

## International Bible Lessons.

### SECOND QUARTER.

#### LESSON V. (May 4.)

### THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH IN SYRIA.

#### Acts 11, 19-30.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "The hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." Acts 11, 21.

#### Primary Notes.

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*Truth.* Those who love the Lord will help others.

*Impression.* I can be helpful.

*Expression.* Kind deeds and generous desires.

*Point of contact.* Child who gave gladly when

her love was awakened and the need shown.

*Approach.* Everyone who loves Jesus wishes to give to him.

*Lesson story.* Told with chief emphasis upon the readiness of the members of the new church to give to the needy Christians in Jerusalem.

(While the truth chosen for this lesson is similar to that of Lesson II, the application is different; and with children of the primary age there is not only no harm, but a great advantage, in teaching the same truth again and again, but through a different story each time.)

A little girl named Emma lived in a beautiful home in the city, for her father and mother were rich. She was not a happy little girl, though she had a great many things that you would think would help to make her happy—dolls, tea-sets, books—almost everything you could think of to play with. Then very often money was given to her to spend as she liked, and she almost always bought candy with it. When she was seven years old she went to the country to visit her grandmother, and the first Sunday she was there grandma took her to Sunday school. She had never been in a Sunday school before, and had heard very few of the beautiful stories about Jesus which you know so well. She learned two things that day: first, that Jesus loves all the children very much and wishes them to love him; and, second, that Jesus had said that whatever is done for other people who need help is just the same as if it were done for him. Emma heard, too, about some children across the sea who were starving because there was a famine in their land, and

she was told that next Sunday she could give money to help them if she wished. How happy Emma was that week! Every cent that came to her she kept for Sunday school, and never once thought about buying candy, because giving to Jesus was so much better.

I think everyone who really loves Jesus feels just that same way about giving. I have a story to tell you to-day about some people who went away from Jerusalem when Saul was persecuting the Christians there (that was before he learned to love Jesus, you know). These people settled in a city called Antioch, and there they started a church. The apostles in Jerusalem, hearing about it, sent Barnabas to help them. Barnabas soon went after Saul, and together they taught the people about Jesus, and "the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." One day a prophet came to the church. God had let him know what was going to happen, and he told the people there that there would be a famine soon. When they heard that they knew that the Christians in Jerusalem would suffer very much, for they were poor; so they began to give money right away, and when the time came that it was needed they were so glad to be able to send Barnabas and Saul with generous gifts to the friends of Jesus in Jerusalem, and in doing that they were showing their love for Jesus.



#### Special Primary Suggestions.

BY JULIA H. JOHNSTON.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "The hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord." Acts 11, 21.

*Introductory.* Thought to impress by way of approach—good things must be scattered, not kept all in one place. Take as point of contact a fire of coals. Long ago, before there were matches, if the fire went out in the house the easiest way to kindle it was to go

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