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# The Primary Quarterly

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## At Singing Time

I have a little daughter  
Who's scarcely half past three,  
And in the twilight hour  
She climbs upon my knee,  
And snuggles down within my arms  
With, "Mother, sing to me!"

The light grows faint and fainter,  
The sandman guards the door;  
My baby's boat drifts slowly  
Upon the slumber shore;  
But if the singing stops, she cries  
"O mother, sing some more!"

I sing about the squirrels,  
That frolic in the wood;  
About two furry kittens—  
One naughty and one good—  
And then some tender lullabies,  
Just as a mother should.

I'm sure no prima donna  
Adored from east to west,  
Feels half the satisfaction,  
Or is so truly blest  
As I, when singing to my child  
Held closely to my breast.  
—By Anne P. L. Field

## A Sunday Game

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

We called it Bible Names, and began to play it when the children were small. The youngest player had "first turn," and would say the name of a person or place mentioned in the Bible commencing with the letter A. Each player would follow, according to age, this turn going round and round until no

other names would be given. Failing once to say a name counted this player out until we began the next letter. The one who said the last name got one mark.

For obvious reasons, we skipped such letters as V, W, X, Y, Z, and even F and K.

The player who got the most marks won the game.

As the children grew older, the game developed; their knowledge of Bible characters and places had considerably increased—also the competitive faculty! A player under twelve received two marks for winning a point, while the others got but one.

Players now might be challenged to tell something about the name given or to find chapter and verse, to prove it genuine. If unable to do so, the challenger added one to his score. The children enjoyed this game, and it meant periods when they literally "searched the scriptures."

St. John, N. B.

## Some Stories of the Quarter

By Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D.

We are back again this year, in our Sunday School Lessons, to the life of our blessed Saviour, beginning where we left off a year ago. We shall follow Him now through the remainder of His life on earth, and to the wonderful day when He went up to heaven from amongst His disciples, and a bright cloud received Him out of their sight.

The present Quarter's Lessons contain some of the most delightful stories of that beautiful life that Jesus led here among men.

The very first Lesson tells what is one of the sweetest stories ever told—how, when

the mothers brought their little children to Jesus one day, and the disciples, who were kind enough men in their way, but did not know how much Jesus loved the little ones, told the mothers not to trouble Him with them, He spoke sharply to the disciples, and said: "Don't drive them away. Suffer the little children to come unto Me: for of such is the kingdom of God." Wouldn't you have dearly loved to have been one of those little children that day, when He took them up in His arms and put His hands upon them and blessed them?

Another story is of His choosing out seventy men from among His followers and sending them into the cities and villages where He himself was soon to come. They would find many who would wish to do them harm because they hated Jesus; but He said to the seventy messengers: "Do not be afraid. Go and heal the sick wherever you find them, and tell the people that I am coming to teach and help. The seventy were very brave and faithful men and so they did as Jesus told them,—as we all ought to do.

It will be a delight, Sunday by Sunday, to walk with Jesus and listen to His words and to see the wonderful things that He did. He will come to seem like some friend whom you know and love very well; for we cannot be long with Jesus without coming to love Him dearly, and to want to help Him in the work that He came into the world to do.

### Opportunities for Service

*By Rae Furlands*

For the child's own sake, it is necessary that he should consciously work for the cause of Christ. In most cases this must be planned out for him and suggested to him.

Children will be doing something all the time. Right doing is more attractive to them than wrong. They cannot be engaged in both right and wrong at the same time, so that to keep them busy in right doing has a double value, as it also acts as a preventive to wrong.

The watchful mother will find abundant opportunity for little acts of kindness and

charity that her child may perform, which no outsider could point out or prepare for. Each in her own environment must find this particular work for herself. A few general suggestions may be given.

The children may carry Sunday School papers to sick friends, or to those who for any reason cannot attend Sunday School. They need not always get extra papers for this, but take good care of their own and give that, after it has been read to them.

When these papers are not given away weekly, let each child have a special place in which to keep them, and on days when they have to stay indoors, they can sew four or six together, thus making little books for the hospital, the mission box, or for poor children. Suitable pictures may be cut out of old magazines, etc., and mounted on strong paper or cambric, for the same purpose.

Picture postcards which the grown-ups do not desire to keep, may be saved for the children. These can have the written-on sides glued together in pairs, with a tape or string between for a hanger, and afterwards carried or sent where they may help to brighten some life.

The children should be encouraged to sing the hymns they know, and repeat their texts when asked, without making a fuss over it, especially for old people or the shut-ins.

They may be allowed to take flowers to the sick, and where possible, tend their growth for this very purpose. Let them save the crumbs after meals and feed the birds. Emphasize the necessity of this in the winter-time, when the ground is covered with snow.

Let them find out children who do not go to Sunday School, and invite them to go with them.

Some children have great numbers of toys. Let these be shared with those who have few or none.

Occasionally have the children go with you when you take food or clothing to the poor; and if they are willing to do so, let them give up dessert or some other luxury once in a while, to see someone else enjoy it.

Have them help in the packing of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

Children who can write, might send letters to shut-in children, especially to those who would not be likely to get a letter otherwise.

Each child must be taught that there is work for him to do—his own work which, if he neglects, may remain undone for ever.

Just a word of warning in closing. It is possible to do a good thing in a bad way, and we may, if not careful, over-stimulate the children, and give them the idea that they are universal helpers and general philanthropists. This would be specially injurious to some dispositions, so let whatever is done, be done as unostentatiously as possible; but at the same time, the children must be interested, and experience pleasure in the doing, or there will be no desire on their part to continue in the work.

### A Season's Song

Children, don't you love the winter,  
 Crackling snow beneath your feet,  
 Frosty air, with fun and frolic,  
 Tinting rosy, every cheek?  
 Then the sheltering home love shields you  
 From the season's chill and snow;  
 Then kind nature spreads a blanket  
 O'er the slumbering life below.

Who will guard the children ever?  
 Who will guard the home always?  
 Who will guard the slumbering seedling,  
 Sleeping till the wakening day?  
 'Tis God's love will guard them ever,  
 Trust it always, children dear,  
 For God's love will keep you safely;  
 Seek Him ever, He is near.

### Some Bible Homes

By Mary Isobel Houston

#### I. JESUS' HOME

Jesus' boyhood home was not His birth-place. He was born, as we all know, in a rude manger in a stable outside the little Bethlehem inn; but He spent the greater part of His life in the humble carpenter shop where His father, Joseph, earned his living. The little Nazareth carpenter shop was not at all like the carpenter shops we know of in our country. The tools were

very simple, and the rude bench was all the work table that was needed. We can imagine the boy Jesus eagerly watching His father at work, perhaps clearing away the chips for him, or carrying the lighter bits of wood when they were wanted.

The little village of Nazareth was situated in a high valley among the hills of the Lebanon Range. It was secluded from the main road, which ran below the village, and on all sides the valley was covered with rich foliage and fine orchards. We like to think of the boy Jesus wandering through this leafy valley when His tasks at home were finished, preparing Himself for the great work He was one day to do.

### Tiny's Alarm Clock

Tiny looked up from her slate as her big brother Kent came in one day with an odd-shaped paper bundle in his hands. Tiny ran to meet him.

"Oh, Kent, what is it?" she asked, curiously. "Anything for me?"

"No," said Kent. "Such a wide-awake puss as you are doesn't need aids to early rising," and he untied the strings and opened the package.

"Why, it's a clock!" said Tiny, disappointed. "We've got three clocks now, Kent. What made you bring another?"

Kent began winding the little clock. "You just listen," he said.

Whir-r-r! Rattle, rattle, rattle! Whir-r-r! What a way for a clock to strike!

"It's an alarm clock," explained Kent, smiling at Tiny's wonder. "We can set it so that the alarm will strike at any time of night and wake us. You know I have to leave home before daylight sometimes"—for Kent was a railroad worker.

"How very, very funny!" said Tiny, with sparkling eyes. "Goes off all itself, without any one touching it! Oh, how I wish I had one!"

