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## Bye, Baby, Bye !

Bye, baby, day is over,  
Bees are drowsing in the clover ;  
Bye, baby, bye !  
Now the sun to bed is gliding,  
All the pretty flowers are hiding :  
Bye, baby, bye !  
Bye, baby, birds are sleeping ;  
One by one the stars are peeping ;  
Bye, baby, bye !  
In the far off sky they twinkle,  
While the cows come tinkle, tinkle :  
Bye, baby, bye !  
Bye, baby, mother holds thee ;  
Loving, tender care enfolds thee ;  
Bye, baby, bye !  
Angels in thy dreams caress thee ;  
Through the darkness guard and bless thee :  
Bye, baby, bye !

—Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge



## Training in Thankfulness

By Mrs. C. M. Hincks, B.A.

A Primary teacher was telling her class the Christmas story as given in Luke's Gospel. She had come to the verse which tells us how, after the angels had gone into heaven, the shepherds said one to another : "Let us now go . . . and see this thing which has come to pass ;" but, instead of giving the words of the shepherds, she said to her children :

"Now, what would *you* say if angels came to *you* with such a wonderful message ?"

One little hand went up eagerly.

"Yes, Jackie," she asked, "what would *you* say ?"

"I'd say, 'Thank you,'" said Jackie.

It was not the expected answer, but oh ! how the teacher treasured that reply which

indicated in the little child a real appreciation of God's goodness.

A little child is not born with a deep sense of gratitude, as he is born with the power to imitate and imagine ; it is a quality which needs cultivation and its cultivation will take time. We carry the baby until he can walk. We do much for him without looking for any expression of thankfulness, until he is old enough to understand, to a slight extent at least, the efforts we make for his comfort and happiness. He must first be made to realize the source of his happiness and benefits if he is to be thankful for them. He loves the nodding flowers and the golden sunshine, the blue sky and the twinkling stars ; he enjoys the warmth of his woolen clothes in winter and the coolness of his cotton suits in summer ; he relishes his food with a keen delight and refreshes himself eagerly with drinks of water and milk. Here is one great opportunity for training. He may grow up a selfish little fellow with never a thought as to who provided all these things, but, on the other hand, he may be filled with wonder and love for the Creator who gave them, and out of that wonder and love will spring gratitude to a heavenly Father who cares so much for him, and to an earthly father and mother and all others who are God's helpers in making him comfortable and happy. At every meal he can learn to bow his little head and say :

"God is great, and God is good,  
And we thank him for our food."

At bed time he can express his thanks by telling God how glad he is that he cares for him :

"I've had a very happy day  
And now, I bow my head to pray,

Dear Father, I am glad you keep  
Awake when little children sleep."

But thankfulness must be shown not only in word, but also in deed. The words of that hymn which every child should know, aptly express this idea :

"Can a little child like me,  
Thank the Father fittingly ?  
Yes, oh yes ! be good and true,  
Patient, kind in all you do ;  
Love the Lord and do your part ;  
Learn to say with all your heart,  
Father, we thank Thee !  
Father in heaven we thank Thee !"

We must give the child opportunity to show his thanks in tangible form. For example, at Thanksgiving or Christmas by a little self-denial, there can be a giving as well as a receiving that some child less fortunate may have a glad Thanksgiving Day, or a happy Christmas. There is an inward glow that comes with such little sacrifices, which will make the child eager to show his thankfulness again by sharing with others. Thus, the habit of thankfulness is formed, for thankfulness like other things, is increased through practice. It is a habit which a few people seem to have deep-rooted and instead of going about grumbling about the hardships of life, they overflow with gratitude for the joys allotted them—and they are not usually those people whose paths have fallen in most pleasant places. Let us help our children to acquire this habit.

Thankfulness is increased by example. Let us always remember to say "thank you" for the little gifts and sacrifices on the part of our children. We cannot expect them to be grateful to us unless we show gratitude to them.

Stories furnish examples of gratitude. If we confine ourselves to the Bible alone we find considerable choice. There is the story of the thanksgiving of the Israelites upon crossing the Red Sea, that of the healing of the ten lepers, that of the children singing their glad hosannas at the triumphal entry of our Lord, and Mary's beautiful song : "My soul doth magnify the Lord." Let our children learn such passages as this and The Shepherd's Psalm, as well as their more simple praise songs, that they may know the

joy of singing with their whole hearts in gratitude to God, their Creator and Father.

Toronto



### Rainy Day Occupations

"Rain, rain, go away ;  
Come again some other day,  
For little Johnnie wants to play."

The old nursery rhyme well illustrates the spirit in which most rainy days are met by the little ones. What then may be done to make the outwardly gloomy weather sunny and bright within doors ?

A little lad of three summers, as active and fond of outdoor sports as a healthy boy should be, having recently planned a delightful picnic in which wading in the water, and a boat ride held prominent place, awoke to find the rain pouring down upon the long anticipated day.

Disappointment was plainly written upon every feature of the little face, but he bravely pushed back the tears as mama told of the thirsty little flowers and grass that were thankful for the nice drink of water, only remarking : "But mama, seems to me they are drefful thirsty, for it rains most all the time."

Later in the day he had his picnic dinner served upon toy dishes on his little table, with sandwiches, lady-fingers, and a bit of candy to complete the feast. "It is 'most as nice as outdoors," was his satisfied comment, and mama felt amply paid for the trouble.

We have found in our own experience that it is well to have certain "rainy-day" toys and occupations reserved for stormy days when the little people are storm-bound.

Oftimes the more simple the equipment, the greater the pleasure to the child, for the imagination is brought more strongly into play and the interest thus more deeply enlisted.

We sometimes see an odd little "grinder man" about our house. Strapped to his back is the carrier from papa's bicycle (to represent the grinder's stand), in his hand the small table bell, and he marches up and down occasionally stopping to "grind scissors"

(always his blunt ones), as happy and busy a boy as one wishes to see!

This same small boy finds endless pleasure in a collection of Perry pictures I keep only for rainy days. They have been carefully selected both with an idea of artistic merit, and with the idea of interest from the child's standpoint.

These may seem simple suggestions, as they indeed are, but they have developed from the actual needs of one little lad who, being an only child, has been thrown upon his own resources for amusement.

For children of six years or older, who have passed the purely imaginative age, and wish to do something of real use, the little hand looms now used in many Kindergarten and Primary rooms offer much pleasure. There is a fascination in the threading in and out of the needle as the little rug takes shape, that holds the interest of the child, while the variety of colors and the patterns of the rugs thus made is limited only by the amount of material furnished and the ingenuity of the child in forming the fancy borders.—Exchange



### Going to Sleep

"I don't want to go to bed," said Bess. "Everything except children can stay awake till it's dark,—real night,—and I don't see why children have to go to sleep so early. I want to watch the flowers and the leaves. They don't have to go to bed!"

"Oh, don't they?" answered grandfather, in a surprised voice. And then he added, "The clover and the wood-sorrel and the nasturtiums have been asleep for more than an hour. They don't have to be sent to bed, because they go quietly without making a fuss."

Bess looked at her grandfather with very wide-open eyes. "Sure enough, grandpa? Do flowers go to sleep, or are you just beginning a new story?"

All the crossness was gone from the little girl's voice. She was very much in earnest.

"A true story," answered her grandfather. "You see, the flowers and leaves—that is, a great many of them—go to sleep with much more regularity and good sense than a great

many children, and grown-ups, too, for that matter. After they have kept house for the bees all day, and danced with the wind, and played hide-and-go-seek with the leaves, they are as tired as little girls are, and are quite ready to go to bed."

"But how did you find out, grandpa?"

"Bless me, child, I didn't make the discovery! A wise man by the name of Pliny—"

"I know about him a little. Go on, grandpa."

"I will if you won't interrupt, my dear. Yes, a wise man named Pliny observed the habits of certain plants, and two thousand years later a very learned man, Linnæus, wrote a good deal about the sleep of plants. But I have not only read what Linnæus wrote. I myself have watched them go to sleep, and they do it sweetly and gently without a murmur, and right on time."

"How do they, grandpa? They haven't any beds to go to sleep in, you know."

"Of course not. They just hang out on their stems, which are like hammocks for them, I dare say, and they 'turn in' by turning the outside of their leaves downward."

"To shut out the moonlight?" asked Bess.

"No, to keep from getting too cold. The outside of the leaves is thinner, more delicate, than the under surface, so they turn the under side up and protect the tender faces of the petals, just as we humans put screens up to keep drafts from our heads at night."

"What time do they go to sleep?" Bess asked the question quite seriously.

