

**PERMISSION TO GO HOME.**

Bess went to church one sultry day,  
She kept awake, I'm glad to say,  
Till "fourthly" started on its way.

Then moments into hours grew;  
Oh dear! oh dear! what should she do?  
Unseen, she glided from the pew,

And up the aisle demurely went,  
On some absorbing mission bent,  
Her eyes filled with a look intent.

She stopped and said in plaintive tone,  
With hand uplifted toward the dome,  
"Please, preacher-man, can I go home?"

The treble voice, bell-like in sound,  
Disturbed a sermon most profound;  
A titter swelled as it went round.

A smile the pastor's face o'erspread—  
He paused and bowed his stately head;  
"Yes, little dear," he gently said.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**FIRST QUARTER.**

A.D. 29.] **LESSON VI.** [Feb. 5.

**THE TRANSFIGURATION.**

*Matt. 17. 1-18. Commit to mem. vs. 4-5.*

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

And there came a voice out of the cloud,  
saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.  
Luke 9. 35.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The Three Disciples.
2. The Two Saints.
3. The One Saviour.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

Where did Jesus take Peter, James and John? Up in a mountain to pray.

What happened while he was praying? He was transfigured, or changed before them.

How was Jesus changed? His face shone like the sun and his garments were white as the light.

Who came and talked with him? Moses and Elijah.

What can you tell about these men of God who had been dead many years? Moses was the giver of the law, and Elijah, the chief of the prophets.

What did Peter say to Jesus? "Lord, it is good to be here."

What did he want to do? Build three tents, for Jesus and Moses and Elijah, that they might stay there always.

What did he forget? The sick and sinful people below who needed Jesus.

What came down about them? A bright cloud.

What did the disciples hear? The voice of God speaking out of the cloud. (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

Why did they fall upon their faces? They were filled with great fear.

Who came and told them not to be afraid? Jesus.

What did they see when they lifted up their eyes? The brightness gone and Jesus alone before them.

What did Jesus command them? That they tell no man what they had seen until he was risen from the dead.

What did he explain to them? That he must suffer and die.

Why was this hard to believe? Because they had seen him glorified and heard God call him his own beloved Son.

Why did Jesus leave all his glory to suffer and die? To save us from sin and the punishment of sin.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

"We know that the Son of God is come"—  
To save us from sin.

To make us useful and happy.

To give us eternal life.

Who will hear his words and follow him?

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Immortality.

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

*What is it to be holy in heart?* To be holy in heart is to be changed by the Holy Spirit, so as to be saved from sin and to love God.

A.D. 29.] **LESSON VII.** [Feb. 12.

**JESUS AND THE LITTLE ONES**

*Matt. 18. 1-14. Commit to mem. vs. 3-4.*

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 19. 14.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The Children's Friend.
2. The Sinner's Saviour.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

What question did the disciples ask Jesus? "Who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

What did Jesus do? He called a little child to him.

What answer did he give the disciples? "Whosoever shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

What did Jesus want to teach them? That they must lose all pride and selfishness.

What command did he give them? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

What did he say of those who tempted his little ones, or caused them to stumble? That it was better for them to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

What does he pronounce upon those who try to make his people do wrong? Woe, or sorrow and punishment.

Of what did Jesus warn his disciples? Of the awful dangers of sin.

What did he command them? "If thy hand or thy foot cause thee to stumble, cut it off."

What does this mean? That we must give up everything, however dear to us, that causes us to sin.

What will sin surely do? Keep us out of the kingdom of heaven.

Whom did Christ come to save? All who are lost and in the power of sin.

Why did Jesus come to seek and save the lost? Because it is God's will that not one shall perish.

Who are God's little ones? All who love and obey him.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

Do you want to be great in the kingdom of heaven?

Learn to think of others first and yourself last.

Learn to love God and his will BETTER than you love yourself and your own will.

Learn to be kind and helpful to the poor, the aged, and the sick.

Do not be afraid that you cannot learn to do these things. Jesus will help you and teach you every day.

"For I will hold thy hand, saying unto thee, Fear not, I will help thee."

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Humility.

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

*What is it to be holy in life?* To be holy in life is to do my duty to God and man, according to God's holy word.

**THE BIRTH OF JESUS.**

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he that is born King of the Jews?' for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. And when they were come unto the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh."