

Then the Israelites began to bow down to the wooden images. Now amongst the Ten Commandments which God had given to His people, this one stood first: **THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.** How grieved God was! He had to punish His disobedient children. Soldiers from other countries came and fought the Israelites. God had to teach His children to obey Him and so He let their enemies win in battle.

Then the Israelites cried, "Save us, O Lord our God!" God forgave them, for God forgives whenever His people ask. This is what we are taught by the beautiful verse which is the Golden Text: "**I WILL HEAL THEIR BACKSLIDING, I WILL LOVE THEM FREELY.**"

God also raised up leaders for His people who were called judges, and these helped the people to drive back their enemies. Besides, the judges told the people the things which God would have them do. But as soon as the judge was dead the people would turn again to their wickedness and forget God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what place did Joshua call the Israelites? 2. What did he tell them that God had done for them? 3. What did he bid them do? 4. What promise did they make? 5. What reminder of this promise was set up? 6. What happened to Joshua not long after? 7. What wicked thing did the Israelites begin to do? 8. How did God punish them? 9. What did God do when the people gave up their sin? 10. Whom did He raise up to help them against their

enemies? 11. What did the people do as soon as the judge died? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Lord, I confess to Thee
Sadly my sin;
All I am, tell I Thee;
All I have been!
Purge Thou my sin away,
Wash Thou my soul this day,
Lord, make me clean! Amen.
—Hymn 160, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE PATIENT WITH
OTHERS

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—1. Who made you? God made me. 2. Who is God? God is my heavenly Father. 3. What kind of a father is God? God is a good and loving Father.

SHORTER CATECHISM—1. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, OUR CHURCH'S BUDGET.)—

1. What is meant by the Budget of our church? The Budget is the amount of money required for the missionary and other work of the whole church. Each part of this work is under the care of a Board or Committee made up of ministers and others appointed by the General Assembly.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The words to *copy* are from the First Commandment. Ask God to help you to obey this law.

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS