

the Pharisees and the disciples of John fast, and your disciples do not?"

And Jesus answered, "The friends of a bridegroom do not fast while he is with them; they rejoice. John is in prison; it is right that his disciples should fast and mourn. But I am with My disciples just now, and so with them it is a time of joy, not fasting." Also Jesus said, "No person seweth a new piece of cloth on an old garment, else the new piece will tear away from the old and make the rent still worse." By this Jesus meant that His laws and rules did not match nor fit the old strict rules of the Pharisees. "Neither", said He, "do men put new wine into old wine skins, lest the strong new wine burst the old skins; but they put new wine into new wine skins and both are safe." So Jesus' new laws and rules could not be mixed with the old rules of the Pharisees.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the Jews have to pay to the Romans? 2. What were the tax-gatherers called? 3. Why were they hated by the Jews? 4. Which of them did Jesus call to be a disciple? 5. Where did Jesus afterwards go to dinner? 6. Who else were there? 7. What did the Pharisees say? 8. What was Jesus' answer? 9. What questions did the Pharisees ask Jesus? 10. Why did John's disciples fast? 11. What two illustrations did Jesus use to show that His laws and the Pharisees' could not be kept together? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Betty moaned and cried and would not be comforted when mother was carried off to the hospital. "O, I love her so much, I do, I do!" she sobbed, "and you don't seem to care one scrap, Mary Clark."

Little sister Mary didn't answer back. She only said gently, "You know I love mother, Betty, and I'm just as sorry she is sick as you are, but I haven't time to cry. Mother asked me to look after Tommy and the baby, and I'm going to do it just as well as I can. I—I think she'd rather have me do things like that than—than just cry." And Mary marched off downstairs.

Lesson Hymn

One there is above all others.

Well deserves the name of Friend;

His is love beyond a brother's,

Costly, free, and knows no end;

They who once His kindness prove,

Find it everlasting love. Amen.

—Hymn 79, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—80. What promise has Jesus given to those who meet for His worship? Jesus has promised to be wherever two or three meet in His name.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 8-11.

The Question on Missions

12. Have all the villages in our field in Central India heard the gospel? No, in very many the gospel has never yet been preached. Many others are visited only at long intervals. In as many as the missionary and his helpers can overtake, the work is carried on regularly. Many more workers, both native and foreign, men and women, are greatly needed for the villages of Central India.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Learn by heart the lines of Hymn 534, Book of Praise, and remember, as you do so, that to follow Jesus is just to do, every day of our

'Follow Me,' the Master said:

We will follow Jesus:

By His word and Spirit led,

We will follow Jesus:

Still for us He lives to plead,

At the throne doth intercede,

Offers help in time of need:

We will follow Jesus.

lives, just what He would have us do. If this is hard, He will help us and make us strong.

**I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD BE LOVING**