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## A NECKLACE OF LOVE

No rubies of red for my lady—  
No jewel that glitters and charms,  
But the light of the skies in a little one's  
eyes  
And a necklace of two little arms.  
Of two little arms that are clinging  
(Oh, ne'er was a necklace like this!)  
And the wealth o' the world and Love's  
sweetness impearled  
In the joy of a little one's kiss.

A necklace of love for my lady  
That was linked by the angels above  
No other but this—and the tender, sweet  
kiss

That sealeth a little one's love.  
—Frank L. Stanton, in "Ladies Home Journal"

## "MAKE BELIEVE"

By Rae Furlands

Everyone knows how much little children live in the imagination, some of them so constantly as almost to alarm those who have charge of them. But alarm is unnecessary. The imagination is one of God's great gifts to mankind. No child needs more pity than the poor little one who through some unfortunate circumstances lives only on fact.

We call the man or woman who retains the vivid imagination "a poet," but most people lose it to some extent too early in life, though it is with and through it, largely, that we form our ideas of "heaven" and "things hoped for." The

wise parent will cultivate in the child the imagination, not seek to repress it.

If you tell an attractive story to a child, he will immediately put himself in the place of the person or thing which has attracted him and proceed to live out its life. His imagination will supply all necessary details and surroundings. If the story made the person or thing act in a right manner, well and good; but, if the opposite, woe betide the story-teller, and alas, the child also, for he will seek to live it out just the same. This makes necessary the utmost care in the selection of stories for the little children.

A story or incident can always be found or invented to meet any particular difficulty in the child's life. If a child is selfish, emphasize in story the unselfish child and make giving in it such a pleasure, that gradually the listener will feel a desire to experience it for himself. If he is inclined to indolence, emphasize industry, and so on, bringing out the virtue opposite to his particular fault or faults, but not to the extent of excluding all other subjects; for then it would grow to be monotonous, and the child would be deprived of other "ideals." Besides, he would soon begin to suspect you of designs, and this we must generally strive to avoid.

Through the imagination the child's everyday play may be turned to account.

A child was exceedingly afraid of the dark. He was constantly told that God took care of him in the dark just the same as in the light, but was too young to understand enough about it to overcome his fear. One night his mother said, "Let us play we

are big people going out for a walk arm in arm." Long, deliberate steps were taken, as they walked about in the room. After a while the mother said, "Men do not get tired easily, and if you are not tired I should like to go further." They went into dark halls and rooms. The child tightened his grasp of the mother's arm, but gave no other sign of fear, except a sigh of relief, when they again entered the lighted room.

This game was played frequently, sometimes in the daytime in order that the child might feel that it was really play, not a lesson, and gradually he lost all fear of darkness. Of course the fear was never spoken of before him, as that would only impress it on his mind. The less said about that which we would have the children forget, the better.

Certainly all this takes time and patience and real judgment on the part of those who have charge of the little ones; but so does everything that is worth while. And surely it is worth while to help a child to come into that unpriced possession, the possession of a free selfhood.

#### THE PATH THROUGH THE WOODS

*By Elizabeth Preston Allan*

Where was little Maurice Hunt? He was not anywhere in his father's house, for they had looked in every room, and called, and called; he was not in the carriage house, where he loved to play going on journeys, seated up on the driver's box, with a long willow switch for a whip; he was not in the garden, though that would have been a lovely place to play, for the pear trees looked like white veiled brides, and the hyacinths and jonquils were in bloom.

But Maurice was in none of these places; and when a little boy five years old can't be found, why, a big rumpus is raised.

Of course they went to the neighbors', for Maurice was a great visitor; though it was against the home law for him to go outside the gate without leave. But the neighbors had not seen that curly yellow head, topping the big brown eyes, that whole day.

Where was that child? Ah, here came

Jeff Dorman; maybe Jeff had seen Maurice; but no, Jeff had been to the village on an errand, and had not seen him.

"Which way did you go, Jeff?" asked the anxious father of the lost boy; of course he asked that so as to take a different road himself; since nothing had been seen of Maurice on Jeff's road.

But, strange to say, Jeff did not seem quite willing to answer that question; he hemmed and hawed, until everybody looked at him in wonder; at last he said in a sheepish way, with a very red face, "I started on the path through the woods; then I knew I oughtn't to be going that way, 'cause father had said not, so I struck across to the country road, and went that way."

And don't you know, when they *did* find the little runaway, he was in the woods! There was a deep pool of water in that woods, and no fathers allowed their little boys to pass it, without some grown-up person with them; but Maurice *had seen Jeff start on the path that led through the woods*, and he thought wherever Jeff went, he could go, too! That was the whole story. How was he to know that when Jeff's conscience hurt him for doing wrong, he turned right about, and scrambled out of the woods, before he came to the beautiful, dangerous, longed-for pool?

Maurice had to stay inside the yard gate for two weeks, to make him remember laws; and Jeff put that same punishment on himself; "'Cause I've got to remember, too," he said, "that if a fellow even *begins* to do a wrong thing, somebody has to pay for it."

#### A BEAUTIFUL BLUNDER

It was Children's Day. The main features of the day were recitations of scripture, a sermon by the pastor, from a text given by the primary class, an offering for missions. Four little boys presented the texts as follows: "My text is what Jesus said," un-nounced Harold—"Come unto Me."

"Mine is a mercy text," said Georgie—"Be ye kind."

Jamie, with a clear voice, quoted as his, "Watch ye."

Tiny Robbie, shy wee boy as he was, forgot the lilies he held in his dimpled hand as

a reminder of his text, and, carried away by the presence of so many children, he laughed aloud in his joy. As he rose to present his text, he also rose to the occasion; and, waving his small hand, enthusiastically cried, "Consider—consider—the—little—children, how—*they—two!*"

The effect was electrical. Both pastor and people also rose to the occasion. The pastor preached on the little children of heathen lands, and the audience responded with a generous offering for missions.

#### TWO LITTLE EYES TO LOOK TO GOD

These two little eyes that God has given,  
Must always look to Him,  
And He will show us the way to heaven,  
And teach us to walk therein;  
These two little feet must be willing and  
hasten  
To walk in the narrow road;  
These two little ears must only listen  
To words that are pure and good.

These two little hands must be ready to  
labor,  
For Jesus all my days;  
This one little heart must seek his favor,  
These lips must speak his praise,  
That when he calls us home to heaven,  
The beautiful city of light;  
To each little head will then be given  
A crown of glory bright.

—Virginia J. Kent

#### WHICH WOULD YOU BE?

It was bird-bed-time, and "Maple Tree Inn" was full of flurry and flutter. Little brown heads, and round, black eyes, and flitting feet, and swiftly moving wings bobbed up and down, here and there, and everywhere.

At last all was still. Not a bird to be seen. Hark! two little voices piping to each other.

"Chee-chee-chee!"

"Peep-peep-peep-peep!"

"Chirp-chirp-chirp!"

"Chip-chip-cheep-chee!"

Bird language is almost as hard as Chinese to learn well, but, as nearly as it can be spoken, this is the substance of what they said:

"Good night to you, Miss Brown-top."

"Good night, and pleasant dreams to you, Mr. Whitethroat."

"I have had a fine day!"

"So have I."

"I have been almost up to the sun."

"And I, too."

"It was cool and nice in that big, blue sky."

"So it was—very much so."

"Chee-chee-cheep!"

"What else did you do, Mr. Whitethroat?"

"A great many things. I took Mrs. Whitethroat out for a fly. And while we were resting on a telegraph wire, Tufty joined us; and he sat so close and was so snippy that I pecked his head and eyes and drove him away."

"Oh!"

"And when we flew down to take a bath and a taste of the clear pool of water, three or four yellow birds were there, and I chattered and snapped at them, and frightened them away, and got the whole pool for ourselves."

"Oh! dear me."

"And when we hurried back into the plum tree to get a taste of food before we took our long flight, I drove away a flock of robbers, and we had all the fruit to ourselves."

"What a great man of war you are! Peep! peep!"

"And what did you do with yourself all day?"

"No such brave deeds as yours. I showed poor Mrs. Singwell where to find some wisps and threads to mend her nest, and helped her to carry some."

"Hah!"

"And I found Mrs. Tufty left all alone, and took her to the grain field to get a nice little lunch with me."

"Ho!"

"And I went to the big house where the naughty boys keep Miss Robin Redbreast in a gilt cage, and told her all the bird news that I could think of, so she would not feel so lonely."

"Huh!"

## His Mother's Prayer

"And I scratched her up a fresh worm for her dinner."

"Ha!"

"A very tame day compared with yours, you see."

"I should think so, indeed, ma'am. I wish you would move along a little. The moon shines right into my eyes, and I can't go to sleep. I am tired now."

"Take my place. It is nice and shady and comfortable. Good night!"

"Good night!"

