

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 3.] THE GENTILE WOMAN'S FAITH. [JULY 15.

Mark 7. 24-30.

GOLDEN TEXT—Lord, help me.—Matt. 15. 25.

MEMORY VERSES, 27-30.—But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.

And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

We find Jesus travelling in the country called Phœnicia. The people living here were Gentiles. The Jews called them heathen and despised them, Jesus did not despise any one. He loved all, for he came to save and bless all. The woman who came to get Jesus to help her daughter was a Syrian woman. No doubt she wore a dress of very bright colours, and spoke in an eager tone, for she was in great trouble. She had a dear child whom she loved, and who was possessed by an evil spirit. Perhaps she had heard of the wonderful things Jesus had done, and she hoped he would cure her poor daughter. The disciples wanted him to send her away. He was tired and needed to rest, but that did not stop him. He must do his Father's work, and so he gave comfort to the mother and her child. Perhaps you will wonder why he was so slow to answer the poor woman. Do not forget that now, as then, Jesus wants to see that we are in earnest when we come to him.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where was Jesus now?
In Phœnicia.
2. Who were the people there?
Gentiles.