

from the Lord for Nehemiah, and sent to him to come to his house. There he tried to persuade him to shut himself up in the temple because his enemies were coming to seize him.

But Nehemiah said: "A man who is doing work for the Lord should not leave that work unfinished and flee away to save his own life. I will not go in." For Nehemiah saw that this was no message from the Lord, but that Sanballat and Tobiah had paid Shemaiah to do this. So the wall which was to guard God's temple and His people from their enemies, was finished and dedicated to the service of the Lord.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who wished harm to the Jews? 2. What message did they send to Nehemiah? 3. What answer did Nehemiah return? 4. What did Sanballat next send? 5. What were the words of the letter? 6. What answer was sent to this? 7. What did Nehemiah then ask of God? 8. What did Nehemiah's enemies next do? 9. What did Shemaiah pretend? 10. What did he try to persuade Nehemiah to do? 11. What did Nehemiah answer? 12. Why did Nehemiah treat the answer in this way? 13. What was done when the wall was finished? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"We've formed the loveliest society", said Rosalind to Letty, "and we want you to join. We're calling it the 'Mother-love Society', and each Saturday we're going to do something to show our mothers how much we love them." Letty's face glowed. "That's beautiful! Of course I'll join." "Well then, to-morrow", said Rosalind, "we are going out to Barton's woods to get the loveliest flowers we can find for our mothers and—". "Oh!" cried Letty, her face falling,—she had promised to take care of Benny to-morrow while mother went to town,—"I can't." "You can't love your mother very much then", said Rosalind scornfully. "Oh I do, I do! Only—I think mother would rather have me do the thing she asked me, than something I'd like to do myself." And that is just what mother said when Letty told her.

Lesson Hymn

Gird thy heavenly armor on,
Wear it ever night and day;
Ambushed lies the evil one:
'Watch and pray.'

Hear the victors who o'ercame;
Still they mark each warrior's way;
All with one sweet voice exclaim,
'Watch and pray.' Amen.

—Hymn 254, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—62. What is a Christian? A Christian is one who loves and follows Jesus Christ.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 20-38.

The Question on Missions

11. What are the different branches of the work? There are four—evangelical, educational, medical and benevolent. The evangelical includes: the support of nine mission fields; the Childerhose Memorial Fund for emergency work in Northern Ontario; an institutional church in Winnipeg located amongst the foreigners; and deaconess work.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Nehemiah got a letter from his enemies that was meant to frighten him. But he knew that he was doing God's work and that



God was on his side. So he kept right on building the walls of Jerusalem. So, when we are doing what is right, nothing that our enemies can say or write should make us fear. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE BRAVE