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The Mysteries

Three mysteries there will always be :
The changeless soul of the changing sea,
The riddle of God in flower and thorn
And the mind of a child that is newly born.
And the greatest of these is the smallest
still,
For the sea can be plumbed to its depths
at will ;
And God can be found in the loneliest wild—
But who shall fathom the mind of a child ?

Some Bible Sabbaths

By Mary Isobel Houston

I. A SABBATH AT CAPERNAUM

Jesus and His four first disciples were spending the Sabbath in Capernaum. It was the very first Sabbath these men had been with Jesus. They went into the Jewish church or synagogue, and there Jesus taught many wonderful things.

There were many other people in the synagogue that day ; among them was a man who was sick and troubled with an evil spirit. This man seemed to know who the wonderful new teacher was, and Jesus stopped teaching and commanded the evil spirit to leave the man. None of the people who were in the synagogue had ever seen such a wonderful cure being performed before. They could hardly believe it when the man seemed to be quite well again.

Of course, before very long, news of this wonderful healer was spread all about Capernaum. Even the people in the country round about heard of it, and began asking questions about Him.

But that was not the only wonderful thing Jesus did that day. Simon, or Peter, the very first to become a disciple, told Jesus of another sick person, his own mother-in-law, who had a fever. Jesus went to Simon's home. He took the sick woman by the hand and helped her to rise. How surprised they all were to find that the fever had gone and she was able to go about her work again !

The people of Capernaum now became more excited than ever. After sunset, when the Jewish Sabbath was at an end, they brought all their sick friends to the door of the house where Jesus was. They begged Jesus to come out and heal them, and He did so.

It had been a busy day for Jesus, but He was still not too tired to help all who came. Do you wonder that all who were made well learned to love and believe in Him ?

We do not know where Jesus slept that night. Mark, who tells of it, does not say. But, when He had done all that He could for the sick, He did sleep. Next morning, long before daylight, He rose and went away by Himself to a quiet spot to pray. Do you not think He wanted to thank His Father for all the people who were learning to believe and trust Him ?

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Putting Baby to Bed

By Rae Furlands

A mother of my acquaintance never put her baby to bed (awake) after the first month without gently laying her hand over the baby's eyes and repeating a little prayer verse.

The child soon learned to enjoy and look for it, also it early learned to pray.

She played little games with it after meals, repeating such rhymes as :

"Where did baby's supper go?
Tongue, you had a share I know;
Little mouth, with open lips,
Through your rosy gate it slips;
Little throat you know full well,
Where it went if you would tell.
Little legs grow long,
Little hands grow strong,
Little cheeks grow red,
You have all been fed."

Then she would turn to a picture of a cow and thank it for baby's milk, then thank the grass for feeding the cow, then reverently look up and thank God for making the grass grow. Thus, with the bread and all baby ate; with its clothing and indeed with everything that gave pleasure she used simple plays to show God to be the Giver and source of all good.

This child was deprived of her mother at five years of age. She is now fourteen but the impressions made in babyhood are proving of immense benefit to her.

A three year old child on hearing the story of Samuel who, because he was God's little boy, did his best, said, "And I am God's little girl."

May all our children early learn to know themselves as God's boys and girls and, like little Mary, feel Him very close to them.

A Letter to the Little People

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE :—

It is nice that our Lesson stories this Quarter nearly all have a bright, happy ending. Last Quarter we heard some sad stories about the wickedness of people on the beautiful earth that God had made. You will remember how God punished the bad people and took care of the good ones. Now we are going to hear about some more of God's good men.

First, we hear about Jacob. We see him getting the blessing from his father Isaac. Then we see him fleeing from his angry brother. Weary and sad he lies on the bare ground to rest, with a stone for a pillow.

We see God encouraging him by a vision of a ladder reaching to heaven with angel messengers coming and going upon it. Next, we see Jacob meeting with his brother Esau. Then we have eight delightful stories about Joseph and his brothers.

We see how God took care of Joseph because he was a good boy. Good men are good boys grown big, you know. Joseph's brothers hated him. You will hear why. They planned to kill him, but they found an easier way to get rid of him. We see them selling him to some merchants going to Egypt. These merchants sold Joseph as a slave to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. We see Joseph wrongfully put in prison, and we hear about some dreams. Pharaoh, also, dreams strange dreams. Joseph is the only person able to tell the meaning of these dreams. Pharaoh is so pleased with Joseph, that he makes him chief man in his kingdom.

Soon a great famine came (you will hear why all the storehouses of Egypt were full of corn). Ten strangers come seeking corn! the very brothers who sold Joseph years ago! They do not know that this great Joseph is their brother, but Joseph knows them.

We hear of Joseph's kindness to the brothers. He feeds them, and gives them corn and sends them back to Canaan to bring their old father Jacob and young brother Benjamin and all the rest to live in Egypt so Joseph can take care of them.

We see from our Lessons that God's good men gained the victory. Will not you all try with Jesus' help to be God's good girls and boys and grow up to be God's good men and women?

Your Friend,

The Child's Work

One of the elements of true moral character is the disposition that children manifest to share the work of their parents. Unfortunately, many fathers and mothers dis-

courage this tendency, and by lack of appreciation or by faultfinding, do much to destroy it. The small girl, three or four years of age, who uses her little broom to help her mother sweep, may really be in the way, a hindrance rather than a help; but her mother should never let her know it. If the child is treated as her mother's partner, the co-operative spirit of loving service will develop and become a part of her character.

The fact that children of four years manifest a disposition to work before they are able to render effective service, and that many of them have lost the disposition by the time they leave High School, is an indication that the parents of these children have failed to develop by appreciation one of the strongest elements of moral character in their children. If a child's tendency toward good grows weaker or is lost, there has been failure on the part of the adults in some part of the child's training.

The small boy who is permitted to use his little hoe in the garden with his father is proud and happy. Yet some fathers, when their small son accidentally cuts a cabbage instead of a weed, are accustomed to act as if they cared more for a cabbage than for a boy.

There should be no word or look that will chill the joyous spirit of loving co-operative service. "Never mind, Jim; father used to make mistakes, too, when he was a boy," will preserve the happiness, deepen the fellowship and develop the working partnership between son and father. The man might well cut off a cabbage himself, if the small boy should take his own mistake too seriously. "Now we are a tie, Jim, with one bad mark each. Let us see who will have the best score when we are done," will do more to make Jim careful than any form of censure, or even the kindest and most considerate advice "to be careful."

The reason that many parents fail is because they judge the value of the child's work by their own adult standards. They think of the thing produced instead of the character developed by the effort the child has made.

A child brings home, as the result of her first day in the kindergarten, a thing of beauty that she has made by pasting the triangles of the "first cut" in symmetrical

order round a square. The foolish mother says, when she looks at her child's work, "Well, I don't see any use in making that." The good-natured mother says, "That is pretty, my dear," and pays no more attention to it. The wise mother says, "Thank you, dear, for making his for mother." She puts it on the mantel and shows it to the child's father when he comes home, and to callers, and always when the little girl is present.

Appreciation of this kind will not make the child vain; it will give her a consciousness of a working partnership in the home.

"Thank You, God!"

Roaming in the meadow,
Little four-year-old
Picks the starry daisies
With their hearts of gold;
Fills her snowy apron,
Fills her dimpled hands,
Suddenly how quiet
In the grass she stands.

"Who made flowers so pretty,
Who put them here, did God?"
I, half heeding, answer
With a careless nod.
Dropping all her blossoms
With uplifted head,
Fervent face turned skyward,
"Thank you, God,"—she said.

Because He Was a Man

It was so hot in the night nursery! Mother and father were out to dinner and nurse had gone down to her supper.

The gas was turned down almost to a spark, and gloomy shadows haunted the room.

"I'm so firsty," wailed the baby, kicking back the sheet and peering over her cot rail at the drowsy six-year-old brother.

"Suck your tongue hard and wet'll come into your mouth."

Baby sucked hard.

"It's all dry. Oh, I'm so firsty! Get me a drink."

Geoff pretended to sleep. How could he face the terrors of that long, dark nursery?

"Please, Deffery?"

Dead silence.

Baby gave a little sob and swallowed two salt tears. Then Geoff pulled himself together and remembered he was a man. But, oh, the misery of stepping out of bed not knowing whether there was a bear underneath it! His face was hot, and he ran trembling toward the washstand.

Baby rattled her cot rails in eager anticipation; the sound made Geoff think that something was after him. He could not run with a glass of water, and went stumbling through the darkness shivering with fright.

"Ah-h," said the baby, drinking greedily. "Fank you, dear."

But the hero who had faced the shadows was already tightly curled up in bed and breathing hard. The perils of the journey had exhausted him, but the sense of duty done came as he murmured, "I had to do it, 'cos she's only a girl."—Exchange

Amongst the Galician Children

By Miss Christina Reid

Last summer one day, as we were driving along a road out here in the Galician settlement, we saw a miserable looking house,—you would not call it a home, it was so old and ragged looking. Over the window was hung a piece of old canvas, to keep the light from shining in.