I wonder which sleeps best, a selfish bird, or one who helps others?—*Child's Hour*

### HIS MOTHER'S PRAYERS

Principal Grant once said to his son, "The two best women I ever knew were your mother and my own." The brother of the Principal, the Rev. Chas. M. Grant, a minister in Scotland, has helped us to see how great a part the prayers of their godly mother had in the shaping of his life. The account is given in the life of Principal Grant, just published:

"When I was about ten years of age I made a discovery which made an impression on me, which, thank God, has never left me, and in which those who believe in the power of intercessory prayer may find the explanation, or part of it at least, of the great and unselfish life which has so recently closed. I observed that after the household work was ended after breakfast, it was my mother's habit to retire to her own room.

"I wondered what she could be doing there, and one day I found out. Hearing her voice, I stepped to the door, and, boy-like, listened and learned. She was praying, evidently quite unconscious that in her importunity she was speaking aloud, and praying with a passion that to this day fills me with awe as I go back in thought, and once more stand beside that door.

"I have never been able to speak or to think of Jacob at Peniel wrestling and prevailing, without thinking of that morning and that mother's prayer. In the strong arms of her faith she seemed to hold her Saviour, and she would not let Him go without the blessing. But it was not for herself

that she sought it with such strong cryings and tears. 'My children, Lord, my children'—that was the burden of her cry. The remembrance of that prayer has been one of the inspirations of all my after days."

### A ROYAL FATHER

The Emperor William of Germany, it is said, never returns from his travels without a present for each of his seven children. As he was leaving a gathering at Hamburg recently, the ladies of the party handed him seven pretty boxes of choice candy, for the little folks.

"I thank you," he said, with much feeling. "I have visited St. Petersburg, Copenhagen, and Vienna, the past year, but, outside of Hamburg, no one remembered my little ones. You may fancy what a time there will be when I reach home!"

In truth, it was; for, on returning home from such trips, the emperor himself unpacks the trunks, in presence of "the seven," and the baby often gets on top and monopolizes the contents.

### GOD TRAINING HIS PEOPLE

What wonderful Lessons we have had during the past half-year! In them we have, amongst many other things, learned much from Jesus Himself about the Father in heaven. Now for six months we are going back to the Old Testament. But we shall find there the same kind and loving Father. His people in those days were often wayward and rebellious. We are going to study the story of His patient dealing with them. In each Lesson we shall see:

#### GOD TRAINING HIS PEOPLE

1. By punishing pride.
2. By warning against idol worship.
3. By honoring the obedient.
4. By calling to repentance.
5. By showing anger against wickedness.
6. By providing for the needy.
7. By protecting His servants.
8. By answering prayer.
9. By cheering the discouraged.
10. By sending on His errands.
11. By saving from death.
12. By speaking through His prophet.

*Mrs. Jackson*  
*June 1904*  
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An Order of Service

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1904

I. **TEACHER.** Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near.

**CLASS.** Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray.

**TEACHER.** The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

**CLASS.** The Lord is in His holy temple : let all the earth keep silence before Him.

**ALL.** Before our words of prayer are said,  
We'll close our eyes and bow our head ;  
We'll try to think to whom we pray,  
And try to mean the words we say.

Let there be silent prayer for a few moments (the teacher having first explained); then pray together ; " Create in me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me."

II. **SING** (softly, still keeping hands folded and heads bowed Tune 210, Book of Praise.)

Jesus, gentle Shepherd, bless us all to-day ;  
Keep us in Thy footsteps, never let us stray.  
Bless Thy little children, teach us how to pray ;  
Keep our feet from straying from the narrow way.

III. **TEACHER.** What gifts have you for Jesus to-day ?

**CLASS** (with motions). Helpful hands, willing feet, smiling faces, pleasant words, little prayers, and pennies.

IV. **OFFERINGS.**

V. **SING.**

We are but little children weak,  
Nor born to any high estate ;  
What can we do for Jesus' sake  
Who is so high and good and great ? Amen.

—Hymn 527, Book of Praise

VI. **THE SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON.** Questions on the lessons of the previous six months—the life of our Lord.

VII. **GESTURE HYMN** (Tune 582, Book of Praise).

I know God's voice is speaking  
Wherever I may be,  
And if I only listen,  
I'll hear it speak to me.

The little brooks that ripple,  
All through the summer day,  
Sing songs of glad thanksgiving  
Along their sunny way.

The grass and flowers of morning,  
Adorned with pearly dew,  
Say, " God so clothed the meadow,  
And will He not clothe you ?"

The little birds are chirping,  
Beneath their sheltering tree,  
" God's care is ever o'er us :  
You are worth more than we."

So I can ne'er be lonely,  
Nor ever be afraid ;  
My Father's voice I ever hear  
In all that He has made.

VIII. **LESSON FOR THE DAY.**

IX. **PRAYER HYMN**—Hymn 572, Book of Praise.

## THE KINGDOM DIVIDED

July 3, 1904

1 Kgs. 12 : 12-20. Study vs. 1-20—Memory Verses, 12-14.

**Golden Text**—Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.—  
Prov. 16 : 18.



17 But *as for* the children of Is'rael which dwelt in the cities of Ju'dah, Re'hobo'am reigned over them.

18 Then king Re'hobo'am sent Ado'ram, who *was* over the tribute; and all Is'rael stoned him with stones, that he died. Therefore king Re'hobo'am made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jeru'salem.

19 So Is'rael rebelled against the house of Da'vid unto this day.

20 And it came to pass, when all Is'rael heard that Jer'obo'am was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Is'rael: there was none that followed the house of Da'vid, but the tribe of Ju'dah only.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One of the greatest and wisest of Israel's kings was Solomon, who had built the temple at Jerusalem. Though the nation was proud of its great ruler, many of the people were dissatisfied, because every day the king demanded more money from them for his buildings and armies, than they were able to pay. At last after forty years Solomon died, and his son Rehoboam was crowned king in his place.

But the young Rehoboam soon proved himself rash and foolish. As soon as the people heard that Solomon was dead, they banded themselves together under their general Jeroboam and came to the new king, asking him to make their laws fairer and their taxes lighter, and promising, if he would grant their request, to be his loyal

12 So Jer'obo'am and all the people came to Re'hobo'am the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day.

13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him;

14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father *also* chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

15 Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying which the LORD spake by Ahi'jah, the Shi'lonite unto Jer'obo'am the son of Ne'bat.

16 So when all Is'rael saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in Da'vid? neither *have we* inheritance in the son of Jes'se: to your tents, O Is'rael: now see to thine own house, Da'vid. So Is'rael departed unto their tents.

friends forever. "Give me three days," said Rehoboam, "to think the matter over, and then I will give you my answer."

In the meantime Rehoboam called the old men who had been his father's advisers, and asked them what they thought of the people's request. "Pay great attention to it," said they. "If you please the people now, you will make them your friends forever; if not, they will turn against you."

But Rehoboam, not satisfied with the advice of his father's friends, next called a number of young men of his own age, and asked them what answer he should give the people. "Speak roughly to them," said the young men, "and say, 'My father made your burden heavy, but I will make it heavier. He chastised you with whips, but



I will chastise you with scorpions.' ”

When on the third day the people came for their answer, Rehoboam answered them in the bitter words of his young friends, and when they heard it, the people rose up, crying angrily, “To your tents, O Israel!” They cried, “Let the king look after his own affairs. We will no longer be ruled over by him or his sons.” So all the tribes of Israel except the tribes of Judah and Benjamin rebelled against Rehoboam, and the kingdom was divided into the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And when Rehoboam sent Adoram, one of his officers, to make friends with the people, they stoned him to death, and Rehoboam was obliged to flee for his life to Jerusalem, while Jeroboam was made king of the new kingdom of Israel.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Who became king when Solomon died?
2. What request did the people make of Rehoboam?
3. When did he promise them a reply?
4. Whom did he first consult about his answer?
5. What advice did the old men give the young king?
6. Whom did he next consult?
7. What did the young men tell Rehoboam to say to the people?
8. Whose advice did the king take?
9. What did the people say when they heard his answer?
10. What two kingdoms were formed?
11. Who was made king of Israel?
12. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

Bert was only a little boy when he learned that the best way to manage animals, as with people also, is to treat them kindly. One morning he and his brother Lloyd were driving their pet donkey, when suddenly Dick stopped, refusing to go a step further.

“Oh dear! what a bad donkey!” cried Bert, and running to the side of the road he brought back a short stick, with which he struck and poked the animal with all his might. But, alas! the donkey bore it better than Bert did, and he soon stopped, breathless.

Quick as thought Lloyd now drew an apple from under the seat, and held it in front of Dick’s nose, who at once moved forward to take it in his mouth, and they had no more

trouble with him during the remainder of the drive. He trotted cheerfully along, as if drawing the cart were a pleasure.

