

which means a prince with God; for you are not the weak, selfish man you once were, but have shown yourself a new man, brave and patient as a prince, in wrestling all night with the angel of God." Then Jacob begged the angel to tell him *his* name, but the angel said there was no need for him to know his name, and he blessed Jacob and went away.

But though the angel would not tell his name, Jacob knew that he was an angel from heaven, and that God had sent him to bless him. So Jacob was very thankful, and when he found himself alone again, he called the place Peniel. This word means "face of God", and he gave it this name because, as he said, "I have seen God face to face and still my life is saved."

And after that wonderful night spent all alone with God's angel, Jacob was a much better man, and really lived up to his beautiful new name—the name Israel.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How long did Jacob live with his uncle Laban? 2. What work did Jacob do for him? 3. What wages did he receive? 4. How rich did he become? 5. On what journey did he at length set out? 6. Whom did he take with him? 7. What else did he take? 8. Why was he frightened? 9. What did he then do? 10. How was Jacob at one time all alone? 11. What strange thing happened? 12. How did the Man at last conquer him? 13. What did Jacob ask of him? 14. What new name did the Man give Jacob? 15. Why? 16. What did Jacob call the place? 17. Why? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

In China, a baby boy was once called "Beggar" by his father, to make his idols think that he did not care for his son. But the father became a Christian, and when he sent his little boy to the Mission School, the missionary was glad that the ugly name could now be changed—for children in China are always given new names when they begin school; so she called him "I King", which means, "like gold". The missionary hoped his new name would always help him to be "good as gold".

Lesson Hymn

Simply trusting every day,
Trusting through a stormy way,
Even when my faith is small:
Trusting Jesus—that is all.

*Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him what'er befall:
Trusting Jesus—that is all. Amen.*

—Hymn 293, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—22. In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, that can never die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

The Question on Missions

2. How large is our mission field in Honan? Our mission occupies only about one-fourth of the whole province. Its population is said to be over six millions, and no other Protestant missionaries work in it but those from the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Jacob prayed that God would save him from the anger of Esau, and the Lord heard and answered him. When we ask God for



something we want very much, He always hears and will give us what we ask, if it is good for us. Copy the picture.

I Have Learned Today That

I SHOULD NOT WANDER FROM GOD