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GATHER AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE

A CHRISTMAS TREE SONG

REV. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, JR.

1. Gath - er a - round the Christ - mas tree! Gath - er a - round the Christ - mas tree!
 2. Gath - er a - round the Christ - mas tree! Gath - er a - round the Christ - mas tree!
 3. Gath - er a - round the Christ - mas tree! Gath - er a - round the Christ - mas tree!
 4. Fare - well to thee, O Christ - mas tree! Fare - well to thee, O Christ - mas tree!
 5. Fare - well to thee, O Christ - mas tree! Fare - well to thee, O Christ - mas tree!

Ev - er green Have its branch - es been, It is king of all the wood - land scene:
 Ev - ery bough Bears a bur - den now, They are gifts of love for us we trow:
 Ta - pers bright, In the branch - es light, Till our eyes all shine at the good - ly sight:
 Thy part's done, And thy gifts are gone, And thy lights are dy - ing one by one:
 Twelve months o'er, We shall meet once more, Mer - ry wel - come sing - ing, as of yore;

For Christ, our King, is born to - day! His reign shall nev - er pass a - way.
 For Christ is born, His love to show, And give good gifts to men be - low.
 For Christ, our Light, is born to - day! His glo - ry ne'er shall fade a - way.
 For earth - ly pleas - ures die to - day, But heav - en - ly joys shall last al - way.
 For Christ now reigns, our Sav - iour dear, And gives us Christ - mas ev - ery year!

CHORUS

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est! A - MEN.

Verses 1, 2, 3, to be sung before, and 4, 5, after the distribution of gifts.
 From "Alleluia."

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A Letter to the Pupil



DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

October is the month of harvest and of nutting parties and warm, sweet days. Jesus lived in a country of grapes and figs and many other fruits. He loved the beautiful growing things in his Father's beautiful world.

This quarter as we study about Jesus, and as we look at the ripening fruit and grain about us, let us try to imagine that we hear his dear voice telling again the Bible stories of fruits and grain, and seeds and harvest. I hope that you learn to love him more dearly in these three busy months, and will help to make others love him.

Your loving friends,

The Editors

BIRTH AND CHILDHOOD OF JESUS

Matthew, chapters 1 and 2



King David's boyhood home was in Bethlehem. It was many, many years now since David and Solomon had lived. Joseph the carpenter who lived in Nazareth belonged to the family of David, and when he had to go at the king's order to pay his taxes, he went to David's city, Bethlehem. When he and his dear young wife, Mary, reached the town, there were so many other people there that they could find no place to stay excepting the cave in the hillside that was used as a stable. God had promised that all the world should be blessed through the family of David, and that winter night the promise was kept, for the baby Jesus, the holy Christ-child, was born in the

stable at Bethlehem. A strange place for the King to be born, but the angels sang in the sky, "Glory to God . . . and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

The prophets in their holy books had told of the Saviour that God would send, so when some of the Wise Men who had studied these books saw a strange new star in the sky, they knew that it meant that Jesus was born, so in great joy they hurried across the desert to find him.

Perhaps it was daytime when they reached Jerusalem and

they could not see the star, so they asked King Herod where the baby Jesus was. Wicked King Herod was frightened at the thought of a new king, so he told the Wise Men to find Jesus and then come back and tell him. But God saw in Herod's wicked heart the plan to kill the holy Baby, so he warned the Wise Men in a dream; and after they had worshiped Jesus and had given him rich gifts, they went home a different way.

Not long ago a little boy said, "I wish I could give Jesus a present, but I can't get it up to the sky." If you look at the picture on this page you will find some beautiful gifts to give him.

Every Jewish name had a meaning, and the angel told Joseph the meaning of the name "Jesus."



THE GOLDEN TEXT

"Thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins."

—Matthew 1: 21.

As we think of Jesus' loving care for us, we shall want to show our love for him by something that we can do. Let us remember that the Wise Men brought their "treasures"—their very best.

ANOTHER VERSE TO LEARN

"When they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts."

—Matthew 2: 11.

BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS

Matthew 3:1 to 4:11



The Bible tells us very little of what happened from the time that the little boy Jesus came back to Nazareth until the time that the man Jesus began the great work of preaching and teaching and healing that he had come to the world to do.

The first thing that we are told about him is what happened in to-day's lesson. His cousin, the brave, good John the Baptist, was preaching down by the Jordan River, and many people were going out to hear him. He was telling them of Jesus, and that they must believe in him.

And one day Jesus himself came to John's great meeting. Jesus wanted always to do exactly what God's people were expected to do, and all those who believe on God are asked to be baptized. This is to show that they believe that he can wash away their sins and make their hearts pure and good, just as water washes our bodies and makes them clean. So Jesus was baptized by John, although he had no sins to wash away, and at once God's Spirit, in the form of a dove, came down from heaven while a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

When we are to do some great thing, we sometimes have

tests to make sure of just what we can do. Jesus was now to begin his wonderful work, but first he went away alone into the mountains where some very great tests came to him. For forty days he had nothing at all to eat, and then when he was tired and hungry the temptations came to him.

But Jesus refused to do anything that was not exactly right. Jesus' mind was full of precious verses from the Bible which he had learned, and now he said them and they helped him to be strong.

At the end of the forty days the angels came and took care of him.