"There's another funny thing about it," went on Kent. "If people don't mind the alarm when it strikes, but think they will sleep a little longer, they grow less liable to be waked by it, and soon it doesn't make any impression at all."

Tiny considered. "I wish I could have one all my own," she said again. "It must be such fun to hear it go off."

"You have one," said Kent, gravely.

"I? An alarm clock?"

Kent nodded.

"Where?"

"Right in there," said Kent, with his hand over Tiny's heart.

"Well, I don't believe it ever went off," laughed Tiny:

"Yes, I'm sure it has. Wait till you feel like doing something wrong. That little clock will say, 'Whir! Tiny, don't!' You see if it doesn't."

Tiny laughed and went back to her examples. Soon a call came from the kitchen: "Tiny, dear, I want you."

Tiny's mouth began to pout, but she suddenly called out cheerily, "Yes, mamma," and danced out of the room, looking back to say, "It went off then, Kent, good and loud."

Kent nodded and smiled. "I thought it would," he said.

And all of you little folks with alarm clocks must be sure to answer the first call, or they will ring and ring in vain, and turn you out good-for-nothing men and women.—Selected

### As Little Children

Make ours, dear Lord, the children's joy

In earth's simplicities—

The beauty of the field's wild bloom,

The shadows, sun and breeze;

Attune our ears to song of birds,

To the brooklet's melodies.

As childrea crowned with Thy own flowers

Our hearts with Thy grace bind

So in this world of Thine may we

Walk not as deaf or blind,

But joyous in the common gifts

Vouchsafed to all mankind.

### In An Eskimo School

Dr. S. K. Hutton, in *Among the Eskimos of Labrador*, gives the following account of a visit to a school in that country:

"I walked in one day at Okak, when

Benjamin was drilling arithmetic into the heads of a score of bright-eyed little Eskimos, and the picture of that Eskimo school class is one of the most vivid of my many pictures of Labrador life.

"'What is four times four?' said Benjamin. The little eyes stared, and the little mouths opened, and the little fingers began to count under the shadow of the desk. Benjamin made it easier. 'I saw four sledges,' he said. There was a general heave of interest: Benjamin was going to tell them a story. They shuffled their feet and elbows, and settled down to listen. 'I saw four sledges; they were coming round the bend from the sealing-place. Each sledge had four dogs to pull it. How many dogs were there, gathered all together?'

"That made thinking easy; the little brains had got something familiar to work upon; there was a picture of sledges in their minds, and like a flash came the answer, 'Sixteen dogs—they are sixteen.' 'Yes,' said Benjamin, 'four times four makes sixteen; don't forget.' The little faces were serious again; it was not much of a story, after all; but they had learned something without expecting it. Wise man, Benjamin; he was an Eskimo child himself once, and has had a careful training from the missionaries; he has learnt to present things in a way that the Eskimo mind can grasp.

"After a few more exercises with the table-book, I saw the little eyes becoming restless; thoughts were beginning to wander, and Benjamin called for a change. Shock-headed little Moses fetched the books out of the cupboard, and handed them round, and the chubby faces brightened again.

"Benjamin announced a psalm, and the little fingers grew busy as they turned the pages, and then I saw first one boy and then another stand up to spell through a verse. It was really wonderful to watch the eager way in which they pursued the alarming strings of letters that stretched from margin to margin, and gathered them into syllables under Benjamin's guidance, and made out the proper meaning. When the psalm was finished, Moses collected the books; then the children sang a hymn and ran out to romp in the snow."

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1914

## I. SINGING.

"O Lord, Thou art my God and King ;  
Thee will I magnify and praise :  
I will Thee bless, and gladly sing  
Unto Thy holy name always."—Ps. Sel. 114, Book of Praise

## II. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE.

*Teacher.* What does God say about the snow ?

*Class.* He saith to the snow, "Be thou on the earth."

*Teacher.* What is the snow prayer ?

*Class.* "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

## III. SING OR RECITE.

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

## IV. PRAYER.

V. OFFERING. Occasionally the children may be allowed to march quietly around the room and place their offering on the plate as they pass a given point.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passages : For Those Under Six, The Good Shepherd, Ps. 23. For Those Under Eleven, The Saviour Born, Luke 2 : 7-20. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

VII. SINGING. Hymn 596, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2. (These are the first two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

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

IX. BRIEF BIRTHDAY SERVICE. Ask those children who have had a birthday during the week to come to the front when a card may be presented and an offering (usually one cent for each year) received if desirable. Then all join in singing :

"Another happy birthday to some of us is given,  
Then let us thank the Father for all His gifts from heaven.  
Oh, be His love and mercy to these dear children near,  
And keep them safe and happy through this and every year."

## X. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

## XI. LESSON HYMN.

## XII. RECITE.

"Now the hour is over and e'er we go away,  
All standing thus together, this little prayer we'll say :  
'Help us heavenly Father, Thy loving face to seek,  
And guide us safely through the coming week.' Amen."

Lesson I.

## JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

January 4, 1914

Mark 9 : 30-37 ; 10 : 13-16. Study Mark 9 : 30-41 ; 10 : 13-16—\* Memory Verses, 14, 15, 16.

**Golden Text**—Gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another : for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.—1 Peter 5 : 5 (Rev. Ver.).



30 And they departed thence, and passed through Gal'ilee ; and he would not that any man should know *it*.

31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him ; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.

32 But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

33 And he came to Caper'naum : and being in the house he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way ?

34 But they held their peace : for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should be* the greatest.

35 And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, *the same* shall be last of all, and servant of all.

36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them : and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,

37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me : and who-

soever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

Ch. 10 : 13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them : and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*.

14 But when Je'sus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

16 And he took them up in his arms, put *his* hands upon them, and blessed them.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day long ago, when Jesus was living on the earth, He and His twelve disciples were walking along a road. They were going to the city of Capernaum. Jesus was fond of this city. Sometimes He spent many weeks there.

As the disciples walked they talked earnestly. Their talk grew almost like a quarrel. They were ashamed to tell Jesus about their dispute.

Jesus told them about the beautiful kingdom of heaven where His real home is. Each man had thought to himself : "I wonder whom Jesus will make greatest in His kingdom ? I should like to be first and greatest. I think the first place should belong to me."

Each disciple had longed for this, and that was what they were disputing about.

By and by they reached the house in Capernaum, where they were to stay.

Presently Jesus said to His disciples, "What was it that ye were disputing about as ye walked along the way ?"

Twelve shamefaced men answered never a word. But Jesus knew about their dispute and also about their selfish thoughts. He sat down and drew a little child to him and took him in His arms. Then He said : "Whosoever shall do a kindness to one of such little children for My sake, shall be first and greatest. Whosoever is kind to one of these little children is kind to Me.

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

Those who think only of self, shall be last of all." Our Lesson tells us another story about Jesus' love for little children.

One day some mothers brought their little children to Jesus that He might lay His hands upon them. The disciples found fault with the mothers for troubling the Master.

When Jesus saw this, He was much displeased, and said: "Allow the little children to come to Me. Do not send them away, for of such is the kingdom of God. Indeed, I tell you, that one must be as pure and good and trustful as these little ones if he would enter God's kingdom."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. To what city were Jesus and His disciples going? 2. How many disciples were there? 3. What were their names? 4. What was the disciples' talk like? 5. Why did they not tell Jesus about it? 6. About what had Jesus been telling them? 7. What had each of them been thinking? 8. What did Jesus ask them in the house? 9. Why did they not answer? 10. What did Jesus do? 11. What did He say? 12. How can we show kindness to Jesus? 13. For what purpose did mothers bring their children to Jesus? 14. How did the disciples act? 15. How did Jesus feel towards the disciples? 16. What did He say about the children? 17. What must we be if we wish to enter God's kingdom? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"Well, let her go herself. We're not going to wait on her even if she is mother's friend," grumbled Doris. "P'raps she doesn't know its mail time," said Lisbeth gently, "and it isn't far to run to the post-office." But Lisbeth had to go alone.