The little girl, who was with us in the buggy, got out and went to the well in front of this house to ask for a drink of water. A group of children ran out to see her,—strangers are a sight they do not often see here. One small boy in the group kept his arm up over his eyes to shade them. He has very sore eyes. He was sick when he was very small, and was not looked after properly, and now, although he gets medicine, it cannot help him much, and he cannot be out in the bright sunlight, nor indeed in the house can he stay near the window where the sun shines.

They are poor people, and often do not get enough good food to make them grow strong and well. One day not long ago the mother was in here, and had a small boy about five years old with her. His face was pale and he was blue with the cold. On his feet were boots, but no stockings.

He wore a thin little shirt, a pair of little overalls and a ragged coat. These and an old toque were his outfit. He was proud to be allowed to come to the village. His mother bought a few fancy biscuits for him, which he held tightly grasped in his little hands. By and by, as he got used to the looks of everything, he began to sample his biscuits, picking off a currant or caraway seed, and eating some of the biscuits; but part were put back in the bag, to be carried home. Some nice warm clothing was given for him when the mother got her parcel of clothing for the family. The father and mother are poor, and from all we know of them, the poor children will not have much chance of knowing, or being, any better.

It makes one sad to go into one of these places and see three or four children huddled up on the bed, looking so eagerly at us, to see if we have anything in the satchel for them. And if we have picture cards, candies or anything we can give them, how glad they seem!

When the little Galicians get a chance they are just as bright as any, and enjoy life and all the beautiful things just as much, more perhaps, than those who have always had them.

Let me tell you of one of these children who is getting a chance,—a bright little girl living here, going to school, learning well, reading and speaking as good English as most Canadian children. She takes her part in all that goes on, doing her simple household tasks, and doing them well. She is looking forward to the time when she will be big enough to be a help to her parents by being a teacher or having some work by which she can earn a livelihood. This is her chance. We all wish we might see many others improving as she is. Her father and mother are glad and proud that their little girl is doing so well, and thank all the kind people who help us in this place, that we may help others and make some children happier. I hope that many of you, boys and girls, will want to lend a hand in this work among our little brothers and sisters, for whom Jesus died as much as for any of us.

Sifton, Man.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1913

I. TEACHER REPEAT IN WHISPER :

"The Holy Spirit cometh like a bright and burning light.

SCHOLARS IN WHISPER :

"To make me shine for Jesus, to guide my feet aright."

THEN ALL OUT LOUD :

"Arise, shine ; for thy light is come."

II. SINGING. Hymn 510, Book of Praise.

III. PRAYER.

IV. OFFERING. Sing (Tune 273, Book of Praise) :

The love of Jesus prompts us	That those who worship idols
Our mites to earn and give,	May learn the better way,
To send the blessed Bible	To know and love the Saviour
Where heathen children live ;	And serve Him every day.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN. Hymn 512, Book of Praise, vs. 3-5.

(These are the last three verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

The purple-headed mountain,	The cold wind in the winter,
The river running by,	The pleasant summer sun,
The sunset and the morning	The ripe fruits in the garden—
That brighten up the sky.	He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. Amen.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passages: For Those Under Six, The Lord's Prayer, Matt. 6:9-13. For Those Under Eleven, The King of Glory, Psalm 24. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

VII. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but it may be repeated several times over, and any needed explanation given.

VIII. SINGING (Tune 427, Book of Praise) :

How strong and sweet my Father's care,	Oh, keep me ever in Thy love,
That round about me like the air,	Dear Father, watching from above,
Is with me always everywhere !	And let me still Thy mercy prove,
He cares for me.	And care for me.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. SINGING. Lesson Hymn (see each Lesson).

XI. DISTRIBUTE PAPERS, ETC., then with heads bowed recite together :

May the precious lessons we have learned to-day
Help us closer follow in the better way.

Lesson I.

JACOB AND ESAU

April 6, 1913

Genesis 27 : 22-34. Study Genesis 25 : 27-34 ; 27 : 1-45—*Memory Verses, 33, 34.

Golden Text—The Lord is a God of judgment : blessed are all they that wait for him.
—Isaiah 30 : 18.



Who ? where is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou : earnest, and have blessed him ? yes, and he shall be blessed.

34 And when E'sau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father.

22 And Ja'cob went near unto I'saac his father ; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Ja'cob's voice, but the hands are the hands of E'sau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother E'sau's hands : so he blessed him.

24 And he said, Art thou my very son E'sau ?

And he said, I am.

25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat : and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father I'saac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near, and kissed him : and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed :

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine :

29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee : be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee : cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

30 And it came to pass, as soon as I'saac had made an end of blessing Ja'cob, and Ja'cob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of I'saac his father, that E'sau his brother came in from his hunting.

31 And he also had made savoury meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me.

32 And I'saac his father said unto him, Who art thou ? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn E'sau.

33 And I'saac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Where wast thou ? And he said, I have eaten of all before thou : earnest, and

THE LESSON RETOLD

Two weeks ago our Lesson told us about the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah. Now they had two sons, Esau and Jacob. When the boys grew up, Esau became a hunter, while Jacob took care of his father's sheep. When Isaac had grown very old, and knew that he must soon die, he called Esau, who was the eldest, and said to him : "Take your bow and arrows, and go out and get some venison to make a savory stew, and when you bring it to me to eat, I will bless you before I die."

When Esau had gone to do his father's bidding, Rebekah, who loved her son Jacob best and wished him to get his father's blessing, called the lad to her and persuaded him to deceive his father by making him think that he was Esau. First, she took a kid or young goat, and made a stew that tasted like venison ; then she dressed Jacob in his brother's clothes, binding pieces of kid skin

on his hands and neck to resemble Esau's hairy skin, and sent him in to his father. Isaac was now very old and blind, so, when Jacob came in and said, "I am Esau," Isaac could not see whether it was Esau or not. But he could not understand how Esau could have returned so soon. "How did you find the venison so quickly, my son ?" he asked.

Then Jacob told a very wicked lie. He said, "The Lord thy God brought it to me." Still Isaac was not sure. He reached out his hand and felt all over the lad and said : "The voice sounds like Jacob's, but these are Esau's hands. Art thou my very son Esau ?" And Jacob answered, "I am." "Then bring me the venison that I may eat of it," said Isaac. After he had eaten, he said : "Let God give thee plenty of rain for thy fields and much grain and wine. Let

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.

people serve thee and nations bow down to thee ; and be lord over thy brethren, and let every one that blesseth thee be blessed." So Jacob's took his brother's blessing.

But he had scarcely gone out, when Esau came in, and quickly preparing a savory dish from the venison he had got, he carried it in to Isaac. When the poor blind father heard who he was, he cried out that he had already given his blessing. Esau pleaded with his father to bless him also. And Isaac did give Esau a blessing, but not such a one as he had given Jacob before him.

So Esau hated Jacob, and said : "When my father is dead then will I kill my brother." His mother heard Esau and told Jacob he must leave his home at once and go to stay with his brother Laban in Haran.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What sons had Isaac and Rebekah ? 2. Which did Isaac call when he was very old ? 3. What did he bid him do ? 4. What did Isaac promise Esau ? 5. What did his mother persuade Jacob to do ? 6. Why did Isaac not know Jacob ? 7. Why did Isaac distrust Jacob ? 8. Why did Jacob say he had returned so quickly ? 9. What blessing did Isaac give Jacob ? 10. What happened afterwards ? 11. What did Isaac give Esau also ? 12. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

Daisy heard her mother's voice quite distinctly. "I'm afraid Mary isn't trustworthy. She says she locked the pantry after lunch, but at three I found it open and Kitty enjoying the last of the cream." Still Daisy did not go and explain that it was she who had opened the door after the new maid had locked it. "Mother didn't ask me," Daisy told her accusing conscience. "Acting a lie is as bad as telling one," conscience kept on saying till Daisy could stand it no longer. "I didn't mean to tell a lie," Daisy told mother after the rest of the story. "But," said mother, just as conscience had said, "acting a lie is as bad as telling one."

Lesson Hymn

Within thy tabernacle, Lord,
Who shall abide with thee ?

And in thy high and holy hill
Who shall a dweller be ?

The man that walketh uprightly,
And worketh righteousness,
And as he thinketh in his heart,
So doth he truth express. Amen.

—Ps. Sel. 7, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—21. Who were the first man and the first woman? Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman.

SHORTER CATECHISM—51. What is forbidden in the second commandment? A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

The Question on Missions

(Second Quarter, MACKAY AND FORMOSA.)—1. What do we know about the history of Formosa? Formosa has been known to the Chinese for many centuries. In the seventeenth century, the Dutch took possession of the island, but were driven out by the Chinese pirate chief, Koxinga, in 1662. From 1683 to 1895 Formosa was under Chinese, and since 1895, under Japanese, rule.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

We know how a well aimed arrow goes straight from the bow to the mark. Just



so, when we know what Jesus wishes us to do, we should go right at it. Copy the drawing of a bow and a quiverful of arrows.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD SPEAK THE TRUTH

Lesson II.