Every day that we live, we shall be tempted in some way to do something that we ought not to do. Perhaps we shall want, oh, so much, to know how to do an example, and if we just look at the paper on the next desk we shall see how it has been

worked, but we are going to have Jesus' kind of bravery in our hearts, and not look. When the teacher goes out of the room we are going to be even better than when she can see us. Then we shall please our heavenly Father who said:

THE GOLDEN TEXT

“This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

—Matthew 3:17.



JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Matthew 4:12-25



Many people did not like the new religion of love and kindness about which Jesus talked. The people of his own Nazareth

grew so angry at him that they sent him away, and he went to live at Capernaum, a town by the Sea of Galilee.

Here was where his old friends Peter and John lived. It was now a whole year since they had first seen Jesus down by the river with his brave cousin, John the Baptist. They had not forgotten his words to them, and as they worked in their boats, perhaps they often talked of him.

One day as Jesus was preaching by the side of the sea, the people crowded around until there were so many that some could not see or hear him. Not far away was Peter's boat, so Jesus stepped into it and pushed it out a little way from the shore, and there he preached to the people.

When he finished speaking to the people, he told Peter and Andrew, Peter's brother, to go out where the water was deep and throw in their net. Peter sadly said that that would not be of any use, because they had worked all night and had not caught even one fish. But by and by, because it was Jesus who asked it, they went out and threw in their net. Soon they saw fish in the net, and when they tried to draw it

out they found it so full that they had to call their friends James and John to help them.

Then as they worked Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." They knew what he meant. They knew that he was asking them to leave their homes and their business and their friends to go about with him telling men and women and children how to be saved.

They left their nets and followed him.

Sometimes when it is hard to leave our play when it is time to go to school, let us remember Peter and Andrew. We must remember James and John, too, for they were working in their boat, and when Jesus called to them they did what Peter and Andrew had done; they went with him.



Then, day after day, Jesus and his helpers went about, preaching and teaching and healing and saying:

THE GOLDEN TEXT

"Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

—Matthew 4:17.

A VERSE FOR US TO REMEMBER

"They forsook all, and followed him."

—Luke 5:11.

WHAT THE KING REQUIRES

Matthew, chapter 5



Wherever Jesus went, great crowds followed him. We heard about a sermon that he preached from a boat, and now to-day we hear about a sermon that he preached up on the mountain side where the rocks looked like two big horns, and made a sort of pulpit for him.

In the Temple he saw the people praying and going through all sorts of services that did not really mean anything at all, because it was only worship on the outside and the hearts of the people were not loving and kind. He wanted to tell the people that if their hearts were loving and pure and their minds full of sweet thoughts,

their lives would be pure and good. There were men and women and boys and girls listening to Jesus that day, and he made his rules so simple and plain that they all could understand them.

Each of the Beatitudes (which is what we call the verses that begin with the word "blessed") is a whole little sermon in itself. Jesus had come to earth to teach people how to live, so that when the time came for them to go home to the Father in heaven they would be ready.

He was the perfect Pattern for us to copy, and all those rules in his sermon that begin with "Blessed" are ways to help us to grow like him.

Right at home is the best place to begin growing like Jesus, but it is not always the easiest place. We can use our eyes of love to see ways of helping mother, or of keeping little brother or sister happy. We can be unselfish and thoughtful in our play.

Our Golden Text says:

"Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

—Matthew 5:48.

And the way to grow perfect, is to grow a little more like Jesus every day. First of all we need a loving heart with sweet, pure thoughts in it and Jesus said:

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

—Matthew 5:8.

Here is a little verse that may help you to remember this lesson. Perhaps many of you know it. Think about it and be sure you know just what it means.

"Kind hearts are the gardens;
Kind thoughts are the roots;
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruits."

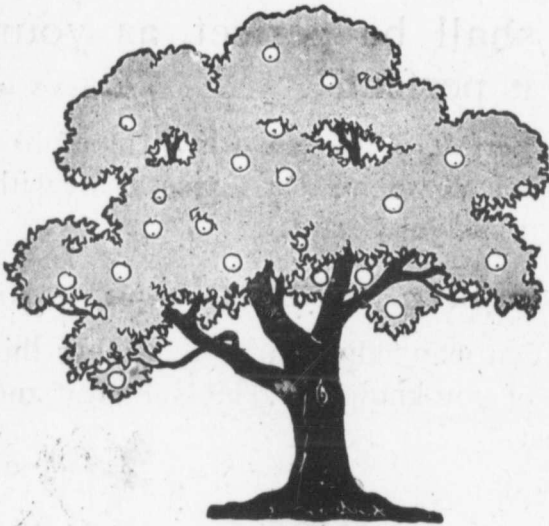


HEW DOWN THE CORRUPT TREE

(WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY)

Matthew 7: 13-29

Jesus tried always to talk to the people about things which they could understand. He wanted to show them that the thoughts they had in their hearts, and the things they did when no one saw, were what made their lives good or bad. They saw the beautiful fruit trees growing, and near them



the grapevines with their graceful branches.

Out by the roadside were the prickly, ugly thistles. Jesus told the people that if they planted thistles (ugly thoughts or acts) they could not expect grapes or fruit (which would be good deeds and useful lives).