"The pretty, pale-green wood-sorrel is an early-to-bed-early-to-rise plant. The leaves begin to sink before five o'clock, and by half past five of a summer afternoon they have dropped down until they form a charming little tent, which keeps off the chill and night dew from their faces. The tiny tents are unfurled at a quarter of seven in the morning, when they awake. The leaves of the common clover, which you see every day, Bess, go to bed quite differently. Instead of falling down, the clover leaves rise and fold over each other, so that the under surface is exposed. Then as evening draws on, the two little side leaves twist themselves and move toward each other, until their faces come together. At the same time they bend downward, and the middle

leaflet rises and forms a nice little roof over the edge of the closed side leaves. The clover begins to get ready for bed at four o'clock in the afternoon, and wakes up—that is to say, straightens its leaves out flat—at an early hour in the morning. You see, the flowers and plants need as much sleep as children, and they never have to be reminded or—”

“I know what you are going to say, grandpa, but you needn't say it, for I am going to be as sensible as the clover and the wood-sorrel and the nasturtiums. Isn't it wonderful to think of the dear little things actually going to sleep and waking up? Good night, grandpa! I am going to bed now, so I can get up early to-morrow morning and watch them waken and wash their faces. Won't it be fun, though? I'm always going to bed with the flowers after this.”

And Bess went to bed quite happily, and never again did she complain when bedtime hour came.—Youth's Companion



### Fan Fu Lin

By Mrs. T. A. Arthurs

Fan Fu Lin lived in the main street of a little Chinese city. His father was a silversmith and made curiously carved finger rings and earrings for women. His mother was busy all day making clothing and shoes for her family and helping to prepare the food. She seldom went out except to buy a few feet of cloth or some thread in a nearby shop.

Fu Lin was not often lonely. He had so many cousins living in the same yard to play with. There are very few toys in a Chinese home, but Fu Lin's mother had made some pretty balls of cotton and colored wool, and the little children played with these. At New Year's season many little presents were given to the children such as whistles, clay animals or men, and little trinkets of various kinds. The little girls also played “jacks” with small round stones.

But Fu Lin used to spend much of the time in his father's shop. At meal time he would take his bowl of food and chop-sticks and sit on a little stool watching the people go by, as he ate.

There is no wall at the front of a Chinese shop, so the people on the street would often speak to him as they passed.

One day a stranger wearing foreign clothing passed by and spoke to the bright faced lad, inviting him to come into the little church nearby where the people learned about Jesus. Little Fu Lin went the following Sunday and became much interested in the stories he heard. He brought a New Testament and learned to read parts of it. Soon after this, the strange foreigner, who was a missionary, called at the Fan home. He was taken into the guest room and politely compelled to sit in the seat of honor, one of the two chairs placed on either side of the small guest table. Tea was served in little bowls, but no cream or sugar was brought in. The Chinese think it a very strange custom to mix these things up in tea.

A few weeks after this a school was opened by the missionary, and Fan Fu Lin was one of the first to enter as a pupil. There he learned not only such subjects as are taught to boys and girls in Canada, but also about the Bible. After school was closed for the day, all the pupils would enjoy a game of football on the playground in front of the school. It was very funny to see these boys, and the teacher too, holding up the skirts of their long, coat like garments as they ran to kick the ball.

Many of the boys lived at the school and slept, as do most Chinese, on a sort of brick platform, covered with straw matting. Several boys can sleep on one of these brick beds, and sleep well, too, each rolled in his quilt.

One large iron pot, almost as big as a small wash tub, contained all the food for one meal, and when the thick wooden cover was removed the hungry lads thought their dinner of millet and vegetables smelled very good.

Fu Lin made such good progress at school that soon his little brother was also sent. Both these boys are still at school and may some day be preachers, and perhaps some boy who is reading this may be working with them in China. Who knows?

Tao K'ou, North Honan, China

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1918

(Note : Introduce some slight novelty on the hot Sundays, if it is only the change of seating arrangements. Have flowers in the room and let there be plenty of singing. A special endeavor should be made to have the Sunday School as attractive as possible.)

## I. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE.

*Teacher.* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

*Class.* Fear before him, all the earth.

*Teacher.* O come, let us sing unto the Lord :

*Class.* Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

## II. SINGING. (Tune, Hymn 412, Book of Praise.)

|                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| To thy house, O Lord we come,       | Open thou our ears to hear,        |
| Tune all our hearts to praise thee. | Of the sweet gospel story,         |
| We would worship thee alone.        | And to thy great name so dear,     |
| Help us, O Lord, we pray thee.      | All the glory we shall give. Amen. |

## III. PRAYER.

IV. SINGING. Have a song service of about ten minutes. Allow the children to choose some of the hymns. Have brief conversations about the words.

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

## VI. OFFERING. Sing (Tune, Hymn 274, Book of Praise) :

|                                     |                                       |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lord accept our freewill offerings, | May they spread the gospel story*     |
| Seeds of blessing may they be ;     | Winning souls, O Lord, to thee. Amen. |

VII. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGE. A Boy Helping Jesus, John 6 : 5, 8-14. The recitation of the passages given Quarter by Quarter in the Orders of Service, leads to the obtaining of a pretty Certificate in Colors. For Form of Application write to Rev. J. C. Robertson, D.D., our General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

VIII. SINGING. Memory Hymn, Hymn 509, Book of Praise. (The verses of this Hymn should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them, Sunday by Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

## IX. BIRTHDAY EXERCISE. Sing (Tune, Hymn 455, without refrain, Book of Praise).

A birthday, a birthday, with happy hearts we sing,  
An off'ring, an off'ring, in our hands we bring,  
May God bless the gift and our little friend who pays  
This tribute of thankfulness, love and of praise.

Pennies for the children in homes so dark and lone,  
To lead them to Jesus and make them his own ;  
We thank thee dear Saviour for making us to be  
Thy servants in bringing the children to thee.

## XI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

## XII. LESSON HYMN.

## XIII. REPEAT IN CONCERT THE LORD'S PRAYER.

## XIV. DISTRIBUTE PAPERS AND DISMISS.

## Lesson I.

## BEGINNING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

July 7, 1918

Acts 16 : 13-15, 25-34. Study John 1 : 35-51 ; Acts 16 : 13-34. \*Scripture Memory Verse, John 6 : 5.

**Golden Text**—He that will, let him take the water of life freely.—Revelation 22 : 17 (Rev. Ver.).



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13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made ; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

14 And a certain woman named Lyd'ia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyati'ra, which worshipped God, heard *us* : whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained *us*.

25 And at midnight Paul and Si'las prayed, and sang praises unto God : and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken : and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm : for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in,

and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Si'las,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved ?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Je'sus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes ; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The great apostle Paul, with three of his friends, went to a heathen city where most of the people worshiped idols. There were a few people there who loved the true God and prayed to him. Paul knew that these people used to go out to a quiet spot beside the river every Sunday to pray to God. When Sunday came, Paul walked away out along the river bank till he came to a pretty green spot amongst the rocks and bushes, and there he found some women praying to God. Paul,

as our picture shows us, sat down beside them and began to tell them about Jesus.

The woman who is kneeling before Paul is Lydia, who was a rich woman, a seller of beautiful purple cloth. She listened to every word Paul said and God opened her heart to take Jesus as her Saviour, and she and all her family were baptized and became true followers of Jesus.

She was so thankful to Paul for telling her about Jesus that she begged him and his com-

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panion Silas to stay at her home while they were in that city, and she was very kind to them.

Some of the wicked men of the city were very angry at Paul and Silas for telling the people about Jesus, and had them put into prison. When night came and it was all dark and lonely in that prison, Paul and Silas sang hymns and prayed to God. Suddenly the prison walls began to shake. All the doors were burst open and the prisoners' chains were broken. God had sent a great earthquake. The noise awakened the jailer. He ran to the door. When he saw that the prison doors were open he drew his sword to kill himself for he knew he would be killed for letting the prisoners escape.

"Do not harm yourself, jailer," Paul cried out, "we are all here." The jailer called for a light and ran to the room where Paul and Silas were. Sure enough, there they were, with the doors standing wide open. The jailer was astonished. "Surely these must be good men and what they teach must be true!" he thought. He fell on his knees before Paul and Silas, and cried, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," and they taught the jailer and his friends about Jesus. He was very kind to them, and took them into his own home, where he gave them food and he and all his family were baptized and became followers of Jesus.

