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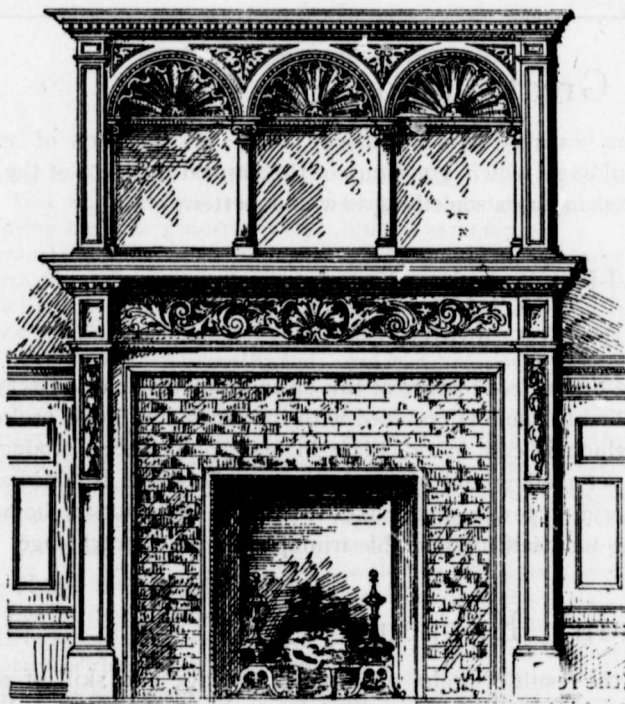
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Who does not love a story? And all this bright New Year which has just come, we shall be studying the most wonderful story that was ever told—how God's own Son came down to earth from His glorious heavenly home, to live here among men; what He was like as a Babe and Boy and Man; what He said and did; how He was put to death; and how He rose again from the dead and returned to His Father in heaven. The PRIMARY QUARTERLY wants to help all its readers little and big to understand the story better, and more dearly to love the blessed Saviour of whom the story tells.

## The Hymn in the Parlor

By Rev. R. Douglas Fraser

It is sure to be opened up on Sunday, even if only now and then through the week; and a delightful place the little ones count it: for in summer, is not the "parlor" ever so cool and sweet, and in winter, the cosiest spot in all the house? And all the more delightful if father or mother, or o'der brother or sister, or all together, join the little ones in their songs.

Has wee Phil or Marjory been telling about the Supplemental Hymn: the words are almost too long nebbed for their unpractised tongues? Of course every one is anxious to know about it, and to help the bairnies learn it. There are two hymns a year, one each six months. They are part of the Supplemental Lesson, which includes also Scripture Memory Verses and other items. They are hymns which the children are set to learn when they are very young, because they are great hymns, which it is good to know and

which will go singing themselves in their hearts all their days: for what we learn when little we never forget.

Why not make the parlor ring with the children's Supplemental Hymn? The piano or organ was never put in happier or holier use. Before they are aware of it, even the wee ones who cannot read, know the hymn by repeating it with the others. They are happy ten times over if they can go to the Sunday School and say the hymn and sing it.

And such a hymn, for example, as the first for this year (Hymn 538, Book of Praise), how the singing of it hallows the place and the hour and the loving family circle, as step by step it leads from the wondering, trembling question—

"Who is He in yonder stall,

At whose feet the shepherds fall?"

all along the pathway of the Son of God on earth to the triumphant cry—

"Who is He that on yon throne

Rules the world of light alone?"

How all hearts go out into the swelling chorus—

"Tis the Lord: O wondrous story!

'Tis the Lord, the King of glory!

At His feet we humbly fall;

Crown Him, crown Him Lord of all."

## The Bedtime Hour

By M. E. B. Thomson

The mother's great work is the building of character in her children. In every building, spiritual and material, details count enormously. Among the most important of the details in the mother's task I count her presence with the children at bedtime. Not that I found it a time with the little ones

for serious talk, or so called "personal dealing." But they are either tired or excited, and they do need then the mother's soothing hand and feeling of restful love about them. To little children, the end of the day is finality; mother's presence, comfort;—a feeling closely akin to the larger soul's need of God at the last. So the true mother will let the occasions be few when she is not there.

Do not be betrayed into making these few moments a set occasion for anything but what is happy. Hear the evening prayer, whisper a word of God's love and your own into the small ear; then the bright eyes and busy brain sink to rest with a delightful sense of

"God's in His heaven,  
All's right with the world!"

—a precious heritage, and one a child will never lose through all the changes of a changing world.

To me the chief feature of the bedtime hour is the importance to the child of one hour in the day when he is sure of seeing mother, and all to himself. Mother may say little to him, he may say little to her, six nights out of the seven, but on the seventh she may receive a confidence she might never get again—a fatal loss.

When your absence is necessary, make the deprivation to yourself felt and make it an important occasion. Leave a special message for each little heart. If this seems all very trifling, remind yourself that in building, every trifle counts. Trifles make perfection, but as the world's greatest sculptor said, "Perfection is no trifle."

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#### Dreams and Snowflakes

Dear little boy, my little boy,  
So sleepy, so sleepy.  
See the soft descending snow  
Glancing, dancing to and fro  
Just to please thee, I know,  
Dear little boy, my little boy,  
So sleepy, so sleepy.

Dear little boy, my little boy,  
So sleepy, so sleepy,  
Close thine eyes. Dost thou not see  
Visions fair as fair can be ?

They are dreams come down to thee,  
Dear little boy, my little boy,  
So sleepy, so sleepy.

Dear little boy, my little boy,  
So sleepy, so sleepy.  
Dreams and snowflakes downward fly;  
Soon, too soon, they bid good-by,  
Kiss the earth and mount the sky.  
Dear little boy, my little boy,  
So sleepy, so sleepy.

—William S. Lord, in *The Rock-a-by Book*

*By H. J. J. J.*  
*Mrs. J. J. J.*  
Who Was He ?

In a certain land there lived a godly prophet who was known far and near for his miracles and his good works.

One day a poor woman came to him in great distress, asking him to help her. She was the widow of a man who had served the Lord; and as she owed a sum of money which she could not pay, her creditor intended to take her two sons as slaves in payment of the debt. She would willingly have given up food or clothing, or anything else she possessed, to pay the debt; but she was so very poor that all she had in the house was a little pot of oil. Now, the woman's husband had been a good man, and so she felt sure that the "man of God," as the prophet was commonly called, would do all he could to help her.

The prophet did not tell her where she could get the money to pay her debt, but told her instead to go home and borrow as many jars and dishes from her neighbors as she possibly could. Then she was to shut the door of her house and pour the oil from her own pot into all the other vessels. The woman must have wondered how her small amount of oil could be expected to fill so many vessels, but she trusted the prophet, and did as he commanded her, without any question.

She sent her two sons round to all the neighbors, asking for the loan of vessels, big and little. Then when they had gathered as many as they could, she shut her door and began to pour out the oil she had into one of the vessels; and when it was full, there was still as much oil as before left in her pot.

So she went on pouring, until the great number of vessels that the sons had borrowed were all filled. Then she stopped only because she had no more vessels; and the woman and her two sons stood in their little room and gazed at all the oil which, at the word of God's prophet, had been poured from their one small jar and which had been increased in this wonderful way.

The grateful mother then hurried away to the prophet, to tell him the good news. He said to her, "Now, go and sell your oil and pay your debt, and there will be enough left over for you and your children to live on for some time." So the woman paid her debt, and her sons were saved from being made slaves.

*What was the prophet's name?*

#### Time Flies

Sixty seconds make a minute,  
 So my father used to say:  
 What you've got to do, begin it,  
 Or 'twill not be done to-day:  
 For so fast the seconds fly,  
 You can't catch one—nor can I.

Sixty minutes make an hour,  
 So my mother used to tell:  
 While you've got the strength and power,  
 Do your work and do it well;  
 Or at night you'll have to say,  
 "I've done nothing all the day."

Twelve fast hours make the daytime,  
 So, my child, I say to you:  
 Some is work-time, some is play-time;  
 Do what you have got to do;  
 For though fast you run down hill,  
 Time is running faster still.

