

Junior Department.

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Bible Study.

Every month you will find a number of Bible questions given. These are for the Juniors. They will be given under two classes: Class I, for all Juniors under twelve; and Class 2, for all under sixteen years of age.

Answers to these questions, prepared by the Juniors themselves, and sent on a post card to above address, are called for. At the end of three months the names and standing of all who send answers will be given, and at the end of the present year, prizes will be given to the girl and boy who have obtained the highest number of marks in each class. Let all the Juniors compete. Let every Junior Superintendent assist the Editor by encouraging their members to send their answers promptly.

QUESTIONS FOR CLASS I.

(Give Scripture references in answering.)

1. Where was Jesus born?
2. Where was Paul the Apostle born?
3. What was "the city of Andrew and Peter"?
4. From what hill did Jesus ascend into heaven?
5. Who lived at Bethany, and were loved by Jesus?

QUESTIONS FOR CLASS 2.

(Also give Scripture references.)

1. What prophet foretold that Jesus should be born?
2. On what occasion did Paul tell where he was born?
3. What relation were Andrew and Peter?
4. What great work did Jesus tell his Disciples to do (just before he ascended into heaven)?
5. Where and what was Bethany, and with what great event is it associated in the life of Jesus Christ?

A Bible Acrostic For All.

Name him by whom was Adonijah slain?
Now him with whom Paul pleaded; and in
cam?

Then find and write the early name of Dan?
And next, the steward of a drunken man?
What streamlet near the Mount of Olives
flows?

Judas' King fled 'er it from his foes.
Take capitals and finals (there are ten),
And read the names of two disappointed
men.

What a Little Girl Did With a Bible Story.

It was in the Junior League, of C—, that little V—, was learning about serving Christ. Her mother was dead and her father was a drinking man. She was only six, but wanted to do something for Jesus. One day at League the pastor told the Juniors how they could help him. Little ones may greatly help the pastors sometimes by listening attentively and by bringing others to hear the Word also. The pastor said that on the next Sabbath evening he would tell the story of some tame lions, and invited all to come and hear it, and to bring someone with them. Little V. wanted to go, and she also wanted to take her father; but he had not been to church for years, and when she asked him to go he roughly said "No!" But when the Sabbath came, V. asked him again and again, and at last, just to please her he went, and they both heard the story of how God delivered

Daniel from the lions. The service closed and the people went home. That night as the pastor was getting ready to retire, the door bell rang, and when he went to the door he found a man who asked for half an hour of his time. They went into the sitting room, and when the man began to weep the minister knew he was in trouble. He told how little V., his daughter, had coaxed him to go to church that night, and how every word of the sermon seemed to be for him. His life since V.'s mother died had been anything but a good one; but God had brought all his sins before his mind, and he bitterly repented them. The pastor and the penitent knelt together and prayed to God for pardon and restore the prodigal, and after a long struggle with his evil heart, the poor weeping sinner rose comforted in the assurance of pardon. He went home, commenced a new life, began to regain some of his lost business, and soon afterward left C. and went to T., and the last known of him by the pastor, was that he was trying to keep himself right with God and to be a true father to dear little V. I am sure that the Lord Jesus blessed the story of the tame lions not only to the little girl but to her father also, and that Jesus can use little children to bring others to himself. When you learn a Bible story tell it to others, and you may be used so in bringing some poor sinner back to God.

Coming Topics.

JUNE 11TH.—Generosity: The good that comes from it.—Prov. 11: 24—31.

What is generosity? How does it show itself? Where may the Juniors practice it most frequently? How may it be cultivated? What Bible characters have been noted for it? These and similar questions will open up the way for a very profitable talk. By way of contrast, show the effects of miserly and selfish habits, and their distastefulness to God. We should give as Christ gave—freely and unsparringly, etc.

