

dry up the fountains of his great heart. Joseph never seems so grand as in this scene. (Go over the details of it with the class; using Rom. 12 : 19-21 to clench the nail.)

2. *A Beautiful Peace*, 22, 23.

Length of days and a numerous posterity were counted in those times as heaven's choicest blessings. Joseph, his son Ephraim, Ephraim's son, and grandson and great-grandson—all in one group! What a picture. And add to this that Joseph still enjoyed honor from the Egyptians, the reverence of the whole house of Jacob, and abundance of this world's goods—and we have an example of how God delights to bless those who are faithful to Him. Ps. 91 : 14-16 ; 92 : 12-15.

3. *Triumphant Trust*, 24-26.

His bodily strength is failing. The end is just at hand. He is about to die. But God lives and God's word can never be broken. So, in perfect confidence, he recalls the promises of ch. 15 : 14 ; 46 : 4, and his dying father's words in ch. 48 : 21. He therefore wants no burial till he shall be buried in Canaan. He knows not just when it will be, but he trusts ; and so dies in faith and hope, Heb. 11 : 22. It is such an ending that makes death glorious, Num. 23 : 10.

Prove from Scripture

That a guilty conscience brings fear.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. "Conscience makes cowards of us all."
2. Joseph's death-bed.
3. Embalming in Egypt.

The Catechism Question

Ques. 100. *The Preface of the Lord's Prayer.*

"This preface, or fore-word, as it means, is in the form of an invocation or an address to the great Object of prayer," says Professor Salmond. "Its purpose is to teach us about the Hearer of prayer, and so to instruct us in the spirit in which we are to approach Him." Very simple, this preface is, and penetrating. It rises to the heights of heaven. It goes down to the depths of men's hearts. Mark the chief words : (1) "Father"—How close it brings God to us (Ps. 103 : 13) ; especially when to have seen Jesus is to have seen the Father (John 14 : 8, 9). (2) "Heaven"—the abode of infinite majesty and might. Because "in heaven," He is "able," and because our Father is "ready to help us." Therefore we should "draw near with all holy reverence and confidence." (3) The word "Our" gives a sweep to the prayer like the wideness of the sea : "with and for others", and all others, should we pray.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

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Connection—Some analogies between Joseph and Jesus may be pointed out. Both were hated and sold by their brethren. Joseph saved men from starvation ; Jesus from sin. Trace other analogies also, such as returning good for evil.

The End of Life—Death is not an unfamiliar thought for even the little ones. So many homes we see every day being visited by the angel of Death, and loved ones called by God to leave earthly home and friends and go to the heavenly home. Children sometimes fear death. Aim to take away this dread. This fall month, November, suggests the close of life. Have the children noticed the pretty flowers drooping their heads and fading away, and the leaves be-

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