

an organ, a reading desk and a case of Testaments and tracts for free distribution. Song books were in racks at each seat and many were grimy from the sooty hands of railroad boys who are always welcomed in their work clothes. One of them remarked to the missionary that they would be an ungrateful lot if they would not go to meeting when the church, organ and parson were all run into their car yards. Back of the assembly room, which can accommodate 150 persons, is the library, sleeping room and dining room combined of the missionary and his wife, for they do all their house keeping on the car. Behind this is a baby kitchen, with glistening pots and pans and a tiny china closet. While talking with the earnest missionary, Mr. Jacques and his wife, we found out that they are both Nova Scotians, Mrs. Jacques being the daughter of Charles Skinner, formerly of Berwick, N. S. General Estey presents an organ to each car as it is finished and he has promised us one for a Canadian car should we wish it.

The Missionary Union meetings are now going on and a large number of workers in foreign fields are telling of their labors.

Dr. Lorimer, of Boston, preached the convention sermon on Sunday to thousands packed in one of the city theatres, for no church could hold those who wished to hear him. He takes a sly pleasure in relating a story about himself and the First Baptist church here. It seems that many years ago he received a call to its pastorate, but one of the church members, happening to be in the east, heard him preach and immediately telegraphed here that they had made a great mistake in calling the young man and they had better let the matter drop; which they did. Dr. Lorimer asserts that he would certainly have come had they been unanimous, and one cannot help wondering what would have been the result had he done so, for the Baptist cause is not as flourishing here as in the east. His eloquence and religious fervor are unimpaired, for he held his hearers spell-bound while they listened to a sermon one hour and a half long. At the close of the convention Thursday next many of the visitors, before returning east, are going to visit Yosemite Valley and points of interest in the south.

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Suggestion of a Plan for Sunday School Grading and Supplemental Lessons.

SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS FOR THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

GRADE NO. 2. AGE 9.—GREAT TRUTHS FOR LITTLE ONES.

LESSON XV.

- Q. What is the wages of sin?
A. The Scriptures tell us, that the wages of sin is death.
Q. Must every sinner die?
A. The Scripture says, The soul that sinneth, it shall die.
Q. How can we be saved from death?
A. We can be saved from death, because Christ died for us.
Q. What is the most important thing which the Scriptures teach us?
A. The most important thing which the Bible teaches, is that Jesus died for us.
Q. Who was Jesus Christ?
A. Jesus Christ was the Son of God.
Q. Where was Jesus before he came into this world?
A. Before he came into this world Jesus was in heaven with God.

LESSON XVI.

- Q. Who sent Jesus into the world?
A. God sent Jesus into the world.
Q. What led the Father to send Jesus into the world?
A. God sent his Son into the world because he loved the world.
Q. For what did God send Jesus?
A. God sent his Son into the world that the world through him might be saved.
Q. What did Jesus come to do?
A. Jesus came into the world to seek and to save the lost.
Q. Who are meant by the lost?
A. All men are lost, because all men have sinned against God.
Q. In what form did the Son of God come into the world?
A. The Son of God came into the world in the form of a man.

LESSON XVII.

- Q. When was Jesus born?
A. Jesus was born more than eighteen hundred years ago.
Q. How do we now count our years?
A. We count our years from the year in which Jesus was born.
Q. Where was Jesus born?
A. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judah.
Q. Where was the land of Judah?
A. The land of Judah was in Palestine, in Asia.
Q. What people lived in Palestine?
A. The Jews, the children of Abraham, then lived in Palestine.
Q. By what names were the Jews called in the Bible?
A. In the Bible the Jews are called Hebrews, Jews, Israelites, and the children of Israel.

LESSON XVIII.

- Q. To what nation did Jesus belong?
A. Jesus was one of the Jewish nation.

- Q. How many tribes were there?
A. There were twelve Jewish tribes.
Q. Whom were the Jewish tribes named after?
A. The Jewish tribes were named after the twelve sons of Israel.
Q. Who was the mother of Jesus?
A. The mother of Jesus was Mary.
Q. To what tribe did Mary belong?
A. Mary was from the tribe of Judah.
Q. What is Jesus sometimes called?
A. Jesus is called, in the Bible, the Lion of the tribe of Judah.
Q. Had any one told, before he came, in what city Jesus would be born?
A. One of the prophets told, many years before, that Christ should be born in Bethlehem of Judah.

