

Primary Department

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FIRST QUARTER

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

PREVIEW



Teachers have all realized what an advantage it is to have a definite thought running through the teaching of the lessons of the quarter. Without this they will be disjointed, will present no continuity of thought, will be more easily forgotten by the children, in short, will miss their aim. We shall be like marksmen without a target. The marksman's eye takes in the whole target, whilst his vision is centered upon the bull's-eye. Let us each Sabbath take in the whole target (the thought for the quarter) and centre our thoughts upon the bull's-eye (the central thought of the day's lesson) and let us hit it.

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: 35-46.
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.

Dwelling on the thought of the last lesson of the quarter, we teachers all have need to solemnly ask ourselves: Are we good under-shepherds? Are we doing our best to save the lambs committed to our care, to lead them in His light? Let us, with renewed earnestness, turn to the "Sun of Righteousness" for more light and more heat, more knowledge and more love.

LESSON I.—January 1, 1899

CHRIST THE TRUE LIGHT, John 1: 1-14

PREVIEW THOUGHT: Christ gives Light through His words and works

Golden Text.—"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."—John 1: 4.

To-day's Lesson Thought.—Jesus is our light; we must shine for Jesus.

Introduction (Point of contact).—Did the little ones in my class notice the beautiful bright sunshine when they were coming to Sabbath-school? Yes? Who put the beautiful sun in the sky? What is the sun for? To give us light and heat, is it not? If we had no sunshine

we could not see anything. We should have no flowers, or trees, or grass, or fruit. The sunshine keeps everything alive and makes things grow by the warmth of its rays, and makes everything light about us. Don't you love the beautiful sunshine? Shall we not thank God for giving us the beautiful sunshine? God gives us every good thing we have.

Lesson Story.—God made our world, and has always been watching over it and taking care of it. After a while He saw that people