"I'd have forgotten all about my mail if it hadn't been for this little lady," said mother's guest. "Princess Lisbeth I call her, for only a princess could be so kind and thoughtful. This letter contains two tickets for the concert to-morrow. Will the Princess come?" "Next time I'll wait on her too," sighed Doris.

### Lesson Hymn

There's a Friend for little children  
Above the bright blue sky,

A Friend who never changeth,  
Whose love can never die.  
Unlike our friends by nature,  
Who change with changing years,  
This Friend is always worthy  
The precious name He bears. Amen.

—Hymn 590, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*  
A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

### The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, WITH A SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD WORKER.)—1. Have all children and young people a chance to go to Sunday School? No, because in many places, even where there is a church service, there is no Sunday School, and many live too far away to attend either church or Sunday School.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here we see Jesus blessing a child. How lovingly He has taken the little one into His arms and how kindly He looks down upon



him. Color the drawing and remember that Jesus is just as able and willing to bless you as He was to bless children who were brought to Him while He was here upon earth.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS LOVES CHILDREN

## Lesson II.

## THE MISSION OF THE SEVENTY

January 11, 1914

Luke 10 : 1-16. Study Luke 10 : 1-24—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

**Golden Text**—It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you.—Matthew 10 : 20 (Rev. Ver.).



Tyre and Si'don, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

14 But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Si'don at the judgment, than for you.

15 And thou, Caper'naum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell.

16 He that heareth you heareth me ; and he that despiseth you despiseth me ; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.

1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few : pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways : behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes : and salute no man by the way.

5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it : if not, it shall turn to you again.

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give : for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you :

9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you : notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sod'om, than for that city.

13 Woe unto thee, Chora'zin ! woe unto thee, Bethsa'ida ! for if the mighty works had been done in

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Every day Jesus spent His time in spreading the good news He came from heaven to tell. He told of God's love. He showed His own love by healing the sick and helping those in trouble. His twelve disciples helped Him.

The days seemed very short, when so much work was to be done. There were many sick and troubled who needed help. There were many who had not heard the story.

Jesus needed more people to help Him, so He called seventy good men and directed them what to do. He said : "There is much to do. The world is like a ripe harvest field. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few."

Then He told these seventy men how He would have them go out into the country round about. They were to go two by two and do just as Jesus Himself would do.

He said : "Go your way. Into every home ye enter say, 'Peace be to this house.'

Heal the sick and help the sad and troubled. Stay in the homes where ye are kindly received. Eat and drink the food that they offer. Tell the story of God's love as you have heard it from Me."

Jesus also said to His messengers, that if the people in any place would not receive them nor listen to their message, they should go away from that place and have nothing more to do with its people. For if any would not heed the words of those whom Jesus sent it would be the same as if they had refused to hear the words of Jesus Himself.

The seventy men went gladly, two by two, as Jesus bade them. They heeded the sick because Jesus gave them power to do so. And everywhere they told of Jesus, God's Son, and of the message He had brought from heaven.

When they came back to Jesus, they had a wonderful story to relate. They told Jesus how the people listened, and how they had



helped those in trouble. The seventy men never had done work that had made them so happy.

Jesus was glad that the story had been made known in so many sad homes. Then He prayed and thanked God just as He always did when He was glad.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Jesus spend His time? 2. Of what did He tell? 3. How did He show His own love? 4. Who were His helpers? 5. Why did the days seem so short? 6. Was Jesus able to help all who needed help? 7. Could all hear His story? 8. Whom did He call to help Him? 9. What did He say the world was like? 10. What did He say about the laborers? 11. What were the seventy men to do? 12. What were they to say when they came into a house? 13. What were they to do for the sick? 14. Where were they to stay? 15. What story were they to tell? 16. Why were they able to heal the sick? 17. What did they tell Jesus when they returned? 18. How did He show that He was glad? 19. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"All the girls I know go to Sunday School now. There isn't any one for me to ask but the new girl in the big house, and I *couldn't* ask her. They're awful rich, and she doesn't play with any one." "But it wouldn't hurt to ask her," said Billy.

The little new girl came to school next day, and looked so lonely as she walked home by herself that Letty forgot about everything else and blurted out: "Won't you come to my class in Sunday School?" "She said she would," said Letty to mother, "but I don't know how I ever asked her." "Perhaps some one else knows, dear. Even when we feel we cannot do and say things, He gives us the words and makes the way easy.

### Lesson Hymn

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying—  
 'Who will go and work to-day?  
 Fields are white and harvest waiting;  
 Who will bear the sheaves away?'

Loud and long the Master calleth,  
 Rich reward He offers free;  
 Who will answer, gladly saying,  
 'Here am I; send me, send me!' Amen.  
 —Hymn 447, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

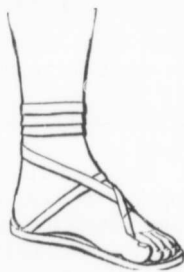
SHORTER CATECHISM—83. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous? A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

### The Question on Missions

2. What are we doing to start new Schools? Each of our ten Home Mission superintendents has this as part of his duty. In addition, field workers are sent to new districts into which people are coming to help in starting Sunday Schools.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a sandal fitted on a foot, such as were worn in Eastern lands. As you copy



the drawing, ask Jesus to show you how your feet may run willingly and swiftly on errands for Him. For He wants you to help Him in His work.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD LOVES EVERY ONE

Luke 10 : 25-37—Memory Verse, 25.

**Golden Text**—Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.—Mark 12 : 31.



25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life ?

26 He said unto him, What is written in the law ? how readest thou ?

27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind ; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right : this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Je'sus, And who is my neighbour ?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a man said to Jesus, "Master, what shall I do to make myself fit to enter the kingdom of heaven ?"

Jesus asked, "What is written in the book of the law ?"

This man knew well. He was a lawyer. He answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind ; and thy neighbor as thyself."

Jesus said : "Thou hast answered right. If thou doest these things, thou wilt be worthy to enter the kingdom of heaven."

The man said, "Who is my neighbor, Master ?" Then Jesus told this story :

Once there was a traveler going from Jerusalem to Jericho. It was not a safe road for travelers. Robbers and highwaymen

hid themselves, ready to rush out upon people who tried to pass by.

As the man journeyed along, a band of thieves sprang upon him. They stole his clothing. They beat him and wounded him and left him half dead. After a while a priest chanced to pass that way. He saw the man, but did not go to help him. He passed by on the other side and went his way.

By and by a Levite, one whose work was to help the priests, passed along. He, too, saw the wounded man, but he did not want to soil his garments. He, also, passed by without giving help.

Not long after a Samaritan, one of a people whom the Jews bitterly hated, drew near. He went to the suffering man. His heart was filled with pity. He poured oil

and wine into the wounds and bound them up. He lifted the man upon the beast which he himself had been riding and took him to the inn and cared for him.

In the morning he took money from his bag and gave it to the innkeeper. He said: "Take care of the stranger. Spend this money for his good. If thou needest still more, spend and I will repay thee when I come again."

When Jesus finished His story He asked, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?" The lawyer replied, "He that showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said, "Go, and do thou likewise."

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did a man ask Jesus one day?
2. What did Jesus ask in return?
3. What was the man's business?
4. What did the lawyer answer?
5. What did Jesus then say?
6. What was the lawyer's next question?
7. How did Jesus answer it?
8. About whom was the story?
9. Where was he traveling?
10. Why was the road not safe?
11. Who attacked him?
12. What did they take from him?
13. In what condition did they leave him?
14. Who helped the poor man?
15. What did he do for him?
16. Whither did he take him?
17. How did he provide for him?
18. What question did Jesus now ask of the lawyer?
19. What was the lawyer's answer?
20. What did Jesus tell him to do?
21. What is the Golden Text?

#### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy this great law for Jesus' followers and ask Him to help you to obey it.

