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"I Belong"

I belong to Jesus,
Therefore I can sing,
For I'm safe and happy
Underneath His wing.
But so many round me
Are all dark and cold,
I must try to bring them
Into Jesus' fold.

A Letter to the Little People

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE:—

Do you know I like to think of you children as little *people*,—for you boys and girls will soon be big people, taking the places of the dear fathers and mothers and teachers, when they shall have finished their work here.

Now you must get ready to be the very best big people you can possibly be.

If we want to make anything perfect, you know we must have a copy to follow; so, if you want to be the best little people and the best big people, you must have the best copy.

We are going to hear such beautiful stories this Quarter about the birth of two babes; one of them the greatest, best and most wonderful Babe,—the greatest, best and most wonderful Boy,—the greatest, best and most wonderful Man, that ever was born. This one is to be our Copy.

Long, long ago God promised He would send to our world One who would be the Saviour of sinners, whose great work would be to conquer Satan and save people. People looked and longed for this mighty Worker. They thought He would come as a great king, with heralds telling of His coming,—but He came to the world a little Babe!

God sent the other babe, John, to be a worker too, to tell people to get ready for Jesus, the mighty Worker.

King Jesus did not come as people expected He would come, but when He came as a little Babe, He had more wonderful heralds than any king ever had. The music at His coming was grander than any music ever heard at the coming of a king.

We shall see Him worshiped by lowly shepherds, and by wise and wealthy men; we shall see Him as a Boy and a Man, being made ready for His work; we shall watch Him as He goes about preaching, healing sick ones, calling helpers, and as we watch Him, I am sure you will all want to be helpers of this mighty Worker.

"Find out what He would have you do,

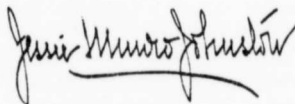
And do that little well;

For what is great and what is small

'Tis He alone can tell."

Won't you all remember that Jesus wants you to tell others these beautiful stories, to send word to children all over the world, that King Jesus is wanting them?

Your Friend,



How to Have a Happy Sabbath

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

To keep the Sabbath a "holy day" and not to make it a "holiday" is one of the problems that just now appeals most strongly to Christian parents. We want our children

to think of the Sabbath, not as a day of undue restraint or boredom, but as a day set apart from the others for special praise and service. My neighbor, with her flock of stirring lads and lasses, has found a solution that has worked so well that she has a rapidly increasing list of imitators.

Her aim is to make this day as different as possible from the Fridays and Saturdays just passed. So she begins with the meals. Breakfast, which is usually an early and rather hurried meal in her home, is half an hour later. Dinner is distinguished by its dessert, each member of the family in turn being allowed to choose it. It is always something which may be prepared the day before, and is kept a secret. The children love the mystery, and usually have great fun guessing what it will be. Tea, which is of the simplest description (sandwiches, brown bread and cake, or the like), is taken sometimes in one place, sometimes in another, but never at the dining-room table. In summer, weather permitting, it is always out of doors, and this is the one meal of the week that seems to appeal most to the children of the home and to their friends, who consider themselves very fortunate when asked to join them.

Another feature of the day comes directly after Sunday School. "Best clothes" are taken off, and the family, with picnic baskets and Thermos bottles, sets off every fine summer afternoon for the shady spots within walking distance of their home, where they have their tea. Here rugs are spread, and all settle down, the little ones to listen to their Sunday School papers read aloud, sometimes by the mother, sometimes the father, or occasionally the eldest sister, while the others at a little distance read for themselves or occupy themselves with the puzzles in the KING'S OWN.

After this come "Sunday games". One, which is very popular with the little ones, is played in this way. The youngest of the group begins it by giving the name of a Bible character beginning with the letter "A", and each one in the order of age gives a name beginning with the same letter. At any time a player may be challenged, and if he cannot tell something of his character, he must give another. When any one cannot mention a

name he drops out of the game. The last to remain in has the privilege of choosing the next letter.

A game which the older ones enjoy they call "Stories". Some one tells a Bible tale, omitting names, which, at the end, the others guess. I may say, these children have a really wonderful knowledge of Bible history. Sometimes they read aloud from the Bible, verse by verse; but always, the children tell me, the afternoon flies, and it seems no time before they are packing the baskets so that they will be home in time for their father and the older children to go to church. After they go, the half hour before bed time is spent by the little ones gathered around the piano singing hymns.

My neighbor tells me it is just as happy a day to her as to the children, and that, while they are at Sunday School, and after services, she has ample time for reading, or for rest, as she wishes.

St. John, N.B.

How Dougal Helped

By Mrs. Margaret Amos

It was Curly's first day at Sunday School. He was such a little fellow, just three years old. As soon as Dougal, who was five years old, saw him, he felt he must take charge of him, so he led him to the Primary Class, and sat holding his hand.

Curly was very quiet at first. Teacher asked the children what they would like to sing, and a little boy said: "Sing, Jesus gives me lots of pleasure." He meant:

"If I come to Jesus

He will make me glad."

Curly liked the singing, but while the boys and girls were saying the Golden Text he got tired. So he took his nice handkerchief out of his pocket and pretended to sneeze in it in a very funny way. All the children laughed, and so did Curly, and they couldn't pay attention to the lesson. Teacher went to Curly and said: "Now we shall put this pretty handkerchief back in its little house."

Then Curly, who did not like his fun spoiled, lifted up his voice in a long, loud howl, and the tears chased each other down his rosy cheeks.

Quickly Dougal's arm was around him. "O don't cry," he coaxed, "Teacher will show us the prettiest picture, great big horses and soldiers coming from war; won't you, Teacher?"

"Yes, here it is", said Teacher, turning over the Picture Roll, and in the wonder of it and listening to the lesson story, Curly forgot his trouble.

"Thank you, Dougal, for comforting Curly", said Teacher before he went home.

"O that's all right", said Dougal, "at home I please my little brother every day. He likes me."

"No wonder", said Teacher.

Aurora, Ont.

A Runaway Smile

One day a little smile,
 Played truant for a while,
 From a room where little smiles should
 always be;
 And a little boy said "Can't",
 And a little girl said, "Shan't",
 And a mother's face was very sad to me.

Then that little smile felt sorry
 To have caused this dreadful worry,
 So it crept beneath the nursery window pane;
 And some little sulks flew out,
 And four lips forgot to pout,
 Kissed instead—and mother's face grew glad
 again.

Said that little smile, ,, I never
 Thought my running off could ever
 Make two people look so very, very black;
 So I think I'd better stay,
 Or next time I run away
 They really might forget to want me back."
 —Australian Young Folks

Dinner in India

Ordinary dishes in India are not made of china or earthenware, but of brass, and each day they are scrubbed till they shine. A common kind of food is puris, a kind of short bread rolled thin and fried in butter.

A good Hindu does all her cooking, kneading her bread and everything of that sort with her right hand alone. The left hand is saved for any dirty work she has to do, and so must never touch her food.

When dinner is all ready, she will spread a clean cloth on the floor, the family will sit around it and she will serve them. They will have no knives and forks but will eat with their fingers, and if they are a well-bred family, they will touch only their right hands to the food, and only the tips of the fingers will be soiled. When they have finished eating, water will be poured over their hands to take away both the stains and the odor of the nice hot curry they have eaten.

When the women eat, they sit cross-legged on the floor, and if you try it you will find that it is very hard to sit like that without having your knees come up rather high, but if you were a little Indian girl in a nice family you would be told that your knees must lie flat and close to the floor, because it is not ladylike to have them lifted up.

It is just as true in India, as in every other civilized country, that people who are nice are particular about little things, while the ignorant are careless and slovenly.—Children's Missionary Friend

The Imagination

By Professor O. J. Stevenson, D.Ped.