**Lesson Hymn**

O happy is the man who hears  
 Instruction’s warning voice ;  
 And who celestial wisdom makes  
 His early, only choice.

For she has treasures greater far  
 Than east or west unfold ;  
 And her rewards more precious are  
 Than all their stores of gold. Amen.

—Hymn 127, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—28. Wherein consisteth Christ’s exaltation?** A. Christ’s exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

**SOMETHING TO DRAW**

Proud and cruel masters in olden times used often to scourge their servants when they were displeased with them. But Jesus,



our Master, is kind and gentle, loving us even if there is need to punish our sins. All the more sorry should we be to displease One who is so good to us.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
 THAT I SHOULD SHUN PRIDE

## JEROBOAM'S IDOLATRY

July 10, 1904

1 Kings 12: 25-33—Memory Verses, 28-30.

**Golden Text**—Keep yourselves from idols.—1 John 5: 21.

25 Then Jer'obo'am built She'chem in mount Eph'raim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence, and built Penu'el.

26 And Jer'obo'am said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of Da'vid:

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jeru'salem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Re'hobo'am king of Ju'dah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Re'hobo'am king of Ju'dah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jeru'salem: behold thy gods, O Is'rael, which brought thee up out of the land of E'gypt.

29 And he set the one in Beth'-el, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to *worship* before the one, *even* unto Dan.

31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Le'vi.

32 And Jer'obo'am ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that *is* in Ju'dah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth'-el, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made; and he placed in Beth'-el the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth'-el the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Is'rael: and he offered upon the altar and burnt incense.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When the kingdom of Israel was divided, Jeroboam took the northern part, while Rehoboam still ruled the tribes of Judah and Benjamin in the south. As Jerusalem with its fine palaces and temple still belonged to Rehoboam, the new king of Israel now set himself to build a palace for himself in the north, making his home at the old town of Shechem, and also making a strong fortress at Penuel.

Until now, the people from both north and south had always gone to Jerusalem at certain times of the year to worship, as God Himself had commanded. But Jeroboam feared that, if his people continued to go to Jerusalem to offer sacrifices and worship in Solomon's temple, their hearts might again be turned to obey the king of Judah. If so, they would kill him, and Rehoboam would be king of the whole nation as before.

This thought so troubled Jeroboam that he now ordered two golden images to be made, something like the golden cherubim, which stood within the inner house of the temple. These he placed, one at Bethel, where his kingdom ended on the south, and the other at Dan, upon the north. Then Jeroboam said to the people, "It is too far for you to go to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice. See, I have prepared two places of worship for you nearer home!" And pointing to the images, he said, "Behold your gods, O Israel, which brought you out of the land of Egypt." And Jeroboam built a temple in each of the cities where the golden images stood.

Now God had also commanded that only those belonging to the family of Levi should act as priests. But, as the Levites refused to take part in the wickedness of Jeroboam, the

king chose his priests from among the common people in disobedience of God.

To keep the Israelites from wanting to join their friends in Jerusalem at the time of the great feasts, Jeroboam now proclaimed that the same holidays should be kept at Bethel, only a little later in the season. So, when the time of the harvest festival came round, the king and his new priests offered sacrifices and burnt incense upon their altars before the image from morning until evening, and all Israel joined at Bethel in a great holiday. So King Jeroboam taught his people to sin and to disobey God in worshipping before the images which he himself had set up.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What part of the country belonged to Jeroboam?
2. Where did he build his palace?
3. Who ruled in Jerusalem?
4. Where had the people always worshipped?
5. Who had commanded that they should gather at Jerusalem?
6. Why was Jeroboam afraid to have his people go there?
7. What did he order to be made?
8. What did he teach the people to do?
9. How did he select his priests?
10. Why was this wrong?
11. Where did Jeroboam say the feasts were now to be kept?
12. How did he keep the harvest festival?
13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Norah Welsh was a poor child. The only thing she could call her own was one dear little white bunny, which had been given her last summer by a lady when she went upon the fresh air excursion.

Norah's class in Sunday School were trying to collect enough money to send away one of their number who had been ill to the country for change of air, but so far Norah had had nothing to give. "Why not sell your bunny?" suddenly whispered a voice. "Sell bunny!" answered Norah. "Why I love him more than anything in the world!" "Keep yourselves from idols," repeated the voice—the very words of last Sunday's Lesson.

"I know where I could get forty cents for him," thought Norah; "I will do it." And though it cost her much to part with her

pet, she never felt happier than when she gave her first offering to the Lord.

### Lesson Hymn

Above the clear blue sky,  
 In heaven's bright abode,  
 The angel host on high  
 Sing praises to their God:  
 Hallelujah! They love to sing  
 To God their King, Hallelujah! Amen.  
 —Hymn 517, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?**

**A.** We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.  
**30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?** **A.** The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Do you see the smoke going up from this censer? So the prayers of little children, as



well as of grown people, go right up to heaven and are heard there by the loving Father, who delights in answering them. He is never tired of listening to our prayers, nor of sending us the blessings we need.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
 THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP GOD ONLY.

2 Chron. 14 : 1-12. Study vs. 1-15—Memory Verses, 2-5.

**Golden Text**—Help us, O Lord, our God ; for we rest on thee.—2 Chron. 14 : 11.



1 So Abi'jah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of Da'vid : and A'sa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years.

2 And A'sa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God :

3 For he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves :

4 And commanded Ju'dah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment.

5 Also he took away out of all the cities of Ju'dah the high places and the images : and the kingdom was quiet before him.

6 And he built fenced cities in Judah : for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years ; because the LORD had given him rest.

7 Therefore he said unto Ju'dah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land *is* yet before us ; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they

built and prospered. 8 And A'sa had an army *of men* that bare targets and spears, out of Ju'dah, three hundred thousand ; and out of Ben'jamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand : all these *were* mighty men of valour.

9 And there came out against them Ze'rah the E'thiop'ian with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots ; and came unto Maresh'ah.

10 Then A'sa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Ze'phathah at Maresh'ah.

11 And A'sa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power : help us, O LORD our God ; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God ; let not man prevail against thee.

12 So the LORD smote the E'thiop'ians before A'sa and before Ju'dah ; and the E'thiop'ians fled.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

After a time Rehoboam and Jeroboam died, and their sons were made kings in their places ; but under them the nation became worse instead of better. The name of the next king of Judah was Asa, who, unlike his father and grandfather, was a good man, and one who was not afraid to obey all the word of the Lord. For this, God gave Asa and his kingdom peace from all their enemies for ten years.

The first thing that Asa did after he was made king was to break down the images that his father and grandfather had set up. Also he took away the altars of the strange gods, and cut down the wooden pillars of the heathen goddess, Asherah, whom the people

had learned to worship, they having disobediently forsaken the true worship belonging to God's house at Jerusalem. When all signs of the false worship were removed, Asa set himself to teach the people to seek again the Lord God of their fathers, and to keep His laws and commandments.

While the country was at peace, Asa thought it a good time to rebuild the cities and fortresses of the kingdom. And for the same reason he now chose out the bravest and strongest of his young men, and drilled them for his armies, so that in a few years Asa had three hundred thousand spearmen and almost as many archers ready to fight on the side of the Lord.

His armies were hardly in order, however, when Zerah, the heathen king of Egypt, came against him with a thousand thousand fighting men, besides horses and chariots. The ancestors of this king had once lived in Ethiopia, a country south of Egypt, and his soldiers came from the same country. How, thought Asa, shall my few men be able to stand against such a host?

But on the eve of battle Asa cried unto the Lord, saying, "Help us, O Lord, our God; for we rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God, let not man prevail against Thee." And God heard him, and the battle was given to Asa and the men of Judah, so that the Egyptians were scattered and driven back into their own country. It was three hundred years before they dared again to invade the land of Judah.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of king was Asa? 2. What did he do to the images his father and grandfather had set up? 3. What order did he give about the heathen groves? 4. What good things did he teach the people? 5. How did he strengthen his army? 6. How did he, besides this, make ready for war? 7. How long did God give him peace? 8. Who then came against Israel? 9. In what way were the Ethiopians stronger than Israel? 10. Why did the Israelites win? 11. What was Asa's prayer? Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Not in Bible times alone has God saved His people in strange and wonderful ways.

More than four hundred years ago, in Germany, a city was surrounded so long by a great army that the people were almost ready to die for want of food. At last some one suggested that all the children should be sent into the enemies' camp, hoping that thus the hearts of the rough soldiers might be touched as they saw the helpless children.

The plan was carried out, and as the children marched boldly into their camp, the soldiers threw down their arms, and plucking branches of fruit from the neighboring orchards, they gave them to the children as a token of peace. Thus a great victory was

won by the children which their fathers had failed to gain.