*Love thy neighbor as thyself*

#### Lesson Hymn

May each child of Thine be willing,  
 Willing both in hand and heart,  
 All the law of love fulfilling,  
 Ever comfort to impart;  
 Ever bringing offerings meet,  
 Suppliant to Thy mercy-seat. Amen.  
 —Hymn 429, Book of Praise

#### I Have Learned To-day THAT I SHOULD BE KIND

#### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—84. *What doth every sin deserve?* A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

#### The Question on Missions

3. To what districts have our field workers been sent? Chiefly to Northern Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. Some work has been done also in Quebec, where the Protestants are few and scattered and find it hard to keep up Sunday Schools.

## Lesson IV.

## SERVING JESUS

January 25, 1914

Luke 8 : 1-3 ; 9 : 57-62 ; 10 : 38-42—Memory Verses, 40-42.

**Golden Text**—Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me.—Matthew 25 : 40 (Rev. Ver.).



1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God : and the twelve *were* with him,

2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mar'y called Mag'dalene, out of whom went seven devils,

3 And Joan'na the wife of Chu'za Her'od's steward, and Susan'na, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

Ch. 9 : 57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain *man* said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Je'sus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air *have* nests ; but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Je'sus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead : but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee ; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Je'sus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Ch. 10 : 38 Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village : and a certain woman named Mar'tha received him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mar'y, which also sat at Je'sus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Mar'tha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone ? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 And Je'sus answered and said unto her, Mar'tha, Mar'tha, thou art careful and troubled about many things :

42 But one thing is needful : and Mar'y hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus was going about, with His disciples, amongst the cities and villages of Galilee, preaching to the people. There were a number of good, kind women who saw that the wants of Jesus and the disciples were supplied. Amongst these women was Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus had cast seven evil spirits. As Jesus was journeying from place to place, two men met Him who wished to become His disciples. Jesus told them that, to be His followers, they must be willing to give up all they owned.

Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus lived in their home in the little

village of Bethany. One day the house was put in beautiful order, because a guest was to be there. The sisters and brother loved this friend more than all others, for their guest was Jesus.

The floor of the house was swept. The upper room, the best in the house, was made ready. The water jars were filled. The food was prepared.

The sister Martha thought, "Everything must be done to make our guest happy," so she still worked over the household duties. She worked till she was tired ; she was too tired to be sweet and pleasant. She was too

wearily even to listen to the lessons that Jesus was teaching.

When she saw her sister Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus, she thought to herself: "Mary is not doing her share of the work!"

She drew near to Jesus and exclaimed: "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me."

Jesus knew that Martha was tired with overwork. He knew that there were other ways of serving Him. He said: "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things. There are other ways to serve Me. Mary hath chosen to learn of Me. She hath chosen that good part which shall not be taken from her."

### Lesson Story

One day Polly heard a knock at the door. Mother asked her to answer and she did. This is what she saw: A poor mother, with the saddest eyes. Her clothes were old. In her arms she held her little baby. The baby was ill.

Polly's home was on a road where very few beggars passed, but she knew before the poor mother spoke what she needed. She was tired and hungry and she could not sell the things in her basket. Polly and mother fed the strangers. They gave the mother comforts to carry away.

But as the mother and baby went away, they were no happier than Polly and her mother, who had been working for Jesus.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was Jesus doing?
2. Who were traveling with Him?
3. Who provided for them?
4. What had Jesus done for one of these women?
5. What was her name?
6. Who wished to become Jesus' disciples?
7. What did Jesus say to them?
8. Where did Martha and Mary live?
9. Who lived with them?
10. Who came one day to see them?
11. How had they prepared for Him?
12. What did Martha keep doing after Jesus came?
13. What did Mary do?
14. What did Martha think about her?
15. What did Martha say to Jesus?
16. What was Jesus' answer?
17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

I've found a Friend; O, such a Friend!  
 He bled, He died to save me;  
 And not alone the gift of life,  
 But His own self He gave me,  
 Nought that I have my own I call,  
 I hold it for the Giver;  
 My heart, my strength, my life, my all,  
 Are His, and His forever. Amen.

—Hymn 80, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

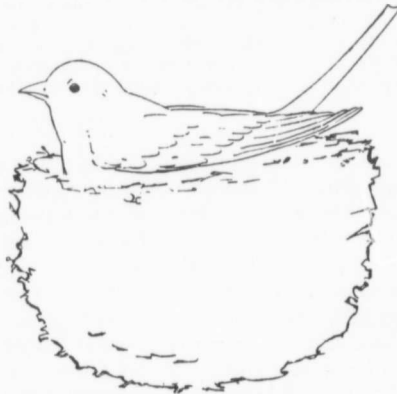
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 82-84.

### The Question on Missions

4. Does the field worker do anything else besides starting new Schools? Yes. He discovers Schools not reported, visits old ones and encourages teachers and officers in their work, helps to start Bible Classes, Cradle Rolls and Teacher Training Classes and shows samples of our Lesson Helps, Illustrated Papers and other Sunday School Supplies.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

As you color the drawing, remember that the loving heavenly Father takes care of the



birds in their nest, and will surely take care of you, watching over you, by day and night, whether you are waking or sleeping.

**I Have Learned To-day That**  
 JESUS WANTS ME TO SERVE HIM

Lesson V.

## THE UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBOR

February 1, 1914

Luke 11 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

**Golden Text**—Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—Luke 11 : 9.



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

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

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

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

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

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

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

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise

and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

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

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

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

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

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

## THE LESSON RETOLD

— One day Jesus knelt down to pray to His heavenly Father, and the disciples saw Him. He talked as a little child to a loving father. He asked for what He wanted just as a child asks when He wants something very much. The disciples watched ; then they said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus said : "God is your heavenly Father. You know how glad an earthly father is to give. If a child should ask his earthly father for bread, he would not give him a stone. If a child should ask for a fish, he would not give him a serpent. If a child should ask for an egg, his father would not give him a scorpion. An earthly father is happy to give. How much more does the heavenly

Father love to give good gifts to his children !

"What would you think of a neighbor so unfriendly that he would not lend you bread even though you went at midnight to ask for it ? It would be a very unfriendly neighbor who would say, 'Trouble me not ; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed ; I cannot rise and give thee.' Why, even if, at first he were unwilling to get up and get the bread for you, yet when you kept on asking for it, I say that he would rise and give as many loaves as were needed."

Then Jesus said, "Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." After that day the disciples tried to speak to God

n the way that He likes best to have them speak to Him.

For, Jesus went on to say, if a son should ask his earthly father for bread, surely the father would not give him a stone, or if he should ask a fish or an egg, the father would not give him a serpent or a scorpion. Much more, then, would the heavenly Father be willing to give good things to His children.

The prayer that Jesus taught that day is the one that we so often say in our own Sunday School. It is prayed by little people and big. It is prayed in churches and homes. It is prayed by the side of the bed at night.

THE PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus' disciples see Him doing?
2. How did He speak to God?
3. For what did He ask?
4. What did the disciples ask Jesus to do?
5. By what name did Jesus call God?
6. What is an earthly father always glad to do?
7. What does the heavenly Father love to do?
8. What kind of a neighbor did Jesus speak of?
9. How did this neighbor act?
10. What three things did Jesus tell His disciples to do?
11. How did the disciples afterwards try to speak to God?
12. What prayer did Jesus teach His disciples?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

The birds, without barn  
 Or storehouse, are fed;  
 From them let us learn  
 To trust for our bread:  
 His saints what is fitting  
 Shall ne'er be denied,  
 So long as 'tis written,  
 'The Lord will provide.' Amen.  
 —Hymn 16, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—85. *What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?* A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption.

The Question on Missions

5. How does a field worker start a Sunday School? The missionaries are asked to arrange meetings for all the places under their charge where there should be Sunday Schools but are none. Where this cannot be done, the field worker arranges the meeting himself by announcing it in the public school and by visiting the people.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (color) shows a man standing before a closed door and knocking for admission.



mission. Now praying to God is like knocking at a friend's door. Just as the friend will gladly open the door for us, so God will hear our prayers.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I CAN SPEAK TO GOD

Lesson VI.

