



OUR JUNIORS

"Train up a Child According to His Way."



Home Prize Questions

A Request.—Pastors, Superintendents, Presidents, Parents, Teachers, all friends of our Juniors are asked to lend their aid in extending the influence of this department. Get the boys and girls to work. It will do them good. We want hundreds of post-card replies every month.

Direction.—1. Choose questions according to your age. 2. Answer by number. 3. Always give Scripture references when possible. 4. State your age. 5. Do your own writing. 6. Only post-card replies will be considered. 7. Mail your card by April 1st. 8. Address, Rev. S. T. Bartlett, 35 Richmond St. W., Toronto, Ont.

FOR JUNIORS UNDER TEN.

1. Who was Andrew's brother?
2. What did Jesus call Himself in John xv?
3. Who was the first person to see Jesus after He rose from the dead?

FOR JUNIORS UNDER THIRTEEN.

1. Find a passage to show that Time thy had a good home.
2. Why did the three Hebrew children refuse to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's image?
3. What words of our Lord bear out the teaching of Prov. 15. 25?

FOR JUNIORS UNDER SIXTEEN.

1. Who by a visit to St. Paul illustrated the truth of Prov. 27. 17?
2. How many men wrote the books of the New Testament? Name them.
3. What disciple forsook St. Paul in Rome, and why did he leave him?

AWARDS IN JANUARY CURRENT.

1. For Juniors under ten, the book prize goes to Gerald O. Muirhead, (age 9) 45 Clergy St., Kingston. Gerald's answers were very clear. He wrote the best card.
2. For Juniors under thirteen. Many did well; but Eva Carter, (age 13) Clinton, did excellently. Here is her card. Could you get much more on one?

Clinton, Jan. 19th, 1910.

"Home Prize Bible Question."

1. Our Saviour appeared first to Mary Magdalene after His resurrection.—St. Mark 16. 9.
2. Lessons taught by Jesus when speaking about the sparrows.—St. Matt. 10. 29-31. (1) That not one of His children are forgotten, no matter how weak or small they may be. (2) How thankful and grateful we should be to our Heavenly Father who knows that He is ever watchful and mindful of His children. (3) That we should trust God at all times; then He will care for us.
3. Exodus 20. 12.—Honor thy father and thy mother that the Lord thy God giveth thee. Eph. 6. 1-3.—Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth.
4. The city of Capernaum was the scene of many of our Lord's miracles.

Eva Carter (aged 10 years).

3. For Juniors under sixteen. A number of good answers came; but Wilfred Hull (age 13), Lakeland, was the only one to give Scripture references, complete. So, of course, he wins the prize.

Weekly Topic Studies

MARCH 20.—HOW JESUS TAUGHT HIS FRIENDS. Matt. 5. 1-12.

Introduce some of the apostles to the juniors—Peter, for instance, showing his devotion to Jesus, though he made some sad mistakes. A short history of John, the son of Zebedee, might be given, showing the use and the meaning of the three sentences—1. "Master where dwellest Thou?" 2. "Lord, who is it?" 3. "It is the Lord." Who were the Zealots? Had Simon been one? What changed him? How did Matthew show his thankfulness to Jesus? How may we? Christ taught His disciples and friends by words spoken to them, as in the lesson to-day, which every junior ought to be able to repeat from memory. Do the words apply to our daily life? Have the juniors give various parables and the story they contain. When Christ pointed out faults He also showed the better path? Do we act so with our friends? Name some of the miracles and the lesson taught? The apostles wondered which of them would be the greatest. Give some of the object lessons in which Christ sought to cure this fault? "Learn of Me—and you shall find rest."—C. G. W.

MARCH 27.—THE MISSIONARY MESSAGE OF EASTER. Matt. 28. 1-8; 16-20.

"God so loved the world that He gave,"—gave His Son," that through Him light and healing might come to all the nations. That is the basis of our programme.

Tell again the story of that first Easter—the sad journey to the sepulchre, the finding of the empty tomb, the wonder and bewilderment of the disciples, and then their meeting with the risen and glorified Christ.

