

# The Sunday School Lesson

## Lesson I. THE CHILD AND THE KINGDOM.

Golden Text.—"Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. 18: 4.

Monday, December 27.—The Child-like Spirit (Matt. 18: 1-7). Tuesday, December 28.—God's Care for Children (Matt. 18: 10-14). Wednesday, December 29.—The Model Child (Luke 2: 40-52). Thursday, December 30.—God Calls a Child (1 Sam. 3: 1-10). Friday, December 31.—A Child God's Messenger (1 Sam. 3: 11-19). Saturday, January 1.—A Child Dedicated to God (Luke 2: 21-32). Sunday, January 2.—The Pure in Heart (Ps. 24: 1-6).

The Lesson Text.  
1. In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?  
2. And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them,  
3. and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.  
4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.  
5. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me:  
6. but whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.  
7. Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling; for it must needs be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasions cometh!  
8. And if thy hand or thy foot causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed or halt, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire.  
9. And if thine eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee; it is good for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the hell of fire.  
10. See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.  
11. How think ye? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and seek that which goeth astray?  
12. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray.  
13. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Comments.  
Verse 1. The "hour" was when Peter paid the tribute money. The dispute about greatness was probably between Peter, James and John. They had been peculiarly favored, but now stood shamed and silent. In the kingdom of God greatness is a matter of character.  
Verse 2. It is not too much to suppose that children were always near our Lord. There was that in His personality that attracted them. Christlikeness attracts children today. The love of children is a high tribute.  
Verse 3. This verse shows the superiority of the Revised over the King James' Version. The old version says "be converted." The kingdom of heaven is the church of Jesus Christ as He sees it now and forevermore.  
Verse 4. The world has never realized Christ's conception of greatness. It is the unassuming worth of a righteous character.  
Verse 5. This passage aims to teach not the love of children, but the love of spiritual excellence.  
Verse 6. Whatever hinders people from coming to Christ is a stumbling-block.  
Verse 7. So long as there is inclination to sin there will be teachers of sinning.  
Verse 8. Sacrifice any material thing rather than dwarf the spiritual life.  
Verse 9. The word "hell" (Gehenn) means the same as the Valley of Hinnom. There idolatrous Jews burned their children in the worship of Moloch. Thus the valley became the most vivid picture of future torment.

Illustrated Truth.  
False pride is a hindrance to real progress (v. 4).  
Illustration.—A man of experience in handling men declares that it is the "white-cuff" tendency among young men that is responsible for so many economic failures and near failures among men. "We are always ready to give a young man a chance," he said, "but to too many of them a 'chance' means a desk in the main office with a personal telephone and a stenographer to do the real work. The young fellows who make good are almost invariably those who are willing to go down and make an entry at the very bottom. Such a course isn't always easy, especially with those who have a pretty high opinion of themselves, but it pays."  
Topics for Research and Discussion.  
1. The Kingdom (vs. 1-6). 1. Who were disputing about greatness? 2. In Christ's kingdom, what is true greatness? 3. Why did Jesus attract children? 4. What is the kingdom of heaven? 5. What progress is the world making toward Christ's conception of greatness? 6. What is Christ's teaching about the man who causes another to sin? 7. Does verse 8 teach a spiritual lesson, and, if so, what is it? 8. What is the literal meaning of the word "hell"?  
III. The Father's Will (vs. 12-14). 9. What values does God place upon the humblest disciple? 10. What is God's desire as to the future state of all? 11. Why does not God compel men to be good? 12. What is the full meaning of the comparison in verse 12? 13. Whom does the Lord mean by "one of these little ones"? 14. How can red-blooded men conform to the teachings of Christ in His gentleness and peace?

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Verse 10. Despise not the sincere Christian. God honors him.  
Verse 12. God values the humble and even sinful disciple, and seeks his salvation, as the shepherd seeks the recovery of a lost sheep.  
Verses 13, 14. It is not God's desire that one should be lost, though He neither compels men to sin nor compels them to be virtuous.  
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## Advice to Girls

By Miss Rosalind

Miss Rosalind welcomes letters from young women asking for advice on any subject. All you have to do is to address your letter to  
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Dear Rosalind:  
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My Dear Girl:  
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ROSALIND.

