

# Primary Department.

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## LESSON X.—March 6th, 1898.

### JESUS AND THE SABBATH. MATT. 12: 1-13.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "The Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath day." Matt. 12: 8.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Jesus Christ, God's Son, is our Saviour.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: How to keep the Sabbath.

#### REVIEW:

1. What was last Sunday's Golden Text?  
2. To whom did the Saviour speak, when He said these words?

3. Who would not come to Him?

4. What did he promise to give them, if they came to Him?

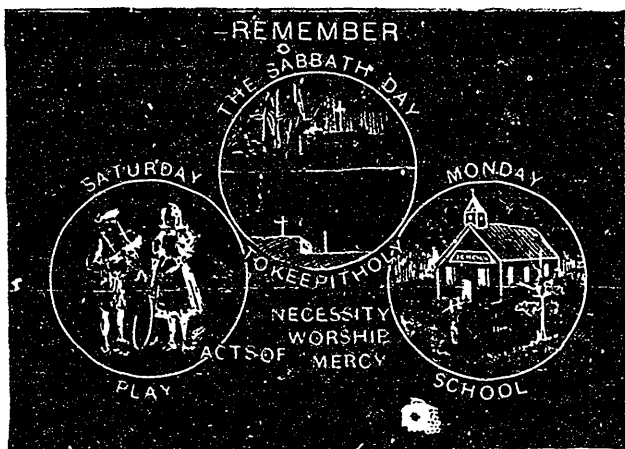
V. SYNOPSIS: This lesson probably occurred after our Lord's visit to Jerusalem when He healed the man at the Pool of Bethesda. Returning on the way back to Galilee his disciples being an hungered, plucked the ears of corn and did eat them.

The Pharisees were always on the watch for something in which to catch the Great Teacher, seeking some way so that they could bring Him into disfavour with the people with whom He was becoming so popular. They charged Him with breaking the Sabbath. But He answered them. Going into one of the synagogues He saw a man having a withered hand. They watched Him. He commanded the man to stand forth. Jesus wanted them all to see what He did. "Stretch forth thine hand," and he stretched it forth and it became whole as the other.

These two events gave the Saviour the opportunity he desired to teach that the Sabbath was made for the good of man, and not man for the good of the Sabbath.

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON:

Note. It will be impossible to teach the children the philosophy of the teaching of the Saviour as we have it in the lesson to-day. Instead of laying down principles as here given, which are too broad and too deep for the child to grasp, let us teach as nearly as we can so as to enable him to see how to properly use the Sabbath, which God gave to man for his good and benefit. We fear our little



verse taught in our Sunday School,

"I must not work, I must not play,  
Upon God's holy Sabbath day,"

gives to our children a dread of, rather than a joy in, the Lord's day. Only in one sense is it the Lord's day. It is our day given by our Father, for our benefit.

On the other hand we should endeavor, while making it the brightest and best day in all the week, to show the true use of it.

1. Which is the best day in all the week? Sabbath. Why? Because it is God's day. How is it God's day? He made it specially