

the offering and then they cried, "O Baal, hear us!" They even leaped up and down about their altar. But no fire came in spite of all they could do.

Elijah began to mock them. "Cry aloud," he said. "Perhaps your god is asleep or has gone on a journey."

So the prophets of Baal cried aloud. Still their god did not answer.

"Come near," Elijah now said to the people.

Then he set up twelve stones for the Lord's altar. He, too, placed wood and an offering on his altar.

"Pour water on the offering," he commanded. And the people poured on twelve barrels. The water soaked the wood and ran down into the trench Elijah had made about the altar.

Now Elijah began to pray: "Lord God . . . let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel . . . Hear me, O Lord, hear me."

Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the offering and the wood and the stones. The flames even licked up the water in the trench.

And the people fell on their faces and cried: "The Lord, He is the God; the Lord, He is the God!" They were sure that one who could do such a wonderful thing as send down fire from heaven must be the God whom they ought to honor and serve.

God saw that the people were sorry for their sins, and soon He sent the blessed rain. God had forgiven them.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why were the people of Israel hungry?
2. Upon whom did Ahab blame this?
3. What did the Lord tell Elijah to do?
4. What did Elijah tell the king to do?
5. Where were the people gathered together?
6. To whom did the prophets of Baal pray?
7. To whom did Elijah pray?
8. What answer was given to the prophets of Baal?
9. What answer was given to Elijah?
10. Of what were the people then sure?
11. What did they say?
12. What did God then send to them?
13. What did He show that He had done with their sins?
14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Childhood's years are passing o'er us,  
Youthful days will soon be done;  
Cares and sorrows lie before us,  
Hidden dangers, snares unknown.

Hark! it is the Saviour calling,  
'Little children, follow Me;'  
Jesus, keep our feet from falling;  
Teach us all to follow Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 584, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—44. What is it to be lost?** To be lost is to be left without God in this world, and to be shut out from His presence forever.

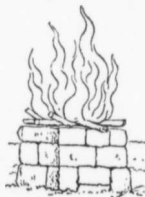
**SHORTER CATECHISM—28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?** A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

### The Question on Missions

10. What do our Settlements do for the religious life of the neighborhoods? They seek to bring the spirit of Christ into all the week's activities, hold Christian services where Protestant and Catholic and Jew meet together to praise God and learn of His love. They work quietly with individuals to bring Christ into their lives.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a picture of an altar like those on which people used to burn animals as offerings



to God. We are not now asked for offerings like these, but we are asked to show our love to God by giving ourselves to do His will day by day. Copy the drawing.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE ON GOD'S SIDE