Dearest Rosalind:  
Seeing other girls seeking advice from you, I have also taken the advantage.  
Is a young girl of seventeen too young to go to dances with a select crowd, in company with a young man? Thanking you in advance for your advice.  
JUST OUT.

If the dances are properly chaperoned, if the girl's mother approves of the boys and girls who make up the crowd and if the dances are not in a public dance hall, a seventeen-year-old girl is not too young to join the party.  
ROSALIND.

Rosalind, Dear:  
With others I am asking for your advice:  
Firstly—What is true love? Everything is camouflaged?  
Secondly—How can you tell when a boy loves you or when he is after your money?  
WITS END.

My Dear Girl:  
When it comes, you will know the genuine article. I would not bother questioning myself about it. It is rather an inexpressible, indescribable sort of thing.  
Secondly—By the exercise of ordinary, everyday common sense.  
ROSALIND.

Dear Rosalind:  
We are three young girls and while out to a garden party last September we had our fortunes told, is it wise to believe in them, as some of the things have come true? Also, dear Rosalind, while out for a joyride or walk with a young man when is the proper time to come in and also is it alright to accept invitations from young boys or should we have just one friend?  
WEE 3.

Dear Girls:  
It may not be wise to believe in fortunes, but it is lots of fun—especially if the fortune told happens to be the kind you would like to believe in.  
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## FARMING OF SMALLER FUR-BEARERS.

The rearing in captivity of fur-bearing animals is largely a question of the price of fur. Twenty years or more ago, when the earliest attempts were made to encourage in fur farming, the silver fox was about the only animal whose pelt offered sufficient inducement to experimenters to face the many difficulties and the risk of loss. Some of these men succeeded, however, and reaped considerable pecuniary rewards for themselves, besides establishing a new Canadian industry.  
Today, the breeding of smaller fur-bearers presents opportunities to men with a liking for the business who are willing to "take a chance." The recent spectacular rise in fur prices has been mainly in the cheaper grades—muskrat, raccoon, mink, skunk, etc. The stimulus thus given to trapping threatens these animals with extermination, in spite of close seasons. Fur farming must come to the rescue and assume Canada's great fur industry a continuance of its raw material.

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"Oh, don't worry about me slipping, lady. I've got nails in me shoes!"

## LIVE STOCK REPORTS

Toronto (Union Stock Yards).—The total offerings of stock during the month amounted to thirty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-seven cattle, three thousand three hundred and eighty-nine calves, seventeen thousand three hundred and sixty-eight hogs, and fifty-seven thousand four hundred and forty sheep, including left overs. Through-billed stock consisted of eight thousand and sixty-two cattle, two thousand nine hundred and forty-nine hogs and six hundred and seventy-six sheep. The offerings of cattle were heavier than during the previous month, but calves and hog receipts were lighter. Cattle prices showed a steady decline standard steers (1,000-1,200 lbs.) selling at an average price of \$10.50 during the first week of the month and at \$9.00 at the close. Western cattle arrived in considerable volume at the Stock Yards and at packers' sidings. Local gutting the market with unsaleable stock and adversely affecting trading in general. Carry-overs often amounted to two thousand head. At the close of the month, receipts narrowed considerably and from the condition of the offerings it appeared that all the common grades were in. Good butcher heifers averaged \$10.50 at the opening and \$8.75 at the close. Cows moved at \$8.50 the first week of November and moved indifferently even at reduced prices; feeders opened at \$10.50 and closed at \$8.75; stockers opened at \$8.50 and dropped at the close to \$7. Most of the calves received were of grass quality or else heavy roughs; these were not wanted by the packers at any price and were absorbed by the butchers' trade. Prices for poor grades dropped considerably during the month. Choice veal sold at the close, from \$1 to \$1.50 lower than at opening. For the last two weeks the market was steady at \$17. Lambs opened the month at \$14, dropped to \$11.50 and rose again to \$13.75, closing a little weak at the latter price. A lot of sheep have been received which should have been left on the farm. The packers did not seem to want sheep even at low prices. Good handy weight sheep dropped \$1.50 during the month.  
Packers cut hog prices several times during the month affecting a total reduction of \$3 per hundred. This was not done without strong protests from the shippers. However as the American markets were \$2 to \$3 below the local market, packers consider that they were doing well to offer even the new level of prices. At the close there was a firmer tendency to the trade.  
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TRICKY.  
"I simply can't understand the combination of my wife's clothes."  
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