

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 3.] PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. [JAN. 21.

Luke 3. 1-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Prepare ye the way of the Lord.—Luke 3. 4.

MEMORY VERSES, 3-6.—And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth.

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Jesus lived quietly in Nazareth for eighteen years after the visit to Jerusalem. When he was thirty years of age he began to preach, and the story of his entrance upon this great work is told in this lesson. John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin and was six months older. People gathered from all parts of the country to hear him, and to be baptized in the river Jordan if they were sorry for their sins.

John did not want any honour for himself, but he told the people that a greater than he was coming, and that this one would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

When Jesus heard what John the Baptist was doing he knew that the time had come for him to begin his work. So he went to John and was baptized by him.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What preacher did the people go to hear?

John the Baptist.

2. Whom did he baptize?

Those who were sorry for their sins.

3. Where did he baptize?

In the river Jordan.

4. Who was John?

A cousin of Jesus.

5. What was he sent to do?

Prepare the way for Jesus.

6. Who came to John to be baptized?

Jesus.

7. Why did he do this?

To set us a good example.