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SCHOOL LESSON

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40-52. Golden Text —
and stature, and in favor
e 2: 52.

with us? Look at the anxiety your
father and I have had in searching
for you."

V. 49. The answer of Jesus is the
richest of his recorded words. "Did
you not know that I had to be in my
father's house" (or "at my Father's
business")? The words are remark-
able (1) as the expression, thus early
in the life of Jesus, of a necessity to
which he surrendered himself, the
necessity of always obeying the guid-
ance of God as it revealed itself in
his consciousness (2) as a confession of
his sense of God as Father. In Jesus
it was not uncommon for men to
speak of God as the heavenly Father,
but none put into that name the won-
derous depth of loving meaning which
Jesus put into it, because no other
shared his unique experience. Men
speak of God as Father, and yet did
not see God clearly and rightly, and
did not draw the proper inferences
from their own lives. But Jesus lived
with God, and his first task was to re-
veal to men what God is and means to
be for man. This absorption in the
thought of God takes precedence over
all other interests and duties.

J. JESUS AT HOME, 51, 52.

Vs. 51, 52. Jesus, with all his unique
knowledge, is the pattern of a boy's
obedience to his earthly par-
ents. His mother has joy in the re-
fection of all his words and deeds.
52 is famous as a statement of the
"twofold life" of the boy Jesus. In-
ternally, physically, religiously,
socially Jesus grows in grace and
favor with God and man. We can-
not, of course, divide life into com-
partments, or separate the intellec-
tual, physical and social development
of an individual from his religious de-
velopment. Religious growth is the
foundation of right development
in other spheres. Religious life must
keep pace with our other acquire-
ments or true development will be
arrested.

APPLICATION.

My Father. We study to-day the
trait of a perfect boy. Jesus pass-
ed through all the experiences of
boyhood. He was born, lived and
loved by, and obedient to his
parents. And just as his birthday
marked his development from
infancy to boyhood, so there came
a great day of his personal con-
sciousness that he was at the thresh-
old of a new larger life. His first
decided words are about that spirit-
ual experience. Before this, most of
his decisions had been guided by
his parents. Those older than he would
say, "You must," and he would obey.
This day the guidance came, not
from without, but from within. He
made a great decision. No one could
do it for him. An inner voice of
God, from God, taught him to say, "I
will." A similar change came to lit-
tle Samuel about the same age. His
teacher taught him to say in
response to the voice, "Speak Lord, for
thy servant heareth." Jesus gave to
his name a new meaning and its true
beautiful name. He said "my
Father." After this his parents knew
their boy was growing up. What a
happy world it would be if all boys,
at that momentous turning point in
their lives, would decide, as Jesus did,
to do in all things the will of the
heavenly Father.

Jesus entered upon the high
way of fellowship with God. In Go-
d's favor he "increased." "He grew more
and more to be such a young man as
was pleasing to God, for he had more
and more capacity to use God's grace
and make it effective in his life." Open
confession of religious life makes it
easy and natural to know and obey
God more perfectly.

When any young man has a healthy
body, a trained mind, and a personal
knowledge of God, he will soon find
favor with men. Nature, travel, his-
tory, patriotism, industry, art and
commerce will all provide open op-
portunities for wholesome contact with fellow-
pilgrims. Jesus, the young man, four-
square, being example, inspiration
and hope to all who, in his name,
chose to be about the Father's busi-
ness.

visit to Jer-
wistful significance.
JESUS AND THE DOCTORS, 46-50.
46-48. Jesus, searched for by
parents, is found at length in the
ple, sitting among the teachers of
Law, an eager listener and ques-
tioner. The familiar idea that he was
obediently instructing the doctors, is
based on a misconception, for the
scripture text says only that he was
hearing them, and asking them ques-
tions. "What these questions were
is not told, but they must have
been their origin in Jesus' own wonder-
ful thoughts of God, and they were
efficiently astonishing to the trained
scholars who heard them. But imagine
the astonishment of his parents—
though in their case astonishment is
tingled with reproach. "Child," said
his mother, "how could you thus deal

something for it, quickly," said
Rabbit.
together they doctored the bird
mended the broken wing with tiny
needles and fed him everything that
the birds should eat. In a few days
he was so much better that he could
fly to Bruin and Rolly for being so
kind to him. It was not long before
he could fly about the house. He would
light upon first one shoulder and then
the other and chirp and sing to them,
always in the strange bird-lan-
guage that neither Rolly nor Bruin
understood, but seemed in a way to under-
stand.
Then one bright morning Bruin
opened the door and the little bird
flew out, but as he went he seemed
to say to his two strange friends,
"Thank you so much for what you

have done. I'll come back to see you
again."

Sore Shoulders.

Be sure that the horse's collar fits
right but do not stop there. When
resting the team in the field take a
minute to wipe off the sweat under
the collar; and at the end of the day's
work try this method: Remove the
harness from the team, bathe the
horses' shoulders with a weak solu-
tion of cold salt water and then turn
the horses out in the barn lot for a
roll and drink. While your horses are
enjoying this luxury put their feed in
their mangers and in a short time
each horse will come into the barn and
find his own stall.

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