

ceive. He had already uttered the same thought, (Matt. 18. 3.) but now he repeats it. **As a little child.** He who would enter Christ's kingdom must come with the submissive, willing, teachable spirit of a child. **Took them up.** He did more for them than they had asked or expected: they sought a blessing, he gave them an embrace. **Blessed them.** Thereby showing his love for and sympathy with childhood, and his willingness to receive even the youngest who come to him.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

**I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.**—Psa. 101. 2.

**OUTLINE.**

**1. On Marriage.** v. 1-12.

**2. On Childhood.** v. 13-16.

**LESSON HYMNS.**

*No. 814, New Hymn Book. 7s & 6s.*

O love, divine and tender!  
That through our homes doth move,  
Veiled in the softened splendour  
Of holy household love:

A throne, without thy blessing,  
Were labour without rest,  
And cottages, possessing  
Thy blessedness, are blest.

*No. 815, New Hymn Book. C. M.*

Happy the home: when God is there,  
And love fills every breast;  
When one their wish, and one their prayer,  
And one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name  
Is sweet to every ear;  
Where children early lisp his fame,  
And parents hold him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard,  
And praise is wont to rise;  
Where parents love the sacred word,  
And live but for the skies.

*No. 838, New Hymn Book. 11, 8, 12, 9.*

I think, when I read that sweet story of old,  
When Jesus was here among men,  
How he called little children as lambs to his fold,  
I should liked to have been with him then.

I wish that his hands had been placed on my head,

That his arms had been thrown around me,  
That I might have seen his kind look when he said,

"Let the little ones come unto me."

Yet still to his footstool in prayer I may go,  
And ask for a share in his love;  
And if I thus earnestly seek him below,  
I shall see him and hear him above.

**HOME READINGS.**

*M.* A lesson on home. Mark 10. 1-16.

*Tu.* The first marriage. Gen. 2. 15-24.

*W.* Isaac and Rebekah. Gen. 24. 50-67.

*Th.* The excellent woman. Prov. 31. 10-31.

*F.* The social relations. Eph. 5. 22-33.

*S.* The duties of home. 1 Pet. 3. 1-12.

*S.* The psalm of home. Psa. 128. 1-6.

**Time.**—A. D. 29, during Christ's ministry in Perea, about a month before the crucifixion.

**Place.**—Perea, east of Jordan.

**Connecting Links.**—1. Christ's final departure from Galilee. Luke 9. 51-62. 2. Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. John 7. 10-21. 3. Jesus at the Feast of Dedication. John 10. 22-39. 4. Jesus in Perea. John 10. 39-42.

**Parallel Passages.**—Matt. 19. 3-15; Luke 18. 15-17.

**QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.**

**1. On Marriage,** v. 1-12. In what region was Jesus now preaching? How long was this before the death of Christ? By whom were his teachings attended? What did the Pharisees try to do, and how? How did Christ show his respect for the Scriptures? What was the command of Moses? What reason did Christ give for that command? What principle of marriage did Christ state in verses 6-8? What was Christ's command concerning marriage? What was Paul's command in 1 Cor. 7. 10, 11?

**2. On Childhood,** v. 13-16. Who were brought to Christ, and for what purpose? Why were the disciples offended? What did Christ say to them? How is it that "of such is the kingdom?" What did Christ say in Matt. 21. 16? What does Christ require all to do in verse 15? How may we receive the kingdom as a little child? What did Christ do with the children? Why should all children love Jesus Christ? What is the Golden Text?

**PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.**

How are we here taught—

1. The duty of love at home?
2. The duty of bringing children to Christ?
3. The duty of seeking salvation as little children.

**The Lesson Catechism.**—(For the entire school.) 1. Where did Jesus teach during the last month of his life? In Perea, east of Jordan. 2. What did he there teach concerning marriage? That God established marriage. 3. Who were brought to Christ for his blessing? Little children. 4. What did Jesus say of children? "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The family relation.

**ANALYTICAL & BIBLICAL OUTLINE.****The Home in Christ's Kingdom.****I. ITS LAW: GOD'S WILL.**

From the beginning God made them. v. 6.  
"Male and female created he them."  
Gen. 5. 2.

**II. ITS ORDER: MARRIAGE.**

For this cause... cleave to his wife. v. 7.  
"Marriage is honourable in all." Heb.  
13. 14.

**III. ITS FOUNDATION: LOVE.**

No more twain, but one flesh. v. 8.  
"Love his wife even as himself." Eph.  
5. 33.

**IV. ITS DANGER: SIN.**

Whoever shall put away his wife. v. 9.  
"Did he not make one?" Mal. 2. 15.