

troubled; for he was afraid the same harm might come to Benjamin as to his long-lost Joseph. Then said Judah, "Send the lad with me, I will be surety for him." So they took Benjamin and a present for the governor, and came again into Egypt.

And they were all made welcome and invited to dinner at Joseph's house. After dinner Joseph said to a servant, "Fill their sacks with corn, as much as they can carry, but put my silver cup into the sack of the youngest."

Now, when they were part way home, the brothers opened their bags and found the governor's cup in Benjamin's sack. They were much frightened, and returned at once to the city. Then Joseph proved them again, pretending Benjamin had stolen it, and said, "Your youngest brother must be put in prison."

But Judah stood up to plead for Benjamin, saying, "I will stay myself in place of the lad, if only he may return in safety to his father."

Then Joseph could bear it no longer. He sent everyone out of the room except his brothers. Then he wept so loud that the Egyptians heard him, and he said, "I am Joseph your brother whom you sold into Egypt. Is it true that my father is yet alive?"

When Jacob's sons knew that the great governor of all Egypt was Joseph their brother, they were greatly frightened, thinking he would now be sure to punish them for the evil they had done him. But he said, "It was God who sent me here for a great work." Then said Joseph, "My father will be pleased to hear of my power and honor. Go and bring him to see me, and I will give him and yourselves a home in Egypt. I will give you pasture also for your flocks and herds." And he kissed each of his brothers and Benjamin, and they all wept for joy at the gracious words and kindness of Joseph.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who, amongst others, came to buy corn from Joseph?
2. Did he know them?
3. Did they know him?
4. Why did he not tell them at once who he was?
5. Whom did he say they must bring to him?
6. Why was Jacob afraid to let Benjamin leave him?
7. What did Judah promise?
8. What was found in Benjamin's sack?
9. What did the governor say when they took it back?
10. What offer did Judah make?
11. How did Joseph make himself known to his brothers?
12. Why were they afraid of him?
13. How did he comfort them?
14. What message did he send to his father?
15. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

One may be a great blessing to others



Primary Catechism—53. Who is the Comforter or Helper whom Jesus promised to send to His disciples? The Holy Spirit is the Comforter whom Jesus promised to send.

Shorter Catechism—99. What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer?

A. The whole word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called *The Lord's Prayer*.

Lesson Hymn

Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,
In Thy gracious hands I am;
Make me Saviour, what Thou art;
Live Thyself within my heart.

I shall then shew forth Thy praise,
Serve Thee all my happy days;
Then the world shall always see
Christ, the holy Child, in me.

Amen.

—Hymn 523, Book of Praise