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## Thanksgiving Song

The golden leaves have fallen,  
And branches now are bare ;  
But all the fruit is gathered,  
And stored with greatest care.  
The fields look brown and rusty,  
With sheaves all garnered in,  
And stored away so safely,  
Ere winter's storms begin.

Now to our heavenly Father  
Our grateful thanks we bring,  
And lift our happy voices  
His praises sweet to sing.  
For health and home we thank Him,  
For food He doth prepare,  
We thank Him for all blessings,  
And for His loving care.

—Songs of the Seasons

## A Basket of Fruits

Apples, plums, pears, quinces, grapes,—  
what a luscious intermingling of colors and  
flavors ! It makes the mouth water, this  
autumn bouquet.

The Lessons of the Quarter are like the  
baskets of fruits : they are charming ; they  
have variety ; you will not tire of them.

They begin and end with, what we call  
now, a "church opening"—David bringing  
the sacred ark to the place he had prepared  
for it in his new capital city, and David's son,  
Solomon, dedicating to God the splendid  
temple he had built on the same site. A  
church opening brings God very near. The  
church is His house, where He delights to  
meet His people.

Then, there is the beautiful story of David's  
kindness to the poor, lame prince Mephibo-  
sheth, King Saul's son, and of God's great  
kindness in forgiving King David, when he  
had sinned grievously, and in putting a song  
of joy into his mouth once more.

It is all sad, what the Lessons tell about  
Absalom, who would have his own way, and  
who broke his father's heart ; but David's  
"Shepherd Psalm" gives sweet music, and  
it is altogether gladsome, when the young  
king Solomon chooses the right way, when  
it was so much easier to choose the wrong  
one. Who will not be sorry when the Lessons  
of this Quarter come to an end ?

## The Mission of Mistakes

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

One wonders, at times, if parents expect  
their children suddenly to acquire full-grown  
consciences, not recognizing that these, like  
the mind and body, develop with the passing  
years. One hears, "Didn't you know how  
wicked it was to do such and such ?" and the  
troubled, and often bewildered, look of the  
child plainly answers that it did not. Right,  
he has reasoned, is what is allowed, wrong,  
what is forbidden.

Inherited tendencies have led to certain  
actions, while others have been suggested  
by outside influences, and the child has  
stumbled unwittingly into offences. But  
these mistakes may have their mission. They  
show the watchful parent where help is most  
needed, and the innocent little offender,  
without having his conscience hurt by im-  
puted evil, begins to lay the foundations of

a virtue. The little girl who planted her garden so full of flowers, "there wouldn't be any room for weeds to grow", suggested an effective method for child-training, if a doubtful one for horticulture.

How much better it is to teach truth by showing its necessity and beauty, than by dilating on the vileness of falsehood! It was a mistake, that first little lapse from truth, caused perhaps by fear of reproof, or by the vivid imagination. Explain it as such, not as sin.

Good is as easily suggested as evil. Inculcate generosity, not by blaming selfishness, but by allowing the child to prove for himself the joys of giving: even the baby loves to share his crust, if taught to offer it.

And so, although as the child grows older and plays with other children, so much of what seems unnecessary evil enters his life that the mother longs for a home in the wilderness, yet this very meeting and resisting evil but adds to the beauty and strength of the little character which is building.

St. John, N. B.

### God Everywhere

Davy, aged six, asked one day at table, "Mama, what's above the clouds?"

"Air."

After a moment of thought, "What's above the air?"

"Ether."

Another moment of thought, then, "What's above the ether?"

"More ether. Ether is everywhere."

Throughout this colloquy Davy's brother Donald, two years younger, seemed no more attentive than usual, which means that he was quite inattentive. A few weeks later Davy had occasion to tell some one the story of the Tower of Babel, and added his usual formula, "I think they were foolish to try to get up to God, for God is everywhere." Donald's mind seemed busily engaged about some other matter. A few months passed, and Donald, now turned five, Donald the inattentive, suddenly thrust at his mother this question:

"Is God ether?"

"No", said his mother, with a little hesitating inflection; she was trying to prepare

herself for the unknown but inevitable sequence. It came promptly:

"Is God the universe?"

Not willing to commit herself to pantheism, she answered again, "No"; and this time her inflection was more hesitant and inquiring than before.

"How can God be everywhere?"

For all those months that wonder had been nestling in that small mind until it grew brave enough to become vocal. Ether everywhere; God everywhere: God is ether. Why not? And if not, how can both be true?

"Grandfather is in the library; perhaps he can tell you."

A sound on the stairway like the roll of a drum, and Donald was down in the library.

"Grandfather, how can God be everywhere?"

Grandfather touches Donald's hand, "Is Donald here, or", touching his shoulder, "is he here, or", touching his chest, "is he here, or", touching his knee, "is he here?"

Donald did not hesitate; touching each spot in turn, he answered, "Donald is here, and here, and here, and here".

"So it is with God", said his grandfather; "He is in England and China and the sun and the moon and the stars."

With a smile that broke like the dawn, and that meant both understanding and gratitude, Donald stood thoughtfully still a moment, and then skipped off to his blocks.  
—The Outlook

### How Archie Was Cured

By Esther Miller

Archie and Phil were quarreling, and their mother sat on the veranda listening with a troubled heart. Archie was very selfish, and determined always to have the best for himself; and this was making the generous little Phil irritable.

"It seems no use trying any more", sighed the discouraged mother, "I can't be always talking to him, and, anyway, it seems to do him no good."

Just then a neighbor came along, with her baby in a carriage, "Why, Daisy is growing quite rosy again, Mrs. Samson", called out the mother on the veranda.

"Yes", answered the mother of the little invalid, "Dr. Martin says she will soon be able to run about once more, and now all my long nursing seems like nothing."

Archie's mother looked after her thoughtfully, as she went on down the street. She knew that Mrs. Samson had given all her time and strength for a year to nursing Daisy through a very serious illness. All that time she had patiently and lovingly cared for the little one, and now that she was getting well again, the mother's heart was full of joy. There was Archie, whose selfishness was worse than any bodily sickness. His mother then and there resolved to spare no pains till she should have the gladness of seeing him rid of this dreadful fault.

And she went wisely about curing him. Instead of rebuking him for quarreling with his brother, she called him to her and, as he sat beside her, she told him the story of the brave leader in Switzerland, who had flung himself on the spears of his enemies, to make a road through for his men.

Many other such stories she told him, when she saw him giving way to his old fault; but oftenest she talked to him about the One who was so unselfish that He gave His life for those who hated Him.

At last she succeeded, and had the joy of seeing her boy, who had been so selfish, grow up into a noble, generous man.

Orillia, Ont.

### Who Was the Young Man ?

There was once a very beautiful city, which was set upon high hills, with a splendid strong wall built about it. But some cruel enemies came and fought against the people of the city, and took a great many of them away as prisoners to a far-off country.

Now, the son of one of these prisoners was a clever young man, and the king of the country took him to his palace and made him his cupbearer.

One day a friend came to the young man and said, "The enemies who live round our fathers' beautiful city have broken down the walls and burned the gates". The young man was very, very sad when he heard this, so sad that the king asked him kindly what was the matter; and he told the king how

the beautiful city was being destroyed and the people cruelly used. Then the king gave him a band of men, and he journeyed back to his father's city and they built up the wall again, and made the city safe and strong.

*Who was the young man ?*



### Songs

Most every time I try to sing,  
There's some one sure to say,  
"Poor child! you cannot keep the key.  
Now that will do to-day!"

I hide my head I'm so ashamed,  
Why can't I keep the key?  
I love to sing, and all my songs  
Sound right enough to me!

Then mother kisses both my cheeks  
And whispers very low,  
"Down in your little heart you sing  
The sweetest songs I know."

And then I feel so glad, I just  
Can't think of anything,  
But run away all by myself  
And sing and sing and sing.

—Louise Ayres Garnett



### Half Past

"Half past what?" asked Connie. "Three", guessed Nan. "No."

Then came Millie's turn. "Nine", she guessed. "No", said Connie. "Ada comes next."

And so it went on down the long line of girls who were playing the game, and at last it came to Kitty. "Eight", she guessed.

"Right!" cried Connie, and then she started toward the corner, running as hard as she could, and Kitty ran after her. But Connie reached the post on the corner before Kitty caught up.

"You didn't get me!" she said, triumphantly.

"No, I can always guess the number, but I can never catch anybody", laughed the little girl, and she again took her place in the line. Then Connie and a girl that she picked out chose a number, and the guessing went on.

"I wish I could catch somebody just once",

sighed, Kitty. "I'd like to be chased." "Half past?" Nan was asked, and Kitty's turn had come to answer. "Four", she said. "Right."

Then Nan started on a run, but what was the matter with Kitty? When she heard the word, "Right", she had given a jump and a little cry, cried "Half past four!" and started to run, not after Nan, but in the opposite direction. On and on she went, with the girls watching her in wonder.