We must not forget that all that makes our lives beautiful and happy comes as a result of this story, told and retold all down the Christian centuries. God "Gave" His Son; Christ "gave" His Life. Is there nothing for us to give; nothing for us to do? Blessings such as we have received bring to us great responsibilities. We owe to those who have never yet heard the message of Easter the story of the Risen Christ. The little Chinese girl, unwanted and neglected, the slave of her father and brothers, growing up in ignorance; the Japanese maiden, whose surroundings are perhaps somewhat happier, yet who knows nothing of the best things of life; the little girl in "Darkest Africa" whose value is estimated at the rate of so many cattle; the child-widow of India, weeping in hopeless sorrow; an outcast from her home and her people; the boys of China, of Japan, and other newly-awakened countries in the Orient, who are so ready to drift into lives of selfishness and vice—to all these we must tell that "God so loved" them "that He gave His only-begotten Son" to save them from sin.

"Go ye!" was the command, and as surely as the disciples of old claimed the promise of the abiding presence of God, and set out upon their task, so may we feel that the command and the blessing are both for us. Christ in His actual presence could not go with the disciples, as they scattered, each to do the work assigned him; but each one had before him a vision—a vision of the

risen Christ, with hands outstretched in blessing as He parted from the little company of faithful ones; and each felt in his heart the fulfilment of the promise, "Lo! I am with you always." Before them, growing gradually clearer in outline, was the idea of the world-wide kingdom, a thought which it seemed impossible for them to grasp while their Master was still with them. To make this kingdom a world-wide reality was their constant endeavor.

Christ's Kingdom is growing; but He still needs many workers to spread it all over and through the earth. Our juniors may help, by their prayers, testimony, and gifts, they may do much now, and when men and women grown, many of them will go to tell in other lands the glad story of victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Will you not be a missionary?—C. C. S.

APRIL 3.—A SABBATH WALK WITH JESUS. Matt. 12. 1-8.

1. What difference was there in the teachings of the Pharisees and of Jesus concerning the Sabbath day?
2. What does it mean to "rest" on the Sabbath day?
3. Name some works of necessity on the Sabbath?
4. Give instances of works of mercy or love?
5. Learn all you can about our Sunday, the Christians' Sabbath, and why we observe it.
6. How was the Sabbath observed under the law of Moses?

7. Observe the place where Christ meets the restored man—in the Temple, returning thanks to God.

8. Are our Sabbath walks always with Jesus?
9. "He who worships God only on Sabbath and then despises Him on week days, has no true religion."

Explain that the Christian Sabbath is the first day of the week because we observe it as the Lord's Day, in commemoration of His resurrection. The change from the Jewish Sabbath (seventh day) was not by express Divine command, but by the general consent and usage of the apostles and the first Christian believers.—C. C. W.

APRIL 10.—MANY FOLLOWERS, BUT FEW FRIENDS. Mark 3. 7-12.

SUGGESTED THOUGHTS.

1. "Work for others that costs nothing is scarcely worth doing."
2. Our early friendships print their own stamp upon our character.
3. In every life there is an inner circle of loved ones.
4. Friendship cheers like a sunbeam, binds like a golden chain.
5. We can never really learn the words of scripture save by doing them.
6. Our Master went about doing good. Are we His friends?
7. What is the difference between a follower and a friend?
8. Select scripture truths and distribute them among the juniors.—C. G. W.

APRIL 17.—HOW HIS COMPANIONS HELPED JESUS. Luke 7. 36-50.

We have seen how many Jesus taught and helped His friends. Do you believe they could be of use to Him? Explain the thoughts in the minds of a great many people concerning Christ—as to His rule, etc.

Christ's chosen friends gave Him a true and tender love. Though, like them, we may not be rich or famous, shall we not give him the same?

Jesus was grateful for the sympathy and devotion of His disciples. Do you think He cares as much about ours?

"A child is harmed if he be unduly checked as a questioner."