

he was with the other boys of the company. **44. A day's journey**—at nightfall they looked for him amongst the caravan. They knew how thoughtful and obedient he was so had no fears for his safety or good conduct when out of sight. We can imagine their distress when he was not found. They would sleep little that night or the next.

II. JESUS IN THE TEMPLE. 46. In the Temple—They looked a whole day and part of the next before they looked in the most likely place. He was in one of the rooms of the temple where the rabbis were teaching. **Doctors**—R. V. marg. "Teachers." Jesus was sitting among the scholars around the feet of the rabbis who were teaching such inquirers as he. The only book these were studying was the Bible. Jesus was here a Bible Class Scholar. He was attentive for he listened to the teacher; he was prepared, for he could ask intelligent questions; he had read his Bible thoughtfully, for his questions showed a clear understanding of the subject. We are not to think of the meek child as assuming to instruct the aged. He understood the Bible better than they because the Holy Spirit, and his own pure heart taught him. Every teacher likes to

have the scholar ask good questions. **48. Amazed**—to find him so employed in such a place. **Thy father**—Perhaps Mary had not yet told Jesus the story of his birth. His answer hints that he knew it. **49. My Father's business**—R. V. "in my Father's house." Lit. "among my Father's matters." "Where my Father's affairs are carried on, there you might have known that his Son would be found." These are the only words of Jesus which we have during the first thirty years of his life. **50. They understood not**—We can understand better than either Mary or the disciples what Jesus meant on many occasions. They had not yet seen him die, nor were the epistles written. (Luke 18: 34).

III. JESUS AT NAZARETH. 51. Was subject unto them—He did not think it brave or manly to disobey his parents. Read Ex. 20: 12; Prov. 1: 8; Col. 3: 20. He took up his father's trade. (Mark 6: 3). **52.** Jesus went on growing stronger and wiser and more loveable. Every boy or girl that tries to be like him will find that they too grow in favor with God and man.

To the Scholar.—Study the lesson carefully, turning up the marginal references and reading the "Daily Portions." Then close your Bible and try to answer in writing the questions following *without accepting aid from any quarter* after you have begun to write. Then bring this leaflet to Sabbath School with you on the day of its date. If you cannot come, fill out the blank and send the leaflet (with the answers written out) to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

1. How is the child Jesus described? (4)
2. At what age did he go to his first passover? (2)
3. Why did he linger in the temple? (6)
4. What answer did he give his mother? (5)
5. How did he behave towards his parents? (4)
6. In what did Jesus increase? (4)

Name _____

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because _____ I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory _____ verses in addition to the Golden Text, and _____ Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to _____ I was at church _____ I send with this my Weekly Offering of _____ cents.