When Nan saw that she was not being pursued, she went back to the others. "Why did Kitty run that way?" she asked. But nobody knew.

"She just looked up at the sky, hollered, and ran off", said one of the smaller girls, "I think she has gone home", remarked another.

"Suppose we all go after her and find out why she did it", suggested Nan. So off they started, going two by two, and looking very much like a procession of some kind.

When they reached Kitty's home they found her sitting on the front stoop. Her face was flushed and she looked tired, but she smiled when she saw them. "Why did you run away?" demanded several of the girls.

"I was so afraid that I wouldn't get here in time", Kitty told them. "You see, I promised mama that I would be here by half past four, and when we said that in the game, I just thought of it, and I had to hurry as fast as I could so as to keep my word."

"Would your mother punish you if you hadn't obeyed her?" questioned Nan.

"Oh! no, but she would have been sorry!"

"Anyway", Kitty added, "when I say I'll do a thing I want to do it, if possible."

### Blind Kalteri

*By Rev. J. W. McKenzie, D.D.*

Kalteri's father was one of the most bitterly opposed to the gospel of all the natives of Fila. He never used threatening language to myself, but often when the Christian natives came by themselves to hold service at his village, he was violent and abusive. Seldom could I get hold of him to talk to him. Sometimes I would find a number of them

in the kava-house, a long hut open at both ends. As soon as Laur saw me he would shout "Misi" (missionary), and off they would rush and hide in the bush. If I came upon them unawares, they would talk and laugh so as not to hear what we said. When we engaged in prayer, a friendly native would generally close his eyes, but Laur would put his hands to his to keep them open, lest he should by any means seem to close them.

But God at last touched Laur's heart, and not only would he close his eyes when others prayed, but he began to pray himself.

When Laur became a Christian he had four smart, healthy children, three boys and a girl. Unfortunately, the eldest, Kalteri, was quite blind. Otherwise he was a fine bright boy of about ten years of age. When a wee chap, he was playing on the beach one day with other children and got his eyes filled with sand. As a result of this his sight was completely destroyed. He came to school with the other children, and having a retentive memory, as well as a desire to learn, he outstripped them all in scripture knowledge. At Sabbath School, he could nearly always repeat his verse and question accurately, as he got some one to read them over to him. Kalteri was always a nice, quiet boy, and as he grew older he became more thoughtful. So one day I was much delighted when he came to tell me that he loved the Saviour.

Some time after Kalteri joined the church, he asked to be allowed to give a short address occasionally at prayer-meeting. To this I assented, so now he often conducts the Sabbath and Wednesday morning prayer-meeting. Being able to sing well, he was appointed precentor a year or two ago. We have a collection of between one hundred and thirty and one hundred and forty hymns, and he knows most of them by heart.

Sometimes a friend may be seen holding the end of his staff leading him along, but generally he manages to find his own way anywhere through the village. Occasionally he earns a little money for himself by getting some one to cut a block of wood for him, and out of it he tries to make the model of a canoe.

Fila, New Hebrides

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Fourth Quarter, 1908

## I. SILENCE.

## II. RESPONSIVE SENTENCES.

*Teacher.* And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them : and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them,

*Class.* Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not : for of such is the kingdom of God.

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

*Class.* And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

## III. PRAYER.

IV. SINGING. Hymn 587, Book of Praise, vs. 3, 4. (These are the last 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.)

Lord, make me, from this hour,	Till in the snow-white dress
Thy loving child to be,	Of Thy redeemed I stand,
Kept by Thy power,	Faultless and stainless,
Kept by Thy power	Faultless and stainless,
From all that grieveth Thee :	Safe in that happy land.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six, The Lambs of the Flock, Mark 10 : 13-16. For those under eleven, The Preciousness of Wisdom, Prov. 3 : 13-18. (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.)

VI. SINGING. Hymn 553, Book of Praise.

VII. 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.

VIII. SINGING, while offering is made. Hymn 427, Book of Praise.

O Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea	For peaceful homes, and healthful days,
To Thee all praise and glory be ;	For all the blessings earth displays,
How shall we show our love to Thee	We owe Thee thankfulness and praise,
Who givest all ?	Who givest all.

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. SINGING, Lesson Hymn. (See each Lesson.)

XI. GOLDEN TEXT DRILL. Repeat the Golden Text for the day until it is learned ; and review previous Golden Texts of the Quarter.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

XIII. CLOSING HYMN. Hymn 607, Book of Praise, v. 1 and refrain. To be sung softly with bowed heads, ending with the Lord's Prayer repeated in concert.

Lesson I.

## DAVID BRINGS THE ARK TO JERUSALEM October 4, 1908

2 Samuel 6 : 1-12. Study 2 Samuel, ch. 6—Memory Verse, 12.

**Golden Text**—Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.—  
Psalm 100 : 4.



12 And it was told king Da'vid, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of O'bed-e'dom, and all his household, because the ark of the LORD was brought up to the city of Da'vid with gladness.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

David was now king over all Israel, and he lived in Jerusalem. Here, on a hill called Mount Zion, he built a palace for himself of beautiful cedar wood. He built many other houses round about the palace, and the place was called the City of David.

After this, David began to think about the ark of God, which, seventy years before, in the days of Eli, the Philistines had captured from the Israelites in battle, and had taken to their own land. But they had soon sent it back into the land of Israel again, and there it was kept in the house of a man named Abinadab, who lived on a hill near a town called Kirjath-jearim, which means "The Town of the Woods".

David gathered together thirty thousand men, to go and bring the ark from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem. They placed the ark on a new cart drawn by oxen, and the two sons of Abinadab, Uzzah and Ahio, walked in front of the cart, driving the oxen.

1 Again Da'vid gathered together all the chosen men of Is'rael, thirty thousand.

2 And Da'vid arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Ba'ale of Ju'dah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims.

3 And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abin'adab that was in Gib'eah : and Uz'zah and Ahi'o, the sons of Abin'adab, drove the new cart.

4 And they brought it out of the house of Abin'adab which was at Gib'eah, accompanying the ark of God : and Ahi'o went before the ark.

5 And Da'vid and all the house of Is'rael played before the LORD on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

6 And when they came to Na'chon's threshing-floor, Uz'zah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it ; for the oxen shook it.

7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uz'zah ; and God smote him there for his error ; and there he died by the ark of God.

8 And Da'vid was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uz'zah : and he called the name of the place Pe'rez-uz'zah to this day.

9 And Da'vid was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me ?

10 So Da'vid would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of Da'vid : but Da'vid carried it aside into the house of O'bed-e'dom the Git'tite.

11 And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of O'bed-e'dom the Git'tite three months : and the LORD blessed O'bed-e'dom, and all his household.

12 And it was told king Da'vid, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of O'bed-e'dom, and all his household, because the ark of the LORD was brought up to the city of Da'vid with gladness.

And the king and all the people who had come with him formed a procession about the ark, playing on all kinds of musical instruments ; and so they went on towards Jerusalem.

But, as the procession was passing the threshing-floor of a man named Nachon, the oxen shook the cart upon which the ark was being carried, and Uzzah put out his hand to steady it. Now long, long before, when the ark was first made in the wilderness, God had warned His people, that only the priests should ever touch it. So, when Uzzah, who was not a priest, touched the ark of the Lord, God punished him by striking him dead, and all the Israelites saw how holy a thing the ark of God was, and how they should reverence it, and not treat it lightly.

When David saw that Uzzah was dead, he was displeased at what the Lord had done. He was also afraid to bring the ark up to Jerusalem. So he left it in the house of a man named Obed-edom. But three

\*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 securing of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.



months afterwards, David's servants came to him one day, and told him that, instead of the ark doing harm to Obed-edom, it was bringing great blessing to him and to all his family. So David once more set out to bring the ark of God to Jerusalem. And after the ark had been placed in a new tabernacle or tent, David offered sacrifices before it, and blessed all the people.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Over whom was David now king? 2. Where did he live? 3. Where was the ark? 4. Whither did David determine to bring it? 5. Whom did he take with him? 6. On what was the ark placed? 7. How was the cart drawn? 8. Who drove the oxen? 9. What did Uzzah do? 10. Why did he do this? 11. Why was it wrong? 12. How was he punished? 13. How did David feel about it? 14. Where did he leave the ark? 15. What did the ark bring to Obed-edom? 16. Who told David of this? 17. What did he then do? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"No church and no Sunday School!" exclaimed the Dunn children—"not nearer than nine miles!" This was their first Sunday in the country, and the family with whom they were staying for the summer had not a carriage large enough to drive them all to the church.

