

GOLDEN TEXT

Luke 11: 13. If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?

DAILY READINGS

M. —Acts 18: 19-23. } Paul and Apollos.
T. —Acts 19: 1-12. } Fellow laborers.
W. —1 Cor. 3: 1-9. } Christ in the Scriptures.
Th. —Luke 21: 13-27. } John's baptism.
F. —Luke 3: 1-9. } Promise of the Spirit.
S. —John 14: 15-26. } Waiting for the promise.
S. —Acts 1: 1-8.

CATECHISM

Q. 65. What is forbidden in the fifth commandment?
A. The fifth commandment forbiddeth the neglecting of, or doing anything against the honor and duty

which belongeth to everyone in their several places and relations.

TIME AND PLACE

A.D. 54; Ephesus, the capital of the Roman province of Asia, celebrated for its splendid temple of Diana, which ranked as one of the "seven wonders of the world."

LESSON PLAN

- I. Apollos at Ephesus, 24-26.
Teaching and receiving instruction.
- II. Apollos at Corinth, 27, 28.
Helping the Christians and confuting the Jews.
- III. Paul at Ephesus, ch. 19: 1-7.
Beginning his work in that city.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 118; 91 (Ps. Sel.); 97; 108; 111; 551.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Where had Paul been? (ch. 18: 1.) Who were his enemies? (v. 12.) When he left, who went with him? (v. 18.) What was the starting point of Paul's missionary journeys? (chs. 13: 1; 15: 35, 36; 18: 22, 23.) What churches did he now visit? (v. 23.)

24-26 Who was preaching at Ephesus? Where was he born? How is he described? How far had he been instructed? In what manner did he speak? Give other examples of boldness. (Acts 5: 29; 7: 54, 55.) Who gives boldness? (Acts 4: 13.) How can we get it? (1 Tim. 3: 13.) Who became the instructors of Apollos? Tell what you know about them.

27, 28 Where was Achaia? Name its capital. Who now went there? What letter did he carry? Whom did he help? How did he help them? (ch. 19: 1-3.) Where was Ephesus? Whom did Paul find there? Of whom were they ignorant? Unto whose baptism had they been baptised?

4-6 Why is this called "the baptism of repentance"? For whose coming did it prepare? (Matt. 3: 11.) In whose name are Christians baptised? (Matt. 28: 19.) After they were baptised, what did Paul do? What followed? How many were there of them?

Seniors and Home Department—Which missionary journey was Paul now commencing? Where is Antioch? Why is it noteworthy? (Acts 11: 26.)

24-28 Where is Alexandria? What preacher came thence to Ephesus? What is said of his spirit? Of his knowledge? Whither did he go from Ephesus? Of what did he convince the Jews? How? What is the right use of the scriptures? (John 5: 39; Acts 17: 11; Deut. 11: 18.)

Ch. 19: 1-3 By what route did Paul come to Ephesus? What promise did he fulfill? (ch. 18: 21.)

4-6 What two baptisms are spoken of? What was used in each? (Matt. 3: 11; Acts 10: 47.) What was necessary to the first? (Matt. 3: 11.) To the second? (Acts 2: 38.) What is baptism? (Shorter Catechism, Ques. 94.)

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus is the promised Messiah.

Practical Points—

1. "Thy Word is like a deep, deep mine,
And jewels rich and rare
Are hidden in its mighty depths
For every searcher there."
2. We can never do any work well until we do it with all our heart.
3. Apollos had something better than eloquence or learning. It was humility, which he showed in receiving instruction from a pair of tent makers.
4. We should keep an open mind to all new truth, as did Apollos. It is no sign of wisdom to suppose that we "know it all."
5. Apollos was more successful in Corinth than Paul. But the apostle teaches us by his example not to be jealous of those who succeed where we fail.
6. What hard work it is to shovel snow! And how easily the spring sun melts the snow away! So it is hard to do God's will until the Holy Spirit changes our hearts, and then it is easy.
7. Knowledge of the Scriptures has often added force to the speeches of other public men as well as preachers. The Bible is useful in all the affairs of life.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Who were the teachers of Apollos?

2. What did he teach at Corinth?

3. What was Paul's first work at Ephesus?