

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 1.

APRIL 1st, 1894.

2nd QUARTER.

Jacob's Prevailing Prayer. Gen. 32: 9-12, 24-30.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Gen. 32: 26.

COMMIT TO MEMORY vs. 28-30. CHILDREN'S HYMNAL, 45, 150, 161, 103.

PROVE THAT—Earnest prayer prevails with God. Jas. 5: 16.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 95. To whom is baptism to be administered?

DAILY PORTIONS.

(The Selections of the International Bible Reading Association.)

MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH
Gen. 32: 9-12, 24-30	Gen. 32: 1-8	Gen. 32: 13-23	Gen. 33: 1-11	2 Kings 19: 14-20, 32-35	Luke 18: 1-8	Ps. 34: 15-22

To the Teacher.—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the Leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. *Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.*

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY.—Jacob remained in Haran twenty-one years, serving Laban. He married Leah and Rachel, Laban's daughters, and by God's blessing had prospered. He is still the same crafty, shrewd, almost dishonest man. Laban's deceit is met by more skillful tricks, and Jacob seems to rely more upon his own cleverness than God's blessing. Our lesson shows how he came to see how far wrong he was, and how much better it always is to "trust God and do the right." His cousins, Laban's sons, began to grow jealous of him and he felt that it was neither safe nor pleasant to remain at Haran any longer. Read the story of his departure in chapter 31. Why did Laban pursue him? What kept him from barming Jacob? What was stolen from him, and who was the thief? What is the meaning of "Mizpah"? Who were Jacob's real protectors? (ch. 32: 1-2). Who saw a similar sight? (2 Kings 6: 17). Read Ps. 91: 11; 34: 7; Heb. 1: 14.

LESSON PLAN. I. Jacob's Prayer. vs. 9-12. II. Jacob's Persistence vs. 24-26. III. Jacob's Princely Name. vs. 27-30.

I. JACOB'S PRAYER. 9. Read Ps. 50: 15. This is what Jacob did. When had God told him to return? (ch. 31: 3, 13). He asked protection because he was in the path of obedience. Ps. 91: 11, 12. We have no right to expect that God will keep us from harm if we are where he does not wish us to be. 10. God's past mercies are a pledge to us that he will not forget to be gracious. When Jacob last went over this road he had nothing, now he was a very wealthy man. He was able to make a princely present to Esau without seriously impoverishing himself. The Bible never promises that serving God will bring wealth, but it does assure us that it will bring contentment and a quiet conscience. God's people will get all the riches that is good for them. Read Job 8: 6, 7; Ps. 18: 35; Matt. 6: 33; Ps. 37: 25; Mark 10: 29, 30; 1 Tim. 4: 8. 11. Jacob felt the truth of Prov. 18: 19. He knows that Esau has good reason to be angry with him. Jacob does not ask to be delivered because he has done nothing wrong, but because others are likely to suffer who are innocent, and because God's promises cannot be fulfilled if he perishes. **Smite me,—the mother upon the children**—He represents himself as a mother bird bending over with outspread wings to protect her brood. His wives and children and the whole tribe would be slain if Esau were allowed to wreak his vengeance. 12. When had God said this? (ch. 28: 13-15). There is no danger that God will break his word, Num. 13: 19, Matt. 24: 35, Titus 1: 2; Heb. 6: 17. **I will**

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