#### How Little Indian Girls Play

Lucy Hawk is a little Indian girl who lives on a reservation in the far West. Her grandfather is the loved and honored chief of his tribe, and Lucy is his favorite grandchild. She is a sweet little girl, with willing hands and feet ready to do the bidding of the teachers at the mission school where she lives for over eight months of the year. She speaks English with a pretty accent.

On cold or stormy days, after the school hours are over and household tasks are done, Lucy turns with a happy heart to the playroom, where she amuses herself by making moccasins for her funny babies or making dresses for them from bits of bright calico, which perhaps some child in the far-away East had put in the missionary bale.

When tired of the babies, she gets her pebble tops, of which she has a number hidden away in the pocket of her dress, tucked away in a corner of her pigeonhole in the row of boxes in the playroom, or buried safely under the steps. It is only a common pebble with smooth sides, and a little white child would never call it a top; but Lucy drops it with a little whirl of the fingers which sends it spinning away with a dizzy rush, and she follows it up with her whip, lashing it until she is tired and out of breath, the pebble whirling faster and faster the longer the lashing continues. Sometimes she pastes bits of bright paper to its sides, and then the spinning pebble seems to be covered with rings of color. It is a pretty play, and never loses its fascination for the little brown children.

When at her own home, Lucy goes coasting sometimes, and what do you think she has for a sled? You would never guess, so I will tell you. A buffalo skin is spread on the snow at the top of the terrace which divides the prairie from the river bottom. Lucy and her sister find a nice warm seat on the soft fur, the child in front gathers the end over her feet and holds on tight and fast as those behind give a starting push, and away they go down the steep slopes and come to a quick stop at the foot, a screaming, laughing, squirming heap of tousled heads and twisted shawls.

#### Little Servants

"Oh, what an untidy room! Skip about, little ones, and set it in order."

"I don't like to tidy rooms," said Elsie, with a pucker on her forehead, as she turned the pieces of dissected map this way and that.

"I think it must be ever so nice to keep plenty of servants," said Ruth. "I was reading the other day about the little king

of Spain—when he was only a baby, you know, mama, and yet a king! And he had ever and ever so many servants—all just for himself.”

“I once knew some little girls who kept a great many servants.”

“Tell us about them please, mama. How old were they?”

“Well, about as old as Bessie, and Ruth, and Elsie.”

“How many had they?”

“You can count up as I go on. There were two bright-looking ones, always dressed alike, in blue, brown or gray. Their duty was to keep on the watch for what ought to be done.”

“Didn't they ever do anything themselves?”

“Not much but that. It seemed to keep them busy if they attended to their duties; but sometimes they were negligent, and then of course the work of all the other servants was thrown into confusion.”

“I'm sure it was little enough to do,” said Bessie.

“Then there were two more, whose business it was to listen to what their little mistress' mother or teachers told them, and let them know what it was.”

“It seems to me,” said Ruth, laughing, “they must have been a lazy set, so many to do so little. Any more, mama?”

“Two more, always dressed in red, who told what the others heard.”

“It took a long time to get to it, I think,” said Bessie.

“When these had settled upon anything to be done,” said mama, “there were a pair of lovely little fellows, always wearing dark, stout clothing, who carried the girls to where their work was to be done.”

“Oh, oh,” laughed Elsie, “what a queer set you are telling us of, mama. Were the little girls lame?”

“I hope they did their work well when they got to it, after all that fuss,” said Ruth.

“They surely ought to have done so,” mama said, “for they had no less than ten servants to do it for them.”

“Now, mama, do tell us what you mean,” said Elsie.

“I mean,” said mamma, “that Little Blue

Eyes and Brown Eyes and Gray Eyes ought always to be on the lookout for anything to be done for those whom we love.”

“Oh, I see! and ears to listen!” cried Bessie, greatly amused at mama's fancy.

“And dear little lips,” said mama, kissing the pair which chanced to be nearest, “which can, not only talk about duties to be done, but can lighten and brighten every duty for themselves and for others by their smiles and merry chatter.”

“And feet to walk and run with,” said Bessie.

“And fingers. Dear me, just think of all the servants,” said Elsie. “I should think they would quarrel once in a while.”

“Yes,” said Bessie. “Supposing the eyes saw something to do, and the ears heard somebody tell about it, and the feet shouldn't want to go to do it, and the hands shouldn't want to do it!”

“Oh,” said mama, “if the heart which moves all these little servants is a good, loving heart, always striving to do what is right, the little servants will be kept in good order.”

### *Assoc. Ed.* Jesus' Coming to Earth

The last two Lessons of 1905 were like sign-posts pointing to the Saviour. Now for a whole year we are to study His words and works among men. We begin on the first Sabbath of the New Year with the wonderful story of Jesus' birth, and then, as the Quarter goes on, we shall learn about His life as a boy at Nazareth, and how He entered upon His great work of teaching and helping men. The Lesson Topic for the Quarter is JESUS' COMING TO EARTH—

1. Announced by the angels.
2. Worshipped by the Wise Men.
3. The Boy in the home.
4. Set apart for His work.
5. Strengthened for His work.
6. Choosing His helpers.
7. Showing His compassion.
8. Forgiving sins.
9. Pronouncing blessings.
10. Giving rules for conduct.
11. (Review) A Helper and Friend.
12. Special Temperance Lesson.



An Order of Service

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AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1906

*Mrs. Jackson*

I. RECITATION IN CONCERT. O Lord, open Thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

II. SINGING. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," Hymn 615, Book of Praise.

III. PRAYER (all standing).

IV. OFFERINGS. Sing (Tune 528, Book of Praise):—

Jesus Lord, we bring Thee,  
Gifts of love to-day,  
Take our humble offerings,  
Use them all we pray.

Take our gifts of money,  
Take our gifts of love;  
May the prayers we offer  
Reach Thy throne above.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn verse by verse and repeat Matt. 2 : 1-6; also learn verse by verse and sing Hymn 538, Book of Praise.

VI. RESPONSIVE RECITATION.

TEACHER. Lift up your heads, O ye gates;

CLASS. And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

TEACHER. Who is this King of glory ?

CLASS. The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

TEACHER. Lift up your heads, O ye gates;

CLASS. Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

TEACHER. Who is this King of glory ?

CLASS. The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

VII. A WHISPER SONG (Tune 572, Book of Praise).

Father send on us Thy blessing,  
As we come to Thee in prayer;  
Let us feel that Thou art near us,  
Keep us in Thy tender care.

Lord we come to thee for blessing,  
Which Thou only canst bestow,  
Give us all new hearts, O Father,  
Grant that we like Thee may grow.

VIII. REPEAT THE LORD'S PRAYER TOGETHER.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. LESSON HYMN.

XI. HYMN FOR QUARTER, Book of Praise, 542.

One is kind above all others—

O how He loves !

His is love beyond a brother's—

O how He loves !

Earthly friends may fail or leave us,

One day soothe, the next day grieve us:

But this friend will ne'er deceive us—

O how He loves !

XII. DISMISSAL PRAYER.

Lesson I.

## THE SHEPHERDS FIND JESUS

January 7, 1906

Luke 2 : 1-20—Memory Verses, 13, 14.\*

**Golden Text**—For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2 : 11.



1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2 (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

3 And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4 And Jo'seph also went up from Gal'ilee, out of the city of Nas'areth, into Jude'a, unto the city of Da'vid, which is called Beth'lehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of Da'vid :)

5 To be taxed with Mar'y his espoused wife, being great with child.

6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them : and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not : for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of Da'vid a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Beth'lehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found Mar'y, and Jo'seph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19 But Mar'y kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

For hundreds of years the Jews had been watching and waiting for the coming of the Saviour. But when He came, very few people knew anything about it, for, instead of appearing suddenly in Jerusalem as a great King and Deliverer, Christ, the Son of God, was born as a little Babe in the quiet village of Bethlehem.

At the time of Jesus' birth, Mary and Joseph were living in the village of Nazareth, where orders had been received from the Emperor, that on a certain day every family must return to its native town, to be taxed. Then Mary and her husband set out to go to Bethlehem, to enrol their names as descendants of their great ancestor, King David. But when they reached Bethlehem, it was late at night, the inn where they expected to stay was too

crowded to take them in, and they were obliged to seek shelter in an empty stable. Here Christ, the great Saviour of the world, was born a little Babe, and was laid by His mother to sleep upon the hay in one of the mangers.

