

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under several headings.

Lesson Points

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The love in our homes is a reflection of the eternal love of Father and Son in the God-head. v. 1.

The maker of a machine is best qualified to put it to rights. The One who created the world can redeem it. v. 3.

Like the moonbeams from the sun, all human wisdom is derived from Christ. v. 4.

No one can be neutral in the conflict between good and evil. v. 5.

The church is responsible, not for saving the world, but for making the Saviour known to the world. v. 7.

In nature and history there are many paths that lead to Christ. v. 9.

The door of the Father's home always opens to the key of faith. v. 12.

Only the power that creates can renew. v. 13.

Others may be rills, Christ is the reservoir of divine grace. v. 14.

The law is a chart for the voyage of life, the gospel is the propelling power. v. 17.

From the Library

The prologue or introduction, strikes the keynote of the whole Gospel, representing Jesus, as the perfect manifestation of the Divine Being, the only source of life and light, in human form, and as such, the object, on the one hand of saving faith, and the occasion on the other hand, of the world's unbelief.—Century Bible.

Jesus, the Child of Nazareth, is the eternal Christ, the divine presence in the world, the expression of the relationship between God and man, the embodiment of the purpose of God and His unending interest in man.—Prof W. M. Ramsay.

Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God :
But only he who sees, takes off his shoes,
The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.
—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

The Word, before the Incarnation, was the one source of the many divine words ; and

Christ, the word Incarnate, is Himself the Gospel.—Westcott.

We are born with a *capacity* for becoming sons of God ; that we have as men. He gives us a *right*, to become such ; that we receive as Christians.—Plummer.

Truth is the light that exposes ; grace the love that heals.—Reith.

So, through the thunder comes a human voice
Saying, "O heart I made, a heart beats here !
Face, My hands fashioned, see it in Myself !
Thou hast no power nor mayest conceive of
Mine :

But love I gave thee, with Myself to love,
And thou must love Me who have died for
thee.

—Robert Browning.

The simple record of Jesus' three short years of active life has done more to regenerate and soften mankind than all the disquisitions of philosophers, and all the exhortations of moralists. This has, indeed, been the well-spring of whatever has been best and purest in the Christian life.—W. H. Lecky.

Prove from Scripture

That believers are children of God.

Lesson Questions

[FROM THE HOME STUDY QUARTERLY]

Juniors—Name the four Gospels ? About whom do they tell us ?

1-5 What is meant by "the beginning" ? Who "*was*" then ? Why is Jesus called "the Word" ? To whom is He equal ? What great work did He do ? What does He give to men ? What keeps men from seeing His glory ?

6-11 For what purpose was John the Baptist sent ? Who was the "true Light" ? Who alone can save us ?

12,13 What is meant by receiving Jesus ? What right does He give to those who receive Him ?

14-18 What did his followers see in Jesus ? Of what is He "full" ? Who can tell us all about God ?

Seniors and the Home Department—

What do we find in the first three Gospels
What is John's purpose in his Gospel ?

1-5 Show from these verses that Christ the Word (1) is eternal ; (2) is equal with God ;