## DARKNESS AND LIGHT

February 8, 1914

Luke 11 : 14-26, 33-36—Memory Verse, 23.

**Golden Text**—Look therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness.—  
 Luke 11 : 35 (Rev. Ver.).



and dwell there : and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first.

33 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

34 The light of the body is the eye : therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light ; but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body is full of darkness.

35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Over in the land where Jesus lived there was a certain poor man whose life was full of darkness and trouble. He was blind, so that night and day were the same to him. He could not speak his needs, for he was dumb. People said he had an evil spirit, for in those days it was thought that all kinds of sickness were caused by evil spirits which Satan sent into the world to do his wicked work.

But one day the man's friends led him to Jesus. Jesus' kind eyes filled with pity. He healed the man and made him quite well. He could both speak and see.

Of course the people who stood round were filled with wonder. Many began to love Jesus and to want to follow Him.

But skulking round the crowd were some men with dark, evil faces. They were the scribes and Pharisees, who had not a spark of love for Jesus.

14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake ; and the people wondered.

15 But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beel'zebub the chief of the devils.

16 And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven.

17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation ; and a house divided against a house falleth.

18 If Sa'tan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand ? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beel'zebub.

19 And if I by Beel'zebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out ? therefore shall they be your judges.

20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace :

22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.

23 He that is not with me is against me : and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest ; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself ; and they enter in,

Some of these men had come all the way from Jerusalem to make trouble for Him. They said : "His ways are not like our ways. He teaches a different way to reach heaven. He tells that our way of praying is wrong."

Then these men said : "Let us watch Him. If He breaks the law, we will tell the high priest. We will have Him put in prison. That will put a stop to His dangerous talk. The common people are listening too much to His stories."

So these evil men watched Jesus. When they saw the poor man happy and well, their faces grew still darker with anger. They exclaimed : "Ah ! We know who helped Jesus do this thing ! He had help from Satan !" The wicked men tried to make the people believe that God's Son received help from Satan !

Jesus was not afraid of the scribes and Pharisees. He called them to Him and said :



"If I had help from Satan, would I want to cast his servant out of this man? Could I be both for Satan and against him? A strong man fully armed can keep his house in safety until a stronger man comes who is able to disarm him and take his possessions. Jesus meant that He Himself was stronger than Satan and could overcome the evil one.

Jesus told His hearers also, that every one must either be on His side or be fighting against Him. He wanted every one to choose His side and help Him to destroy everything in the world that is evil.

Another thing which Jesus taught was, that the only sure way to keep evil out of the heart and life is to fill them with what is good. If the heart is full of good thoughts and the hands are busy doing good deeds, Satan will have no chance to get in anything that is evil.

Jesus proved how wicked were the minds of the scribes and Pharisees. He said, "Unless you ask to be forgiven, you surely will be punished."

He urged them to drive evil and darkness out of their hearts. He told them to make their lives so pure and good that they would shine like a candle in the dark.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was brought to Jesus?
2. Why could he not come by himself?
3. Why could he not ask Jesus for help?
4. What had made him blind and dumb?
5. How did Jesus feel towards him?
6. What did He do for him?
7. Who wondered at what Jesus did?
8. What did many of these begin to do?
9. Who were present who hated Jesus?
10. Why did they hate Him?
11. Who did they say helped Jesus?
12. Was Jesus afraid of the scribes and Pharisees?
13. What did He ask them?
14. What did He say they must do if they were to escape punishment?
15. What did He urge them to put away out of their hearts?
16. What would they be like if they did this?
17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Light of life, in childhood's gladness,  
To Thy radiance we would flee;

Be our strength in days of sadness,  
Shine, shine on me.

*Never waning nor declining,  
Shine, shine on me. Amen.*

—Hymn 576, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?** A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

### The Question on Missions

6. How does he get about from place to place? In Saskatchewan and Alberta in summer he has a horse and buggy, and visits newer districts. In winter he works along the railway, helping the older Schools to do better work. In Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia nearly all the work is done by train, stage and walking.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

When you bring a lighted candle into a dark room, it makes the whole room bright



and pleasant. So the very littlest child can help to make those about him glad and happy. Copy the drawing, and try to shine for Jesus.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD SHINE FOR JESUS

Lesson VII.

## CHRIST'S HATRED OF SHAMS

February 15, 1914

Luke 11 : 37-51. Study Luke 11 : 37-54—Memory Verse, 42.

**Golden Text**—Be not deceived ; God is not mocked.—Galatians 6 : 7.

37 And as he spake, a certain Phar'isee besought him to dine with him : and he went in, and sat down to meat.

38 And when the Phar'isee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Phar'isees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter ; but your inward part is full of ravening and wickedness.

40 Ye fools, did not he that made that which is without make that which is within also ?

41 But rather give alms of such things as ye have ; and, behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you, Phar'isees ! for ye tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God : these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Woe unto you, Phar'isees ! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.

44 Woe unto you, scribes and Phar'isees, hypocrites ! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over them are not aware of them.

45 Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying thou reproachest us also.

46 And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers ! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe unto you ! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them.

48 Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers : for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres.

49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute :

50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation ;

51 From the blood of A'bel unto the blood of Zachari'as, which perished between the altar and the temple : verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a man invited Jesus to dine with him. It was a strange invitation, because the man who gave it did not really love Jesus. He was one of the Pharisees.

This Pharisee asked Jesus to come to his house because he wanted to watch Jesus. He wanted to ask Jesus questions. He wanted to make Him trouble, if he could.

The Pharisees had many evil ways, and believed many false and foolish things. They thought themselves better, holier and cleaner than other people round about them. They called people sinners who did not think as they thought.

When a Pharisee brought his gifts to God's house, he wanted every one to see him. It was as if he said : "I am better than thou art ! See what I am giving !"

When a Pharisee made ready for a meal, he did it in a strange way. A pitcher and basin were brought. The water was poured over the hands so that it fell in a certain direction.

But these men did not care whether or not their hearts were clean. The heavenly Father wishes His earth-children to make their hearts and lives clean and pure. But this the Pharisees did not do.

The table was prepared. The food was ready to eat. But when Jesus made ready for the meal, He did not wash His hands just as the Pharisee did. The man looked in wonder.

Jesus was not afraid to speak. He said : "Ye Pharisees make clean the outside, but the inside is dark and soiled with sin. Sin does not trouble you."

Then He said : "Woe unto you, Pharisees, who take the best for yourselves ! Woe unto you, Pharisees, who make long prayers in the markets and on street corners ! You pray just to be heard and seen. Woe unto you, Pharisees, who pretend to be good when you are not ! Woe unto you who rob the poor and live at ease on what you take from them !"

And so Jesus showed those men how much He cared for a clean heart and a clean life. He showed them how He disapproved of those who try to pretend they are good when they are not.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What invitation did Jesus receive one day? 2. Who gave the invitation? 3. Why was it strange for him to give it? 4. Why did he give it? 5. What did the Pharisees think about this? 6. What did they call people who did not think as they thought? 7. How did the Pharisees make ready for a meal? 8. About what did they not care? 9. What does the heavenly Father wish His children to do? 10. To have clean? 11. What did Jesus not do in making ready for the meal? 12. How did the Pharisees feel? 13. What did Jesus say did not trouble the Pharisees? 14. For what did Jesus blame the Pharisees? 15. For what did Jesus say that He cared much? 16. Of whom did He disapprove? 17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Alan looked longingly at the big automobile. "I'd just love to go, Jamie, but it's Sunday School time." "It won't hurt to miss it this once, and Uncle Jack's going to take his car back to the city to-morrow, so you won't get another chance."

For a minute Alan hesitated, then he jumped in and was soon whirling along over the smooth country road. But he was not happy, and that night when his bedroom light had been turned low and he was alone with mother it all came out.