Now the first people to know that the Saviour had come were some shepherds, who, as they kept watch over their flocks in the fields outside Bethlehem, suddenly saw the sky above them filled with heavenly light; and they were much afraid. But an angel appeared and spoke to them, saying, "Fear not: for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." And suddenly the air became filled with angels, all

\*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Lessons are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. They will be found in the Supplemental Lesson Leaflet.

Miss Violet Robinson

singing this same song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

When the music ceased and the angels had gone back into heaven, the shepherds arose and said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem, and see whether indeed this strange news be true." So, taking the angels at their word, they ran to the town, and found Mary and Joseph, just as the heavenly messengers had said, and the holy Babe lying in a manger.

Then, when they had found Him, the shepherds began to spread abroad the glad tidings of the Saviour's birth, until soon everyone in Bethlehem was talking of the wonderful thing that had come to pass in their midst; and the shepherds returned to their work, glorifying and praising God for all that they had seen and heard.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the name of Jesus' mother?
2. Why did Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem?
3. To what family did they belong?
4. Where was Jesus born?
5. Where did Mary lay her babe?
6. Who were the first to know that Christ had come?
7. Who brought these shepherds news of Jesus' birth?
8. What was the angels' song?
9. What did the shepherds do when the angels disappeared?
10. To whom did they carry the good news?
11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

King Victor of Italy was one day strolling along a country road, and seeing an old woman in a field milking a cow, he asked her for a drink. "If you will mind the cow, stranger," she answered, "I will bring you a drink from the house." And presently she returned with a glass of icy cold milk.

The king thanked her, and then inquired where the farm hands were. "Oh," said the woman, "they've all run off to catch a glimpse of the king." "Indeed!" said Victor. "Well, you can tell them you have seen and talked with the king without stopping your work or leaving the farm."

In the same way those who seek for Jesus will often find Him unexpectedly, when showing kindness to others in His name.

### Lesson Hymn

There came a little Child to earth  
 Long ago;  
 And the angels of God proclaimed His birth,—  
 High and low.  
 Out in the night, so calm and still,  
 Their song was heard;  
 For they knew that the Child on Bethlehem's  
 hill  
 Was Christ the Lord. Amen.  
 —Hymn 520, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—65. What do we mean by the Ten Commandments? The Ten Commandments are God's holy law.

SHORTER CATECHISM—*Ques.* 1. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

### The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, HOME MISSIONS AND AUGMENTATION IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES—5 Questions; AND IN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO—6 Questions). 1. Where were the first Home Mission fields of our church? In the Province of Nova Scotia; where, from the year 1764 onward, ministers from Scotland and the United States labored among the early settlers.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

An Eastern shepherd must be a brave and faithful man. He has to defend his



Complete the drawing by connecting the dots.

flock against robbers and wild beasts. We may learn from him not to be afraid of anything when we are doing what is our duty.

**I Have Learned To-day  
 THAT I MAY FIND JESUS**



1 Now when Je'sus was born in Beth'lehem of Judæ'a in the days of Her'od the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jeru'salem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews ? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Her'od the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jeru'salem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Beth'lehem of Judæ'a : for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Beth'lehem, *in* the land of Ju'da, art not the least among the princes of Ju'da : for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Is'rael.

7 Then Her'od, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Beth'lehem, and

said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mar'y his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him : and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Her'od, they departed into their own country another way.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Jesus was born in Bethlehem, King Herod, who ruled over Jerusalem and Judæa, received a visit from three scholars who had traveled all the way to his palace from their homes in the far East, to ask him a certain question.

Herod's visitors were called Magi, or Wise Men. They had spent many years in studying the sacred books of their own and other countries. Like the Jews, they, too, were looking forward to the coming of a great King or Deliverer who should rule over the whole world.

At this time it was a common belief among Eastern people that, when any great man was born, a new star appeared in the sky; and the Wise Men now came to Herod, saying that they had seen such a star in their Eastern heavens, and asked him, saying, "Tell us

where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have come to worship Him."

Now Herod was a cruel and wicked ruler, and when he and his courtiers heard the Wise Men asking about a king *who*, they feared, might take away the kingdom, they were both angry and frightened. But the cunning Herod pretended to his visitors that he was much interested in their quest, and calling for the chief priests and scribes, he asked them if they knew anything of Christ, and where He should be born. "In Bethlehem of Judæa," they answered. "For thus it is written by the prophet, 'Out of Bethlehem shall come a Governor, that shall rule My people Israel.'"

Herod then took the Wise Men aside, and questioned them privately as to the exact time when they had seen the star; and direct-

ing them to Bethlehem, he said, "Go, search diligently for the young Child, and bring me word when you have found Him, that I may come and worship Him also." Herod did not mean to do as he said. His plan was to find out where Jesus was, and, if possible, put Him to death.

To their great joy, the star of which the Wise Men had spoken went before them, till at last it came and stood over the very house where the young Child lay; and upon going in they found Him with Mary, His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him.

So certain were the Wise Men of finding Jesus, that they had brought with them treasures of gold and frankincense and myrrh, which were the presents offered to kings, and when they had opened their bags they presented Him their gifts, and joyfully prepared to return again to their homes. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Who were the Wise Men?
2. What had led them to seek for Jesus?
3. What question did they ask Herod?
4. Why was Herod displeased with their quest?
5. For whom did he send, to inquire about Christ?
6. Who had foretold that He should be born in Bethlehem?
7. How did the Wise Men find Jesus?
8. What command did Herod give them as they left him?
9. How did the Wise Men honor the Child Jesus?
10. What gifts did they give Him?
11. Why did they not return to Herod?
12. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

One twenty-fourth of December, as Tom sat before the fire, he seemed to see a group of happy Christmas angels, all leaping and dancing with joy. "We are on our way with a gift," they shouted, "which a poor little girl has made for her father, and we carry enough happiness to load us all."

Behind them came one very small angel. "I go with a piano," he said, "which a rich father is giving to his daughter, but I carry so little happiness that I am ashamed of myself."

Group after group passed, and as the fire

burned low, Tom learned that it is not the size or value of a gift that counts the most, but the love and happiness that goes with it.

**Lesson Hymn**

As with gladness men of old  
 Did the guiding star behold;  
 As with joy they hailed its light,  
 Leading onward, beaming bright;  
 So, most gracious Lord, may we  
 Evermore be led to Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 31, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—66.** Which is the First Commandment? The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." **67.** What is meant by having other gods before God? Worshipping anything but the true God, or loving anything more than God.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—2.** What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

**The Question on Missions**

2. What has been the result of the labors of these early missionaries? The labors of these early missionaries, together with those of the faithful men who followed them, have made the Eastern Section of our church strong enough to support all its own work, besides contributing towards home missions in the Northwest.

**SOMETHING TO DRAW**

The Wise Men were guided to Jesus by a star. When they found Him they gave Him



Complete the drawing by connecting the dots.

rich presents. We may have little treasure to offer Jesus; but each one of us can bring a heart that loves Him. And this is the gift He values most of all.

**I Have Learned To-day**

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP JESUS

Luke 2 : 40-52—Memory Verse, 51.

**Golden Text**—Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.  
—Luke 2 : 52.



40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom : and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jeru'salem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jeru'salem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Je'sus tarried behind in Jeru'salem; and Jo'seph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jeru'salem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed : and his mother said unto him, Son,

why hast thou thus dealt with us ? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.  
49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me ? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business ?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Naz'areth, and was subject unto them : but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Je'sus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

When Herod knew that the Wise Men had returned to their own country without telling him where Jesus was, he was so angry that it was no longer safe for Mary and Joseph to remain in Bethlehem, and God warned them in a dream to flee with the Child Jesus into the land of Egypt. But when Herod was dead, they returned to Nazareth, the place where Jesus afterwards spent the greater part of His life.

The first great event in Jesus' life happened when He was twelve years old. At twelve a Jewish boy was considered of age, and Mary and Joseph now planned to take Jesus with them when they went to Jerusalem on their yearly visit to the Feast of the Passover, that He might make His first attendance upon the worship and service of the temple. At that season, the roads were crowded with travelers from all parts of the country, and it took

several days for Jesus and His parents to make their way on foot from Nazareth to Jerusalem. During the Passover Feast, a whole week was spent in worship and holiday making, for, besides the solemn services of the temple, there were feasting and family gatherings and all kinds of rejoicings, for this was the greatest of all festival times among the Jews.

