

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 5.

APRIL 29th, 1894.

2nd QUARTER.

Joseph Forgiving his Brethren. Gen. 45 : 1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT : " If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him ; and if he repent, forgive him." Luke 17 : 3.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 3-5. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, 7, 59, 46, 89.

PROVE THAT We should return good for evil. Matt. 5 : 44.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 100. What doth the preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us ?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH.
Gen. 45 : 1-13	Gen. 43 : 1-14	Gen. 43 : 15-25	Gen. 43 : 26-34	Gen. 45 : 16-28	Gen. 47 : 1-12	Rom. 12 : 14-21

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.—Nine years have elapsed since our last lesson. The seven years of plenty have come and gone, and Joseph has had an abundant supply of corn laid up all through the land of Egypt. Two years of the famine are drawing to a close, and it is beginning to be felt in other countries as the scarcity was not confined to Egypt. The famine has reached the home of Jacob in Canaan. He hears that there is abundance in Egypt, and he sends his sons thither to procure a supply of food. Joseph recognizes his ten brothers, but of course they do not know him. He deals with them as a stranger, and accuses them of being spies. They protest that they are true men and no spies. He confines them in prison for three days, after which he brings them out, sends them back with provisions to Canaan, putting each man's money in the mouth of his sack. He retains Simeon as a hostage, and tells them to bring Benjamin with them on their return to Egypt. They go home to Canaan and tell their father all that had happened to them. When the supply of corn is exhausted Jacob asks them to go to Egypt once more, and after much persuasion Benjamin is permitted to go with them. The brothers are received by Joseph, who entertains them in his own house, gives them a supply of corn, causes double money to be put in each man's sack, and his own cup in the mouth of Benjamin's sack. After they are gone a little while he sends the steward after them, who accuses them of stealing his master's cup. The cup is found with Benjamin, and they all return with sorrow to Joseph. After explanations, Joseph can no longer restrain himself, and makes himself known to them. He invites his father and all the family to come to him in Egypt. The whole story is a most affecting one and should be read in private over and over again. Time 1706 B. C. Places Egypt and Canaan.

LESSON PLAN. I. Making Himself Known. vs. 1-4. II. Comforting his Brothers: vs. 5-8. III. Sending for his Father. vs. 9-15.

I. MAKING HIMSELF KNOWN. 1. Joseph sees that his brethren are changed men and he now has an opportunity to make himself known to them. He has been about nine years ruler in Egypt, and has not made his father aware of his being alive and prosperous. To have done so would have been to reveal his brother's guilt. Notice Joseph's delicacy in having all unnecessary witnesses of his emotion removed. The distress of our friends should excite our sympathy. 2. This is in accordance with the manners of eastern people from that day to this. The house of Pharaoh heard, therefore, Joseph's official residence was close to the royal palace. There is relief in tears. 3. Joseph had been using an interpreter, but now he speaks to them in their own tongue. The "old man, your father," has now

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