

February 1

SABBATH SCHOOL

Bible Lessons

Studies in the New Testament.

FIRST QUARTER.

Lesson VII. Feb. 12. Matthew 18: 1-14

JESUS AND THE LITTLE ONES.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

1. A DISCUSSION BY THE WAY AS TO WHO SHOULD BE THE GREAT. — Mark 9: 33, 34

We learn from Mark (9: 33) that on their way home to Capernaum from the transfiguration scene the disciples had had a discussion or dispute among themselves...

divine truth) For here is another reason for not despising the little ones...

"A PARABLE. 12. If a man have a hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, this parable is given of one who is lost...

"13. He rejoiceth more of that sheep. This sheep is of no more value than the others, but is a rescue upon the fountain of joy."

"14. It is not the will of your Father that one of these little ones should perish: these little ones, as above we saw, are the weak, the dumb, the lame, the blind, the deaf, the dumb, the lame, the blind, the deaf, the dumb, the lame, the blind, the deaf..."

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"What a queer thing that was, when I was a boy, I felt like that, I was full of ideas, but when I came to open my mouth and say anything, I was as dumb as a post..."

"The childlike spirit. And become as little children: not stultic, for no children are stultic. The meaning is, you must have those qualities which are characteristic of childhood, which make the ideal childhood..."

"A Whoever therefore shall humbly himself (as to be) as this little child. This is the meaning of the word, and it is in the heart, not in the head..."

"IV. PUTTING STUMBLING BLOCKS IN THE WAY OF OTHERS. 5. Whoso shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, he will offend against God himself..."

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minister has come, why, I know of one." "You might just sup, as I said to you, I suggested the porter."

"John Merwin was touched by the man's earnestness and said: 'If they are strangers, they may not know where to send, and—and I will just run up and find out about them, if you will show me the way.'" "Oh, yes, certainly. I know they will be glad to see anybody who'll help them."

"In the excitement of his interest, he did not finish his sentence, but ran ahead to guide this good Samaritan. When John was admitted to the sick-room, he saw a woman dressed as a nurse, and on the bed, amid the white sheets, was seen a white as they, and out of it looked large expressive eyes that John Merwin knew he had seen before."

"You don't remember me," said a thin, husky voice, interrupting his sentence, while a white hand feebly beckoned him. He went at once and knelt by the side of the boy's bed and took in his own grasp the little hand."

"Don't—don't you—remember what you said to me—on Sunday—a long time ago?" "Are you the boy?" "Yes—and I found him. What you said—it set me to playing—I am not afraid. The doctor told us—I could not get well this morning—but I am not afraid. I mean it there—and mother—is there—and?"

"He stopped and the weary eyes were closed." "You want me to pray with you?" asked John. "Well, I'll say the Lord's prayer, and you can follow if you don't feel too tired."

"That sweet prayer the Saviour taught us was up from that room of death, and at intervals a weak, faltering voice added its note of supplication. John Merwin responded to St. Stephen's earnest lamb of the flock caught in the driving snow storm, and then left, promising to send his pastor."

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