If we were to set ourselves to take to pieces the most imaginative unreal fairy story or story of adventure that we know of, or to examine the wildest and most impossible medley of circumstances that a child's imagination could create, we should find that, after all, they are made up of nothing new, but are only old mental pictures put together in new ways. No matter how strong the imagination is, it cannot create new things. It can only take the mental pictures that we have already had and put them together in new forms. An Esquimaux child, for example, who has never come into contact with white people, cannot form mental pictures of great cities or tropical forests except as variations of his own surroundings.

We notice that children at certain stages, up to seven or eight years of age at least, have very vivid imaginations,—more vivid than they are a few years later. The reason that they are so vivid is just because the child is not disturbed by the unreality or absurdity of the pictures which his imagination creates. The most impossible things can happen in the child's day dreams, and he never stops to question whether they are real. When he reaches the "story" stage and has to be told the story of Silverlocks, or Red Riding Hood, he is not at all concerned about the impossibility of what he hears, and the more absurd and fantastic the story happens to be, the better he is satisfied.

But in later childhood when the necessities of real life come to be all important, the making of new pictures is checked and his imagination does not run riot as before. But it does not cease to exist: it merely takes more practical forms. The imaginative picture now takes the shape of a new plan for the holiday, arrangements for the picnic or party, or perhaps the preparation for the next day's work at home or in school. If the imagination in such cases plays false, of course things do not turn out as expected, and there is disappointment or failure as a result. This use of the imagination in making plans is what most people in practical life try to cultivate, and the thrifty housewife, the practical teacher or preacher, and the hard-headed business men alike owe their success to the possession of this kind of imaginative power.

But there is another way in which imagination works, that is more important still. In our best moments, even in childhood, we are constantly putting into shape our thoughts and feelings as to how we ought to live and what we would like to become. In so doing we piece together the best things from our past lives,—from the people we have met, the books we have read, the things we have seen,—and we form new pictures which we call our *ideals*. The creating of ideals is the highest form of imagination, for it is upon our ideals that our conduct largely depends; and in forming high ideals we must not forget that the raw materials upon which the

imagination works must be the purest and best,—good friends, good homes, good books, good surroundings, and above all, the stimulating example of good men and women of all time, and better than all, the life of Christ Himself.

The University Schools, Toronto

For Mother's Sake

By Rev. P. M. MacDonald, M.A.

Little Kenneth was ill. He found the bed and the medicine and the pain in his throat all very disagreeable. A nurse had to wait upon him because his mother, who had no help, was burdened with the other children and the many needs of the home. Kenneth did not like the strange nurse and he cried often for his mother. Also he was hard to attend, and begged for impossible things, and screamed when they were forbidden him. His mother would frequently run up to his room and sit beside his bed. Oh, how good it was to have her near! Her hand was so gentle and so cool, her stories were so good, and her smile was so bright that Kenneth was very brave when she was with him. But when she would go back to her work, Kenneth would cry and rebel and worry the nurse very much.

After he had been in bed for a week, the mother took ill and the nurse had to spend part of her time in the mother's room. Immediately a great change took place in Kenneth. He was still very ill; but he never complained nor cried nor refused his medicine. He lay so quiet and still, and was so obedient that nurse asked him how he had grown so contented. "Oh", said Kenneth, "I'm trying to get along without you so that you can do more to help mother to get well again. I just thought of it myself. Does it help any?" "Yes, yes", said the nurse, "it does help. I could not have done as much as she needed unless you had thought of this way of helping. It is very brave and good of you, and mother is quite proud of her son." "I want to help you because I love her", said the sick boy as he took his medicine without any coaxing.

Toronto

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1912

I. RECITE. The Golden Text for the Quarter. Give a brief explanatory remark each Sunday.

II. PRAYER, giving special thanks for "Jesus, the Light of the World".

III. SINGING. Hymn 550, Book of Praise, or "Jesus bids us shine".

IV. OFFERING. Recite or sing :

"We bring now our gifts to the Master,
Although they are small they'll be blest ;
He knows we are tiny disciples,
But loves us as well as the rest."

V. SINGING. One or more hymns. Let these be selected sometimes by the children.

VI. 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.

VII. RECITE :

"Winter day ! Frosty day !
God a cloak on all doth lay ;
On the earth the snow He sheddeth,
O'er the lamb a fleece He spreadeth,
Gives the bird a coat of feather
To protect it from the weather,
Gives the children home and food ;
Let us praise Him ; God is good."

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six, The Lambs of the Flock, Mark 10 : 13-16. For those under eleven, The Child Wonderful, Isa. 9 : 6. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

IX. SINGING. Hymn 520, Book of Praise, vs. 1 and 2. (These are the first two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

X. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XI. SINGING. LESSON HYMN. (See each Lesson.)

XII. THE LORD'S PRAYER.

XIII. DISTRIBUTE wraps, papers and dismiss.

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST FORETOLD

January 7, 1912

Luke 1 : 5-23—*Memory Verses, 15, 16.

Golden Text—Without faith it is impossible to please him.—Hebrews 11 : 6.

5 There was in the days of Her'od, the king of Judæ'a, a certain priest named Zachari'as, of the course of Abi'a : and his wife *was* Elis'abeth, of the house of Aa'ron, and her name *was* Elis'abeth.

6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

7 And they had no child, because that Elis'abeth was barren, and they both were *now* well stricken in years.

8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course,

9 According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord,

10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

12 And when Zachari'as saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.

13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zachari'as : for thy prayer is heard ; and thy wife Elis'abeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness ; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink ; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.

16 And many of the children of Is'rael shall he turn to the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Eli'as, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the just ; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just ; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

18 And Zachari'as said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this ? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years.

19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Ga'briel, that stand in the presence of God ; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.

20 And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

21 And the people waited for Zachari'as, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.

22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto them : and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple : for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

23 And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In our Lesson of two weeks ago we read how one of God's prophets told his people, the Jews, that the Messiah as Saviour would surely come.

Now, many, many years afterwards, when Herod was the king in Judah, there lived in that land a priest named Zacharias. His wife's name was Elizabeth. They were both old, and all their lives they had served God faithfully and kept His commandments. But God had never given them a child.

One day it was Zacharias' turn to burn incense at the hour of prayer on the golden altar in the temple. So, while the people in great crowds prayed in the outer court of the

temple, Zacharias went alone into the Holy Place to burn incense.

There, beside the altar, he saw standing a beautiful angel. Zacharias was afraid, but the angel said, "Do not fear, Zacharias; it is good news I bring you. God has heard your prayers, and is going to send to you and your wife Elizabeth a son whom you shall call John. He is not to drink wine nor any strong drink, and he will be filled with God's Holy Spirit from the time he is born. He will bring to you and to all people much joy and gladness, for he is to be God's messenger to His people Israel, to tell them of the Sav-

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

our's coming and warn them to repent of their sins and so be ready for His coming."

But Zacharias did not believe the angel. "How can I tell that these things will happen?" he said. Then the angel answered, "I am the angel Gabriel, and God sent me from heaven to give you this good news. But because you did not believe me, you shall be punished by not being able to speak until the things I have told you about shall come to pass."

