

for it drives us to our knees. The people's confession and Moses' prayer follow, v. 7. Then, as quick as the echo on the voice, comes God's answer of mercy, v. 8. And then healing and life through a look. The look at the brazen serpent was the proof of the Israelites' faith. It showed their willingness to do a seemingly foolish thing at God's bidding. So a look towards Christ's cross declares our trust in Him. Who can explain it? There is life and joy in the look which the tiny flower gives into the face of the sun, in the look which the babe gives into the face of the mother.

"There is life for a look at the crucified One.
"There is life at this moment for thee."

Some Test Questions

How long since the events of last Lesson?
Where has the time been spent?
Where are the Israelites now?
What hindrance to their entering Canaan?
(20: 14-21.)

What new foe now appears?
The first result of the battle?
How was the tide turned?
What led to the discouragement of v. 4.
What punishment followed the murmurings?

How did this affect the people?
What did Moses do?
Whence and how did relief come?

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Links—A little boy said, "I have been fighting a giant this week." "Oh! We thought giants were all dead," said his playmate. (Tell a short story of "Giant Anger" overcome by the little lad by God's help.) Recall last lesson.

Lesson Thought—Jesus is my Saviour.

Lesson—Tell the story. God helped His people, v. 3. They have not yet killed "Giant Grumbler," "No food! No water! We are tired of God punished them, v. 6.

God's Mercy—When God punishes, He provides a cure. What does mother do when you are ill, or hurt? Yes,

Of what is the serpent-bite a type?
Of what the brazen serpent?
What must we do to be saved?

Prove from Scripture

That God's way of salvation is plain.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous)

1. Vows and their uses.
2. Deadly serpents.
3. The serpent of brass, and the cross of Calvary.

The Catechism

Ques. 37. Death of Believers. Note first, there is a part of us which does not die. The soul lives forever. The resurrection of Christ has made this certain. Two things are said of the souls of believers at death. They are "made perfect in holiness." They are not as holy as they can be, but holiness ceases to be a struggle. Unholiness is no longer possible. The second thing is that they "do immediately pass into glory." These words are directed against the doctrine of purgatory, which teaches that the souls of almost all believers are unfit to enter heaven at death. The bodies of believers are under the care of Christ. They "rest in their graves" until He comes, as He will, to call them forth.