We know that cigarettes are bad for a boy because they keep his body and his mind from growing; we know that certain kinds of food and drink are bad for us because they make us sick; we know that if we let ourselves be selfish or cross when we are boys and girls, we cannot help being that way when we grow up. That is the kind of fruit that grows from wrong seed.

But we know that good food will give us a strong body; we know that if we say, "No, thank you," when food or drink

that might harm us is offered to us, we shall grow strong in mind as well as in body; we know that the time to begin to be kind and helpful and to get ready for a happy, useful life is when we are small. That is what Jesus meant by "good fruit."

Jesus saw people around him who went to the Temple and prayed and fasted and said by their actions, "See how good we are"; yet these people did many wrong things. Jesus tried to tell these people that in God's pure, holy eyes they were not good, even though they said they were. It is what we do, and not what we say, that shows what we are.

When Canada found that saloons were bringing sadness and sickness and trouble to our land, the saloons were closed, and we shall all work and pray to have that same thing happen in every country.



THE GOLDEN TEXT

"Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

—Matthew 7:19.

Think of the "Heart" verse you learned last week and then say this Bible verse:

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

—Matthew 7:20.

PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Matthew 6:1 to 7:12

To-day we have some more of that same wonderful sermon that Jesus preached out of doors where the whole mountain side was his church. The people asked him how to pray, and he gave them the prayer which we still say, and which for that reason we call "The Lord's Prayer."

He talked to the people about the lilies that were blooming and about the birds flying overhead and said, "If your heavenly Father cares for the birds and the lilies, do you not know that he will take care of you?"

Those people knew the story of how, long ago, God fed the Israelites with manna which he sent down from heaven. Ask your teacher to tell you about it. Then you can tell her about a bright little boy who trusted God and obeyed our Golden Text which says:

"Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

—Matthew 6:33.

This boy was born nearly one hundred years ago. His parents were very poor, and when he was only a boy he started out to earn his living in a great city.

He could earn only a very little money, but he made a promise that he would give God one penny out of every ten that he made. And he did it.

His mother had taught him to make soap, and a wise friend told him to make soap if that was what he could do best. For a long, long time he had to work hard to make enough money for even cheap food and room and clothes, but no matter how little he had, he gave God his share, and by and by he began to make more money.

When he started out from home with his few clothes tied up in a bundle and only a few cents in his pocket, he was what people call poor. But in one way he was rich, for he had God for his dearest Friend.



As the years went by, he became a rich man, and the richer he grew, the more he gave to God. He felt that the reason he had so much wealth and happiness was because he always gave God his share. He is lovingly remembered to-day, because of the money that he gave for churches and schools and missions.

If we are true helpers of God, he is sure to be a true Helper to us.

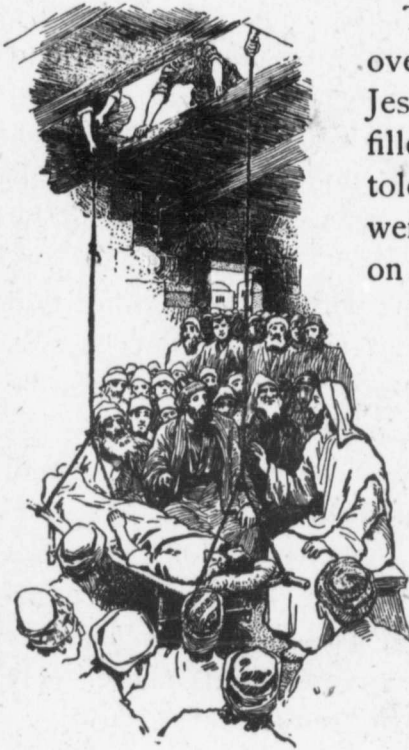
Here is one of the best verses in all the Bible, for it helps us to remember that we are always safe in our Father's care.

“He careth for you.”

—I Peter 5:7.

THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF JESUS

Matthew, chapters 8, 9



The Sermon on the Mount was over, and as the people followed Jesus down the mountain they were filled with wonder at what he had told them. Everywhere well people were bringing sick people to him—on the country roads, in the towns, wherever he went. So, after the mountain sermon, Jesus could not go away and rest. He went right on healing and working. A rich and great soldier came begging him to heal one of his men and Jesus did this. Poor mothers came carrying ragged little sick children, and Jesus cured them.

In Capernaum he went into a house and the people crowded in after him until it was so packed that no one else could get inside. As he was talking, four men came up to the house carrying a man who was very sick with the palsy. He could not walk or even stand. He could not even lift a cup of water to his lips, and they had hoped that Jesus might cure him; but they could not get into the house.

Instead of being discouraged and going away, the man's friends carefully carried him up to the flat roof of the house. This roof was probably over a sort of paved court, and was

like the roof of a porch. It was probably made of flat pieces of tile, like broad bricks, and these four men lifted out enough tiles to make a hole through which they could let the sick man down into the room close to Jesus. The sick man was lying on a sort of thin mattress, which was his bed.

Jesus looked at him, and said, "Thy sins are forgiven."

Some of the people that stood near began to say in their hearts: "No one but God can forgive sins. Jesus is pretending." But Jesus really was God, and he knew what they were thinking, so he said, "Rise up and walk," and the sick man stood up and took up his bed and went away. The people looked in new wonder, and many believed then that Jesus was truly Christ the Saviour.

A VERSE THAT TELLS WHAT JESUS DID

"And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness."

