

Lesson XII.

THE PASSAGE OF THE RED SEA

December 22, 1901

Exodus 14 : 13-27—Memory Verses, 13-16.

Golden Text—I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.—Exod. 15 : 1.
[The Lesson Passage is omitted in order to make room for the alternative Christmas Lesson.]

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Pharaoh and his people saw that their eldest sons were dead, there was great crying and mourning in the land of Egypt, and they sent for Moses in the middle of the night and begged him to take the Israelites and be gone, for, said they, "Your God will kill us all. So the Israelites, with their

hurry after them and either kill them or bring them back again to me as slaves."

When the Israelites saw the king's soldiers coming, they were afraid and began to cry out against Moses. But he said, "Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of God; for the Lord shall fight for you this day. He will make an end of the Egyptians."



As night came on, the Lord moved the pillar of fire so that it showed His people where to go, but a shadow was over the Egyptians to keep them from coming near. And the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your rod over the sea." And Moses did so, and the waves were divided into two heaps by a strong east wind, so that there was a dry path between them. "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward," was the Lord's command. So the people walked across the sea between the walls of water, until they came to the opposite shore.

The Egyptians followed in hot haste; but when they were in the midst of the sea, the Lord took off their chariot wheels, so that they were in terror and tried to

children and their cattle, left Egypt and marched on foot until they came to the edge of the Red Sea, the Lord going before them in a cloud of fire to show them the way.

Soon Pharaoh was sorry that he had let the people go, and said to his soldiers, "Get ready your war-horses and chariots and

turn back again.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now stretch forth your rod." And immediately the waters returned upon Pharaoh and his armies, and when the morning came the Israelites saw their enemies lying dead upon the shore.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON

1. What did Pharaoh beg of Moses when the first-born were dead? 2. Where did the Israelites go? 3. How did they find their way? 4. How did Pharaoh feel when they

were gone? 5. What did he order his soldiers to do? 6. How did the Israelites behave when they saw them coming? 7. What did Moses say? 8. What did God tell Moses