JACOB AT BETHEL

April 13, 1913

Genesis 28 : 10-22—Memory Verses, 20-22.

Golden Text—I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest.—Genesis 28 : 15.



10 And Ja'cob went out from Beershe'ba, and went toward Har'an.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set ; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them* for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven : and beheld the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I *am* the Lord God of A'bram thy father, and the God of I'saac : the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed ;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south : and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land ; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Ja'cob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place ; and I knew *it* not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place ! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.

18 And Ja'cob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth'-el : but the name of that city *was* called Luz at the first.

20 And Ja'cob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace ; then shall the Lord be my God :

22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house : and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Rebekah wished to send Jacob away and thus save him from Esau's anger, she did not want to tell Isaac of the quarrel between the two brothers. So she went to Isaac one day and said : "Is it not time that Jacob was married ? Let us send him away now to look for a wife."

Isaac agreed to this at once, and calling Jacob, said to him : "Do not marry one of the heathen women of this land, but go to Haran, where your uncle Laban lives, and ask for one of his daughters to be your wife."

After his father had blessed him, Jacob set out on his long journey alone. When he had walked many weary miles, the night came

on. Jacob had no tent or house to sleep in, and there was no soft grass to lie upon, so he stretched himself upon the hard ground, and with a stone for his pillow and the starry night above him, he fell asleep.

Then a beautiful dream came to Jacob, a dream which God sent to comfort him in his loneliness. In this dream a ladder was set up on the earth, while the top of it reached to heaven, and on the steps were bright shining angels going up and coming down.

And God stood beside Jacob and said : "I am the Lord God of thy fathers, Abraham and Isaac. I will be with you to take care of you wherever you go, and will one day

bring you safely home again and give this beautiful land of Canaan, in which you are sleeping, to you and to your children."

Jacob awoke out of his sleep, filled with awe and gladness to think that God was so near him. He wished never to forget the place where he had had this wonderful dream, so he took the stone which he had used for a pillow and set it up to mark the spot. He poured oil on the stone as a sign that it was set apart as a memorial, and said: "If God will take care of me and give me bread to eat and clothes to wear and bring me home again in safety, He shall be my God forever, and I will give to Him the tenth of all that I possess." Jacob also promised that the place where the stone of his vision stood, should always be in his mind a sacred place, where God was to be worshipped and praised.

Afterwards Jacob, strengthened and cheered, went again on his journey.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Rebekah wish to send Jacob away? 2. What did she not want Isaac to know? 3. What did she say to Isaac? 4. Whom did Isaac warn Jacob not to marry? 5. Where did he tell him to go for a wife? 6. What did Jacob do at once? 7. Where did he sleep when night came on? 8. Who was watching over him? 9. What beautiful vision did he see? 10. What promise did God make to Jacob? 11. How did Jacob feel when he awoke? 12. What did he do to mark the place? 13. In what manner did he set apart the stone? 14. What promise did he make to God? 15. What did Jacob promise about the place where the stone stood? 16. How much of his possessions did he promise to God? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

O God of Bethel! by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;

God of our fathers! be the God
Of their succeeding race. Amen.

—Hymn 301, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—22. In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, that can never die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety is us, and the zeal he hath to his own worship.

The Question on Missions

2. When were Protestant missions first established in Formosa? In the seventeenth century by the Dutch. This work was carried on among the Formosan aborigines, as there were then many fewer Chinese in the island. At one time the converts of the Dutch Mission are said to have numbered several thousand.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a drawing of a sleeping man, resting his head on a stone for a pillow. How help-



less he looks. And we are just as helpless when we are asleep. But God watches over us, and protects us from all danger. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD WILL MAKE ME GOOD;

Lesson III.

JACOB'S MEETING WITH ESAU

April 20, 1913

Genesis 33 : 1-15. Study Genesis 32 : 3 to 33 : 17—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

Golden Text—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.—Ephesians 4 : 32.



1 And Ja'cob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, E'sau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Le'ah, and unto Ra'chel, and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Le'ah and her children after, and Ra'chel and Jo'seph hindermost.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And E'sau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him : and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children ; and said, Who *are* those with thee ? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

6 And the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Le'ah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves : and after came Jo'seph near and Ra'chel, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met ? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9 And E'sau said, I have enough, my brother ; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

10 And Ja'cob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand : for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee ; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

12 And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before thee.

13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me : and if men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die.

14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant : and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Se'ir.

15 And E'sau said, Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, What needeth it ? let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob lived with his uncle Laban many years, taking care of his flocks and herds, and for his wages he received sheep and cattle of his own, till he became a very rich man. Then he began to long to go back to his old home in Canaan, and at last he set out with his two wives, Rachel and Leah, who were Laban's daughters, with their two handmaids or servant-women, Bilhah and Zilpah, Jacob's sons and daughter and possessions.

Jacob could not forget however, that his brother Esau had once threatened to kill him ; so when he drew near his home, and heard that Esau was coming to meet him with a great company of followers, he was afraid. But after he had prayed to God to take care of him, his fear left him. Afterwards he took great numbers of his sheep and cattle, and sent them on before him with his servants as gifts to his brother, hoping by this to soften his heart.

Next morning when the sun rose, Jacob looked up and saw, a short distance away, Esau with his four hundred men. Immediately Jacob hurried to meet him, bowing down before him seven times as he went. But the anger that had once been in Esau's heart, was quite forgotten, and he ran to meet his brother, throwing his arms about him, and they kissed each other and wept together. At last Esau lifted up his head, and, seeing the women and children behind Ja'cob, asked wonderingly, "Who are these?" "The children whom God hath given me," Jacob answered. And Rachel and Leah and the two handmaids drew near with Jacob's children and they too, bowed down before Esau. "But what means the droves of cattle that I met on the way?" Esau asked next. And Jacob explained that they were gifts to him as a token of love. "But I have enough of my own, my brother," objected

Esau; "keep what you have for yourself." But Jacob pleaded so hard, that at last Esau accepted his present.

Esau offered to guard Jacob and his company with his men on the rest of their desert journey. But Jacob said that they must travel slowly on account of the little children and the flocks, and begged Esau to go on without him. He would not even keep any of Esau's men, for he knew that God Himself was watching over them. So the brothers separated again, but this time with no angry feelings in their hearts.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How long did Jacob live with his uncle Laban?
2. What did he receive as wages?
3. On what journey did he set out?
4. Whom and what did he take with him?
5. What news did he receive that frightened him?
6. When did his fears leave him?
7. What did he do to soften his brother's heart?
8. What did Jacob see at sunrise?
9. What did he do?
10. How did Esau receive him?
11. What was the first question Esau asked?
12. What did Jacob answer?
13. What was Esau's next question?
14. What did he do when he heard for whom the cattle were?
15. What did Esau offer?
16. Why did Jacob refuse?
17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I didn't!" "You did!" "I did not!" And then Eddy and Terry flew at each other and fought as if they were two little cats, instead of being two little brothers. Half an hour later, Uncle Bob came out on the veranda. "Seems to me I heard a terrible 'scrap' a while ago," he said, looking in surprise at Eddy and Terry playing quite

happily together again. The boys looked at each other slyly—but rather ashamed. "Oh, we made that up ages ago, Uncle. We never stay angry very long." "How is that?" questioned Uncle Bob, with twinkling eyes. "Don't know. Yes we do, too! Guess it's 'cause we're brothers," they said together.

Lesson Hymn

Then we may stay the angry blow,
Then we may check the hasty word,
Give gentle answers back again—
And fight a battle for our Lord. Amen.
—Hymn 527, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WILL WATCH OVER ME

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—23. For what purpose was man made? Man was made to love and serve God, and to be happy with Him forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—53. Which is the third commandment? A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

The Question on Missions

3. What Protestant missions are now carrying on work in the island? The Canadian Presbyterian Church carries on work among the Chinese in the north. The English Presbyterian Church has a mission among the Chinese in the south. The Church of Christ in Japan has a mission to the Japanese.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy these words, and ask Jesus to help you to forgive all who do you harm.

FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

Genesis 37 : 23-36. Study Genesis, ch. 37—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—Love envieth not.—1 Corinthians 13 : 4.



said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

36 And the Mid'ianites sold him into E'gypt unto Pot'iphar, an officer of Phar'ao'h's, and captain of the guard.

23 And it came to pass when Jo'seph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Jo'seph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him ;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit : and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread : and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ish'meelites came from Gil'ead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to E'gypt.

26 And Ju'dah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood ?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ish'meelites, and let not our hand be upon him ; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Mid'ianites merchantmen ; and they drew and lifted up Jo'seph out of the pit, and sold Jo'seph to the Ish'meelites for twenty pieces of silver : and they brought Jo'seph into E'gypt.

29 And Reu'ben returned unto the pit ; and, behold, Jo'seph was not in the pit ; and he rent his clothes.

30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not ; and I, whither shall I go ?

