

Work for Little Followers.

There's always work in plenty for little hands to do,
Something waiting every day that none may try but you;

Little burdens you may lift, happy steps that you can take,
Heavy hearts that you may comfort for the blessed Saviour's sake.

There's room for children's service in this busy world of ours;

We need them as we need the birds and need the summer flowers;
And their help to task and toiling the Church of God may claim,
And gather little followers in Jesus' holy name.

There are words for little lips, sweetest words of hope and cheer;

They will have the spell of music for many a tired ear.

Don't you wish your gentle words might lead some souls to look above,

Finding rest and peace and guidance in the dear Redeemer's love?

There are orders meant for you: swift and jubilant they ring.

O the bliss of being trusted on the errands of the King!

Fearless march in royal service; not an evil can befall

Those who do the gracious bidding, hasting at the Master's call.

There are songs which children only are glad enough to sing.

Songs that are as full of sunshine as the sunniest hours of spring.

Won't you sing them till our sorrows seem the easier to bear,

As we feel how safe we're sheltered in our blessed Saviour's care?

Yes, there's always work in plenty for the little ones to do,

Something waiting every day, that none may try but you;

Little burdens you may lift, happy steps that you may take,

Heavy hearts that you may comfort, doing it for Jesus' sake.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK.

A.D. 30] **LESSON VII.** [May 19

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

Mark 14. 12-26. Memory verses, 2. 24

GOLDEN TEXT.

This do in remembrance of me. Luke 22. 19.

OUTLINE.

- 1. The Passover, v. 12-21.
- 2. The Lord's Supper, v. 22-26.

TIME.—30 A.D.

PLACES.—Bethany, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives.

EXPLANATIONS.—*The first day*—unleavened bread. The day which preceded the feast of the evening. *Killed the passover*—Killed the lamb that was to furnish the passover supper. *The city*—Jerusalem. *Goodman of the house*—The owner as proprietor; not mentioned lest Judas should beforehand tell where he might be found. *They sat and did eat*—Originally this feast was to be eaten standing. The custom had been modified by the Jews. *Took bread*—An old custom, but adapted here for a new purpose. *This is my body*—Not his real body, but a symbol of the completeness of his gift of himself for the world. *The new testament*—The new covenant which now took the place of the old or Mosaic covenant. *sung a hymn*—Probably the regular passover hymn, which was the second part of the Hallel. It was customary to sing Psalms 113 and 114 before the feast, and the rest, 115-118, after the last cup.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

What is there in this lesson which teaches—
1. That Jesus knows all things?

- 2. That Jesus died for our sins?
- 3. That Jesus expects our obedience and love?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Where did Jesus eat his last passover? In the city of Jerusalem. 2. Who made all the needful preparation? Peter and John. 3. In what did this supper end? In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. 4. Of what was it to be a perpetual sign? Of the remission of sin. 5. What was the Saviour's command concerning it? "This do in remembrance of me."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Lamb of God.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

22. How is it proved that the New Testament is inspired by the Holy Spirit? The Saviour told his apostles that they should be witnesses of him, and promised that the Spirit should bring his words to their remembrance, and teach them things to come. John xiv. 26; xv. 26, 27.

A.D. 30] **LESSON VIII.** [May 26

JESUS BETRAYED.

Mark 14. 43-54. Memory verses, 48-50

GOLDEN TEXT.

Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? Luke 22. 48.

OUTLINE.

- 1. Betrayed, v. 43-49.
- 2. Deserted, v. 50-54.

TIME.—30 A.D.

PLACE.—Gethsemane. Jerusalem, in the high-priest's palace.

EXPLANATIONS.—*The chief priests, scribes, and the doctors*. Thus it seems every official body united to destroy Jesus. *Whosoever I shall kiss*. The kiss was the common Oriental salutation in token of peace, like our hearty hand-shake. *A certain young man*. It is generally supposed that this was Mark. *The high-priest*. This was Caiaphas, who by virtue of his office stood at the head of the whole ecclesiastical system of the Jews. *All the chief priests, etc.*—This was a full meeting of the Sanhedrin for trial. *Sat with the servants*—He was in the outer court, where he could see what passed.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Against what are we warned by the example of—

- 1. A false disciple?
- 2. A rash disciple?
- 3. The unstable disciples?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. How did Judas reveal Jesus to the crowd? He called him Master, and kissed him. 2. What did Jesus say to him? "Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" 3. With what did Jesus reproach them all? For not taking him openly. 4. Whither did they first lead him? To the palace of Annas. 5. Who followed him thither? Peter and another disciple.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Human sinfulness.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

23. What other proof is there that the Bible is inspired? Its wonderful and heavenly power over the human heart. Hebrews iv. 12, 13; 2 Timothy iii. 16.

24. How must we then esteem the Scriptures?

As the true word of God; the sure and sufficient rule of faith and practice.

THE BOY'S GIFT.

A GREAT many years ago, in a little town in Scotland, there was a missionary meeting. Some very interesting idols were shown, and a description was given of the heathen land from which the missionaries came, and there were a great many strange dresses that he tried on.

There was a little boy, away up in one corner of the gallery, whose soul was intensely working within him, as he listened to all this description of what the heathen suffered, and of all the missionaries had done to turn them from their dead idols to serve

the living God. As the boy looked and listened, his little heart beat high within him. He said to himself, "If I live, I will be a missionary. I will go to the heathen myself, and I will try to do something to win them to Christ."

By-and-by, when the meeting closed, there was a collection. The little fellow felt in his pockets, but he hadn't anything—he had not a single penny. He was very sorry—very much ashamed of himself; and he did not like to go down and pass the plate at the door without putting in something: so he waited up in the corner of the gallery till all the people had gone, and till the two men who stood at the door should have had time to carry away the full plates into the little room behind to count the money, and then began to go quietly down the stairs. But the quick ears of one of the men heard a footstep; and, true to his duty, the man remained; and, when the little boy came, he held out the plate to him. This was something he had not expected, and his little face flushed all over; but, with a quick thought, he said to the man:

"Hold it a little lower, sir." The man held it lower. "Lower still, sir." He put it down lower still. "A little lower yet." The man put the plate down lower yet. "Please lay it on the ground, sir."

The good man, not knowing what he meant, put the plate on the ground, and the little fellow stepped into it, and said: "I have no money; but I will give myself. In God's name I mean to be a missionary." That was the biggest collection they had that night.—*Rev. S. H. Patterson, M.D.*

THE LAME BUTTERFLY.

HERE is a pretty little incident in the life of a great and good man, Rev. Charles Kingsley. He loved animals of all kinds. One Sunday morning, in passing from the altar to the pulpit, he disappeared; and we discovered that he was searching for something on the ground, which when found was taken to the vestry. Subsequently it came out that he was assisting a lame butterfly, which was in great danger of being trodden on. There was nothing incongruous, nothing in the nature of an effort to him, in turning from the gravest thoughts and duties to the simplest acts of kindness, and observation of everything around him.

"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things, both great and small."

PREACHING and teaching in the Sunday schools often seem foolishness, mere blowing of rams' horns, movements in routine. Hearts seem as hard as stone walls. The gates are closed. Never mind, pastor and teacher! You have your orders. Keep on. "Peter continued knocking," and got in. Joshua marched round Jericho till he entered.

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