

A LITTLE CHILD'S HYMN.

Thou that once, on mother's knee,
Wert a little child like me,
When I wake or go to bed,
Lay thy hands about my head;
Let me feel thee very near,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour dear

Be beside me in the light,
Close by me through all the night;
Make me gentle, kind, and true,
Do what mother bids me do;
Help and cheer me when I fret,
And forgive when I forget.

Once wast thou in cradle laid,
Baby bright in manger shade,
With the oxen and the cows,
And the lambs outside the house;
Now thou art above the sky -
Canst thou hear a baby cry?

Thou art near us when we pray;
Thou art never far away;
Thou my little hymn wilt hear,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour dear—
Thou that once on mother's knee
Wast a little child like me.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHN.

A.D. 4] LESSON I. [April 4.

THE WORD MADE FLESH.

John 1. 1-18. Commit to memory vs. 15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt
among us. John 1. 14.

OUTLINE.

1. The Word With God, v. 1-5.
2. The Word Made Flesh, v. 6-18.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What is Christ called in this lesson?
The Word.

What is the use of a word or words to us?
To help us express our thoughts and feelings
correctly.

Could we understand each other without
using words? Not distinctly or easily.

How is Christ God's Word? Because
he makes God's love and God's will clear
and plain to us.

Why can he do this? Because he is the
Light of the world.

What does he show us as our Light? The
blackness of our sins.

Of what does he tell us as the Word of
God? Of God's wonderful love and mercy
and forgiveness.

Who refused to receive him as their
Light? The Jews, his own people.

What does he give to those who receive
him? Power to become the sons of God.

What is that power? Power to grow
pure and holy, like God.

Who alone can give us that power?
Christ Jesus.

Whom did God send to bear witness to
the Light of the world? John the Bap-
tist.

What did John proclaim? (Repeat the
GOLDEN TEXT.)

What is the meaning of the "Word
made flesh?" Christ took our weak and
suffering nature to be his own.

What glory did he show the world?
The glory of a holy life and mighty works.

Who came to bring God's law? Moses.

Who came to show us God's love and
truth? Jesus Christ.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

If you put Jesus in the place of "the
Word" in the GOLDEN TEXT, I think you
will understand it better.

"This is the sweetest story, wonderful,
strange, and true,
Jesus, the King of Glory, once was a child
like you:

Think you not he's forgotten, it was long,
long ago;

No, the dear Lord remembers; O! and he
loves you so!

Loves you for aye and forever; it was to
you he came,

Deep in his heart is graven every childish
name."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The incarna-
tion of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who made you? God.

Who is God? God is our Father in
heaven.

A.D. 27.] LESSON II. April 11.

THE FIRST DISCIPLES.

John 1. 35-51. Commit to memory vs. 40-42.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The two disciples heard him speak, and
they followed Jesus. John 1. 37.

OUTLINE.

1. Pointing to the Lamb, v. 35, 36.
2. Following the Lamb, v. 37-40.
3. Leading the Lamb, v. 41-51.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did John the Baptist proclaim
Jesus to be? The Lamb of God.

Why? Because he was slain as a sacri-
fice for sin.

Who heard these words of John? Two
of his disciples.

What did they do? They left him and
followed Jesus. (Repeat the GOLDEN
TEXT.)

How did Jesus receive them? He took
them to his home.

What did they become? His disciples.

What were the names of these disciples?
Andrew and John.

What did Andrew do? He brought
Simon, his brother, to Jesus.

What did Jesus tell him? "Thou shalt
be called Cephas."

What is the meaning of Cephas? Peter.

What did Jesus say to Philip? "Follow
me."

What did Philip tell his friend Nathanael?
"We have found Jesus of Nazareth."

What did Nathanael become? A discip-
le of Jesus.

What did Jesus promise Nathanael?
That he should see great things.

By what other name is Nathanael known?
By the name of Bartholomew.

What does Jesus say to each one of us?
"Follow me."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The most important thing to do, after our
sins are forgiven, is to follow Jesus.

To follow Jesus is to love him best,

To follow Jesus is to obey him first,

To do his will instead of my own,

To trust him in everything,

To keep near him always.

What would you ever do, darlings,
Jesus had called only a few, and had taken
the old and wise, and left out you?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Lamb of
God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is God? God is a Spirit, One who
always was and always will be.

Where is God? God is everywhere.

THE TRUE SECRET.

At the house where I was staying, there
were two little sisters whom nobody could
see without loving, for they were always
happy together. They had the same books
and the same playthings, but never
quarrel sprang up between them—no
words no pouts, no slaps, no running away
in a pet. On the green before the door
trundling hoop, playing with Rover the dog
or helping mother, they were always
the same sweet-tempered little girls.

"You never seem to quarrel," I said
them one day. "How is it you are always
so happy together?"

They looked up, and the eldest answered
s'pose 'tis 'cause Addie lets me and I
Addie."