Jesus is willing to receive all who come to him. Our Golden Text says, "He that will, let him take the water of life freely." That means that everybody who wants to do so, may take Jesus as his Saviour and friend.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What great man does the lesson tell us about? 2. What kind of a city did he come to? 3. Who were with him? 4. What did most of the people in the city worship? 5. Whom did Paul find praying to God? 6. Who was the rich woman who listened to Paul? 7. What did she and her family become? 8. Who caused Paul and Silas to be put in prison? 9. What did these two do in the night? 10. How were the prison doors opened? 11. What did the jailer do? 12.

What did Paul say? 13. What did the jailer ask? 14. What did Paul answer? 15. What did the jailer and his family become? 16. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

We have heard a joyful sound,  
*Jesus saves!*  
 Spread the gladness all around;  
*Jesus saves!*  
 Bear the news to every land,  
 Climb the steeps and cross the waves;  
 Onward!—'tis our Lord's command;  
 Jesus saves! Amen.  
 —Hymn 562, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—102. What name is given to the household or family of God? God's family is called the Church.

### The Question on Missions

(Third Quarter, HOME LIFE IN HONAN)—1. What is a home in Honan like? It is very different from a Canadian home. It is a compound, that is, a yard with houses on all four sides, and no one can see in or out. The houses are small, and are built of brick or mud, usually with no grass or flowers about them.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jesus made Paul and Silas joyful, even when their feet were fast in the cruel stocks: and



though pain and suffering come to us, he will fill our hearts, too, with joy. Color the picture.

**I Have Learned Today That**  
 I SHOULD GIVE MYSELF TO JESUS

## Lesson II.

## READING GOD'S WORD

July 14, 1918

Acts 8 : 26-31, 35-39 ; Psalm 19 : 7-11. Study Acts 8 : 26-39 ; Psalm 19 : 7-11. \*Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 8, 9.

**Golden Text**—Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.—John 8 : 32.



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- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever : the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.  
 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold : sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.  
 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned : and in keeping of them there is great reward.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The Bible tells us how God sometimes sent his angels to carry messages to his servants. One day an angel spoke to Philip who was one of Jesus' workers. Philip was teaching God's Word to the people of the city of Samaria and telling them about Jesus. The angel said : "Philip God wants you to stop preaching here and go away down to a road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." Philip knew that this was a lonely road through a wild desert part of the country. Perhaps Philip wondered why God was sending him to this lonely place, but Philip, like a well trained soldier obeyed orders at once. He arose and went.

As he walked along the road wondering why

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went : and, behold, a man of Ethio'pia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethio'pians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esai'as the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esai'as, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest ?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me ? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water : and the eunuch said, See, here is water ; what doth hinder me to be baptized ?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still : and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch ; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more : and he went on his way rejoicing.

Ps. 19 : 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul : the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart : the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

God had sent him there, he heard the clatter of horses' hoofs and he saw a fine chariot coming along the road. There was a man driving and a man dressed in rich clothing sitting in the chariot reading a book. This man was from the country called Ethiopia. He was an officer of the queen of that country and had charge of all the money and treasures she owned.

He had been at Jerusalem to worship the true God. The book he was reading as he traveled along, was the Bible, God's own Holy Word.

God's angel whispered to Philip "Go near and speak to the man in the chariot." Philip ran after him and heard him reading aloud

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out of the Bible. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I understand it unless some one tells me what it means?" the man said, and he asked Philip to sit in the chariot beside him. So Philip climbed up into the chariot and sat beside the man and told him the meaning of the words he was reading. He told him about Jesus who came to save the people of every country in the world.

The man listened and believed what Philip told him. As they drove along they came to a stream of water, and the man said, "What is to hinder me from being baptized now?" Philip said, "If you believe in Jesus with all your heart, you may be baptized." And the man said, "I believe that Jesus is the Son of God."

He commanded the driver to stop the chariot and he went down into the water with Philip and was baptized. God had sent Philip on purpose to meet this man and teach him to understand God's book and he would carry the news about Jesus to many black people in his home land.

Then Philip's work there was done. Suddenly he disappeared along the road he had come, and the black man from Ethiopia went on his way home rejoicing.

There is nothing like reading the Bible to bring joy into our life. It is the most precious book in all the world. It is more precious than gold. God has promised great reward to all who learn and obey his laws which are written in the Bible. That is where we learn all things which God wants us to know.

Our Golden Text says, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was God's messenger to his workers? 2. What message did an angel bring to Philip? 3. What did Philip do? 4. What did he wonder as he walked along? 5. What did he see? 6. What was the man doing? 7. Who was he? 8. What was he reading? 9. What did God's angel tell Philip to do? 10. What did Philip ask the man? 11. What did the man say? 12. What did Philip teach him? 13. What did the man say he believed? 14. What did he do? 15. Where did Philip go after he baptized the man? 16.

Where did the man go? 17. What is the most precious book in the world? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Sing them over again to me,  
 Wonderful words of life;  
 Let me more of their beauty see,  
 Wonderful words of life.  
 Words of life and beauty  
 Teach me faith and duty. Amen.  
 —Hymn 559, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

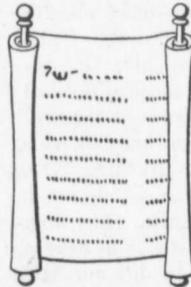
PRIMARY CATECHISM—103. What is the outward sign of membership in the Church? The outward sign of membership in the Church is baptism.

### The Question on Missions

2. Are homes in Honan healthy and comfortable? No, for all the doors and windows open into the small yard, and there is not enough fresh air. They are also often overcrowded. The paper windows let in no sunlight, and many of the rooms are damp and have no heat in winter.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was on rolls like this (*copy*) that God's holy law used to be written. Now we have it in a book, the Bible. It is better still to



have it in our hearts. We should love God's law, and try to learn it, and best of all strive to obey it each day we live.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LOVE THE BIBLE

## Lesson III.

## PRAYING TO GOD

July 21, 1918

Luke 11 : 1-13 ; Psalm 145 : 18, 19. \*Scripture Memory Verse, John 6 : 10.

**Golden Text**—Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need.—Hebrews 4 : 16 (Rev. Ver.).



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19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins ; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves ;

6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him ?

7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not : the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed ; I cannot rise and give thee.

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone ? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent ?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion ?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children : how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him ?

Ps. 145 : 18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus loved to go to some quiet place to pray to God his Father in heaven. Sometimes he took his disciples with him. One day, when he had been praying and had finished, his disciples said : "Lord, teach us to pray."

In our picture we see Jesus kneeling as he teaches his disciples to pray. He said, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins ; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil.'"

We call this the Lord's Prayer, because our Lord Jesus Christ taught it to his disciples,

and he wants all who love him to pray this prayer.

Jesus wanted his disciples to know how willing God is to answer prayer, so he told them a story about a man who was not at all willing to do what his friend asked him to do.

A man heard a knock at his door in the middle of the night. When he opened the door, there stood a friend who had come on a long journey and was tired and hungry. "Come in, come in, my friend, and rest and have some food," the man said. But when he looked, there was not a loaf of bread in the house, so he ran to a neighbor and knocked at the door. "Who's there?" cried the neighbor. "Friend, will you lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine on a

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journey has come to see me and I have nothing to give him to eat."

The surly neighbor would not take the trouble to come to the door. "Do not trouble me," he said. "The door is locked and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you bread at this hour of the night." But the man kept on knocking till at last the surly neighbor got up unwillingly and gave him the bread.

Jesus said, "If this surly neighbor gave the man what he asked for because he kept on asking, surely God also, so willing to give all we need, will give us what we ask. "Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you," Jesus said.

Jesus told them to think how willing they are to give good things to their children. If you fathers are willing to give good things to your children, how much more willing your heavenly Father is to give the best gift of all—the Holy Spirit—to those who ask him.

Our Golden Text is, "Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need." This just means to *pray*.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus praying? 2. What did his disciples ask him to do? 3. What are the words of the Lord's Prayer? 4. Why did Jesus tell them a story about a surly neighbor? 5. What did the kind man say to the friend at midnight, tired and hungry? 6. What did he do when he found he had no bread in the house? 7. What did he ask his neighbor to do? 8. What did the surly neighbor say? 9. Why did he give the bread at last? 10. What did Jesus say about asking and seeking and knocking? 11. What will God give to those who ask him? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

The birds without barn  
Or storehouse are fed;  
From them let us learn  
To trust for our bread:

His saints what is fitting  
Shall ne'er be denied,  
So long as 'tis written,  
"The Lord will provide." Amen.