"I thought it would be all right so long as you didn't find out, mother, but it wasn't. It was just horrid." "Of course it was, dear, and though mother might never have found out, God knew all about it. No matter how we may deceive others, we can never deceive Him." "I won't ever try again," said Alan firmly.

### Lesson Hymn

Subdue my sin,  
And enter in  
And sanctify my heart,

Spirit divine,  
O make me Thine,  
And ne'er from me depart. Amen.  
—Hymn 570, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—87. What is repentance unto life? A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

### The Question on Missions

7. What kind of meetings are held? Besides Sunday services, a field worker generally holds meetings every night in the week except Saturday. Sometimes only teachers are present, or in a new place, a few parents. The field worker speaks on some part of the Sunday School work, inviting those present to ask questions.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This beautiful verse is to be *learned by heart*. It is a prayer that Jesus will make the heart clean and pure from everything that

<p>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.</p>
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is evil. Surely each one should use this prayer very often, and it is certain that Jesus will hear and answer it.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT MY HEART SHOULD BE CLEAN

Luke 12 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

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



1 In the mean time, when there were gathered together an innumerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

3 Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops.

4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?

7 But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

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

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

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

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

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

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus' enemies crowded about Him, but He was not afraid. He came from the heavenly home to do a brave thing. He came to fight the evil that Satan had brought here.

Now the Pharisees, as we know, were the bitter enemies of Jesus. But He was not afraid to speak out against them. He warned His disciples not to be like them, for they were hypocrites, that is, they pretended to be very good, while they hid in their hearts all kinds of evil thoughts and did many wicked deeds.

Jesus also said to His disciples: "Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that can do no more. But I tell you whom ye shall fear. Fear God who hath power to keep you in strength and happiness.

"God, your heavenly Father is watching you. He loves you and He will help you. For He takes care of the sparrows, the commonest and least valued of birds. And if He does this, it is certain that He will take care of you, who are His own dear children. Even the very hairs of your head are numbered.

"Whoever is brave enough to stand up for Me and for the right before men, I will own before the heavenly Father." Jesus was here speaking of the time when He should come again from heaven, like a great and glorious king, with a train of bright angels attending Him. Then all the people in the world would be gathered together before Him and He would judge them all according to what they had done in their lives.

Jesus knew that His followers would have to suffer many things. They would be brought before rulers and judges to be punished for doing His work. He told them not to be troubled or anxious about what they should say to their enemies. For the Holy Spirit would tell them what they should say in every time of need. And so Jesus taught His followers how to fight a brave, good fight against evil, the kind of fight you, too, will want to make. Will you try to be brave as a soldier? Try to win battles over wrong?

**Lesson Story**

One day Naughty Neighbor Boy came to visit Jack and Phil in the happy play room. He soon grew tired of little Jack's toys and even Phil's new birthday book. He laughed at sister's dolls and tossed them on the floor.

Then he said: "This room is a stupid place! Come over to our barn and have some fun! I've got a trained dog and some rabbits and a rope to walk and—we'll have a circus!"

Phil's eyes began to sparkle, and baby left his toys. Big Brother had been reading, but he heard. He knew that the barn was cold. Only last week baby and sister had been so ill with sore throats that the doctor had been to the house.

It took quite a brave little soldier to stand up for what was right when Naughty Neighbor Boy laughed and called him a silly name. But he won! And every one was glad when Naughty Neighbor Boy ran home.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Who crowded about Jesus?
2. Was He afraid?
3. What did He come from heaven to do?
4. Of whom did He tell His disciples to be afraid?
5. Whom were they to fear?
6. Who did Jesus say was watching over them?
7. Of what birds did Jesus speak?
8. How much were these worth?
9. Does God care for them?
10. How great, did Jesus say, is God's care for His children?
11. What did Jesus promise to those who stand up for Him?
12. Against what did Jesus teach His followers to fight?
13. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Hymn**

Like Israel, Lord, we give  
Our earliest fruits to Thee,  
And pray that, long as we shall live,  
We may Thy children be.

In wisdom let us grow,  
As years and strength are given,  
That we may serve Thy Church below,  
And join Thy saints in heaven. Amen.  
—Hymn 526, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 85-87.

**The Question on Missions**

8. What is done when there are not enough children for a Sunday School? In some places an Adult Bible Class is commenced, and this, along with the few children, forms a School. In other places a Home Department is started, and the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY is distributed to the homes to be studied there.

**AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The drawing shows a coin of a kind used in the days of Jesus. It was like the copper



which we use now, only smaller. As you copy the drawing, remember that, with your little gifts of money you can help on Jesus' work in the world.

**I Have Learned Today**

THAT I SHOULD BE ONE OF JESUS' SOLDIERS

## Lesson IX. TRUSTING IN RICHES AND TRUSTING IN GOD March 1, 1914

Luke 12 : 13-21. Study Luke 12 : 13-34—Memory Verse, 15.

**Golden Text**—Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Luke 12 : 34.



13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

14 And he said unto him, Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you ?

15 And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness : for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully :

17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits ?

18 And he said, This will I do : I will pull down my barns, and build greater ; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years ; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, *Thou* fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee : then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided ?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a discontented man came to Jesus. He said, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me."

The two brothers probably had had a quarrel about what their father had left them. Each wanted the bigger part for himself.

Jesus read the greedy man's face. He knew that the sin of greed and covetousness can spoil a man's life. To make him see how much better it is to trust God than to give all the thought to gathering riches, Jesus told this story :

Once there was a rich man who had a fine piece of ground. His servants worked it till it was soft and fertile ; then they planted the seed.

When the harvest time came, the rich man's field was full of grain. As he looked over his land, his heart was filled with selfish pride. He forgot God who sent the rain and the sunshine. He forgot God's part, and thought only of what he himself had done.

He exclaimed, "What shall I do, because I have not room to store my grain ?" He did not think of his poorer neighbors who had no rich fields.

Then the man said : "I will pull down my barns, and build greater. I will store this treasure in my new barns."

Again he said : "When my treasure is safely stored, I will say to my soul, 'Soul, thou hast much goods ; enough to last for many years. Take thine ease. Eat, drink, and be merry.'"

But God whispered : "Foolish man, this night thy soul shall leave its earthly home. Then whose shall those things be that thou hast stored away for self ?"

When Jesus had finished the story He said : "Share your good things. Do not keep all for self. Do not think too much of what ye shall eat, drink and wear. God knows what ye need. He will take care of you. Look at the birds. They neither sow nor reap. They have no barns ; yet God takes care of them. Look at the flowers ; they neither toil nor spin, yet a king is not

clothed like one of these. Trust God to take care of you."

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What did a man one day ask of Jesus?
2. About what had the brothers probably quarreled?
3. What sin did Jesus see in the man?
4. What did Jesus wish to teach him?
5. What story did Jesus tell?
6. What had the rich man?
7. What did the ground produce?
8. With what was the rich man's heart filled?
9. Whom did he forget?
10. For what had he not room?
11. What did he say he would do?
12. What did he say to his soul?
13. What did God say to the rich man?
14. What did Jesus tell His hearers to do?
15. About what were they not to think too much?
16. Who would take care of them?
17. Who takes care of the birds?
18. Who gives their beauty to the flowers?
19. What will God do for His children?

**Lesson Story**

It was Saturday afternoon and Mission Band day, but the strawberries were just right for picking, and grandfather had said that Roger and Ellen might have every third box they picked for their very own.

"I'm not going to Mission Band to-day, Ellen," said the little boy, as he thought of all the berries he could pick in one afternoon. "We have Mission Band every Saturday afternoon, and strawberry time only lasts for a little while." "But we promised Miss Moore." "I don't care," snapped Roger. "I'm going to pick berries." Then, as a splendid thought struck him: "I can give some of the money to missions, that's just as good."

So Roger began to fill the berry boxes, while Ellen trudged off to Mission Band alone. But neither of them had noticed the black cloud that had been growing bigger and bigger, until the rain began to fall, and berry picking was at an end. "And it's too late for Mission Band now," Roger wailed, as he hurried into the house. "I guess Ellen's way was best, after all."

