

wheat into my barns.'"

Then when the people had gone, Jesus explained this parable also to His disciples. The field meant the world ; the owner of the field, Jesus Himself ; the good seed meant the words that He preached ; and the wheat that grew up, the persons who listened to these words and obeyed them. The enemy that sowed the bad seed was Satan ; and the weeds in the field meant wicked men ; the harvest is the end of the world and the reapers are the angels.

"And as the weeds were gathered and burned in the fire", said Jesus, "so at the last day, all that is wicked or evil shall be destroyed. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven ?
2. What kind of seed did the farmer sow ?
3. What happened one night ?
4. What kind of seed did the enemy sow ?
5. Who discovered the enemy's work ?
6. Why would the farmer not allow the tares to be weeded out ?
7. What did he say should be done ?
8. Who was meant by the farmer in the story ?
9. What was the field ?
10. What was meant by the good seed ?
11. What by the bad seed ?
12. What was meant by the harvest and the reapers ?
13. What would happen on the last day ?

Lesson Story

"Bobby, did you mail the letter I gave you last evening ?" asked mother. "Oh mother, I forgot. I had to get some new shoestrings, and I—" "But I told you to get those yesterday." "Yes, but father made me weed the bed I'd forgotten the night before and—" "Bobby", called his brother, "didn't you nail that slat on the rabbit-pen yesterday ? they're all out." "Oh, I forgot", said Bobby, again, springing up in dismay to hunt his pets. "Bobby, Bobby", said his mother sadly when he trailed slowly home again after finding only half his pets, "this bad habit of yours is growing worse every day instead of better, and choking up an otherwise good little character." Bobby looked rather startled. "Well, I won't let it, after this", he promised earnestly.

Lesson Hymn

For we know the Lord of glory
Always sees what children do,
And is writing now the story
Of our thoughts and actions too. Amen.
—Hymn 543, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—106. What does the water in baptism mean ? The water in baptism teaches us that we need to have our sins washed away.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 21-23.

The Question on Missions

4. What ages are the pupils when they enter school ? They must be between the ages of seven and seventeen, and unmarried. Many come in quite late, because their parents were not formerly Christians, and did not send them to school.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The people who came to hear Jesus teach and preach heard Him speak about many things that they knew very well. He told



them about fishing and building houses and baking bread. In the Lesson we find Him telling His hearers about sowing seed and reaping, and storing the crop in the barn. Draw this picture of a barn.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD HELP, NOT HINDER JESUS