

leaders of those who were going to Jerusalem. Altogether the vessels of gold and silver numbered 5,400.

The number of the children of Israel that went back to the land of Judah was 42,360, besides 7,337 servants. When they came to Jerusalem, they found everything in ruins, with the beautiful temple and the walls of the city and the houses broken down, just as Nebuchadnezzar had left them so many years before. But the hearts of God's people were now filled with hope, and they began quickly to build up their city and homes again, and to gather materials together to build another temple to the glory of the God of Israel.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How long were the Jews captive in Babylon? 2. How did King Cyrus come to let them go? 3. What message did Cyrus send throughout his land? 4. What were his people commanded to do? 5. What gifts did they give the Jews when they left? 6. What did Cyrus give them to take back? 7. How many vessels were there altogether? 8. How many Jews returned to their own land? 9. How many servants were with them? 10. In what condition did they find Jerusalem? 11. What did the people at once begin to do? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Why, why, what has my little boy been so busy at?" cried mother in surprise, looking down at the rows of feathery carrot-tops and the trim lines of green onion shoots—not a trace of a weed anywhere. "Oh! that's just saying thanks to father for what he did for me yesterday", said Danny. "He took a long time to mend my shovel and pail, and this was 'bout the only thing I could do to let him know how glad I was." "I know father will be surprised and delighted", said mother heartily. "Just as happy as our Father in heaven is, when His children show their thanks for all His gifts by serving and loving Him", she added softly.

Lesson Hymn

Whither, pilgrims, are you going,
Going each with staff in hand?

We are going on a journey,
Going at our King's command;
Over hills and plains and valleys,
We are going to His palace,
Going to the better land. Amen.
—Hymn 583, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—52. What promise did Jesus make to His disciples when He was going away? Jesus promised to send them another Comforter, or Helper, to remain with them forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—103. What do we pray for in the third petition? A In the third petition (which is, *Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*) we pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

The Question on Missions

3. What is the aim and method of the Lord's Day Alliance? It aims to obtain the right of Sabbath rest, with the privilege of worship, for all the people of Canada. It works to give the public a true view of the Sabbath law, and to prevent violation of it, if possible, by friendly remonstrance and persuasion without appeal to the courts.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How glad we should be to use our money in helping on Jesus' work in the world!



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THAT I SHOULD BE KIND**