**Lesson Hymn**

There is a better world, they say,  
O, so bright!

Where sin and woe are done away,  
O, so bright!  
And music fills the balmy air,  
And angels bright and pure are there,  
And harps of gold and mansions fair,  
O, so bright! Amen.

—Hymn 594, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 82-87.**

**The Question on Missions**

9. What is the advantage of the field worker's going to every School? He thus sees exactly what the needs are, and can be of greater help than he could be even by talking with the teachers if they come to meet him at some other place.

**AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In the drawing we see a field of grain which is being reaped. Soon the farmers will be sowing the grain in their fields, and,



by and by, the harvest will come. Color the drawing, and remember that the grain from which our bread is made, is God's gift.

**I Have Learned Today**

THAT GOD TAKES CARE OF ME

## LESSON X. WATCHFULNESS—TEMPERANCE LESSON March 8, 1914

Luke 12 : 35-48—Memory Verses, 47, 48.

**Golden Text**—Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching.—Luke 12 : 37.

when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required : and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The Lesson tells about a house in the far country where Jesus lived. The master of the house was called away on a long journey. He could not tell when he was coming home. He left the house in the keeping of his faithful servant.

Now that servant did everything about the house just as if his master's eyes were upon him. He worked just as he worked when his master was at home. The floors were swept, the lamps were trimmed, everything was in readiness for his master's coming.

By and by the master did come. He came in the night time and knocked at the door. The servant was not afraid to come and open the door for his lord. He was not ashamed to show him all through the house. No work had been neglected ; all things were in readiness.

Of course the master was glad, and he gave the faithful servant the reward he deserved.

35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning ;

36 And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding ; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.

37 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching : verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.

38 And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

39 And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through.

40 Be ye therefore ready also : for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

41 Then Pe'ter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all ?

42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season ?

43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath.

45 But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming ; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken ;

46 The lord of that servant will come in a day

and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

48 But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required : and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

This is like a story that Jesus told His disciples. Then Jesus said : "But if that servant had not been good and faithful ; if he had been cruel to the other servants ; if he had not done his work ; what then would have happened when the master came in the night time ? How would that servant have felt when he met his lord ? What then would that servant have deserved ?"

Jesus meant to teach His disciples and all the people in the world a lesson. God, the heavenly Father, is the Lord of earth. He is dwelling in the heavenly home. He has left the world in the keeping of His servants.

## Questions on the Lesson

1. About whom did Jesus speak ? 2. Whither had the master of the house gone ? 3. When would he be home ? 4. In whose care had he left the house ? 5. How faithful was the servant ? 6. How was the house



kept ready for the master's return? 7. At what time did the master come? 8. Why was the servant not afraid? 9. How did the master feel? 10. What did he do for the servant? 11. In what other way might the servant have acted? 12. How would he then have felt when the master came back? 13. What would he have deserved to have received from the master? 14. What did Jesus mean to teach His disciples? 15. Who else should learn this lesson?

### Lesson Story

"No use in studying it, Lucy. You'll never be asked to read before the inspector." Lucy's lip trembled, but she said nothing as she opened the book she had taken out of the new school bag, while George went on drawing pictures on his new scribbling book. "Teacher never asks our class to read then, so she can't fool us by telling us to be ready."

But Lucy did not close her book until she had read the lesson over slowly three times. "And she just happened to ask me," said Lucy to mother, the afternoon after the inspector's visit, "after she'd tried George, and Phil, and Elsie and two or three others; and I didn't trip over one word." "But my little girl didn't just *happen* to be able to read it well, did she? She had done as the teacher had asked, and was ready." "I guess keeping ready all the time is the only way to do it," said George slowly; "but I'd rather do that than feel ashamed as I did to-day."

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy these words, and try to be ready for the coming of Jesus.

*Be ye therefore ready*

### Lesson Hymn

Ye servants of the Lord,  
Each in his office wait,  
Observant of His heavenly word,  
And watchful at His gate.

Watch,—'tis your Lord's command,  
And while we speak He's near—  
Mark the first signal of His hand,  
And ready all appear. Amen.

—Hymn 248, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE READY FOR JESUS

### The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 1-11.

### The Question on Missions

10. How do new and needy Schools get their Sunday School Helps and Papers? In places where the people are not able to pay for them, the School asks the Secretary, Rev. J. C. Robertson, Toronto, for a grant of these Supplies through the Rally Day Fund.

Lesson XI.

**THE LAWFUL USE OF THE SABBATH**

March 15, 1914

Luke 13 : 10-17 ; 14 : 1-6.—Memory Verses, 3-5.

**Golden Text**—The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath.—Mark 2 : 27.

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

12 And when Je'sus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

13 And he laid his hands on her : and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Je'sus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work : in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering ?

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of A'braham, whom Sa'tan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day ?

17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed : and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

Ch. 14 : 1 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Phar'isees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.

2 And, behold, there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy.

3 And Je'sus answering spake unto the lawyers and Phar'isees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day ?

4 And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go ;

5 And answered them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day ?

6 And they could not answer him again to these things.

**THE LESSON RETOLD**

One Sabbath day the people of a certain town in the land where Jesus lived were going to church. The church in that land was called the synagogue.

Jesus was visiting in the town and He went to the synagogue. Jesus went to read the law to the people.

Some of the Pharisees, Jesus' enemies, were there. Among many other people in the church was a poor woman who had not been well for eighteen years. She was bowed down because of her disease and could not stand up straight.

Jesus saw the poor woman and called to her. He said, "Woman, thou art cured of thine illness." Then He laid His hand upon her and she was given strength to lift herself

up. When the woman found that she was well, she gave thanks.

The face of the ruler of the synagogue grew dark with displeasure. Jesus was working on the Sabbath day ! He said to himself, "Jesus has broken the Commandment which says, 'Thou shalt not do any work on the Sabbath day.'"

Jesus knew what mistakes the people were making about the keeping of God's laws. The Sabbath day is one of God's best gifts to His people. But the scribes and Pharisees were making it a day of burden by their wrong and foolish laws. Not even the sick and suffering could be given help on the Sabbath day, because they said that was work.

Jesus said to the man : "Wouldest thou not lead thine own beasts for a drink on the Sabbath day? This thou wouldest do to take care of thy riches. Then shouldest not I help this poor woman who has suffered eighteen years, even though it is the Sabbath?"

Another Sabbath day Jesus went to eat a meal at a Pharisee's house. A number of people were there. A poor man who was ill with a dangerous disease stood near.

Jesus asked the learned men sitting about Him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" The men were afraid to say "No" and they did not want to say "Yes." They answered not a word.

Then Jesus healed the man. To show the people that it was right to do good on the Sabbath He said to those about Him: "Would you not pull thy beast from a hole into which it had fallen?" Now in that land there were a great many empty wells and cisterns in the ground, and these were often left uncovered, so that it was very easy for an animal to fall into them. Jesus knew that any one of those about Him would have pulled an ox or an ass of his own out of such a hole, even on the Sabbath. So He turned to them and said: "Is not a man worth more than a beast?"

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the church in Jesus' country called? 2. For what did Jesus go to the church one day? 3. What enemies of Jesus were there? 4. What person came who needed help? 5. What was her trouble? 6. What did Jesus say to the woman? 7. What did He do for her? 8. What happened then? 9. What did the woman do when she found that she was well? 10. To whose house did Jesus go for a meal on the Sabbath? 11. What man there needed His help? 12. What question did Jesus ask? 13. Why was this question not answered? 14. What did Jesus do for the sick man? 15. How did He show that it was right to do this on the Sabbath?

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, we love to meet  
On this Thy holy day,

We worship round Thy seat

On this Thy holy day.

Thou tender, Heavenly Friend,

To Thee our prayers ascend;

O'er our young spirits bend,

On this Thy holy day. Amen.

