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Things get pretty badly mixed up in this world. Our picture gives an illustration of this fact. Here we see a slender, dainty, fastidious Italian greyhound, raised only to be a fine lady's parlour pet, linked to a rough-and-tumble water spaniel, who delights to plunge in water so cold that the very thought of it almost throws his delicate companion into chills. And it looks like the hardy spaniel was going to carry the greyhound in for a swim in spite of all protests on his part. The Bible tells Christians not to be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers," which means not to marry those who are not Christians, nor go into partnership with them in any business. This picture may help you to see why such a partnership will not work well.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON X. [September 7.]

THE PROPHET LIKE MOSES.

Deut. 18. 9 to 19. Memorize vs. 17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT.

This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.—John 6. 14.

THE LESSON STORY.

Before the people of Israel came into the promised land the Lord gave them counsel through Moses about many things they would need to know to be a strong and happy people. He knew that they would find people there who worshipped idols and made their own children pass through the fire to please them, and that witches and other false people would try to deceive them; so he warned them to have nothing to do with these things, for they would bring death to them. Then he reminded them of the great promise which had been given in the beginning, and also to Abraham

and Isaac and Jacob, that One should come who would be their Saviour from sin. When the Lord spoke to Moses of him he called him a Prophet. He said he would raise him up from among them, and he would be like them, that they might not be afraid of him as they had been afraid of the Lord when he came down to give the law on Mount Sinai. He told them that they must listen to his words, but not to the words of the false prophets.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

How long were the Israelites in the wilderness? Forty years.

Where were they now? In sight of Canaan.

Why were they so long getting there? They wanted their own way.

Who gave them good advice? The Lord.

What did the people there do? Worship idols.

What did the Lord warn them against? All evil things.

Whom did he say he would send them? A great Prophet.

To whom was this promise first made? To Adam and Eve.

When did the Prophet really come? About fourteen hundred years after.

What was his name? Jesus.

What does this mean? Saviour.

Whom did he come to save? All people.

LESSON XI. [September 14]

LOVING AND GREYING GOD.

Deut. 30. 11 to 20. Mem. vs. 15, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.—1 John 5. 3.

THE LESSON STORY.

The Israelites who had wandered so long were near the promised land. They were in camp on the plains of Moab, across the Jordan from Jericho, and Moses, an old man of one hundred and twenty years, was giving the last words from the Lord to the people. He had written out

the law of the Lord by which they were to live, and had read it to them, and now he was giving last words. He wanted them to have the Lord's commands written in their hearts, so that they would be sure to do them, for the will to do is in the heart. He told them that the Lord's words were not hidden from them. They were not far up in heaven above them, nor far beyond the sea, but were very near them, not only on their lips when they spoke them, but in their hearts where they were keeping them. "See," was the Lord's word, "I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil." Again he said, "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that thou and thy seed may live." He told them that long years of happiness would be theirs if they would love the Lord and do his commandments, but if they went after other gods they should surely perish. And he called Joshua to be the captain to lead the people over Jordan.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What was between the people now and Canaan? The river Jordan.

Who talked to the people? Moses.

How old was he now? A hundred and twenty years.

What had he written for the people? The Lord's law.

What did he want them to do? To keep it.

Where did he say they must have it? In their hearts.

What did he tell them about? Life and death.

What did he say they must choose? Which they would have.

What is life? To love and serve God.

What is death? To go away from God.

What must each of us do? Choose which we will have.

Where is our promised land? With the Lord.

A BIT OF ADVICE.

BY MARGARET E. SANGSTER.

Children dear, when you hear
Dropping rain upon the pane
Just be happy, never fear;
Sunshine always follows rain.

Children sweet, when your feet
Make the grown-up people fret
At the noise of girls and boys
Tell them you'll be sober yet.

Children, pray when the day
Does not go quite right at school,
Think of this; that perfect bliss
Comes of minding every rule.

No man is fit for God's service who is not willing to do little things. The people who are always waiting for an opportunity to do some great thing never accomplish anything.—*Moody.*