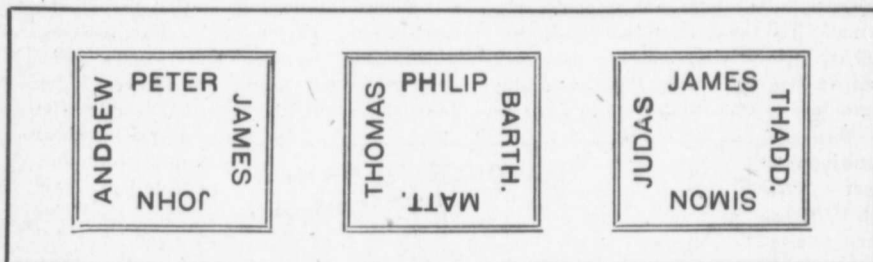


with James, John and Andrew, whose names are, along with that of Peter, in the first square.



Proceed in a similar manner with the other squares, and, as a closing exercise, put all the squares before the School and drill the scholars on the names of the Twelve.

Lesson VII.

JESUS TEACHING BY PARABLES—
FOUR KINDS OF GROUND

February 17, 1918

Mark 4 : 1-8, 14-20. Study Mark 4 : 1-20. Scripture Memory Verses.

GOLDEN TEXT—Take heed therefore how ye hear.—Luke 8 : 18.

1 And ¹he began again to teach by the sea ²side : and there was gathered unto him a ³great multitude, so that he entered into a ⁴ship, and sat in the sea ; and ⁵the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things ⁶by parables, and said unto them in his ⁷doctrine,

3 Hearken ; Behold, ⁸there went out a sower to sow :

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some ⁹fell by the way side, and the ¹⁰fowls of the air came and devoured it ¹¹up.

5 And ¹²some fell on ¹³stony ground, where it had not much earth ; and ¹⁴immediately it sprang up, because it had no ¹⁵depth of earth :

6 ¹⁶But when the sun was ¹⁷up, it was scorched ; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And ¹⁸some fell among ¹⁹thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And ²⁰other fell on good ground, and ²¹did yield fruit that sprang up and increased ; and brought forth, ²²some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

Revised Version—¹again he began ; ²side. And there is : ³very great ; ⁴boat ; ⁵all the multitude were ; ⁶in ; ⁷teaching ; ⁸the sower went forth ; ⁹seed ; ¹⁰birds came ; ¹¹omit up ; ¹²other ; ¹³the rocky ; ¹⁴straightway ; ¹⁵deepness ; ¹⁶and when ; ¹⁷risen, it ; ¹⁸the ; ¹⁹others fell into the good ; ²⁰yielded fruit, growing up and increasing ; ²¹thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold ; ²²and when ; ²³straightway cometh Satan ; ²⁴which hath been sown in them ; ²⁵in like manner are they that are sown upon the rocky places ; ²⁶joy ; ²⁷they ; ²⁸but endure for a while ; then, when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway they stumble ; ²⁹others ; ³⁰that ; ³¹these are they that have heard ; ³²those ; ³³that were sown upon the good ; ³⁴accept ; ³⁵bear fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Teacher, 1, 2.

II. The Parable, 3-8.

III. The Explanation, 14-20.

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

M.—Sowing and reaping, Mark 4 : 1-8, 14-20. T.—Walking in the Spirit, Gal. 5 : 16-24. W.—Jesus warns against drunkenness, Luke 21 : 29-36. Th.—Guarding against evil, Eph. 5 : 11-21. F.—The woes of the drunkard, Prov. 23 : 29-35. S.—Loyalty to principle, Dan. 1 : 8-16. S.—Defile not God's temple, 1 Cor. 6 : 9-11, 19, 20.

Primary Catechism—*Ques.* 72. Which is the Fourth Commandment ? *A.* The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy."

14 The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown ; ²²but when they have heard, ²³Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word ²⁴that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these ²⁵are they likewise which are sown on stony ground ; who, when they have heard the word, ²⁶immediately receive it with ²⁷gladness ;

17 And ²⁸have no root in themselves, ²⁹and so endure but for a time ; afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And ³⁰these are they ³¹which are sown among ³²thorns ; ³³such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of ³⁴this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And ³⁵these are they ³⁶which are sown on good ground ; such as hear the word, and ³⁷receive it, and ³⁸bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

Ques. 73. Which day of the week is our Sabbath ? *A.* The first day of the week is our Sabbath.

Shorter Catechism—*Ques.* 7. What are the decrees of God ? *A.* The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : Memory Hymn—Primary, 26 ; Junior, 24, 210, 455, 215, 456.

Special Scripture Reading—Matt. 7 : 15-29. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, B. 337, Parable of the Sower—Four Kinds of Ground. For Question on Missions, H. M. 1180, Mrs. Hunter's Family of Ruthenian Girls. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, 96 Queen St. East, Toronto.)

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—Autumn, A.D. 28 ; the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Connecting Links—Several weeks intervene between the calling of the Twelve