—Hymn 16, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

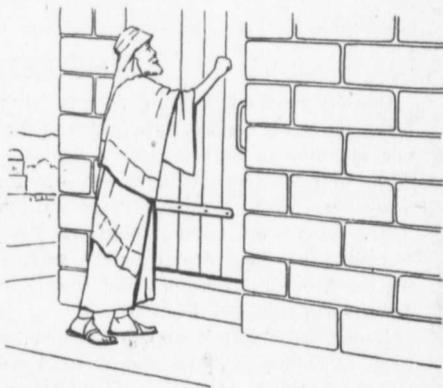
PRIMARY CATECHISM—104. How are we baptised? We are baptised with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 105. Why is this sign used? Because Jesus Himself commanded it.

### The Question on Missions

3. What is the guest room like? It is a large room opposite the gate where guests are received when they call. There are scrolls on the walls and a table and two chairs opposite the door. The guest is always invited to drink tea, and one has to be very careful about his manners.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) shows a man standing before a closed door and knocking for admission. Now praying to God is like knocking



at the door of a friend who loves us. Just as a true friend will gladly open the door for us, so God will hear our prayers.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD PRAY EVERY DAY

Lesson IV.

## OBEYING GOD

July 28, 1918

Matthew 4 : 18-22 ; John 14 : 22-24 ; James 1 : 22-27. \*Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 5, 8-10.

**Golden Text**—If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments.—John 14 : 15 (Rev. Ver.).

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their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus was walking along the shore beside the Sea of Galilee. He saw two fishermen standing in the water near the shore. These were the very men he was looking for. They were brothers, named Peter and Andrew. They were getting their nets ready to catch fish. Look at our picture, and you will see them turning around when they heard Jesus' voice calling to them.

Jesus stood on the shore, and beckoned to them. "Follow me," he said, "and I will make you fishers of men." They did not know then what he meant, but they left their nets and followed him, and afterwards they knew that he wanted to teach them to bring other people to him, so that they might become his followers also.

18 And Je'sus, walking by the sea of Gal'ilee, saw two brethren, Si'mon called Pe'ter, and An'drew his brother, casting a net into the sea : for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son of Zeb'edee*, and John his brother, in a ship with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets ; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

John 14 : 22 Ju'das saith unto him, not Iscar'iot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world ?

23 Je'sus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words : and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings : and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

James 1 : 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass :

24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and brideth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.

27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in

A little farther along, Jesus saw two other brothers whom he wanted. Their names were James and John. They were in a fishing boat with their father Zebedee. They were mending their nets. Jesus called them as he had called Peter and Andrew, and at once they left their boat and their father, and followed him.

These men did not say, "We are busy, we cannot come just now." No, they left their work and followed Jesus as soon as he called them. These four men were the first of Jesus' band of twelve disciples.

When Jesus was saying good-by to his disciples, before he went back to heaven, he told them that he would come to them, even when they could not see him. They wondered

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very much what Jesus could mean. One of them asked him why he would not come to everybody in the world. Jesus told them that he would only come to those who love him and obey his words.

Jesus told them that the words which he spoke were not his own words. They were the words of his heavenly Father. So you see if you disobey Jesus' words you are disobeying God's words, and Jesus will not come to you if you are disobedient to God.

A great many boys and girls all over the world hear God's Word every Sunday. The Bible tells us we must be doers of God's Word and not hearers only. God has promised to bless all who do the things he tells us to do.

There is one thing you must be very careful to use in a right way, if you love Jesus. That is your tongue. You must "keep a bridle" on your tongue and not let it say any bad or untrue or unkind words. The way to be doers of God's Word is to obey what he tells us to do.

Jesus has told us two things, he wants us to do. We must love God and love one another. One way to show our love to God is to be kind to any one who is in trouble, and you should love others so much that you will want to be just as kind to them as you would be to yourself. Jesus says, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments," and this is our Golden Text.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus walking? 2. Whom did he see? 3. What were they doing? 4. What did Jesus say to them? 5. What did he want to teach them? 6. Who were the other two whom he called? 7. What did they do? 8. What did Jesus tell his disciples when he was saying good-by? 9. Why would he not come to everybody? 10. Whose words did Jesus speak? 11. What must we do when we hear God's words? 12. What must we do besides hear God's words? 13. What must be held with a bridle? 14. What must we keep our tongue from saying? 15. What two commandments did Jesus give us? 16. How may we show our love to God? 17. How much should we love others? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### 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—106. What does the water in baptism mean? The water in baptism teaches us that we need to have our sins washed away.

### The Question on Missions

4. Tell something about the bedrooms. There is no carpet on the cold brick floor, and no mattress on the hard brick or wooden bed. The pillows are as hard as the beds, and there is only one quilt and no blankets.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Follow me!" That is what Jesus says to each one of us. And we follow him, by



doing every day just what he would have us do. Copy these words of Jesus.

I Have Learned Today  
 THAT I SHOULD OBEY GOD

Lesson V.

## GROWING STRONGER

August 4, 1918

Luke 2 : 42-52 ; 2 Peter 1 : 5-8. \*Scripture Memory Verse, John 6 : 11.

**Golden Text**—The path of the righteous is as the dawning light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.—Proverbs 4 : 18 (Rev. Ver.).



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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 Nazareth, 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.

2 Peter 1 : 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Je'sus Christ.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

A story about a boy! What could be nicer than that! And such a wonderful boy he was! Although he looked like other boys, I am sure when this story is finished you will say you never heard of another boy like him.

Jesus was twelve years of age. It was the time of the Passover Feast, and all the families in the village of Nazareth where Jesus lived were going up to Jerusalem to worship in the temple.

At last they arrived at Jerusalem, and they saw and heard all the wonderful things they had been thinking about. They heard the wonderful story about the way in which God had brought his people out of the land of Egypt long, long ago, when they were slaves to the cruel king Pharaoh. God caused the death angel to pass over their homes and to take the eldest child in each of the homes of

the Egyptians as a punishment upon the king and his people. God's people of Israel kept this Passover Feast every year to thank God for his goodness to them.

The last day of the Passover Feast had come, and the people all started back to their homes. The children were away ahead, laughing and talking about all they had seen and heard. Mary and Joseph supposed that the boy Jesus was with the others. But when night came and they gathered around the tents, he was no place to be seen. They searched everywhere but could not find him. So Mary and Joseph started away back to the city to find him, and where do you think they found him? Our picture shows us. It was in the temple. There Jesus was sitting in the midst of the wise teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And these wise men

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were astonished at the questions he asked and the answers he gave them.

When Jesus saw that his father and mother had come to look for him, we may be sure he was very sorry that he had caused them so much trouble, but he told them that it was time now that he should be beginning to attend to the business of his Father in heaven. They did not know at the time what Jesus meant, but they understood it all afterwards.

However, Jesus went home with them and was very obedient to them in all things. But Mary could not forget the things that had happened, and she felt in her heart that God had some wonderful work for the boy Jesus to do. His parents were only taking care of him till he should be ready to begin that work.

Day after day the boy Jesus worked and played and studied, and made his home very happy by his loving obedience and his joyous spirit. He grew tall and strong and beautiful in appearance and was loved by everybody. And God, his heavenly Father, lovingly watched him growing to be the only perfect man that ever lived. Will you not all try to be like Jesus?

Our Golden Text says, "The path of the righteous is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom is our story about?
2. How old was the boy Jesus at that time?
3. Where was his home then?
4. Why were the people all going up to Jerusalem?
5. How long did it take them to go?
6. On the return journey when did Mary and Joseph find that the boy Jesus was not with them?
7. Where did they look for him?
8. Where did they at last go?
9. Where did they find Jesus?
10. What was he doing?
11. What did the wise men think about him?
12. What did he tell Mary?
13. How did he show his obedience to them?
14. What did Mary feel in her heart?
15. What did Jesus do day by day?
16. How did he grow?
17. Who loved him?
18. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

And, through all His wondrous childhood,  
He would honor and obey,  
Love and watch the lowly mother

In whose gentle arms He lay :  
Christian children all should be  
Mild, obedient, good as He. Amen.

—Hymn 519, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—107. Can the washing with water take away our sins? No. It is the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ that cleanse from sin.

