

love. It is the voice of the shepherd. He had gone to the sheepfold to see if his sheep were all safe, and he found the fold empty. He followed where he heard the sheep bleating, and saw the thief running away and the wolf coming to kill the sheep. But the good shepherd did not run away. He was willing to be killed himself rather than let his sheep be harmed. He stood between his sheep and the hungry wolf, and when the wolf saw how brave and strong the shepherd was, he crouched down and crept away back into the woods.

The shepherd called his sheep close around him, taking the tiniest in his arms, and away he went back to the fold, the sheep following him, for they knew his voice. If a stranger had spoken to them, they would not have known his voice and would not have followed him. They would have been afraid of him, but they had no fear of their own shepherd.

Soon they were once more safe in the fold. The morning sun was peeping over the hill tops, and they knew they had nothing more to fear.

When Jesus had finished the story, he said, "I am the Good Shepherd: the Good Shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep." And this is our Golden Text. People are his sheep. You are the lambs of his flock. Heaven is the fold where the Good Shepherd will gather his flock. Let us listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus live?
2. What animals did he often see?
3. Who takes care of the sheep?
4. What animals sometimes came and killed the sheep?
5. How did the shepherds take care of their sheep?
6. What story did Jesus tell the Jews?
7. Where did the shepherd keep his sheep at night?
8. Who climbed over the wall?
9. What did he do with the sheep?
10. Why would they not follow him?
11. What wild animal came to kill them?
12. What did the thief do when he saw the wolf?
13. Whose voice did the frightened sheep hear?
14. How did he find them?
15. What did the wolf do?
16. Where did the shepherd lead his sheep?
17. Who is the Good Shepherd?
18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus is our Shepherd :

For the sheep He bled ;

Every lamb is sprinkled

With the blood He shed ;

Then on each He setteth

His own secret sign :—

"They that have My Spirit,

These," saith He, "are Mine." Amen.

—Hymn 522, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—23. For what purpose was man made? Man was made to love and serve God, and to be happy with Him forever.

The Question on Missions

3. What did Dr. MacKellar do in Nee-much? She gave medicine to some women, and she nursed others. Before very long, people began coming to her from places many miles away. Besides treating their diseases, she told them and their friends about Jesus.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Shepherds take special care of the lambs, because they are little and weak. And Jesus,



the Good Shepherd, is very loving and tender to the children in his flock. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD NOT FEAR DEATH