Now, when the Feast was over, Mary and Joseph, with a large party of their relatives and neighbors, set out to return to Nazareth, and thinking that Jesus had gone on ahead with some of the company, they traveled a whole day without missing Him. But when at night they found that Jesus was not with them, as they supposed, Mary and Joseph were in great trouble, and turned back to Jerusalem immediately to look for Him.

After searching for three days, Jesus' par-

ents at last found Him in the temple, where to their great amazement they saw Him sitting among the learned teachers of God's law, both hearing them and asking them questions, so that all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. "But, my Child," exclaimed Mary, "why hast Thou treated us so? Thy father and I have been seeking Thee with troubled hearts!" But Jesus answered, "Why is it that ye were seeking Me? "Did ye not know that I must be in My Father's house?"

From this time Mary knew that her Son was no ordinary boy. And He went home with them to Nazareth and obeyed His earthly parents in all things, growing every day taller and wiser, and more pleasing to His Heavenly Father, so that all who knew Him loved Him.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How old was Jesus when He went to the Passover? 2. Where was this Feast held? 3. What besides worship took place at this time? 4. Who accompanied Mary and Joseph on their way home to Nazareth? 5. Where did they suppose Jesus was? 6. How long was it before they missed Him? 7. How long did they search for Him? 8. Where did they find Him? 9. What was the Boy Jesus doing? 10. What did Mary say to Him? 11. What was Jesus' answer? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

The little Prince and his friend were outside playing in the sunshine. The palace gardens were wonderful and beautiful compared with other gardens, but the games he played were just the same as those which ordinary boys love to play.

In the midst of an exciting romp a soldier appeared. "Your Highness," he said, "it is time for your music lesson." "Don't go," said the little friend when the soldier had turned away, "I can tell you I wouldn't obey a common soldier, or stop playing, for lessons, if I were the son of a king." "But it is my tutor's message," objected the prince, "the soldier has been sent only to remind me—and my father has taught me that I must first learn to obey, before I can learn to rule." And he ran quickly off to his lessons.

### Lesson Hymn

Pattern of our childhood,  
Once Thyself a child,  
Make our childhood holy,  
Pure, and meek, and mild.  
In the hour of danger  
Whither can we flee,  
Save to Thee, dear Saviour,  
Only unto Thee? Amen.  
—Hymn 304, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—68.** Which is the Second Commandment? The Second Commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

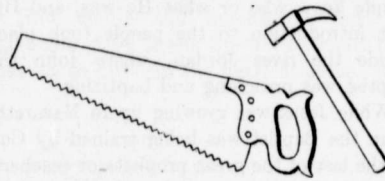
**SHORTER CATECHISM—3.** What do the Scriptures principally teach? A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

### The Question on Missions

3. What amount of home mission work was done last year by the Eastern Section? Over \$32,000 were given for home missions, one half by the mission stations themselves. There were 76 missionaries, who preached in 202 mission stations, and to more than 16,000 people.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

By stroke of saw and blow of hammer the beautiful house grows day by day. And



just by obeying God's law, in little things and in great, and every day and hour, we become like Jesus, His Son.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT I MAY COPY JESUS

Mark 1 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

**Golden Text**—Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only.—1 Samuel 7 : 3.



1 The beginning of the gospel of Je'sus Christ, the Son of God;

2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

5 And there went out unto him all the land of Judæ'a, and they of Jeru'salem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jor'dan, confessing their sins.

6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

7 And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.

8 I indeed have baptized you with water : but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

9 And it came to pass in those days, that

Je'sus came from Naz'areth of Gal'ilee, and was baptized of John in Jor'dan.

10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him :

11 And there came a voice from heaven, *saying*, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus was about thirty years old, the time came for Him to begin His public work of preaching and teaching. So far, very few people knew who or what He was, and His first introduction to the people took place beside the river Jordan, where John the Baptist was preaching and baptizing.

While Jesus was growing up in Nazareth, John the Baptist was being trained by God as the last of the great prophets or teachers, whose work had been to point forward to the coming of the promised Messiah. Much of John's life had been spent in the wild country of the Jordan, where his food and clothing had been of the simplest and coarsest kind. Like the peasants of the desert, he wore a rough coat of camel's hair, fastened about the waist by a leathern belt, his food being locusts and wild honey.

When this strange looking man appeared at Jordan, people flocked to hear him from all the cities round about, and to all who heard him his message was the same, "Repent, for

the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Before long, John and his preaching became so famous that many people thought he must be the Messiah; but John said "No, there is One coming, who is so much greater than I, that I am unworthy to stoop down and unfasten His shoes." So little did John think of himself in comparison with Jesus, that he said, "I am but a voice crying in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.'" Because John's work for Jesus was something like that of a runner or messenger, whose business it was to clear the way before the chariot of an Eastern king, he is often called the forerunner or herald of Jesus.

Now John earnestly invited all who were willing to give up sin, to come to him and be baptized as a sign of repentance; and one day as he was teaching beside the river, Jesus Himself suddenly came and stood beside him, asking to be baptized also. At first John was surprised that Jesus should ask such a thing,



and said, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and comest Thou to me?" For John had said to the people, "I have baptized you with water as a sign of repentance, but my Master, when He comes, shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit." John meant that only Jesus Himself, through the gift of His Holy Spirit, could give power to men to live pure and holy lives.

But Jesus insisted that John should baptize Him as a sign of His belonging to God, and when He was coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descending upon Him like a dove. And there came a voice from heaven saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." By this, John, and all those who stood by, knew for certain that Jesus was indeed the Messiah.

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was John the Baptist?
2. Where had he spent his life?
3. How did he dress?
4. What was his food?
5. Where did John preach?
6. What was his great message?
7. Why did he invite people to be baptized?
8. Of whose coming did he constantly speak?
9. Why is John called the forerunner of Jesus?
10. What did he say that he was unworthy to do for his Master?
11. Who came one day asking to be baptized?
12. What did John say to Jesus?
13. What happened as they were coming out of the water?
14. What message did Jesus receive from His Heavenly Father?
15. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Story

There was a wail from the nursery, and mother rushed upstairs. There sat baby Willie on the floor, and the next baby, Jack, both screaming at the top of their voices, while Harold stood by, quite unconcerned.

"He slapped us, and slapped us," sobbed Jack, "cause we tore his book."

"Oh, Harold!" said his mother, examining the book and the tiny tear, "are you not sorry to have hurt the babies for such a slight matter?"

"No," said Harold sulkily. Then he went off and played by himself, while mother amused Jack and Willie. But when she began telling stories, Harold came back—he was so fond of mother's stories. "If you are not

ready to say that you are sorry, dear," said mother, "I cannot let you hear them."

So Harold went off and thought about it, until he decided that he had been very unkind. Then he came back and kissed the babies. "I'm sorry, sorry," he said. And then mother opened her arms, and kissed and forgave him.

#### Lesson Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours. Amen.  
—Hymn 103, Book of Praise

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—69. What is the danger in using images or pictures in the worship of God? We may come to worship the image or picture instead of God.  
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Ques. 1-3.

#### The Question on Missions

4. What are now the chief home mission districts in the East? New Brunswick and Cape Breton, where, during the last few years, many new stations have been opened, and much progress has been made. Rev. James Ross is Home Mission Superintendent for the Presbyteries of St. John and Miramichi, comprising the whole of New Brunswick.

#### SOMETHING TO DRAW

How gentle and innocent a dove is! Like the dove is the Spirit who came from heaven to dwell in the heart of Jesus. And



God will send Him into our hearts, too, if we ask Him in prayer to do so. Shall we not gladly welcome a guest who will bring such sweetness and purity into our lives.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT I SHOULD SERVE JESUS

Lesson V.

## THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

February 4, 1906

Matthew 4 : 1-11—Memory Verse, 4.

**Golden Text**—In all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.—Hebrews 4 : 15.

1 Then was Je'sus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple.

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down : for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee : and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Je'sus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory

of them ; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10 Then saith Je'sus unto him, Get thee hence, Sa'tan : for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Immediately after Jesus had been baptized by John the Baptist, the Spirit led Him far away into the lonely wilderness, where He lived alone for forty days and forty nights, with no other companions than the wild beasts of the desert. During this time Jesus the Son of God was put to a great test, to prove once for all whether He or Satan were the stronger.

