

Lesson Story *

A gentleman and lady were standing in a foundry, before a pot of hot melted iron. The attendant told the gentleman, that if he would first plunge his hand into cold water, he could put it into the hot metal for a second, without its burning him. "No thank you," said the gentleman, "I believe what you say, but I do not care to prove it." "Let me try," said his wife. She thrust her hand into cold water, then put it into the hot iron and drew it out again, quite unharmed.

"You believed," said the attendant to the gentleman, "but your wife trusted." Children, do you see the difference?

Lesson Hymn

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by. Amen.
—Hymn 168, Book of Praise

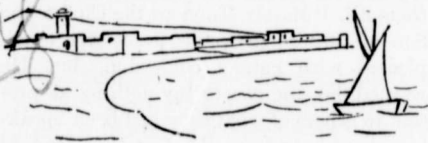
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment? The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother." 82. What is it to honour our father and mother? To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression? A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him, by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

You have heard of missionaries sailing away from the shores of their own land to



distant countries. They go to tell the people in those countries about the Saviour. Is it

not fine to think, that our offerings will help to send more missionaries? For there are so many yet who do not know of Jesus' love.

I Have Learned To-day TO TRUST THE SAVIOUR

MARY AT THE SEPULCHRE

An Alternative Lesson

John 20: 1-18

The disciples were very sad indeed when Jesus told them that the time had come when He must die. Even though He had promised them that He should rise again, they could not quite believe it; so that when His body was taken down from the cross and laid away in the grave in Joseph's garden, they had given up all hope of ever seeing Him again.

But Jesus did rise again, even as He said, and when, early on the morning of the third day after His crucifixion, Mary Magdalene came to the garden, she found the grave empty. Thinking Jesus' body had been stolen, she at once ran to warn the disciples, and returned weeping to the grave.

Again stooping down and looking into the tomb, she now saw two angels in white, sitting, one at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had lain. "Woman, why are you crying?" they asked kindly. "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where to find Him," she answered sadly.

As Mary spoke, she turned, and saw a man behind her, whom she took to be the gardener. He too asked why she wept, and in her grief Mary begged that, if he knew where the body of Jesus was, he would tell her, that she might take care of it.

"Mary!" answered the stranger. Surely she knew that voice! It was not the gardener, but the Master Himself. In her sudden joy, Mary would have held Jesus by the feet; but He said, "Do not touch Me, for I have not yet returned to My Father. But go and tell My disciples that I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God."

So Mary was the first of all Jesus' friends to spread the good news that He had risen from the dead.