Tom had two apples. One was a great big red one that seemed to be a perfect beauty. The other was a small yellow one that looked sour. Nellie wanted one, and said "Please" to her brother; but Tom said "No!" At last Tom took pity on Nellie and gave her the small apple, saying it was good enough for a girl. Nellie said "Thank you," and went off happy with her apple. Poor Tommy! When he came to bite his great big apple, he found that a worm had been working away inside, and that it was not half as good as it looked. Then, in his selfishness he wished that he had given Nell the big one, and had kept the small one, for it turned out to be sweet (in every way). Many a time we have been like Tommy. We have kept what we thought was worth something, and have given away what was of no use to us, and in the end have proved that selfishness often deceives and disappoints. Let us be generous, open-hearted, open-handed, willing to share our best with others. Show the Juniors that there is little virtue in giving away what one does not happen to have any use for, merely to get rid of it or to stop the persistence of the one who may be asking for help.

JUNE 18TH.—The Life of Christ. Sixth study. Commencing with the next number there will be given an outline study of the Life of Christ for Junior Leagueurs.)

This particular topic is designed to teach about the character and mission of Jesus as impressed upon us by His Transfiguration. Tell in simple language, as we sometimes do, the minds of the apostles as they beheld his glory. The Saviour was transfigured *while in prayer*. The one lesson, the transforming power of prayer, is sufficient, and if well impressed will prove a blessing to the young listeners. Do we pray, or do we merely say

our prayers? When we pray, does the time seem long, the duty unwelcome, and are we glad when we have finished? Only when we lose ourselves in prayer does "heaven come down our souls to meet, and glory crown the mercy-seat." After praying, Jesus came down to work, and could work better because He prayed.—So can we.

JUNE 25TH.—What qualities make up a perfect Christian character? I Cor. 13: 4-8.

The home readings for this topic always impress the benefit of doing them daily. We have the beautiful truth that religion begins in "faith" and ends in "love." Peter says "add to your faith, virtue. . . . Show that the cultivation of all the graces is necessary to be like Christ, and we are perfect just as far as we resemble Him. Tell the story of the young man who came to Jesus and was told by the Master what he must do if he would be "perfect." Self-sacrifice is the great principle He showed and taught.

(The gardens are full of roses and other flowers. A garden that has only roses will be beautiful for a short time; but soon the roses will fade and wither. A garden to be beautiful all the time needs other flowers as well. The sweet-peas, asters, gladioli, daffodils, pansies, etc., in their season all combine to make and keep the garden beautiful. So with the various graces in our lives. We need them all to be always beautiful before God.)

JULY 2ND.—The fruit God wants us to bear: Gal. 6: 19-26.

A fine opportunity is presented this week to apply the truths of the last week's topic. Each day's home-reading depicts one of the "fruits of the Spirit," and if properly studied at home and applied in the League meeting, will be of great benefit to the children in showing how the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart is to cultivate all the graces. One in whom the work of the Holy Spirit is manifest will be an all-round man or woman, boy or girl. A garden to be beautiful all the time needs other flowers as well. So in grace. He wants to have us developed in every quality of mind and heart, and will keep from us no desirable grace if we give Him a full place in our lives. Show how the Holy Spirit always works from within. He gives peace, joy, etc., to the inward man, and not by merely bringing outside influences, circumstances, etc., to be friendly to us. The true Christian is at "peace," has "joy," is "long-suffering," etc., because he is superior by the indwelling Spirit of God, to the external trouble of life.

JULY 9TH.—A Missionary Topic. (South America.)

Arrange for this "neglected continent" to be brought in some way right into your League meeting. The chief points in connection with it will be presented in our next number. But don't wait for it. Get to work at an early date to prepare for a good missionary meeting.

Some Things I Have Learned.

"The devil gets an army when he gets a child."

Make a boy happy now, and twenty years hence a man will be happy when he thinks of it.

A Junior League will not run itself—except to pieces.

Some pastors pay little attention to the Juniors.

Remember that the "lamb's" need to be fed little and often.

The Juniors know whether your work is slipshod or well-prepared. Keep in the lead if you want to say "Follow."

The more you give a Junior to do, the more he is both willing and able to do.

The Missionary Stamp League is worth looking into, and is worthy of your support. Join it.