

(b) He suffered for men; (c) He rose again from the dead; (d) In His name repentance and remission of sins are to be preached among all nations.

2. The disciples are to be His witnesses to all nations. (V. 48; Acts 1: 8.)

3. They are to wait at Jerusalem for the promised Holy Spirit, before beginning their ministry.

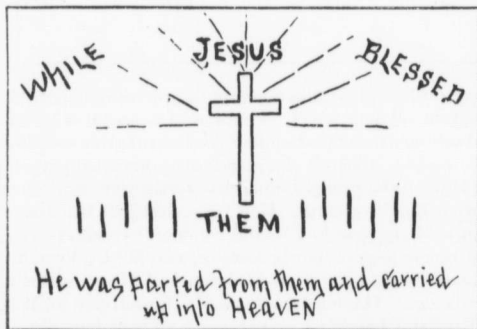
II. *The last act and benediction.* "He lifted up His hands and blessed them" (vs. 50, 51.) Characteristic this of the Saviour of men! Was not His whole stay on earth one long day of blessing? Is He not ever ready to bless? His very touch and look and word have blessing in them.

III. *The last glimpse.* Their gaze was fixed wonderingly on Him (Acts 1: 9), and now they have new cause for wonder. "He was taken up." From Heaven He had come. To Heaven He returns as naturally as the weary laborer seeks his home at night-fall.

IV. *The last promise.* The messengers and the message recall the announcement of the angels at His birth (Luke 2: 10-14), and display Heaven's interest in men's salvation. This promise of the glorious Second Coming has been the hope of the Church ever since, even as it brought joy to the hearts of the disciples at that hour. (Luke 24: 52.)

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Connection—Let the children stand and repeat the words of the motion song—



Prove from Scripture

That Christ's sufferings were foretold.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. The command to the disciples to wait.
2. The mission field as sketched in Acts 1: 8.
3. The promise of the Second Coming.

The Catechism Question

Ques. 78. *What the Ninth Commandment forbids.* It is said of Peter the Great of Russia that, when any one, in his presence, was speaking to the disadvantage of an absent person, he at first listened attentively, and then was accustomed to ask, "Is there not a fair side also to the character of the person of whom you are speaking? Come, tell me what good qualities you have remarked in him." The great monarch would have approved of the three sieves through which every statement about another should be passed before being uttered (1) Is it true? (2) Is it necessary to say it? (3) Is it kind to do so? The universal use of these sieves would reduce the breaches of this commandment amazingly. Everything is a breach of it that is in any way inconsistent with perfect truthfulness, whether in regard to others or to ourselves. A commandment easy to break and hard to keep is this ninth commandment.

Two little feet and hands,

(Point down, then raise hands)

To do our Captain's will;
One little heart and soul (fold arms)

To love and praise Him still.
Five little soldiers, (right hand up, fingers spread)

Ready there they stand,
Ten little soldiers, (left hand likewise)

To work at His command."

—S.S. Times

Recall the great commission. What are we doing to