

read it. "God is now here," words which smote the father with the thought of his own folly, and led him to turn toward God.... An estate in Scotland pays a rent of one kernel of wheat every quarter as a token of ownership. So every oath shows who is the swearer's master.... During the French Revolution the Sabbath was abolished, and the week made ten days long. But it was found that men could not endure the strain of constant labor, and that one day in seven was needed for rest, so that the Sabbath was afterward restored.

**References.** FOSTER'S PROSE: Vol. I. 871, 872, 873, 875. Vol. II. 7342, 7343, 7346, 10179. POETICAL: Vol. I. 455. Vol. II. 3680.

**Primary and Intermediate.**

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**LESSON THOUGHTS: Love is of God.**

Print on board, and tell who said these words of the Golden Text. Show some rose-leaves, and ask what they came from. Could they have come from a weed? No; so love can come only from One who is Love. Who is that? Now Love, or God, is speaking to us to-day. Read verse 1. To whom does he speak all these words? Are we ready to hear? Make a circle, dividing it into four sections. God speaks four "words," or commandments, to us in this lesson, and we will give each a place by itself. 1. Drill on the first, questioning, explaining, and giving children a chance to ask questions about it. Find story to illustrate, if possible, and show that we break this command when we love anybody or anything better than we love God. Print in quarter section, or enough to recall the whole. 2. Have class repeat, clause by clause, the second command, teaching the first clause, and showing that we may worship and serve self, money, fine clothes, etc. 3. Explain what it is to take God's name in vain, and warn against using it carelessly, or "in fun." We speak of those we love respectfully. So, if we love God, we shall use his name properly. Is it right to speak words of prayer without thought? No, that cannot please God. 4. See how many can give the fourth command, and try and get reasons why we should not work on the Sabbath. That God says so is enough, indeed; but try and show the reasonableness of it, and take the opportunity to show how easily children may break this command. But how can we keep these? Our hearts are empty cups. But see, here is a fountain. Let us fill the cup. God is the fountain of love. Let us bring our hearts to him, [draw a heart around the circle,] and with these commands in the heart, and the heart full of love, we can easily keep them.

**Blackboard.**

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The application of this lesson needs no explanation. The commandments are still in force. How will I appear when tried by them?

The commandments:

LINKED TOGETHER—

You cannot break one, and keep another!

Ten Links make

A PURE HEART.

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**LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1881.**

SEPT. 4. The Commandments; or, Love Toward Man. Exod. 20. 12-21.

SEPT. 11. Idolatry Punished; or, False Worship Condemned. Exod. 32. 26-35.

SEPT. 18. Third Quarterly Review.

SEPT. 25. Temperance Lesson. 1 Cor. 9. 22-27.

**Whisper Songs for August.**

**SIXTH LESSON.**

Who can make me spotless,  
Pure and white within?  
Blood of Christ so precious  
Cleanses from all sin.

**SEVENTH LESSON.**

Who will fight my battles,  
Conquer all my foes?  
God, the mighty Saviour,  
Who our weakness knows.

**EIGHTH LESSON.**

What will stay my hunger  
In this weary land?  
Bread of life is given  
Fresh from God's own hand.

**NINTH LESSON.**

Who can tell me truly  
What I ought to do?  
God his word has given,  
'Tis his voice to you!