

at the bottom while he and Isaac went up farther to worship ; so these two went up alone, carrying the wood and the fire to light it, and a knife. Isaac did not know what God had commanded his father to do, so as they walked along he said, "Father, here is the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the offering?" "My son," said Abraham, "God Himself will provide a lamb."

At last they came to the place which God had spoken of, and there Abraham built the altar and laid the wood upon it, and then took hold of the knife to offer up Isaac. But suddenly the Lord's voice called to him from heaven and told him not to kill his son. He had shown his obedience and faith in being willing to do the hard thing that God had commanded, and now God would bless him and his children for ever and ever. Just then Abraham saw a lamb caught fast in the bushes beside him, and knowing that God had sent it he offered it up to Him on the altar with thanksgiving, and then, with hearts full of joy, he and Isaac went down the mountain again.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Abraham call the son God gave him? 2. What hard thing did God tell Abraham one day to do? 3. Why did Abraham obey? 4. Whom and what did Abraham take on his journey? 5. How long did it take to reach the place? 6. What were the young men told to do? 7. What questions did Isaac ask going up the mountain? 8. What was Abraham's answer? 9. What happened when Abraham lifted the knife to slay Isaac? 10. What did God say Abraham had shown? 11. What reward would he get? 12. What sacrifice was provided for Abraham? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I do so want that hot bun for tea," said hungry little Mary, "and a cent couldn't do the heathen any good." But when the missionary plate came round, she dropped the precious cent in. And the cent bought a little tract and went to far-away India, where it fell into the hands of a man who was so interested in what it said that he came to the missionaries again and again to find out more

about the Jesus of the tract, till at last he became a Christian. Then he brought others to Christ, and they brought others, and the work of Mary's one cent is still going on.

Lesson Hymn

Through His name we are forgiven—

O how He loves !

Backward shall our foes be driven—

O how He loves !

Best of blessings He'll provide us,

Nought but good shall e'er betide us !

Safe to glory He will guide us—

O how He loves ! Amen.

—Hymn 542, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—19. Who takes care of the world? God watches over all His works, and provides for the wants of every living thing.

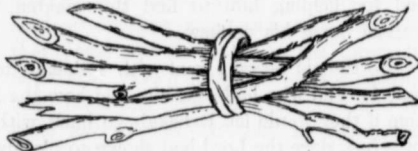
SHORTER CATECHISM—50. What is required in the second commandment? A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

The Question on Missions

11. Is Africa owned by those who are native to it? No, the European nations have divided it up among themselves in such a way that only small portions of it are in the hands of its native people. Great Britain owns more than other nations do.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The wood that Isaac carried was like this bundle of branches (*copy*).



I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD ALWAYS TRUST GOD