

I will chastise you with scorpions.' "

When on the third day the people came for their answer, Rehoboam answered them in the bitter words of his young friends, and when they heard it, the people rose up, crying angrily, "To your tents, O Israel!" They cried, "Let the king look after his own affairs. We will no longer be ruled over by him or his sons." So all the tribes of Israel except the tribes of Judah and Benjamin rebelled against Rehoboam, and the kingdom was divided into the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And when Rehoboam sent Adoram, one of his officers, to make friends with the people, they stoned him to death, and Rehoboam was obliged to flee for his life to Jerusalem, while Jeroboam was made king of the new kingdom of Israel.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who became king when Solomon died?
2. What request did the people make of Rehoboam?
3. When did he promise them a reply?
4. Whom did he first consult about his answer?
5. What advice did the old men give the young king?
6. Whom did he next consult?
7. What did the young men tell Rehoboam to say to the people?
8. Whose advice did the king take?
9. What did the people say when they heard his answer?
10. What two kingdoms were formed?
11. Who was made king of Israel?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Bert was only a little boy when he learned that the best way to manage animals, as with people also, is to treat them kindly. One morning he and his brother Lloyd were driving their pet donkey, when suddenly Dick stopped, refusing to go a step further.

"Oh dear! what a bad donkey!" cried Bert, and running to the side of the road he brought back a short stick, with which he struck and poked the animal with all his might. But, alas! the donkey bore it better than Bert did, and he soon stopped, breathless.

Quick as thought Lloyd now drew an apple from under the seat, and held it in front of Dick's nose, who at once moved forward to take it in his mouth, and they had no more

trouble with him during the remainder of the drive. He trotted cheerfully along, as if drawing the cart were a pleasure.

Lesson Hymn

O happy is the man who hears
Instruction's warning voice;
And who celestial wisdom makes
His early, only choice.

For she has treasures greater far
Than east or west unfold;
And her rewards more precious are
Than all their stores of gold. Amen.

—Hymn 127, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—102. What name is given to the household or family of God? God's family is called the Church.

SHORTER CATECHISM—28. Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation? A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Proud and cruel masters in olden times used often to scourge their servants when they were displeased with them. But Jesus,



our Master, is kind and gentle, loving us even if there is need to punish our sins. All the more sorry should we be to displease One who is so good to us.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD SHUN PRIDE