

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1914

[NOTE.—If the class is smaller than usual during the holiday season, change the seating arrangements if possible. Children love variety, and if the teacher can sit with the class in a familiar way in a circle, the enjoyment of the session will be enhanced.]

I. Open with a brief song service, choosing the hymns the children love best. Also sing:

“Hum, little bee, in the nodding clover,	“Bloom, little flower, in the valley vernal,
Swing, little bird, in the tree top tall,	Flow, little brook, to the deep, wide sea,
God in the heavens is watching over,	Held in the hand of the Great Eternal,
He will remember His creatures all.	Kept by the love that is full and free.

“Trust, little heart, for the Lord is near you,
Sing, little voice, make His glories known,
Speak, little tongue, for the King will hear you,
He will remember and guard His own.”

II. PRAYER. Children repeating short clauses after the teacher.

III. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For Those Under Six, the Words of Blessing, Matt. 5 : 1-12. For Those Under Eleven, The Ten Commandments, Ex. 20 : 1-17. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages for Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

IV. BIRTHDAY EXERCISE. Greeting to the children who may have had a birthday during the week.

“We wish you many happy returns of the day of thy birth;
May sunshine and gladness be given,
And may the dear Father prepare you on earth
For a beautiful birthday in heaven.”

V. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but it may be repeated several times over, and any needed explanation given.

VI. SINGING. Hymn 558, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2. (These are the first two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

VII. OFFERING. Recite:

“We bring our gifts to Jesus with happy, thankful hearts,
That in this cheerful giving we each may have a part. (Heads bowed.)
Jesus, give Thy blessing, our hearts are full of love;
Bless each gift and giver from Thy home above.” Amen.

VIII. SINGING. Hymn 517, Book of Praise.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. LESSON HYMN. (See each Lesson).

XI. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS AND DISMISSAL.

NOTE.—Endeavor to make the hot Sunday afternoons as bright and attractive as possible to the little ones.