"Suppose we have a church of our own down in the orchard", suggested mother. So, in the afternoon, they asked the family of the house and the people from the two next farms, to come to their outdoor church. And mother read a chapter, explaining the

hard parts, and then they sang a great many of the dear old hymns that everybody knew, and afterwards they repeated the Lord's Prayer together. "We never thought before we could have church just anywhere", said the children,—“let's have it every Sunday.”

### Lesson Hymn

How lovely is thy dwelling-place,  
O Lord of hosts, to me!  
The tabernacles of thy grace  
How pleasant, Lord, they be.

—Ps. Sel. 57, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD PRAISE GOD

### The Catechism

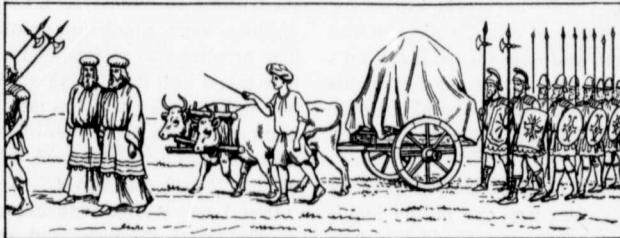
PRIMARY CATECHISM—116. **What is meant by the gospel?** The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

SHORTER CATECHISM—101. *What do we pray for in the first petition?* A. In the first petition (which is, *Hallowed be Thy name*) we pray, That God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known; and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.

### The Question on Missions

(Fourth Quarter, A NATIVE WORKER IN THE NEW HEBRIDES.) 1. Describe the life of a New Hebrides child. The New Hebrides child lives largely in the open air, free from restraint, and helps to gather and cook his own food, which consists chiefly of yams, taro, bananas, nuts and fish. He has few games, and little amusement.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



The ark was the sign of God's presence. Color the picture, and remember that God wants us to be reverent.

## Lesson II.

## GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID

October 11, 1908

1 Chronicles 17: 1-14. Study 1 Chronicles, ch. 17—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

**Golden Text**—There hath not failed one word of all his good promise.—1 Kings 8: 56.

- 11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.
- 12 He shall build me an house, and I will establish his throne for ever.
- 13 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee:
- 14 But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

1 Now it came to pass, as Da'vid sat in his house, that Da'vid said to Na'than the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD *remaineth* under curtains.

2 Then Na'than said unto Da'vid, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee.

3 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Na'than, saying,

4 Go and tell Da'vid my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:

5 For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Is'rael unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle to *another*.

6 Whosoever I have walked with all Is'rael, spake I a word to any of the judges of Is'rael, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedars?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant Da'vid, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, *even* from following the sheep, that thou shouldst be ruler over my people Is'rael.

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

9 Also I will ordain a place for my people Is'rael, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning.

10 And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Is'rael. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

After King David and the priests and the people of Israel had brought the ark of the Lord to Jerusalem, it was kept for some time in the new tabernacle or tent which David had made on Mount Zion.

This new tabernacle was like the old one which had been made while the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness: it was covered on the top and sides with curtains of goats'-hair cloth, instead of having a solid roof and walls. But, as David sat in his own beautiful house of cedar, which he had built for himself, and remembered how God's holy ark was kept in a tent, he felt in his heart that he would like to build a house even more beautiful than his own, in which to keep the ark.

Now there was at that time a prophet named Nathan, who was one of the king's friends and counselors, and David told him what he wished to do. Nathan was pleased when he heard it, and said, "Do all that is

in thine heart; for God is with thee to help thee".

But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan in a vision, bidding him tell David that God did not wish him to build Him a house. God had dwelt in a tabernacle since the time that He brought the Israelites up out of the land of Egypt, and the time was not yet come for a house to be built for Him.

Still, God was not displeased with David for wishing to build Him a house, and gave Nathan some wonderful promises for him. The prophet was to remind David that God had taken him from being a lowly shepherd boy to be a ruler over His people Israel, and had helped him to conquer his enemies, until now his name was honored over the whole earth. "And tell David", said the Lord, "that I will still be with him and with my people Israel, to bless and prosper them, and to save them from their enemies. And after his life on earth is ended his son shall

build a house for Me ; for I will never take away My mercy from David or his family, as I took it away from Saul, but will establish them as kings in Israel forever."

Nathan carried these promises to the king, and David's heart was filled with joy, and he praised God for His great goodness.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Where was the ark at first kept when it had been brought back to Jerusalem ?
2. What was the new tabernacle like ?
3. What did David feel he would like to do ?
4. To whom did he speak about this ?
5. What did Nathan say ?
6. What did God tell Nathan that night ?
7. Why was David not to build the house ?
8. Of what did God tell Nathan to remind David ?
9. What promises did God make ?
10. Who was to build a house for Him ?
11. What is the Golden Text ?

**Lesson Story**

Tommy and Bob were staying at a seaport town, and spent most of their time down at the shipyard, where great ocean vessels were being built. One day, they made friends with an old sea captain,—“ who tells fortunes”, whispered Tommy, in an awestruck whisper. And then out loud Bob besought eagerly, “ Won't you please tell our fortunes ? ”

Captain Grant looked very sober. “ I don't really tell fortunes ; I only know from looking at a boy, what kind of a man he is going to be. See that ”;—and he pointed to the ribs of a great vessel that was being built. “ Suppose those men put in some worm-eaten beams and some rusty spikes, would I be fortune-telling to say she'd soon go to the bottom ? Put only the best into your lives, boys, and you'll surely turn out all right.”

**Lesson Hymn**

All glory, laud, and honor,  
 To Thee, Redeemer, King !  
 To whom the lips of children  
 Made sweet hosannas ring.  
 Thou art the King of Israel,  
 Thou, David's royal Son,  
 Who in the Lord's name comest,  
 The King and blessèd one. Amen.  
 —Hymn 541, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—117. What command did Jesus give about the gospel before He left the world ?** Jesus told His disciples to go and preach the gospel to all the world.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—102. What do we pray for in the second petition ?** A. In the second petition (which is, *Thy kingdom come*) we pray, That Satan's kingdom may be destroyed ; and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it ; and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

**The Question on Missions**

2. What mission schools does the New Hebrides child attend ? The early morning class of one hour, where men, women and children are taught to read the Bible in their own language, and to sing hymns. At most stations, children are now taught reading, writing, arithmetic, and English daily for a couple of hours.

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**

God did not permit David to build a house for the ark. But He was glad because David



had given Him a place in his heart. And that is what He wishes us most of all to do,—to receive Him into our hearts, loving Him and doing His will. *Color the picture.*

**I Have Learned To-day**

THAT GOD'S PROMISES ARE TRUE

## Lesson III. DAVID'S KINDNESS TO JONATHAN'S SON October 18, 1908

2 Samuel, ch. 9—Memory Verse, 7.

**Golden Text**—And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.—Ephesians 4 : 32.



always at my table. Now Zi'ba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.

11 Then said Zi'ba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephib'osheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons.

12 And Mephib'osheth had a young son, whose name was Mi'cha. And all that dwelt in the house of Zi'ba were servants unto Mephib'osheth.

13 So Mephib'osheth dwelt in Jerusalem : for he did eat continually at the king's table ; and was lame on both his feet.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

David had become great and powerful ; but he still remembered his old friend Jonathan, and the agreement they had made together to be kind to each other's children. Jonathan was dead now ; and so David wished to know if there were not some of his children still living to whom he might show kindness for their father's sake.

So David sent for a man named Ziba, who had once been a servant of Saul's, and Ziba told the king that one of Jonathan's sons named Mephibosheth was still living, who was lame on both his feet.

When Ziba told the king where Mephibosheth was living, David sent his men to bring him to his palace. And when Mephibosheth came in before King David, he bowed down to the ground, for he was afraid lest David should do him some harm because he belonged to the family of Saul ; and he said, " Behold, I am thy servant ". But David said, " Do not be afraid because I

1 And Da'vid said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jon'athan's sake ?

2 And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Zi'ba. And when they had called him unto Da'vid, the king said unto him, Art thou Zi'ba ? And he said, Thy servant is he.

3 And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him ? And Zi'ba said unto the king, Jon'athan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.

4 And the king said unto him, Where is he ? And Zi'ba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Ma'chir, the son of Am'miel, in Lo'-debar.

5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Ma'chir, the son of Am'miel, from Lo'-debar.

6 Now when Mephib'osheth, the son of Jon'athan, the son of Saul, was come unto Da'vid, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And Da'vid said, Mephib'osheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant !

7 And Da'vid said unto him, Fear not : for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jon'athan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father : and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

8 And he bowed himself, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldst look upon such a dead dog as I am ?

9 Then the king called to Zi'ba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house.

10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have food to eat : but Mephib'osheth thy master's son shall eat bread

have sent for thee, for I will surely be kind to thee for thy father's sake, and I will give back to thee all the lands which belonged to thy grandfather Saul and to thy father, and thou shalt come and live with me".