—Matthew 9: 35.

A part of the prayer that Jesus taught us to say is this:

"Forgive us our sins."

—Luke 11: 4.

To-day we cannot carry our sick friends to Jesus as these men did, but we can talk to him in prayer about them.



THE TWELVE SENT FORTH

Matthew, chapter 10



You know the story of how Jesus chose Peter and Andrew and James and John to be his helpers, but they were not his only helpers. He asked one man after another to be his helper until he had twelve helpers, or disciples. They went about with him, listening to him and watching him, and helping in every way that they could.

Then Jesus called them together and talked to them of the great need in the world for messengers to go out and carry the gospel story to those who did not know it. He said that the world was God's harvest field, needing reapers to gather in the precious sheaves for heaven.

Jesus asked them to go out two by two, to preach and teach and heal just as he was doing. They were to go first to their own people, the Jews, because they had God's Holy Word, the Old Testament, and knew that God's Son was to come to save the world. But, you see, they did not know that Jesus was really God's Son, and many of them still do

not believe this. The disciples were to tell the good news to anyone who would listen; they were to help and to heal anyone who came to them. They were to remember what Jesus had done for them, and they were to give freely of the best they had. And wherever they went the people were expected to take care of the disciples, just as we are expected to help pay the expenses of the missionaries and the workers who go about now telling the story of Jesus.

THE STORY IN ONE VERSE

“Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.”

—Matthew 9: 37, 38.

Jesus sent his disciples to tell the story of his love to the whole world. He had given them freely of his love and he wanted them to share it with others. Let us think of some of the good things that Jesus has given to us. How can we share all these good things? By being kind and loving; by sending our money to tell the story of Jesus to little children who have never heard about him. For Jesus said:

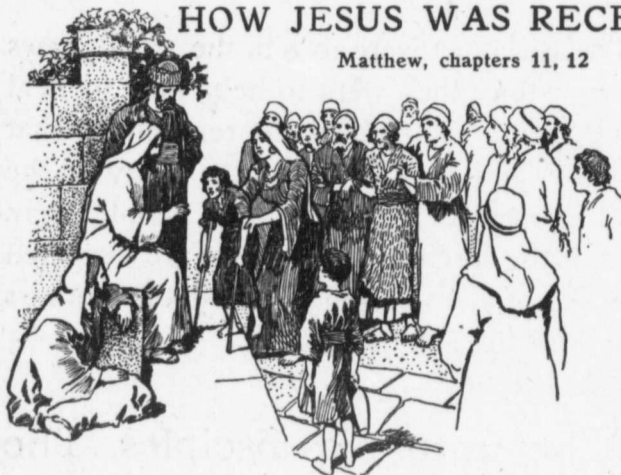


“Freely ye have received, freely give.”

—Matthew 10: 8.

HOW JESUS WAS RECEIVED

Matthew, chapters 11, 12



It seems strange to us that when Jesus was doing such wonderful things every day, all the people would not believe that he was truly the Saviour. The rulers and the high

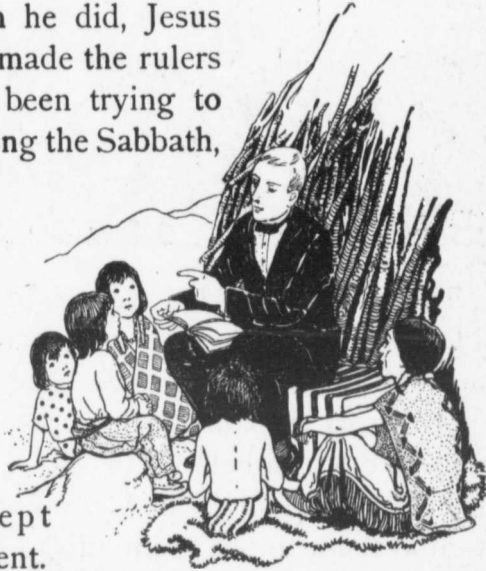
officials expected the Christ to come as a great king who should be more powerful than David and live in greater splendor than Solomon had lived, and they said that this quiet Man working among the poor people, could not possibly be the promised King.

Even John the Baptist began to wonder and to be troubled, but that was because he was shut up in prison by a wicked king and had to stay week after week in a dark, damp dungeon. So he sent two of his friends many miles, to the place where Jesus was preaching, to ask him whether or not he truly was the Christ. Jesus told them to look about them and to see what he was doing, and then to go back and tell John what they saw and heard. It was a wonderful record that they took back to John, and it ended all his doubts and fears, for they told him how Jesus healed the sick and the blind and the deaf; how he preached the gospel story to the poor as well as to the rich; how he even raised those who were dead. He was surely the Son of God.

When the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue as

he always did, for he remembered "the sabbath day, to keep it holy." There he saw a man who had a withered hand that was tiny and stiff and useless. Jesus said to him, "Stretch forth thy hand," and when he did, Jesus made his hand well. That made the rulers very angry, for they had been trying to say that this would be breaking the Sabbath, and Jesus had said to them: "If you had a sheep that fell into a hole would you not pull it out on the Sabbath? And is not a man better than a sheep?"

Then Jesus had to go away to another place to save his life. But he kept on helping, wherever he went.



Jesus still wants to help everyone who is in trouble, and he says:

THE GOLDEN TEXT

"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

—Matthew 11:28.