### The Question on Missions

5. What is the kitchen like? It is a dark, grimy shed, for the brick stove has no chimney. A large iron pot shaped like a saucer sits on the stove. The utensils are a large, earthen water jar, a bake board, a rolling pin, a vegetable knife, and a wooden porridge scoop.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"About my Father's business," were Jesus' words to his father and mother when they found him in the temple. Business just means work, and there is no boy or girl so small but the heavenly Father has some work for him



or her to do. Jesus teaches us that we should be faithful in our work. Copy the drawing, and try to find some work which you can do to show your love to Jesus, who loves you so dearly.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP GOD

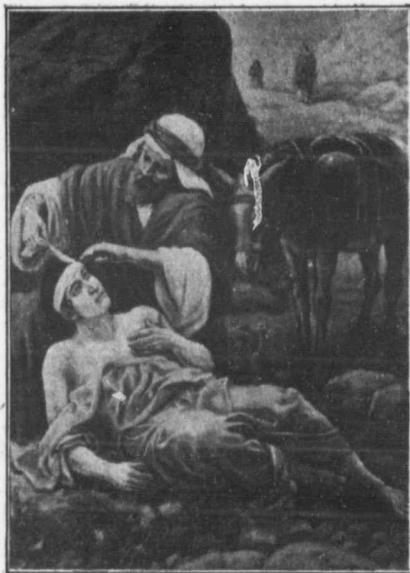
Lesson VI.

## HELPING OTHERS

August 11, 1918

Luke 10 : 30-37 ; Galatians 6 : 1, 2, 9, 10. Study Luke 10 : 25-37 ; Galatians 6 : 1-10.  
 \*Scripture Memory Verse, John 6 : 12.

**Golden Text**—Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.—Galatians 6 : 2.



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30 And Je'sus answering said, A certain man went down from Jeru'salem to Jer'icho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way : and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Le'vite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samar'itan, as he journeyed, came where he was : and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,

34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him ; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.

36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves ?

37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Je'sus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Gal. 6 : 1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness ; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing : for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

We often see pictures of our Red Cross nurses and doctors binding up the wounds of our soldiers who have been fighting for us. Look at our picture. This man is binding up the wounds of a poor man who looks as if he had been very badly hurt. Would you like to hear how he got hurt ?

Jesus had been telling the people that they must love God with all their heart and mind and soul and strength, and they must love their neighbor as much as they loved themselves. One of them asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered by telling this story.

A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. While he was passing through a wild, rocky place, some robbers pounced upon him and knocked him down and hurt him very badly. They took his coat and all the money he had. Then they ran away as fast as they could and left the poor man lying there alone, hurt and bleeding.

Now it happened that one of the proud priests of the Jews happened to come along that way. He saw the poor man lying there, but he would not go near him to help him. He coldly passed by on the other side of the road and left the man to suffer. Then another

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man came along. He stopped and looked at the poor man lying by the roadside, but he also went on his way.

A third man came along. He was a man from Samaria. The proud Jews looked down upon the Samaritans, and would have nothing to do with them. But this Samaritan got off the ass on which he was riding and went to the wounded man. He was very sorry for him, and he bound up his wounds and put oil on them and gave him a refreshing drink. Then he lifted him on the back of the ass and took him to an inn and took care of him and got food for him.

Next day when the good Samaritan left the man, he gave some money to the innkeeper and told him to take good care of the man, saying that if any more money were needed, he would give it when he came back that way again.

When Jesus finished the story, he asked, "Which of these men do you think was 'neighbor' to him that fell among the thieves?" (What do you think about it?) The man to whom Jesus was talking said, "The one who was kind to the poor man and helped him." And Jesus said to this man, "Go thou and do likewise." Jesus wants each of you to be a "neighbor" to anybody who is in trouble of any kind.

Our Golden Text says, "Bear ye one another's burdens." This is the way to obey the law of Christ. We must not be weary in well doing, for we know that God will reward us if we keep on doing what he tells us to do. This is what Paul wrote long ago in a letter to some friends of his. He wanted them to be kind to one another and to help one another in every time of trouble or sorrow. In this way they would be like Jesus who "went about doing good."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What had Jesus been telling the people?
2. What question did one of them ask?
3. How did Jesus answer him?
4. Where was the traveler going?
5. What happened to him?
6. What became of the robbers?
7. Who was the first to pass that way?
8. What did he do?
9. Who came next?
10. What did he do?
11. What do we call the next man who came?
12. What did he do for the

poor man lying by the roadside? 13. What question did Jesus ask the men to whom he told this story? 14. What did Jesus tell him to do? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Still the weary, sick, and dying,  
 Need a brother's, sister's care,  
 On Thy higher help relying,  
 May we now their burden share,  
 Bringing all our offerings meet,  
 Suppliants at Thy mercy-seat. Amen.  
 —Hymn 429, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—108. What does our baptism teach us? Our baptism teaches us that we belong to Christ, and must be true to Him.

### The Question on Missions

6. What food do the people eat? The ordinary food is millet porridge eaten without milk or sugar. Dough is rolled out thin and tough and cut into strings, then it is boiled with vegetables. Sesame oil is used in place of butter, and meat is not very often eaten.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are all travelers on the journey of life. And every day we meet some one whom we can help along. The Good Samaritan teaches



us to be always ready to do this, even though it may be a good deal of trouble to ourselves. Color the drawing.

### I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE KIND TO EVERYBODY

## Lesson VII.

## WORKING IN THE CHURCH

August 18, 1918

Acts 2 : 41-47 ; 4 : 32-35 ; 6 : 2-4. \*Scripture Memory Verse, John 6 : 13.

**Golden Text**—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise : give thanks unto him, and bless his name.—Psalm 100 : 4 (Rev. Ver.).



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41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized : and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul : and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common :

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Ch. 4 : 32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul : neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own ; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Je'sus : and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked : for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet : and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Ch. 6 : 2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus had gone back to heaven, his disciples waited for the Holy Spirit to come to them as Jesus had promised. By and by the Holy Spirit did come and gave them power to speak so that people of all countries could understand what they were saying.

The apostle Peter preached such a wonderful sermon about Jesus and his power to save people from their sins, that three thousand people gladly came to Peter and the other disciples and were baptized and joined the church.

There were many poor people in the church, who were not earning enough money to buy the things that they needed. But Jesus' followers were willing to help one another, and many of those who had houses or lands sold them and gave the money to the apostles to be used in helping the poor. If one needed

food he was supplied with it. If another needed clothing, he got what he needed.

They were all very happy and worshiped God in the temple and from house to house amongst themselves. Every one thought well of these church people. God blessed them, and day by day more were added to the church.

The apostles went about preaching and the Holy Spirit helped them, and God showed great kindness to them. None of those early followers of Jesus were in want of food or anything else they needed, for those who had money gave for those who had none, and the apostles gave to each what things they required.

After a while the church grew so much that the apostles had not time to spend in giving out food and other things to so many people

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and in looking after the widows and children. They needed all their time for preaching and teaching, so they called a big meeting of all the church people and they talked over the work of the church. The apostles told them that they must choose seven of their very best men and make them deacons, who would have charge of all the work of the church, so that the apostles, who were like our minister, would be able to spend all their time in preaching and praying.

This is just what ought to be done in our own church nowadays. The church people, big and little, should help the minister so that he will have time for his preaching. There is much to be done in visiting the poor and sick and helpless ones, and in getting money to carry on the work of the church. One very great work of the church is in sending missionaries to take Jesus' messages to people in other lands who do not know about him, and to people in our own land who need to be told about him. These people need to have churches where they may worship and work.

Look at our picture. You see all these people are going to church. You little people should all go to church and try in some way to help in the work of the church.

Our Golden Text says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks unto him, and bless his name."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus send to his apostles after he went back to heaven?
2. What did the Holy Spirit do for them?
3. Who preached a wonderful sermon?
4. How many joined the church after Peter's sermon?
5. How did the followers of Jesus help one another?
6. What did other people think of them?
7. What work did the apostles have to do?
8. Why did they call a meeting of all the church people?
9. What did the apostles tell them they must do?
10. How were the apostles going to spend their time?
11. Who should do the work of our churches?
12. What can you do to help in the work of your church?
13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Work, for the night is coming!  
Work through the morning hours;

Work while the dew is sparkling;  
Work 'mid springing flowers;  
Work when the day grows brighter,  
Under the glowing sun;  
Work, for the night is coming,  
When man's work is done. Amen.

—Hymn 239, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—109. Why are the children of Christians baptised? Because they are members of the Church, and are to be cared for and taught to love and serve Jesus Christ.

### The Question on Missions

7. Are families large in Honan? Yes, they are often very large, as the sons do not move away from home when they marry. Everybody has to do what the grandparents say.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every church is a beautiful place. It may be a very plain building, like the one in the



picture. But God is there, to speak to us and listen to us speaking to him. That is enough to make any place beautiful. Copy the drawing.

