

A LITTLE BOY'S POCKET.

Do you know what is in my pottet?
Such a lot of treasures in it!
Listen now while I bedin it;
Such a lot of sings it holds,
And all there is, you shall be told;
Every sing dat's in my pottet,
And when, and where, and how I dot it.

First of all here in my pottet,
A beauty shell, I picked it up:
And here is the handle of a tup
That somebody broke at tea;
The shell has a hole, you see!
Nobody knows dat I have dot it,
I keep it safe here in my pottet.

And here is my ball, too, in my pottet,
And here is my pennies, one, two, fro,
That Auntie Mary gave to me;
To-morrow day I'll buy a spade
When I'm out walking with the maid.
I can't put dat here in my pottet,
But I can use it when I've dot it.

Here is some sings in my pottet!
Here is my lead, and here is my string,
And once I had an iron ring.
But through a hole it lost one day,
And this is what I always say—
A hole's the worst shing in a pottet,
Have it mended whea you've dot it.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

A.D. 29.] **LESSON IV.** [Jan. 22

JESUS AND THE AFFLICTED.

Matt. 15. 21-31. Commit to memory vs. 30, 31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray.
James 5. 13.

OUTLINE.

1. A Pleading Mother.
2. A Merciful Saviour.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who came to see Jesus? A heathen woman.

Why did she come to him? To ask him to heal her little daughter, tormented with an evil spirit.

How did Jesus receive her? He answered her not a word.

What did the disciples want Jesus to do? To grant her request and send her away.

How did he answer them? "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

Who were the lost sheep of the house of Israel? The Jews.

Why was Jesus sent to the Jews first? Because they were the children of God.

What made them God's children? Loving and obeying him as their heavenly Father.

How did they look upon the heathen who bowed down to idols? As dogs.

How did this heathen woman show her faith in Jesus' love and power? She worshipped him and said, "LORD HELP ME."

What did Jesus tell her? "It is not right to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs."

What did she reply? "Truth Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

What was Jesus' answer? "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt"

What happened? Her daughter was made well that very hour.

What does this miracle teach us? To believe that Jesus will help us, and to let nothing shake our faith in him. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT)

Where did Jesus go after he had answered the prayer of the heathen woman? Up into a mountain near the Sea of Galilee.

Who came to him there? Great multitudes of people.

Why did they come? To cast their sick friends at his feet.

What did Jesus do? He healed them.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Does Satan fill your heart with wicked thoughts and feelings? Go to Jesus and ask him to cast them out.

Are you sick or in trouble? Go to Jesus and ask him to help you.

Ask believingly, humbly, perseveringly. "According to your faith be it unto you."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Spiritual Israel.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What must you be, if you would go to this glorious and happy place? That I may go to heaven I must be holy in heart and life.

A.D. 29.] **LESSON V.** [Jan. 29

PETER CONFESSING CHRIST.

Matt. 16. 13-28. Commit to mem vs. 15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my father which is in heaven. Matt. 10. 32.

OUTLINE.

1. The Christ Confessed.
2. The Christ Followed.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

Whom did the people think Jesus was? John the Baptist, risen from the dead, or one of the prophets

Whom did Simon Peter declare him to be? 'Christ, the Son of the living God'

Why did Christ call Simon blessed? Because God had revealed to him the truth that Christ was his Son

Who alone can give us faith to believe this? God, our heavenly Father.

Whom does God bless now? All who receive his revelation, and confess Christ as the Son of God

What did Jesus call this revelation from God? The rock upon which he would build his Church.

What did he promise Peter? The keys of the kingdom of heaven

What did that mean? Power to rule in the Church.

What does Jesus promise? Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT

Why did Jesus forbid his disciples to tell the people he was the Son of God? Because they were not ready to receive or believe it.

What did Jesus begin to tell his disciples? How he must suffer and die, and be raised to life again.

What did Peter say to him? "Lord, this shall never be unto thee."

Why did Christ rebuke Peter? Because he was looking for Christ's earthly glory, and not his heavenly glory

Who did Jesus say must deny himself all earthly glory? Every one who wants to be his disciple.

What must we lose to gain eternal life and happiness? A life of worldly gain and pleasure.

What is worth more than the whole world? One soul

What is it to bear the cross? To give up our wants and desires, and do the will of God.

When will God reward all who have borne the cross? When he comes in his glory as judge of all the earth.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Satan asks you to follow him and bear his cross. "Satan deceiveth the whole world."

Jesus asks you to follow him and bear his cross. Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Whom will you choose?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Service and sacrifice.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What is religion? Religion is holiness in heart and life.