LESSON XIX.

- Q. What great man in Israel had been born in Bethlehem?
A. David, the king of Israel, was born in Bethlehem.
Q. How long before was David born?
A. King David was born more than a thousand years before Jesus.
Q. Was David a relation of Jesus?
A. King David was one of the fore-fathers of Jesus.
Q. What is Jesus called in the Bible?
A. Jesus is called in the Bible the Son of David.
Q. Was the mother of Jesus rich?
A. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a poor person.
Q. What did an angel say to Mary?
A. The angel told Mary, that she should have a son who should be called the Son of God.

LESSON XX.

- Q. In what kind of a place was Jesus born?
A. Jesus was born in an out-building belonging to an inn.
Q. Where was he laid?
A. When Jesus was born he was laid in the manger, out of which the cattle did eat.
Q. What did some shepherds see that night?
A. The night when Jesus was born, the shepherds saw a company of angels.
Q. What were the angels doing?
A. The angels were singing and praising God.
Q. What did they tell the shepherds?
A. The angels told the shepherds that a Saviour was born, which was Christ the Lord.

LESSON XXI.

- Q. What did the shepherds do?
A. The shepherds came to Bethlehem, to worship the infant Saviour.
Q. Who was king then in Palestine?
A. Herod, a wicked man, was at that time king in Palestine.
Q. What did King Herod want to do?
A. King Herod wanted to kill the young child Jesus.
Q. What did an angel tell Joseph?
A. An angel told Joseph to take Mary, his wife, and the child Jesus into Egypt.
Q. What did Joseph do?
A. Joseph took the child and his mother, and went into Egypt.
Q. How long did they stay in Egypt?
A. Joseph and Mary stayed in Egypt till they heard that King Herod was dead.

LESSON XXII.

- Q. What did Joseph do when Herod was dead?
A. When Herod died, Joseph and Mary went back to Palestine.
Q. To what place did they go?
A. Joseph took Mary and Jesus to live in Nazareth of Galilee.
Q. Where is Nazareth?
A. Nazareth is about seventy miles north of Bethlehem.
Q. What was Nazareth?
A. Nazareth was a small, quiet country village.
Q. What are we told about Jesus when a child?
A. We are told that Jesus when a child was obedient to his mother.
Q. What ought all children to be?
A. All children ought to be obedient as Jesus was.

LESSON XXIII.

- Q. How long was Jesus in Nazareth?
A. Jesus lived in Nazareth till he was thirty years old.
Q. Where did he go then?
A. When Jesus left Nazareth he went to Jordan, to John the Baptist.
Q. What was John then doing?
A. John was preaching, and baptizing people in the river Jordan.
Q. Why did Jesus come to John?
A. Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized by him.
Q. What did John do?
A. John went down into the water with Jesus and baptized him.
Q. What took place as they were coming up out of the river?
A. When they were coming up out of the water God bore witness that Jesus was his Son.

LESSON XXIV.

- Q. How did God witness to Jesus?
A. The heavens were opened and the Holy Ghost as a dove came down and rested upon him.
Q. What was heard from heaven?
A. A voice from heaven was heard saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
Q. What had God told John?
A. God had told John, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending and remaining upon him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Spirit.
Q. What did John say about Jesus?
A. John pointed out Jesus, and said, Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
Q. What did Jesus now do?
A. Jesus began to preach the gospel.

LESSON XXV.

- Q. How many years did Jesus preach in Palestine?
A. Jesus went about preaching for nearly three years.
Q. What wonderful works did he do?
A. Jesus healed the sick, he opened the eyes of the blind, and he called the dead to life.
Q. What did the people think of his preaching?
A. The people were very glad to hear the good news that Jesus told.
Q. What did they think about his wonderful works?
A. The people wondered very much at the good works which he did.
Q. Did he heal many sick people?
A. The people used to bring all of their sick friends to Jesus, and he healed them all.