### I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE A WORKER FOR JESUS

## Lesson VIII.

## SPEAKING FOR CHRIST

August 25, 1918

Luke 12 : 8-12 ; Acts 1 : 1-8. \*Scripture Memory Verse, John 6 : 14.

**Golden Text**—Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God.—Luke 12 : 8 (Rev. Ver.).



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8 Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God :

9 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God.

10 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him : but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost it shall not be forgiven.

11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say :

12 For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say.

Acts 1 : 1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Je'sus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen :

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God :

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jeru'salem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water ; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Is'rael ?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you : and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jeru'salem, and in all Jude'a, and in Samar'ia, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Our story to-day tells us about Jesus teaching his disciples to be brave in speaking about him. The Pharisees were very angry at Jesus because he had been telling them how wrong it is to be proud and trying to appear to be very good when in their hearts they were very bad. These enemies would have killed him if they had dared.

Jesus thought maybe the apostles might be afraid to say they belonged to him for fear his enemies might kill them also. So we see him in our picture with his disciples gathered around him. He is telling them they must not be afraid of anybody but God. They must fear God so much that they will be afraid to do anything that will displease him.

Jesus told the disciples that God takes care of everything he has made, even the little sparrows that are thought of so little value

that five of them were sold for two farthings, which was about half as much as one of our cents, and yet Jesus said that not one of these little sparrows was forgotten by God. Surely God would take care of them, for they are of more value than many sparrows.

Then he said, "Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." This is our Golden Text.

Do you think it is very long and hard to understand ? It means that if you tell people you are a follower of Jesus, Jesus has promised to tell the angels of God that you are one of his friends, and they will take special care of all who are brave in speaking about him to others. Those who are not his friends need not expect that Jesus will tell the angels of God to take care of them. Jesus told his

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messengers not to be afraid even if their enemies brought them before the rulers of the synagogue or before the judges. The Holy Spirit would tell them what to say.

After Jesus rose from the grave, he showed himself to his disciples many times during the forty days he stayed on earth. He wanted them to be very sure that he was indeed alive again. He told them many things in those few last days. One day he was having supper with them. He told them that they must stay in Jerusalem after he went up to heaven, and wait till God would send the Holy Spirit to them, as he had promised.

These messengers of Jesus were anxious to know when he was going to come again to reign over the world as king, but he told them that was something that they could not know, for only God himself knew when that time would be. He told them that the Holy Spirit would give them power to speak to people about him and to take his message to all parts of the earth. They were to begin in Jerusalem where they were, and then they were to tell his message to people in the country around about and in the very farthest away places of the earth.

Soon after this, Jesus led his disciples out from Jerusalem to the beautiful Mount of Olives. Suddenly, while he was speaking to them, he was taken up, till a bright cloud hid him from their sight. They stood gazing into the sky, wondering, frightened, not knowing what to do. Two men in white,—they were angel messengers from heaven—came to them and said: "This same Jesus, which is taken from you into heaven, shall come just as you have seen him go."

Jesus wants you to speak about him to those near you and perhaps some day you may be a messenger to people in far parts of the earth.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus encourage his apostles to be brave in speaking for him? 2. Whom only should they fear? 3. How could they be sure that God cares for them? 4. What will Jesus do for those who are not afraid to say they are his friends? 5. Who would tell his messengers what to say if they were brought before the synagogue or the judges?

6. How long did Jesus stay on earth after he rose from the grave? 7. Where do we see him in our story to-day? 8. What is he telling the disciples? 9. What did they ask him? 10. When will Jesus come to reign over the world? 11. What would the Holy Spirit give them power to do? 12. Where are his messengers to begin to speak for him? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!

Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner,  
It must not suffer loss;  
From victory unto victory  
His army He shall lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished

And Christ is Lord indeed. Amen.

—Hymn 256, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—110. When Jesus Christ was about to leave the world, how did he ask to be remembered? Jesus appointed the Lord's Supper, and said, "This do in remembrance of me."

### The Question on Missions

8. What kind of clothes do they wear in Honan? Men and women, boys and girls, all wear trousers, and they tie them in with garters at the ankle. Little babies from their birth wear combination trousers from feet to neck. The clothes are of cotton, usually either white or blue, but children often wear bright colors.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

You should always stand up for Jesus.  
Learn this verse by heart.

"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord  
Nor to defend his cause,  
Maintain the glory of his name  
And honor all his laws."

**I Have Learned To-day That**  
I SHOULD BE BRAVE FOR JESUS

## Lesson IX.

## CHRISTIAN GIVING

September 1, 1918

Luke 6 : 30-38 ; 21 : 1-4. \*Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 11-14.

**Golden Text**—Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.—Acts 20 : 35 (Rev. Ver.).



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30 Give to every man that asketh of thee ; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask *them* not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye ? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye ? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to *them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye ? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again ; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest : for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged : condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned : forgive, and ye shall be forgiven :

38 Give, and it shall be given unto you ; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Ch. 21 : 1 And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.

2 And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.

3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all :

4 For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God : but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Our Golden Text says : "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We like to give to those who give to us, but Jesus tells us we should give to everybody who is in need. We should do to others as we would like them to do to us. This is the Golden Rule which Jesus has given us. He says : "If you love them that love you what credit is that to you for sinners also love those that love them ? If you do good to those that do good to you what credit is that to you for sinners do that also ? If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive,

what credit is that to you for sinners also lend to sinners to receive as much again ?"

Jesus' followers should be different. He says, "You should love your enemies and do good and lend, not hoping to receive anything in return and your reward shall be great and you shall be the children of the Highest, for he is kind to the unthankful and to the evil." Jesus says you should not find fault with people, and if you forgive others, you shall be forgiven yourself.

You should give kind deeds, kind words and kind thoughts. Jesus promises if we are "givers" we shall also be "getters," but he

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does not mean that we shall get gifts in return for our gifts. We shall get the love and thanks of those we help,—“good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over,” Jesus says. However much we give, that much we’ll get back again. Those who give very little will get very little blessing in return. All we have comes from God. When we give for Jesus’ work and for his sake, we are only giving back what he has given to us to use for him.

One day Jesus was sitting in the temple while the people were coming in to worship God. He watched them as they dropped their money into the “treasury.” As he looked, he saw the rich men casting their money into the treasury and he saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. Perhaps you do not know what a “mite” is. It was the very smallest copper coin. It was not as much as one of our cents, and yet Jesus turned to his disciples and pointed to the poor woman and said, “This poor widow has put in more than they all.” Our picture shows her putting the two mites into the collection box.

Then Jesus told them why he said that. He said the rich people had given out of their full money bags and would never miss it, but the poor widow had given all she had. Jesus knows if you keep back your money to spend on yourselves and only give a very little to your church or Sunday School and to help those in need. He knows when you give what is hard for you to part with. He knows when you give all you can, and that is the kind of gift that pleases him most.

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom should Jesus’ followers give? 2. What is the Golden Rule? 3. To whom do “sinners” give? 4. How should Jesus’ followers be different from them? 5. What should we do to our enemies? 6. What does Jesus say about finding fault with people? 7. What does he say about forgiving? 8. What shall we get if we give? 9. Where was Jesus watching people? 10. What was the “treasury”? 11. Who cast in money out of the big money bags? 12. What did the poor widow cast in? 13. What was a mite? 14. What did Jesus say about her gift? 15. How

much should we give? 16. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Hymn

If you cannot cross the ocean  
And the heathen lands explore,  
You can find the heathen nearer,  
You can help them at your door.  
If you cannot give your thousands,  
You can give the widow’s mite:  
And the least you give for Jesus  
Will be precious in His sight. Amen.

—Hymn 447, Book of Praise

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 111. What is meant by the bread in the Lord’s Supper? The body of Christ, who is the bread of life.

#### The Question on Missions

9. What games do the children play in Honan? They do not slide or skate in winter, for they have no ice, and if they had ice they have no skates, and if they had skates they could not fasten them on their cloth shoes. But in the spring they fly wonderful kites of all shapes and sizes.

#### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Use a yellow crayon to color the drawing, so as to make it look like gold. Repeat the



Golden Rule, and remember that it is the best rule to follow towards others.

I Have Learned To-day  
THAT I SHOULD BE UNSELFISH

## Lesson X.

## CONQUERING EVIL

September 8, 1918

1 Kings 21 : 11-20 ; Ephesians 5 : 11-18. Study 1 Kings 21 : 1-29 ; Ephesians 5 : 6-21.

\*Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 5, 8, 9.

