

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 7.

AUGUST 12th, 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

Temptation of Jesus. Matt. 4: 1-11.

GOLDEN TEXT: "In all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Heb. 4: 15.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 1-4. Children's Hymnal 40, 148, 102, 116.

PROVE THAT—We should search the Scriptures. John 5: 39.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 88. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Matt 4: 1-11.	Deut 8: 1-6	Ps. 91: 9-16	Deut 6: 12-19	Jas 1: 12-21	Heb 2: 9-18	Heb 4: 11-16

To the Teacher—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The temptation of Christ followed immediately upon his baptism. (Mark 1: 12.) Adam, the sinless man, was tempted and fell; Christ, "the second Adam," the sinless Saviour, in like manner met man's arch-enemy and vanquished him. As the garden was a fitting type of Adam's innocence, so the wilderness in which Christ met Satan, corresponded to man's condition of moral desolation through sin. The temptation of Christ was as real as that of our first parents. Read parallel accounts and note variations. Mark 1: 12, 13; Luke 4: 1-13.

LESSON PLAN. I. The First Temptation. vs. 1-4. II. The Second Temptation. vs. 5-7. III. The Third Temptation. vs. 8-11.

I. THE FIRST TEMPTATION. 1. Then—Immediately after his baptism. Mark 1: 12. Led up—from the banks of the Jordan to the mountainous and barren district between Jericho and Jerusalem. The traditional place is called *Quarantania*, from a Latin word meaning "forty," in reference to the time of our Saviour's fast. Of the Spirit—He was constrained by the Holy Spirit to go. Luke says that he "was full of the Holy Spirit," and Mark that "The Spirit driveth him." While we pray "Lead us not into temptation," we should never shrink from danger if the Spirit bids us face it. He will "carry us through." Mark says that he "was with the wild beasts." This made his solitude all the more dreadful. It was "A pathless desert, dusk with horrid

shades." Name some others who were led away by the Spirit. (1 Kings 1: 18; 2 Kings 2: 16; Ezek. 3: 14; Acts 8: 39.) To be tempted—The "second Adam" must shew that he can stand where the first Adam fell. Heb. 4: 15. The devil—"The Slanderer," that is what the name means. He is the prince of evil spirits. He took the form of a serpent when tempting Eve, but we do not know what form he assumed to Christ. He could not have concealed his real nature from him. 2. Fasted—Luke says, "he did eat nothing." Compare Ex. 34: 28; Deut. 9: 9; 1 Kings 19: 8. He was too much absorbed in his spiritual conflict to feel hunger. Luke seems to say that the temptation was going on all this time. The three given in our lesson

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