

That same night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take thy father's young bullock and throw down the altar of Baal and cut down the grove that is by it." Now Baal was one of the false gods whom the Israelites had been worshipping.

Gideon obeyed the Lord. In the dark night time, with ten of his servants and his father's bullock, he threw down the wicked altar of Baal and cut down the grove by it. Then he built a new altar and upon it he made an offering to God.

God gave Gideon this task to try his courage. For God had a great work for him to do. Now the enemies of the Israelites, a desert tribe called Midianites, were gathered together in great numbers and were ready to fight against God's people. Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the land and gathered his people to fight against their enemies. And God gave Gideon another sign to make him sure that God was with him. One night Gideon put some wool shorn from a sheep on a level place out of doors, and God sent dew which made the wool soaking wet, while the ground all round it was quite dry. The next night Gideon put out the fleece again, and this time God kept it dry while the ground was wet with dew.

So the Lord called Gideon to be the leader of the Israelites. When God spoke Gideon obeyed, and God blessed and helped him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was Gideon doing when an angel came to him? 2. Why had the Israelites become so poor? 3. What did the angel call Gideon? 4. What was Gideon's answer? 5. What did the angel tell Gideon to do? 6. What did Gideon bring to the angel? 7. What happened to the food? 8. How did Gideon feel? 9. What promise did the Lord make to him? 10. Who was Baal? 11. What did Gideon do to the altar of Baal? 12. How did Gideon gather his people together? 13. What wonderful sign did God give to Gideon? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

We are but little children weak,
Nor born in any high estate ;

What can we do for Jesus' sake,
Who is so high and good and great ?

O day by day, each Christian child
Has much to do, without, within—
A death to die for Jesus' sake,
A weary war to wage with sin. Amen.

—Hymn 527, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—6. Where is God ? God is everywhere. 7. What does God know ? God knows all things. 8. What does God know about you ? God knows everything I think, say, or do.

SHORTER CATECHISM—3. What do the Scriptures principally teach ? A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

The Question on Missions

3. What work is done under the Board of Foreign Missions ? Missionaries,—men and women—are sent to preach and teach and heal the sick amongst the heathen in Trinidad and British Guiana, Korea, Formosa, Central India and China, and work is carried on amongst the Chinese in Canada.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

You remember that Gideon was threshing sheaves of wheat when the angel came and



spoke to him. Color the drawing, and remember that God still sends His angels to care for us while we go about our daily work.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LISTEN TO GOD'S
LEADERS