Sometimes our missionaries go to homes where they are not wanted. Sometimes they go again, and again, and again, patiently trying to tell the same story that Jesus told.

Let us be sure that the doors of our own hearts are open to Jesus to-day so that his love may get in. Then we shall want to be helpful and kind because:

"Jesus . . . went about doing good." —Acts 10:38.

THE GROWTH OF THE KINGDOM

Matthew 13: 1-43



The people crowded around Jesus as he stood by the seaside and at last he did just what he had once before done—he went into a boat and preached from that.

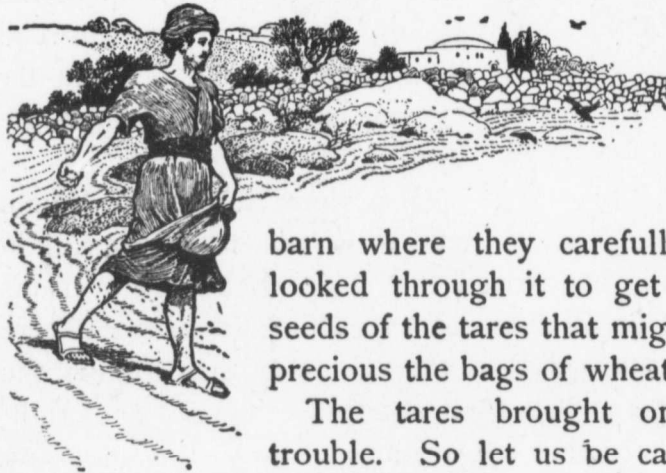
His heart was full of love for the people, and he wanted to help them to believe that he was truly Christ and not to listen to the words which the rulers said against him. He wanted them to trust him and to keep on obeying his loving commands, no matter what others did. And he wants you and me to get the same lesson from this story which he told on the seashore so long ago.

He said that a man had a field in which he sowed the very finest kind of wheat. How happy the man must have been when he saw the wheat beginning to grow and the field turning green in the sunshine and rain. But by and by when the little heads of wheat began to show, his servants came to him and asked, "Did you not sow good seed in your field?" Yes, he had sowed the best seed, but his servants told him that there were tares growing among the wheat, and tares were not only a dreadful weed but their seeds were a deadly poison.

"What shall we do?" they asked. "Shall we go and pull out the tares?"

"No," said the owner of the field. "You could not pull out the tares now without pulling out the wheat, too. Some enemy of ours has sown the seed of the tares, and all we can do is to let both grow until the harvest time."

So they grew side by side until the little wheat heads and the seeds of the tares were ripe. Then the servants came



and gathered together the tares and burned them. The wheat they carried into the

barn where they carefully sifted it and looked through it to get out any of the seeds of the tares that might be left. How precious the bags of wheat were!

The tares brought only sorrow and trouble. So let us be careful not to get the wrong kind of seed planted in our lives. Jesus is ready with the good seed.

The first verse of our two Memory Texts does not mean that we are not to be sorry when others do wrong, but it does mean that we need not be like them.

"Fret not thyself because of evil-doers."

—Psalm 37: 1.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

—Galatians 6: 7.

WHAT THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE

Matthew 13:44-58



Jesus told many stories as he sat in the boat that day. He said that the Kingdom of heaven was like a wonderful pearl, for which a man would spend all the money that he had. We have time for only one of the stories to-day, but you can read the others in the Bible and try to imagine Jesus sitting in the boat and telling them.

One story was about a man who went out to sow grain in his field. Perhaps he carried the grain in a sack over his shoulder, and he would take out a handful and scatter it here and there, back and forth over the field. In that country the fields are so close together that sometimes the road goes right through them. Seed that fell on this roadway could not sink in and grow because the ground was hard and smooth, so the birds found it and ate it up. (This part of the story makes us think of the people who do not listen to Jesus' stories at all, and so cannot be helped by them.)

Other grains of wheat fell on the places where there was a thin layer of earth on the rocks. They began to grow beautifully, but when the hot sun came out they withered up and died. They needed good, strong roots that could go down, down, and make them ready to stand sun and wind and other hard things. Are we ever like that?

Some of the grain fell among the thorns, and the thorns were so big and strong that they kept the wheat from growing. Jesus said that the thorns were like some of the things in this world that people love so well that they forget about him.

But some of the wheat fell on good ground where it grew until there was a rich harvest of ripe grain. As Jesus told of the good grain, I think he thought of John the Baptist, and of the disciples preaching in the towns and cities, and of the faithful friends in many places who were letting the gospel seeds grow in their hearts and bear fruit in their lives.

If we have the love of Jesus in our hearts it will show itself in acts of kindness.

This Golden Text tells us that the Kingdom of God is something greater than things that we can see or can eat or drink. It says:

“The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

—Romans 14:17.

When we say this Memory Verse, let us make up our minds to try to have our hearts “good ground.”

“Other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.”

—Matthew 13:8.



JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDES

Matthew, chapter 14

When you are making your Christmas gifts for the people you love, did you ever wish that you could give a gift to Jesus? Our story to-day tells us how a little boy gave a gift to Jesus long ago by helping him to feed some hungry people; and you are helping to feed hungry people when you give a missionary offering.