### Lesson Hymn

Great God! and wilt thou condescend  
To be my Father and my Friend?  
I a poor child, and thou so high,  
The Lord of earth and air and sky.

Art Thou my Father? Let me be  
A meek, obedient child to Thee;  
And try, in word and deed and thought,  
To serve and praise Thee as I ought. Amen.  
—Hymn 516, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—31. What is effectual calling?** A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Every day comes to us like a clean slate. Our words and deeds are the writing we put



upon it. If any of these are bad, what shall we do at night? Ask Jesus to forgive us, and help us to do better to-morrow.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT I SHOULD OBEY GOD

## JEHOSHAPHAT'S REFORM

July 24, 1904

2 Chron. 19 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 4-6.

**Golden Text**—Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.—2 Chron. 19 : 11.



1 And Jehosh'aphat the king of Ju'dah returned to his house in peace to Jeru'salem.

2 And Je'hu the son of Hana'ni the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehosh'aphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

4 And Jehosh'aphat dwelt at Jeru'salem : and he went out again through the people from Be'er-she'ba to mount Eph'raim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers.

5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Ju'dah, city by city,

6 And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do : for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who *is* with you in the judgment.

7 Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you ; take heed and do *it* : for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor

respect of persons, nor taking of gifts. 8 Moreover in Jeru'salem did Jehosh'aphat set of the Le'vites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Is'rael, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jeru'salem.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.

10 And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren : this do, and ye shall not trespass.

11 And, behold, Amari'ah the chief priest *is* over you in all matters of the LORD ; and Zeb'adi'ah the son of Ish'mael, the ruler of the house of Ju'dah, for all the king's matters : also the Le'vites *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Though Asa, King of Judah, did much to turn the hearts of the Israelites to seek the Lord, yet he did not live to see the worship of images altogether put away from among his people. After Asa, Jehoshaphat his son was made king, and set himself heartily to carry out the good works his father had begun. Jehoshaphat not only took away the remainder of the heathen images and altars, but he appointed special teachers of God's law, and sent them everywhere throughout his country to teach the people how to worship and obey the true God.

And God gave Jehoshaphat great riches and honor, so that his castles, fortresses,

armies and treasure-houses were finer than those of the nations round about him. Because the ways of Jehoshaphat were pleasing to God, the Lord saved the young king's life, when he and Ahab, King of Israel, were fighting against the Syrians in a battle in which Ahab himself was killed. Soon after the battle, as King Jehoshaphat was returning to his palace at Jerusalem, the prophet Jehu met him and reminded him in the name of the Lord, that his great work at present was not to go against the heathen in battle, but to remain at home and see to the welfare of his people. At once Jehoshaphat listened to the warnings of Jehu, and, lay-

ing aside all plans of his own, he remained in Jerusalem, seeking in every way the good of his country.

One of the most useful and righteous works of Jehoshaphat was this: in each of the chief cities of Judah he appointed wise men to act as judges, so that if anybody had a quarrel or a disagreement with another, he might bring his case before the judge and have it peaceably settled. Also Jehoshaphat appointed in Jerusalem a meeting of the priests and the chief fathers in Israel, to whom the judges might bring hard or difficult questions, which they were unable to settle for themselves.

The chief work of the judges was not to punish those who did wrong, but to warn evil-doers against sinning against the Lord, and if possible to persuade them to do better. "For," said Jehoshaphat to his wise men, "take heed what you do, for ye judge not for men but for the Lord. Wherefore let the fear of the Lord be upon you."

Jehoshaphat did not expect the judges' work to be easy. He knew that often those who were rich would wickedly offer them money as a bribe to take their part against the poor. For this reason the king warned his judges to remember that they stood before the people in the place of God Himself. "For," said the king, "there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes. Therefore in all things deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with you."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Asa's son?
2. What kind of king was Jehoshaphat?
3. How did God bless him?
4. What work did his father leave him to be done?
5. With whom did Jehoshaphat go to battle against the Syrians?
6. Who was killed in this battle?
7. What message did Jehu give the king as he returned home?
8. How did Jehoshaphat receive his warnings?
9. What good work did he begin?
10. What was the chief work of the judges?
11. Who were appointed to help them?
12. In whose place did the king say they stood?
13. What special temptation did he warn them against?
14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

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

Lord, make me, from this hour,  
Thy loving child to be,  
Kept by Thy power,  
Kept by Thy power  
From all that grieveth Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 587, Book of Praise

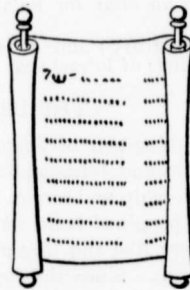
### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—32. *What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?* A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

It was on rolls like this that God's holy law used to be written. Now we have it in



a book, the Bible. It is better still to have it in our hearts. We should love God's law, and try to learn it, and best of all strive to obey it each day we live.

**I Have Learned To-day  
THAT I SHOULD TURN FROM SIN**

1 Kgs. 16 : 23-33—Memory Verses, 30-33.

**Golden Text**—Righteousness exalteth a nation : but sin is a reproach to any people.—  
Prov. 14 : 34.



A'sa king of Ju'dah began A'hab the son of Om'ri to reign over Is'rael : and A'hab the son of Om'ri reigned over Is'rael in Sama'ria twenty and two years.

30 And A'hab the son of Om'ri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jer'obo'am the son of Ne'bat, that he took to wife Jez'ebel the daughter of Ethba'al king of the Zido'nians, and went and served Ba'al, and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Ba'al in the house of Ba'al, which he had built in Sama'ria.

33 And A'hab made a grove ; and A'hab did more to provoke the LORD God of Is'rael to anger than all the kings of Is'rael that were before him.

23 In the thirty and first year of A'sa king of Ju'dah began Om'ri to reign over Is'rael, twelve years : six years reigned he in Tir'zah.

24 And he bought the hill Sama'ria of She'mer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of She'mer, owner of the hill, Sama'ria.

25 But Om'ri wrought evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that were before him.

26 For he walked in all the way of Jer'obo'am the son of Ne'bat, and in his sin wherewith he made Is'rael to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Is'rael to anger with their vanities.

27 Now the rest of the acts of Om'ri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Is'rael ?

28 So Om'ri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Sama'ria : and A'hab his son reigned in his stead.

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

While the southern kingdom of Judah, under the good kings Asa and Jehoshaphat, was returning to the worship and service of the Lord, the northern people of Israel were every day growing more like the heathen nations round about them. Since the days of Rehoboam the Israelites had continued in the setting up of images and the building of altars and groves like those of the heathen. They were, besides, constantly at war with their heathen neighbors and among themselves.

At last Omri was chosen king of Israel, and although he was a strong and powerful soldier and a great general, he did evil in the sight of the Lord, encouraging the people

more than ever in the sinful worship of images, and in wicked feastings and revelings. Thinking to make his kingdom more secure, Omri now looked about him for a place to build a new palace and fortress. For this he chose and bought a hill-top called Samaria, after the name of the man who first owned it. Here Omri set up a splendid court, reigning over Israel for more than twenty years.

At last Omri died, and Ahab his son was made king. One of the young man's first acts was to marry Jezebel, Princess of Sidon, a daughter of the rich and powerful heathen king of Tyre, who Ahab now hoped would help him against his enemies. The princess



Jezebel was one of the wickedest women who ever lived. Amongst other things, she persuaded Ahab to set up an altar in Samaria to Baal and Ashtoreth, the gods of Sidon. Here King Ahab, to please his wife, served heathen gods openly and before all the people.

Soon heathen prophets were brought over from Sidon, and set to teach the people the cruel worship of that country, while the prophets of the Lord were put to death, if they so much as spoke against the wickedness they saw everywhere about them. In all these things Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

For all this the Lord was preparing a great punishment for Ahab and his people, because they had forgotten Him and brought disgrace upon themselves, in worshipping gods of the heathen round about them.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. In what ways was Omri a good king?
2. How did he displease the Lord?
3. What city and fortress did he build?
4. How long did he rule over Israel?
5. Who was his son?
6. What did Ahab do as soon as he was made king?
7. What favor did he thus hope to gain from the king of Tyre?
8. What kind of woman was Jezebel?
9. What wicked thing did she persuade Ahab to do?
10. Who were sent to teach the people?
11. How did Jezebel treat the Lord's prophets?
12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

A very beautiful statue once stood in the market-place of an Italian city. It was the statue of a Greek slave-girl. It represented the slave as tidy, well-dressed and beautiful.

A ragged, unkempt, forlorn street child coming across the statue in her play, stopped and gazed at it in admiration. She was entranced and captivated by it. She gazed long and admiringly. Moved by a sudden impulse, she went home and washed her face and combed her hair. Another day she stopped again before the statue and admired it, and received new inspiration. Next day her tattered clothes were washed and mended.

Each time she looked at the statue she

found something in its beauties, until she was a changed child. It is always what we love and worship that we grow to be like.

