

The Sunday School

BIBLE LESSON.

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Lesson XIII.—March 27.—Review.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness.—Matt. 4:23.

EXPLANATORY.

Subject: Pivotal points in the life of Jesus.

This review can be made most interesting and most profitable by making the life of Christ stand out as a vivid reality. We first study the land in which he lived, his environment, the circumstances in which he did his work. Then on a map we mark the places where he lived and worked, with their historic associations, and the deeds and words of Jesus which have made them forever memorable.

On this background we see the Son of God, born, growing up as a child, entering upon his ministry, doing mighty works, teaching the truths about the kingdom of heaven. The main features of his life, the pivotal points, the stages in the movement of his history, should be learned by heart.

THE HOLY LAND.—The map will give the general contour and the location in reference to other countries. In Christ's time it was a province of the Roman Empire, which held sway over 120,000,000 people, nearly the whole known world; but half of these were slaves. Milman gives the population of Rome in A. D. 48 as 5,984,000. At present it is under the dominion of Turkey. Its area is about 8,300 square miles, about the size of Massachusetts or New Jersey. It has now a population estimated at 600,000, but in Christ's time the population, according to our consul at Jerusalem, Hon. Selah Merrill, was 6,000,000. Jerusalem then was a city of great magnificence.

A railway has been constructed from Jaffa on the Mediterranean to Jerusalem; and another from Haifa at the foot of Mt. Carmel across Galilee, around the southeast corner of the Sea of Galilee, and so to Damascus.

GALILEE.—The scene of the larger part of Christ's ministry described in the lessons. Note that some of Napoleon's battles occurred here; and that it was the scene of many events in the crusades.

1. Galilee was very populous, containing according to Josephus at least three millions of people, including two hundred and four towns of over fifteen thousand inhabitants.

2. It was a very fertile country, well watered from the mountains of Lebanon on the north. It was full of trees, orchards, gardens, grainfields, vineyards.

ON A RANCH.

Woman Found the Food that Fitted Her. A newspaper woman went out to a Colorado ranch to rest and recuperate, and her experience with the food problem is worth recounting.

"The woman at the ranch was preeminently the worst housekeeper I have ever known,—poor soul, and poor me! 'I simply had to have food good and plenty of it for I had broken down from overwork and was so weak I could not sit up over one hour at a time. I knew I could not get well unless I secured food I could easily digest and that would supply the greatest amount of nourishment.

"One day I obtained permission to go through the pantry and see what I could find. Among other things I came across a package of Grape-Nuts which I had heard of but never tried. I read the description on the package; and became deeply interested so then and there I got a saucer and some cream and tried the famous food.

"It tasted delicious to me and seemed to freshen and strengthen me greatly so I stipulated that Grape-Nuts and cream be provided each day instead of other food and I literally lived on Grape-Nuts and cream for two or three months. 'If you could have seen how fast I got well it would have pleased and surprised you. I am now perfectly well and strong again and know exactly how I got well and that was on Grape-Nuts that furnished me a powerful food I could digest and make use of.

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3. It was a business country, full of varied activities, manufactures, fisheries, exports of oil and fruits. "This garden of the Lord is crossed by many of the world's most famous highways." It has contact with the outer Roman and heathen world.

4. The lake of Galilee was the very center of population and industry. There were nine cities, of over fifteen thousand inhabitants each upon its shores. "The lake was surrounded by an almost unbroken line of buildings,—city wall, houses, synagogues, wharves, and factories;" "Greek architecture, castles, theaters, hippodrome, amphitheater, Greek villas, and, higher up the slope, a Roman camp." It was like the Thames, above London. The waters "were covered with a numerous fleet of four thousand vessels, from ships of war down to fishing-boats."

5. The character of the people can be judged by these surroundings. They were more worldly, but less bound under the rigid system of the scribes, and hence more accessible to new teachings than were the people of Judea. They were trained in the synagogue schools, instructed by Jewish rabbis with Messianic hopes, and had a religious history behind them.

The heart of the lessons.

1. The message of Christ's youth to the youth of today.

2. Preparing the way for the kingdom of God.

3. Four essentials in the preparation of a successful life.

4. Winning men for the kingdom of heaven.

5. Jesus' method of bringing men into the kingdom.

6. Faith, forgiveness, and salvation.

7. The right use of the Sabbath.

8. Obedience to the king and test of membership in the kingdom.

9. The calming of the storm and its lessons.

10. A successful life as exemplified in John and Herod.

11. Jesus the bread of life.

MORSE'S PARABLE.