The disciples had come back from their time of preaching and healing for which Jesus had sent them, and they went across the Sea of Galilee to a quiet place to tell him about it. But the people were so eager to hear the wonderful words of Jesus that they followed him.

All the rest of the day they listened to Jesus, but when evening came, the disciples began asking if the people ought not to be sent home. They were hungry and tired; they were a long, long way from any town. "Give ye them to eat," said Jesus, but the disciples were sure that they could not do that, for they had no food and no money.

But they found one little boy who had brought his lunch—five round, flat, barley loaves, like crackers, and two tiny, dried fish. "But of what use are these among so many?" asked the disciples.

Jesus told all the people to sit down in groups as we do at

a picnic. Then he asked God to bless the bread and the fish that the little boy gave, and in some wonderful way it grew until there was enough for all—enough for every one of those hungry men, women, and children—and twelve basketfuls left over! How glad that little boy must have been that he had not said: “My lunch is only enough for me. I can’t spare any for Jesus.”

If we know of those who are hungry for food, or are hungry for the story of Jesus, we may know that Jesus is speaking to us to-day and saying as he did to his disciples:

“They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat.” —Matthew 14: 16.

We should be glad to give because:

“There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” —Luke 2: 11.

We should also be glad because:

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son.” —John 3: 16.

ANOTHER VERSE TO LEARN

“He blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.” —Matthew 14: 19.



REVIEW: THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN UPON EARTH

Selection for Reading: Isaiah 25:1-8



I wonder how many of the stories of this quarter we can tell just by looking at the drawings on our handwork page, or better still, by looking at our poster, if we made a poster.

1. The first picture tells us a story that we all know, about the dear little Christ-child who came down from his beautiful home in heaven to live a beautiful, perfect life on the earth and to be a perfect pattern for each of us to copy.

2. The dove came down from the sky when God's voice said, "This is my beloved Son." Tell the story.

3. A boat makes us think of some helpers that Jesus chose and what he did then.

4. A heart with LOVE printed on it comes next. Some people thought that Jesus' rules were hard to obey. What makes them easy?

5. A picture of a tree full of fruit reminds us of a verse which says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." What do you think that means?

6. A guardian angel makes us think of our Father's care

that is always with us day and night. What do you think we ought to do for him?

7. Jesus was a king with all power in heaven and in earth. He could do anything that he wanted to do. But he went about quietly, doing loving, kind things for everyone. Perhaps that will help you to tell the stories that the crown and the basket make you think of.

8. A basket of good things is to remind you of twelve men who went out two by two to carry a message.

9. Some people listened to Jesus and loved him, but some would not hear his loving message. Is the door of your heart open or shut? How may we open our heart's door?

10. If you are beside a boy or girl "plant" that is not growing in Jesus' way, do you have to grow that way, too?

11. Jesus' love in our hearts will grow into missionary gifts and loving deeds.

12. A Christmas tree says that a little boy once gave a gift to Jesus and so may we.

13. A church is the place where we learn about Jesus, and where people meet to work to make this world as God wants it to be.

When Jesus came, he brought his law of love into the world and wherever love goes it carries a new joy and makes a different place. So our verse says:

**"And he that sitteth on the throne said,
Behold, I make all things new."**

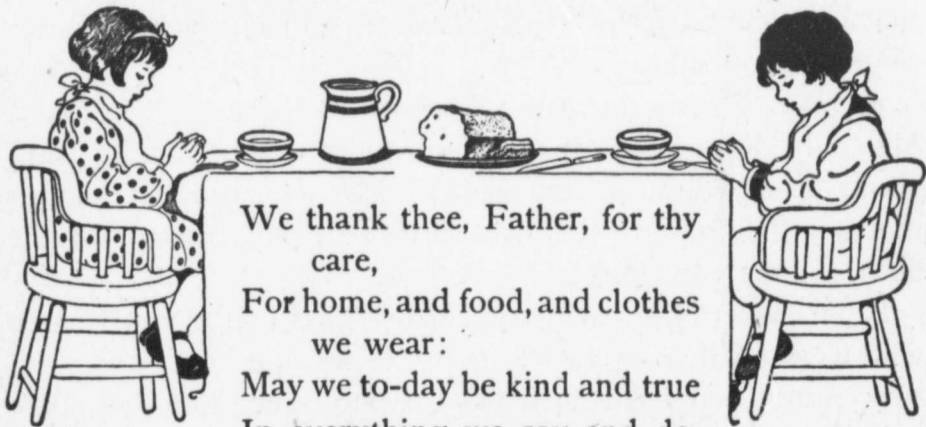
—Revelation 21: 5.

ANOTHER VERSE TO LEARN

"Jesus . . . went about doing good."

—Acts 10: 38.

A VERSE WE CAN SAY EVERY DAY



We thank thee, Father, for thy
care,
For home, and food, and clothes
we wear:
May we to-day be kind and true
In everything we say and do.