### Lesson Hymn

From ocean unto ocean

Our land shall own Thee Lord,

And, filled with true devotion,

Obey Thy sovereign word.

Our prairies and our mountains,

Forest and fertile field,

Our rivers, lakes, and fountains,

To Thee shall tribute yield. Amen.

—Hymn 506, Book of Praise

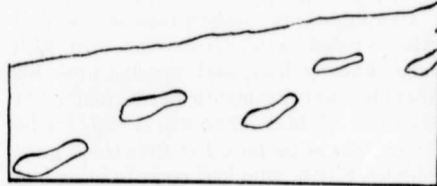
### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—33. *What is justification?* A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Wouldn't we be very, very sorry, if any one should come to harm by following in



our footsteps. And isn't it something to be very glad about, if by walking in the right way, we can help some one else among our companions to do this too?

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WANTS ME TO BE GOOD

1 Kgs. 17 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

Golden Text—He careth for you.—1 Peter 5 : 7.



1 And Eli'jah the Tish'bite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gil'ead, said unto A'hab, *As the LORD God of Is'rael liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.*

2 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Che'rith, that *is* before Jor'dan;

4 And it shall be, *that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.*

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Che'rith, that *is* before Jor'dan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

8 And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying,

9 Arise, get thee to Zar'ephath, which *belongeth* to Zi'don, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zar'ephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there gathering of sticks; and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, *As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.*

13 And Eli'jah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the LORD God of Is'rael, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Eli'jah: and she, and he, and her house, *did eat many days.*

16 *And* the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Eli'jah.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day there walked into the wicked Ahab's palace, a strange-looking man, with long, flowing hair, and wearing upon his shoulders a coarse mantle of sheepskin. At the sight of him Ahab was afraid, for he knew him to be no other than God's great prophet Elijah, who had come to bring him a message from the Lord.

Standing up boldly before the king, Elijah told Ahab that as a punishment for his sin in worshipping heathen gods, the Lord would send no rain for years upon all the land of Israel, and so famine should come upon the fields and destroy many of the people, with their flocks and herds.

Hearing this, Ahab and Jezebel in their rage would have seized the prophet and put him to death, but Elijah at God's command went away and hid himself in the desert by the side of the little brook Cherith, near to the river Jordan. And here God took care of him, send-

ing him food by the ravens, who every morning and evening brought him bread and meat, while to quench his thirst he drank of the water of the brook.

By and by, when no rain fell, the brook dried up, and God told Elijah he must leave the valley and go towards the seashore. On the way he came to the town of Zarephath, just outside the gate of which he met a poor widow woman gathering sticks for a fire. Being hungry, he asked her if she would give him a morsel of bread. Now the famine was so great, that it happened that the woman had almost nothing left in the house to eat. So she said to the prophet, "All I have is a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil in a jar, and I am gathering two sticks for a fire to bake a cake for myself and my son, that we may eat our last meal and die."

"Very well," answered Elijah, "do as you have said, but make me a little cake

first. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, "Your barrel of meal shall not waste nor the jar of oil fail, until the day that God sends rain again upon the earth." So the woman did as Elijah had said and took him to her house, and for more than a year she and her son and the prophet lived upon that same barrel of meal and jar of oil, which grew no less until all the days of the famine were ended.

In the same chapter from which the Lesson is taken, we are told how the woman was rewarded. Her son fell sick and died. But when Elijah prayed to God, the boy was brought back to life and the mother's heart was filled with joy.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Elijah? 2. What did he look like? 3. What message did he bring Ahab from the Lord? 4. As a punishment for what sin was the famine sent? 5. How did God save Elijah from the anger of the king? 6. How was he kept alive by the brookside? 7. Why did he at last have to leave it? 8. Whom did he meet as he walked towards the sea? 9. What was the woman doing? 10. What did Elijah ask her? 11. How did she answer him? 12. What did Elijah then tell her to do? 13. What promise did he make her? 14. How did the promise come true? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

A weary traveller trudging through a dense forest came suddenly at night upon a poor hut. Knocking at the door, he said to the woodman, "Kind friend, will you shelter a stranger for the night?"

Swinging wide the door, the woodman answered, "Enter not as a stranger but as a brother. We are poor, but you are welcome to our best." Then, fixing a comfortable couch for him by the fire and setting food before him, he left his guest alone.

In the morning, when the traveller was about to depart, he said to his host, "My brother, you have most kindly entertained me. You did not know who I was. I am your king. You gave me of your best. I want you now to come and live with me in

my royal palace." So the poor woodman left his humble hut, and went to live with his friend and brother, the king.

### Lesson Hymn

Poor and needy though I be,  
God Almighty cares for me;  
Gives me clothing, shelter, food,  
Gives me all I have of good.

Then to Him I tune my song,  
Happy as the day is long;  
This my joy for ever be,  
God Almighty cares for me. Amen.  
—Hymn 513, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—34. What is adoption? A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Wonderful, wasn't it, that the woman in the Lesson kept taking oil out of her jar every day for the prophet and herself and her son, and there was just as much in it as



ever? That is like God's love. He pours it out upon us every day, and it never grows any less. Yes, and there is enough of it for every one in the wide world to have a share.

**I Have Learned Today**  
THAT I SHOULD TRUST GOD

1 Kings 18 : 1-16. Study vs. 1-19—Memory Verses, 13-16.

**Golden Text**—I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth.—1 Kings 18 : 12.



1 And it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the LORD came to Eli'jah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto A'hab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

2 And Eli'jah went to shew himself unto A'hab. And *there was* a sore famine in Sama'ria.

3 And A'hab called Ob'adi'ah, which *was* the governor of *his* house. (Now Ob'adi'ah feared the LORD greatly :)

4 For it was *so*, when Jez'ebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Ob'adi'ah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

5 And A'hab said unto Ob'adi'ah, Go into the land unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks : peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts.

6 So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it : A'hab went one way by himself, and Ob'adi'ah went another way by himself.

7 And as Ob'adi'ah was in the way, behold, Eli'jah met him : and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Eli'jah ?

8 And he answered him, I *am* ; go, tell thy lord, Behold, Eli'jah *is here*.

9 And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldst deliver thy servant into the hand of A'hab, to slay me ?

10 *As the LORD thy God liveth*, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee : and when they said, *He is not there* ; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not.

11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Eli'jah *is here*. 12 And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not ; and *so* when I come and tell A'hab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me : but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jez'ebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water ?

14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Eli'jah *is here* : and he shall slay me.

15 And Eli'jah said, *As the LORD of hosts liveth*, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to-day.

16 So Ob'adi'ah went to meet A'hab, and told him : and A'hab went to meet Eli'jah.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

While Elijah was in hiding beside the brook Cherith, King Ahab sent messengers in all directions to find the prophet, who he believed had brought the great and grievous famine upon Israel. For three years no rain had fallen, and the people were almost in despair where to find food for themselves and for their cattle. Then the Lord spoke again to Elijah, and told him to return to Ahab with the good news that He would soon send rain upon the earth.

But Elijah, when he came to the court, did not find the king at home. Shortly before Elijah's return, Ahab had said to Obadiah, the governor of his house, "Let us go over the land, dividing it between us ; I will walk in one direction, while you go in another, and let us search thoroughly along the edges of the brooks and streams, and see if any pasture can be found for our starving beasts."

Now Obadiah was a good man, having

been a faithful servant of God since a boy. It was he who, when Jezebel had ordered the prophets of the Lord to be put to death, had hidden a hundred of them in a cave, and fed them secretly upon bread and water, and thus kept them alive until danger was past. News of this had already reached the king's ears, and Obadiah did not know what day his own life might be taken away.

One day, as Obadiah walked in the fields, searching for grass, with his eyes fixed on the ground, Elijah suddenly met him. Falling on his face, the king's servant cried out in amazement, "Can it be possible? It is my lord Elijah, the long-lost prophet!" "It is I," answered Elijah. "Go at once and tell the king that I am come." Then Obadiah was afraid, and cried out in terror, "If I take such news to my master, he will surely slay me. He has made his friends everywhere swear that they will not protect

you. If I tell the king that you are here, he will suspect me of hiding you, as I did the hundred prophets. Besides, if I should go away and return here and not be able to find you, then the king would certainly turn upon me and slay me for your sake."

"Then," said Elijah, "I will go to the king myself. In the name of the Lord of hosts I will show myself to him this very day." When Obadiah saw that Elijah was determined to show himself to Ahab, he gave way, and went at once and told Ahab that Elijah had come; and in a great rage Ahab set out to meet God's prophet. The king thought that the prophet was now in his power. But he was greatly mistaken, for the Lord was on the side of Elijah.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was Ahab doing while Elijah was in hiding?
2. Why was he angry with Elijah?
3. Why had the famine been sent upon Israel?
4. What did God at last say to Elijah?
5. Where was Ahab when Elijah returned?
6. Who was Obadiah?
7. How had he proved himself a servant of God?
8. What was Obadiah doing when Elijah met him?
9. What did Elijah tell him to do?
10. Why was Obadiah afraid to obey?
11. What did Elijah then say he would do?
12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

During a battle in India a young soldier in charge of one of the cannon suddenly discovered that the instrument for swabbing it out was broken.

