

CATECHISM QUESTION.

12. What blessing does he pronounce on believers?

To Peter He gave it thus:

Matthew xvi. 17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

John xx. 29. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

Blackboard.

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This illustration is a summing up of the teaching of the lesson, "Pray not for glory;" that is, pray not for ambitious things, for earthly honor, or for the glory of heaven, but pray "for grace" to endure all things for the glory of Christ.

DIRECTIONS. The crown is made with light yellow chalk, and can be shaded with red or green. The cross is made with white chalk, and the letters in colors to suit, but make each sentence in a separate color.

SCRIPTURE FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO USE IN REVIEWING LESSON. John 13. 15; Rom. 15. 5; 1 Pet. 2. 21-23.

Primary and Intermediate.

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LESSON THOUGHT. *To love is to serve.*

Pin upon the board a gilt paper crown. Talk about crowns, who wear them, why, etc. Ask, Who is the greatest of all kings? Yes, God. What did they call him when he lived on earth? Did people know that Jesus was a King? Talk about his manner of life, and draw from children their idea as to what made him seem like a King—not his fine dress or splendid palace or great number of followers, but his great and good deeds, such as curing the sick, making blind eyes see, and putting gladness into sad hearts.

Tell where Jesus was going: make square on the board to stand for Jerusalem. Make a path leading up toward the city. Tell that Jesus was going there. With him were his disciples. Make a cross to stand for Jesus, straight marks for disciples. Here is John, close to Jesus. James, John's brother, is close by. Peter is right here, too, and Philip. Encourage children to give names, and let them tell how many marks you must make for these disciples who followed Jesus everywhere. Tell that many others were following too, for this was the passover week, when great crowds of people went to Jerusalem. Make a good many marks to show that the path was full of people.

But here comes another, a woman. She has two sons among the disciples, James and John. Point to the

crown. She thought Jesus was going to have a crown on his head very soon and be the King of the Jews. She came now to ask Jesus to give her sons the best places in his kingdom. She felt as we do when we want the best place for ourselves. Does Jesus want us to feel that way?

Make the faint outline of the cross just back of Jerusalem. Tell that Jesus knew he was going there to be crucified. He told his disciples, but they would not believe it. How sad it made him to see his disciples thinking about high places for themselves when he was so soon going to die on the cross for them. Teach that it makes him sad now to see his disciples, big or little, trying to get the best places.



Make a yoke, or pin up one cut from paper, below the crown. Jesus told his disciples who the great ones are in his kingdom. Teach verse 27, and teach that love in the heart comes out in service. Those who wear the yoke or service ^{at} some day wear the golden crown in heaven. And so the high place is the lowly place of service.

Lesson Word-Pictures.

The last journey! For the last time going over the old, familiar way. For the last time looking off on the fields known since childhood, the trees, the hills, the brooks. For the last time, and then comes the end, the shadows, the twilight, death. For the last time Jesus is going up to the passover. He can remember when as a boy he went up to Jerusalem, and how much interested he was in the temple, in the great crowds of people coming and going, the solemn services, the white lambs to be offered, the white-robed priests that presented the offerings. Often has he been up to Jerusalem since those early days, and now he goes for the last time. At this passover he will be the great White Lamb; he too will be the great High-priest.

Only shame and heartless mocking, cruel scourging and the agonizing cross are before him. Farewell, then, to field and valley! Farewell to green, leafy Jericho, to Jordan swiftly rushing on, to the blue hills lifting their domes and pinnacles against the sky. But what does the woman want who comes to him and bows before him? And these two disciples, her children bowing with her, what do they wish? It would seem as if the thoughts of all the disciples would be on the same great subject, this last journey to Jerusalem, and the coming shame, sorrow, and death. All hearts must droop like the twilight-shadows sinking down into the valleys. But the woman speaks. She makes a request—that her two sons may be permitted to go up to Jerusalem with him, to hang on a cross and die at his side? No, not a cross does she beg, but a crown, a seat for her two sons, one on his right hand, the other on his left hand! All the disciples have halted around the Master and, astonished, listen to this ambitious mother's request. Jesus is not disturbed. Calmly he is saying, "Ye know not what ye ask." Can they drink of his bitter cup? They think they can. Still so self-sufficient! Still so willing to be exalted!

Yes, they shall drink, but to be exalted is a destiny they must leave to God's decision.

What an indignant murmuring breaks out from the group of disciples listening and looking on! The Master calls. His calm, wise voice is speaking. He pictures the Eastern rulers. His auditors can see them in thought receiving homage, the people bowing, servants