

king chose his priests from among the common people in disobedience of God.

To keep the Israelites from wanting to join their friends in Jerusalem at the time of the great feasts, Jeroboam now proclaimed that the same holidays should be kept at Bethel, only a little later in the season. So, when the time of the harvest festival came round, the king and his new priests offered sacrifices and burnt incense upon their altars before the image from morning until evening, and all Israel joined at Bethel in a great holiday. So King Jeroboam taught his people to sin and to disobey God in worshipping before the images which he himself had set up.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What part of the country belonged to Jeroboam? 2. Where did he build his palace? 3. Who ruled in Jerusalem? 4. Where had the people always worshipped? 5. Who had commanded that they should gather at Jerusalem? 6. Why was Jeroboam afraid to have his people go there? 7. What did he order to be made? 8. What did he teach the people to do? 9. How did he select his priests? 10. Why was this wrong? 11. Where did Jeroboam say the feasts were now to be kept? 12. How did he keep the harvest festival? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Norah Welsh was a poor child. The only thing she could call her own was one dear little white bunny, which had been given her last summer by a lady when she went upon the fresh air excursion.

Norah's class in Sunday School were trying to collect enough money to send away one of their number who had been ill to the country for change of air, but so far Norah had had nothing to give. "Why not sell your bunny?" suddenly whispered a voice. "Sell bunny!" answered Norah. "Why I love him more than anything in the world!" "Keep yourselves from idols," repeated the voice—the very words of last Sunday's Lesson.

"I know where I could get forty cents for him," thought Norah; "I will do it." And though it cost her much to part with her

pet, she never felt happier than when she gave her first offering to the Lord.

### Lesson Hymn

Above the clear blue sky,  
In heaven's bright abode,  
The angel host on high  
Sing praises to their God:  
Hallelujah! They love to sing  
To God their King, Hallelujah! Amen.  
—Hymn 517, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—103. What is the outward sign of membership in the Church? The outward sign of membership in the Church is baptism.

SHORTER CATECHISM—29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.  
30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Do you see the smoke going up from this censer? So the prayers of little children, as



well as of grown people, go right up to heaven and are heard there by the loving Father, who delights in answering them. He is never tired of listening to our prayers, nor of sending us the blessings we need.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP GOD ONLY