Knowing that when a gun is not properly cleaned after firing, the man who puts in the next charge runs the risk of being blown to pieces, the soldier first sent away his companions to a place of safety; then using a piece of his coat for a swab, he continued to load and discharge the gun at the risk of his life. In this way he held the position and afterwards received the English Distinguished Service Order for his gallantry.

How much more, may we be sure, will God remember those who have risked their lives in His service! The danger will seem very small compared with the reward He will give.

### Lesson Hymn

Oh, safe to the Rock that is higher than I  
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly;  
So sinful, so weary, Thine, Thine would I be;  
Thou blest 'Rock of Ages,' I'm hiding in Thee.

*Hiding in Thee, hiding in Thee—  
Thou blest 'Rock of Ages,' I'm hiding  
in Thee. Amen.*

—Hymn 263, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—35. What is sanctification?** A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

How ready this foot with the sandal on looks for a long day's march! Every morning should find us ready to make a fresh start in doing the loving will of Jesus, and



to keep it up all the day. He will walk with us and help us. We need never be afraid of the hard places with such a Friend near at hand. Just a little prayer to Him will make us brave and strong to go right over them.

**I Have Learned To-day  
THAT GOD WILL KEEP ME SAFE**

1 Kings 18 : 30-46. Study vs. 20-46—Memory Verses, 36-39.

**Golden Text**—If the Lord be God, follow him.—1 Kings 18 : 21.



their faces : and they said, **The LORD, he is the God :** the LORD, he is the God. 30 And Eli'jah said unto them, Take the prophets of Ba'al ; let not one of them escape. And they took them : and Eli'jah brought them down to the brook Ki'shon, and slew them there.

41 And Eli'jah said unto A'hab, Get thee up, eat and drink ; for *there is* a sound of abundance of rain. 42 So A'hab went up to eat and to drink. And Eli'jah went up to the top of Car'mel ; And he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto A'hab, Prepare *thy chariot*, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And A'hab rode, and went to Jez'reel.

46 And the hand of the LORD was on Eli'jah ; and he girded up his loins, and ran before A'hab to the entrance of Jez'reel.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

Before Ahab had time to think what he should do with Elijah, the prophet proposed that the priests of Baal should now meet him in a great contest, to decide which was the greater, the Lord or Baal. "Let us gather all Israel upon Mount Carmel," said Elijah, "and build there two altars, and place the sacrifices upon them, but kindle no fire under. Then let the priests of Baal call upon their god, and I will call upon the Lord, and let the god who answers by fire be our God forever." And it was done as Elijah had said.

But though the prophets of Baal called upon their god from morning until evening, there was no answer to their cries, neither did any fire come to burn upon their altar. Then Elijah built his altar of twelve stones,

30 And Eli'jah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down.

31 And Eli'jah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Ja'cob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Is'rael shall be thy name :

32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD : and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

34 And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time.

35 And the water ran round about the altar ; and he filled the trench also with water.

36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Eli'jah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of A'braham, I'saac, and of Is'rael, let it be known this day that thou art God in Is'rael, and *that I am* thy servant, and *that I have* done all these things at thy word.

37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and *that thou hast* turned their heart back again.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench.

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on

upon which he laid the kindling wood and the meat for the sacrifice. Around the altar he dug a trench, and, ordering twelve barrels of water to be brought, he poured them over the altar, filling up the trench also.

Elijah now stood up and cried to God, saying, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel." And immediately fire fell from heaven, and burnt up not only the sacrifice and the wood, but the stones, and the water that was in the trench, so that when the people saw it they fell on their faces saying, "The Lord, He is the God ! the Lord, He is the God !"

Then Elijah took prisoner the false prophets of Baal, and ordered that they be put to death ; after which he said to Ahab,

"Arise and feast, for the rain is coming." Elijah now went up to the top of the mountain, and sat with his face between his knees, sending his servant to keep a look-out towards the sea and bring him word of what he saw.

Six times the servant returned saying he saw nothing, but at last he brought news that a little cloud about as big as a man's hand was rising out of the sea. "Hurry to Ahab," said Elijah, "and tell him to drive home quickly, for the storm is coming."

By the time Ahab reached his palace, the prophet himself having run before him all the way, the rain was falling in torrents, so that the long drought and famine were at an end.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Elijah persuade Ahab to build upon Mount Carmel? 2. How were they to decide which was stronger, God or Baal? 3. How long did the heathen prophets call upon their god? 4. What answer did they receive? 5. How did Elijah prepare his altar? 6. What was his prayer? 7. How did God answer? 8. What did the people say? 9. How did he punish the priests of Baal? 10. What did Elijah's servant see from the mountain-top? 11. What warning did Elijah send Ahab? 12. Whither did Ahab go? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

King Olaf of Norway was a man of such strength that he could do things no other man could do.

Once he was hiding in the woods because his enemy was on the throne and sought to kill him. Here he met a woodcutter, and discovered from his conversation that he was loyal to Olaf and longing for the time when he should be king.

As they talked, the stranger borrowed the woodcutter's axe and brought it down upon a knot in a huge log, sending it through with one stroke. Seeing this, the woodman fell at the stranger's feet, calling him king and master, for he knew by what he had seen that the stranger was no other than Olaf, his rightful king.

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, from Thy throne on high,  
Far above the bright blue sky,  
Look on us with loving eye:  
Hear us' holy Jesus.

Be Thou with us every day,  
In our work and in our play,  
When we learn and when we pray:  
Hear us, holy Jesus. Amen.

—Hymn 580, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—36.** *What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?* A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Look at this mountain standing so firm and solid. The promises of God are like the



mountains. Not one of them ever fails. God wants us to trust Him, to tell Him what we need, that He may give it to us.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT GOD WILL HEAR MY PRAYER

1 Kings 19 : 1-8—Memory Verses, 3, 4.

**Golden Text**—In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me.—Ps. 120 : 1.

1 And A'hah told Jez'ebel all that Eli'jah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

2 Then Jez'ebel sent a messenger unto Eli'jah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time.

3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Be'er-she'ba, which belongeth to Ju'dah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree ; and he requested for himself that he might die ; and said, It is enough ; now, O LORD, take away my life ; for I am not better than my fathers.

5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat.

6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again.

7. And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat ; because the journey is too great for thee.

8 And he arose and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Ho'reb the mount of God.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

As soon as Ahab had got safely home to his palace in Jezreel, he told Jezebel, his heathen queen, all that had happened that day upon Mount Carmel, and how the Lord had sent fire from heaven to burn upon the altar of Elijah, while the prophets of Baal had been put to shame before all the people. When Jezebel heard how the prophets of Baal had been disgraced and afterwards slain by the prophet Elijah, she was furious, and at once sent a threatening message to him saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time."

Knowing by this that Jezebel would never rest until she had taken away his life, Elijah hurried from the neighborhood of the palace to hide himself again in the wilderness. Taking with him only his young servant, Elijah hurried toward the south, and coming to a place called Beersheba, the prophet left

his servant there and went on into the wilderness by himself.

Elijah had been travelling on foot all day without taking time so much as to eat, and when evening came on he fell almost fainting to the ground, where he at last lay down completely discouraged and tired out under a broom tree. So unhappy did the great prophet now feel, that he prayed that God would allow him to die, saying, "It is enough ; now, O Lord, take away my life ; for I am not better than my fathers." He had forgotten all about yesterday's victory upon Mount Carmel, and felt that life was hard and bitter.

But soon Elijah fell asleep, and as he slept under the broom tree, an angel came and touched him on the shoulder, saying, "Arise and eat." And looking up, the prophet saw a fire burning, with a loaf of bread baking upon it, while beside his head stood a pitcher of water. Raising himself up,



Elijah began to eat the bread and drink the water, and then lay down again to sleep.

A second time the angel touched him, saying, "Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee." Then Elijah got up, and finishing his meal, went on with his journey. Now the food that Elijah had eaten kept up his strength for forty days, during which time he travelled through the wilderness, until he came to Mount Horeb, the mount of God, which is Sinai, the place where long before Moses had met with God and received from Him the Ten Commandments.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What news did Ahab bring Jezebel?
2. How did she receive it?
3. How did she threaten Elijah?
4. Where did Elijah flee for his life?
5. How long did he travel without food?
6. Where did he lie down to rest?
7. How did he feel?
8. What was his prayer?
9. Whom did God send to comfort him?
10. What did Elijah see beside him?
11. What happened when he went to sleep the second time?
12. For how long did the heavenly food strengthen Elijah?
13. Where did he now go?
14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

As old Mr. Craig sat on his front doorstep, his back was bent and his face was white and sad. He was watching the merry children as they hurried along to school, and he sighed as he remembered that a long time ago he was a happy boy and his back was straight and strong. "And now I'm old and useless," he said, "and nobody cares!" and a discouraged feeling came over him, though the sun was shining brightly and the birds were singing.