—Hymn 573, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

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

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

**SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 12-20.**

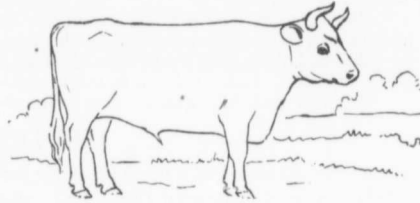
### The Question on Missions

**11. Can all the children read English?**

No. In Saskatchewan and Alberta many children are Ruthenians. For these the Lesson Picture Cards are printed in their own language. For French children we have an illustrated weekly paper in French, *Le Rayon de Soleil* (meaning Sunshine).

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Eastern lands, when Jesus was on earth, oxen like the one in the drawing



(to copy) were used for plowing and other farm work. Jesus teaches us to be kind and gentle to all animals, as well as to people.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT THE SABBATH IS GOD'S DAY

## Lesson XII.

## LESSONS BY THE WAY

March 22, 1914

Luke 13 : 18-30. Study Luke 13 : 18-35—Memory Verses, 18, 19.

**Golden Text**—Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 7: 21.



18 Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

19 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

22 And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem.

23 Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

24 Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you

not whence ye are:

26 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27 But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

28 There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

29 And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.

30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus asked a question. He said, "What is the kingdom of God like? Shall I tell you what it is like?"

Then while the people stood about Him and listened, He said: "The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed. It is one of the smallest of seeds. A man took it and planted it in his garden. The seed sprung up and grew. It grew into a great, strong, sturdy plant. It grew so large and strong, that the birds came and lodged in its branches. The tiny seed became a tree."

God's kingdom begins on the earth. Jesus was the gardener who planted it. It was like that tiny, tiny mustard seed, at first. But Jesus tended it and made it grow. Then He had a few helpers; just a few, only

twelve. But by and by more joined, and more till God's kingdom on earth grew larger. It grew and spread like the mustard plant.

Jesus also said that God's kingdom was like leaven or yeast. He told how a woman puts this into bread when she is baking, so that the bread may be made light. Now Jesus meant that, when people receive His teaching into their hearts it will change their lives and make them like Himself. And He wants His teaching to spread until it shall be in the heart of every one in the world.

The more helpers there are, the more Jesus' work will spread. I think you see what is meant: Jesus wants the story of God and His love to grow till it reaches over the whole, wide world. He wants every one

throughout the entire world to hear about God and to love Him and obey Him.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What question did Jesus one day ask?
2. Why did He say that the kingdom of God resembles?
3. What is a mustard seed like?
4. What does it grow up into?
5. How great a tree does it become?
6. Where does God's kingdom begin?
7. Who planted it?
8. What was it like at first?
9. How did it become larger and larger?
10. Who are needed if Jesus' work is to spread?
11. How far does Jesus want the story of God's love to spread?
12. To what else did Jesus say God's kingdom was like?
13. What did the woman do with the leaven?
14. What did the leaven do for the bread?
15. What did Jesus mean?
16. What does Jesus want?
17. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

"But mother said to come right home," said Clara. "I don't care," answered Mary as the school door banged behind them. "She was wishing yesterday for some dahlia roots, and Elsie Mayne says she will give me some out of their garden if we go round that way."

Clara did not enjoy the walk home alone, and more than once she wished that she too had gone for the dahlia roots, but the thought of mother's words made her hurry on. But Mary enjoyed the lonely walk even less, for it was almost dark when she reached home, pale with fright, and carrying three wilted roots.

"I—I thought you'd like the flower roots, mother," she said. "So I would, dearie, but I like more the loving flowers of obedience that Clara has brought. They are the flowers which, if planted now, will grow bigger and better every year."

**Lesson Hymn**

Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,  
 My daily labor to pursue;  
 Thee, only Thee, resolved to know,  
 In all I think, or speak, or do.

The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,  
 O let me cheerfully fulfil;

In all my works Thy presence find,  
 And prove Thy good and perfect will.  
 Amen.  
 —Hymn 233, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

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

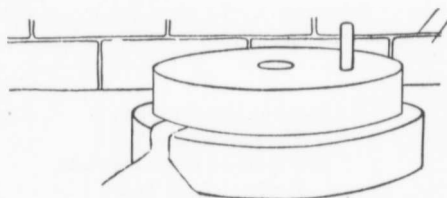
**SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 21-29.**

**The Question on Missions**

12. How can we assist this work? The salaries of the Sunday School field workers, the helping of new and needy Sunday Schools to get supplies and part of the cost of our French Sunday School paper, are paid for from the Rally Day Fund raised by the Schools on the last Sunday in September.

**AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Women, in the days of Jesus, used to grind meal for making bread, between such stones as those shown in the drawing. *Copy*



the drawing, and think how good God is to give us the sunshine and showers which ripen the grain, so that we may have plenty of food.

**I Have Learned Today**

THAT JESUS WANTS WORKERS

Lesson XIII. **REVIEW—JESUS THE GREAT TEACHER** March 29, 1914

Read Matthew 7 : 21-29.

**Golden Text**—What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Micah 6 : 8.

**REPEAT**—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **BIBLE WORK.** **SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES.** **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 65-80. **SHORTER CATECHISM**—Questions 30-38. **SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN**—596, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

### Jesus the Great Teacher

In each of the Lessons of the Quarter we see Jesus the great Teacher. Let us see how much we can remember of the lessons which He taught :

**Lesson I.** About what had Jesus' disciples been quarreling? Whom did Jesus set before them as an example? Who brought children to Jesus? How did the disciples treat them? What did Jesus say and do?

**Lesson II.** What helpers, besides the twelve disciples, did Jesus call? What work were they to do? What did they tell Jesus when they returned? How did Jesus show that He was glad?

**Lesson III.** Who asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" What story did Jesus tell in answer? How are we to show that we love others?

**Lesson IV.** What two sisters did Jesus visit? What did Martha do for Him? How did Mary show her love? What did Jesus say to Martha?

**Lesson V.** What prayer did Jesus teach His disciples? How did Jesus teach that we may get what we want from an unwilling friend? What did He say that God would give us?

**Lesson VI.** What did Jesus do for a blind and dumb man? Who did His enemies say helped Jesus? What was His answer?

**Lesson VII.** Who invited Jesus to a feast in his house? At what was the Pharisee surprised? What did Jesus say was more important than the washing of hands? For what did He blame the Pharisees?

**Lesson VIII.** Why did Jesus say His followers should have no fear? What promise did He give to those who stand up for Him?

**Lesson IX.** What did a man ask Jesus to do about an inheritance? Against what sin did Jesus give a warning? What story did He then tell?

**Lesson X.** What story did Jesus tell about an Eastern house? For whose coming did He say we should always be on the watch?

**Lesson XI.** Where was Jesus teaching? Who was there who needed healing? What did Jesus do for her? Who found fault? What did Jesus say?

**Lesson XII.** To what two things did Jesus liken God's kingdom? How far does He want that kingdom to spread? What can we do to help?

### Lesson Hymn

Saviour, Thy dying love  
Thou gavest me :  
Nor should I aught withhold,  
My Lord, from Thee :  
In love my soul would bow,  
My heart fulfil its vow,  
Some offering bring Thee now,—  
Something for Thee.

Give me a faithful heart,  
Likeness to Thee,  
That each departing day  
Henceforth may see  
Some work of love begun,  
Some deed of kindness done,  
Some wanderer sought and won,—  
Something for Thee. Amen.  
—Hymn 205, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

That I should be an obedient scholar

**FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS**

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

LESSON I. Jesus and the Children.

LESSON VII. Christ's Hatred of Shams.

LESSON II. The Mission of the Seventy.

LESSON VIII. Faith Destroying Fear.

LESSON III. The Good Samaritan.

LESSON IX. Trusting in Riches and Trusting in God.

LESSON IV. Serving Jesus.

LESSON X. Watchfulness  
(Temperance Lesson).

LESSON V. The Unfriendly Neighbor.

LESSON XI. The Lawful Use of the Sabbath.

LESSON VI. Darkness and Light.

LESSON XII. Lessons by the Way.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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

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