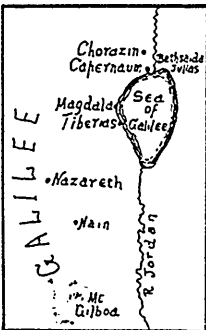


his heart." **One of such little children** (Rev. Ver.); not a child in years only, but one with a childlike spirit,—humble and willing to serve. **In my name**; because he belongs to Me. **Receiveth me . . him that sent me**; because the spirit of humility and service is the spirit of Jesus and of the Father also. To receive a little child is to welcome him into the heart and to make his character our's. Whoever does this receives Jesus and is filled with His spirit and life.

**III. THE CHILDREN'S KINGDOM.—Ch. 10 : 13-16.** This incident occurred some weeks later, while Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. **They**; the mothers, of course. **Touch them**; as Jewish mothers used to ask famous teachers to lay their hands on their children's heads and bless them. **Disciples rebuked them** (Rev. Ver.). The master, they thought, had too much work to be troubled with children. **Of such is the children of God**; the kingdom in which God rules. The little ones are in that kingdom, and will never be out of it unless they turn away from the Saviour. **Took them up in his arms.** He was asked only to touch. Jesus always does more than He is asked to do.

## THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



On the northwestern shore of the Lake of Galilee may be seen to-day a big open pasture, with stones in heaps and irregular rows scattered all over it. These mark the places where houses used to stand along the narrow, crooked streets of CAPERNAUM. The synagogue of Capernaum, in which Jesus worshiped and taught and worked miracles, stood down near the shore. The town commanded a beautiful view across the lake to the long, level-topped bluffs which wall in the lake on its eastern side.

## LESSON QUESTIONS

30 Where had Jesus and His disciples been?  
Why did Jesus wish His movements kept secret?

What question had Jesus asked at Cæsarea Philippi? Give Peter's answer. (Ch. 8 : 27-29.)

31, 32 What did Jesus tell His disciples? Why did they not understand Him? Why were they afraid to ask an explanation? What had Peter said when Jesus made a similar announcement shortly before? Give our Lord's reply. (Ch. 8 : 31-33.)

33-35 To what town did Jesus and His disciples come? What did He ask them? Why were they silent? Who did He say was the greatest?

36, 37 What did Jesus say about receiving a little child in His name? What was His meaning?

Ch. 10 : 13-16 Who brought little children to Jesus? What did they ask? How did the disciples act? What did Jesus say? What did He do?

## FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is it wrong to be ambitious?
2. In what ways may we hinder others from coming to Jesus?

## A PRAYER

We praise Thee, our Saviour, for the glimpses we have of Thee as a child in the home at Nazareth, for the record of Thy ministry to the children and Thy welcome for them. Give us the spirit of the child as we serve Thee. May our home be glorified by Thy presence and by our dependence on Thee for blessing on all our affairs. Amen.

**Prove from Scripture—That children can serve God.**

**Shorter Catechism—Ques. 82.** *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?* A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

**The Question on Missions—(First Quarter, WITH A SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD WORKER.)—1.** Have all children and young people a chance to go to Sunday School? No, because in many places, even where there is a church service, there is no Sunday School, and many live too far away to attend either church or Sunday School.

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## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What did Jesus say was about to happen to Himself? .....

2. Who did He teach is truly great? .....

3. How did He show His love to little children? .....

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