At the end of the forty days, during which time Jesus had eaten little or no food, and when He was weak and exhausted after His long fast, Satan found Him. Knowing exactly how hungry and weary He was, the devil began his work of trying to force the Saviour to obey him. Pointing to some round stones on the ground, which were shaped something like loaves of bread, he began to speak in a taunting voice, saying, "If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be changed into bread." But Jesus was not to be caught by cunning, and answered Satan with a verse from the Bible, saying, "Man shall not

live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Finding the Saviour could not be tempted to sin by any appeal to His feelings or appetite, Satan now tried to entrap Jesus by another plan, seeking if possible to break down His faith and trust in His heavenly Father. Taking Jesus to the top of the highest tower of the temple, the devil suggested that Jesus throw himself down to the ground, to see whether or not God would allow Him to be killed on the stones below. "For," said Satan, mocking Jesus' last answer, "is it not written in the Bible, 'God shall give His angels charge over thee; and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone?'" Jesus answered, "It is also written, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God,' " meaning that we should not expect His protection when rushing into unnecessary danger." So Satan failed the second time in tempting Jesus to sin.

Now, Jesus was so poor that He had almost

nothing in this world to call His own, and Satan next appeared to Him in the guise of a powerful prince, and from the top of a high mountain showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, saying, "I will give Thee all these things if Thou wilt only once bow down and worship me." But almost before he spoke came Jesus' refusal in these words, "Get thee behind Me, Satan; for it is written, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'" After this the devil went away, and angels from heaven came and fed and comforted Jesus.

Jesus was now fully prepared to enter upon His work of teaching and preaching. So far, He was known as the Messiah only to John and some few who had seen Him on the day of His baptism. The time had now come when He must declare Himself as the Saviour.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus go after His baptism?
2. How long did He remain in the desert?
3. Who met Him there? 4. In what state did Satan find Jesus? 5. What did He first try to tempt Him to do? 6. How did the Saviour answer? 7. What dangerous act did the devil ask Jesus to perform? 8. How did he pretend no harm should come of it? 9. What was Jesus' answer? 10. What was Satan's third plan to tempt Jesus to sin? 11. Did it succeed? 12. What happened when Satan went away? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

One day, as Harold came into his father's study, he found some money lying on the floor. Picking it up, he found it to be exactly the sum he needed to purchase a certain knife that had been offered to him by a friend. He knew the money really belonged to his father, but something whispered, "You found it: it is yours"; until he made up his mind to use it, and bought the knife.

But he was never happy so long as he kept it, and at last he took the knife back to his friend, and then went to his father and told him all that he had done.

It is never safe to listen to Satan's voice, nor to trust what he says to us. His promises are always false.

### Lesson Hymn

There is no sorrow, Lord, too light  
To bring in prayer to Thee;  
There is no anxious care too slight  
To wake Thy sympathy.

Thou, who hast trod the thorny road,  
Wilt share each small distress;  
The love, which bore the greater load,  
Will not refuse the less. Amen.

—Hymn 71, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—70. Which is the Third Commandment? 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."

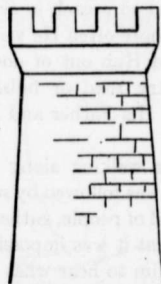
SHORTER CATECHISM—4. What is God?  
A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

### The Question on Missions

5. How many augmented congregations in the Eastern Section? There are 58 of these. Many of them are in places where the population is not increasing, or is diminishing, and therefore greatly need help.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

God's way is always the best way. But Satan tries to persuade us that some other



way is best, just as he tempted Jesus to fling Himself down from a pinnacle of the temple. But when we say, "No," and stick to it, we always get the victory over Satan.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS HELPS ME TO BE GOOD

## Lesson VI.

## JESUS CALLING FISHERMEN

February 11, 1906

Luke 5 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

**Golden Text**—Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.—Ephesians 5 : 1.

1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennes'aret,

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake : but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Si'mon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Si'mon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Si'mon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing : nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes : and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 When Si'mon Pe'ter saw *it*, he fell down at Je'sus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken :

10 And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, which were partners with Si'mon. And Je'sus said unto Si'mon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus began His work as a Preacher and Teacher, He used many strange pulpits. Sometimes He was invited to preach in synagogues or churches, but more often He would gather the people around Him out of doors, where, upon some country road or hillside, He would teach them of His Father and His kingdom.

One day, as Jesus was walking along the shore of Lake Galilee, He was followed by such an anxious, pushing crowd of people, gathered to listen to His words, that it was impossible for any but those near Him to hear what He said. Near by, two empty fishing boats were drawn up on the sand, and beside these, some little distance off, the owners were washing the mud and weeds from their nets.

As Jesus was acquainted with the fishermen, He called one whose name was Simon, and asked him to lend Him his boat, and getting in, they pushed off together a short distance

from land, where Jesus, seated in the boat, began to speak to the people as they sat on the shore. Simon was glad to allow Jesus to use his boat, and the Saviour did not forget this favor, for, when he had finished speaking, He told Simon to push out into deep water and let down his net for a catch.

At first Simon was not willing, saying it was not a good time for fishing; in fact he had worked all the night before and had taken nothing. But something in Jesus' voice persuaded him to try, and immediately Simon's net was filled with such a large catch of fish that he could not draw it in alone, but was obliged to call his partners, James and John, who were near by in another boat, to help him. Simon's net was so full that the fish now filled both his own and his friends' boat, until they were ready to sink, but, to the amazement of all, there was not a mesh broken in the net.

Seeing that a miracle had been done, Simon now fell on his knees before Jesus, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Simon felt he was not worthy to be near Jesus, and yet he wanted to stay. Jesus could see Simon's heart, and knew that he was the kind of man who would make a useful worker in His kingdom, so He gave him this invitation to become His friend and disciple, "Fear not: follow me, from henceforth thou shalt catch not fish, but men."

The three fishermen were now so certain that Jesus was the Saviour, that as soon as they came to land they all left their boats, their fishing and their nets, and from this time followed Jesus wherever He went, and became His faithful disciples or pupils, learning from Him and helping Him in His work.

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus when the crowd pressed upon Him? 2. Whom did He ask to lend Him a boat? 3. What did Jesus do with it? 4. What did He tell Simon to do, when He had finished speaking? 5. Why was Simon at first unwilling? 6. What happened when Simon let down the net? 7. Whom did he call to help land the fish? 8. What astonished the fishermen? 9. What did Simon say to Jesus? 10. What invitation did Jesus give him? 11. What did the three fishermen do when they came to shore? 12. What is a disciple? 13. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Story

A man was once brought before a judge to be tried for stealing a sheep, the supposed owner also being present. Each man claimed the sheep, and it was difficult for the judge to decide to which of them it belonged.

At last he had the sheep brought into court, and sending one of the men into the next room, he told the other to call the sheep and see if it would come to him. But the poor frightened animal paid no attention to what the man said.

In the meantime the other claimant in the adjoining room gave a kind of "cluck," upon which the sheep bounded to him without a moment's hesitation. It was not difficult then to know which was the real owner. In the same way, the true followers of Jesus learn to know and obey their Master's voice.

#### Lesson Hymn

'Follow Me,' the Master said:  
We will follow Jesus:  
By His word and Spirit led,  
We will follow Jesus:  
Still for us He lives to plead,  
At the throne doth intercede,  
Offers help in time of need:  
We will follow Jesus. Amen.  
—Hymn 534, Book of Praise

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—71. What are some of the common ways of taking God's name in vain? Profane swearing, and speaking about God and holy things in a light or thoughtless way.

SHORTER CATECHISM—5. Are there more Gods than one? A. There is but One only, the living and true God. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead? A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

#### The Question on Missions

6. How many home mission fields have we in Ontario and Quebec? 187 in all; comprising 449 mission stations, and at least 33,000 people. In April last 20 mission fields became augmented congregations.

#### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Some of Jesus' disciples supported themselves by fishing. They used boats like the one in the drawing. But Jesus called them



away from their fishing to help Him in saving men. And they were very happy in their new work, as we always are when we seek to do good to others.

