

or on the top of a ship's tall mast. In any of these cases, he was almost certain to meet death, or at least, to be badly hurt.

And again, no man who drank wine, could ever keep his own respect, or that of his friends. For when his senses were benumbed by drink, he would often do such foolish and senseless things as would have made him feel thoroughly ashamed, had he known of them, and had not the terrible drink blinded his eyes and deadened his feelings.

Surely it was wise counsel that King Solomon gave, when he said, "Look not thou upon the wine". We are sure of being safe from the drunkard's woes, only when we have nothing to do with the drink that causes them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was the wisest man that ever lived?
2. What book did he write?
3. What two things may we find in these wise sayings?
4. Against what special sin did Solomon warn men?
5. What terrible description does he give of the drunkard's appearance and behavior?
6. Why did the man still go on drinking?
7. To what two poisonous reptiles was the sin of drunkenness compared?
8. Why is the habit of drinking like them?
9. What other sins did drunkenness cause?
10. To what two foolish acts did Solomon compare drunkenness?
11. How does the drunkard lose the respect of himself and his friends?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Georgie looked longingly up into the apple tree. "Why, there's a red, red apple!" he cried. "Where?" asked Isabel eagerly.

"Why, Georgie Porgie, the red spot's no bigger'n a pea!" "Don't care!" said Georgie, pulling down the branch, "it's ripe enough to eat. Mother said 'twas only the green ones that would hurt us." "Well, she'd call that green,—go and ask her if she wouldn't."

"Guess I know myself", said Georgie, taking a big, juicy bite. It was so nice, he soon found another, and still another, "ripe" apple; so when tea-time came, he wasn't hungry at all. "Dunno what makes me feel so queer, an'—an'—horrid!" he wailed.

"I know", said mother, quietly. "And I'm afraid my little boy is just learning by sad experience, that to eat or drink things that are hurtful, merely because they seem nice and pleasant at the time, brings its own punishment, in the end." "Well, I won't do it again in a hurry!" announced Georgie firmly.

Lesson Hymn

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward; dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus—He will carry you through.

*Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you:
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through. Amen.*
—Hymn 530, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS GIVES JOY WHEREVER
HE GOES

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

There is one sure way of keeping out of all evil ways and walking in ways that are safe and happy. It is to follow Jesus. Copy the text.

I am the Light of the World