

should next do. "Go, sell the oil," said the prophet, "and pay your debt, and you and your sons shall live upon the rest." So the woman paid her debt, and spent the rest of her days in comfort.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Elisha in great trouble?
2. What did the man to whom she owed money threaten to do?
3. What kind of man had her husband been?
4. What did Elisha ask the woman?
5. How did she answer him?
6. What did he tell her to get from her neighbors?
7. What was she to do with the jars?
8. What happened when she began to pour the oil?
9. Why did she stop pouring?
10. Why did she return to Elisha?
11. For what did the woman use the oil?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

An Eastern king was once in need of a faithful and obedient servant, whom he found and tested in a rather strange way:—

Two men came seeking employment. He engaged them both, and set them to work to fill a basket with water from a neighboring well. After putting in one or two bucketfuls, one of them said, "I am not going to do such fool's work. As soon as we put the water in on one side, it runs out on the other."

The second man answered, "But we have our day's wages, haven't we? The use of the work is the master's business, not ours." "I am not going to do such fool's work," replied the other, and throwing down his bucket, he went away.

The other man continued to work, until about sunset he emptied the well. Looking down into it, he saw something shining at the bottom. He let down his bucket once more, and drew up a precious diamond ring. "Now I see the use of pouring water into a basket!" he exclaimed. "If the bucket had brought up the ring before the well was dry, it would have been found in the basket. The labor is not useless after all."

At this moment the king came up to him, and as he bade the man keep the ring, he said, "Thou hast been faithful in a little thing; now I see I can trust thee in great

things. Henceforward thou shalt stand at my hand."

Lesson Hymn

God sees the little sparrow fall,
It meets His tender view;
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me too.

God made the little birds and flowers,
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all. Amen.

—Hymn 514, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—117. What command did Jesus give about the gospel before He left the world? Jesus told His disciples to go and preach the gospel to all the world.

SHORTER CATECHISM—44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us? A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How very safe the birds' nest looks in the branches of the tree! Here the young birds wait for the food which the mother is sure



to bring them. Far safer are those who trust themselves to the care of the loving heavenly Father. He will not let any real harm come to them, and He will give them all they need.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD PROVIDES FOR ME