

THE BEREAN LESSON LEAF.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST YEAR—1878—JANUARY.

First Quarter—Twelve Lessons from Genesis.

SABBATH, January 5. — **LESSON I.—The Creation.**—(Gen. i. 1, 26-31.—1873, A.D.)

Leader 1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

School 26. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

L. 27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

S. 28. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the

fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

L. 29. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

S. 30. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for meat: and it was so.

L. 31. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

S. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

TOPIC—God the Creator of all things by JESUS CHRIST.

Golden Text—In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him. John i. 1, 3.

[Read, dear scholars, are you ready for hard work? Read, memorize, reflect, pray. Always prepare lessons before coming to school.]

Home Readings.

M. John i. 1-18.
Tu. Psa. viii.
W. Col. i. 9-20.
Th. Exod. x. 16-29.
F. Rev. v.
S. Gen. v.
Sa. Rev. xxi. 1-13, 21-27.

LESSON SCHEME.

Bible Searchings.—[Buy a Bible. Spend some time at home during the week in examining the following texts. They will greatly aid in the study of the lesson.]

Psa. cii. 25.	Psa. lxxxvi. 8.	Rom. i. 20.
Zech. xii. 1.	Jer. xxxvii. 6.	Psa. viii. 5-9.
Psa. cxlv. 16.	Luke xii. 24.	Psa. cxlv. 10.
Rev. iv. 11.	Eccles. iii. 11.	John i. 1-3.
Col. i. 15-17.	Dan. iv. 3.	Rev. i. 8.
Heb. xi. 3.		

Compare and ponder the following texts:—
Gen. i. 1; 2 Cor. v. 17. Gen. i. 2; Eph. v. 8. Gen. i. 3;
2 Cor. iv. 6. Gen. i. 4; 2 Cor. vi. 14. Gen. i. 26; Col. iii. 10.

Outline:

1. The Creation of Heaven and Earth, (v. 1).
2. The Creation of Man, (v. 26-27).
3. The Mission of Man, (v. 28).
4. The Provision for Man, (v. 29, 30).
5. The Creation Approved, (v. 31).

Recite the *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline* of this lesson.

1. Recite the first verse of the Bible.

When was "the beginning?" **ANS.** *The Bible does not tell, and no man knows.*

By whom were all things created? **ANS.** *God created all things by Jesus Christ.*

Give the order of creation as recorded in Gen. i.

ANS. *First day: Heaven....Earth....Light;
Second day: Firmament....Division of waters;
Third day: Dry land....Seas....Grass....Herb....Fruit trees;
Fourth day: Sun....Moon....Stars;
Fifth day: Living creatures of the sea and air;
Sixth day: Living creatures of the land, and finally MAN.*

2. Recite verses 26 and 27.

Of what did God make man's body? Gen. ii. 7. Of what did God make man's soul? Gen. ii. 7. In what did the image of God, in which man was made, consist? **ANS.** *In knowledge, righteousness, and dominion.* [A question to make you think: *If man was at first created by God through Jesus Christ (Eph. iii. 9), and if man be now dead in trespasses and sin (Eph. ii. 1), to whom must man look for a new creation, a new birth, a new life?*]

3. Recite verse 28.

Why should man's dominion over the beasts of the earth be a blessing to them?

What are some of his duties toward them?

4. What provision did God make for man's support? See verse 29.

5. How did God regard his work of creation?

Recite verse 31. Compare 1 Tim. iv. 4.

How does God regard a soul saved by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ?

In what facts or statements of the lesson may we learn,—

1. The wisdom of God,
2. The power of God,
3. The goodness of God,
4. The dignity and glory of man,
5. The duties that man owes to God,
6. The divinity of Jesus Christ?

N.B.—Verses marked with a hand, thus [S], are the Selected Verses.