Mephibosheth was very grateful, and he bowed down before the king, saying, " What am I that thou shouldst take any notice of me ? " Then David called Ziba, Saul's old servant, and said to him, " I have given back to Mephibosheth all the land and possessions that belonged to Saul and to his father. Do thou, therefore, and thy sons and thy servants take care of the land for him (now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants), " till it and tend it and bring all the fruits that shall grow on it to him, that thy master's son may have plenty for his family to live on. But as for Mephibosheth himself, he shall live with me, and always eat at my table, and be as one of my own sons." So Mephibosheth, still lame on

both his feet, dwelt in Jerusalem, and did eat every day at the king's table.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What did David remember about his old friend Jonathan? 2. What had happened to Jonathan? 3. What did David now wish to know? 4. For what reason? 5. For whom did he send? 6. What did Ziba tell the king? 7. What did David do when he heard where Mephibosheth lived? 8. What did Mephibosheth do when he came in before the king? 9. What did David promise him? 10. What did Mephibosheth say then? 11. What did David tell Ziba he was to do? 12. How many sons and servants had Ziba? 13. How did David treat Mephibosheth himself? 14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

When Mark Guy Pearse, the great preacher and story writer, was a little boy, he was crossing the English Channel, on his way home from school in Germany, and found that he had no money left, after paying his passage on the boat. He thought, however, that he needed no more, and ate his meals and enjoyed the trip. But when the passage was nearly ended, the steward presented a bill for food. "But I haven't any money", said the boy. "You shouldn't have ordered the things then", answered the steward. "What is your name?" "Mark Guy Pearse." "Why", exclaimed the steward, "I knew your father when I was a boy, and once, when I was in trouble, he gave me five shillings. All he made me promise was, that, if I ever found some one in distress, I would pass on the kindness, so I am glad I can help his son." And the steward himself paid the boy's bill.

### Lesson Hymn

Saviour, teach me day by day,  
Love's sweet lesson to obey;  
Sweeter lesson cannot be—  
Loving Him who first loved me.

Teach me all Thy steps to trace,  
Strong to follow in Thy grace;

Learning how to love from Thee—  
Loving Him who first loved me.

Thus may I rejoice to show  
That I feel the love I owe,  
Singing, till Thy face I see,  
Of His love who first loved me. Amen.  
—Hymn 575, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—118. **Has this command been completely fulfilled?** No; there are still many people in the world who have never heard of Jesus, and who worship idols.

SHORTER CATECHISM—103. *What do we pray for in the third petition?* A. In the third petition (which is, *Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*) we pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

### The Question on Missions

3. How do the young men spend their time? Cultivating their food; building houses, and making canoes; hunting for nuts and fruits, and fishing; working, at times, for the missionary or other white men. Their aspirations generally are not high.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

In spring time, the lovely flowers lift their heads above the ground, and make the earth beautiful. But far more lovely than

*Be ye kind.*

even the brightest and sweetest flowers, are the little kind things that none of us is too small to do. *Copy the text.*

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE HELPFUL

**Golden Text**—Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.—  
Psalm 32 : 1.



1 Blessed is *he* whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me : my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. *Se'lah.*

5 I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD ; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. *Se'lah.*

6 For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found : surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

7 Thou art my hiding place ; thou shalt preserve me from trouble ; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. *Se'lah.*

8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go : I will guide thee with mine eye.

9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding : whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked : but he that trusteth in the LORD mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous : and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

After David had been king for some time, he did a very wicked thing, for which God punished him.

God was very much displeased with David for his wicked act, and sent the prophet Nathan to tell him so. Nathan spoke to him very plainly, and at last David became sorry and ashamed, and prayed earnestly to God for forgiveness. God did forgive him, although he still punished him for his sin. Afterwards David sang a song or psalm of thanksgiving to God for so freely forgiving his great sin. This psalm is the Lesson for the day. "Blessed is the man", he says, "whose sin is covered up, because God has forgiven him."

Then David tells how he himself had been unwilling, for a long time, to confess his sin; and therefore he had been filled with fear and distress, and his conscience troubled him so that he could rest neither day nor night.

"Then I acknowledged my sin", says David; "I confessed it to the Lord, and He forgave me all my wickedness. So shall God be merciful to any of His people who call on Him in time of need, for He is ever near to help those in trouble.

"But sometimes it may seem that troubles come so thick and fast, that they are like a flood of great waters, threatening to sweep one away, and yet if people only have faith in God, they need not fear, for He will be with them to save them."

And God's people are not only safe; they are also very joyful. "Thou shalt surround me about", says David, "with songs of deliverance." After he had been forgiven, he felt as if a company of beautiful angels were standing round him, singing their glad songs of rejoicing. He was like a son who had been living for a long time in a far country, and was now being welcomed back to his

father's home with all its joy and peace.

There is another beautiful promise in the Psalm. "For I will teach thee the way thou shalt go", God says, "I will guide thee with mine eye." And David closes his Psalm by telling all people not to be like stubborn, senseless animals, but to turn to the Lord and seek His forgiveness at once, for He will show mercy to all who trust in Him. And those who are upright in heart, and true followers of the Lord, should praise and thank Him for all His goodness and His lovingkindness to them. Their hearts should be so full of gladness that they even shout for very joy.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Why was God displeased with David ?
2. Whom did He send to tell him so ?
3. What did God do when David confessed his sin ?
4. How did David show his thankfulness ?
5. What does he say about the man whose sin is forgiven ?
6. How had he felt before he confessed his sin ?
7. What does he say God is always willing to do ?
8. How do troubles sometimes come ?
9. Who will save us from them ?
10. With what did David say God would surround him ?
11. In what words does God promise to guide us ?
12. For what should God be praised ?
13. What is the Golden Text ?

### Lesson Story

Dolly lay and tossed on her little white bed. "Oh, dear, oh, dear, I can't go to sleep. I can't think of anything but just mother's big blue platter that I broke!" "Why don't you go and tell mother?" whispered a little voice inside Dolly. But she only burrowed closer into the pillow. "Oh, I couldn't!" she cried.

But the little voice kept on—"Tell mother—tell mother"—, until Dolly just couldn't stand it any longer; so she climbed out of bed and crept downstairs in her little white nightie. And in less than five minutes she was back again, with shining eyes and a very thankful little heart. "Why, mother even kissed me!" she told her friend the pillow,— "an' I think being forgiven gives one just the very nicest feeling in all the world. I'll never again try to hide my faults."

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, I will trust Thee,  
Trust Thee with my soul;  
Guilty, lost, and helpless,  
Thou canst make me whole.  
There is none in heaven  
Or on earth like Thee;  
Thou hast died for sinners—  
Therefore, Lord, for me. Amen.  
—Hymn 167, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—119.** What does God's word tell us about the spread of the gospel? God's Word tells us that the gospel shall be preached in all the world before the end comes.

**SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions** 101-103.

### The Question on Missions

4. What are the qualifications required of an ordinary native teacher? He must bear a good character, be able to read his own language, to conduct public religious services, and to act as leader generally in good works.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Look at this rock, with the waves dashing so madly about. But the rock never moves.



One standing on the top of it would be quite safe from the waves. And safe, too, oh! so safe, are all those who trust in God. Color the picture.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD WILL FORGIVE MY SIN

## Lesson V.

## ABSALOM REBELS AGAINST DAVID

November 1, 1908

2 Samuel 15 : 1-12. Study 2 Samuel, ch. 15—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

**Golden Text**—Honour thy father and thy mother : that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Exodus 20 : 12.



1 And it came to pass after this, that Ab'salom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

2 And Ab'salom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate : and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Ab'salom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou ? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Is'rael.

3 And Ab'salom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right ; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.

4 Ab'salom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice !

5 And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him.

6 And on this manner did Ab'salom to all Is'rael that came to the king for judgment : so Ab'salom stole the hearts of the men of Is'rael.

7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Ab'salom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in He'bron.

8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Ge'shur in Syr'ia, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jeru'salem, then I will serve the LORD.

9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to He'bron.

10 But Ab'salom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Is'rael, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Ab'salom reigneth in He'bron.

11 And with Ab'salom went two hundred men out of Jeru'salem, that were called ; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing.

12 And Ab'salom sent for Ahith'ophel the Gi'l'onite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Gi'loh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong ; for the people increased continually with Ab'salom.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

David had a very handsome son named Absalom.

But Absalom's beauty did not make him good : he was so wicked that he killed his brother Amnon. Then, for fear of his father's anger, he had to flee to another country, where he stayed for three years. Joab, the leader of David's army, saw that the king longed to have his son back, and he finally persuaded him to send for Absalom, and he returned to the city of Jerusalem.

