

Tim became so earnest a student in the school, that his teacher did not know till months afterwards, when visiting, of the former character of his quiet, orderly scholar.—*Sel.*

BITTER FRUIT.

"This is very pleasant!" cried a young bear, as he floated down the river on a log he had found by the water's edge. "What a mistake my mother made when she told me not to go on it! It's the nicest time I ever had, and so I shall tell her when I get back."

And the log floated down the river.

"I wonder when it will go the other way!" cried the little bear after a time, as the current bore him farther and farther from home; "I'm getting hungry."

But the log floated on.

"I want to go back!" cried the little bear, again; "I've been quite far enough, and I'm getting stiff and cramped."

Still the log floated on.

"O dear!" cried the little bear, "I wish I'd listened to my mother; I believe she was right, after all, and when I get home I think I'll tell her so."

But, alas! the poor little bear never had a chance of telling her so, for he never saw his mother or his home again. He was seen and captured by some fur traders, and many a time in his captivity did he mourn over the disobedience that cost him his liberty.—*Mrs. Prosser.*

CHILDREN'S HYMN.

Little children, watch and pray,
Never, never, go astray;
Trust in Jesus' mighty arm,
He will keep you safe from harm.

Never by your actions prove
You are heedless of God's love;
Strive to learn how to obey
Yet more fully every day.

Little children, sing this song,
And the joyous words prolong,
"We are children of a King,
This is why we gladly sing."

The Sabbath School Lessons.

Dec. 4.—Matt. 13: 1-9. Memory vs. 3-6.

Parable of the Sower.

GOLDEN TEXT.—LUKE 8: 11. CATECHISM. Q. 51.

Introductory.

What is a parable?

Why did our Lord teach by parables?

What seven parables are given in Matt. 13?

To whom were the first four addressed?

The last three?

What is the title of this lesson?

Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place?

Recite the memory verses. The Catechism.

I. The Wayside Hearers. vs. 1-4.

Who came to Jesus by the seaside?

What did he do?

Where was the multitude?

How did he teach them?

What did the sower do?

Where did some of the seed fall?

Who is the sower?

What is meant by the seed?

Who are they by the wayside?

How is the good seed taken away from them?

II. The Stony-Ground Hearers. vs. 5, 6.

Where did another part of the seed fall?

What became of it?

What effect had the sun on it?

Why?

Who are those that receive the seed on stony ground?

What follows their having no root?

Who did Jesus say are his disciples indeed? John 8: 31.

III. The Thorny-Ground Hearers. vs. 7.

Where did another part of the seed fall?

What hindered its bearing fruit?

Who are those that receive the seed in thorny ground?

Why may we not love the world and Christ too? Matt. 6: 24.

How can we keep our Christian life from being destroyed by the cares of the world?

What most hinders you from serving Christ?