

went up into the mountain. He went up to pray. We know this from Luke's account. Who appeared to talk with him? (Print in the smaller squares MOSES and ELIJAH, respectively.) What did they talk about? The approaching sufferings and death of Jesus. How would this strengthen Jesus for his coming trial? How would it prepare the three disciples for the future? What mistake did Peter make? After the vision who disappeared? Moses and Elijah. (Draw strokes through these names.) Who was left? Jesus ONLY (Print in the larger square under Jesus). Now impress upon the scholars that we can always count upon Jesus' remaining with us if we are willing to have him. Press home upon each scholar the question, Is Jesus with you?

Lesson IV.

JESUS REBUKES SELFISHNESS

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Mark 9:33-42. Study Mark 9:30-50. Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXT—If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and minister of all.—Mark 9:35 (Rev. Ver.).

33 And ¹he came to Capernaum: and ²being in the house he asked them, What ³was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way?

34 But they held their peace: for ⁴by the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should* be the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and ⁵said unto them, If any man ⁶desire to be first, ⁷the same shall be last of all, and ⁸servant of all.

36 And he took a ⁹child, and set him in the midst of them: and ¹⁰when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such ¹¹children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever ¹²shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

Revised Version—¹they; ²when he was in; ³were ye reasoning in the way; ⁴they had disputed one with another in the way, who was the greatest; ⁵he; ⁶would be; ⁷minister; ⁸little; ⁹taking him; ¹⁰receiveth; ¹¹John said unto him; ¹²Omit five words; ¹³followed; ¹⁴mighty work; ¹⁵and be able quickly to speak; ¹⁶for us; ¹⁷Omit three words; ¹⁸are Christ's; ¹⁹in no wise; ²⁰cause; ²¹on me to stumble, it were better; ²²if a great.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Greatness of the Servant, 33-35.
- II. The Greatness of the Child, 36, 37.
- III. The Greatness of a Cup of Water, 38-42.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Jesus rebukes selfishness, Mark 9:30-42. T.—Dealing with offenders, Mark 9:43-50. W.—A mother's ambition, Matt. 20:20-28. Th.—True greatness, Luke 22:24-30. F.—Love, the great corrective, 1 Cor. 13:1-13. S.—A cure for greed, James 4:1-10. S.—Warning against strong drink, Isa. 28:1-7.

38 ¹¹And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, ¹²and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he ¹³followeth not us.

39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a ¹⁴miracle in my name, ¹⁵that can lightly speak evil of me.

40 For he that is not against us is ¹⁶on our part.

41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink ¹⁷in my name, because ye ¹⁸belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall ¹⁹not lose his reward.

42 And whosoever shall ²⁰offend one of these little ones that believe ²¹in me, it is better for him ²²that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

Primary Catechism—Ques. 87. Which is the Eighth Commandment? A. The Eighth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal."

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 12-14.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: Memory Hymn—Primary, 26; Junior, 46, 21, 45, 556, 235.

Special Scripture Reading—Phil. 2:1-11. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 541, Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. For Question on Missions, K. 63, Boys Carrying Load of Straw. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto.)

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—Autumn, A.D. 30; Galilee and Capernaum.

Connecting Links—Jesus, departing from the place where he had healed the lunatic child (see last lesson), passes through Galilee, avoiding as far as possible public attention and giving himself to the instruction of his disciples. After some time Jesus and the disciples come to Capernaum, where the incident of the tribute money (Matt. 17:24-27) takes place. This is followed by Jesus' teaching the disciples their equality as brethren

and who shall be regarded as greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

As Jesus and his disciples were passing through Galilee, he spoke to them about his approaching death and resurrection. They did not, however, understand what he said, and were afraid to ask him. Vs. 30-32.

I. The Greatness of the Servant, 33-35.

V. 33. *He came to Capernaum.* This city was a kind of home for Jesus. *In the house;* probably a particular house in which Jesus was accustomed to stay, quite likely that of