

latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose."

This John was called "John the Baptist" because he baptized with water all who came to him saying they were sorry for their sins. He told them that the great one who was coming would baptize them with the Holy Spirit. John baptized many people in the River Jordan. He led each one into the water and they confessed their sins and John prayed to God to wash away their sins, and this is what John's baptism meant. John said that Jesus would punish and destroy those who remained wicked. Nothing that was evil would be able to stand before him.

At last he came, this very Jesus himself! He left his home at Nazareth and came to the Jordan River where John was baptizing. He asked John to baptize him also. So John baptized Jesus just as he did all others who came to him. As they were coming up out of the water, John saw a wonderful sight. The heavens opened and the Holy Spirit, like a beautiful white dove, came down and rested upon Jesus. Then they heard a voice from heaven saying: "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." What a beautiful way for God to introduce Jesus to his people! How happy it must have made Jesus when God spoke these words. Now he was ready to go out and tell people that he was indeed the Son of God. And John was now quite sure that this Jesus was the one whom God had sent.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What were the names of the two baby boys in our story? 2. Why did John become a wonderful man? 3. Why was Jesus a more wonderful man? 4. What did God tell John to do? 5. Where did John go? 5. What did John cry as he went? 7. How was he dressed? 8. What was his food? 9. What did the people ask John? 10. What was his reply? 11. Why was he called John the Baptist? 12. What did John's baptism mean? 13. What did Jesus ask John to do? 14. When Jesus was baptized, what wonderful sight did John see? 15. What did they hear God's voice saying? 16. What did this make Jesus ready to do? 17. What did it make John sure of? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

I'm a little pilgrim
And a stranger here;
Though this world is pleasant,
Sin is always near.

But a little pilgrim
Must have garments clean,
If he'd wear the white robes,
And with Christ be seen. Amen.

—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—65. What do we mean by the Ten Commandments? The Ten Commandments are God's holy law.

The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, OUR SCHOOL HOMES IN CANADA.)—1. What is a School Home? A place were the children of foreigners living in the West, and children of Protestants living in the Province of Quebec, who have no schools near their own homes, may stay and attend a school in the neighborhood.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) shows us what John the Baptist must have looked like. He was a strong, brave man, boldly speaking God's



words and faithfully doing God's work. We should ask God to make us also strong and brave to do what he gives us to do.

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS TAKES AWAY MY SIN