

What was the result?
To whom was the city and the spoil to be devoted?

What was the object of this?
What to be destroyed, and what spared?
What fate on those who should disobey?
Tell the story of the sparing of Rahab.

Prove from Scripture

That God sometimes uses strange means.

Topics for Brief Papers

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

1. Describe the taking of Jericho.
2. Faith and its victories.
3. How one person may save a household.

The Catechism

Ques. 45, 46. *The first Commandment, and What it Requires.* The first Commandment assumes that men will worship some being or beings. It does not present a choice between the true God and no God, but between the true God and false gods. Similarly, Joshua called the people to choose whom they would serve (Josh. 24: 15) and Elijah summoned his nation to follow God or Baal, 1 Kgs. 18: 21. So Jesus also said to His disciples, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon," taking for granted that they would serve one or other.

The duty here laid down is to recognize

Jehovah as the true God. This recognition includes (a) the knowledge of who or what Jehovah is. We must know Him as Creator, Preserver, Governor and Redeemer. (b) It also includes faith. We must believe that God exists and that He is what He reveals Himself to be. We must believe that we are His creatures and children. (c) Again, confession is included in the recognition of God. Confession is made not only by accepting a creed, but also by acts of worship, such as praise, prayer and thanksgiving in public and private. All this is required in the first Commandment, and failure in any of these particulars is condemned by it.

The duty enjoined in this Commandment is man's highest duty. Christ declared it to be the "great Commandment in the law," Matt. 22: 37, 38. Reason teaches that love and reverence to the highest and best Being in the universe are the highest duty of all rational creatures. Nothing can ennoble and elevate the soul like fellowship with the Holiest.

Obedience to this Commandment is the foundation of morality. Experience teaches that where people forget God and the claims of religion, the moral law is trampled under foot. The inspired apostle (Rom. ch. 1) declares that when men although they "knew God" did not glorify Him as God, He gave them up to vile affections.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Links—Use sandtray or blackboard as in last lesson. The children will tell you where to place the tents now. They will tell you how the children of Israel got over the Jordan. Recall lesson.

Lesson Thought—We should trust God.

Lesson—Are all dangers passed? No! See! We'll make a big circle. This is a city with a high wall around it—Jericho. They must conquer the cities as they go along. Nearly all children have played at "warfare." It may be building snow "forts" or making sand "forts" by the waterside. The principle of attack and defence therefore will not be difficult to explain.

