

Primary Department

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FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

PREVIEW.

The lessons for the present quarter are in John's gospel: Studies in the life of Christ. We see CHRIST in His different manifestations as THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, GIVING LIGHT THROUGH HIS WORDS AND WORKS.

We see Him:

1. Introduced as the Light, John 1: 1-7.
2. Drawing the disciples to the light, John 1: 35-46.
3. Brightening a feast with His light, John 2: 1-11.
4. Casting light on the way of life, John 3: 1-16.
5. Satisfying with light and grace, John 4: 1-15.

6. Bringing healing and light to a home, John 4: 43-54.
7. Reflecting God's Light, John 5: 17-27.
8. Bestowing light and cheer on the needy, John 6: 1-14.
9. Inviting all to come to the light, John 7: 14, 28-37.
10. Bringing light into a prison, John 8: 12-31-36.
11. Opening blind eyes to the light, John 9: 1-11.
12. Leading His flock in His light, John 10: 1-16.
13. Review—CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

LESSON V.—January 29, 1899.

CHRIST AT JACOB'S WELL, John 4: 5-15.

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ gives Light through His words and works.

Golden Text.—"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst."—John 4: 14.

To-day's Lesson Thought.—Jesus satisfies with light and grace.

Connection.—Draw a square with two strokes in it. Recall the scene of last lesson. What was Jesus telling Nicodemus? To day we shall hear Him telling a poor sinful woman about this new life.

Introduction.—Did you ever see a well from which people in the country get water? Sometimes wells have pumps in them. Sometimes they are open, with a low stone wall around them. Water is drawn up in a bucket with a rope or chain. How does water get into those wells? The spring dries up sometimes, and there is no more water. People are in great trouble when they cannot get water. In hot countries people sometimes die because they cannot get water. Were you ever very thirsty? Was it not nice to get a cool, refreshing drink of water? Did you get thirsty again?

Lesson Story.—We are going to hear about a well that Jesus came to, as He and His disciples were walking from Jerusalem to Galilee.

(Draw a square at each end of the board.) This well was in Samaria. It was called Jacob's well. (Draw outline of a well.) (It was now eight months after the talk with Nicodemus. During this time Jesus had been preaching to and helping people as He went along.) Jesus came to Jacob's well about noon. The day was hot. He was weary with His long walk, and thirsty, too. He sat on the side of the well to rest. (When Jesus was on earth He felt tired sometimes, just as we do; so He knows just how to feel sorry for us when we are tired or ill or in need of help.) There was no bucket to draw up the water, and the well was very deep (seventy-five feet).

While Jesus was resting by the well a woman came from the city near by to draw some water. He was alone, as His disciples had gone to the city to buy food, and He was very anxious to tell the woman about the new life. (Describe the woman coming, bearing the large, red, earthen water jar on her head. Tell in the simplest language the connection, using the Bible words as much as possible, keeping the Bible in hand, and reading from it.)

What do we use water for? (To refresh, to make clean.) This is living water. The Holy