

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

LESSON 1.]

JESUS AND JOHN.

[JAN. 2.]

Matthew 3. 7-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.—This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
—Matt. 3. 17.

MEMORY VERSES, 13-17.—Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffice it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

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

LESSON STORY.

John the Baptist, the fore-runner of our Lord, used to baptize people in the Jordan. He told of Christ, whose shoes he was not worthy to bear. He could only baptize with water and urge people to repent, but Christ could baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and could change the heart.

One day Jesus himself came to be baptized. At first John did not like to do it, for he did not feel worthy, and said that he needed rather that Christ should baptize him. But Jesus said that he wished to set a good example, so he went into the water. And lo, as he did so, the Spirit of God descended upon him like a dove.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who was John the Baptist?

The fore-runner of Christ.

2. What did he do?

He preached and baptized.

3. In whose name?

In the name of Jesus.