31 And they took Jo'seph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood ;

32 And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father ; and said, This have we found : know now whether it be thy son's coat or no.

33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat ; an evil beast hath devoured him ; Jo'seph is without doubt rent in pieces.

34 And Ja'cob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him ; but he refused to be comforted ; and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob had altogether twelve sons. Ten of them were grown up, and took care of their father's flocks ; but the youngest, Joseph and Benjamin, were only boys. Joseph's father loved him more than all his other brothers, which made the older ones very jealous ; and when the father gave Joseph a beautiful coat to wear, they hated him more than ever. Then Joseph dreamed some strange dreams—dreams which seemed to mean that when he grew up, he would be a very great man indeed, and that his father and his brothers would have to bow down to him. So the brothers mocked Joseph when he told them his dreams.

One day the elder brothers went to feed their flocks in a far-away pasture, and some time after they had gone, their father called Joseph and told him to go after his brothers to see if all were well with them and the flocks. So Joseph put on his beautiful new coat, and started on his journey.

When he was still a long way off, the brothers saw him coming, and a wicked thought

came into their minds. "Here comes this dreamer," they said. "Let us kill him and throw him into a pit, and we will say some wild beast has eaten him ; then we will see what will become of his dreams." But the eldest brother, Reuben, was sorry for Joseph and said, "Let us not kill him, but throw him into this pit and leave him." For he meant, after the others had gone, to come back and take Joseph out and send him home again.

So when Joseph came up, the cruel brothers took off his coat, threw him into the great empty pit, and sat down to eat their dinner. While they were eating, a company of merchants on camels passed along the road and one of the brothers, called Judah, who saw a chance of making some money, said : "Instead of killing Joseph, let us sell him to these men."

So they pulled Joseph out of the pit and sold him to the merchants for twenty pieces of silver, and the merchants carried him away with them to Egypt.

Then the brothers did another wicked

thing. They killed one of their kids and dipped Joseph's beautiful coat in the blood, and carrying it home to their father, said to him: "We have found this coat. Do you know whether it is Joseph's?" Their father, of course, did know it, and cried: "It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath eaten him. Joseph surely is torn in pieces." And Jacob, as a sign of grief, put ashes on, tore his clothes and put sackcloth round his waist, and wept for the boy who, he thought, was dead. But the merchants who carried Joseph away to Egypt sold him as a slave to a man named Potiphar, who was the captain of King Pharaoh's guard.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How many sons had Jacob? 2. What were the names of the two youngest? 3. What work did the older sons do? 4. Why did they hate Joseph? 5. What gift had his father given him? 6. What dream of Joseph made his brothers angry? 7. Where did the brothers go one day? 8. What did Jacob do shortly after? 9. What did the brothers say when they saw Joseph coming? 10. What did the eldest brother propose? 11. What did he mean to do afterwards? 12. Who came along the road? 13. What did Judah suggest doing? 14. What happened then? 15. What did the brothers afterwards do? 16. How did Jacob receive the news? 17. What became of Joseph? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"He's always tagging after us," said Ned crossly. "Let's lock him up." So, in spite of his cries, Ned and Dicky locked up Baby John in the unused henhouse, and ran off by themselves. It was dark when they thought of him again. With beating hearts they ran to the henhouse. But it was empty! Ned and Dicky looked rather scared. "Let's go and tell mother," they suggested tremblingly. Mother had a "scoldy" look in her eyes when the boys came in, but to their relief they saw behind her Baby John calmly eating his supper. "I never believed," she said, "that two big brothers would treat a little one so!" "We never, never will again," Ned and Dicky promised solemnly.

Lesson Hymn

Lonely in a stranger land,
Cast me not away from Thee,
Lead me by Thy gentle hand,
Lord, abide with me.

Fill me with Thy love divine,
Consecrate my life to Thee,
Bend my stubborn will to Thine,
Lord, abide with me. Amen.

—Hymn 579, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—24. What kind of persons were Adam and Eve when God made them? God made Adam and Eve holy and happy.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 51-53.

The Question on Missions

4. What about the early history of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Formosa? The Mission was founded in 1872 by the late Dr. G. L. Mackay. Dr. Mackay, at first, went from place to place with a band of followers whom he instructed and who afterwards assisted in preaching and teaching.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

What a mean and wicked thing it was for Joseph's brothers to sell him as a slave for twenty pieces of silver. You remember, too,



how Judas sold Jesus for thirty silver pieces. Count the coins in the drawing, and make up your minds never to do anything wrong for the sake of money.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE PATIENT

Lesson V.

JOSEPH INTERPRETS DREAMS

May 4, 1913

Genesis 40 : 9-23. Study Genesis, ch. 40—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

Golden Text—The breath of the Almighty giveth them understanding.—Job 32 : 8.

and of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again ; and he gave the cup into Phar'ah's hand :

22 But he hanged the chief baker : as Jo'seph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Jo'seph, but forgot him.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Jo'seph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me :

10 And in the vine were three branches : and it was as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth ; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes :

11 And Phar'ah's cup was in my hand : and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Phar'ah's cup, and I gave the cup into Phar'ah's hand.

12 And Jo'seph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it : The three branches are three days :

13 Yet within three days shall Phar'ah lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place : and thou shalt deliver Phar'ah's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Phar'ah, and bring me out of this house :

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the He'brews : and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Jo'seph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, I had three white baskets on my head :

17 And in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Phar'ah ; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head.

18 And Jo'seph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof : The three baskets are three days :

19 Yet within three days shall Phar'ah lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree ; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.

20 And it came to pass the third day, which was Phar'ah's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants : and he lifted up the head of the chief butler

THE LESSON RETOLD

¶ Potiphar, the Egyptian officer to whom Joseph was sold, was very kind to him, and made him a servant in his own house.

Joseph tried to be a good servant, knowing that God was watching him, and took great pains to please his master, who trusted him more and more every day, till at last Joseph was given full charge over all the other servants and the whole of his master's property.

But Potiphar's wife told wicked lies to her husband about Joseph, and Potiphar had Joseph shut up in prison. But God was with Joseph even in the prison, and put it into the heart of the keeper to be kind to him. This man, too, soon found out that Joseph could be trusted, so he gave the care of all the other men in the prison to him.

Some time afterwards, two officers of the king of Egypt were brought into the prison, and were given into Joseph's care. One was the chief butler or cupbearer, who used to hand the king his wine at table, and the other was the chief baker. One morning, when

Joseph came in to see him, they both looked so sad that he asked what the matter was.

"We have each had a very strange dream," they answered. "We think the dreams must have some meaning, but there seems to be no one in the prison who can tell us." "My God knows all things," said Joseph. "He will explain the meaning if you will only tell me your dreams." So the butler told his dream. "I thought I saw a grape vine," he said, "which had three budding branches. Soon the buds grew into ripe grapes, which I picked, and squeezing the juice into a cup, brought it to the king as I used to bring it."

"The three branches," said Joseph, "are three days, and the dream means that, in three days, Pharaoh shall send for thee and restore thee to thy place as butler." Then Joseph begged the butler to remember him when he was once more beside the king, and ask him to take him out of prison, because he had been stolen away from his home for

no wrong, and here, too, in Egypt he had done nothing to deserve being put in prison.

It was a very easy thing which Joseph asked the chief butler to do,—just to tell the king of the poor Hebrew prisoner, who had done no harm and who had been so cruelly treated and ask that he might be set free. And then Joseph had just told the butler such good news, that he ought to have been glad to do this kindness in return. We shall see whether the butler did what he was asked.

When the baker heard that the butler's dream meant good news, he hastened to tell Joseph his dream. He said that in the dream he was carrying three baskets on his head, one above the other. In the highest basket were all kinds of cooked meats for the king. And the birds flew down and ate the meats out of the basket. But there was a very sad meaning to this dream. Joseph told the poor baker that in three days Pharaoh would put him to death by hanging, and that the birds would fly down and eat his flesh.

Everything came true as Joseph said, for in three days, the king's birthday came, when he made a great feast for all his servants, and he sent to have the chief butler brought back to his palace again; but the chief baker he hanged, as Joseph had foretold. Yet the butler, when he was taken back to the king's service, forgot Joseph's kindness to him in the prison, and never mentioned his name to Pharaoh.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom did the merchants sell Joseph? 2. How did Joseph behave? 3. What did Potiphar's wife do against Joseph? 4. What did Potiphar have done to Joseph? 5. How was Joseph treated in prison? 6. Why was he trusted? 7. What two men were given into his charge? 8. What troubled these men one day? 9. What did Joseph advise them to do? 10. What was the butler's dream? 11. What did Joseph say it meant? 12. What did he ask the butler to do for him? 13. What was the baker's dream? 14. What did Joseph say it meant? 15. Did these dreams come true? 16. Did the butler remember his promise to Joseph? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Master, I am Thine :

Keep me faithful, keep me near ;

Let Thy presence in me shine,

All my homeward way to cheer.

