

One morning, when Joseph came in to see them, they both looked so sad, that he asked them what was troubling them. "We have each had a very strange dream", they answered, "and we think the dreams must have some meaning, but we cannot find it out, and there is nobody in the prison who can tell us." Then Joseph said, "But my God knows all things. He will explain the meaning, if you will only tell me your dreams."

The butler told his dream first. He said, "I thought I saw a grape-vine, which had three budding branches. Soon the buds grew into ripe grapes, and I picked them, and squeezed the juice into a cup, and brought the wine to the king, as I used to do." "The three branches", explained Joseph, "mean that in three days the king will send for you to be his butler again."

Then Joseph begged the butler, when he was once more beside the king, to ask him to take him out of prison, for he had been stolen away from his home, and had done nothing to deserve to be put in prison.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom did the merchants sell Joseph?
2. How did Potiphar's wife try to get rid of him?
3. What happened next?
4. How was Joseph treated in prison?
5. Why?
6. What two men were given into his charge?
7. What troubled these men?
8. What did Joseph advise them to do?
9. What was the butler's dream?
10. What did Joseph say it meant?
11. What did he ask the butler to do for him?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

An old fairy story tells of a princess who once received as a present, a silver egg. When it was opened, she found inside a yolk of gold, and inside that was a beautiful bird, and in the bird's breast was a jeweled crown, while in the crown was found a tiny ring of diamonds, which just fitted the princess's finger. Each little gift was a sign to the princess that there was something more to come, better than the last. Our lives are like that silver egg: there are so many good things God has given us, if we only look for them and find them.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Master, I am Thine :

Keep me faithful, keep me near ;
Let Thy presence in me shine,
All my homeward way to cheer.

Jesus, at Thy feet I fall,

O be Thou my all in all. Amen.

—Hymn 240, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—24. What kind of persons were Adam and Eve when God made them? God made Adam and Eve holy and happy.

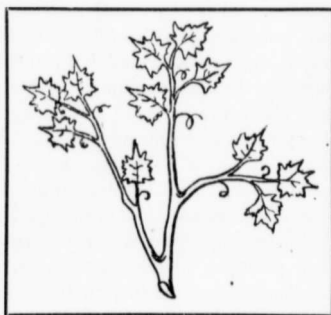
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The Question on Missions

4. How was the Honan mission founded? About twenty years ago, college students in Canada began to feel a deeper interest in missions. Rev. Dr. J. Frazer Smith from Queen's University and Rev. Jonathan Go-forth from Knox College, were sent to China. Rev. Donald MacGillivray, Dr. McClure and others were soon after appointed, and these men began our mission in Honan.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

This is a grape-vine, with three branches, like the one the butler saw in his dream.



How wonderful that Joseph could tell that they meant three days! He could never have known this, if God had not told him. Color the picture.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD GIVES ME MY FRIENDS