

Sabbath School Lessons.

July 10. THE DESCENT OF THE SPIRIT.

Lesson, Acts 2: 1-12. Golden Text, John 16: 13.
Memory vs. 1-4. Catechism Q. 84.

Introductory.—What did the apostles do after our Lord's ascension? For what were they commanded to wait? How did they wait? By what promise were they encouraged? Who was chosen to fill the place of Judas? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *The Coming of the Spirit.* vs. 1-3.—When was the feast of Pentecost? How long after the ascension? What were the disciples doing? How did the spirit come? How far was the sound heard? What appeared next? Meaning of *cloven tongues*? Of what were these things the symbols?

II. *The Gift of New Tongues.* vs. 4-6.—With what were they filled? What did they begin to do? Meaning of *speak with other tongues*? Of what did they speak? When had this sign been promised them? Why was it given? Who were in Jerusalem at this time? What had brought them there? How did they hear of these things?

III. *The Amazement of the People.* vs. 7-12.—What effect had this gift of other tongues on these people? From what countries had they come? Of what two classes were they? What did they all hear? Why were they so perplexed? (v 7). What did they say to one another?

1. Jesus is faithful to all his promises.
2. We should seek for their fulfillment in earnest, united prayer.
3. He who receives what Jesus promises needs nothing more?
4. The Holy Spirit is the best of all gifts.
5. He will give the Holy Spirit to those that ask him.
6. The wonderful works of God, as revealed in the Gospel, will yet be spoken in the language of every nation under heaven.

July 17. THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Lesson, Acts 2:37-47. Golden Text, Acts 2:47.
Memory vs. 37-39. Catechism Q. 85.

Introductory.—Who preached to the multitude on the day of Pentecost? How did he explain the wonders they had witnessed? What did he tell them about Jesus? How did he close his sermon? Title of this lesson?

Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place
Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *A Company of Inquirers.* vs. 37-40.—What effect did Peter's preaching produce? What inquiry did these hearers make? What was Peter's answer? What is repentance unto life? What did Peter promise? How did he encourage them? What further exhortation did he give? What must you and I do to be saved?

II. *A Company of Confessors.* vs. 41-43.—Who were baptized? What is baptism? To whom is baptism to be administered? How many were added to the church? What four things did these new disciples do? What effect did their steadfastness produce on others? How did the apostles further witness for Christ?

III. *A Company of Brethren.* vs. 44-47.—How did these disciples show their brotherly love? Their earnest piety? Their Christian fellowship? What is further said of their daily life? What was the effect of all this?

1. Repentance and faith in Christ are necessary for salvation.
2. The promise of salvation is to all who will receive it.
3. True religion makes people careful for the comfort of others.
4. It produces love for the Bible, the church, and prayer, and gives singleness of heart and joy.
5. When Christians are earnest and devoted there number will be increased.

July 24. THE LAME MAN HEALED.

Lesson, Acts 3: 1-16. Golden Text, Acts 3:16.
Memory vs. 6-8. Catechism Q. 86.

Introductory.—How many were added to the church on the day of Pentecost? What was the character of the new converts? Title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place? Memory verses? Catechism?

I. *The Miracle of Healing.* vs. 1-8.—At what hour did Peter and John go to the temple? For what purpose? Whom did they see at the temple gate? How old was this life-long cripple? Acts 4: 22. What did he ask of Peter and John? What did Peter first say to him? What did the man do? What did Peter then say to him? What followed the words of Peter? What did the man do as soon as he was healed? In what respects are all sinners like this lame man? Who alone can heal them? What should they do when healed?