In spite of his father's forgiveness and tender love, Absalom soon began persuading the people to rebel against him as their king. He made ready for himself chariots and horses, and had fifty men to run before him, so that all the people might see him and

think him a great man. He used to rise up early in the morning, and stand by the gate of the city, and, when he saw any man coming in to make some request of the king, he called him and asked him to which tribe of Israel he belonged, and where his home was. Then Absalom would say : " Your request is just and right, but you will get no justice, for the king has appointed no man to listen to you. Now, if I were only ruler over this land, any man who was in trouble might come to me and receive justice.

And besides, when any man bowed down to him because he was the king's son, Absalom put out his hand, and took hold of him and kissed him. So, because he made them believe he was their friend, the people began



to think it would be good to have Absalom for their king.

One day Absalom went to King David, and said, "I pray thee, let me go to Hebron, and pay my vow to the Lord". He pretended that he had made a vow to offer up a sacrifice at Hebron, and that now he wanted to go there and do this. And David permitted him to go.

But it was not to serve the Lord that Absalom went to Hebron, but to have himself made king. Therefore he sent spies through all the land, to tell the people that on a certain day, as soon as they heard the sound of the trumpets which Absalom's companions would blow, they should cry out, "Absalom is king in Hebron!"

When David heard of Absalom's rebellion, he fled from Jerusalem, and set out for Mahanaim, a place east of the Jordan. He went on his way up the Mount of Olives, near Jerusalem, with his head covered and bare-foot, as a sign of grief and weeping for sorrow over his son's ingratitude and rebellion. And all the people who went with him wept also.

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Absalom, and what was his appearance? 2. Why had he fled to another country? 3. Who persuaded David to bring him back to Jerusalem? 4. After what time did the king forgive him? 5. What did Absalom soon begin to do? 6. Where did he stand every morning? 7. What did he say to the men who came to make requests of David? 8. What did Absalom say he would do if he were king? 9. What did the people begin to think about Absalom? 10. Whither did Absalom ask permission to go? 11. What reason did he

give? 12. What was his real reason? 13. What did his spies tell the people? 14. What did David do when he heard of Absalom's rebellion? 15. How did he show his grief? 16. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Hymn

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

Amen

—Hymn 516, Book of Praise

#### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD OBEY MY PARENTS

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—120. **What part should you take in giving the gospel to the heathen who have never heard of a Saviour?** If I cannot go myself to tell them about Jesus, I should pray for them, and give of my money to send Bibles and missionaries to them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—104. *What do we pray for in the fourth petition?* A. In the fourth petition (which is, *Give us this day our daily bread*) we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

#### The Question on Missions

5. What special training do these workers receive? Usually they spend some time on the mission station, and receive instruction from the missionary as he has opportunity. On some islands special classes are held for them. Others attend the Training Institute at Tangoa for four years.

#### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

# CHILDREN OBEY YOUR PARENTS

Color the text, and think how much your father and mother do for you every day. Then you will love to obey them.

## Lesson VI.

## DAVID GRIEVES FOR ABSALOM

November 8, 1908

2 Samuel 18 : 24-33. Study 2 Samuel, ch. 18—Memory Verse, 33.

**Golden Text**—A foolish son is a grief to his father.—Proverbs 17 : 25.

When Jo'ab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*. 30 And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, *and stand here*. And he turned aside, and stood still. 31 And, behold, Cu'shi came; and Cu'shi said, Tidings, my lord the king : for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto Cu'shi, *Is the young man Ab'salom safe ?* And Cu'shi answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as *that young man is*. 33 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept : and as he went, thus he said, O my son Ab'salom, my son, my son Ab'salom ! would God I had died for thee, O Ab'salom, my son, my son !

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Absalom gathered a great army together, and set out to fight against his father David, who, with his followers, was living in the city of Mahanaim. As David's army went out of the city to give battle to Absalom, the king sat in the gate watching them pass, and he begged them not to hurt Absalom.

The two armies met in a wood, where they had a great battle, and Absalom's men were beaten and fled from David's men. Absalom himself tried to escape on a mule ; but, as he was passing under an oak tree, his hair, which was very long, caught on an overhanging branch, and he was held there by it, with his feet off the ground.

One of David's soldiers saw him, and ran and told Joab, David's general. " Why did you not kill him, then ? " asked Joab. " If you had done so, I would have given you a

24 And Da'vid sat between the two gates : and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone.

25 And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, *there is tidings* in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near.

26 And the watchman saw another man running : and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another man running alone*. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings.

27 And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahi'maaz the son of Za'dok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ahi'maaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king.

29 And the king said, Is the young man Ab'salom safe ? And Ahi'maaz answered,

great deal of silver, and beautiful presents." But the man answered : " If you had given me a thousand pieces of silver, I would not have touched Absalom, for I heard the king command that no one should hurt him."

Then Joab himself hurried to the tree. He found Absalom still hanging there, and thrust three darts through his heart, and killed him.

Now, while the two armies were fighting, David was sitting in the gateway of the city waiting to hear the first news of the battle. His watchman had gone up to the top of the wall, to look if any one were coming with news ; and seeing a man running toward the city alone, he cried out and told the king. And David said, " If he is alone, he brings tidings".

While this man was coming near, the watchman saw another running, and cried

again, "Another man is running toward the city alone". And the king said, "He also brings tidings". And the watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz, the priest's son". "He is a good man", answered David, "and comes with good news."

Then Ahimaaz called out, "All is well!" And he bowed down before the king, saying, "Blessed be the Lord, who has given us the victory over the men who rise up to fight against my lord the king". And the king asked anxiously, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" "When Joab sent me", answered Ahimaaz, "I saw a great tumult, but I do not know what had happened."

Then the other messenger, whose name was Cushie, came. "I have good news, for the Lord has this day punished all those who rebelled against thee." And David asked again, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" And Cushie answered, "May all the king's enemies, and all those who wish to do him evil, be as that young man is".

Then David knew that Absalom was dead, and he was in great distress, and went up into a room that was over the gate and wept. And as he went, he cried, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

### Questions on the Lesson

1. In what city was David living with his followers? 2. Where did David's army and Absalom's meet? 3. How had David begged his soldiers to treat Absalom? 4. Which army conquered? 5. Tell about Absalom's death. 6. Where was David during the battle? 7. What did the watchman cry out? 8. What did David say? 9. What did the watchman cry again? 10. What did he say about the second man? 11. What did David answer? 12. What did Ahimaaz call out? 13. What did he say as he bowed before David? 14. What did David ask him? 15. What was his answer? 16. What did Cushie say when he came? 17. What did he reply to David's question? 18. Whither did David go? 19. What did he say? 20. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Lord, make me, from this hour,  
Thy loving child to be,  
Kept by Thy power,  
Kept by Thy power  
From all that grieveth Thee. Amen.  
—Hymn 587, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—121. **What becomes of our bodies when we die?** When we die our bodies return to dust. 122. **What becomes of our souls when we die?** The good go to heaven and the wicked go to hell.

SHORTER CATECHISM—105. *What do we pray for in the fifth petition?* A. In the fifth petition (which is, *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*) we pray, That God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

### The Question on Missions

6. Who may attend the Training Institute? Any young man between sixteen and thirty years of age, who is a church member, and wishes to be a teacher. He must also be able to read a little in English, as all instruction is given in that language.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The man in the picture is running, as if he were bearing some great news. How



eager we should be to carry the glad tidings of the Saviour's love all over the wide world! *Copy the picture.*

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD NEVER GRIEVE MY PARENTS

Lesson VII.

## THE LORD OUR SHEPHERD

November 15, 1908

Psalm 23—Memorize the entire Psalm.

**Golden Text**—The Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want.—Psalm 23 : 1.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

David, besides being a great captain, and a good king, was also a very sweet singer. He himself composed many of the beautiful songs which he sang. They are found in the Book of the Bible called, The Psalms. Many of these Psalms were written by David in times of trouble, praying the Lord to help and deliver him. But many more were songs of joy and thanksgiving for God's mercy and goodness.

In one of these, the Twenty-third Psalm, David gives a beautiful picture of God's constant care of him. He likens God to a shepherd who lovingly watches over his sheep. "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures", David says: "He leadeth me beside the still waters." When he was writing this Psalm, David remembered how he himself had taken care of his father's flocks amongst the hills of Bethlehem, and he knew that God would be far more faithful and tender in caring for him than he had been in tending his sheep.

In the rugged hills of David's country, where there is little water, the shepherd has to take great pains to find food and rest for his flock,—fresh green grass for them to eat,

1 The LORD is my shepherd ; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul : he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me ; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies : thou anointest my head with oil ; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

after perhaps a long toilsome walk, and cool water to drink when they are thirsty. The sheep are afraid to drink from the wild, noisy torrents of the hills they have scrambled down ; so the shepherd leads them to streams that flow gently through green fields. There the rushing waters no longer make the sheep afraid, and they can drink in peace and quietness.

