

2. *Whence flows the Living Water?* From a Rock—a smitten Rock. Christ was smitten for us with the rod of God's justice, and thus purchased for us the gift of the Spirit.

3. Who can have the Living Water? "Who-soever will." See Isa. lv. 1, 2; John vii. 37; Rev. xxi. 6; xxii. 17; Luke xi. 9, 13.

Seed-Thoughts for Senior Scholars.

1. Did the people ask for a supply of water properly?
2. If God withheld all good from us till sought properly what would become of us?
3. Does he grant the highest blessings of pardon and peace except when properly sought?
4. Did he grant them pardon and acceptance with the water?
5. How long had been their experience in the wilderness?
6. Did God direct Moses to smite the rock?
7. Why did he smite it, and smite it twice?
8. With what offence does God charge Moses and Aaron?
9. What is the meaning of *to sanctify me*?
10. To What danger are leaders and ministers exposed in their good work?
11. Did God pardon Moses and Aaron?
12. If he did, why did he shut them out of Canaan?
13. Does God correct and chasten those who are prepared for heaven?
14. If so, why?
15. If we will not glorify, or sanctify God, will he glorify himself upon us?

Blackboard Exercises.

The lesson of the smitten rock is an illustration of the power and mercy of God. The application of the lesson is a beautiful illustration of the love and mercy of Jesus. The Israelites felt a pressing want of water in their great thirst, but all mankind had a greater need for the pure water of life, when the spiritual rock Christ Jesus was smitten for our sake. An angry hand smote the rock in the presence of the Israelites, yet the waters which gushed forth were pure and satisfying because God sent them.

Angry hands smote Jesus, yet the divine stream of mercy flows freely for all, and if any man thirst he can come and drink. Let us give God the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blackboard Song:

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From thy wounded side which flow'd,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from wrath and make me pure.

The Primary Class.

Notice that thirty-eight years have passed since the incidents of the last lesson. Speak of the wanderings of the people during that time, and their return to Kae-sh. They thirst, and God in a wonderful way provides water for them. Let the class give the principle events of the lesson, first, without a word from the teacher. This will show who have learned the lesson at home. Next read the lesson, or narrate its events, and then question the class. See if any will notice the difference between what Moses was commanded to do, (v. 8,) and what he actually did. (v. 10, 11.) This will help them to understand why God was displeased with Moses. Show how anger made Moses do a foolish and a wicked thing. Briefly touch on the sin of anger, and then come to the spiritual application of the history which Paul makes, and use the Golden Text in connection with it. As the rock supplied the wants of the thirsty Israelites, so Jesus can supply all the wants of the soul. He says, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink."

Whisper Song.

A strong Rock, a high Rock,
Is Christ above;
Smitten Rock, living Rock,
The Christ we love.

Miscellaneous.

THEMES FOR BIBLE READINGS.

1. THE POWER OF GOD. Psa. cxv. 3; Jer. xxxii. 17; Matt. xix. 26; Rev. xix. 6.
2. THE POWER OF CHRIST. Mat. xxviii. 18; John x. 18; 1 Cor. i. 24; Col. ii. 10; Rev. i. 8.
3. THE POWER OF THE WORD. Psa. xix. 7; John xvii. 17; Jer. xxiii. 29; Heb. iv. 12; 1 John ii. 14.
4. PROMISES OF POWER. Eph. iii. 20, 21; Matt. xxi. 22; Luke xxi. 15; John viii. 32; Isa. xl. 31.
5. POWER SOUGHT. 1 Thess. v. 23; Acts i. 8, 14; ii. 1-4; 2 Cor. xii. 7-10.
6. POWER RECEIVED. Phil. iv. 13; Rom. viii. 37; 2 Tim. i. 7.
7. PRAYER FOR POWER. Psa. lxi. 1-3; lxxxvi. 16; Luke xxiii. 32; 1 Chron. xvi. 11.

LESSONS FOR JUNE.

- JUNE 7. The Serpent of Brass. Num. xxi. 4-9.
JUNE 14. The True Prophet. Deut. xviii. 9-16.
JUNE 21. The Death of Moses. Deut. xxxiv. 1-12.
JUNE 28. Review of Second Quarter.