

to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in ^a a barrel, and a little oil in ^a a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Eli'jah said unto her, Fear not: go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake

Revised Version—¹sojourners; ²the; ³was; ⁴Zarephath; and; ⁵a; ⁶Omit of; ⁷forth; ⁸afterward; ⁹Omit And.

LESSON PLAN

- I. Before Ahab, 1.
- II. At Cherith, 2-7.
- III. At Zarephath, 8-16.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—God's care of Elijah, 1 Kgs. 17: 1-7. T.—God's care of Elijah, 1 Kgs. 17: 8-16. W.—God answers Elijah's prayer, 1 Kgs. 17: 17-24. Th.—In the time of famine, 1 Kgs. 18: 1-15. F.—Christ's reference, Luke 4: 21-32. S.—The lot of the righteous, Ps. 37: 7-19. S.—Contented, Phil. 4: 4-13.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 24-27.

The Question on Missions—9. What does the

first, and bring it ⁷ unto me, and ⁸ after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the Lord ² God of Israel, ³ The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Eli'jah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16 ² And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Eli'jah.

Settlement's summer camp do for its members? It gives clean air and good food to worn-out mothers and sickly children. It gives a glimpse of a happy Christian home life to those who have never known a Christian home, and helps to form friendships on which is based the best work of the winter.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 19 (Supplemental Lesson), 108, 17, 65 (Ps. Sel.), 509 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 133.

Special Scripture Reading—Mark 6: 35-44. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 247, As I prayed God Heard Me. For Question on Missions, S.O.S. 167, Madonna of the Slums. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, Room 626, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, at \$2.00 a dozen.)

Stereograph—For Lesson, Marvelous Gorge of the Brook Cherith and Old Convent (Order from Underwood & Underwood, 417 Fifth Ave., New York City; further particulars, see page 367).

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—About B.C. 912; Samaria; the Brook Cherith; and Zarephath.

Connecting Links—The Lesson returns to the Book of First Kings, and begins in a series of stories about Elijah,—drought and Baal worship (chs. 17, 18); despair and encouragement (ch. 19); Naboth's vineyard (ch. 21); Ahaziah's death (2 Kgs., ch. 1); translation of Elijah, 2 Kgs., ch. 2. Chs. 17 and 18 make up a single story, the first and longest of the series: at the beginning, drought is announced because Israel has turned its back on Jehovah to worship Jezebel's god Baal; at the end, the Baal worship being forsaken, the drought ceases.

I. Before Ahab, 1.

V. 1. *Elijah*. The name signifies "Jehovah is my God" and well befitted the champion of Israel's God, Jehovah, against Baal. *The Tishbite*. of Gilead; that is a native of Tishbe or Thisbe in Gilead east of the Jordan, a land famed for its men of rugged body and strong character. Some think that Elijah's birthplace was in another Tishbe in Galilee. *Said unto Ahab*; where we do not know, probably in Samaria, which Omri, the father of Ahab, had made

Israel's capital. The story focuses its interest on the eagle-like suddenness of the prophet's appearance and his stern message. *As the Lord God . . . liveth*; a solemn oath. *Before whom I stand*; whose servant I am to announce His decrees to men. This was the secret of Elijah's strength,—his intimacy with Jehovah. *Not be dew nor rain*; and therefore famine would smite the land, a punishment from Elijah's God, who was angry with Israel for turning aside from Him to worship Baal, the god brought by Jezebel, the wife of Ahab, from Tyre. (See ch. 16: 31-33.) *These years*; three and a half (see Luke 4: 25; James 5: 17). *But according to my word*. There was divine power in the word of this strange, stern, solitary man,—a power which caused it to accomplish that for which it was sent.

II. At Cherith, 2-7.

Vs. 2-4. *The word of the Lord*. Elijah, as a man of God, is divinely directed at each step, v. 8; ch. 18: 1. The prophet is the central figure in the story. "Where was Elijah?" "What is Elijah doing?" were the questions people asked. They