So, when he was a shepherd boy, the heavenly Shepherd had led David in quiet ways of peace and plenty ; and, just as the shepherd watches for dangerous paths, and leads his sheep away from them, God had often saved David from stumbling into wicked and forbidden places. Because God was with him, David felt that he was always safe : he was not afraid of dangers or hardships, or even death ; "For Thou, Lord, art with me", he said, "Thy rod and staff they comfort me".

David had had many fierce enemies. These had hunted him like a wild beast, to take away his life. But God had always protected him. Think of a man fleeing across a plain, followed close by his angry foes, should suddenly see a tent with the door open to receive him. The owner of the tent welcomes the poor, exhausted man, spreads the table before him, and anoints his head with sweet-scented oil. In that tent the man is safe, for the owner will die rather than give him up to his enemies. Now, David likens God to the owner of the tent. So, David says, had God shielded him from all his

dangers. Goodness and mercy, like messengers bringing blessings from heaven, would follow him all the days of his life. And even when death should come, it would not take him away from God, for, he said, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever".

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What else was David besides being a great leader and a good king? 2. What were the songs called which he composed? 3. When did David write many of them? 4. What were others of the songs about? 5. To what does David first liken God in the Twenty-third Psalm? 6. What were the principal things shepherds in Eastern lands had to search for? 7. Why did they seek still waters? 8. What did David do when he was a boy? 9. From what had the heavenly Shepherd saved him? 10. How did David know that he was always safe? 11. To what else did David liken God in the Twenty-third Psalm? 12. What are God's goodness and mercy like? 13. Where would he dwell after this life? 14. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

The plank looked very narrow and unsafe, and the little rushing stream it crossed seemed to Claude quite big enough to drown a small boy, if he should happen to fall in. He shut his eyes tight. "Oh, daddy!" he wailed, "I can't go across on that wobbly thing!"

His father laughed, "Why, sonny boy, it's as steady as the earth itself. I wouldn't ask you to go if it were dangerous. Watch me now!" And daddy ran lightly across the narrow plank. Claude took a few hesitating steps after him. Then he let his eyes stray down to the dancing water. "Oh my—oh my! I'm going to fall!" he screamed. But there was his father's hand stretched out to his. "Why, you couldn't have fallen, with me close at hand", he said. "You should have trusted me, sonny boy."

**Lesson Hymn**

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His,  
And He is mine, forever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth. Amen.

—Hymn 19, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

PRIMARY CATECHISM—123. **What is heaven?** Heaven is the holy and happy place where Jesus is. **124. What is hell?** Hell is a place of woe, where the devil and evil spirits are.

SHORTER CATECHISM—106. *What do we pray for in the sixth petition?* A. In the sixth petition (which is, *And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*) we pray, That God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

**The Question on Missions**

7. What subjects are taught in the Institute? The Bible and applied Christianity in relation to teacher and pupil; the branches of a common school education; also prompt obedience, cleanliness and care of the body, tidiness, diligence, courtesy and love for others.

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**

How safe the sheep would be with a shepherd like the one in the picture, to protect them with his club and staff! But far safer



is every one who has God for his own Shepherd to keep him from all evil. And He will be a Shepherd to each one of us, if we only trust Him. Copy the picture.

**I Have Learned To-day**

THAT THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Lesson VIII.

## SOLOMON ANOINTED KING

November 22, 1908

1 Kings I : 32-40, 50, 53. Study 1 Kings I : 1 to 2 : 12—Memory Verses, 39, 40.

**Golden Text**—Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind.—1 Chronicles 28 : 9.



51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon : for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth : but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon : and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

David had become a very old man, and the time was near for him to die. Years before, God had chosen Solomon out of all his sons, to be king after him, and David had specially taught and instructed him how to rule his people, and had prepared him for the great work of building a temple for the God of Israel. But David had another son named Adonijah, who wanted to be king, and, because his father was now old and weak, he made a great feast for his friends, and persuaded them to go with him to make him king in his father's stead.

But when David heard of this, he resolved to crown Solomon king at once before he died. So he said, "Call Zadok the priest to me, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada (who was one of his chief captains)". And when these men came to him, David commanded them to take Solomon and anoint him as king.

32 And king Da'vid said, Call me Za'dok the priest, and Na'than the prophet, and Bena'ah the son of Jehoi'ada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gi'hon :

34 And let Za'dok the priest and Na'than the prophet anoint him there king over Is'rael : and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Sol'omon.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne ; for he shall be king in my stead : and I have appointed him to be ruler over Is'rael and over Ju'dah.

36 And Bena'ah the son of Jehoi'ada answered the king, and said, Amen : the LORD God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king Da'vid.

38 So Za'dok the priest, and Na'than the prophet, and Bena'ah the son of Jehoi'ada, and the Cher'e-thites, and the Pel'ethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king Da'vid's mule, and brought him to Gi'hon.

39 And Za'dok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet ; and all the people said, God save king Solomon.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold of the horns of the altar.

Adonijah feareth king Solomon : for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword.

52 And Solomon said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth : but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die.

53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon : and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

So David's servants did as he commanded. They took Solomon and made him ride upon the king's mule and brought him to Gihon, a fountain near Jerusalem, and there Zadok the priest took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle and anointed him, and the priests blew the trumpets, and all the people rejoiced and cried, "God save King Solomon!" "God save King Solomon!"

Then Adonijah was afraid when he heard what had happened, and running into the tabernacle, he laid hold of the altar, thinking that Solomon would do him no harm in that holy place. When Solomon heard how Adonijah was afraid, he promised that, if he would henceforth show himself a good man, no harm should be done to him. And sending for him, Solomon ordered him to go away to his own house.

Not long after Solomon was anointed king, his father David died. But before he died,

he charged Solomon very earnestly to obey God in all things, telling him that, if he did so, God would surely make him prosperous and happy.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom had God chosen to be king after David? 2. Which other of David's sons wanted to be king? 3. What did he do when his father had become old and weak. 4. For whom did David send when he heard what Adonijah had done? 5. What did he command these men to do? 6. Where were they bringing Solomon after he had been anointed as king? 7. What did Zadok the priest do at the fountain Gihon? 8. What did Adonijah do when he heard the news? 9. Why did he do this? 10. What did Solomon promise to Adonijah? 11. Whither did he send him? 12. What did David, before he died, charge Solomon to do? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

"I wanted to be leader—" sobbed Bobby, rushing in from his game of the king and the castle. "An' they s-s-aid they didn't want me—they wanted Fred instead!" "Perhaps they thought", suggested father, with a comforting arm round Bobby, "that Fred would make the better leader." Bobby hung a shamed little head. "They said I fought—an'—an'—I was too bossy", he admitted. "But I had to make them do the things I told them to do, daddy, when I was leader, hadn't I?"

"There are different ways of doing that, though, Bobby", said father. "And the best leaders are the ones that rule themselves first, which I am afraid my little boy does not always do. Did you know that the wisest man that ever lived said once, "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city". Bobby looked sober for a minute. "I'm going outside again to try that!" he said, marching off.

### Lesson Hymn

O God of Bethel! by whose hand  
Thy people still are fed;  
Who through this weary pilgrimage  
Hast all our fathers led. Amen.  
—Hymn 301, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—125. **What did Jesus tell His disciples about His coming again?** Jesus told His disciples that He would come again, to judge the world.

SHORTER CATECHISM—107. *What doth the conclusion of the Lord's prayer teach us?* A. The conclusion of the Lord's prayer (which is, *For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen*) teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him. And, in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, *Amen*.

### The Question on Missions

8. Do teachers trained in the Institute excel others not so trained? Those receiving first or second class certificates usually become effective teachers; and, besides the ordinary work, take charge of the children's schools; or they are placed at the more important out-stations.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

It is a time of great joy when a good and wise king comes to the throne. How glad it should make us to think that we have in



Jesus the very best and wisest of kings!  
And how willing we should be to obey all  
His laws! *Copy the picture.*

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR  
A GOOD HOME

Lesson IX.

## WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

November 29, 1908

Isaiah 28 : 1-13—Memory Verse, 11.

**Golden Text**—I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection.—1 Corinthians 9 : 27.

1 Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of E'phraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of E'phraim, shall be trodden under feet:

4 And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

5 In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people.

6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.

8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear.

13 But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Long after the days of Solomon, when God's people were divided into two kingdoms, Israel and Judah, they forgot God and all His goodness to them, and worshiped heathen gods and did many other wicked things.

So God sent His messengers or prophets, to warn them to turn from their evil ways. Isaiah was one of these good prophets. He lived in Jerusalem, the chief city of Judah. One day he said that God was soon coming to punish the people of the other kingdom, Israel, or Ephraim, as it was sometimes called, for their wickedness. Their chief city, Samaria, was a beautiful place crowning the top of a hill like a garland of flowers. A fierce enemy would come, Isaiah said, and tear down the city, and destroy it, as if a terrible tempest had swept everything away. And the people of the city would be carried away as captives to a strange land.

