

salem. He built forts against it and there they stayed, and the people of Jerusalem could not go out nor come in, and they soon had no food to eat. The people were starving, for there was no bread for the people of that land. The city was destroyed by the enemy. The king and the soldiers of Judah who could escape, did so, but the army of Nebuchadnezzar went after them and scattered the soldiers and captured the king. They were very cruel to the king and his sons. They killed his sons, and they bound the king with heavy chains of brass and took him away to their own land.

The cruel Nebuchadnezzar and his soldiers also burned the house of the Lord in Jerusalem and all the homes of the great men of the city. They broke down the wall which was around the city, and took all the people away captive, except the very poor people whom they left to be fruit-growers and farmers.

These people forsook God, and they could not expect God to take care of them, could they? Our Golden Text says, "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked." And we are sure that it grieved God to let his people be treated in this cruel way, but I think we must all say that it was no more than they deserved.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was our lesson about last Sunday?
2. What promise did Josiah and his people make?
3. Is our story to-day sad or glad?
4. What kings of Judah came after Josiah?
5. What kind of kings were they?
6. Who came to fight against Jerusalem?
7. Where did they pitch their camp and build forts?

8. What did the people in Jerusalem need?
9. What happened to the city?
10. What did the king of Judah and his soldiers do?
11. How did Nebuchadnezzar treat the king and his sons?
12. What did they do to the house of the Lord?
13. What other cruel things did they do?
14. What did the people of Judah deserve?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Saviour, hear me call,
Sinful though my heart may be,
Thou my life, my hope, my all,
Lord, abide with me.

Fill me with Thy love divine
Consecrate my life to Thee,
Bend my stubborn will to Thine,
Lord, abide with me. Amen.

—Hymn 579, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

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The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—43. What would have happened to us if Jesus had not died for us? If Jesus had not died for us, we all would have been lost.

The Question on Missions

9. What share has our Mission in its work? We have sent Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Schofield and a nurse, Miss Eleanor Hughes, to work in the Medical College and Hospital, and we are helping to pay the cost of a school for nurses.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing shows a company of prisoners being led away to a strange land. Color it and ask God to keep you from the power of sin.