Jesus, at Thy feet I fall,

O be Thou my all in all. Amen.

—Hymn 240, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—25. Where did God place Adam and Eve? God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in Eden.

SHORTER CATECHISM—54. *What is required in the third commandment?* A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works. 55. *What is forbidden in the third commandment?* A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing wherby God makes himself known.

The Question on Missions

5. What are some of the present forms of work? Preaching the gospel and training native evangelists, pastoral supervision of the churches that have not yet called native ordained ministers, educational work, medical work, work for women and children. Also, there are mission buildings to be erected and other mission business to be attended to.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Pharaoh's butler, in his dream, pressed the rich grapes into his master's cup, until it was full of the beautiful, refreshing juice. So God



fills our lives every day with blessings far more than we can count. Ought we not to be thankful for these. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE HELPFUL

Genesis 41 : 25-40. Study Genesis 41 : 1-45—Memory Verses, 39, 40.

Golden Text—God giveth grace to the humble.—1 Peter 5 : 5.



37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Phar'ah, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Phar'ah said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

39 And Phar'ah said unto Jo'seph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none* so discreet and wise as thou art :

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled : only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

25 And Jo'seph said unto Phar'ah, The dream of Phar'ah is one : God hath shewed Phar'ah what he is about to do.

26 The seven good kine are seven years ; and the seven good ears are seven years : the dream is one.

27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years ; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Phar'ah : What God is about to do he sheweth unto Phar'ah.

29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of E'gypt :

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine ; and all the plenty, shall be forgotten in the land of E'gypt ; and the famine shall consume the land ;

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following ; for it shall be very grievous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Phar'ah twice ; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

33 Now therefore let Phar'ah look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of E'gypt.

34 Let Phar'ah do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of E'gypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Phar'ah, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of E'gypt ; that the land perish not through the famine.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One night Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had two very strange dreams. In one, he saw seven very fine fat cows come up out of the river Nile, to feed in a meadow. And after them came up seven very lean and ugly cows, and they ate up the seven fat ones. In the second dream, Pharaoh saw springing up seven beautiful full ears of corn on one stalk. But after them sprang up seven thin blasted ears, and they ate up the seven full ears. These strange dreams troubled Pharaoh very much, but none of the wise men of his kingdom could tell him what they meant.

Then the butler who had long ago forgotten Joseph and his kindness to him, suddenly remembered him and told the king how Joseph had explained his dream to him in the prison. So Joseph was sent for from his gloomy prison, and brought before the king. Pharaoh told him his two strange dreams, and asked him what they meant.

Joseph first told Pharaoh that it was God who helped him to tell the meanings of dreams, and then went on to say that the dreams meant that, for seven years, a great deal of grain would grow in the land of Egypt, but that the seven following years would be years of famine.

Then Joseph gave the king some good advice. He said : "Let the king appoint a good wise man who, in the next seven years, will go through all the land of Egypt and gather up the grain that is not needed for food, and store it in warehouses in the cities, so that the lives of the people may be saved in the days of famine."

Pharaoh was pleased with this wise advice, and turning to his servants, said : "Where can we find a wiser man than Joseph himself, to save up the grain ?" And to Joseph he said, "Because God has made you so very wise, you shall help me to rule all my people,

and you shall be the greatest person in the land next to me." So Pharaoh gave Joseph beautiful gifts and fine clothes to wear, and everywhere that Joseph went the people did him honor. He married one of the great ladies of the land and had two little sons.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who could not find out the meaning of two strange dreams he had? 2. What was the first dream? 3. What the second? 4. Who told Pharaoh where to find a man who could explain them? 5. What did the king then do? 6. What did Joseph say the king's dreams meant? 7. What good advice did Joseph give? 8. What did Pharaoh then say to his servants? 9. What did he say to Joseph? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

It was a very high hill and Tommy had often climbed it, and always he told Kitty of the beautiful sights one could see from the top. At last one day, when big Cousin Bob was there to help take care of her, mother said she might go up to see "the beautiful sights" for herself.

But at the bottom of the steep hill Kitty drew back, "Why there's no nice smooth path, it's all bumpy and stoney!" "But it's the bumps and stones that we climb on," Tommy explained while big Cousin Bob said, "It's like lots of other places in our lives, little girl. We may have hard things to climb over, but what we find at the top is worth all our trouble." "Bumps and stones won't keep me back then," said Kitty, and up she went bravely.

Lesson Hymn

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me. Amen.*

—Hymn 297, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—26. What did God say to Adam and Eve when He had placed them in the garden? God told Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree in the garden except one.

SHORTER CATECHISM—56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

The Question on Missions

6. How is the work of preaching the gospel chiefly carried on? Largely through Formosan evangelists, sometimes in the regular Sunday church services, sometimes in the buildings rented especially for this purpose alongside of busy thoroughfares, sometimes in the open air.* The missionary, wherever he can, works with them and guides them.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

It was in a chariot like the one in the drawing that Joseph rode after he had been made ruler in Egypt. He received so great an



honor because he had been diligent and faithful. Color the drawing, and try to follow Joseph's example. Then God will reward you.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE FAITHFUL

Lesson VII.

JOSEPH MEETS HIS BRETHREN

May 18, 1913

Genesis 42 : 3-17. Study Genesis, ch. 42—Memory Verses, 15, 16.

Golden Text—Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—Galatians 6 : 7.

3 And Jo'seph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in E'gypt.

4 But Ben'jamin, Jo'seph's brother, Ja'cob sent not with his brethren ; for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.

5 And the sons of Is'rael came to buy corn among those that came : for the famine was in the land of Ca'naan.

6 And Jo'seph was the governor over the land, and he it was that sold to all the people of the land : and Jo'seph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth.

7 And Jo'seph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them ; and he said unto them, Whence come ye ? And they said, From the land of Ca'naan to buy food.

8 And Jo'seph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.

9 And Jo'seph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies ; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.

11 We are all one man's sons ; we are true men, thy servants are no spies.

12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.

13 And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Ca'naan ; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not.

14 And Jo'seph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies :

15 Hereby ye shall be proved : By the life of Phar'ah ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.

16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any truth in you : or else by the life of Phar'ah surely ye are spies.

17 And he put them all together into ward three days.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Pharaoh's dreams came true just as Joseph had said. There were first seven years of great plenty, and then came a famine when no grain grew in the fields. The famine was not in the land of Egypt alone ; even from far away countries people came to buy grain from Joseph, and amongst these came Joseph's ten older brothers. They did not recognize the great lord of Egypt as the young boy whom they had once sold as a slave.

But Joseph knew them, although he did not tell them so at once. He first wanted to find out whether they were really sorry for the way in which they had treated him so many years before. So he said to them : "You are spies, and have come to see how poor the land is." But they answered hum-

bly : "Not so, my lord ; we are honest men, and have only come to buy food for ourselves and our children. We are all sons of one man of Canaan. The youngest is still at home with our father, and one is dead."

Joseph's heart was filled with joy to know his father was still alive, yet he professed not to believe the brothers. "I know you are spies," he said, "and you can only prove to me that you are not by sending for your youngest brother. When I see him, then I will believe you." And Joseph locked the brothers up for three days. But at the end of that time he let them all go except Simeon. "When you bring back your youngest brother," he said, "I will set him free also."

When they reached home, the brothers, to

their dismay, found, in the mouth of every sack, the money they had paid for their corn. This was Joseph's doing, but they did not know it. When Jacob heard their story, he refused to let Benjamin go. "One son is dead," he said. "I shall die if I lose another."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Did Pharaoh's dreams come true?
2. How far did the famine spread?
3. Who came amongst others to buy grain?
4. Why did they not know him?
5. Did Joseph know them?
6. What did Joseph want to find out?
7. What did he accuse them of being?
8. What was their reply?
9. How did Joseph say they could prove their words?
10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

An old fable tells how the giraffe boasted one day that he was going to be great. He grew and grew, till he was the tallest of all animals, but not the greatest. "I am going to be great," said the lion too, and he roared and raged and ate man and beast and became the strongest of all animals, but not the greatest. "I am going to be great," said a proud little frog, and he swelled and swelled till he burst. But the horse said, "I am going to be a friend of man." And he carried man about and ploughed his fields and did his work; and men call him great, for he who helps others is always great.

Lesson Hymn

One there is above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The words to *copy* were spoken by Joseph to his brothers. As you copy them, remember that Jesus is your strong and loving Elder Brother.

I am your brother

His is love beyond a brother's,

Costly, free, and knows no end;
They who once His kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love. Amen.

—Hymn 79, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT SIN BRINGS PUNISHMENT

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—27. Did Adam and Eve obey God? No. They ate the fruit God told them not to eat.

SHORTER CATECHISM—57. Which is the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

The Question on Missions

7. What educational work is carried on by the Mission? The Theological College, where Formosan Chinese are trained to be evangelists and ministers; the Girls' School, where girls of twelve years and over are given a six years' course of study; and the Women's School, where Christian women may get an education.