**Golden Text**—Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them.—Ephesians 5 : 11 (Rev. Ver.).



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- 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.  
 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.  
 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.  
 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,  
 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.  
 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.  
 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

King Ahab was a wicked king who lived in the land of Israel long before Jesus came to the world. Ahab had a very wicked wife named Jezebel. Now it happened that there was a beautiful vineyard next to the palace of King Ahab. It belonged to a poor man named Naboth. Day after day King Ahab looked out of his window and longed to have that vineyard to make a garden for himself. He went to Naboth and offered to give him another vineyard in place of that one or to pay him for it in money. But Naboth would not sell his vineyard for any amount of money, because it had been given to him by his father

and had been owned by his family for many years.

King Ahab was very angry when he found he could not buy the vineyard, and what do you think he did? He went into the palace and flung himself down on a couch like a cross, petted child and turned his face to the wall and would not touch any food all day. Queen Jezebel came in and found him lying there. "What is the matter?" she asked. Then Ahab told her all about it. "O never mind," she said, "I'll manage it. I'll get the vineyard for you."

So away she went and sat down in her room

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and wrote letters to the chief men in the city where Naboth lived, and she signed the king's name to the letters. In the letters she told those men that they must take Naboth and bring him before the people and call two witnesses who would say that they had heard Naboth curse God and the king, and for this they must have Naboth taken to a place outside the city and stoned to death. Then she waited to see how her wicked plot would turn out.

The men did exactly as the letters told them to do, and they took Naboth outside the city and stoned him to death. Then they sent word to the wicked Queen Jezebel, saying, "Naboth is dead." She went to the king and said, "Go and take the vineyard for your garden, for Naboth is dead." And King Ahab went out into the vineyard and took possession of it.

Do you think God would let this wicked deed go unpunished? No, indeed, as we shall see.

While King Ahab was walking around in the vineyard thinking what a fine garden he would have, he saw Elijah, the prophet of God, coming toward him. Elijah told him that God knew all about the wicked deed that had been done, and God had sent him to tell King Ahab that he would die in the very same place where Naboth had been stoned to death.

Our Golden Text says, "Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Ahab? 2. Who was Jezebel?
3. Who owned the vineyard that King Ahab wanted for a garden? 4. What did King Ahab ask him to do? 5. Why would Naboth not sell his vineyard? 6. How did King Ahab act? 7. Who found him lying there?
8. What did she say? 9. What did she do?
10. What did the men do when they got the letters? 11. What message did they send to Queen Jezebel? 12. What did she run and tell the king? 13. What did he do?
14. Whom did God send to him? 15. What was God's message to King Ahab? 16. What would have been the right thing for King Ahab to do? 17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

My Saviour, as Thou wilt :  
 If needy here and poor,  
 Give me Thy people's bread,  
 Their portion rich and sure.  
 The manna of Thy word  
 Let my soul feed upon ;  
 And if all else should fail,  
 My Lord, Thy will be done ! Amen.

—Hymn 288, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 112. What is meant by the wine in the Lord's Supper ?  
 The blood of Christ, shed for our sins.

### The Question on Missions

10. What do the women do in their homes ?  
 The young girls have to mind the babies, and watch the gate, and as soon as they are old enough they learn to sew and spin the cotton thread for their clothes. They make the cloth and paper soles for shoes, and some do very beautiful embroidery.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

These words of the Tenth Commandment (to be copied) teach us that we should not

**THOU SHALT  
 NOT COVET**

allow evil thoughts and desires to remain in our hearts.

—  
**I Have Learned To-day That**  
 I SHOULD OVERCOME TEMPTATION

Lesson XI. **WINNING THE WORLD TO CHRIST** September 15, 1918

Matthew 5 : 13-16 ; 28 : 18-20 ; Acts 16 : 9-15. Study Matthew 5 : 13-16 ; 28 : 18-20 ; Acts 16 : 6-15 ; Nehemiah 1 : 1-11. \*Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 10, 11.

**Golden Text**—Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.—Mark 16 : 15 (Rev. Ver.).



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heard us ; whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.  
15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

**THE LESSON RETOLD**

One day Jesus left the crowds that gathered around him and went up into a mountain to pray and his disciples followed him. Then he began to teach them many things. This is called the Sermon on the Mount. He told them that they were now to be the light of the world. They had been living with him and had received light from him, who is the light of the world.

They were like candles that were lighted from a great light. They were to show Jesus to others who had not seen him. When a candle is lighted it is not meant to be covered, but put in a candlestick so that it may give light to all that are in the house. They should be like a city that is built on a hill which cannot be hid.

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.

Ch. 28 : 18 And Je'sus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost :

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you : and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Acts 16 : 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night ; There stood a man of Macedo'nia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedo'nia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedo'nia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Tro'as, we came with a straight course to Samothra'cia, and the next *day* to Nea'polis :

12 And from thence to Philip'pi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedo'nia, and a colony : and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made ; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

14 And a certain woman named Lyd'ia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyati'ra, which worshipped God,

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

Jesus said his disciples should live so that people near and far might see their good works and glorify their Father in heaven. Jesus longed to let everybody know that he came to save everybody in the world. What if his messengers should grow careless and forget to give his message to others after he should have gone back to heaven !

One day when Jesus appeared to his disciples after he had risen from the grave, he had supper with them and then said some farewell words to them, and almost the very last words he said were, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation." This is our Golden Text. He gave them a promise also, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

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Jesus was taken up into heaven and his Holy Spirit was with his messengers always, and they did let their light shine as they went here and there telling people about Jesus.

The apostle Paul was the first of Jesus' messengers to carry the message to lands across the sea. After he had been preaching in many places, he was not quite sure just where God wanted him to go next. He hoped that God would let him know in some way, so he just waited and at last the message came.

As Paul lay on his bed one night he saw a vision of a man standing begging him, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us." So the man said. Paul jumped up. This was a message from God, he was sure. So he at once got ready to go to Macedonia. Our picture shows us what Paul saw. Paul had just chosen a young man named Timothy to be his helper, so they started away in their little ship and at last arrived at the biggest city in Macedonia, which was called Philippi, and there Paul gave Jesus' message to many who prayed to gods of wood and stone.

If those early messengers of Jesus had not been faithful, we should not have heard these messages, for they wrote his messages, and they are now printed in our Bibles so that everybody may read them. And we in turn must be faithful messengers and send on this Bible message to all parts of the world.

Are you not glad that Jesus' messengers are still letting their light shine in our own land and in far away lands? How can you shine for him?

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Where did Jesus go to pray?
2. Who followed him?
3. What do we call the words he spoke to them there?
4. What did he say his disciples were?
5. Where had they received their light?
6. What are lights for?
7. What else should they be like?
8. Why?
9. Where did Jesus tell his messengers to go?
10. What promise did he give them?
11. Which messenger first went to lands across the sea?
12. Why was Paul now waiting?
13. What did he see one night?
14. What did the man say?
15. What did Paul think this meant?
16. What did he do?
17. How did Jesus' message come to us?
- 18.

What should we do with it? 19. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Hymn**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name. Amen.

—Hymn 434, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

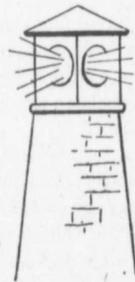
PRIMARY CATECHISM—113. Who should go to the Lord's Supper? Those only should go to the Lord's Supper who love Jesus Christ and try to follow Him daily.

**The Question on Missions**

11. Do they have family worship in their homes in Honan? Yes, most of the families worship the family kitchen god at least once a year. They worship the ancestors of the family regularly at their graves. They worship the spirits of the earth and the air, but they do not worship our God, for they do not know him.

**AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sailors at sea on a dark night look eagerly for the light that streams out from the lighthouse. Often this saves them from ship-



wreck. We can be lights, too, showing others where danger lies and so helping them to shun it. Copy the drawing.

**I Have Learned To-day**

THAT I SHOULD TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS

## Lesson XII.

## FRUITS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE September 22, 1918

Matthew 25 : 20-23 ; 5 : 3-10. Study Matthew 25 : 14-30 ; 5 : 1-12. \*Scripture Memory Verses, John 6 : 12-14.

**Golden Text**—All things are yours . . . and ye are Christ's ; and Christ is God's.—1 Corinthians 3 : 21, 23.



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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 their's is the kingdom of heaven.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus told his disciples many stories to teach them lessons he wanted them to learn. These stories were called parables. This one in to-day's lesson is called the Parable of the Talents.

