

offerings GREAT AND SMALL.

I AM but a penny  
From a baby's hands,  
Can I bear glad tidings  
Over many lands?  
Baby's love goes with me,  
So her penny's blest;  
God's love, joined with baby's,  
Will do all the rest.

I'm a piece of silver,  
Worth ten cents, they say;  
O that boy worked for me,  
Giving up his play,  
Digging in his garden,  
Though he longed to run  
Where his young companions  
Joined in joyous fun.

I'm a silver quarter,  
Little stitches neat,  
And full many an errand  
Run by childish feet,  
Earned me very bravely.  
Little girls can do  
Noble work for Missions  
When they're good and true.

I'm a bright gold dollar.  
Ah! the child who died  
Loved me 'mid her treasures  
More than all beside.  
One sad, mourning mother  
Held me very dear,  
And my bright face glistens  
With her parting tear.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

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THE SUFFERING SAVIOUR.

Isa. 53. 1-12. Memory verses, 3-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity  
all."—Isa. 53. 6.

What had God promised the Jews?  
Christ would come from their people.  
What kind of a Saviour did they expect?  
They expected a rich and powerful king,  
who would conquer their enemies and  
make them a great nation.  
What did God show Isaiah? He showed  
how different the real Saviour would

be.  
How did Isaiah say Christ would be  
received? He said he would be "despised  
and rejected of men."

Would he live in the midst of riches and  
pleasure? No, he was "a man of sor-  
rows, and acquainted with grief"

Why? Because "he hath borne our  
griefs and carried our sorrows."

For whose sins did he suffer? For ours.

What does the Golden Text say?

What does Isaiah say Christ would do  
when he was "oppressed" and "afflicted?"  
"He openeth not his mouth."

Was this true? Yes. St. Matthew says  
Jesus "held his peace" when he was  
accused.

With whom did Isaiah say he would be  
numbered? He was numbered with the  
transgressors."

Was this ever true of Jesus, God's own  
Son? Yes. he was crucified between two  
thieves.

Why did it please God to let Christ  
suffer so? So that our sins might be for-  
given for his sake.

What can we do to thank Jesus for his  
goodness to us? We can give him our  
hearts, and try to live pure and good lives.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Which are the Ten Commandments?  
The same which God spake in the twen-  
tieth chapter of Exodus saying:

I. I am the Lord thy God, which have  
brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out  
of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have  
no other Gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any  
graven image, or any likeness of any thing  
that is in heaven above, or that is in the  
earth beneath, or that is in the water  
under the earth: thou shalt not bow down  
thyself to them, nor serve them: for I  
the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visit-  
ing the iniquity of the fathers upon the  
children unto the third and fourth genera-  
tion of them that hate me, and showing  
mercy unto thousands of them that love  
me and keep my commandments.

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THE GRACIOUS CALL.

Isa. 55. 1-13. Memory verses, 6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be  
found, call ye upon him while he is near."  
—Isa. 55. 6.

Who gives this invitation to men? God  
himself.

What does he say? He, every one that  
thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he  
that hath no money, come ye, buy, and  
eat, yea, come, buy wine and milk without  
money and without price."

What is meant by "thirsting" here?  
Wanting more and better things than this  
world can give us.

Who has repeated this invitation? Jesus  
said, "If any man thirst, let him come  
unto me and drink."

What else did Jesus say? "I am, the  
bread of life."

When are we to seek God? [Repeat the  
Golden Text.]

When may God be found? Now. this  
very moment.

Will he not always be near us? Yes:  
but if we keep on doing wrong, we shall  
find it harder and harder to begin to love  
him, and he will seem to us "afar off."

What must we do if we wish God's  
forgiveness? We must leave all our  
wrong ways and thoughts, and "return  
unto the Lord."

Is God willing to forgive? Yes: he  
will "abundantly pardon."

What does he say of himself? That his  
ways are not like men's ways.

What does he promise to those who  
come to him? He says they shall have  
joy and peace.

Do you not think it would be foolish to  
refuse God's invitation?

Have you accepted it?

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

III Thou shalt not take the name of the  
Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will  
not hold him guiltless that taketh his name  
in vain.

IV Remember the Sabbath day to keep  
it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do  
all thy work. but the seventh day is the  
Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou  
shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son,  
nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor  
thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor the  
stranger that is within thy gates: for in  
six days the Lord made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that in them is, and rested  
the seventh day: wherefore the Lord  
blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.

"SENCE DE WAH"

A SALE of paintings in New York proved  
a puzzle to Uncle 'Rastus, if we are to  
believe Kate Field's *Washington Journal*.

"Tings hab changed pow'rfully sence do  
wah," remarked Uncle 'Rustus to Aunt  
Becca, as he laid aside the newspaper and  
polished his spectacles. "Befo' de wah hit  
was only de slaves dat war sold, but heah  
dis papah states dat an 'ole mastah' was  
sold at auction in New York for an 'nor-  
mous' mount er money. Tings hab changed,  
I tole you."