**I Have Learned Today  
THAT JESUS CALLS ME**

Lesson VII. **A DAY OF MIRACLES IN CAPERNAUM** February 18, 1906

Mark 1 : 21-34—Memory Verses, 33, 34.

**Golden Text**—He healed many that were sick.—Mark 1 : 34.

21 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Ever since Jesus was a boy, His custom had been to attend the services of His Father's house upon the Sabbath day. When He was in Jerusalem, He went to worship in the temple. If He were in some town or village, He attended the synagogue, where He was often invited to speak.

The Sabbath after the miracle of the fishes, Jesus and His newly chosen disciples went from the seashore into the city of Capernaum, to be present at the service of the synagogue, where, as soon as Jesus entered, He was invited by the minister to preach to the people. As always, everyone was delighted to listen to Jesus, because His teaching was so different from that of the scribes and Pharisees, who only repeated and repeated the sayings and opinions of others, while Jesus always spoke with authority, as one who knew and under-

stood the exact meaning of God's Word.

While Jesus was speaking, and the people were listening and wondering at His gracious words, a man who was troubled with an evil spirit, a sickness which no one could cure, came in and began to cry out in a loud voice against Jesus and what He was saying, so that the service was interrupted and everyone was greatly disturbed.

In the midst of the confusion Jesus turned quietly, and speaking to the evil spirit, He said, "Hold thy peace, and come out of him"; and with a great struggle, in which the sick man was thrown violently on the floor, the evil spirit obeyed, and the man was left well and quiet, so that everyone in the synagogue was astonished, saying, "What thing is this? Who can this Man be, that even the evil spirits should obey Him?"

From the synagogue Jesus went the same day with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew, where Simon's mother-in-law lay very ill with fever. As soon as Jesus knew about her, He went and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and suddenly she became so well and strong that she was able to wait upon them as they sat at table.

By this time the Sabbath was almost over, and the story of the wonders that Jesus had done had spread throughout Capernaum, so that, when evening came, almost the whole city gathered at Simon's door, bringing with them all their friends who were lame or sick, to see if Jesus would heal them. And though they were so many, Jesus healed all who came, and cast out many evil spirits, and sent everyone back to his home strong and happy.

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. In what city was Jesus invited to speak in the synagogue? 2. Why were people glad to hear Him? 3. Who interrupted Jesus as He was speaking? 4. What did Jesus do? 5. Did the evil spirit obey? 6. What did He first do to the sick man? 7. What did the people who saw this miracle say? 8. Whither did Jesus go from the synagogue? 9. What did He do for Simon's mother-in-law? 10. Who came to Him in the evening? 11. What did Jesus do for those who were ill? 12. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Story

A lady, visiting a village Sunday School, noticed a little girl shabbily dressed and barefooted, shrinking in the corner and sobbing as if her heart would break.

Soon, however, another little girl got up and went to her. Taking her by the hand, she led her out to a brook, where she bathed her tear-stained face, talking cheerily all the while, until the little one brightened up and began to smile.

The visitor who had followed the children now came forward and asked, "Is this your sister?" "No," answered the child, "I have no sister." "Then how came you to take her out and have such a care for her?" "Because she was a stranger, and she's all alone and needed someone to be kind to her," answered the child. That little girl had caught the spirit of Jesus, who always went about doing good.

#### Lesson Hymn

At even, ere the sun was set,  
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;  
O in what divers pains they met!  
O with what joy they went away! Amen.  
—Hymn 366, Book of Praise

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—72. Which is the Fourth Commandment? The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." 73. Which day of the week is our Sabbath? The first day of the week is our Sabbath.

SHORTER CATECHISM—7. What are the decrees of God? A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

#### The Question on Missions

7. How many augmented congregations in Ontario and Quebec? 111; during the year 19 augmented congregations became self-sustaining.

#### SOMETHING TO DRAW

It must have been a wonderful sight to see the crowds of sick people around Jesus. How joyful they and their friends were when

# HEALED MANY

He healed them! He is still able to make us well when we are sick; and, better even than this, He can take sin out of our hearts.

I Have Learned To-day  
THAT JESUS IS KIND

Mark 2 : 1-12—Memory Verse, 5.

**Golden Text**—The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—Mark 2 : 10.

1 And again he entered into Caper'naum, after *some* days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door : and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was : and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Je'sus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies ? who can forgive sins but God only ?

8 And immediately when Je'sus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within

themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts ?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk ?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

The next time Jesus came to Capernaum, after the Sabbath upon which He had cured so many sick people, news passed quickly from one to another that the great Teacher was again in Simon's house, and immediately the people came flocking in hundreds to see Him. Besides the common people and those who had been healed by Jesus on His last visit, there were present also a number of the proud scribes and Pharisees, as well as many strangers and travelers; for the fame of Jesus had now spread far and wide, and Simon's house, and even the door and yardway, were soon so blocked that it was impossible for anyone else to enter.

While everyone was running and hurrying to catch a sight of the Master, there was one poor man who could not go, for he was paralyzed and unable to leave his bed. Hearing from the neighbors of the miracles that Jesus had done, and desiring greatly to see Him,

he at last persuaded four of his friends to carry him on a mattress to Simon's house, to see if Jesus would help him. But what was their disappointment upon coming to the place, to find the crowd greater than ever, so that there was not room for them to come near the door. They would either have to go away with their sick friend, or find some place of entering the house other than the ordinary way.

In a few moments the people inside the house heard a sound on the roof, as if someone were loosening the tiles, and before they had time to think what it could be, to their amazement they saw the strange sight of a sick man being lowered into the room by ropes tied to the four corners of a mattress, for by this plan the paralytic had at last succeeded in reaching the exact spot where Jesus stood.

Jesus was pleased that anyone should take so much trouble to find Him, and seeing the



faith of the sick man and his four friends, He said, "Son, thy sins are forgiven." But immediately the scribes and Pharisees began to find fault with Jesus' words, saying angrily among themselves, "This Man has no right to speak so. No one can forgive sins but God Himself."

Knowing what they thought, Jesus now turned to them and said, "Which is greater, to forgive sins, or to heal a sick man?" And to prove that He could do both, He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up thy bed, and walk." And immediately he got up, and swinging his mattress over his shoulder, walked out before them all, so that everyone made way for him with astonishment, and glorified God, saying, "We have seen strange things to-day."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the people of Capernaum do when they knew that Jesus had come? 2. Who was unable to go to Jesus? 3. Why did he want to see Him? 4. What did the paralytic at last persuade his friends to do? 5. What did they find when they reached Simon's house? 6. What strange plan did they take to reach Jesus? 7. What did Jesus say when He saw the man coming down through the roof? 8. Why were the scribes and Pharisees displeased? 9. What did Jesus do for the sick man? 10. How did he prove that he was well? 11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Dear doctor, a trolley car broke Neddy's leg," sobbed a little girl, who hurried into the receiving ward of a city hospital the other day with a basket on her arm; "can't you mend it?"

Now the physician had not been accustomed to treat dogs, but he was delighted at the confidence of the child, whose appeal to cure her pet touched his heart at once, and lifting the lid of the basket, he tenderly drew out the dog, a tiny water spaniel, to examine it.

"That's Neddy, don't hurt him, doctor," the child pleaded; for the dog was shivering and yelping with pain. But in a short time the well-beloved Neddy was fixed up with splints and bandages, replaced in the basket, and carried home by his little mistress. And soon he was as well as ever.

### Lesson Hymn

I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all, and frees us  
From the accursèd load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus,  
To wash my crimson stains  
White in His blood most precious,  
Till not a spot remains. Amen.  
—Hymn 123, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—74.** Why is our Sabbath called the Lord's day? Because on that day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.  
**75.** How should we spend the Lord's day? We should spend the Lord's day in rest, in worship, and in doing good.

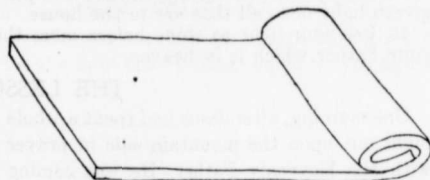
**SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Ques. 4-7.**

### The Question on Missions

8. What about the givings of the home mission fields and augmented congregations? Their average contributions for their own support are larger, per communicant and per family, than those of the self-supporting congregations. This is true throughout the whole church.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

The sick man in the Lesson had four friends. Each of them held a corner of his bed, and



so they carried him to Jesus. Is it not fine to think that we can all do something to help our friends and make them happy?

