

THE CHILDREN'S MITE.

LITTLE hands, be free in giving;
Little hearts, be glad to serve;
Each unselfish act of living
God fails never to observe.

Give not only gold and treasure—
Give your sympathy and care;
Love that knew not stint nor measure
Jesus scattered everywhere.

All the goods your hands can carry,
When you go to God on high,
And your blessings to the weary,
To the sick and poor who sigh.

Angels garner up in heaven
Every gentle word and deed,
All the joy your lives have given
To God's little ones in need.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

A.D. 30.] **LESSON XII.** [Marc's 18.

THE SON REJECTED

Matt. 21. 33-46. Commit to memory vs. 42-44.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not. John 1. 11.

OUTLINE.

1. The Rejected Heir.
2. The Rejected People.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What parable did Jesus relate to the Jews? The parable of the vineyard.

To whom did the fruit of the vineyard belong? To the owner of the vineyard.

Whom did he send for it? His servants.

How did the husbandmen, in charge of the vineyard, receive the servants? They stoned them, and beat them, and killed them.

Whom did the owner send last of all? His well-beloved son.

Why did he send him? He said, "They will reverence my son."

What did the husbandmen plan to do when they saw him coming? To kill him and divide his inheritance among themselves.

What did Jesus ask the Jews, who were listening to him? "What will the Lord of the vineyard do when he comes back?"

How did they answer? He will destroy the wicked husbandmen and give the vineyard to others.

What did he wish to show the Jews by this parable? What God had done for them, and how they had treated God.

What servants of God had they persecuted and killed? The prophets and John the Baptist.

Whom had God sent them last of all? Jesus, his well-beloved Son.

What were they then planning to do? To kill him. (Repeat GOLDEN TEXT)

What does it mean? That the Saviour they rejected would be Lord of the whole earth.

To whom would the kingdom of God be given? To a people who would receive him.

What do we learn from this parable? That all who reject Jesus will be cast out of God's kingdom.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God is your Lord and Master.

He has sent his Son, Jesus, to you.

He expects you to receive him with joy and reverence.

He commands you to serve him with a loving heart and a brave obedience.

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Salvation for the Gentiles

CATECHISM QUESTION.

How are we to seek the grace of God? We must seek the grace of God by earnest prayer in private and in the house of God.

A.D. 56 or 58.]

[March 23.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Gal. 5. 16-26.

Commit to memory vs. 22-27.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5. 16

OUTLINE.

1. The Works of the Flesh.
2. The Works of the Spirit.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What is it to walk in the Spirit? To do right, as Christ did.

What is the lust of the flesh? Love of money and worldly pleasure.

What is it to fulfil the lust of the flesh? To do every wrong and selfish act we feel like doing.

What is constantly striving against the flesh and its sinful love? The Holy Spirit.

What must we do? Walk either after the flesh or after the Spirit.

What is impossible? To follow both.

What did Jesus tell us? No man can serve two masters.

What are some of the works of the flesh?

Envy, murder, drunkenness, revelings, wrath, strife, and hatred.

What are the fruits of the Spirit? Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, faith, temperance.

When we give ourselves to Christ, what must we do? Refuse to obey the flesh that lives to be sinful and selfish.

Who will help us? Jesus, our Saviour from sin.

What will our lives then show? The fruits of the Spirit.

What is one of the fruits of the Spirit? Temperance.

What is one of the works of the flesh? Drunkenness.

What then will every true Christian do? Abstain from all intoxicating drink.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Are you walking after the flesh, or after the Spirit?

Are you doing all you can to persuade others to choose the better way?

Are you trying to help the cause of temperance wherever you go?

Have you signed the pledge? Have you asked others to sign it?

"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Holy Spirit.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

Through whom do we receive the grace of the Holy Spirit? Only through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS YOUR FATHER TEACHING YOU?

It is recorded of a certain great philosopher, that a friend who went to visit him met the philosopher's little daughter before he met the philosopher himself. Knowing that the father was such a deeply learned man, he thought that the little girl must have learned something very grave, something very deep from such a father, and he said to her: "What is your father teaching you?" The little maid looked at him with her clear blue eyes, and just said, "Obedience."

That was what the great and wise man taught his little girl, and I believe that is the most important lesson for children to learn—"to be obedient." It is a lesson necessary for their happiness, for their safety, and I think we may say for their life.

FEELINGS come and go like light troops, following the victory of the present; but principles, like troops of the line, are undisturbed and stand fast.—*Richter.*