

Blackboard.

A PRECIOUS PROMISE.
 ISRAEL SAVED BY A FAITHFUL FEW.
 JESUS ONLY.
 GIVE GOD THE GLORY
 THE BLOOD OF ONE FOR MANY.

FOR INFANT CLASS.
 GIDEON'S SMALL FAITHFUL VALIANT ARMY WITH GOD'S HELP
 THOUGH SMALL I CAN BE FAITHFUL, VALIANT, VICTORIOUS.

THE PRIMARY CLASS.

It is sometimes well to begin a lesson in an abrupt way, securing attention by some unexpected question. For instance, this lesson might be begun by the question, who was Jerubbaal? [*Explain the meaning of the word and why Gideon was so called. See chapter 6. 32.*] When the class generally understand him to be the same as the Gideon of the last lesson, describe the Midianites and show where they came from. Also, point on the map, as near as is known, the location of the places mentioned in the lesson while you describe the situation. The mountain side was covered with the Midianites, and yet God said that the Israelites were too many to conquer them. Show just here how something more than number is necessary for success. There may be so many as to be in each other's way; or they might frighten each other. This may be illustrated in various ways. God meant to show how he could save by a few, but he wanted these few to be brave. Therefore he had the order given that all who were afraid might go home. Now put on the blackboard in bold figures,

22,000.

Then under it,

10,000.

Adding the two

will give

32,000.

the number Gideon

had at first. Then show how the number was

still further reduced. The Lord not only wanted brave men, but he wanted men who were quick, and who could move lively. Hence the singular method of trial. The army was brought to the water. Every man who put his hand down, and, filling it with water, drank hastily and passed on, showed thereby that he was a man of quick motions. Those, on the other hand, who bowed down on their knees to drink showed that they were too slow for this work. Thus the army was brought down to three hundred men. Then show, from the narrative, how the Midianites were surprised and overcome.

Who really did this work, the men of Gideon, or God working through them? Here illustrate how God can work as he pleases. Have the Golden Text repeated. Then make application of the lesson by showing that there are sins which we are expected to conquer as the men of Gideon conquered the Midianites. Ask for the names of some of these, and show how God gives help in the fight.

CATECHISM.

5. What are the actual privileges of baptized persons?

The actual privileges of baptized persons are these: they are made members of the visible Church of Christ; their gracious relation to him as the Second Adam, and as the Mediator of the New Covenant, is solemnly ratified by divine appointment: and they are thereby recognized as having a claim to all those spiritual blessings, of which they are the proper subjects.

WHISPER-SONG.

Wonders God can do—
 All his foes subdue
 By a faithful few,
 Firm and true.

Lessons for May.

- May 2. Death of Samson. Judges 16. 25-31.
 May 9. Ruth and Naomi. Ruth 1. 16-27.
 May 16. A Praying Mother. 1 Sam. 1. 21-28.
 May 23. The Child Samuel. 1 Sam. 3. 1-10.
 May 30. The Death of Eli. 1 Sam. 4. 12-18.