

hear what He said ; but afterwards they went away and paid more attention to their houses, their riches and their pleasure, than they did to the things He taught them. They were like the seed that fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But such as heard the Word of God and obeyed it and brought forth fruit, were like the fields of good ground, which, sown with good seed, brought forth some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred times as much as the farmer had planted.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is a parable ? 2. Where was Jesus sitting when He spoke the parable of the Lesson ? 3. Where did the people sit who heard it ? 4. Into what four kinds of soil did the seed fall ? 5. Which only yielded fruit ? 6. What question did the disciples ask Jesus about the parable ? 7. What was meant by the seed ? 8. What kind of hearers were like the hard foot-paths ? 9. Who were compared to the stony ground ? 10. Who to the thorny places ? 11. What kind of hearers were like good fields ? 12. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

"Yes", said Uncle Davy, sitting out in the garden with Jim, "the whole world's a great garden bed, and we begin sowing seeds in it in the spring time—when we're young you know—and whatever we sow then, we'll reap when we're old."

"Please just what do you mean, Uncle?" asked Jim. "Well, for instance", said Uncle Davy, "there's a little boy I know sowing some pretty good seeds of honesty, and truthfulness, and purity, just now, and these ought to bring a pretty good crop of character when he's older; but along with these, he drops sometimes some horrid, nasty little seeds of forgetfulness and carelessness. Now, bad seeds grow so much more quickly than good ones, that I'm afraid some day there's a chance of that good crop being choked up by that horrid weed." "Oh—" said Jim—"oh!" and he looked rather startled. Then he stood up straight and stiff like a soldier. "But I'm not going to let it, so there!"

Lesson Hymn

Sow the seed beside all waters,
North and south and east and west,
That our toiling sons and daughters
In the harvest may be blest.
Tell the tidings of salvation
'Mid the storms of Labrador;
Speak the word of consolation
By the lone Pacific shore. Amen.

—Hymn 448, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—100. What form has Jesus given to guide us in prayer? Jesus said, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven." (See Matt. 6: 9-13 for the whole prayer.)

101. What is this prayer commonly called? This prayer is commonly called, "The Lord's Prayer."

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 59, 60.

The Question on Missions

12. What determines the opening of new preaching places? Chapels are generally opened as soon as possible in the large cities and towns. Market villages are also strategic points, as the people of the surrounding villages assemble there periodically to attend the fairs, and large numbers can thus be reached with the gospel.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Good seed was what Jesus called the words of God's holy Book. If we treasure this seed



up in our hearts, it will grow up into pure and loving words and deeds, just as garden seeds become beautiful flowers. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S WORD