LESSON XXVI.

- Q. Did all the Jews like to hear of Jesus?
A. Many of the Jews did not like to hear the preaching of Jesus.
Q. Why did not they like to hear it?
A. The Chief Priests and Scribes did not like the preaching of Jesus, because he reproved them for their evil deeds.
Q. What did they wish to do to Jesus?
A. The Chief Priests and Rulers sought to kill Jesus.
Q. How did they take Jesus?
A. They sent soldiers at night to lay hands on him.
Q. Who showed them where he was?
A. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, showed them where Jesus was.
Q. What did they do to Jesus?
A. The soldiers took Jesus away to the Roman Governor.

LESSON XXVII.

- Q. What did they ask the Governor to do with Jesus?
A. They cried out to the Governor to crucify Jesus.
Q. How did they crucify Jesus?
A. They fastened Jesus to the cross by great nails through his hands and his feet.
Q. Did Jesus pray for his enemies?
A. Jesus prayed for his enemies, Father forgive them; they do not know what they do.
Q. What happened when Jesus died?
A. When Jesus died there was darkness over all the land, and a great earthquake.
Q. What was done with the body of Jesus?
A. The body of Jesus was buried in a new stone sepulchre.

LESSON XXVIII.

- Q. How long was Jesus in the grave?
A. Jesus was in the grave three days.
Q. How did he come to life again?
A. God raised Jesus from the dead by his own power.
Q. How long did he stay on earth after he rose again?
A. Jesus staid on earth forty days after his resurrection.
Q. Where did he go when he left the earth?
A. When Jesus left the earth, he went up to heaven.
Q. How did he go up to heaven?
A. Jesus rose up to heaven, until a cloud hid him from his disciples.
Q. Will Jesus ever come from heaven again?
A. Jesus will come again, to take his people to himself.

LESSON XXIX.

- Q. What did Jesus tell his disciples before he went up to heaven?
A. Before he went up to heaven, Jesus told his disciples to preach the gospel to every creature.
Q. What did Jesus mean by his gospel?
A. Jesus meant by the gospel, the good news of salvation for sinners through his own death.
Q. To whom was the gospel to be preached?
A. The gospel was to be preached to sinners in all the world.
Q. Is the gospel preached to us?
A. The gospel has been preached to us, as Jesus commanded.
Q. Why is the gospel preached to us?
A. The gospel is preached to us that we may believe and be saved.

LESSON XXX.

- Q. Will there be any sin in heaven?
A. There is no sin in heaven, and all who go there will be made holy.
Q. What will sinners say who are saved, and go to heaven?
A. Those who are saved will praise the Lord Jesus, who has loved them, and washed away their sins.
Q. In what does Jesus wash sinners?
A. Jesus washes sinners, and makes them clean, in his own blood.
Q. Is anything else needed to make sinners clean?
A. Nothing but the blood of Jesus is needed to make sinners clean.
Q. What does the Bible say about the blood of Jesus?
A. The Bible says, The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

I once saw the sweetest sight—a little weary child falling asleep upon the grass, with a posy of flowers in its hand. By degrees the little fingers relaxed their hold, the little head drooped gently, the little eyelids closed, and the child slept. God grant that when I fall into my last sleep my poor fingers may have in them some posy, some sweet flower! Is there anything in my little garden that I may hold in my hand when I come to die? Righteousness? Ah! that is a poor weed at its best. Genius? What will that do for me in that sublime hour when the babe and the suckling have more knowledge of the things of God than the very wisest of this world? Great riches? Even the man of the world will laugh at you if you propose to hold those in your hand in the hour of death. . . . But there grows sometimes in the deep, shadowed part of a man's heart the sweetest flower—lowliness toward God; and another flower—humbleness toward man. But even that does not make a handful. When a man is sinking to his last sleep let him turn to the fullness of God. Then gathers he, if he be wise, the flower of forgiveness, the great passion-flower of God's love, the crown of thorns, the blood-red rose, and the amaranth of the Eternal Realm.—G. Dawson.