

sprang up. It was just a tiny green blade at first, then the ears of wheat shot up and soon the full head of wheat appeared. The man could not make the wheat grow. All he could do was to plant the seed, and when the wheat was ripe he took the sickle and cut the wheat, for the harvest time had come. You all know who caused the seed to grow. It was God who sent his sunshine and rain upon the ground.

Jesus wanted them to know that it is God who causes his kingdom to grow in the hearts of people and spread all over the world, so he told them this parable of the seed growing in the ground day by day.

"Do you know what a tiny seed the mustard seed is? It is the very tiniest of all seeds when it is sown in the ground, but it grows and grows till it becomes bigger than all the other plants around it. And it shoots out great branches like a tree, so that the birds come and rest in its branches." Just think what God can cause to grow from a very tiny seed.

Jesus said that is the way God causes his kingdom to grow and grow from the tiny seed which Jesus was then planting in the hearts of those disciples, till at last everybody in the world would know God's word and have God's kingdom in their midst. We can help to bring about this glad time.

All this is coming true, for missionaries are carrying the seed of God's kingdom, which is God's Word, the Bible, all over the world. You are helping the missionaries, so you are little "candles" helping to give the light of God's kingdom everywhere.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus in our lesson story?
2. What was he doing?
3. About what was he teaching the people?
4. Where should a candle be put?
5. Why should it not be hidden?
6. Who may become "candles" to show others God's kingdom?
7. What did Jesus say about the sower?
8. Who made the seed grow?
9. Who makes the seed of God's kingdom grow in the world?
10. What is the tiniest of all seeds?
11. How large does it grow?
12. From what does God's kingdom grow?
13. Where will it spread?
14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Though small is all that we can do  
To please the King of Heaven;  
When hearts and hands and lips unite  
To serve the Saviour with delight,  
They are most precious in His sight:  
Such grace to mine be given. Amen.  
—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

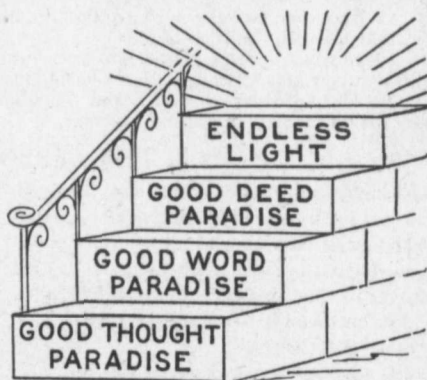
PRIMARY CATECHISM—74. Why is our Sabbath called the Lord's day? Because on that day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.  
75. How should we spend the Lord's day? We should spend the Lord's day in rest, in worship, and in doing good.

### The Question on Missions

8. Are the parents grateful for the care given in the Homes? They show that they are grateful by speaking well of the Homes, giving money and other things to help their work, sending their own boys and girls back for an extra year or so and getting others to come.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a picture of a golden stairway upon which we may go to the better land. It is a



great thing for us to begin to climb the stairway when we are young. Jesus climbed it and he wants us to. *Color the picture.*

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE CAREFUL ABOUT  
LITTLE THINGS