Outside in the court of the temple the people waited and wondered what kept Zacharias so long in the Holy Place, and when he came out they were astonished to see that he could not speak. But he made signs to them that he had seen a vision, and soon after he left the temple for his own home.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who had the Jews been told would surely come? 2. Who was Zacharias? 3. What was his wife's name? 4. What had God not given them? 5. What had Zacharias to do one day in the temple? 6. Whom did he see beside the golden altar? 7. Whom did the angel say God would send to Zacharias? 8. What was to be the son's name? 9. What was he not to do? 10. About whom was he to tell the people? 11. What was he to warn them to do? 12. What did Zacharias say to the angel? 13. What was the angel's answer? 14. Who wondered at Zacharias' delay? 15. What did they see when Zacharias came out? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A group of children were playing on the broad door stone under protecting shade trees. "I'm the mother", cried the largest little girl. "There always has to be a mother and I'm it." Black-eyed Ned sat next. "I'm the father", he asserted sturdily. "Nellie and Rob can be the children, but I'll be the father to see to things."

Little blue-eyed Dolly saw that she was being left out of this pretty family game. "What am I?" she asked a little pitifully. "There must be servants", said the play father and mother. "That's all that's left I'm afraid." "Well", said little Dolly very

sweetly, "I'll be a real nice one then. Somebody has to do something for the rest, and it's just as good as anything if you do it well."

Lesson Hymn

Spirit, strength of all the weak,
Giving courage to the meek,
Teaching faltering tongues to speak;
Hear us, Holy Spirit. Amen.
—Hymn 116, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, VILLAGE WORK IN INDIA.)

—1. Why is village work so important a part of mission work in India? Because the masses of the people, about nine-tenths of the whole population, live in the villages. In our mission field in Central India we have 17,000 villages.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The angel Gabriel brought to Zacharias God's promise of a son. God has given to



us many precious promises, and we can be sure that He will give everything He has promised. Color the drawing.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BELIEVE GOD

Lesson II. THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST January 14, 1912

Luke 1 : 57-75. Study Luke 1 : 57-80—Memory Verses, 67-69, or 76, 77.

Golden Text—Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.—Luke 1 : 68.



57 Now Elis'abeth's full time came that she should be delivered ; and she brought forth a son.

58 And her neighbours and her cousins heard how the Lord had shewed great mercy upon her ; and they rejoiced with her.

59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child ; and they called him Zachari'as, after the name of his father.

60 And his mother answered and said, Not so ; but he shall be called John.

61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name.

62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called.

63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them : and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judæ'a.

66 And all they that heard *them* laid *them* up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be ! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zachari'as was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be the Lord God of Is'rael ; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant Da'vid ;

70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began :

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us ;

72 To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant ;

73 The oath which he sware to our father A'braham,

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the son whom God had promised to Zacharias and Elizabeth was born. When the baby was eight days old, the friends and relations of his father and mother gathered in the home. For at this time he was to be dedicated or given to God and to receive his name. They all thought that the baby would be called Zacharias after his father. But his mother Elizabeth said, "No, he must be called John." Zacharias had told her in writing—for he was not yet able to speak—the message which the angel had given him in the temple.

"But", the friends said, "none of your relations are called John. Let us ask his

father what the child is to be called". So they made signs to Zacharias, and he wrote : "His name is John." And all the friends were astonished, for they did not know, as Elizabeth knew, the vision that Zacharias had seen in the temple.

And as soon as Zacharias had written the words, God gave him power to speak again, and he burst out into a song of thanksgiving, praising God for His goodness in sending to him the child that had been promised ; for it showed that the rest of God's promises which He had given through His prophets would also come true very soon,—the pro-

mise of a Saviour who would deliver His people from all their enemies.

And the friends and relations went out and told all that had happened, and people wondered and said, "What sort of a child must this one be?"

The little boy grew up, and he went and lived in the lonely wilderness until he was a man and the time had come for him to tell the Jews that the Saviour was coming. For the little child whom God gave to Zacharias and Elizabeth was John the Baptist.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did God give to Zacharias and Elizabeth? 2. Who came to the home when the child was eight days old? 3. Why did they come? 4. What name did the relations think that the baby would be called? 5. What did his mother say? 6. What did the relations answer to her? 7. Whom did they ask to settle the question? 8. What did Zacharias do? 9. Why were the relations surprised? 10. What happened after Zacharias had written? 11. What did he do immediately? 12. For what did Zacharias give thanks? 13. Who spread the news of what had happened? 14. What did people say? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I hate my name", cried Theodora—"such a horrid one, and such a long one. There is not another girl in the school with one like it. O, why didn't you just call me Mary, or Jane, or something like that, mother?" Mother smiled. "Because we thought it was the most beautiful of all names, for it means—your name does, Theodora—"The gift of God!"

"O mother", cried Theodora, "have I really been that to you—even when I've been naughty and—"

"Always", said mother smiling. Theodora clapped her hands. "O, I'm glad after all I've a name with a meaning, and I'll try so hard to be good and live up to it."

Lesson Hymn

Now blessed be the Lord our God,
The God of Israel,
For He alone doth wondrous works,
In glory that excel.

—Ps. Sel. 52, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD ASK GOD TO BE WITH ME

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

2. How large are these villages? They vary in size from a few huts to a thousand or more huts. In the average village there are about three hundred people.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy the words of Zacharias, and try, like him, to be obedient to God.

His Name is John

Lesson III.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

January 21, 1912

Luke 2 : 8-20. Study Luke 2 : 1-20—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

One night, in the country near the little town of Bethlehem, some shepherds lay out on the hillside, watching their sheep lest wild beasts should come near them. Suddenly, down out of the starry sky, there came a beautiful angel, and round about him and the shepherds there shone a great light—the light of the glory of the Lord.

This was such a strange sight that the shepherds were filled with fear. But the angel said, "Do not fear; for I bring good news of great joy to you and all the people of Israel. For this day in Bethlehem there is born a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. This is how you shall know Him,—you shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly with the angel messenger there appeared many, many

other beautiful angels, till the whole sky was filled with their light and their music, for they were all singing the sweetest hymns the world has ever heard,—"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

After the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds, full of joy and eagerness, hurried into the little town of Bethlehem to seek the Saviour of the world whom the angel said had been born that night. And there, in a stable outside of an inn, they found the little Baby, Jesus. He was lying in a manger, and he was wrapped round and round in soft pieces of cloth,—swaddling clothes. So the shepherds knew He was the King and Saviour for whom God's people had waited so long, because the

angel had said they would find Him "wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger".

And the shepherds went out and told all their friends of the angel's message to them, and the wonderful things they had seen and heard that night. Then they returned to their flocks again, praising God for His goodness to them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who were spending the night on the hillside near Bethlehem? 2. What were these men doing? 3. Who suddenly came down from the sky? 4. What lighted the sky? 5. What did the shepherds feel? 6. What did the angel say to them? 7. What had happened that night in Bethlehem? 8. How would they know that this news was true? 9. Who then appeared beside the angel? 10. What song did they sing? 11. What did the shepherds do when the angels disappeared? 12. Whom did they find in the stable in Bethlehem? 13. Where was He lying? 14. In what was He wrapped? 15. How did the shepherds know this was Jesus? 16. To whom did the shepherds go and tell their good news? 17. What did they do afterwards? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

There was a great uproar in the nursery. The garlands of scarlet and green that had been hanging so gaily everywhere, were on the floor limp and draggled. Mother opened the door and looked in, and the children stopped their loud talking and hung their heads. "Not quarreling, children!" she said, surprised at the sullen faces. "And on this day of all days—that we call 'The Festival of Peace'?" Neither Janet nor Nancy nor Frank felt like giving any excuses for their wrangling and mother went on.

"With all these gay decorations and gift-giving and thinking of others, we are celebrating the birthday of Him who was called 'The Prince of Peace'. And here are my little ones disagreeing and quarreling in the midst of it all."

"We're ashamed now, mother", said Frank. "And the rest of the holidays we'll all try to be peacemakers", said Nancy.

