

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSON.

SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 1. (April 1.)

THE BEATITUDES. Matt. 4. 25 to 5. 12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5. 8.

Primary Notes.

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the meaning of the words, and setting the example of reverent singing, which is a lesson that cannot be taught too early or too often.]

"We come to learn of Jesus,
The Saviour from above;
His life was pure and holy,
And filled with deeds of love.
He came to earth to save us
And take our sins away.
O, may we love and trust him,
And do his will to-day."

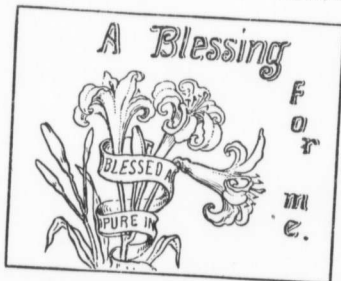
Long, long ago, before people knew how to use such letters as we make now when we wish to write, they made pictures instead, to show what their thoughts were like. They put on paper or on stone—for they did much of this picture writing on stone—an eye to stand for seeing everything, and an ear for hearing, thus making the pictures tell what was in their minds. When they wished to speak of something never ending they drew a circle, because you cannot tell where the line begins or ends—it goes on and on, around and around.

We will do a little picture writing this quarter now beginning. We are still to have lessons about Jesus our Lord and his wonderful life on the earth. We will draw a large circle to stand for the quarter, and call it a circle of blessing. God's love and favor and goodness are like a circle, never ending, always going on

and on. You cannot tell when his blessings began, and you know they will never end. Each week we will write across the line of this circle of blessing the special lesson taught that day.

The Beatitudes. As Jesus went about Galilee [show map] a great many people heard of the wonderful works which he did, and followed after him. One day, seeing these multitudes of people, all needing to be taught, the Saviour went up into a mountain, and sat down to tell those about him how to be happy, how to find true blessings. The lesson is about these beatitudes, or blessings, for this is what the word means.

Have you ever seen any beautiful jewels, such as shine in rings and breastpins? You know how they sparkle and what rich colors they have. The emerald is a lovely green, and the ruby a deep red, and the pearl is white. These precious stones cost much money, because they are not as plentiful as pebbles, but are hard to find, and many of them have to be cut and polished at great cost. Kings and queens wear them in their crowns, and pay thousands of dollars for them. I once saw a beautiful ring with a ruby in it, set around with diamonds, and it cost six hundred dollars. If you or I could not be happy without such a ruby as that, we would just have to be unhappy, I think, for we could not buy it at that great price. But we do not need to buy such jewels in order to be happy. Here in this lesson we have a chest of jewels. They are the blessings Jesus promises. We cannot buy them, but to have them we must do and be what Jesus says. [Go over the Beatitudes, from a printed wall roll if possible, explaining each one, very simply, and if time allows, let



children choose which one seems to them most desirable, thus committing themselves to ful-