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT JESUS FORGIVES SINS

Matthew 5 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 3-6.

**Golden Text**—Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.—Matthew 5 : 8.

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain : and when he was set, his disciples came unto him :

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed *are* they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed *are* the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed *are* the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all *sake*.

manner of evil against you falsely, for my

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad : for great *is* your reward in heaven : for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth : but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted ? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick ; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

One morning, after Jesus had spent a whole night out upon the mountain side in prayer with His Heavenly Father, He was coming down the hill path with His disciples, when He met a great crowd of people coming towards Him. Finding Himself in a large grassy place, Jesus sat down, and as the people gathered around Him, He began to preach.

On this particular morning, Jesus' sermon was intended specially for His newly chosen disciples, and the Master now explained to them more clearly than He had yet done how they must live, if they were to be His true servants and lead others into the kingdom of God.

As Jesus looked about among the people, He saw very few who were really happy, and

the first part of His sermon told of eight ways, each beginning with the word "Blessed," by which men could learn to be truly satisfied and happy. The first happy people of whom the Saviour spoke, were the humble, whom He called "the poor in spirit," promising that they should be among the first to inherit His kingdom.

"Blessed are they that mourn," said the Saviour, "for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are

persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus told His friends plainly that they would be hated in this world for His sake, but that, if they proved faithful, a great reward was awaiting them in heaven.

To show how important the work of His people should be, Jesus compared them to salt and light. As salt preserves and purifies, so Christ's people must always stand for what is good and right. As a city that is set on a hill, or a lighted candle in a room, the good works of Christ's people must show clearly where they are, and so glorify their Heavenly Father.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did Jesus meet as He came down the mountain side? 2. Where did He seat Himself to preach? 3. What was this sermon called? 4. For whom was it specially intended? 5. How many ways did Jesus point out of being happy? 6. What did He say about the humble? 7. What promise did He make about the merciful? 8. What did He say about the peacemakers? 9. How did He say His followers should be treated in this world? 10. To what two things did He compare His church and people? 11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

There was once a very famous man whose name was Francis. He lived more than six hundred years ago, but people have not forgotten him yet, because he was such a very good man, and was fond of fun, and liked to make everyone happy, and loved Christ.

He was so anxious for all the world to know what God is like, that he even went into the fields and woods and told the lambs and little birds that their Father in heaven cared for them all. And the other men hardly ever laughed at him, but instead, they told each other how fine it was to know someone whose religion made him so like Christ that he was hardly ever miserable.

This was right, for religion is not scolding and pulling a long face and frowning at play. It is looking to Jesus Christ and being as good as you can, and being happy because you are trying to be good.

### Lesson Hymn

There is a city bright,  
Closed are its gates to sin;  
Nought that defileth,  
Nought that defileth  
Can ever enter in.

Saviour, I come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I pray—  
Cleanse me and save me,  
Cleanse me and save me,  
Wash all my sins away. Amen.  
—Hymn 587, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—76. Why should we go to a place of worship on the Lord's day? Because God's Word tells us that we should, and because it helps us to be good.

SHORTER CATECHISM—8. How doth God execute his decrees? A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

### The Question on Missions

9. What are the special features of the mission work in Quebec and Eastern Ontario? In these sections French Roman Catholics are buying out the English speaking Protestants, thus weakening the fields; and missionaries are required who can speak French and English.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Sailors at sea on a dark night look eagerly for the light that streams out from the light-



house. Often this saves them from shipwreck. We can be lights, too, showing others where danger lies and so helping them to shun it.

**I Have Learned Today**  
THAT MY HEART SHOULD BE PURE

Matthew 5 : 33-48—Memory Verses, 44, 45.

Golden Text—Keep the door of my lips.—Psalm 141 : 3.



33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths :

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne :

35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool : neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth :

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil : but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven : for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye ? do not even the publicans the same ?

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more *than others* ? do not even the publicans so ?

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

In the last part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, He explained the difference between His laws and the false teachings of the scribes and Pharisees, who were always quarreling among themselves as to the exact meaning of the rules which had been handed down to them from one generation to another.

One of the questions about which the false teachers of Jesus' time constantly disagreed was the question of a man's keeping his word. Which was the most binding promise or oath, they disputed, one made and sworn to by the temple, the world, the sky, a man's life, or one made in the name of God Himself.

Christ's answer to all these difficulties was very simple. He said, "I say unto you, Swear not at all, neither by heaven : for it is

God's throne; nor by thy head: for thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your 'yes' mean 'yes,' and your 'no,' mean 'no.' Anything else cometh of evil."

At this time it was the common custom, that when one man injured another man in a dispute, he should expect to receive the same injury in return, so that the words, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth," were known everywhere as a common saying. But Jesus said, "I say unto you, resist not evil : but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek turn to him the other also. If a man take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twice as far. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would

borrow of thee turn not thou away." In all these ways Jesus taught His disciples that the best way to get the better of an enemy, was to make friends with him and treat him kindly.

Speaking of another common saying, which was, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy," Jesus changed it for His followers to this: "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that treat you badly, that you may be like your Father in heaven, who makes all to share the same good gifts, sending His rain and sun alike upon the evil and the good."

Jesus taught that His servants should obey a higher and better law than others. "For," said the Saviour, "if you show kindness only to those who are kind to you, what do you more than sinners? Do not even the despised publicans the same? But ye shall be perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who were the false teachers of Jesus' time? 2. What new commandment did Jesus give about swearing? 3. What did He teach His followers about keeping their word? 4. What was meant by, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth?" 5. How did Jesus teach His followers to act towards those who had injured them? 6. What rule did He give for treating enemies? 7. What did He tell His people to do for them? 8. What good gifts does God make all to share? 9. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"I'm not going to ask Jimmy Bell to my party," said Bobby, coming in from school at noon. "He hit me to-day just for nothing at all." "Did you hit him back?" asked mother, quietly. "No," answered Bobby, "but I'm not going to ask him to my party."

"I'd call that a pretty bad hit," said mother. "You're asking every other boy you know. If you leave him out, he will be angry, but if you ask him, he will probably be sorry, instead."

Bobby ate his dinner very thoughtfully, and that afternoon he asked Jimmy to his party. "After I hit you?" said Jimmy. "I'm awfully sorry, Bobby." And Bobby smiled: he was glad he had not hit back.

### Lesson Hymn

Do no sinful action,  
Speak no angry word,  
Ye belong to Jesus,  
Children of the Lord.

Christ is kind and gentle,  
Christ is pure and true,  
And His little children  
Must be holy too. Amen.

—Hymn 529, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—77. What example did Jesus give us in this matter? It was His custom to go to the place of worship on the Sabbath Day. 78. For what purpose do we go to the house of God? We go to worship God with His people.

SHORTER CATECHISM—9. What is the work of creation? A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

### The Question on Missions

10. What special features has the work in Northern Ontario? In Northern Ontario, besides the work among the new settlers, there are thousands of men employed in the lumber camps, and in the mines, many of whom are foreigners. The missionary's labors, particularly in the winter season, are especially difficult.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

A good, strong lock this is. A prisoner would not easily break through a door fas-



tened by it. Now, evil, angry words sometimes seek to break through our lips. What we should do then is just to keep the door of our lips tight shut.

**I Have Learned To-day That  
I SHOULD GUARD MY TONGUE AND  
TEMPER**

Lesson XI.

## REVIEW

March 18, 1906

**Golden Text**—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness.—Matthew 4 : 23.

**REPEAT**—Golden Texts for Quarter. (As the Quarterly Review of the Lessons comes one Sabbath in advance this Quarter, the Review of Catechism, etc., will be given with Lesson XII., for next Sabbath.)

## "Jesus" Hymns

What beautiful Lesson Hymns we have had this Quarter! Each one has told us something about Jesus, the Wonderful Saviour.

**I. THE BABE**—The first two Hymns, 520 and 31, speak of the little Babe who was born at Bethlehem. They recall the story of how the angels came from heaven and sang their sweet song of praise to God for sending Jesus into the world; and how the Wise Men from the East were guided by the star to the place where the Babe was.