Lesson Hymn

O come, all ye faithful,
 Joyfully triumphant,
 To Bethlehem hasten now with glad accord :
 Lo ! in a manger
 Lies the King of angels ;
 O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord !
 —Hymn 34, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

3. Who make up a village? Most of the people are farmers, but, besides, in every village there is a barber, a shopkeeper, a blacksmith, a carpenter, a weaver, a shoemaker, a potter, and the coolie of the lowest caste but one of the most useful men in the village.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing, and remember that you can help to make peace on earth by doing all



in your power to spread the story of Jesus. For wherever people know and love Him they live at peace with one another.

**I Have Learned To-day That
 I SHOULD TELL OTHERS OF JESUS**

Lesson IV. THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE January 28, 1912

Luke 2 : 25-38. Study Luke 2 : 22-39—Memory Verses, 29, 30.

Golden Text—For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.—Luke 2 : 30, 31



25 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

31 A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

32 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

33 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in

Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;

34 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

35 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

36 And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

37 And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When the Holy Child was eight days old, Mary and Joseph named Him Jesus, as God had commanded, and dedicated Him, like other children, to the Lord; for although Jesus was the Son of God, yet He came to earth to be like one of us, and to set an example in all the things that we should do. Afterwards Mary and Joseph took the Babe up to Jerusalem, where, in the holy temple, they might offer up a sacrifice and praise and thanksgiving to God for His wonderful Gift.

Now, there lived in Jerusalem a good old man whose name was Simeon. For many long years Simeon had read and thought much about the wonderful words of the prophets, which told of the Saviour who was to come and save the people of the world. Because of his love for God and his faith in His

promises, God's Holy Spirit had told Simeon that he should not die till he had seen this Saviour. And now the Holy Spirit spoke to Simeon and warned him to go up into the temple, and he knew that the time was come.

When he came into the temple and saw Joseph and Mary, with the Child Jesus, Simeon knew that this was the Lord; and taking Him up in his arms, he gave thanks to God and said, "Now Lord, I can die in peace, for Thy promise is come true, and I have seen the Saviour who is to bring life and glory to Thy people Israel and to all the nations of the earth." Joseph and Mary wondered at Simeon's words; and he laid his hands on them and blessed them also, repeating again all that this wonderful Child would do for the world.

In Jerusalem at this time there also lived a prophetess named Anna. She was a widow and very old, and she lived near the temple so that she might more easily worship and attend the services either day or night. And while Simeon was speaking, she too came into the temple where Jesus was, and thanked God because He had let her also live to see the Saviour. And she went out and told the good news to all her friends who she knew were looking eagerly for His coming.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Mary and Joseph do when the Holy Child was eight days old?
2. Whither did Joseph and Mary afterwards take Jesus?
3. Wherefore did they do this?
4. What good old man lived in Jerusalem?
5. What did he often think over?
6. What had God's Spirit promised him?
7. Why?
8. Who told Simeon to go up to the temple?
9. Whom did he see in the temple?
10. What did Simeon do then?
11. What did he thank God for?
12. What did he say the Saviour had come to earth for?
13. What did Simeon do to Joseph and Mary?
14. What prophetess came into the temple just then?
15. Why did she live near the temple?
16. What did she do when she saw Jesus?
17. What did she do afterwards?
18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Philip didn't want to go to church, even if Grandfather was going. "If I had rheumatism that hurt", he said, "I wouldn't go to church." "When I was a tiny baby", said Grandfather, "my father and mother had me baptized. They promised then that they would try to bring me up to love and serve Christ. When I was older, they told me of this, and asked me to help them keep the promise. So I've tried to ever since. and because going to church is one of the things God likes His children to do, I love doing it." Philip held out his hand. "Father and mother had me baptized too", he said, "so I'll try after this to keep the promise as you did, Grandfather."

Lesson Hymn

O Thou, whose infant feet were found
Within Thy Father's shrine,

Whose years, with changeless virtue crown-
ed,
Were all alike divine—

Dependent on Thy bounteous breath,
We seek Thy grace alone—
In childhood, manhood, age and death,
To keep us still Thine own! Amen.

—Hymn 521, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 1-3.

The Question on Missions

4. Who are the most influential members of the village community? Each village has a head man, a clerk who transacts the village business, a priest who officiates at weddings and other ceremonies, and who is sometimes also the astrologer. Most villages have a schoolmaster also.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The brightest colors must be used for this drawing,—red and blue and yellow and



green,—for the people of the East, both men and women dressed in such colors. And as you color the drawing of the old man with a child in his arms, remember that Jesus the Son of God became a little Child that He might be our Saviour.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I BELONG TO GOD

Lesson V.

THE WISE MEN LED BY THE STAR

February 4, 1912

Matthew 2 : 1-12. Study Matthew, ch. 2—Memory Verses, 1,2.

Golden Text—Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth : for I am God, and there is none else.—Isaiah 45 : 22.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 And he sent them to Beth'lehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young

child ; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

At the time when Jesus was born in Beth-lehem, there came to Jerusalem a company of Wise Men from a far Eastern country, and they said to the people of Jerusalem, "Where is the Child that has been born King of the Jews, for a star which we saw in the East has guided us hither, and we have come to worship Him ?"

When Herod, the king of Judea, heard what these men were asking, he was troubled because they called Jesus a king. He was afraid that this Child might indeed be made king over Judea some day instead of himself, so he, too, tried to find out where Jesus was. He summoned the most learned men in Jerusalem, and asked them where Christ was to be born. They answered, "The prophet Micah

has written that He is to be born in the city of Bethlehem."

So Herod called the Wise Men to him and said, "Go and look carefully for this Child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may go and worship Him." But Herod said this only because he wanted to find Jesus and put Him to death.

Then the Wise Men went out from Jerusalem towards Bethlehem, and as they went, they were filled with joy, for the star which they had seen in their own land, appeared again and moved on before them, showing them the way, till it came and stood over the house where Jesus was with Mary His mother. They went in and knelt down and worshiped Him, and they gave to Him rich gifts

of precious things they had brought from their own land, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

That very night God spoke to the Wise Men in a dream, warning them not to go back to Herod ; so they returned to their own country another way.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Jerusalem at the time Jesus was born ? 2. What did they ask ? 3. Who heard of this ? 4. Why was he afraid ? 5. Whom did Herod ask about Jesus ? 6. What was he told ? 7. What did Herod say to the Wise Men ? 8. Why was he anxious to find Jesus ? 9. What did the Wise Men see on the road to Bethlehem ? 10. Whither did the star lead them ? 11. What did the Wise Men do when they saw Jesus ? 12. What did they give Him as presents ? 13. What warning did God give them in a dream ? 14. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

The Christmas tree was in the Sunday School, shining bravely with its tinsel and candles ; but it had such funny presents on it—no toys, books or dolls, but knitted shawls, crocheted slippers, mufflers and other things like that, that made one know they were never meant for children. And they were not. They were for the poor and old and lonely people in the town that were gathered there with shining faces in the Sunday School hall. The boys and girls were giving Christmas presents this year, not gathering them.

Such a happy time they had, too ! One boy was Santa Claus and carried round the gifts ; one girl sang a Christmas song and all together they sang a chorus ; and there were ice cream and cake, oranges and candy for everybody. And all the dear old folks when they went home said, "Well, this is the best Christmas tree I've ever had." And the boys and girls, tired but happy, said so too. They had carried out the real spirit of Christmas.