Genesis 43 : 18, 19, 23-34. Study Genesis, ch. 43—Memory Verses, 29, 30.

Golden Text—He that loveth his brother abideth in the light.—1 John 2 : 10.



18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Jo'seph's house ; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in ; that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses.

19 And they came near to the steward of Jo'seph's house, and they communed with him at the door of the house,

23 And he said, Peace be to you, fear not : your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks : I had your money. And he brought Simeon unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Jo'seph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet ; and he gave their asses provender.

25 And they made ready the present against Jo'seph came at noon : for they heard that they should eat bread there.

26 And when Jo'seph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth.

27 And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake ? Is he yet alive ?

28 And they answered, Thy servant our father is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance.

29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me ? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son.

30 And Jo'seph made haste ; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother ; and he sought where to weep ; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there.

31 And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egypt'ians, which did eat with him, by themselves : because the Egypt'ians might not eat bread with the Hebrews ; for that is an abomination unto the Egypt'ians.

33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth : and the men marvelled one at another.

34 And he took and sent messes unto them from before him : but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of their's. And they drank, and were merry with him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jacob refused to allow Benjamin to return with his brothers to Egypt, they could do nothing to make him change his mind, until the grain which they had brought was all gone. But when the little children of their families began crying for bread, Jacob yielded and said that they might take Benjamin on their journey to Egypt for more grain. But they must also take a present to the ruler,—fruit and honey and nuts, so that he would be kind to the boy and do him no harm.

So the brothers, followed by their father's prayers and blessings, took the present and the money which they had found on their return home, in the mouths of their sacks, and, with Benjamin, journeyed again to Egypt and came before Joseph. When Joseph saw his brothers, and knew that Benjamin was with them, he told his steward to take them to his own house, and have

dinner prepared for they were to dine with him that day.

But the brothers were afraid when they were brought to Joseph's house. They said to one another, that it was because they had carried the money home in their sacks the first time that they were brought here, and that now Joseph was going to blame them for it, so that he might make them his slaves.

But when they came to the steward and talked to him of their fears, he told them not to be afraid, that all would be well. Then, after bringing Simeon, who had been left bound in Egypt while they went home to Canaan, out to them, he gave them water for their feet and food for their beasts.

At last Joseph came home, and the brothers gave him the presents which they had brought with them from Canaan, and bowed down before him. Joseph spoke kindly to them, and said : "Is your father well, the old man

of whom you spoke? Is he yet alive?" And they answered: "Our father is in good health, he is yet alive." And they bowed again to show their respect for the great ruler of Egypt.

Then Joseph looked at Benjamin, and said: "Is this your youngest brother of whom you spoke to me? May God be good to you, my son." Then Joseph could no longer keep back his tears. He hurried from the room to his own chamber and wept there, because he was so full of joy at seeing his dear brother Benjamin again, after so many years. But soon he washed his face and came out again, and ordered dinner to be served by his Egyptian attendants.

Joseph sat at one table by himself, for he was supposed to be an Egyptian and might not eat with Hebrews, and the brothers at another. To their great wonder they found, when they came to take their seats, that they were all placed according to their ages. Joseph sent food to them from his own table; but to Benjamin he sent five times as much as to any of the others, for Benjamin was his most dearly loved brother. And they all ate and drank and were merry together. For the brothers were no longer afraid since they now knew that Joseph was their friend.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What caused Jacob to change his mind about letting Benjamin go to Egypt?
2. What gifts did the brothers take with them for Joseph?
3. What else did they take?
4. What did Joseph tell his steward when he saw them?
5. Why were the brothers afraid?
6. What did the steward say to take away their fear?
7. Whom did he bring out to them?
8. What else did he do for them?
9. What question did Joseph ask when he came in?
10. What did the brothers answer?
11. What did Joseph leave the room to do?
12. How were Joseph and his brothers seated at dinner?
13. How did Joseph treat them at dinner?
14. What portion of food did he send Benjamin?
15. What is the G. Text?

Lesson Hymn

Love is kind and suffers long,
Love is meek and thinks no wrong,

Love than death itself more strong;
Therefore give us love. Amen.

—Hymn 229, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—28. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God? They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God. **29.** What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience? It is called sin.

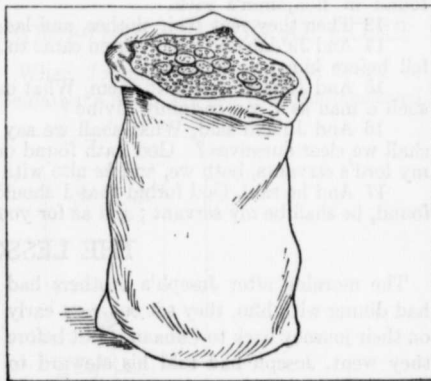
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 54-57.

The Question on Missions

8. What medical work is done in the Mission? There is a hospital at the Mission headquarters, where sometimes more than 5,000 patients have been treated in a year. Formerly this hospital was at Tarasui, but recently a new and more up-to-date building has been erected at Taipeh.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing, and remember how dearly Joseph loved his brother Benjamin.



But Jesus' love to us is far more wonderful than that of Joseph to Benjamin. How we should love the Saviour Who has so dearly loved us!

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LOVE MY BROTHERS
AND SISTERS

Lesson IX.

JOSEPH TESTS HIS BRETHREN

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Genesis 44 : 4-17. Study Genesis, ch. 44—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

Golden Text—Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.—James 5 : 16.

11 Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack.

12 And he searched, *and* began at the eldest, and left at the youngest : and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack.

13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 And Ju'dah and his brethren came to Jo'seph's house ; for he *was* yet there : and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Jo'seph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done ? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine ?

16 And Ju'dah said, What shall we say unto my lord ? what shall we speak ? or how shall we clear ourselves ? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants : behold, we *are* my lord's servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found.

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so : *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant ; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The morning after Joseph's brothers had had dinner with him, they set out very early on their journey back to Canaan. But before they went, Joseph had told his steward to fill their sacks with as much corn as they could carry, and to put every man's money back in the mouth of his sack, as had been done when they came into Egypt before. "And put also," he said, "my own silver cup into the sack of the youngest."

The brothers had scarcely left the city, before Joseph told his steward to follow after them and ask why they had done him evil for good,—why they had taken away his

4 *And* when they were gone out of the city, *and not yet* far off, Jo'seph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men ; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good ?

5 *Is* not this *it* in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth ? ye have done evil in so doing.

6 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these same words.

7 And they said unto him, Wherefore saith my lord these words ? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing :

8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Ca'naan : how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold ?

9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen.

10 And he said, Now also *let it be* according unto your words : he with whom it is found shall be my servant ; and ye shall be blameless.

silver cup. So the steward hurried after them, and spoke to them as Joseph had told him.

The brothers were very much distressed at this. "God forbid," they said, "that we should steal Joseph's cup." They had brought back the money which they found in their sacks the first time they returned to Canaan ; how would they now take from Joseph's house silver or gold which did not belong to them ? If he found the cup in any of their sacks, let that man be put to death and the others would become Joseph's slaves. "No," said the steward, "but let him alone who has

taken the cup be my lord's slave, the others shall not be blamed."

So the men took down their sacks, and the steward searched through them all till he came to Benjamin's sack, and there he found the silver cup. Then the brothers tore their clothes to show their grief, and hastened with the steward back to the city to Joseph's house. There they fell on their knees before him and offered to become his servants, if he would forgive the taking of the cup. But Joseph answered that only the one who had taken it should become his servant, the rest could go home to their father. For Joseph wished to test his brothers and see if they would leave Benjamin in a strange land, as they had long before sold himself as a slave to be carried away into Egypt.

This caused the brothers still greater grief, and Judah begged Joseph to listen to his story,—a story of the old father in Canaan who loved his son so dearly, of how hard it had been to persuade him to let Benjamin come with them and of their faithful promise to bring him back again safely, lest their father should die of grief. Judah ended by begging Joseph to let him remain in Benjamin's place and let Benjamin go home to his father.

So Judah and the others showed that they were no longer the cruel, heartless men who had once sold Joseph as a slave.

Questions on the Lesson

1. When did Joseph's brothers set out for Canaan? 2. What orders did Joseph give his steward? 3. What was he to put into Benjamin's sack? 4. What did Joseph tell his steward to do after the brothers left the city? 5. How did the brothers feel when they heard the steward's message? 6. What did they remind him that they had done before? 7. What did they offer to do if he found the cup amongst them? 8. What did the steward answer? 9. Where was the cup found? 10. How did the brothers show their grief? 11. Whither did they hurry immediately? 12. What offer did they make to Joseph? 13. What did he answer? 14. What story did Judah tell Joseph? 15. What did he ask Joseph to let him do? 16. What did this show? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Speak Thy pardoning grace to me,
Set the burdened sinner free;
Lead me to the Lamb of God,
Wash me in His precious blood. Amen.
—Hymn 552, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—30. When do we sin against God? We sin against God when we do what He tells us not to do; or when we fail to do what He tells us to do.