Now, one of the worst sins of the people of Israel was their drunkenness. In Judah, also, many were users of strong drink. Even

some of the prophets and priests would become drunk with wine, and so were unfit to teach and instruct the people, who therefore went astray, with no one to guide them. There were judges, also, who gave wrong judgments in their courts, because the wine they drank made them so stupid that they could not tell the difference between right and wrong.

But when Isaiah warned these drunkards of Judah, they laughed and said, "Are we children, that we need always to be taught what to do? You prophets tell us the same thing over and over, and repeat command after command, as if we were babies!"

So, because the drunkards would not listen to God's messengers, and give up wine and the other evil things they loved, God said He would now teach them in another way. They, too, like the people of Samaria, would be carried away by their enemies to a far land, and there they would be taught lesson upon lesson and receive one judgment upon



another, to punish them for refusing to obey God's commands which He sent them by His prophets.

God had often told His people how willingly He would give them a life of rest and happiness, if they would only obey and serve Him ; but they had paid no heed. Now they would be punished on every hand, " here a little, and there a little ", until their pride was brought low, and they should be ready to listen to God's words.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Into what two kingdoms were God's people divided ? 2. How did they sin against Him ? 3. Whom did God send to warn them ? 4. Who was one of these prophets ? 5. What dreadful punishment, did he say, would soon come upon the people of Israel ? 6. What was one of their worst sins ? 7. Were there drunkards in Judah also ? 8. For what did strong drink make priests and prophets unfit ? 9. What mistakes did it cause judges to make ? 10. What did the drunkards say to Isaiah's warnings ? 11. How would God now teach them ? 12. What is the Golden Text ?

**Lesson Story**

Never was there a more popular pet than Billy, the regiment's goat. Even in the mess-room, where the soldiers took their meals, he was always a welcome guest, and was generally fed by the men with dainty morsels. But one night some one suggested treating Billy to a drink of beer, and one after another of the men held out his cup, until, sad to relate, Billy became hopelessly drunk.

Next day he could not be found, nor the

next, and it was a very unkempt, shame-faced Billy that was dragged into the mess-room on the third night. " Have a drink, Billy ? " asked the sergeant. The words roused Billy, and with a snort, a rush and a bound, he butted against the huge earthen jar holding the men's beer, breaking it into a hundred pieces. Then, with his head once more erect, Billy stalked out of the room. " That's the best temperance lecture we ever had ", said the men.

**Lesson Hymn**

Fight the good fight with all thy might,  
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Thy joy and crown eternally. Amen.

—Hymn 251, Book of Praise

**I Have Learned Today**

THAT STRONG DRINK CAUSES  
SORROW

**The Catechism**

PRIMARY CATECHISM—126. **What will happen at the Judgment Day ?** At the Judgment Day the dead will be raised to life again ; and Jesus will separate the good from the bad.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 101-107.

**The Question on Missions**

9. Are there teachers enough now to occupy the whole group of islands ? No, the demand is always greater than the supply ; many more are required. There are hundreds of small villages which have no teachers; some of them the missionary has never visited.

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**



Isaiah said the punishment God sent upon Israel's sin was like a fierce hail storm. How dreadful it is to do anything that will make God angry with us ! Color the picture.

1 Kings 3 : 4-15—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

**Golden Text**—The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.—Proverbs 9 : 10.

4 And the king went to Gib'eon to sacrifice there ; for that was the great high place : a thousand burnt offerings did Sol'omon offer upon that altar.

5 In Gib'eon the LORD appeared to Sol'omon in a dream by night : and God said, Ask what I shall give thee.

6 And Sol'omon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant Da'vid my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee ; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.

7 And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of Da'vid my father : and I am but a little child : I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad : for who is able to judge this thy so great a people ?

10 And the speech pleased the Lord, that Sol'omon had asked this thing.

11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life ; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies ; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment ;

12 Behold, I have done according to thy words : lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart ; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast

not asked, both riches, and honour : so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days.

14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father Da'vid did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And Sol'omon awoke ; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

At first, when Solomon became king, he feared God, and tried to do only what was right. One of the first things that he did after being made king was to offer up sacrifices to God. He offered these sacrifices at Gibeon where the old tabernacle was, which Moses had made. There he offered up sacrifices of a thousand burnt offerings, to show that he loved God and wished to serve Him.

After Solomon had offered the sacrifices, when the night came and he lay asleep on his bed, God appeared to him in a dream, and offered him anything that he desired to have; for God said, "Ask what I shall give thee".

Solomon wished most of all to be able to rule his people well, and so, instead of asking for riches or honor, he asked God to make him very wise. He said, "O Lord, Thou wast with my father David all his life, and Thou didst bless him and prosper him, and at last Thou didst show him this great kindness in allowing me, his son, to sit upon the throne

of Israel. But, although I am king over this great people, I am very young and ignorant, and often do not know what to do, or how to decide between right and wrong ; so I need, most of all, O Lord, a wise and understanding heart, that I may be able to judge Thy people wisely." For Solomon knew that as king, he would have many hard things to do. People would come to him, asking him to settle their disputes, and it would be very difficult for him to decide what was the right thing to do. Then his people were a great multitude, so many that they could not be numbered. He was anxious to make wise laws for them, and he knew that he could not do this unless he had help from God who is full of wisdom. So he asked God to make him wise.

God was pleased with the answer that Solomon made,—pleased that he had asked to be wise, and had not asked for anything for his own enjoyment, or for long life, or for

power to conquer his enemies. So He said to him, "Because thou hast asked nothing for thyself, but for wisdom to rule wisely and well, I will make thee wiser than any man that has lived before thee, and no one that shall ever come after thee shall be wiser than thee. And I will give thee, besides, those things which thou didst not ask for—riches and honor in such abundance, that no other king shall be equal to thee in glory."

God also promised Solomon a long life, if he obeyed His commandments as his father had done. Then Solomon awoke from his dream, and going back to Jerusalem, he offered up before the ark, sacrifices of thanksgiving to God for His goodness.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Solomon act when he first became king? 2. What was one of the first things he did? 3. Where did he offer the sacrifices? 4. What did he offer? 5. What happened when night came? 6. What blessing did Solomon ask? 7. What reasons did he give for needing wisdom? 8. Why was God pleased with Solomon? 9. How wise did God say He would make Solomon? 10. What else did God promise Solomon? 11. What did Solomon do next day? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Years ago, in England, there lived a little boy named Joseph. He was not like some boys, for, although he loved play, he loved his lessons still more, more than anything else in the world. To be at the head of his class, however, was not his ambition: he just wanted to learn, to know everything, whether he climbed to the top or not.

But when Joseph grew a little bigger, his father, who thought he had had enough schooling, wanted him to go into his own boot and shoe business. So Joseph obediently went; but, although he worked hard and faithfully all day, he studied and read half the night, being still bent on gaining wisdom even more than when he was a little boy. And the knowledge that he thus gathered so long and so carefully, afterwards made him one of the famous leaders of the English Parliament, for he was the Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain.

### Lesson Hymn

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

For she has treasures greater far  
Than east or west unfold;  
And her rewards more precious are  
Than all their stores of gold. Amen.  
—Hymn 127, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—127. What will become of the good at the Judgment Day? Jesus will take the good to be with Himself forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 1-38.

### The Question on Missions

10. Do the native workers assist the missionaries much? They are necessary for the carrying on of the work. They are hands, feet, eyes, and mouth to the missionary. Without native helpers his work would be very limited indeed.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Look at this man kneeling in prayer. That is the surest way to be wise, and strong, and brave,—just to ask God to be with us



and help us every moment of the day. And He will hear the simplest prayer of the tiniest tot, He is such a loving Father. And He is so full of power and wisdom that He is able to do for each one of us just the very thing we need. How glad we should be that we have such a Father in heaven! Color the picture.

**I Have Learned To-day That**  
I SHOULD ASK GOD FOR WISDOM

Lesson XI.

## SOLOMON DEDICATES THE TEMPLE

December 13, 1908

1 Kings 8 : 1-11. Study 1 Kings, ch. 8—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

**Golden Text**—I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
—Psalm 122 : 1.



1 Then Sol'omon assembled the elders of Is'rael, and a<sup>1</sup> the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Is'rael, unto king Sol'omon in Jeru'salem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of Da'vid, which is Zi'on.

2 And all the men of Is'rael assembled themselves unto king Sol'omon at the feast in the month Eth'an<sup>im</sup>, which is the seventh month.

