested they got up and grew into thorn-trees and bushes and cocoa-nut trees. Long vines began to creep across the sand, and sweet flowers blossomed; men and animals came to live there, and little children ran about and played beside the ocean.

"Who would have believed we could have done it?" said the little corals. "The whales could have done no better!" They felt so proud of their islands that they put a lovely fringe of red and white and pink coral around the edge.

Shall we not learn a lesson from the smallest of God's creatures, and each one work in our place? If every scholar in our Sabbath-schools would help, what an army it would be for the Lord's work!

A BOY'S FAITH.

ONE of the most beautiful illustrations of believing prayer, which I have ever known, was furnished the other day by a little boy some four years old. His grandparents were talking about the drought.

"Yes," said the grandmother, "my flowers will all be burnt up, and we shall have no strawberries."

Little Bozzy listened with deep interest, but said nothing. A few minutes afterward he was seen kneeling in one corner of the room with his hands to his face, and was overheard praying thus: "O Lord, send down rain so that grandma's flowers shan't be burnt up, and so we shall have plenty of strawberries."

He then arose and came to his grandmother saying:

"Your flowers won't burn up, grandma. We are going to have rain."

"How do you know?"

"Oh!" said little Bozzy, "I have been praying for it, and it will come." He seemed to have no doubt of it.

The next morning the first thing the little fellow did, when he came down stairs, was to go to the back door and open it to see if it rained. According to his prediction, the rain was falling upon the thirsty flowers and the perishing berries. As soon as he saw it, he joyfully shouted: "It's come, it's come, I know'd it would! I prayed for it."

LET the word of God be written in the heart, and that which is written there will remain.

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