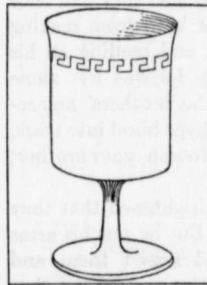
SHORTER CATECHISM—58. What is required in the fourth commandment? A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set time as he hath appointed in his word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

The Question on Missions

9. Why is special work for women so important in Formosa? Because of the important place of women in the Chinese homes, and because of the greater difficulty in reaching and influencing the women. Only women workers, Chinese or foreign, can get access to most women in Chinese homes.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

When Joseph's silver cup was found in Benjamin's sack, the ten brothers confessed



their sin to Joseph. So whenever we have sinned against God, we should confess our sin, and ask Him to forgive us. Copy the drawing.

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I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD CONFESS MY FAULTS

Genesis 45 : 1-15. Study Genesis 45 : 1 to 46 : 7—Memory Verses, 4, 5.

Golden Text—Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!—Psalm 133 : 1.



12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Ben'jamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in E'gypt, and of all that ye have seen ; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Ben'jamin's neck, and wept ; and Ben'jamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them : and after that his brethren talked with him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Joseph discovered that his brothers were not the wicked cruel men they had once been, he could no longer keep from making himself known to them, and sending all his servants from the room, he was left alone with them. Then, to the brothers' amazement, the great lord of Egypt burst into tears, and said to them, "I am Joseph, your brother; is my father still alive?"

The brothers were so frightened that they could not answer him. But he put his arms around their necks and kissed them and cried with them, until they understood that he loved and forgave them. "Do not be grieved," he said, "nor angry with yourselves because you sold me into Egypt, for God arranged it so, that I might save your lives and the lives of your children, and keep the people of Egypt from starving."

Then Joseph told them that the famine had already been in Egypt two years and would

1 Then Jo'seph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him ; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Jo'seph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud : and the E'gyptians and the house of Phar'ah heard.

3 And Jo'seph said unto his brethren, I am Jo'seph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him ; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Jo'seph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Jo'seph your brother, whom ye sold into E'gypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither : for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land : and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God : and he hath made me a father to Phar'ah, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of E'gypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Jo'seph, God hath made me lord of all E'gypt : come down unto me, tarry not :

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Go'shen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast :

11 And there will I nourish thee ; for yet there are five years of famine ; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Ben'jamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh

unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in E'gypt, and of all that ye have seen ; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Ben'jamin's neck, and wept ; and Ben'jamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them : and after that his brethren talked with him.

last five years longer. In all these years there would be no harvest, as God had said ; so they must make haste and go back to his father in Canaan and say to him, "Thus saith thy son Joseph, 'God hath made me a friend of Pharaoh and ruler of all the land of Egypt. Come down to me, and thou shalt live in the best part of the land, in Goshen, where thou shalt be near me, thou and thy children, thy flocks and all that thou hast. I will take care of thee, lest thou and thy family become poor.'"

And Joseph said, "You see for yourselves, and Benjamin sees, that I am indeed your brother. Go and tell my father of all my greatness in Egypt and all that you have seen, and make haste and bring him here to me." And Joseph kissed Benjamin and his brothers again, and they all talked lovingly together.

When Pharaoh heard that Joseph's brother's had come, he, too, was glad, and sent an affectionate message to Jacob to come with all his family and live in the land of Egypt. So the brothers returned to their father with their wonderful news, which Jacob at first could not believe, until he saw the asses laden with good things from the land of Egypt, which Joseph had sent him as a gift. Then he said, "Joseph my son is indeed alive. I will go and see him before I die."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What led Joseph to make himself known to his brothers? 2. How did the brothers receive the news? 3. How did Joseph comfort them? 4. Why had God allowed him to be sold into Egypt? 5. How long had the famine lasted? 6. How many years would it continue? 7. Whither were they to hasten? 8. What invitation did Joseph send his father? 9. What else were they to tell his father? 10. What message did Pharaoh send Jacob? 11. How did Jacob receive Joseph's message? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The four big boys had broken the window, but they made poor little Jack go in and apologize, just because they wanted their ball back again. Jack was afraid of old Mr. Smithers, but he was more afraid of the four boys. "We'll thrash you if you don't go," they told him. So Jack disappeared shrinkingly behind Mr. Smithers' forbidding door. The boys waited and waited for his return. "Wonder what's happening?" they questioned anxiously. At last Jack came, a beaming-faced Jack, with a big red apple in one hand and a cookie in the other. "Thought he'd be cross, eh? You don't know all the good things you missed." And before their envious eyes Jack took another big bite of apple.

Lesson Hymn

Behold, how good and pleasant,
And how becoming well,
Where brethren all united
In peace together dwell. Amen.

—Ps. Sel. 106, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—31. How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin? They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow, and death.

SHORTER CATECHISM—59. Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath? A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

The Question on Missions

10. What are Formosan Sunday Schools like? In many of the Sunday Schools both young and old attend. The chief things taught are reading the Bible, scripture verses, new hymns and hymn tunes. The Chinese preacher also usually explains some passage of scripture, with questions, in many cases, on the passage for the previous Sunday.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

In the drawing (*color*) we see two brothers tenderly embracing each other. It was so that Joseph embraced his younger brother



Benjamin, when Benjamin came down to Egypt. We should learn from Joseph how we ought to love our brothers and sisters.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE FORGIVING

Genesis 47 : 1-12. Study Genesis 46 : 28 to 47 : 12, 28-31—Memory Verses, 8-10.

Golden Text—All things work together for good to them that love God.—Romans 8 : 28.



1 Then Jo'seph came and told Phar'aoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Ca'naan ; and, behold, they *are* in the land of Go'shen.

2 And he took some of his brethren, *even* five men, and presented them unto Phar'aoh.

3 And Phar'aoh said unto his brethren, What *is* your occupation ? And they said unto Phar'oah, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we, *and* also our fathers.

4 They said moreover unto Phar'aoh, For to sojourn in the land *are* we come ; for thy servants have no pasture for their flocks ; for the famine *is* sore in the land of Ca'naan : now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Go'shen.

5 And Phar'aoh spake unto Jo'seph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee :

6 The land of E'gypt *is* before thee ; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell ; in the land of Go'shen let them dwell : and if thou knowest *any* men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.

7 And Jo'seph brought in Ja'cob his father, and set him before Phar'aoh : and Ja'cob blessed Phar'aoh.

8 And Phar'aoh said unto Ja'cob, How old *art* thou ?

9 And Ja'cob said unto Phar'aoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and thirty years : few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Ja'cob blessed Phar'aoh, and went out from before Phar'aoh.

11 And Jo'seph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of E'gypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Ram'ses, as Phar'aoh had commanded.

12 And Jo'seph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to *their* families.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jacob knew that Joseph was alive he made haste to go to him. So the sons gathered all their possessions together, and, with their wives and their little children, journeyed with their old father into Egypt. While they were yet a long way off, Joseph came riding to meet them in his chariot, and he threw his arms round his father's neck and wept for joy at seeing him again.

Then Joseph brought his father and brothers into the land of Goshen, and, leaving the rest of them there, he hurried with five of the brothers to tell Pharaoh that they had arrived. And Pharaoh spoke kindly to them and asked them what their occupation was. And they answered, as Joseph had bidden them, that they were shepherds and

had come to Egypt because, on account of the famine, there was no food for their flocks in Canaan. And they begged Pharaoh to let them live in the land of Goshen.

Then Pharaoh turned to Joseph and said, "The whole land of Egypt is before thee ; choose the best part of it, even the land of Goshen, for your father and brothers to live in." Pharaoh also told Joseph, that, if any of his brothers were good and diligent men, he might appoint them to take care of the king's cattle.

Afterwards, Joseph brought his father in to see the king. And the old man blessed Pharaoh, and thanked him for all his kindness to him and his sons. Pharaoh asked Jacob how old he was, and Jacob answered, "I am

an hundred and thirty years old, yet still I have not lived as long as my fathers." And Jacob blessed Pharaoh again, as he went out from his presence.

Joseph gave his father and brothers a home in Goshen, the best part of Egypt for pasturing flocks and herds, and there they lived with their families, with plenty of food and drink all the days of the famine. Jacob himself lived for seventeen years longer, and when he died, his sons carried his body back to the land of Canaan and buried it there.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jacob do, when he heard Joseph was alive?
2. How did Joseph greet his father?
3. What did Joseph do next?
4. Whom did Joseph take with him to Pharaoh?
5. What question did Pharaoh ask?
6. What did they answer?
7. What did Pharaoh then say to Joseph?
8. Who else came in to see Pharaoh?
9. What did Jacob do?
10. How old did he tell Pharaoh he was?
11. Where did the brothers go to live?
12. How much longer did Jacob live?
13. Where was he buried?

