

THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

I WAS but a little lamb
From the Shepherd straying,
When I heard within my heart
Some one softly saying:
"Follow me, follow me,
I will safely guide thee,
Through the stormy ways of life
Walking close beside thee."
Never turning from the voice,
Never disobeying,
Let me know that unto me
Christ is always saying:
"Follow me, follow me,
I will guide thee,
Through the stormy ways of life
Walking close beside thee."
Early to his loving care
Shall my heart be given;
For each step I take with him
Brings me nearer heaven.
"Follow me, follow me,"
Is the Saviour saying
Unto every little lamb
Who from him is straying.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

A.D. 30.] LESSON X. [Sept. 5.]

JESUS THE TRUE VINE.

John 15. 1-16. Commit to mem. vs 4-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am the vine, ye are the branches. John 15. 5.

OUTLINE.

1. The Vine and the Branches, v. 1-3.
2. Abiding in the Vine, v. 4-6.
3. The Blessedness of Abiding, v. 7-16.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What does Jesus call himself? The true vine.

What does he call his disciples? The branches of the vine. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

Who is the Master of the vine? The Father.

What does the Master cut off and throw away? The branches that do not bear fruit.

Why does he clean and trim the branches that bear fruit? So that they will bear more fruit.

What becomes of the branch when it is separated from the vine? It dies.

When do we bear much fruit? When we abide in Jesus, the true vine.

What fruit do we bear? The fruit of Christ, joy, love, peace, faith, patience.

What does Jesus promise to those who abide in him? To give them all that they ask.

For what will they ask Jesus? For those things that will give glory and honour to his name.

What are we like when we do not abide in Jesus? Like dead branches.

What is it to abide in Jesus as the branch abides in the vine? To love him and do his will with all our mind and heart and soul.

When does Jesus love us? When we keep his commandments.

What new commandment did he give us to keep? To love one another as he loved us.

What proof did he give us of his love? He laid down his life for us.

What does he call us? His friends.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

You all know that branches, whether they are large or small, cannot live, or bear any fruit if they are cut off from the vine. No more can we keep good and bear fruit unless we stay close to Jesus. (See GOLDEN TEXT.) As long as we are like the branches that get all their life and power to grow from the vine, by being a part of it, we shall not only live, but shall grow more and more fruitful every day.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Mau's end God's glory.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Why will their joy be perfect? Because they will be always with the Lord.

Will they suffer nothing there? Good men will suffer nothing in heaven: they will have no want nor pain nor sin.

A.D. 30.] LESSON XI. [Sept. 12.]

THE MISSION OF THE SPIRIT.

John 16 5-20 Commit to memory verses 8-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He will guide you into all truth. John 16. 13.

OUTLINE.

1. Sorrow, v. 5, 6.
2. Comfort, v. 7-15.
3. Hope, v. 16-20.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Jesus say he must go? To God, who sent him.

Why was he going back to God? That he might send a comforter to them.

Who was the comforter he was going to send? The Holy Spirit.

Of what would the Holy Spirit convict the world? Of its sin in rejecting Jesus.

What would the Holy Spirit show the

world? Jesus sitting at the right hand of God.

Upon whom would the Holy Spirit bring judgment? Upon Satan, the prince of the world.

What did Christ do by dying for the world? He broke the power of Satan.

What is this world to become? The kingdom of Christ.

What did Jesus tell his disciples? That he had many things to tell them that they could not understand.

Who would help them to understand them after he had gone? The Holy Spirit. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

Why could the Holy Spirit help them? Because he was sent from God to teach and guide them.

When did Jesus say his disciples should have sorrow? In a little while.

What would cause their sorrow? His death on the cross.

What would turn their sorrow into joy? His resurrection.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Jesus knew we could never find our way to heaven with so many forbidden paths lying all about us, alone, and so he promised a guide. (See GOLDEN TEXT, and Psa. 32. 8.)

How good he was to make the way so plain that little feet could walk in it and not lose it! The Bible, with mother, father, teacher, and pastor to make its lessons plain and clear, are a part of the guiding, and the Holy Spirit will do all the rest. Let us ask that he may come and stay with us.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Trinity.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What sort of bodies will they have? They will have bodies such as can never die, made like the glorious body of Jesus Christ.

How will they be employed? In praising and serving God.

IMPORTANT ADVICE TO BOYS.

SAY nothing you would not like God to hear. Ecclesiastes v. 2.

Do nothing you would not like God to see. Titus ii. 7.

Write nothing you would not like God to read. Hebrews iv. 13.

Go to no place where you would not like God to find you. Job xxxiv. 21.

Read no book of which you would not like God to say, "Show it me." John v. 39.

Never spend your time in such a way that you would not like God to ask, "What art thou doing?" 1 Thessalonians v. 17.

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