

Third Quarter : Studies in the Christian Life

The lessons for this Quarter form a brief series of topical studies in the Christian Life. A glance at the Lesson Calendar will show how important and helpful are the topics chosen.

Lesson V.

GROWING STRONGER

August 4, 1918

Luke 2 : 42-52 ; 2 Peter 1 : 5-8. *Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXT—The path of the righteous is as the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.—Proverbs 4 : 18 (Rev. Ver.).

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jeru'salem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Je'sus tarried behind in Jeru'salem ; and Jo'seph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey ; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jeru'salem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed : and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us ? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me ? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business ?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Nasareth, and was subject unto them : but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Je'sus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

2 Peter 1 : 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue ; and to virtue knowledge ;

6 And to knowledge temperance ; and to temperance patience ; and to patience godliness ;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness ; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Je'sus Christ.

Revised Version—¹Omit to Jerusalem ; ²were returning ; ³boy Jesus ; ⁴his parents knew it not ; ⁵but supposing ; ⁶be in ; ⁷they ; ⁸for ; ⁹returned to ; ¹⁰Omit that ; ¹¹amazed ; ¹²his ; ¹³astonished ; ¹⁴Omit have ; ¹⁵in my Father's house ; ¹⁶he ; ¹⁷and his ; ¹⁸advanced in wisdom ; ¹⁹men ; ²⁰Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue ; ²¹in your ; ²²love of the brethren ; ²³in your love of the brethren love ; ²⁴are yours and abound ; ²⁵to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge.

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Father's Business in the Temple, Luke 2 : 42-50.
- II. The Father's Business at Home, 51, 52.
- III. The Father's Business in Life, 2 Peter 1 : 5-8.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Growing stronger, Luke 2 : 42-52. T.—How to be fruitful, 2 Pet. 1 : 1-8. W.—The whole armor of God, Eph. 6 : 10-20. Th.—Bearing fruit and increasing, Col. 1 : 3-11. F.—Renewing our strength, Isa. 40 : 25-31. S.—Strengthened in the inner man, Eph. 3 : 14-21. S.—Power through Christ, Phil. 4 : 10-16.

Primary Catechism—*Ques. 107. Can the washing with water take away our sins ?* A. No. It is the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ that cleanse from sin.

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 24. How doth Christ*

execute the office of a prophet ? A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : Memory Hymn—Primary, 509 ; Junior, 111, 521, Pa. Sel. 1, 519, 40.

Special Scripture Reading—Isa. 11 : 1-9. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, 668, Jesus the Obedient Son. For Question on Missions, C. 485, Cooking Food in the Native Way. (These slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto. Schools desiring slides made may procure them on short notice by sending negatives, prints or photographs. Slides are colored to order.)

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

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Time and Place—For Luke 2 : 42-52 : Spring of A.D. 8 ; Jerusalem. For 2 Peter 1 : 5-8 : The date and place of the writing of Second Peter is uncertain.

Lesson Setting—The first lesson passage contains the only definite information which the Gospels give us of the boyhood and young manhood of Jesus. It is the only voice that

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