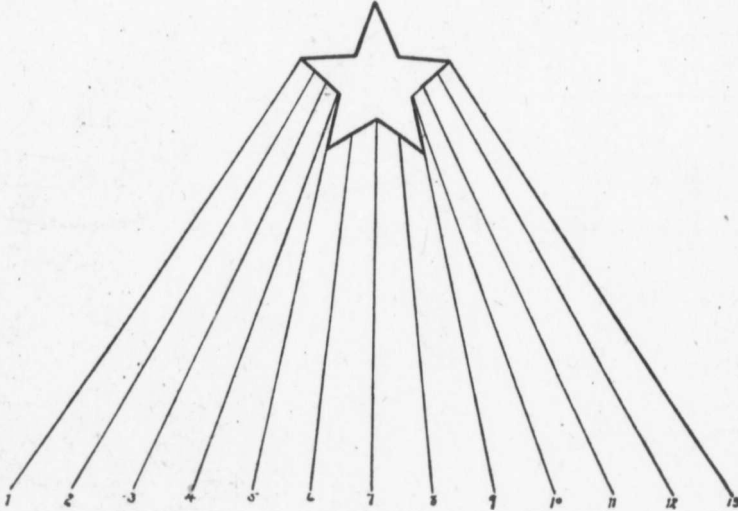
MY THANKS FOR MY KING

In those far-off days of the long ago,
When Jesus lived on the earth below,
I wish that I could have heard him tell
The many stories we love so well.

I wish that I might have heard him say
Words that brought hearing and sight each day,
And seen, when touched by his gentle hand,
Sickness and death obey his command.

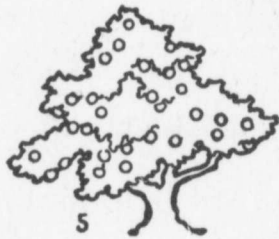
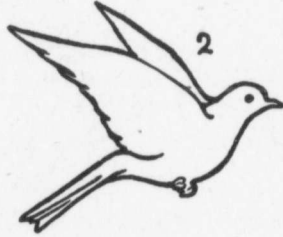
But we are his children dear to-day,
And we may love him as well as they.
And I am as thankful as I can be
That a King so great is a Friend to me.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HANDWORK

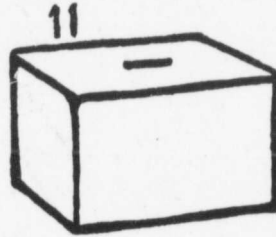
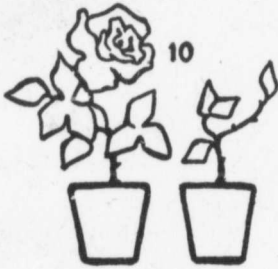


To make a poster which will tell the lesson stories of this quarter and will help us to remember how the light from the Christmas star still lights this world, use a large piece of heavy paper—plain wall paper is good. Make your star of gold or silver paper or of tin foil. On the next pages you will find a picture for each Sunday of the quarter. Put plain white paper over each picture and trace it; then cut it out and paste it where the numbers on the poster show that it belongs.

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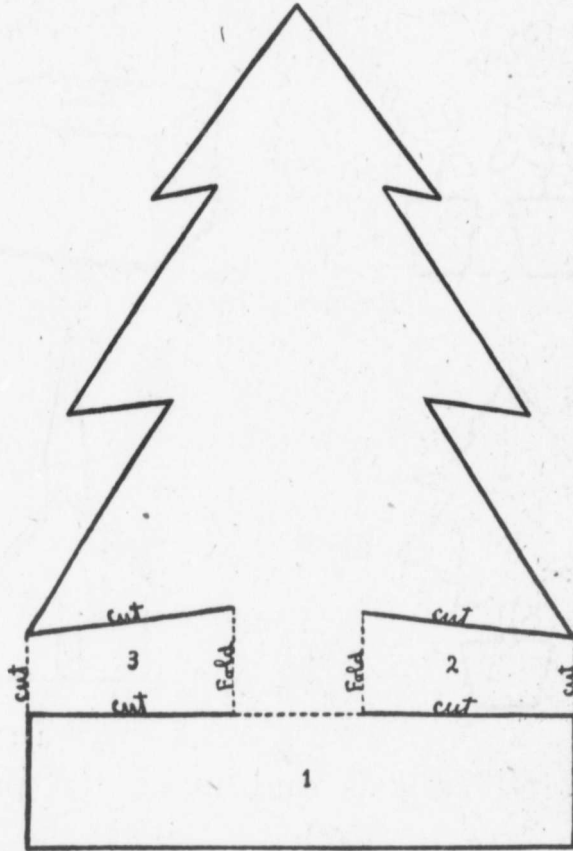


Use colored crayons and make the pictures as pretty as you can.

If there is anything about the pictures that you do not understand, your teacher can help you by looking at the lesson for that day in *The Teachers Monthly*

You may make the pictures at home each week if you wish, and paste them on the poster when you come to Sunday school.

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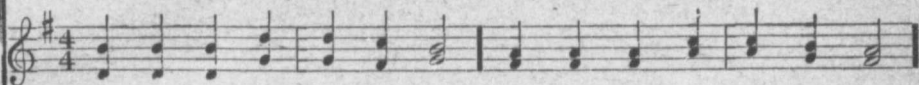
Cut a tree like this from cardboard or heavy paper. Make it green with green crayon, and for each Sunday that you are present, mark a candle of red crayon. For the Christmas Sunday put a gold star at the top of the tree.

Decorate your room with these on Christmas Sunday, and then take them home the next Sunday.

