

God's way was to light the incense from the fire that was always kept burning on the golden altar. But they lighted it one day with strange fire. Perhaps they thought it would make no difference. They were careless about obeying God. This shows that there was sin in their hearts.

God was displeased with their sin and sent fire that burned them to death. They were carried out of the camp, and God would not allow Aaron and his other sons to show any sorrow for these who had sinned so lightly against Him.

Then the Lord told Aaron that no priest should drink wine or strong drink when they were going into the tabernacle. It is possible that Nadab and Abihu had been drinking wine, which made them careless and disobedient. God is holy, and His people must serve Him with clean hands and hearts.

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## LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- M. Read about the cloud and the tabernacle. Num. ix. 15-23.
- Tu. Read about the silver trumpets. Num. x. 1-10.
- W. Read the lesson story. Num. x. 29-36.
- Th. Learn what the Lord had promised Israel. Exod. vi. 7, 8.
- F. Learn the GOLDEN TEXT.
- S. Learn who has promised to lead us. Isa. xlviii. 17.
- S. Read No. 163 in the Methodist Hymnal.

## THE LESSON STORY.

The Israelites were still on their journey to the promised Land. God led them, and the sign of His presence was the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night.

The people did not travel all the time. When the pillar of cloud stopped they knew that the Lord wanted them to stop. Then they made their camp and set up the tabernacle.

When the Lord wanted them to move on the cloud rose up and moved forward. This was the way in which the Lord led them.

Now the time came for them to leave the wilderness of Sinai, and they prepared to go at the Lord's command.

Then Moses spoke to Hobab, his brother-in-law, and asked him to go with them. He said that the Lord had promised good to Israel, and that Hobab should find blessing if he would follow in the Lord's way.

But Hobab said that he would return to his own land and his friends there. It was not easy then any more than now to leave all to follow God!

Moses was not discouraged, but urged Hobab still to go with them, and said that they would do him good. And so they journeyed for three days, and then the cloud rested again, and the people rested.

## Opening and Closing Services.

## THIRD QUARTER.

## OPENING SERVICE.

I. Silence.

II. Responsive Sentences. [Psalm 107. 1-8.]

*Supt.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

*School.* Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

*Supt.* And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south.

*School.* They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

*Supt.* Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

*School.* Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

*Supt.* And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

*School.* O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

III. Singing.

IV. The Ten Commandments, or the Apostles' Creed.

V. Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer in concert.

VI. Scripture Lesson.

VII. Singing.

## LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text, Outline and Doctrinal Suggestion by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. Supplemental Lesson. [Special lessons in the Church Catechism may here be introduced.]

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service and week-evening prayer-meeting).

## CLOSING SERVICE.

I. Singing.

II. Responsive Sentences.

*Supt.* O taste and see that the Lord is good;

*School.* Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

*Supt.* O fear the Lord, ye his saints.

*School.* For there is no want to them that fear him.

III. Dismission.