

THE HAPPY LAND.

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Oh do not call it "far away,"

The land we seek to find;

The holy, happy, heavenly land,

The shining sky, the silver strand,

The one fair land of endless day,

Where friends are always kind.

Not far away, not far away,

The peaceful land doth lie;

Why should we pass through awful space

To find the glad abiding place,

Where we may live and love for aye,

And pain and fear shall die?

Oh do not call it far away,

The blessed land we seek;

If days are dark and dreary here,

We love to think that home is near;

That far from it we cannot stray;

On mountain bare and bleak.

Not far away, not far away

The fadefull blossoms grow;

A little while, and we shall stand

Within thy bounds, thou happy land;

And oft our smiling lips will say,

"We had not far to go."

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

A.D. 28.] LESSON V. [Oct. 30.

THE HARVEST AND THE LABOURERS.

Matt. 9. 35-38; 10. 1-8. Commit to mem. vs. 36-38.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Freely ye have received, freely give. Matt. 10. 8.

OUTLINE.

1. The Harvest.
2. The Labourers.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who came to hear Jesus in the cities and villages? Great crowds of people.

What did he do for them? He healed all who were sick.

What more did he long to do? Save them from sin and unbelief.

Whom did he choose to help him teach the people? The twelve disciples.

Can you repeat their names?

To whom did he send them first? To the Jews.

Why? Because they were his own people.

What were they to preach? That Jesus, their promised Saviour, had come.

What power did he give them? Power to heal the sick and cast out evil spirits.

What did he command them? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What did he tell the disciples? That many were ready to be saved and led in the right way.

What was his plan to help them? To give them leaders to teach and guide them.

Who are Jesus's disciples now? All who love and obey him.

How can they preach the Gospel? By living unselfish, loving lives.

How must they give to others? As freely as Jesus gives to them.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Are you doing all you can for Jesus?

Do you care whether others love him or not?

Do you think it an honour to work for him?

How would you feel if the Queen gave you some work to do?

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The missionary spirit.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What will become of the wicked after the day of judgment? They shall go away into everlasting punishment.

A.D. 28.] LESSON VI. [Nov. 6.

CONFESSING CHRIST.

Matt. 10. 32-42.

Commit to mem. vs. 37-39.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. Matt. 10. 32.

OUTLINE.

1. Our Confession of Christ.
2. Christ's Confession of Us.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Jesus tell his disciples? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What does Jesus want us to be? Brave to own him as our Lord and Saviour.

What will he do if we deny him before the world? Deny us before God.

Why? Because he could not say we were his friends.

What did Jesus come to send upon the earth? A sword to fight and destroy sin.

Why would it make trouble? Because some would resist it and hate it.

Who would resist it? All who chose to live in sin.

To whom would it bring peace? To all who wanted to be free from sin.

How does Jesus say we must love him? Better than our dearest earthly friend?

What does he say of those who refuse to do hard things for him? "They are not worthy of me and my love."

What does he say of those who try to save their own happiness and pleasure? They shall lose it.

Who will find true happiness? Those who give their lives for Jesus.

How must we receive those who preach and teach us about Jesus? As we would receive Jesus himself.

What does Jesus reward? Any act of kindness, even the smallest, done to his people.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

How often can I own Jesus as my Friend and Saviour?

What crosses can I bear for him?

What can I do to please him?

Do I love him BETTER than any one else?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The judgment.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Where will the wicked be punished? In hell.

What will become of the righteous after death? The righteous shall go into everlasting life.

CAUGHT.

A LITTLE mouse, unused to the ways of the world, once left its quiet home, and set out upon a journey, and was greatly charmed with many of the strange things that it saw, among which was a dear little house, the door of which stood wide open. As there was no one about, it ventured to look in, and saw a bit of cheese suspended from the ceiling. "That cheese smells very good," thought the mouse, and forthwith walked in, and began to nibble away at the tempting morsel. Suddenly there was a sharp noise, which greatly frightened the mouse; but when it tried to run home again, it found the door shut.

The mouse never saw its poor father and mother again!

There are traps for children, and very tempting are the baits hung up to attract them; but remember, the best side of these traps is the outside.

BETTER THAN GOLD.

"I WILL give that to the missionaries," said little Billy, and he put his fat little hand on a tiny gold dollar, as he counted the contents of his money-box.

"Why?" Susie asked.

"'Cause it's gold. Don't you know the wise men brought Jesus gold? And missionaries work for Jesus."

Susie said, "The gold all belongs to him anyhow. Don't you think it would be better to go right to him, and give him what he asks for?"

"What's that?"

Susie repeated, "' My son, give me thine heart.'"