



HOW THE BABY PAID THE MORTGAGE.—(See Story.)

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD.

A Lullaby.

SLEEP, baby, sleep,
Mother her watch is keeping;
Slowly, slowly fades the light,
Softly, softly falls the night;
Moonbeams tender, round us gleaming,
Whisper that 'tis time for dreaming,
Hush, my dear, the world is sleeping—
Sleep, baby, sleep.

Rocking—rocking to and fro,
Off to Slumberland we go,
Where the fairies' mystic song
Echoes sweetly all night long;
Rocking—rocking to and fro,
Off to Slumberland we go;
Sleep, baby, sleep.

Sleep, baby, sleep,
Dreamland vespers are ringing,
Gently, gently flows the stream;
Sweetly, sweetly, bright stars gleam;
Silver dews are softly falling,
Dreamland sprites are calling, calling;
Visions sweet to thee they're bringing;
Sleep, baby, sleep.

Rocking—rocking to and fro,
Off to Slumberland we go;
Down the stream we're floating now,
Mother's kisses on thy brow.
Rocking—rocking to and fro,
Little one to Dreamland go;
Sleep, baby, sleep.

Sleep, baby, sleep,
Sweet, sunny eyes now closing,
Smiling, smiling in your sleep,
At the fairies' secret deep;
Golden curls in wavy splendour
Woo thee now with kisses tender;
Naught shall harm thy sweet reposing;
Sleep, baby, sleep.

Sleep, baby, sleep,
Rocking—rocking to and fro,
Off to Slumberland we go,
Listening to the fairies' song
Floating round us all night long;
Rocking—rocking to and fro,
Off to Slumberland we go,
Off we go! Off we go!
Sleep, baby, sleep.

We ought be holy because God commands it.

A.D. 26.] **LESSON VI.** [Aug. 5.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.

Mark 1. 1-11. Memory verses, 9-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—Mark 1. 11.

OUTLINE.

1. The Voice in the Wilderness, v. 1-8.
2. The Voice from Heaven, v. 9-11.

TIME.—A.D. 26. The opening of the year preliminary to Christ's most public work, called the Year of Preparation, or Year of Obscurity.

PLACES.—The wilderness of Judea. The banks of the Jordan River, not far north of the Dead Sea. Nazareth.

RULERS.—Tiberius, Emperor of Rome. Pontius Pilate, Procurator of Judea. Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Galilee.

EXPLANATIONS.

1. "The beginning of the Gospel"—The beginning of the story rather, which is the Gospel. Gospel means good news; the beginning of the story of how the "good news" came to men.
2. "In the prophets"—In the books which had been written and left by the prophets, and which were a part of the Jewish Scriptures.
3. "The voice of one," etc. This means, I am the man who was to cry in the wilderness, as foretold, "Prepare ye," etc. "Make his paths straight"—Or, make straight the paths for his feet; that is help him to go about his work with directness and certainty.
4. "Baptism of repentance"—A symbolic act, announcing the purpose of the one baptized to live a changed life. "Remission of sins"—This remission was to come from Jesus the Christ, and was not made sure by John's baptism.
5. "All the land of Judea"—All the inhabitants of the land. This shows how powerfully John preached.
6. "Clothed with camel's hair"—Clothing made from stuff woven from camel's hair, which was a coarse material common among the peasants. "A girdle of a skin"—This is another evidence of his poverty. He could not have the girdles worn by his more fortunate countrymen, but cut his own from the skins of beasts. "Eat locusts and wild honey"—Still another proof how poor he was, and that in his fare he was allied to the wandering Bedouins.

7. "Latchet of whose shoes"—The thong by which the sandal was fastened to the foot. To unloose it was a menial's office.

HOME READINGS.

- M. The baptism of Jesus.—Mark 1. 1-11.
- Tu. Fulfilling all righteousness.—Matt. 3. 7-17.
- W. John's witness.—John 1. 15-28.
- Th. The Spirit's witness.—John 1. 29-34.
- F. "What shall we do?"—Acts 2. 36-41.
- S. Baptized into Christ.—Rom. 6. 1-11.
- Su. Another heavenly voice.—2.Peter 1. 16-21.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. The need of repentance?
2. The duty of baptism?
3. The divinity of Christ?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. About what does Mark the evangelist write? "The Gospel of the Son of God." 2. How does it begin? "In the preaching of John." 3. What did he preach? "The baptism of repentance." 4. What prophecy did his preaching fulfil? "Prepare ye the way," etc. 5. In what did his work culminate? "In the baptism of Jesus." 6. What was uttered from heaven? Golden Text; "Thou art my beloved Son," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The divinity of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

May these various blessings be lost? Yes; believers may fail to believe and watch; they may cease to be diligent in duty, and thus may lose these blessings forever?

GIVE THE BOYS A TRADE.

Go where you will, you will find youths entering manhood without any equipment for the struggle before them. Tens of thousands of them hope to become merchants, when they have no aptitude whatever for commercial affairs, and are doomed to lives of bitter toil and grinding poverty. This ought not to be. Everybody is justly entitled to a trade, and he ought to have the chance to master one.

Many sons of poor parents, and many orphan boys, are compelled to forego the inestimable benefits of apprenticeship, and these ought to be assisted by wise philanthropy; but very many more fail to improve the great opportunity of becoming skilled workers, and so drift into the labouring army, to become helpless victims of poverty all their lives.

Boys in town and country! learn a trade. It will be your surest and best friend through life. Parents! in whatever else you come short, don't fail to see to this matter. You will be ensuring the happiness and comfort of your sons, the welfare of those who come after them, and discharging a solemn duty you owe to society and the country.—*Farm and Fireside.*

—He Searches the Scripture.—Do you read the Bible, Waldo?" "Oh, yes! almost every day," replied the little Boston boy. "Scarcely a day passes that in my reading I do not find some reference to it which requires verification."

Recruiting Song.

Dedicated to the "Douglas" E.L. of C.E.

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TUNE—"Lily of the Valley."

WE are a band of soldiers, enlisted for the King!
Even Jesus, our Great Captain, gone before;
We are every one determined, who've joined the Douglas wing—
Of Christ's army, to be faithful evermore.
Let no one be discouraged, or think we are too young
With the foe in mortal combat to engage;
For "the Lord of Hosts is with us," we fear no challenge flung
By the enemy, malicious though he rage.

Our ranks include no traitors, here all are staunch and true
To the pledges they have taken for the right;
Each one is brave and loyal, ready to dare and do—
In this way our soldiers keep their armour bright.
By self-denying service, and constancy in prayer,
We shall come off more than conquerors by his power;
Though foes around us gather we need not once despair.
For Our Saviour is a strong and mighty tower.

"Be strong and of good courage,"—"endure throughout the fight,"
This shall be our motto on our banner gay;
And when others see us marching, with happy faces bright,
They will wish to join our ranks—and so they may.
And when the conflict's over, and victory is won,
In heavenly places we shall then sit down;
When, welcomed by our Captain—God's well-beloved Son;
We shall lay aside the helmet for the crown.

—"I want to ask one more question," said little Frank as he was being put to bed. "Well?" acquiesced the tired mamma. "When holes come in stockings what becomes of the piece of stocking that was there before the hole came?"

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