

Primary Department

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FIRST QUARTER

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

PREVIEW

The lessons for the present quarter are in John's Gospel: Studies in the life of Christ. We see CHRIST in His different manifestations as THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, GIVING LIGHT THROUGH HIS WORDS AND WORKS.

We see Him:

1. Introduced as the Light, John 1: 1-14.
2. Drawing the disciples to the light, John 1: 45-46.
3. Brightening a feast with His light, John 2: 1-11.
4. Casting light on the way of life, John 3: 1-16.
5. Satisfying with light and grace, John 4: 5-15.

6. Bringing healing and light to a home, John 4: 43-54.
7. Reflecting God's Light, John 5: 17-27.
8. Bestowing light and cheer on the needy, John 6: 1-14.
9. Inviting all to come to the light, John 7: 14, 28-37.
10. Flashing light into a prison, John 8: 12-31-36.
11. Opening blind eyes to the light, John 9: 1-11.
12. Leading His flock in His light, John 10: 1-16.
13. Review—CHRIST THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

LESSON X.—March 5, 1899

CHRIST FREED FROM SIN. John 8: 12, 31-36

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ gives Light through His words and works

Golden Text.—"If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," John 8:36.

To-Day's Lesson Thought.—Jesus shows us how to escape from sin.

Connection.—Recall the Thanksgiving Feast at the Temple—the procession returning from the fountain of Siloam—Jesus' words as He stood in the Temple watching the procession. (John 7:37). How can we drink of Jesus' love and of Jesus' words? When did David hide God's word? "Thy word have I hid in mine heart." Have the children some of God's word hidden there? (Let a few of them recite verses that they know "by heart." Encourage them to learn other verses as well as the Golden Texts, ask them to learn all the verses they can find which contain the word "light." Let their minds be stored with many short precious texts).

Lesson Story.—The next day Jesus was again in the Temple speaking to those Jews who believed that He was really God's Son. He said again "I am the light of the world." (Let

the children tell you the meaning.) He said if they remembered what He had taught them and if they tried to do His will, they were really His "disciples" (followers, scholars). Christ is our dear teacher—we are all scholars, big and little—the world (life) is our school (we have lessons to learn from our joys and sorrows, lessons of thankfulness and of trust)—our school-book is the Bible. If we are really scholars (disciples) studying our book (Bible), going to our teacher (Jesus) every day (prayer), we shall soon know Him (the Truth). (Repeat verse 32). (Explain that sin has power over us all till Christ sets us free). Shew a piece of soft hemp rope. Is it all one piece of hemp? Let us see—there's one piece—what do we call it (a strand)? Each strand is made up of fibres (shew them). If we want a small rope we use a few fibres. We could easily break away if any one held us by these fibres, but we add strand after strand and the rope gets stronger. Soon we cannot break the rope and it gets so strong we could be dragged along by it, and if it were wound around and