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The Beginners' Course

For Children Under Six Years of Age

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Theme of Lessons XXXV. to XXXVIII.: Obedience.

LESSON XXXV.

A MAN OBEYING GOD, Genesis 12: 1-7; Heb. 11: 8.

Golden Text: *We must obey God, Acts 5: 29.*

CENTRAL TRUTH—When God's voice speaks to us, it is the voice of love, which bids us obey for our own good.

POINT OF DEPARTURE—A child's experience of obeying when he prefers to follow his own way.

SPIRITUAL RESULT DESIRED—Willing obedience to parents, as pleasing to God, who has shown us by many proofs that He is pleased with willing obedience in His friends.

APPROACH—Have you ever had to go to bed early in the evening, when you would have much rather stayed up late? While the others were having a nice time in the brightly lighted rooms, has mother called you, "Come now, it is time for little people to be in bed"? Yes, I am sure you would rather have stayed with the others, but you knew mother had a good reason, even if she hadn't time to tell you why, just then. You went fast asleep in the dim, quiet room, and then how fresh and happy and rested you were in the morning.

LESSON STORY—Once our Father in heaven spoke to Abraham, and told him to leave his home and friends and go to live in a strange, new place, and though Abraham was seventy-five years old, he went, even though he was going among strangers and had to begin life all over again. But our Father saw Abraham's heart that day, and knew that he was obeying willingly and he said, "I will bless thee, and thou shalt be a blessing." Indeed, God said, that all the people of the earth should be blessed because Abraham obeyed so willingly that day.

THINK OF THIS—God wants you to obey His voice to-day as much as he wanted Abraham to obey long ago. When you hear him saying to your heart, "Do right, my child," will you obey him as you willingly obey father and mother this week?

LESSON XXXVI.

A WOMAN OBEYING GOD'S PROPHET, 1 Kings, 17: 8-16.

Golden Text: Same as for Lesson XXXV.

CENTRAL TRUTH—God always keeps His word with us; so we can trust Him by perfect obedience to His laws.

POINT OF DEPARTURE—A child's experience of being provided for by his father and mother in material things.

SPIRITUAL RESULT DESIRED—Trust in God for the supply of earthly wants, if earthly means should fail.

LESSON STORY—Once a widow woman, who was very poor, went out into the forest to gather some sticks of wood to make a fire and cook the evening meal. At home, her only son was sick, and she had just meal and oil enough for one more meal. As she was going home, some one called her, saying, "Please give me a little water to drink." She turned and saw a white-haired man sitting under a tree, and he called to her again, saying, "Please bring me some bread, for I am hungry." "Oh, sir," she said, "I have only enough meal for one more cake, and my son is sick at home and I must care for him." But the old man said, "God is my friend, and He will be yours too, if you will help me in His name, for He will never let your meal and oil give out until the crops are gathered in again." So the widow went home at once and took her last bit of meal and oil and made a nice cake for Elijah, for that was the old man's name, and brought