

who had become followers of Jesus, many of them became believers also, so that the church at Jerusalem grew larger and larger every day.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Peter preach to the Jews about on the day of Pentecost? 2. Who did he show them that Jesus really was? 3. Did they believe that he was speaking the truth? 4. What question did they ask

Peter and the other apostles? 5. What two things did Peter tell them they must do? 6. Why were they to be baptized? 7. For how many people did he say God's message was intended? 8. How many people in one day asked to be baptized? 9. What were this company of believers called? 10. How did they spend much of their time? 11. Why did the friends of the first believers want to become followers of Jesus also? 12. What is the Golden Text?

THE BABY'S BADGE

"Look, mother, at our new Mission Band badges," cried Tom and Ethel, bursting into the room where mother and baby were sitting.

"Mine's red and Ethel's is blue," said Tom, "and we're to wear them all the time to show that we belong to the society."

"And mother," said Ethel, "do look at the lovely gold letters—T. K. M., that means we're 'The King's Messengers.'"

Just then baby Arthur caught sight of the bright ribbons and began to laugh and crow.

"What a pity he can't have a badge too," said Tom, "but I guess he'll have to wait until he's a little bigger, won't he mother?"

"He's going to get one next Sunday," said mother, "when he is baptized."

"Why, mother, how funny," said Ethel,

"The minister will only sprinkle a little water on him—he won't give him any badge."

"It's the same thing, dear, for baptism is the sign which shows that we belong to God."

"Is it really mother?" said Tom. "I never knew that before." "Yes," added the mother, and I trust my little ones will never forget that God's mark is upon them, and they will always try to do just what God wants them to do. When those people we have been hearing about to-day were baptized, it was full of danger to be a Christian. There were many wicked enemies who took delight in hurting those who believed in Jesus, and sometimes they put them to death; but God made them strong and brave, so that they were not afraid even to die for Christ's sake."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

The Church is Christ's Home



Primary Catechism—68. Which is the Second Commandment? The Second Commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

Shorter Catechism—3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit, brighten
Little deeds of toil;
And our playful pastimes
Let no folly spoil.

Holy Spirit, keep us
Safe from sins which lie
Hidden by some pleasure
From our youthful eye.

Amen.

—Hymn 551, Book of Praise