

BECAUSE HE LOVES ME SO.

I love to hear the story  
Which angel voices tell,  
How once the King of glory  
Came down on earth to dwell;  
I am both weak and sinful,  
But this I surely know,  
The Lord came down to save me,  
Because he loved me so.

I'm glad my blessed Saviour  
Was once a child like me,  
To show how pure and holy  
His little ones might be;  
And if I try to follow  
His footsteps here below,  
He never will forget me,  
Because he loves me so.

To show his love and mercy,  
My sweetest songs I'll raise,  
And though I cannot see him,  
I know he hears my praise;  
For he has kindly promised  
That I shall surely go  
To sing among his angels,  
Because he loves me so.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

SIX MONTHS WITH THE SYNOPSIS GOSPELS.

LESSON IV.—JANUARY 24.

JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH.

Luke 4. 16-30. Memorize verses 18, 19.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.—John 1. 11.

THE LESSON STORY.

After the temptation in the wilderness of Judea Jesus went north to the country of Galilee, where he had lived since childhood. The Spirit of God within him had grown so much stronger than his human nature that it shone forth in his looks and in his words, so that wherever he went he drew the people to him, and talked to them in their synagogues. His own village of Nazareth was in Galilee, and he naturally went there. He went into the synagogue where he used to go to worship with his mother, and this time he went to teach the people. One of the men handed him a roll of the prophet Isaiah, and he opened it to that place which reads, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor," etc. (Isa. 61. 1-3). When he had closed the book he sat down and every eye was upon his face, every ear bent to catch his words. They were wonderful words that your mother or your teacher will read to you, and they show that he was the Anointed One. At first they looked at each other in surprise, saying, "Is not this Joseph's son?" and they wondered at the gracious

words that proceeded out of his mouth, but when they found that he was really making the words of Scripture fit himself they were very angry, and led him out of their town to the brow of a hill, where they thought to cast him down and destroy him. He knew their thoughts, and he also knew how to keep them from their purpose, and while they stood still, not knowing why, he passed through the midst of them and went his way. It was the power of the Spirit within him.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where was Jesus' home? In Nazareth.  
When did he come there? After his temptation.  
Where did he go on the Sabbath? To the synagogue.  
What did he do there? He read from the prophecy of Isaiah.  
What was the prophecy about? About himself.  
What did the people think? They wondered at his gracious words.  
What did they think later? Many turned against him.  
Why? Because he spoke of himself.  
What did they do? They led him out of the town.  
What else did they try to do? They tried to kill him.  
What did Jesus do? He went quietly away.  
Why could they not destroy him? His time had not yet come.

LESSON V.—JANUARY 31.

JESUS CALLS FOUR DISCIPLES.

Luke 5. 1-11. Memorize verses 4-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples.—John 8. 31.

THE LESSON STORY.

The lesson to-day is like a beautiful picture. Let us look at it. There is the blue lake of Galilee, or Gennesaret, with its beach of white shells and lapping water and its misty hills on the farther side, the blue sky over all. Then there are boats here and there upon the lake, and two of them close by the shore—the fishermen washing their nets.

There was much more than this picture—a multitude of people on the shore pressing close to hear the words of a noble-looking young man who was teaching them the Word of God. He stepped into one of the boats—it was Simon Peter's—and asked him to push out a little from the shore, and then he sat down in the boat and taught the people from his boat pulpit. Can you bring it all into the picture? Then a wonderful thing happened. When the sermon was done he told Peter and Andrew, his brother, to go out into deep water and let down the nets for a draught of fishes. Peter told him that they had toiled all night and had taken nothing, but

they would let down the nets at his word. When they had done so they found their nets so full of fishes that they were breaking, and they called to their partners, John and James, to come and help them, and two boats were filled with the fishes. Then Peter was amazed and fell down at Jesus' feet, confessing that he was a sinful man, but Jesus said: "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." They knew what he meant, and when they had brought their boats to land they left all to follow Jesus.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What is the lake of Galilee sometimes called? Gennesaret.  
What did Jesus do there? He began to preach.  
Who lived around the lake? Many people.  
What were some of them? Fishermen.  
What did Jesus do by the lakeside? Preached from a boat.  
What did he do afterward? He told Peter to row out into deep water.  
What did he then tell them to do? To let down their nets.  
What did they catch? Two boats full of fishes.  
What did Peter do? He fell at Jesus' feet.  
Who helped Peter and Andrew? Their partners in the other boat.  
What did Jesus call them to be? Fishers of men.  
What were their names? Andrew, Peter, James and John.

FINEST TEAM IN SERVICE.

Two black horses, Harry and Babe, that draw a fire engine in Jersey City, are said to be the finest team in the service. Harry is the more intelligent, and a truly magnificent animal, and a fire is his delight. Both horses stand untied in their stalls, which have a door in front that opens automatically whenever an alarm is turned in. The sound of a gong drives Harry frantic, and almost as soon as the door of his stall flies open when the alarm is sounded he is under the swinging harness. The other morning it was found necessary to take Harry to the blacksmith shop. As he stood there having his shoes looked to, a trolley car passed, and the motorman clanged the gong. With a snort Harry bounded backward, and snapped the chain like a bit of string, and clattered from the shop, not stopping till he reached the engine-house. The men saw him coming, and quickly swung down the chain that was across the door. The horse dashed in, turned around, and then backed himself under the swinging harness. As the men stared at him, he tossed his head and neighed impatiently, as much as to say, "Where is the fire, and why don't you hurry up!"