

Junior Department.

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Bible Study Questions.

(Always give Scripture references in answering.)

CLASS 1.—(TEN YEARS AND UNDER.)

1. Tell three things about Daniel.
2. What does Jesus call himself in John 8?
3. How do you know that Timothy had a good mother?
4. In what place was Jesus "brought up?"
5. Write from memory the names of the Twelve Apostles.

CLASS 2.—(FOR JUNIORS OVER TEN.)

1. Who, by a visit to Paul, illustrated the truth of Prov. 27:17?
2. What words of divine approval are written of Caleb and Joshua?
3. What people, when they heard Paul preach, searched the Scriptures, and why?
4. Quote a passage that teaches us to practice self denial.
5. Name from memory the sons of Jacob.

Interest in this department is growing. I have received a number of correct answers to the questions of June. Let all parents, Sunday School teachers, and League workers who see these questions encourage the Juniors to send in postcard replies every month. Prizes will be given for the best answers at the end of the year.

Outline Board Talks.

(Pastors and others are requested to send some of their plans for this section.)

The following may be used to illustrate John 8:12.

- LIFE**
- INTELLIGENCE.**
- GROWTH.**
- HOLINESS.**
- TESTIMONY.**

The light is essential to healthy life. The life to which Christ invites us, "the light of life," is characterized by the four truths given in the words above. This may be easily developed and fully illustrated according to the circumstances under which the talk is given.

REV. W. H. EMMES gives a very helpful outline on "the purposeful life," as follows: The word is printed in colored crayon on the board, and the thought developed by the leader as the juniors suggest the words that fittingly characterize a "purposeful life."

- PRAYERFULNESS.**
- USEFULNESS.**
- RIGHT EOUSNESS.**
- PLEASANTNESS.**
- OBEDIENCE.**
- SACRIFICE.**
- EARNSTENESS.**

When the truths as above outlined have been taught, illustrate the reward of such a life by faintly drawing an outline crown over the diagram, in yellow.

LIFE OF CHRIST (Lesson 2).—"Babyhood of Jesus."

Draw the figure of a star on the board. This will at once call to mind the birth at Bethlehem. Write a large "B" for this in the centre of the star. There are five chief events in the babyhood of Jesus to remem-

ber. Number the points of the star and write at each point in order: 1. Visit of Shepherds; 2. Presentation in the Temple; 3. Visit of wise men; 4. Flight into Egypt; 5. Return to Nazareth. Tell the story as you progress, and require the Juniors to draw the diagram at home and bring to the next meeting for your inspection. Use simple language in giving your explanations.

Weekly Topics.

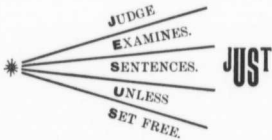
AUGUST 13.—Caring for the weak. Rom. 14:17-21; 15:1-3.

This is a temperance topic. The weak ones are those who are easily overcome by the temptation to drink intoxicants. Explain this "weakness" is the result of indulgence. Every time a drink is taken the will becomes weaker until the drunkard is in the power of the drink-demon. Show the boys that they need never be "weak." By total abstinence from all intoxicating liquor from their youth they will never be in danger. Strength comes from resistance. If a boy learns to say "no" and sticks to it, he will keep out of danger. We should pity the "weak" and put the temptation out of their way. Explain the prohibition movement from this point of view. There are thousands of drinking men who would be thankful if they could not get it to drink, and we all are partners in the evil of the drink traffic unless we do everything in our power to stop it altogether.

AUGUST 20.—Life of Christ. Use the lesson given on this page.

AUGUST 27.—God sees us! How should we live? Prov. 15:3, 8, 9, 18, 26, 29.

The impressive thought that God sees us through and through and all the time should be impressed at the start. But do not teach this so as to frighten the little ones. God is not a frightful or terrible fault-finder. He is our kind and pitiful Father, and the influence of the lesson to-day should be to encourage the children rather than oppress them with dread of God. How does a father look on his little children here when they are trying to please Him? Is it not God's smile that our little ones should desire rather than dread His frown? We should live to please Him in all things and at all times and places. An analysis of the pledge on this point should form a prominent part of this meeting. We shall also "see God." Explain how. "Blessed are the pure in heart," etc.



(God sees us. He is Judge! The judge "examines and sentences" the prisoner unless he is set free. Erase all but the initial letters and show that God sees us through Jesus, and thus we are "just.")

SEPTEMBER 3.—Hearty service. Col. 3:14-17, 22-24.

We should put heart into our service to Christ. That is we should do everything for Him in earnest. "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well," is particularly true of His work. We should do His work with our might because the best we can do for Him is nothing compared to what He has done for us. His work is so important that it must not be done in a half-hearted way or careless manner. If others see us only half in earnest they will become so too, so our example will do harm. We should do all we can in the best way we can because we shall be called to an account when the Lord calls us. . . . These and many other reasons

may be easily given why we should be hearty in our service.

SEPTEMBER 10.—Junior Endeavors. 2 Tim. 3:10-17.

This topic is to remind the Juniors what they should be and do.

A few important points may be made in the popular form of an acrostic as follows:

Join together to help the superintendent.
Use the time of the meeting well.
Never say "I can't" but always "I will try and do my best."
Open hearts to Christ and hands to help.
Read God's Word prayerfully every day.
Stick to the League faithfully.

They will not long be Juniors, and if they are true Leaguers now they will become a source of greater strength to the work when they have had more experience and have attained a larger growth.

The Twelve Apostles.

These are the twelve Apostles' names. Peter and Andrew, John and James; Two pairs of brothers who lived by the sea. As fishers, when Jesus said "Follow me." Then James the less and Jude were called too, Philip and good Bartholomew; Matthew and Thomas who doubted the word, Simon and Judas who sold his Lord.

The Sons of Jacob.

Reuben, Simeon, and Levi, Judah, Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, Asher, and Zebulun, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin.

A LETTER signed "Perplexed Superintendent" asks for some plan by which the adult leaguers may be interested in the Junior meetings. The following statement in the letter gives the main reason why many of the older society do not feel practically interested in the Junior work—"they seem to think it a separate society in which they need have no interest." Our young people must get and keep the idea that the Epworth League is a unit. The various divisions exist only for the best interest of the members therein. The youngest Junior is as much a part of his league as his elder brother or sister. If the elder does not encourage and assist the younger, there will be "division in the body." There must be hearty sympathetic union in all the parts. Arrange for an occasional union meeting. If your adult members will not come to your Junior meetings, bring the Juniors into the adult meeting and give them a place in the programme once in a while. The trouble may possibly be in some cases with the Junior superintendent as well as the adult leaguers. Invite your older members, don't find fault with them because they do not come. Have a mother's meeting occasionally. In short, make your Junior work so inviting that the others will want to come to your meetings, and have your meetings sometimes when they can conveniently come. Read Miss Sherin's helpful suggestions on this matter in the "Junior Handbook." * * * * *

Be true, little laddie, be true,
From your cap to the soul of your shoe.
Oh, we love a lad with an honest eye,
Who scorns deceit and who hates a lie;
Whose spirit is brave and whose heart is pure,
Whose smile is open, whose promise sure;
Who makes his mother a friend so near,
He'll listen to nothing she may not hear;
Who's his father's pride and his sister's joy.
A hearty, thorough, and manly boy.

I WANT to print in the October number a model programme for a Junior meeting. Will all Junior leaguers send to my address, given above, before the 1st September next, a suggested order of service from which I may glean helpful hints? I shall be very thankful for this assistance.