

drunk, who sang idle, silly songs, and who turned a deaf ear to the poor and to the sin and suffering that was around them. "These selfish, heartless people," said Amos, "shall be the first to be carried away captive, when the Lord sends punishment upon this land for its sins. There will be no escape, for the Lord hath sworn that He will destroy the city because of the wickedness of those who dwell within it."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. When were the words of our Lesson for to-day written? 2. How had God treated His chosen people Israel? 3. Were they thankful for all His goodness? 4. What boast did they make? 5. What sort of lives did they live? 6. Whom did God send to them? 7. What message did these bring? 8. How were the messengers received? 9. What was the next message which God sent them? 10. By whom did He send it? 11. Where was Amos to carry his message? 12. What did Amos cry in the streets? 13. Of what did he accuse the people? 14. Against whom did he speak specially? 15. What did he foretell would happen to them? 16. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Benny was riding his pony Bobs along the road at a furious rate, when suddenly he saw in front of him a little wooden bridge over a stream and beside it a sign which said, "Danger! Keep off!" Benny looked at the bridge. It seemed worn in one place. "But it's so short," he argued, "that I could dash across in a minute before there was time for anything to happen." So with a shout to

Bobs he started across. But Bobs' foot caught in the weak place, and down he and Benny both went into the stream. It might have been the end of Benny, if faithful little Bobs had not been a good swimmer. As it was, he reached the shore safely clinging to the saddle, and the only bad thing about it was that he had to ride back drenched and dirty through the town, where all his friends could see him. But it taught Benny a lesson which he never forgot.

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, cleanse and save me,

Teach me to obey;

Holy Spirit, guide me

On my heavenly way. Amen.

—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD HATES DRUNKENNESS

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—33. What will follow if we love sin and allow it to remain in our heart? If we love sin we cannot be the friends of God, or be with Him when we die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 58-60.

### The Question on Missions

12. What is being done to evangelize the savages of Formosa? Two savage girls have attended the Girls' School for the past three years, and there are two or three Christian savages belonging to Chinese congregations. The Chinese Church in Formosa has raised a fund for sending a native evangelist.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy the words from the Golden Text, and try every day to do what they say.

SEEK GOOD AND NOT EVIL