Just then along came kind-hearted Bobby. "Good morning," he said cheerily. "I'm glad you're out, Mr. Craig. I wish I could stop to hear one of your fine stories." And then away he ran.

But after that the sun shone a bit brighter for poor old Mr. Craig. And you wonder why? One little boy had remembered him and liked his stories, and was glad to see him.

### Lesson Hymn

Though troubles assail,  
And dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail,  
And foes all unite;  
Yet one thing secures us,  
Whatever betide,  
The Scripture assures us,  
'The Lord will provide.' Amen.  
—Hymn 16, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 111. **What is meant by the bread in the Lord's Supper?** The body of Christ, who is the Bread of Life.

SHORTER CATECHISM—37. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?* A. The souls of believers at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

God's people needed to be brave, didn't they, when their enemies were trying to kill them with swords? But we need to be



brave, too, if we are to do what is right, even if others hinder us, or try to hurt us. We can be true heroes, yes, the very littlest of us! Sometimes we get discouraged, as Elijah did. Then we should remember how God sent an angel to cheer him. This thought will give us fresh courage, and help us to keep on doing right.

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**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT I SHOULD BE CHEERFUL

1 Kgs. 19 : 9-18. Study vs. 9-21—Memory Verses, 15-18.

**Golden Text**—Fear thou not ; for I am with thee.—Isa. 41 : 10.



him, and said, What doest thou here, Eli'jah? 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts : because the children of Is'rael have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword ; and I, *even* I only, am left ; and they seek my life, to take it away.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damas'cus : and when thou comest, anoint Ha'zael to be king over Syr'ia :

16 And Je'hu the son of Nim'shi shalt thou anoint to be king over Is'rael : and Eli'sha the son of Sha'phat of A'bel-meho'lah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Ha'zael shall Je'hu slay : and him that escapeth from the sword of Je'hu shall Eli'sha slay.

18 Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in Is'rael, all the knees which have not bowed unto Ba'al, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

In the wilderness Elijah stayed hiding from Ahab for more than a month. He was still much discouraged, thinking all his work for God and his beloved people was at an end. Not knowing what to do next, he remained by himself in a lonely cave among the mountains. One day Elijah heard God's voice calling to him in the cave and saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

"I am here," answered the prophet sadly, "because the children of Israel have forsaken Thee, thrown down Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets. I only am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." Elijah had supposed that after the wonderful miracle on Mount Carmel, when the Lord sent fire from

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there ; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Eli'jah ?

10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD GOD of hosts : for the children of Is'rael have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars and slain thy prophets with the sword ; and I, *even* I only, am left ; and they seek my life to take it away.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD ; *but* the LORD was not in the wind : and after the wind an earthquake ; *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake :

12 And after the earthquake a fire ; *but* the LORD was not in the fire : and after the fire a still small voice.

13 And it was *so*, when Eli'jah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto

14 And he said, I have been very jealous

15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damas'cus :

16 And Je'hu the son of Nim'shi shalt thou anoint to be king over Is'rael : and Eli'sha

17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Ha'zael shall Je'hu

18 Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in Is'rael, all the knees which have not bowed unto

heaven, followed by the storm of wind and rain, the people would give up idol worship forever ; but he had been mistaken.

Though Elijah had more than once heard God's voice speaking to him, he had never before come so near to Him as he was now ; and when the voice called again, saying, "Go forth and stand upon the mountain before the Lord," Elijah moved towards the mouth of the cave, where he stood aside and waited for the Lord to pass by. And a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind ; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake ; and after the earth-

quake, a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire, a still small voice.

Then Elijah wrapped his face in his cloak, and went and stood outside the cave, and for the second time God asked, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" And the prophet returned him the same answer, saying, "I only am left among the prophets; and they seek my life to take it away."

Then the Lord told Elijah that he was mistaken in thinking there was no one besides himself on the Lord's side, for there were seven thousand people left in Israel who had not bowed themselves in worship to Baal. And to encourage him still further, the Lord now gave Elijah a new work to do. Bidding him hasten to Damascus, God told Elijah that he should there find and anoint three men for the special work of bringing the people of Israel back to serve and obey the true God. These were Jehu, Hazael and the young Elisha, whom God now promised should one day stand in Elijah's place before the people as the prophet of the Lord.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Elijah lodge in the wilderness? 2. Who spoke to him in the cave? 3. What question did God ask him? 4. What did Elijah answer? 5. Where did Elijah wait to see the Lord pass by? 6. Did the Lord show Himself in the storm? 7. Was He in the earthquake or the fire? 8. How did He at last show Himself? 9. What encouragement did the Lord give Elijah? 10. Upon what new work did He send Him? 11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Just wait until I catch that Joe Hamilton!" muttered Harold afterschool. "Look at my paints all smeared up, and the points broken off my pencils!" Harold went off in a rage, and the younger boys agreed that they would get to school early to-morrow to see Joe punished.

But when Harold got to school next day (so it seemed in his dream), there was One sitting in Joe's place with such a look of love and sorrow on His face that Harold felt ashamed. He did not speak, but His silence seemed to reprove Harold for his intended

revenge upon his school-fellow, who, after all, he remembered, had no one to care for him at home.

"My conscience must have been awake while I was asleep," said Harold to himself as he dressed, and though the boys came early, they never knew why Harold let Joe off.

### Lesson Hymn

Lord of harvest, let there be  
Joy and strength to work for Thee;  
Let the nations far and near  
See Thy light and learn Thy fear. Amen.  
—Hymn 563, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—38. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?* A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Little people, and big people, too, sometimes get discouraged, because they have hard things to do. Isn't it fine, to read



these words that God spoke, and to know that our Heavenly Father is close beside each one of us to give us the help we need?

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT GOD HAS WORK FOR ME

2 Kings. 2: 1-11—Memory Verses, 9-11.

**Golden Text**—He was not; for God took him.—Gen. 5: 24.

1 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Eli'jah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Eli'jah went with Eli'sha from Gil'gal.

2 And Eli'jah said unto Eli'sha, Tarry here I pray thee: for the LORD hath sent me to Beth'-el. And Eli'sha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth'-el.

3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth'-el came forth to Eli'sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4 And Eli'jah said unto him, Eli'sha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jer'icho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jer'icho.

5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jer'icho came to Eli'sha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

6 And Eli'jah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here: for the LORD hath sent me to Jor'dan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jor'dan.

8 And Eli'jah took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Eli'jah said unto Eli'sha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Eli'sha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

A great part of Elijah's time was now spent in looking after the schools or guilds, in which certain chosen young men of Israel were trained to be God's prophets and messengers. Of these schools Elijah was the head, and there was one at Gilgal, another at Bethel, and another at Jericho. As Elijah travelled about from one to the other, he was always accompanied by the young Elisha, whom God had promised should be his successor.

One day, as Elisha and his beloved master were walking from Gilgal to Bethel, they talked together of the time which Elijah now knew to be very near, when the Lord should take him to be forever with Himself. Knowing he should not return again to Gilgal, Elijah now tried to persuade Elisha to go back and leave him to finish his journey to Bethel alone, but Elisha begged so hard to be with him that Elijah at last consented to take him. At Bethel

the prophets came out to meet them and said to Elisha, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from you to-day?" "Yes, I know," answered Elisha, scarcely able to speak for grief.

At Bethel Elijah again begged Elisha to remain behind, while he went on as God had told him to Jericho, but Elisha said, "As the Lord liveth, and as my soul liveth, I will not leave thee." At Jericho the prophets also came out to meet them, greeting Elisha with the same words, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from you to-day?" "Yes," answered Elisha, "I know it. Trouble me not."

Leaving Jericho and taking the road towards the Jordan, Elisha and Elijah were followed afar off by as many as fifty of the younger prophets, all of whom were anxious to see what should become of Elijah. When Elijah and Elisha reached the river-bank, they saw no way for them to cross. Then

Elijah took his cloak, and rolling it together, he struck the waters with it, so that they were divided, and the two walked over on dry land.