The late Henry G. Morse, president of the New York Shipbuilding Company, was one day visited by a man of questionable repute who wished to borrow money wherewith to launch a questionable enterprise. Mr. Morse gave some polite excuse for his unwillingness to lend, and the man declared that he regarded this excuse as somewhat fishy. Thereupon, smiling grimly, Mr. Morse said:

"Let me tell you a little story. Once upon a time an Arab went to his neighbor and said:
"Lend me your rope."
"I can't, said the neighbor.
"Why can't you?"
"Because I want to use the rope myself."
"What do you want to do with it?" the borrower persisted.
"I want to tie up five cubic feet of water with it," was the reply.
"How on earth," the other sneered, "can you tie up water with a rope?"
"My friend," said the neighbor, "Allah is great, and he permits us to do strange things with a rope when we don't want to lend it."

SOME OF THE THINGS I DO.

When I play that I'm a bird,
Then I try to fly;
Lifting up my pinafore
High, high, high;
Spreading out my pinafore
Wide, wide, wide;
You might think that it was wings,
If you truly tried.

When I play that I'm a horse,
Then I wear a tail,
Eat my luncheon from a bag,
Drink it from a pail;
Smashed the cart up t'other day—
Baby in it, too!
When he's scared and runs away,
What's a horse to do?

When I play that I'm a wolf,
Then I howl and roar,
Sniffing here, sniffing there,
Round the nursery door,
Daddy says he'll spank me soon
If I still annoy;
Think, perhaps, this afternoon,
I'll be a little boy!
—Laura E. Richards, in the Hurdy-Gurdy.

SHOULD SEE A 'VET.'

The following dialogue was overheard in the office of one of Boston's leading physicians the other day:

Doctor, to patient—What ails you?
Patient—I don't know. I only know that I suffer. I work like an ox, I eat like a wolf, I am as tired as a dog, and I sleep like a horse.

Doctor—In that case I should advise you to consult a veterinary surgeon.—Boston Traveller.

JACK FROST.

He's taken a nip at the salvia bush,
It's flower is turned to black;
He blew a breath on the holyhocks—
Their bloom will never come back,
He danced in the meadow all night long,
And turned it a rusty brown
And now do you see he's touched the trees
And the leaves are straying down.
He softly covers the window panes
With sketches rich and rare
As ever with dainty paint and brush
An artist could picture there.
And so though the merry birds are flown,
The song of the stream is lost,
And summer is hiding far away,
We'll try to forgive you Jack Frost.
—Presbyterian.

POLITE WIT IN GLASGOW.

In a Glasgow theatre a young fellow was rather annoyed because his view of the stage was obstructed by the hat of a young lady who was sitting in front of him.

Wishing to get a glimpse of the performance, he plucked up courage, and in a nervous voice exclaimed—

'Look here-miss, A' want tae look as weel as you.'

'Oh, dae ye, she retorted without looking round. 'Then I doot ye'll hae tae change yer face.'

Reward of Merit.

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Dr. J. J. Reitger, of Covington, Ky., says: "I suffered from catarrh in my head and throat every fall, with stoppage of and irritation in the throat affecting my voice and often extending to the stomach, causing catarrh of the stomach. I bought a fifty cent package of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets at my druggist's carried them in my pocket and used them faithfully, and the way in which they cleared my head and throat was certainly remarkable. I had no catarrh last winter and spring and considered myself entirely free from any catarrhal trouble."

Mrs. Jerome Ellison, of Wheeling, W. Va., writes: "I suffered from catarrh nearly my whole life and last winter my two children also suffered from catarrhal colds and sore throat so much they were out of school a large portion of the winter. My brother who was cured of catarrhal deafness by using Stuart's Catarrh Tablets urged me to try them so much that I did so and am truly thankful for what they have done for myself and my children. I always keep a box of the tablets in the house and at the first approach of a cold or sore throat we nip it in the bud and catarrh is no longer a household affliction with us."

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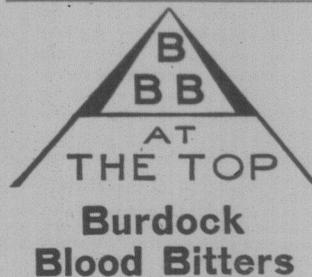
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