

Anyone who is ashamed of Jesus is not a true follower of his. Encourage the children to be ready always to show that they belong to Christ, even before the time comes when they may stand up in church and say so before everyone. Remind them again that they have been given to God in baptism, and do belong to him now. This man was not baptized as a baby, and so Philip baptized him now.

Prayer thought: Pray with the heart. Try with all earnestness to make children feel that the heart must be in the prayer and in the work, or it will mean nothing, and that the heart-trust and heart-love must come first always.

Thought for teachers. Have we such understanding of the "sweet story of old" that we can make the little ones understand? It is not enough to tell them. We must make them comprehend.

LESSON XII. (March 23.)

TEMPERANCE LESSON. Eph. 5. 11-21.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess." Eph. 5. 18.

Primary Notes.

Truth. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Impression. I must be temperate or I cannot serve God.

Expression. Determination to be a total abstainer.

Point of contact. Story



of boy looking for work.

Approach. Reasons why certain people are not chosen for important work.

Lesson story. There is none in this lesson, so we take the story in Judg. 7. 1-22.

A boy once went to an office to get work, but the man, as soon as he saw him, said: "I cannot take you. You smoke cigarettes, do you not?" "Yes," the boy answered, looking very much ashamed. "Well, that will make you sick and unfit you to do work of any kind. I will not have boys work for me who use tobacco, or who drink wine."

When men have work that they want well done they choose the people that they get to do it very carefully; and they always know that people who are all the time putting things in their mouths which will destroy their bodies and minds, and make them careless about doing

right, are not the people to be trusted with any kind of work.

A very long time ago God sent one of his servants, named Gideon, to fight against the Midianites, who were making God's people a great deal of trouble. Gideon had thirty-two thousand soldiers with him, not nearly so many as the other people had, but God said there were too many. He saw that some were afraid, and no one who is afraid can be a good soldier; so Gideon told all who were afraid to go home. Twenty-two thousand went, and still there were too many, because God saw that most of the rest were careless; and a good soldier must always be watchful. God told Gideon how to test them, and only three hundred were found to be both brave and watchful soldiers. But those three hundred gained the victory.

People who drink wine get so that they are afraid when there is no danger; they are careless about everything; they say foolish things and do wicked things, and, of course, such people cannot serve the Lord Jesus Christ. They are very unhappy, too, and make everyone who loves them unhappy; so it seems very strange that anyone should ever begin to take into their mouths anything which can do them so much harm. Our lesson verses say: Do not drink wine, but seek to be filled with God's Spirit, and serve him. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord, and then you will be happy, and you will give thanks for everything to our God and Father.

"Be filled with the Spirit"



"MAKING MELODY"

"GIVING THANKS"

Special Primary Suggestions.

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Introductory. Show an overflowing cup or glass, and illustrate thus the word "excess" in Golden Text, which means more than enough or too much. Aim to make this word and this thought very clear, and also that even a few