Lesson Hymn

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold ;
As with joy they hailed its light,

Leading onward, beaming bright ;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 31, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—70. Which is the Third Commandment ? The Third Commandment is, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

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

The Question on Missions

5. What is the usual way of reaching the villages ? During the cool season the missionary packs his ox-cart with tents, camp equipage, tracts, books, medicines, etc., and, along with native helpers, tours among the villages.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The star which the Wise Men saw guided them to Bethlehem where Jesus was. But we do not need a star to show us the way to



Jesus. He is near to us wherever we are,—so near that we can speak to Him and He can hear us and answer us. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP JESUS

Lesson VI.

THE BOY JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

February 11, 1912

Luke 2 : 40-52—Memory Verses, 46, 47.

Golden Text—How is it that ye sought me ? wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house ?—Luke 2 : 49.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

why hast thou thus dealt with us ? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me ? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business ?

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

Herod was so angry when the Wise Men did not return to tell him where Jesus was, that it was no longer safe for Mary and Joseph to remain in Bethlehem. Being warned by God in a dream, they took the Baby Jesus and went away to Egypt, where they lived until Herod was dead, when they came back to the little village of Nazareth, where Jesus was brought up.

When Jesus was twelve years old, Joseph and Mary took Him with them when they went on their yearly visit up to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of the Passover. The Passover occupied a whole week, but at last it was over, and Mary and Joseph, together with a large company of their friends and neighbors, set out again for their home in Nazareth. They traveled a whole day without seeing Jesus, but they thought that He was with some of His friends in the company.

At night time, however, when Jesus was not to be found, Mary and Joseph in great trouble hurried back alone to Jerusalem to look for Him.

It was three long days before they found Him; and when they did so, He was not playing with other boys, nor taken up with the sights of the great city, but He was in the temple, sitting in the midst of a company of the great and learned teachers of God's Word. Jesus was talking with these wise men, listening eagerly to what they were saying and asking them questions.

They were all astonished that a child should be so full of knowledge and understanding, for they did not then know who Jesus was. But His mother said, "My Child, why have you treated us so ? Thy father and I have been looking for Thee with anxious, troubled hearts."

"But", said Jesus, "why did you look for Me? Did you not know that I must be doing the work that My Father sent Me to do?" But Mary and Joseph did not understand what He meant.

And Jesus went home with them to Nazareth, and obeyed His earthly parents in all things. And every day He grew stronger and wiser and more pleasing to His heavenly Father, and all who knew Him loved Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How old was Jesus when He went to the Passover?
2. Where was this Feast held?
3. Who went with Mary and Joseph on the way home to Nazareth?
4. How long were they without seeing Jesus?
5. Where did they suppose He was?
6. When did they learn that He was not in the company?
7. How long did they search for Him?
8. Where did they find Him?
9. What was Jesus doing?
10. What did Mary say to Him?
11. What did Jesus answer?
12. What is said of Jesus' life as a Boy?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Dolly sat gazing into the fire one evening, thinking very hard and soberly. "Mother", she said at last, "how old must I be before I can be a Christian?" "How old will you have to be before you love me?" mother asked in return. "Why mother", said Dolly, "I've always loved you." "Well then", said mother, "how old must you be before you can trust yourself altogether to me and my care?" Dolly's eyes were wondering. "I've always done that too." Still mother went on: "How old will you have to be before you do what I want you to do?" "Why I can now, mother, without growing any older." "Then", said mother, "you can be a Christian now too, dear, if you love and trust and follow the Lord Jesus, who loves all little children dearly."

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

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

The Question on Missions

6. What is the usual plan of work when touring? The usual plan is to stay a week or two at some large centre, visit all the neighboring villages in the mornings, while the afternoons and evenings are spent in the town where the tent is pitched.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

"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 Today

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S HOUSE

Lesson VII. THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST February 18, 1912

Luke 3 : 1-17. Study Mark 1 : 1-8 ; Luke 3 : 1-20—Memory Verses, 8, 9, or 16, 17.

Golden Text—Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—Matthew 3 : 2.



1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, Pon'tius Pilate being governor of Judæa, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituræa and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

2 An'nas and Cai'aphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zachari'as in the wilderness.

3 And he came into all the country about Jor'dan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins ;

4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esai'as the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low ; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth ;

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of v'ners, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come ?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have A'braham to our father : for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto A'braham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees : every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then ?

11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath

none ; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do ?

13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do ? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely ; and be content with your wages.

15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not ;

16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water ; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose : he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire :

17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner ; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was growing up in Nazareth, God was teaching John the Baptist in the desert the message which he was to speak to the Jews,—that they should repent of their sins and so be ready to receive the long-promised Messiah or Christ, who was now to come very soon. At last John began to speak his message in the desert.

He was dressed in a rough coat of camel's hair, and he had for his food insects called locusts, and honey made by the wild bees.

From all the country round about people flocked to hear this strange man, and to them all John said the same thing,—“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. I am the one whom the prophet said would be sent to cry in the wilderness, ‘Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.’” Also John warned the proud Pharisees and

Sadducees who came out to hear him, that the Lord would not forgive their sins and save them unless they should give up their sins altogether, and become like a good tree, bringing forth good fruit.

Many of the people who heard John asked him what they should do. And John told them to be kind to the poor, to be honest in their business, to bear no false witness, to strike or hurt no man, and to be content with what they had.

Some of the people thought because of all this, and because John was baptizing people, that he himself was the Christ. But John said he was but the humble messenger of the Christ, who was so great that he was not fit to stoop down and unloose the fastenings of His shoe.

John also told the people that being baptized with water could not wash away their sins, but that Jesus, when He came, would baptize them with the Holy Spirit, who would make their hearts clean from sin and help them to be pure and holy. And Jesus, said John, would be able to separate the bad from the good. The good He would gather to Himself like good grain, but the bad, like chaff, He would utterly destroy.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus grow up? 2. What was God meanwhile teaching John the Baptist? 3. Where did John begin to preach? 4. Who came to hear him? 5. What was his message? 6. What had Isaiah said about him? 7. What did he say to the Pharisees and Sadducees? 8. What did some people ask? 9. What was John's answer? 10. Who did some of the people think John was? 11. What did John say he was not fit to do? 12. With what had John baptized? 13. With what would Jesus baptize? 14. How would Jesus separate the good from the bad? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I wish", said Jamie looking up from his homework, "that there wasn't any such thing as letters and figures and schools!" "When was it", asked Aunt Nelly, "that I heard a certain little boy saying that when he grew up he was going to be a missionary?" Jamie's face looked as if he might be the certain little boy. "But how do you suppose", Aunt Nelly went on, "that that little boy could ever become a missionary if he doesn't go to school? God wants the men who are to do His hardest work to be brave and good and clever men, and—" Jamie with a very shamed face bent over his books. "Just watch me study now", he said resolutely, "for I'm going to be a missionary."

Lesson Hymn

I'm a little pilgrim
And a stranger here;
Though this world is pleasant,
Sin is always near. Amen.
—Hymn 581, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

7. What do the workers do on entering a village? An audience is found in various ways. Singing, sometimes accompanied by a musical instrument, is often effective in getting it. Then the gospel message is given, followed by distribution of tracts or selling of books. Inquirers and others are welcomed to the tent, and meetings are also held there. At night, large audiences are secured by using a magic lantern.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The drawing (*color*) shows us what John the Baptist must have looked like. He was a strong, brave man, boldly speaking God's



words and faithfully doing God's work. We should ask God to make us also strong and brave to do what He gives us to do.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD FORSAKE SIN

Lesson VIII. **THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS** February 25, 1912
 Mark 1: 9-11; Matthew 4: 1-11. Study Mark 1: 9-13 ; Matthew 4: 1-11—Memory Verses, 3, 4.

Golden Text—For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.—Hebrews 2 : 18.