**II. THE BOY**—The Hymn for Lesson III. (Hymn 304, v. 3) gives us a glimpse into that home in Nazareth, where Jesus lived as a boy, obeying His parents with a willing heart and showing Himself kind and helpful to all about Him.

**III. THE DOVE**—It is the blessed Holy Spirit to whom the Hymns (103, v. 1 and 71, vs. 1, 2) for Lessons IV. and V. point us. He come down, we remember, in the form of a pure and gentle dove, upon Jesus when He was being baptized. And the Spirit was strong, too, for in His power Jesus gained the victory over Satan in the wilderness.

**IV. THE FOUR FISHERMEN**—We all remember the four fishermen whom Jesus called to follow Him. Hymn 534 (Lesson VI.) teaches us that Jesus wants us, also, to be His followers—to listen to His teachings and obey His commands day by day.

**V. THE SICK HEALED**—Two very beautiful pictures they are which Hymns 366, v. 1 and 123, v. 1 (Lesson VII. and VIII.) bring before us. First, there is Jesus healing the crowds of sick people and then the same loving Saviour forgiving sins. And it is sweet to remember that Jesus is still able and oh! so willing, to make us well when we are sick, and freely to pardon all our sins.

**VI. HOW TO BE HAPPY**—Our blessed Lord, in His wonderful Sermon on the Mount, tells us how to be happy. We must, He says, have only good and loving thoughts in our

lives and be very watchful over our tongues and tempers. Hymns 587, vs. 1, 2 and 529, vs. 1, 2, bring back to our minds these teachings of Jesus.

**VII. THE SWEETEST HYMN OF ALL**—None of the Quarter's Hymns is sweeter than the last. For does it not tell us that Jesus came from heaven just that He might save and bless each one of us? The very littlest ones have a special place in His love and care. He has very kind and tender words for them, and His strong, loving arms are always round about them. Yes, a very precious hymn is 558, the hymn for to-day.

## Lesson Hymn

Jesus, when He left the sky,  
And for sinners came to die,  
In His mercy passed not by  
Little ones like me.

Children, love Him! He loves you:  
Strive His holy will to do;  
Pray to Him; and praise Him too—  
Little ones like me. Amen.

—Hymn 558, Book of Praise

## The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—79.** How do we worship God when we go to His house? We worship God by praise, prayer, the reading and preaching of God's Word, and by our offerings.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—10.** How did God create man? A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

## The Question on Missions

11. Which Presbyteries in Ontario have the most numerous mission fields: The Presbyteries of Kingston, Barrie, North Bay, and Algoma. These contain a total of about 250 mission stations. Rev. Dr. Allan Findlay is the Home Mission Superintendent of this district.

**I Have Learned To-day That  
JESUS TEACHES, HELPS AND LOVES ME**

**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.

LESSON I. The Shepherds Find Jesus.

LESSON VI. Jesus Calling Fishermen.

LESSON II. The Wise Men Find Jesus.

LESSON VII. A Day of Miracles in Capernaum.

LESSON III. The Boy Jesus.

LESSON VIII. Jesus' Power to Forgive.

LESSON IV. The Baptism of Jesus.

LESSON IX. Jesus Tells Who Are Blessed.

LESSON V. The Temptation of Jesus.

LESSON X. The Tongue and The Temper.

LESSON XII. Temperance Lesson.

## Lesson XII.

## REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS

March 25, 1906

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## TEMPERANCE LESSON

Proverbs 23 : 29-35—Memory Verse, 31.

**Golden Text**—At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.—Proverbs 23 : 32.



29 Who hath woe ? who hath sorrow ? who hath contentions ? who hath babbling ? who hath wounds without cause ? who hath redness of eyes ?

30 They that tarry long at the wine ; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say,* and I was not sick ; they have beaten me, and I felt it not : when shall I awake ? I will seek it yet again.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Two of the most dreaded reptiles in Eastern lands are the snake and the adder, the bite of both being poisonous and deadly. The chief danger from these creatures, which at first glance may often appear harmless and even beautiful, lies in the fact that they are not easily seen and always attack people by stealth and when they are least expecting it.

King Solomon, one of the wisest men who ever lived, when he wanted to warn people against the sin and danger of drunkenness, compared wine and such strong drinks to both of these poisonous animals, saying, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright ; for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Solomon meant that, like the deadly bite of a poisonous and cunning reptile, the constant drinking of wine and such like drinks, would bring a man, even before he was aware of it, to certain ruin and destruction.

Now a person bitten by a poisonous snake is sometimes thrown into a deep and pleasant sleep, from which it is impossible to awaken him, and in the same way, the first effect of whisky poison is to make one happy ; but the pleasure lasts only for a short time and turns quickly into sickness and disgust.

In his Proverbs or Wise Book, which King Solomon wrote especially for the instruction and warning of young people, and which is now part of the Old Testament, he gives a terrible description of a drunkard returning to his home after a night spent in feasting and drinking with evil companions. While the pleasure lasted, everything went merrily, but when morning came, no one would know him for the same man. While in a drunken state someone has kicked and wounded him, so that he is covered with blood and bruises, of which he can give no account. His eyes are swollen and red, he is quarrelsome, foolish, and altogether unhappy. But for all this, he is not



warned against his evil ways, and the next opportunity finds him drinking again, until drunkenness has become such a habit that he cannot leave off.

Not only does drunkenness take away a man's health and happiness, but it leads him into other sins as well, and especially the sin of lying, so that it is almost impossible to believe a drunkard's word. After a time nobody respects him, and he loses faith even in himself.

To allow oneself to come to such a state through strong drink, Solomon said, is as dangerous and senseless as to try to lie down on the crest of a wave, or on top of a high ship's mast, for in the end it is certain ruin and destruction: not only to the body, but to the mind and soul as well.

Drunkenness is as much an evil to-day as it was in Solomon's time, for it breaks up home, destroys business, and does more harm and causes more unhappiness than almost any other sin in the world.

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. To what two poisonous reptiles did Solomon compare the sin of drunkenness?
2. What makes these animals dangerous?
3. Why is the habit of drinking like them?
4. What kind of feelings does drinking wine give at first? 5. To what does it afterwards lead? 6. What was the name of Solomon's book? 7. For whom was it written? 8. What description does Solomon give of the drunkard's appearance and behavior? 9. Why is drunkenness as foolish as to lie down in the water? 10. To what other foolish act did Solomon compare it? 11. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Story

"M-m-m!" said Bobby, regarding the quarter in his hand with shining eyes, "twenty-five whole cents, and Uncle said to do what I liked with it. Guess I know what I'd like to do—buy all the chocolates I could eat. Never had more'n five cents worth before. Mother always says that's enough; more would make me sick, but I don't see how it could. Why, chocolate is food."

He gazed a long time at the tempting display in the shop window before he could make up his mind, and when he came out it

seemed such a big parcel, that Bobby smiled all over his face when he thought he could eat them all himself. He sat down under a tree near the house and began. The first ones tasted so nice, but after he had eaten a great many of the rich, creamy lumps, he wondered why he had ever liked chocolates.

Then the tea-bell rang, but he didn't want any tea. He felt so queer and miserable and as if he never wanted to eat *anything* again. Mother noticed his white face. "It was the chocolates," he explained. "I thought it would be lovely to eat a whole lot, but—"

"Ah!" said mother sadly, "sometimes things that seem very good hurt us when we abuse them. This is just like sin. It seems like pleasure to begin with, but the evil consequences are always felt in the end."

#### Lesson Hymn

My soul, be on thy guard,  
Ten thousand foes arise,  
And hosts of sins are pressing hard  
To draw thee from the skies.

Oh, watch and fight and pray;  
The battle ne'er give o'er;  
Renew it boldly every day,  
And help divine implore. Amen.

—Hymn 247, Book of Praise

#### SOMETHING TO DRAW

There is a plant that looks very pretty and harmless. But if we touch it, it will make us very ill. The plant is called poison ivy.



So our Lesson tells us that strong drink seems harmless at first, but it really destroys both the body and soul of those who use it.

**I Have Learned To-day That  
I SHOULD SHUN STRONG DRINK**

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[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.....

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