

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 8.] PARABLE OF THE SOWER.

[MAY 20.]

Matthew 13. 1-8; 18-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The seed is the word of God.—Luke 8. 11.

MEMORY VERSES, 22, 23.—He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

To the folks at home: Please help the little ones to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

You have not forgotten that Peter's home was in Capernaum, and that Jesus often went there. What a privilege for people to see and hear this wonderful Teacher again and again! They were glad to see the wonderful works which he did, and they were ready to follow him around and talk about him, but O, how few were ready to love and obey him!

Can you make a little mind-picture of the scene in this lesson? It was the warm summer time, and Jesus was on the lake shore. The crowd gathered about him, so that he went into a boat and sat down to speak to the people. This time he told them a parable, which is a story with a meaning. It would be sure to have a good and wise meaning if Jesus told it. Perhaps, as he sat in the boat that day, he could see far up on the hill-side a sower scattering his seed, and he began to teach the spiritual meaning of the seed sowing.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where did Peter live?
In Capernaum.
2. Where did Jesus go from the crowd?
Into a boat.
3. What did he speak to the people?
A parable.