He shall give his angels charge concerning thee : and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

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

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, as John the Baptist was teaching and baptizing beside the river Jordan, Jesus Himself suddenly came and stood beside him, asking to be baptized also. At first John was surprised that Jesus should ask such a thing of him, and said, "Lord, I have need to be baptized of Thee, and dost Thou come to be baptized of me?" But Jesus insisted that John should baptize Him, just like other people.

So John baptized Jesus there in the river Jordan, and as He was coming up out of the water, the sky above Him opened, the Holy Spirit of God came down like a dove and rested upon Him, and God's voice spoke out of heaven saying, "Thou art My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

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

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

Matt. 4 : 1 Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

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

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

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

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

6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down : for it is written,

Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

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

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

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

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

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

The Holy Spirit afterwards led Jesus away into the lonely wilderness, where He stayed alone for forty days and forty nights. During all those days He ate no food, but spent the time in praying to God ; and afterwards He began to be hungry.

Then Satan, knowing that Jesus was faint and weary, came to Him in the wilderness and tempted Him to do wrong. He said, "If you are really the Son of God, change these stones that are lying on the ground into bread, that you may eat, for you are hungry."

But Jesus knew that Satan had only come to tempt Him, and He told him that it was written in the Bible that we must be careful to obey God and do what is right, than even

to get bread when we are hungry.

Satan next took Jesus into the city of Jerusalem and up to the top of a high tower of the temple, and said, "If Thou art the Son of God, throw Thyself down from this place, for it is written in the Bible that God shall give His angels charge over Thee, lest Thou dash Thy foot against a stone."

But Jesus said that it was also written in the Bible that we must not put ourselves in danger only to try whether God will save us from harm.

Satan now tempted Jesus in still another way. He took Him up to a high mountain, and there showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, their glories and their riches, and said, "All these will I give Thee for Thine own if Thou wilt bow down and worship me."

But immediately Jesus answered, "Go away from Me, Satan, for it is written in the Bible, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'"

When Satan saw that he could not persuade Jesus to do wrong, he left Him, and angels came down from heaven and fed and comforted Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to John one day asking to be baptized?
2. What did John say to Him?
3. Why did Jesus answer?
4. What strange thing happened as Jesus was coming out of the water?
5. What spoke from heaven?
6. What did God say?
7. Whither did Jesus afterwards go?
8. How long was He there?
9. Who came and tempted Him?
10. What did Satan first ask Jesus to do?
11. What reason did Jesus give for refusing?
12. Where did Satan take Jesus next?
13. What did he ask Him to do there?
14. What was Jesus' answer?
15. How did Satan tempt Jesus the third time?
16. What did Jesus say then?
17. What happened when Satan left Jesus?
18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

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

Thou, who hast trod the thorny road,

Wilt share each small distress;

The love, which bore the greater load,

Will not refuse the less. Amen.

Hymn 71, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—74. Why is our Sabbath called the Lord's day? Because on that day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

75. How should we spend the Lord's day?

We should spend the Lord's day in rest, in worship, and in doing good.

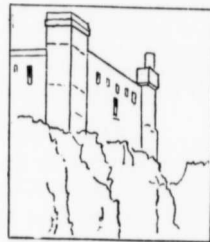
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 4-7.

The Question on Missions

8. Is there much opportunity for medical work in the villages? There are many requests to relieve sickness and suffering, and the medical missionary has patients coming to the tent for treatment. The medical work is of special value in overcoming hostility, as well as showing the people a very practical side of Christianity.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Satan tried to persuade Jesus to cast Himself down from a high pinnacle of the temple, saying that God would save Him from being



hurt. But Jesus teaches us that, if we expect God to save from harm, we must be careful not to act foolishly and wickedly. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD PRAY FOR THE
HOLY SPIRIT

Lesson IX.

THE CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES

March 3, 1912

Mark 1 : 14-28. Study Mark 1 : 14-28 ; Luke 5 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

Golden Text—The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few ; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.—Matthew 9 : 37, 38.



14 Now after that John was put in prison, Je'sus came into Gal'ilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand : repent ye, and believe the gospel.

16 Now as he walked by the sea of Gal'ilee, he saw Si'mon and An'drew his brother casting a net into the sea : for they were fishers.

17 And Je'sus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

18 And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

19 And when he had gone a little farther thence, he saw James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

20 And straightway he called them : and they left their father Zeb'edee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

21 And they went into Caper'naum, and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine : for he taught them as one that had

authority, and not as the scribes.

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

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

25 And Je'sus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

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

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

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Gal'ilee.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Not long after Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, He heard that the wicked King Herod, a son of the Herod who was king in Jerusalem when Jesus was born, had put John the Baptist in prison. Jesus therefore left that part of the country where He had been and went northward into Galilee.

One day, as He was walking along the shore of the Sea or Lake of Galilee, He saw two fishermen casting their nets into the sea. These were Simon, who was also called Peter, and Andrew his brother. Jesus said to them : " If you will follow Me, I will make you fishers of men instead of fish." Peter and Andrew immediately left their

nets and followed Jesus, and thus became His first disciples.

A little farther along the shore, Jesus saw two other brothers, James and John, who, with their father, Zebedee, were sitting in a boat mending their nets, and these also, when Jesus called them to be His disciples, left their father and all that they had and followed Him.

Jesus and His four disciples went into the city of Capernaum. There they attended the service on Sabbath day in the synagogue or church, and Jesus stood up and preached to the people.

While He was speaking, a man who was troubled with an evil spirit began to cry out with a loud voice against Jesus and what He was saying. But Jesus only turned, and quietly speaking to the evil spirit, said, "Hold thy peace and come out of him." Then the poor man, after a great struggle, fell to the ground and the evil spirit went out of him, leaving him well and quiet and in his right mind.

All the people who were in the synagogue were astonished and said: "Who can this wonderful Man be, who can make evil spirits obey Him and cure such people as this sick man?" And the news of what Jesus had done quickly spread through all the country.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What sad news did Jesus hear about John? 2. Whither did Jesus go? 3. Whom did He see one day as He walked by the sea? 4. What did He say to these men? 5. What did the men do? 6. Whom did Jesus call next? 7. Into what city did Jesus and His disciples go? 8. What did Jesus do one Sabbath? 9. Who interrupted Him? 10. What did Jesus say to the evil spirit? 11. What happened next? 12. How was the sick man left? 13. What did the people who saw this say? 14. Where did the news of the miracle spread? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Ted came home in great excitement one day. "I've joined at last, mother", he said. "I'm a Boy Scout now. All the other boys joined long ago, but you know I wanted to think about it first and see if I could be a good Scout all the time. The leader of our patrol is such a splendid Scout that I didn't want to disappoint him."

"I'm glad, Ted", said his mother, "that you've joined, and I'm glad too that you've got a leader you are proud of and will always want to please. A good leader should make a good follower." "And that's what I'm going to be", said Ted earnestly.

Lesson Hymn

As of old Apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
Leaving all for His dear sake.

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thy obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all. Amen.
—Hymn 242, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

9. Is there any special effort made to reach the village women? Lady missionaries tour among the villages, and the wives of the missionaries who accompany their husbands on tour do much in visiting and teaching the women. This work is carried on in much the same way as among the men, but includes less street work and more house to house visitation.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the drawing, and remember how Peter and Andrew and James and John



obeyed Jesus at once when He called them, leaving their nets and their fishing to follow Him. So we should do, without delay, whatever Jesus bids us.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD HELP JESUS

Lesson X.

JESUS THE HEALER

March 10, 1912

Mark 1 : 29-45. Study Mark 1 : 29-45 ; Matthew 4 : 23-25—Memory Verses, 40, 41.

