

## GOLDEN TEXT

Rom. 10: 10. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

## DAILY READINGS

M. —Acts 8: 26-40.	The Ethiopian Converted.
T. —Isa. 53.	The Ethiopian's Reading.
W. —Psalm 68: 28-35.	Prophecy of Ethiopia.
Th. —Psalm 119: 9-21.	Prayer for understanding.
F. —1 Peter 1: 1-12.	Testified beforehand.
S. —Matt. 3: 7-17.	Jesus baptised.
S. —Rom. 6: 1-11.	Baptised into Christ.

## CATECHISM

Q. 13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of

their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

## TIME AND PLACE

Soon after the last Lesson, A.D. 35, or thereabout; wilderness of Judaea toward Gaza, two miles from the coast of the Mediterranean Sea.

## LESSON PLAN

- I. Teacher and Scholar, 29-31.
- Philip the Evangelist and an Ethiopian stranger.
- II. The Scripture Reading, 32, 33.
- A famous passage from the prophet Isaiah.
- III. The Exposition, 34, 35.
- Philip shows the Ethiopian Jesus in the passage.
- IV. The Baptism, 36-39.
- Of the Ethiopian, on his confession of faith in Christ.

## LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise 151; 161; 155; 553; 154, 557.

## FOR FURTHER STUDY

**Juniors**—Where had Philip been preaching? (v. 5.) How many Philips mentioned in the Bible? (John 1: 43; Matt. 14: 3; Acts 6: 5.) What command given? (v. 26.) By whom? Where was Gaza? How was the command obeyed? Whom did Philip meet? Where was he going? What was he doing? What prophet was he reading?

**29-31** What message did Philip receive? From whom? How was the conversation started? With whom did Christ act in like manner? (John 4: 7.)

**31-33** How did the eunuch show his earnestness? What passage was he reading? To whom did the prophecy refer? Which part did Christ fulfil in Matt. 26: 52, 53? In Matt. 26: 67, 68? In Matt. 27: 27-31? In Matt. 27: 12-14? In Luke 23: 9?

**34, 35** What was the subject of Philip's preaching? What does "Jesus" mean? (Matt. 1: 21.)

**36, 37** What request made? What was ready from without? What required from within?

**38-40** What ceremony was performed? What miracle took place? What caused the rejoicing? Of what is joy a fruit? (Gal. 5: 22.)

**Seniors and the Home Department**—What false convert spoken of just before this incident? Where had Philip been? Whom did he now meet? When? How engaged? Where had the eunuch been travelling? For what purpose? What step in advance did the eunuch make from worship? (v. 28.) How were the Scriptures given? (2 Tim. 3: 16.) Of whom do they testify? (John 5: 39.) For what profitable? (2 Tim. 3: 15, 16.) How should they be received? (Jas. 1: 21.)

**29-35** How came Philip to join the traveller in

his chariot? What passage was he studying? In that chapter how many references made to Christ's suffering? What was Philip's text? How should we receive Jesus?

**36-37** How did the eunuch show his faith? What text did Philip apply? What is the condition on which we are saved?

**38-40** Describe the scene. Shew that this passage does not prove anything as to the mode of baptism. Why should a Christian rejoice? How did Philip disappear? What similar instances recorded? (1 Kings 18: 12; 2 Kings 2: 11.) Where did Philip afterwards make his home?

**Prove from Scripture**—That the Scriptures testify of Christ.

**Practical Points**—1. A true messenger of the Lord goes whithersoever the Lord sends him, promptly and without question.

2. When God really sends a man to preach, He will provide him an audience.

3. The audience may be only one, as in this case, but some of our Lord's most wonderful discourses were to audiences of one.

4. The eunuch was spending his leisure time well in reading his Bible.

5. Philip had the heart of the gospel for his text. The preachers of lasting power have been those who have put Christ crucified at the centre.

6. Follow the eunuch's good example in confessing Christ as soon as he believed on Him. Christ's own command is to confess Him before men.

7. When you take Christ with you on your journey, the journey is all the gladder. He is good company.

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How came Philip and the eunuch to meet? .....

2. About what did they converse? .....

3. To what did their conversation lead? .....