A certain man went on a journey into a far country. When he was getting ready to go away he called his servants to him and gave all the things he owned into their keeping. He expected his servants to carry on his business just as if he were there, and the best servants would be the ones who made the best use of their master's money. He called his servants to him, and to one he gave five talents of silver and to another he gave two talents.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents : behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant : thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents : behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant ; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Ch. 5 : 3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit : for their's 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.

Then he started away on his journey.

The servant that had received five talents went and traded with them and made five talents more, and the servant that had received two talents traded with his also and gained two talents more.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and called his servants to him to find out how they had used what he had given them. In our picture we see him seated amongst his treasures. He looks like a very rich man, doesn't he ? The first servant came to the room to give his master an account of how he had used the money he had received. "Master" he said, "you gave me

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five talents, and I have gained five talents more." His master was pleased, and said, "Well done, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things : enter into the joy of thy lord."

Then the other servant came in, and said, "Master, you gave me two talents, and I have gained two talents more." His master was pleased, and said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy lord." You see it was not how much they had received, but what use they had made of it that brought them the master's praise.

Jesus said this is the way it will be in his kingdom when he returns, with all his holy angels with him. He will ask his servants what use they have made of the talents that have been given to them. They will tell him what they have done for him, and the master will say, "Well done," if they have each used what they had, and will give them all the joy of his kingdom.

Then Jesus told his disciples about all the good things that will come to those who serve him. Let us repeat all the verses in the lesson which begin with the word "Blessed."

Our Golden Text says, "All things are yours . . . and ye are Christ's ; and Christ is God's."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus tell stories to his disciples?
2. What are they called ?
3. Why did the man call his servants to him ?
4. How much did he give each ?
5. What did the first servant do with his money ?
6. What did the other servant do with his ?
7. What did the master do when he returned ?
8. What did the first servant say ?
9. What did the master say ?
10. What did the other servant say ?
11. What did the master say to him ?
12. What will Jesus ask his servants when he returns ?
13. What will he give to all who have made good use of all they have for Jesus ?
14. What is the Golden Text ?

### Lesson Hymn

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Amen.  
—Hymn 238, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—114. What are baptism and the Lord's Supper called ? Baptism and the Lord's Supper are called sacraments. 115. Are there any sacraments besides baptism and the Lord's Supper ? No. Jesus appointed only these two.

### The Question on Missions

12. What has Christianity done for the homes in Honan ? It has unbound thousands of cruelly bound girls' feet. It has taught many boys and girls, who would not have been taught even to read. It has cured very many people who were sick, and given sight to many who were blind. And it has brought joy and gladness to many homes that were dark and sad.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the words in the drawing, and remember that Jesus will speak these words to us if only we serve him faithfully. For, al-



WELL DONE

though we cannot see him now, he will surely come again and will reward all those who have been diligently trying to do his will.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD ALWAYS DO RIGHT

Lesson XIII. **REVIEW—WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN** September 29, 1918

**Golden Text**—My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue ; but in deed and truth.—1 John 3 : 18.

**REPEAT**—GOLDEN TEXTS FOR THE QUARTER. **SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGE** (John 6 : 5, 8-14). **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 102-115. **MEMORY HYMN**—Hymn 509, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

Read 1 John 3 : 1-24.

**What Jesus' Followers Should Be Like**

Our stories this Quarter have told us what Jesus' followers should be like. Let us see how many of these questions we can answer :

**LESSON I.** What two people became Christians in Philippi ? Who told them about Jesus ? What did the jailer ask Paul ? What is the only way to become a Christian ?

**LESSON II.** Where was Philip ? What message did God's angel bring to Philip ? Who was the man he met ? What was the man doing ? How did Philip help him to become a Christian ?

**LESSON III.** What did Jesus' disciples ask him to do ? What prayer did Jesus teach his followers to pray ?

**LESSON IV.** Where was Jesus walking ? Whom did he call to follow him ? What did they do at once ?

**LESSON V.** Where did Jesus' parents take him when he was twelve years old ? Why were they going there ? Why did he remain after they went home ? What did he say when his mother found him ? What kind of a boy was Jesus ? Whom should we take for our copy ?

**LESSON VI.** What happened to a traveler going from Jerusalem to Jericho ? Who passed by without helping the poor man ? How did the good Samaritan help him ? How should we treat those in need of help ?

**LESSON VII.** Who was the first of Jesus' messengers to preach about him ? How many joined the church in Jerusalem ? Who should be workers in our church ?

**LESSON VIII.** What did Jesus promise those who are not afraid to stand up for him ? What were Jesus' messengers to wait for in Jerusalem ? Who will help us to speak for Jesus ?

**LESSON IX.** What does Jesus teach us about giving ? What did a poor widow give to the church ? What did Jesus say about her gift ?

**LESSON X.** What did king Ahab want Naboth to give him ? What wicked plot did Ahab's wife carry out ? Why did God punish Ahab ?

**LESSON XI.** Who came to the world to be the light of the world ? Who are to be lights now ? What does Jesus tell his followers to do ? What vision did Paul see ? What did he do ? How can we obey Jesus' command ?

**LESSON XII.** Where did the man go ? What did he give his servants ? How did he expect them to use these ? What use did each make of the things that had been given to them ?

**Lesson Hymn**

I want to be like Jesus,  
So lowly and so meek ;  
For no one marked an angry word  
That ever heard Him speak.

I want to be like Jesus,  
Engaged in doing good,  
So that of me it may be said,  
"She hath done what she could." Amen.  
—Hymn 525, Book of Praise

**I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT I should love God and those about me**

**FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS**

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

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| LESSON II. Reading God's Word.          | LESSON VIII. Speaking for Christ.         |
| LESSON III. Praying to God.             | LESSON IX. Christian Giving.              |
| LESSON IV. Obeying God.                 | LESSON X. Conquering Evil.                |
| LESSON V. Growing Stronger.             | LESSON XI. Winning the World to Christ.   |
| LESSON VI. Helping Others.              | LESSON XII. Fruits of the Christian Life. |

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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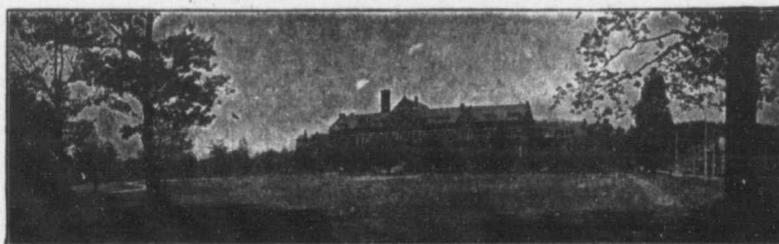
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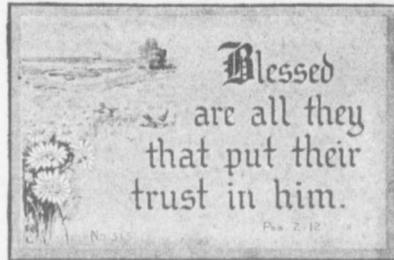
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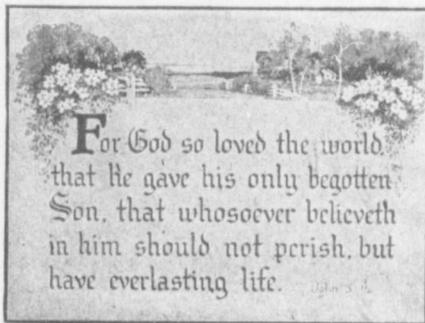
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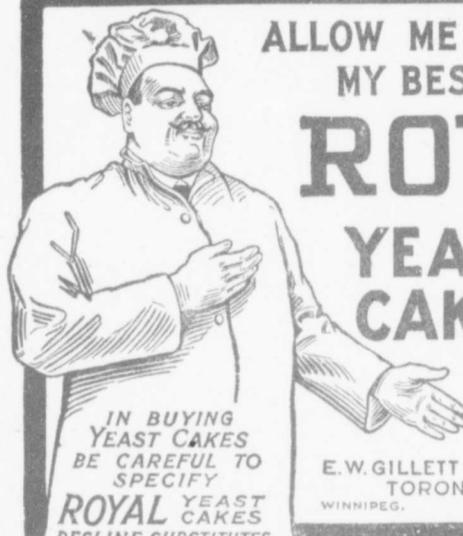
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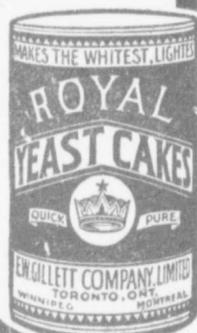
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