Golden Text—Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.—Matthew 8 : 17.



29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Si'mon and An'drew, with James and John.

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

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

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

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

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

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

36 And Si'mon and they that were with him followed after him.

37 And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.

38 And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also :

for therefore came I forth. 39 And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Gal'ilee, and cast out devils. 40 And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 41 And Je'sus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will ; be thou clean. 42 And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. 43 And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away ; 44 And saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man : but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Mo'ses commanded, for a testimony unto them. 45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Je'sus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places : and they came to him from every quarter.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus and His disciples came out of the synagogue after the healing of the man with the evil spirit, they all went together to the house where Simon Peter and Andrew lived. Now, the mother of Peter's wife was in the house very ill with fever. When Jesus heard this, He went and stood by the sick woman's bed, and, taking her by the hand, lifted her up, and suddenly she became so well and strong that she was able to wait upon them all as they sat at table.

By this time the Sabbath was almost over, and the story of the wonders that Jesus had done had spread all through Capernaum, so that during the evening nearly the whole city gathered at Simon Peter's door, bringing

with them friends who were sick or lame, to see if Jesus would cure them. And though there were so many, Jesus healed them all and sent them to their homes again well and happy.

In the morning, before daylight, Jesus got up, and going away to a lonely place in the wilderness, spent a long time in prayer.

But people came in crowds to Peter's house seeking for Jesus. Peter and the other disciples therefore set out and followed Jesus to His resting place in the desert ; and when they had found Him, they said, "All men are seeking for Thee." And Jesus answered, "But I must go into other cities also and

preach God's Word, for that is what I came into the world to do."

So Jesus went throughout all the country of Galilee preaching in the synagogues and curing all kinds of disease. One day, in His journeying, there came to Him a poor man who had the terrible disease called leprosy. He knelt down before Jesus and said, "Lord, I know that Thou canst make me clean if Thou only wilt." And Jesus, full of pity, stretched out His hand and said, "I will; be thou clean." Immediately the man's dreadful disease went from him, and he became perfectly well again.

Jesus sent him away, bidding him tell no man who had healed him, but to go to the priest at the temple and offer those things which Moses had commanded those persons to offer who were cured of leprosy.

But the man, as soon as Jesus was gone, went and told all that had happened, and people crowded round Jesus still more till He was forced to go away again to a quiet desert place. But even there the sick and the suffering came to Him, and He healed them all.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither did Jesus go when He left the synagogue? 2. Who lay ill in the house? 3. What did Jesus do for the woman? 4. What showed how she was perfectly cured? 5. Who came to Jesus in the evening? 6. What did He do for those who were ill? 7. Whither did Jesus go early next morning? 8. Why did He do this? 9. Who followed Him? 10. What did the disciples say to Jesus? 11. What did Jesus answer? 12. Where did Jesus then go preaching and healing? 13. What sick man came to Him one day? 14. What did he say to Jesus? 15. What did Jesus do for him? 16. What did Jesus tell the man not to do? 17. What was he to do in the temple? 18. Did the man do as Jesus wished? 19. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

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

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—9. *What is the work of creation?* A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good. 10. *How did God create man?* A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

The Question on Missions

10. How are the missionaries and their helpers received in the villages? Sometimes they are welcomed and the message listened to gladly, sincere seekers are met, and there are earnest requests for further instruction. In some villages the people are afraid and suspicious. Sometimes the visit is received with indifference, and sometimes with opposition.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Lesson mentions the names of four disciples of Jesus. Name them, and copy the drawing which gives the first letter of their



names. Remember that Jesus knows you by name and has some work which you can do for Him.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD THANK JESUS FOR
KEEPING ME WELL

Lesson XI. THE PARALYTIC FORGIVEN AND HEALED March 17, 1912

Mark 2 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 9-11.

Golden Text—Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits : who forgiveth all thine iniquities ; who healeth all thy diseases.—Psalms 103 : 2, 3.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 And immediately when Je'sus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned with themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts ?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of

the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee ; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk ?

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus came to Capernaum again after the Sabbath on which He had cured so many sick people. The news passed quickly through the town that the great Healer had come back again, and the people flocked in crowds to the house where Jesus was.

Besides the common people and the sick who had come hoping to be cured, there were a number of the proud scribes and Pharisees, as well as many strangers and travelers, for Jesus' fame had now spread far and wide ; and these all filled the house, until the door and even the yard were so blocked that it was impossible for any one else to get in.

Now there was one poor sick man in the town who had heard of the wonderful miracles that Jesus did, but who could not come to Jesus by himself, because his limbs were paralyzed and he could not move from his bed. But this man had four kind friends.

They came to his house and, lifting him on to a bed mattress, carried him to the house where Jesus was. But when they came near, they found the crowd greater than ever, so that they could not even get near the door. The men, however, were so anxious to have their sick friend cured that they carried him up to the flat roof of the house, and broke it through so that they could let down the mattress by ropes into the room where Jesus was. Jesus was very much touched to see how the sick man and his four friends believed in Him and He said, "Son, thy sins are forgiven."

But some of the scribes and Pharisees who were sitting close by, said angrily, "This man has no right to speak so. No one can forgive sins but God Himself." Knowing what they thought, Jesus turned to them and said, "Why do you think these things in your heart ? Which is the greater thing to

do—to forgive sins or to heal a sick man? But to show you that I have power to forgive sins, I will also make this sick and helpless man well.”

Then Jesus said to the sick man, “Arise, take up thy bed and go home.” And immediately the man who had not walked for so long, got up, and taking his mattress on his back, walked out cured before them all. And the great crowd of wondering people glorified God and said, “We never saw anything as wonderful as this healing in all our lives before.”

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the people of Capernaum do when they knew Jesus had come? 2. Who were some who came? 3. Who was unable to go? 4. Why did he want to see Jesus? 5. What did four friends of the sick man do? 6. What did they find when they reached the house? 7. In what strange way did they reach Jesus? 8. What did Jesus say when He saw this? 9. Who was displeased at this? 10. What did they say? 11. What did Jesus say He would show them? 12. What happened next? 13. How did the man show he was perfectly well? 14. What did the people say? 15. To whom did they give glory for the wonderful healing? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Benny's back was crooked, and it ached and ached all day long and most of the night too. All sorts of hard and dreadful things had been done to it and it was no better, so when the news came of a wonderful doctor in a nearby city, father and mother felt too discouraged to try again. They thought it would only mean more torture for their little boy. But Benny had a different feeling. He trusted the kind friend who had brought the news, and “besides”, he told them, “I've been praying for nearly a year, and perhaps God is going to answer me now.” So Benny was taken to the new doctor, and the prayers and Benny's faith must have had some effect, for he came back cured. “Oh, what if I hadn't been sure He'd do it!” he cried. “Then my back would not have been straightened and would have kept on aching.”

Lesson Hymn

Be Thou our great Deliverer still,
Thou Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless,
With Thine Almighty breath;
To hands that work, and eyes that see,
Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
That whole and sick, and weak and strong,
May praise Thee evermore. Amen.

—Hymn 38, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—79. How do we worship God when we go to His house?

We worship God by praise, prayer, the reading and preaching of God's Word, and by our offerings.

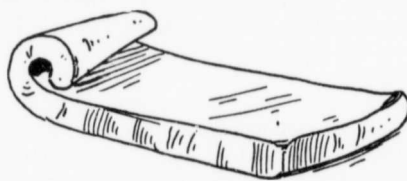
SHORTER CATECHISM—11. What are God's works of providence? A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

The Question on Missions

11. Besides touring, what other methods are employed in village work? Villages near the mission station are visited throughout the year. Catechists are placed in out-stations from which they can regularly visit a number of villages. Schools are opened in out-stations. The missionary makes periodical visits supervising the work.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The drawing (*color*) shows the kind of bed on which the sick man in the Lesson was carried to Jesus. But Jesus made him so



perfectly well that He could walk home and carry his own bed. Besides Jesus forgave the man his sins, and He will do that for us if we ask Him.