When they were safely across, Elijah turned and said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee." And Elisha said, "I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me." "You have asked a hard thing," answered the prophet, "but if you see me when I am taken up, you shall have your request; if not, it shall not be." And as they still went on and talked, there suddenly appeared a chariot of fire and horses of fire and parted them both asunder, and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven, and Elisha saw him no more.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Elijah spend the last years of his life?
2. Who travelled with him?
3. What did Elijah and Elisha talk about on the way to Bethel?
4. Who came to meet them?
5. What did the prophets say to Elisha?
6. What answer did he make them?
7. What did Elijah try to persuade Elisha to do at each place they came to?
8. What did Elisha answer Elijah?
9. How did Elijah and his servant cross the Jordan?
10. What request did Elisha make of Elijah?
11. How was Elijah taken up to heaven?
12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Enoch is the only man mentioned in the Bible besides Elijah whom God called to come up into heaven without having to die.

A little girl in Sunday School had heard the story of Enoch for the first time. Hurrying home to her mother, who said, "Tell me, dear, what you have learned to-day at school?" she answered, "Mother, we have been hearing about a man who used to go for walks with God. And, mother, one day they went for an extra long walk, and they walked on and on, until God said to Enoch, 'You are a long way from home. You had better just come in and stay.' And he went."

That was true. Enoch had become so familiar with God, that he "just went in and stayed."

### Lesson Hymn

There's a home for little children

Above the bright blue sky,  
Where Jesus reigns in glory,  
A home of peace and joy:  
No home on earth is like it,  
Or can with it compare,  
For every one is happy,

Nor could be happier, there. Amen.

—Hymn 590, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—39. What is the duty which God requireth of man?** A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will. **40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?** A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

Jesus once lived on this earth. But by and by He went back to the heavenly country. These two countries are very near each other. It is just as if they were separated by



a narrow stream of water. And when Jesus takes His people, as Elijah was taken, it is just one little step across, and we are with Him in heaven.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I HAVE A HOME IN HEAVEN

Amos 5: 4-15. Study Verses, 1-27—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

**Golden Text**—Seek the Lord, and ye shall live.—Amos 5: 6.



4 For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Is'rael, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:

5 But seek not Beth'-el, nor enter into Gil'gal, and pass not to Be'er-she'ba: for Gil'gal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth'-el shall come to nought.

6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Jo'seph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Beth'-el.

7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,

8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Ori'on, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:

9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.

10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.

11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

15 Hate the evil and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Jo'seph.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

After the time of Elijah and Elisha there arose in Israel false prophets, who, while pretending to deliver God's messages and warnings, spoke lying and flattering words to the people, taking good care to say nothing that could displease either them or the king.

Urged on by their false teachers, the Israelites now gave themselves up to enjoyment and idleness, hoping that if trouble came, God would suddenly come to their aid against their enemies. To appear to please Him they now built magnificent altars at Bethel and Gilgal, which were called by the name of Jehovah, but which were really little better than heathen shrines.

As there had been no war for a long time, many of the Israelites had grown rich and

had built for themselves fine houses of hewn stone furnished with ivory beds and silken couches, where they had spent their time in feasting and drinking, and in all manner of idleness and luxury. Around these palaces were great vineyards and parks, the land for which had been taken by robbing from the poor, who, if they complained before the judges, were either put in prison or taxed more heavily than before.

During these wicked times there lived near Bethlehem a young shepherd-farmer called Amos, whom, as he was following his flock one day, God called, saying, "Go, prophesy unto my people Israel." Then Amos left home, and going to Bethel, where he knew a great feast was being held, he stood up and declared before the king and all

the people, that unless they turned from their evil ways, God would surely punish them by allowing the powerful king of Assyria to come upon them and take their whole nation away as slaves.

To show them the danger they were in, the young shepherd compared the nation of Israel to a basket of summer fruit, which, though it looked beautiful on the outside, was over-ripe and already beginning to decay. In order to save his beloved people from punishment, Amos now pleaded with them to give up their evil ways and harsh treatment of the poor, and seek the Lord before it should be too late. "For," said Amos, "our God is not like a human judge, who can be bribed with offerings and sacrifices. He has no need of gifts, having made the day and the night, the sun, the stars and the sea. Hear then His message to the house of Israel: 'Hate the evil, love the good; seek ye Me, and ye shall live.'"

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of messages did the false prophets speak?
2. How did the rich Israelites enjoy themselves?
3. How did they behave towards the poor?
4. How did they pretend to honor Jehovah?
5. What kind of worship did they offer Him?
6. Who was Amos?
7. What work did God give him to do?
8. When did Amos deliver his message?
9. How did he say God would punish the nation for its sins?
10. What did he plead with the people to do?
11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Please come to the store with me, Jamie," pleaded Jack. "I don't want to leave my book," whined Jamie. "Don't be selfish," said his mother. But still Jamie did not move.

Presently Jamie got tired of his pictures, and going to the window, he saw Jack coming down the street munching something out of a paper bag. "What have you got?" asked Jamie eagerly. "Peanut candy," replied Jack. "Mr. Smith gave me some for taking out an order for him. Want a piece?" and he passed the bag to Jamie.

But somehow the candy did not taste the

same as if it had been sweetened with the spirit of unselfishness. Jamie knew he had been mean, and the candy tasted bitter and disagreeable.

### Lesson Hymn

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

—Hymn 558, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—41. *Where is the moral law summarily comprehended?* A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments. 42. *What is the sum of the ten commandments?* A. The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves.

### SOMETHING TO DRAW

The stars help sailors to find their way on the sea at night. So God has given us His



precious Word to show us the right way to walk in, and to guide us safely to Himself. We cannot go wrong, if we do what the Bible tells us.

**I Have Learned To-day That**  
I SHOULD LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE

## Lesson XIII.

## REVIEW

Sept. 25, 1904

**Golden Text**—The Lord is merciful and gracious.—Ps. 103 : 8.

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions 102-115.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 28-42.

## Lesson Hymn

One is kind above all others—  
 O how He loves!  
 His is love beyond a brother's—  
 O how He loves!  
 Earthly friends may fail or leave us,  
 One day soothe, the next day grieve us:  
 But this friend will ne'er deceive us—  
 O how He loves!

Through His name we are forgiven—  
 O how He loves!  
 Backward shall our foes be driven—  
 O how He loves!  
 Best of blessings He'll provide us,  
 Naught but good shall e'er betide us!  
 Safe to glory He will guide us—  
 O how He loves! Amen.

—Hymn 542, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

## That God is Kind



	Lesson Title	Golden Text
Lesson I.	The Kingdom Divided.	Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.—Prov. 16:18.
Lesson II.	Jeroboam's Idolatry.	Keep yourselves from idols.—1 John 5. 21.
Lesson III.	Asa's Good Reign.	Help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee.—2 Chron. 14 : 11.
Lesson IV.	Jehoshaphat's Reform.	Deal courageously, and the Lord shall be with the good.—2 Chron. 19 : 11.
Lesson V.	Omri and Ahab.	Righteousness exalteth a nation : but sin is a reproach to any people.—Prov. 14. 34.
Lesson VI.	God Taking Care of Elijah.	He careth for you.—1 Pet. 5 : 7.
Lesson VII.	Obadiah and Elijah.	I thy servant fear the Lord from my youth.—1 Kgs. 18 : 12.
Lesson VIII.	Elijah on Mount Carmel.	If the Lord be God, follow him.—1 Kgs. 18 : 21.
Lesson IX.	Elijah Discouraged.	In my distress I cried unto the Lord, and he heard me.—Ps. 120 : 1.
Lesson X.	Elijah Encouraged.	Fear thou not; for I am with thee.—Isa. 41 : 10.
Lesson XI.	Elijah Taken up into Heaven.	He was not; for God took him.—Gen. 5 : 24.
Lesson XII.	Israel Reproved.	Seek the Lord, and ye shall live.—Amos 5 : 6.



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 Kingdom Divided.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Obadiah and Elijah.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Jeroboam's Idolatry.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Elijah on Mount Carmel.</p>
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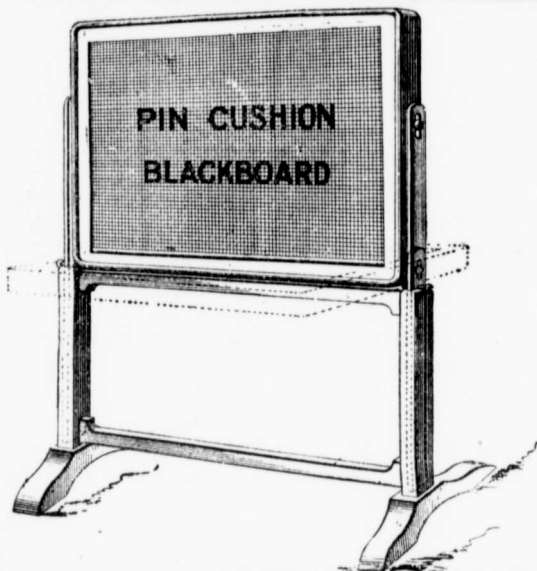
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