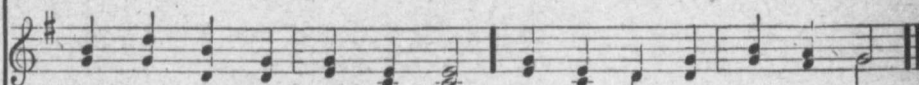
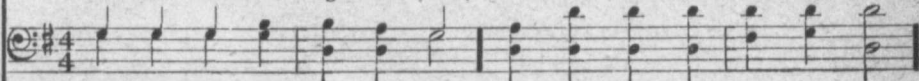
To make the tree stand up, cut on the lines below it marked "cut," and fold back the pieces marked 2 and 3. Fold the long piece marked 1, forward.

ALL THINGS BEAUTIFUL AND FAIR

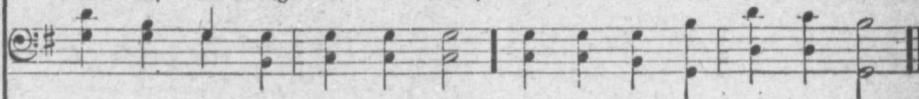
English



1. All things beau - ti - ful and fair, Earth and sky and balm - y air;
2. Ev - ery tree and flower we pass, Ev - ery tuft of wav - ing grass,
3. Lit - tle streams that glide a - long, Ver - dant, moss - y banks a - mong,
4. He who dwell - eth high in heaven, Un - to us hath all things given;



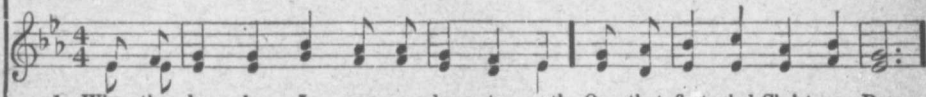
Sun - ny field and shad - y grove, Gen - tly whis - per, "God is love."
 Ev - ery leaf and open - ing bud Seem to tell us "God is good."
 Shad - owing forth the clouds a - love, Soft - ly mur - mur, "God is love."
 Let us, as through life we move, Ev - er feel that "God is love."



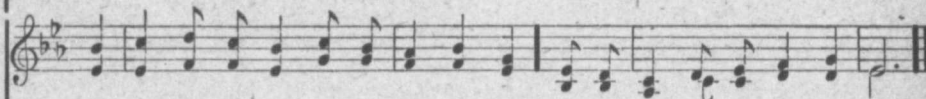
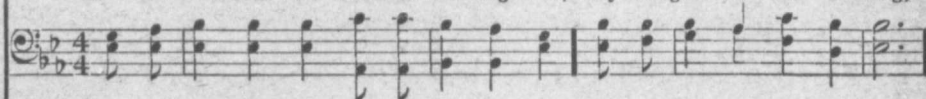
A CHRISTMAS STORY

LOUISE M. OGLEVER

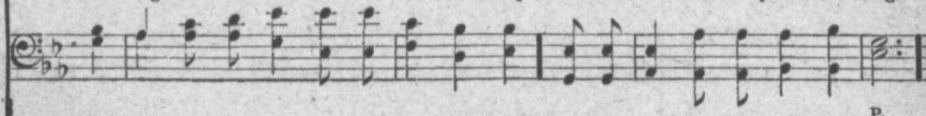
W. G. OGLEVER



1. When the ba - by Je - sus came down to earth On that first glad Christ - mas Day,
2. But his birth star shone in the qui - et sky, And the an - gels came to bring
3. As the Wise Men fol - lowed the shin - ing star, Roy - al gifts to him to bring,



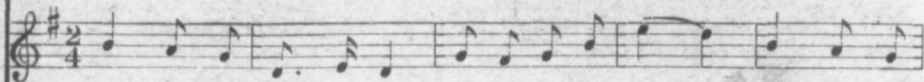
His pal - ace was on - ly a sta - ble poor, And his bed was the soft, sweet hay.
 Glad ti - dings of peace and of joy to all As they sang of the Sav - iour King.
 We bring him our treas - ures this Christmas Day While our car - ols of praise we sing.



SHINE OUT, O BLESSED STAR

C. A. D.

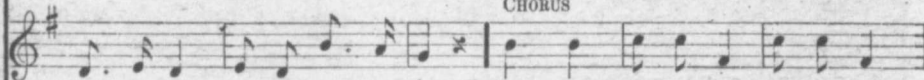
CARO A. DUGAN



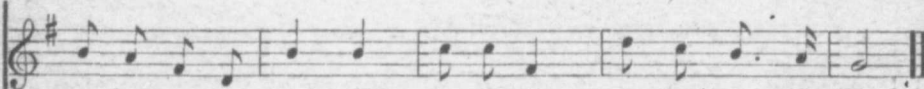
1. Shine out, O bless - ed star, Prom - ise of the dawn! Glad ti - dings
2. Far through the shin - ing sky An - gel voic - es call, "Glo - ry to
3. Hail to the Ho - ly Child, Hail our Lord and King! Wise Men and
4. Sing, all in earth and heaven! This is Christmas morn! Joy to the



CHORUS



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| send a - far; Christ the Lord is born. | } Ring, ring, hap - py bells! Hap - py bells, |
| God on high! Peace, good will to all!" | |
| shep - herds mild Ea - ger trib - ute bring. | |
| world is given, Christ the Lord is born! | |



Bells of Christ - mas! Ring, ring, hap - py bells, Christ the Lord is born!

