

were astonished at the questions he asked and the answers he gave them.

When Jesus saw that his father and mother had come to look for him, we may be sure he was very sorry that he had caused them so much trouble, but he told them that it was time now that he should be beginning to attend to the business of his Father in heaven. They did not know at the time what Jesus meant, but they understood it all afterwards.

However, Jesus went home with them and was very obedient to them in all things. But Mary could not forget the things that had happened, and she felt in her heart that God had some wonderful work for the boy Jesus to do. His parents were only taking care of him till he should be ready to begin that work.

Day after day the boy Jesus worked and played and studied, and made his home very happy by his loving obedience and his joyous spirit. He grew tall and strong and beautiful in appearance and was loved by everybody. And God, his heavenly Father, lovingly watched him growing to be the only perfect man that ever lived. Will you not all try to be like Jesus?

Our Golden Text says, "The path of the righteous is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom is our story about?
2. How old was the boy Jesus at that time?
3. Where was his home then?
4. Why were the people all going up to Jerusalem?
5. How long did it take them to go?
6. On the return journey when did Mary and Joseph find that the boy Jesus was not with them?
7. Where did they look for him?
8. Where did they at last go?
9. Where did they find Jesus?
10. What was he doing?
11. What did the wise men think about him?
12. What did he tell Mary?
13. How did he show his obedience to them?
14. What did Mary feel in her heart?
15. What did Jesus do day by day?
16. How did he grow?
17. Who loved him?
18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

And, through all His wondrous childhood,
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly mother

In whose gentle arms He lay :
Christian children all should be
Mild, obedient, good as He. Amen.

—Hymn 519, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—107. Can the washing with water take away our sins? No. It is the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ that cleanse from sin.

The Question on Missions

5. What is the kitchen like? It is a dark, grimy shed, for the brick stove has no chimney. A large iron pot shaped like a saucer sits on the stove. The utensils are a large, earthen water jar, a bake board, a rolling pin, a vegetable knife, and a wooden porridge scoop.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"About my Father's business," were Jesus' words to his father and mother when they found him in the temple. Business just means work, and there is no boy or girl so small but the heavenly Father has some work for him

MY FATHER'S
BUSINESS

or her to do. Jesus teaches us that we should be faithful in our work. Copy the drawing, and try to find some work which you can do to show your love to Jesus, who loves you so dearly.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP GOD