Lesson Story

"I hope I'll never, never grow old," said John emphatically, watching poor old Mr. Hobbs staggering down the street. "I thought," said mother, "that I heard you wishing the other day that people would love you as much as they do Mr. Smith when you were as old as he; and he is ten years older than Mr. Hobbs." "Oh, but he's different," objected John. "He doesn't fight or swear or drink like Mr. Hobbs. He just loves everybody and everybody loves him, he's so good and kind." "That means then," said mother, "that there is an ugly way of growing old and a beautiful way." John braced his shoulders sturdily. "Well then, I'm going to try the beautiful way. I won't mind then how old I grow."

Lesson Hymn

All the way my Saviour leads me,
 Cheers each winding path I tread,
 Gives me grace for every trial,
 Feeds me with the living bread. Amen.
 —Hymn 320, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—32. What evil did Adam's sin bring upon us all? We have all been born with a sinful heart.

SHORTER CATECHISM—60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified? A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

The Question on Missions

11. What progress has the native church made during recent years? Chiefly in their increased liberality, greater interest in the study of the Bible, and in the growth of Sunday Schools. A good number of members are added every year. Last year the churches in North and South Formosa joined to form the Synod of the Island of Formosa.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing, which pictures Jacob praying that God would bless Pharaoh, the



great king of Egypt. We should pray always, that God will bless our king and queen and make them good and wise.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WILL PROVIDE FOR ME

THE BLINDING EFFECT OF SIN— TEMPERANCE LESSON

June 22, 1913

Amos 6 : 1-8—Memory Verses, 7, 8.

Golden Text—Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live.—Amos 5 : 14.

8 The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Ja'cob, and hate his palaces : therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The words of our Lesson for to-day were spoken many years after the descendants of Joseph and his brothers had left the land of Egypt, and gone back again to the land of Canaan. They were God's own chosen people, now called Israel, and He had made them a great nation, rich and powerful. But they were not filled with thankfulness and gratitude to God for this. They boasted that they had won for themselves their riches and their greatness, and gave themselves up to idleness and drunkenness and sin.

Then God sent to them one prophet after another, calling upon them to give up their wickedness and become His obedient children once more. But they mocked these messengers of God, and went on in their sinful ways. So God sent to them a prophet with a different message—a message that He would now send upon them evil and punishment because they had not obeyed His warnings. The name of the prophet whom God sent to Israel

1 Woe to them *that are at ease in Zi'on, and trust in the mountain of Sa'nar'ia, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Is'rael came!*

2 Pass ye unto Cal'neh, and see ; and from thence go ye to Ha'math the great : then go down to Gath of the Phil'istines : *be they better than these kingdoms ? or their border greater than your border ?*

3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near ;

4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall ;

5 That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like Da'vid ;

6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments : but they are not grieved for the affliction of Jo'seph.

7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

at this time was Amos. Amos was a shepherd,—a simple herdsman of Judah, when God's voice called to him to go down to the great wicked cities of Israel and tell the people there of the calamities that were coming upon them because of their sins.

So Amos came down to Samaria, and there in the streets he cried his message from the Lord. He told of the woes that were coming upon those who were living lives of ease and luxury, and paying no heed to the many enemies that were around them. They trusted in the strength of the walls of Samaria, but they had only to look at other cities that had once been as strong as theirs—Calneh, Hamath and Gath of the Philistines—upon whom God's judgment had fallen, and how could Samaria hope to escape ?

Thus the simple shepherd spoke burning words against those who would not give heed to the warnings that God had sent them ; who spent their days in idleness, who feasted on delicacies, who drank wine till they were

drunk, who sang idle, silly songs, and who turned a deaf ear to the poor and to the sin and suffering that was around them. "These selfish, heartless people," said Amos, "shall be the first to be carried away captive, when the Lord sends punishment upon this land for its sins. There will be no escape, for the Lord hath sworn that He will destroy the city because of the wickedness of those who dwell within it."

Questions on the Lesson

1. When were the words of our Lesson for to-day written?
2. How had God treated His chosen people Israel?
3. Were they thankful for all His goodness?
4. What boast did they make?
5. What sort of lives did they live?
6. Whom did God send to them?
7. What message did these bring?
8. How were the messengers received?
9. What was the next message which God sent them?
10. By whom did He send it?
11. Where was Amos to carry his message?
12. What did Amos cry in the streets?
13. Of what did he accuse the people?
14. Against whom did he speak specially?
15. What did he foretell would happen to them?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Benny was riding his pony Bobs along the road at a furious rate, when suddenly he saw in front of him a little wooden bridge over a stream and beside it a sign which said, "Danger! Keep off!" Benny looked at the bridge. It seemed worn in one place. "But it's so short," he argued, "that I could dash across in a minute before there was time for anything to happen." So with a shout to

Bobs he started across. But Bobs' foot caught in the weak place, and down he and Benny both went into the stream. It might have been the end of Benny, if faithful little Bobs had not been a good swimmer. As it was, he reached the shore safely clinging to the saddle, and the only bad thing about it was that he had to ride back drenched and dirty through the town, where all his friends could see him. But it taught Benny a lesson which he never forgot.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, cleanse and save me,
Teach me to obey;
Holy Spirit, guide me
On my heavenly way. Amen.
—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD HATES DRUNKENNESS

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—33. What will follow if we love sin and allow it to remain in our heart? If we love sin we cannot be the friends of God, or be with Him when we die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 58-60.

The Question on Missions

12. What is being done to evangelize the savages of Formosa? Two savage girls have attended the Girls' School for the past three years, and there are two or three Christian savages belonging to Chinese congregations. The Chinese Church in Formosa has raised a fund for sending a native evangelist.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy the words from the Golden Text, and try every day to do what they say.

SEEK GOOD AND NOT EVIL

Read Acts 7 : 9-16 ; Hebrews 11 : 20-22.

Golden Text—This is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith.—1 John 5 : 4.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 21-33. SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 51-60. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—512, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

A Quarter of Wonderful Stories

What wonderful stories we have had this Quarter ! Let us see how much we can remember of the story in each Lesson.

Lesson I. In this Lesson we have a very, very sad story. In it a son deceives his father and cheats his brother. Who was the father ? Who the deceitful son ? Who the brother ? How did Jacob deceive Isaac ? And what did he get by his trick ?

Lesson II. Here we see Jacob again, far away from his home, sleeping at night, in the open air, with a stone for his pillow. What was the name of the place ? And what wonderful dream had Jacob there ?

Lesson III. Jacob is in this story again. He is on his way back home, and he meets some one of whom he is afraid. Who is this ? Why was Jacob afraid of Esau ? Tell about the meeting.

Lesson IV. This is a very exciting story indeed. It tells of a lad seventeen years old, who was stripped of a beautiful coat by ten strong men, then thrown into a pit and at last sold as a slave. Who was the lad ? Who the men ? And why did the brothers treat Joseph thus ?

Lesson V. Ah ! in the next story we see Joseph again. But now he is in a prison. Two men are with him, and he is explaining their dreams to them ? Where was the prison ? Who were with Joseph ? Tell about their dreams and Joseph's explanation.

Lesson VI. This is another story about Joseph. Now he is standing before a king. Who was the king ? How did Joseph come to be before him ? What did Pharaoh give him to do ?

Lesson VII. We see, in the story of this Lesson, Joseph and the ten brothers who had sold him to be a slave. To what land had they come ? For what had they come ? How did Joseph treat them ?

Lesson VIII. Joseph and his brothers are in this story also. But there are eleven of the brothers now. Who was the eleventh ? Tell what happened in the story.

Lesson IX. Joseph's brothers hurrying back to the city in Egypt where Joseph lived, is one of the things we see in this story. Why were they doing this ? And what happened when they got to the city ?

Lesson X. The story tells us about Joseph's weeping, with his brothers all round him. Tell how all this came about.

Lesson XI. Joseph first bringing five of his brothers and then his father Jacob to visit Pharaoh. How did all Joseph's family come to be in Egypt ? And in what part of the land did they settle ?

Lesson Hymn

Stand up ! stand up for Jesus !
Ye soldiers of the cross ;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss ;

From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.

—Hymn 256, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I can conquer sin.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

Write in the spaces below (or get some one to do so for you) some one thing that you have learned from each Lesson.

<p>LESSON I. Jacob and Esau.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Joseph Meets His Brethren.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Jacob at Bethel.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Joseph and Benjamin.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Jacob's Meeting with Esau.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Joseph Tests His Brethren.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. Joseph Sold Into Egypt.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Joseph Forgives His Brethren.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Joseph Interprets Dreams.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Jacob Before Pharaoh.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. Joseph Made Ruler of Egypt.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. The Blinding Effect of Sin (Temperance Lesson).</p>

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

[Many of the little ones will be pleased to mark down their attendance at church and Sabbath School, with the number of verses learned, etc.; and so here is a place to do it in. The record will be very interesting by the end of the Quarter. Mothers will help the tinier tots who cannot read, or manage a pencil very well.]

Name..... Address.....

Name of Sabbath School..... Teacher's Name.....

DATE 1913	APRIL				MAY				JUNE					TOTAL FOR QUARTER
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