**I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS CAN HEAL SOUL AND BODY**

Mark 2 : 13-22—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

Golden Text—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.—Mark 2 : 17.



13 And he went forth again by the sea side ; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them.

14 And as he passed by, he saw Le'vi the son of Alphæ'us sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

15 And it came to pass, that, as Je'sus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Je'sus and his disciples : for there were many, and they followed him.

16 And when the scribes and Phar'isees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners ?

17 When Je'sus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick : I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

18 And the disciples of John and of the Phar'isees used to fast : and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Phar'isees fast, but thy disciples

fast not ?

19 And Je'sus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them ? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

21 No man also seweth a piece of new cloth on an old garment : else the new piece that filled it up taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse.

22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles : else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred : but new wine must be put into new bottles.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Now, in the days when Jesus lived on earth, the Jews had to pay taxes to the Romans, and the men who took these taxes from the people were called publicans. The Jews hated these men, not only because they took their money to hand over to the Romans, but because many of them were cruel and unjust and took more taxes than was right.

One day Jesus saw one of these publicans named Matthew sitting at the place where the people paid their taxes. When Jesus looked at Matthew, He saw he was just such a man as He wanted for one of His disciples. So He called to him, as He had called the four fishermen disciples,—“Follow Me.” And Matthew left his tax-gathering and all that he had and followed Jesus. That same night Jesus took dinner at Matthew's house,

and the Pharisees who saw this said to His disciples, “Why does your Master eat with publicans and sinners ?” For Matthew had invited many of these people to dine with Jesus.

Jesus heard what the Pharisees said, and answered them Himself. “Those who are well do not need a doctor”, He said, “but those who are ill ; so I have come, not to preach to those who are good, but to those who are sinful.” Now the Pharisees fasted very often ; they thought this pleased God and showed others how good they were. John the Baptist's disciples also fasted, but they fasted for grief because their beloved master had been thrown into prison. And some men came to Jesus and said, “Why do

the Pharisees and the disciples of John fast, and your disciples do not?"

And Jesus answered, "The friends of a bridegroom do not fast while he is with them; they rejoice. John is in prison; it is right that his disciples should fast and mourn. But I am with My disciples just now, and so with them it is a time of joy, not fasting." Also Jesus said, "No person seweth a new piece of cloth on an old garment, else the new piece will tear away from the old and make the rent still worse." By this Jesus meant that His laws and rules did not match nor fit the old strict rules of the Pharisees. "Neither", said He, "do men put new wine into old wine skins, lest the strong new wine burst the old skins; but they put new wine into new wine skins and both are safe." So Jesus' new laws and rules could not be mixed with the old rules of the Pharisees.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the Jews have to pay to the Romans? 2. What were the tax-gatherers called? 3. Why were they hated by the Jews? 4. Which of them did Jesus call to be a disciple? 5. Where did Jesus afterwards go to dinner? 6. Who else were there? 7. What did the Pharisees say? 8. What was Jesus' answer? 9. What questions did the Pharisees ask Jesus? 10. Why did John's disciples fast? 11. What two illustrations did Jesus use to show that His laws and the Pharisees' could not be kept together? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Betty moaned and cried and would not be comforted when mother was carried off to the hospital. "O, I love her so much, I do, I do!" she sobbed, "and you don't seem to care one scrap, Mary Clark."

Little sister Mary didn't answer back. She only said gently, "You know I love mother, Betty, and I'm just as sorry she is sick as you are, but I haven't time to cry. Mother asked me to look after Tommy and the baby, and I'm going to do it just as well as I can. I—I think she'd rather have me do things like that than—than just cry." And Mary marched off downstairs.

Lesson Hymn

One there is above all others,

Well deserves the name of Friend;

His is love beyond a brother's,

Costly, free, and knows no end;

They who once His kindness prove,

Find it everlasting love. Amen.

—Hymn 79, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—80. What promise has Jesus given to those who meet for His worship? Jesus has promised to be wherever two or three meet in His name.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 8-11.

The Question on Missions

12. Have all the villages in our field in Central India heard the gospel? No, in very many the gospel has never yet been preached. Many others are visited only at long intervals. In as many as the missionary and his helpers can overtake, the work is carried on regularly. Many more workers, both native and foreign, men and women, are greatly needed for the villages of Central India.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Learn by heart the lines of Hymn 534, Book of Praise, and remember, as you do so, that to follow Jesus is just to do, every day of our

'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.

lives, just what He would have us do. If this is hard, He will help us and make us strong.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE LOVING

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

March 31, 1912

Golden Text—The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.—Matthew 4 : 16.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 65-80. SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 1-11. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—520, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

Lesson People

How many people we have met in the Lessons of the Quarter! Let us see how much we can remember about them.

Lesson I. Here have we named a king, a priest and his wife. Give the name of each, and also name the angel who appeared to the priest and the promise which the angel brought from heaven.

Lesson II. In this Lesson a company of people are gathered together in the home of Zacharias and Elizabeth. Tell for what purpose they come.

Lesson III. Who are the men described in this Lesson? What were they doing? How did they learn of the birth of Jesus? Whither did they go as soon as they knew this? Where did they find Jesus? Who were with Him?

Lesson IV. We are now taken to the temple in Jerusalem. A mother has brought her Baby thither to offer Him to the Lord. Who is the mother? And the Baby? What old man and old woman were there? What did each do and say?

Lesson V. A company of travelers have come to Jerusalem and are asking about a king of the Jews who was to be born. Who was the King for whom they were seeking?

Lesson VI. Who are the father and mother in this Lesson? In what place did they live? To what city had they gone? Whom had they taken with them? How did they lose Him? Where did they find Him? What was He doing?

Lesson VII. This Lesson shows us a man dressed in rough clothing preaching to crowds in the desert. Who is the preacher? Who went out into the desert to hear him?

Lesson VIII. Here is a Man being baptized in the Jordan. Who is He? What happened immediately after He was baptized? Whither did He then go? Tell about His being tempted there.

Lesson IX. A Man walking by the shores of a lake sees two brothers, and calls them to follow Him. A little farther on He sees another pair of brothers, and gives the same command to them. Name the Man and the four men who were called.

Lesson X. Here is a story of the healing of many sick. Tell about the man in the synagogue, the woman in the house, the crowds in the evening and the leper.

Lesson XI. A sick man let down through the roof of a house into Jesus' presence to be healed,—tell the story of it.

Lesson XII. The last Lesson tells of a man whom Jesus called to be a disciple and who made a feast for Jesus. Who was the man? What was his business?

Lesson Hymn

The race that long in darkness pined
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.

To hail Thy rise, Thou better Sun!
The gathering nations come,
Joyous, as when the reapers bear
The harvest treasures home. Amen.

—Hymn 27, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That Jesus does great things for me

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

<p>LESSON I. The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Ministry of John the Baptist.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Birth of John the Baptist.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.</p>
<p>LESSON III. The Birth of Jesus.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. The Call of the First Disciples.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. The Presentation in the Temple.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Jesus the Healer.</p>
<p>LESSON V. The Wise Men Led by the Star.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. The Paralytic Forgiven and Healed.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. The Boy Jesus in the Temple.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Feasting and Fasting.</p>

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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

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

DATE 1912	JANUARY				FEBRUARY				MARCH					TOTAL FOR QUARTER
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