

sand-map, marking the spot] you see Jesus. This picture shows a light around his head. The green branches of the vines make a bower to shelter him from the heat of the noonday sun. He is tired and thirsty. His disciples are not in sight. They are gone to buy food. That woman in the picture has come to draw water. She carries the jar on her head, and lets it down into the well by the long cord she brings. What will Jesus ask her? He is thirsty, and has no water jar with a long cord.

Men of his country will not speak to heathen women here. Whom does Jesus call his brothers and sisters? When Jesus asks her for water, and she sees by his dress where he comes from, she asks how it happens that he is willing to speak with her. She could not know that he is the Christ. [The children will ask about the "light around his head," which shows in the picture, and we have to explain.]

Jesus told her that if she knew his name she would ask him for living water, that she might not thirst again. Where shall she get this water? It is a long, weary way to the well. "Are you a prophet?" asks the woman. "Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well?" Jesus was speaking of quenching soul thirst. The woman's soul was thirsty, but she did not know it.

The soul gets thirsty. How can that be? Do we ever feel sad, tired, and ashamed of wrongdoing, and long for something that will make us better? That is soul thirst. To long for good and God is soul thirst. Jesus saw the thirst in this woman's soul, and told her all about it. How could he know about a thirst hidden from all except God? The woman ran to call her neighbors to see the Lord. Back in the city [pointing south] were the selfish, curious people, who followed Jesus for gain, who would never call him "Saviour."

"We believe him now," said the heathen people to the woman, "not because you told us, but because we have heard his voice, and know that he is the Saviour of the world."

### LESSON VIII. (February 25.)

#### JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH. Luke 4. 16-30.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." John 1. 11.

**Introductory.** How many of you ever heard about people called missionaries? Surely all of you have heard. And what is a missionary? It is one who has a mission. It is one who has a message to carry. His mission is the thing he

is sent to do. The people we call missionaries are those who are sent to tell of Jesus to heathen in far-away places, who do not even know his name, and to those in our own land who do not believe him.



But others besides those who are called by this name have a mission—an errand, something to do or to tell.

Even a little child may have a mission. A dear baby boy once lived a little while in this world and went away to be with Jesus, but his little life was long enough to make papa and mamma love him so much that they learned to love God who gave him, and when the baby went to heaven he seemed to take their hearts there with him. This was the mission of the little life. A bright little girl lived in a poor home. She was so loving and happy and full of sweetness that she was called Little Sunshine. Her mission was to make people happier by her smiles and laughter and happy ways. You have a mission and I have a mission. Whatever our Father in heaven sent us into this world to do is our mission. We must have help, or we cannot do as we should. But there was One who came to this world on a mission, who was strong enough to carry it out all through perfectly, never once failing in anything that he came to do. It was Jesus. In our lesson to-day we learn what the wonderful work was. We will write on the blackboard the words "Jesus's mission," and then we will write what he came for. Let us see whether or not those he came to work for were willing to receive him, and then let us ask ourselves if we are willing to let Jesus do his work.

**The Lesson.** Do you remember where the carpenter shop was in which Jesus worked with Joseph? It was in Nazareth, and there Jesus was brought up, going every Sabbath day to the synagogue, as they called their church. After being long away he came back there when he had begun to go about teaching and preaching, and carrying on his mission. When Sabbath came he went to the service just as he always did, and they gave him the book which Isaiah the prophet had written many years before. Now, this book was nearly all about the Saviour, and told beforehand what the Lord's work would be. Jesus found the place where some especially beautiful things were said of him, and read them to the people. Isaiah said Jesus was to be sent to the poor, the broken-hearted, the captive, the blind, and the bruised. [Write on the board, and drill class upon these words.]

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