3 And all the elders of Is'rael came, and the priests took up the ark.

4 And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle, even those did the priests and the Le'vites bring up.

5 And king Sol'omon, and all the congregation of Is'rael, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubims.

7 For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above.

8 And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle, and they were not seen without : and there they are unto this day.

9 *There* was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Mo'ses put there at Hor'eb, when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Is'rael, when they came out of the land of E'gypt.

10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,

11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud : for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

About four years after Solomon was made king, he began to build a great temple for the Lord on Mount Moriah, one of the high hills of Jerusalem. His father David had gathered together a great store of beautiful sorts of wood, and of gold and silver and brass; and Solomon himself had gathered still more. It took seven years to build the temple, and when it was finished it was one of the most beautiful houses ever made.

When the temple was finished, Solomon invited all the elders of Israel and all the chief men of the different tribes to come up to Jerusalem.

So the king and the elders and the chief men came, and gathered with all the people before the ark, and offered sacrifices to the

Lord, so many in number that they could not be counted. And the priests took up the ark and all the holy vessels that belonged to the tabernacle, and brought them into the temple, and then they placed the ark in the inner room called the Holy of Holies.

Between this room and the outer room, called the Holy Place, hung a veil or curtain, while inside were two large figures of olive wood covered with gold. These figures were called cherubim. Each had two great wings stretching out across the room. Between the wings of the golden cherubim the priests placed the ark of God, with the two tables of stone inside it, on which God had written the Ten Commandments.

When the priests came out of the Holy of

Holies, after leaving the ark there, the Lord Himself came down in a cloud, which filled the temple. So dazzling was the cloud that the priests were obliged to go outside and stand in the court or enclosure round about the temple.

Then Solomon thanked God for helping him to build the house, and asked God to take it for His temple. And he spread out his hands towards heaven and prayed to the Lord to hear and answer all the prayers which His people should make in that house. And he also blessed all the people, with a loud voice. After this, for eight days, the king and the people offered sacrifices to the Lord in the temple, and then the great company went away to their homes, full of gladness because God had been so good to them, and because they now had such a beautiful temple to which they might come and worship Him.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. For whom did Solomon build a house ?  
 2. What was the house called ? 3. Who, before Solomon, had begun to gather material for it ? 4. Where was it built ? 5. How long was it in building ? 6. Whom did Solomon invite to Jerusalem, when the temple was finished ? 7. What things were carried into the temple ? 8. By whom ? 9. What was the Holy of Holies ? 10. What figures stood in this room ? 11. What were they like ? 12. Where was the ark placed ? 13. What was in it ? 14. What happened when the priests came out ? 15. What did Solomon then do ? 16. For how many days were sacrifices offered ? 17. What is the Golden Text ?

### Lesson Story

The little church on the prairie was to be opened next day. A group of children watched with interested eyes. "It's—it's very nice", said one little girl, "but—I think God would like to see it looking pretty. Let's go and get some flowers to fix it up!" And so they brought their loads of blossoms, and next day it was seen that the bare little church had been turned into a beautiful garden. "We wanted to do something to help, too", explained the children.

### Lesson Hymn

Happy birds that sing and fly  
 Round Thy altars, O Most High !  
 Happier souls that find a rest  
 In a heavenly Father's breast !  
 Like the wandering dove that found  
 No repose on earth around,  
 They can to their ark repair,  
 And enjoy it ever there. Amen.  
 —Hymn 389, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—128. **What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day?**  
 The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 39-81.

### The Question on Missions

11. Should the number of missionaries to the New Hebrides be increased ? No, the great need now is more, and better qualified, native workers : men and women to carry the gospel to all the villages. Christians at home should support these workers among the heathen, both by money and prayers.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a man holding up his hands towards heaven. Prayer is like that. It is just as if



we brought our empty hands to God and asked him to fill them with all good things. And this He will always do. *Color* the picture.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD'S HOUSE

1 Kings 11 : 4-13—Memory Verse, 11.

**Golden Text**—Thou shalt have no other gods before me.—Exodus 20 : 3.

After King Solomon had built the temple to the Lord, he built also a beautiful palace for himself in Jerusalem, as well as great cities in many parts of his kingdom. His servants gathered rare and costly treasures for him from all over the world, until at last, as God had promised, there was no richer nor greater king than Solomon in all the earth.

The fame of his wisdom and riches spread far and wide. Among those who heard of him was the Queen of Sheba, a part of Arabia. She came, with a great company of servants, to visit Solomon in Jerusalem. After she had talked with him and seen his splendid palace and all his possessions, she said that the half had not been told her of his wisdom and greatness.

But Solomon did not go on serving the Lord, in return for all God's goodness to him, as his father David had done. Instead, he did a great many wicked things to displease

God. He built temples for the worship of about Jerusalem, and at last even worshiped these idols himself, bowing down to them and burning incense before them.

God was very angry with Solomon for thus turning away from the Lord God of Israel, who had blessed him by making him so rich and great, to worship these gods of the heathen, which were made of wood and stone.

So God said to him, "Because thou hast disobeyed Me, and worshiped idols, which I commanded thee not to do, and because thou hast not kept My laws, nor the promises which thou madest to Me, I will take away My kingdom of Israel from thee and give it to a man who is now thy servant. Yet, for thy father David's sake, I will not do this thing in thy lifetime ; but when thy son has come into the kingdom after thee, I will take it away from him. Still, even upon him, I will have mercy, and not take away the whole kingdom, but allow him to reign over two of the tribes of Israel."

So when Solomon died, although his son Rehoboam was made king, he did not long rule over the whole of Israel, for one of Solomon's captains named Jeroboam, soon took away ten tribes from him, as God had said, and Rehoboam was left with only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What house did Solomon build besides the temple ?
2. Where did he build many great cities ?
3. From what places did his servants gather treasures for him ?
4. What queen came to visit him ?
5. What did she say about his wisdom and wealth ?
6. How did Solomon sin greatly against God ?
7. How did God feel toward Solomon ?
8. What did He say He had done for Solomon ?
9. How ought Solomon to have acted towards God ?
10. What did God say He would take from Solomon ?
11. Why would He not do this in Solomon's lifetime ?
12. How many of the tribes of Israel would God take away from Solomon's son ?
13. How many would be left ?
14. What is the Golden Text ?

**Lesson Hymn**

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole,  
I want Thee forever to live in my soul ;  
Break down every idol, cast out every foe :  
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Amen.

Hymn 217, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

PRIMARY CATECHISM—129. **What is the last prayer in the Bible ?** The Bible closes with the prayer, "COME, LORD JESUS."  
130. **What is the last promise in the Bible ?** The last promise in the Bible is, "I COME QUICKLY."

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 82-107.

**The Question on Missions**

12. What are some results of the mission ? Many Christian churches have been built. The number of native Christians is increasing year by year. Wars and cannibalism have almost become things of the past.

**I Have Learned To-day**

THAT I SHOULD WORSHIP GOD ONLY

**CHRISTMAS LESSON**

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Luke 2 : 8-20

On the first Christmas night, the night when Jesus was born, out in the fields near Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching their flocks, when, all at once, the whole sky was filled with a strange and wonderful light. The poor shepherds were very much afraid

of this unknown light, and they were still more frightened, when a beautiful shining angel appeared to them.

But the angel spoke gently to them, and told them not to be afraid, because he had brought joyful news for them and for everybody in the world. For God had sent His own Son as a Saviour down to earth, and they would find Him lying, a little baby, in a manger in a stable in Bethlehem.

And when the angel finished speaking, suddenly the whole sky was filled with hundreds of other bright angels, all singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men". Then the angels went back to heaven, and the wondering shepherds left their sheep and hurried to Bethlehem, and there, just as the angel had said, they found with Mary, His mother, the little baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Then the shepherds praised God, and gave thanks to Him for sending them a Saviour. And when they had gone away, they told their friends of the wonderful things that had happened, and everyone wondered at the strange news.

**Lesson Hymn**

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

—Hymn 562, Book of Praise

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**

Copy the words written here. They are part of the song of the angels when Jesus was born. How joyful we should be that He is our Saviour and King !

*Glory to God: on earth peace.*

Lesson XIII.

## REVIEW

December 27, 1908

**Golden Text**—Keep thy heart with all diligence ; for out of it are the issues of life.—  
Proverbs 4 : 23.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES.  
PRIMARY CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 116-130. SHORTER CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 1-107. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—587, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

## The Drawings for the Quarter

For our Review, let us look back over the drawings that have been copied or colored in each Lesson of the Quarter.

In Lesson I., there is the procession with the ark. Where had the ark been ? What king was bringing it from this place ? Whither was he taking it ? What dreadful thing happened on the way ? In whose house was the ark left, for a time ? What did it bring to this man and his family ? What did King David do when he heard of this ?

The drawing for Lesson II. is the ark by itself. What did David wish to build for it ? To whom did he speak about this ? What did God say ? Tell about God's promises to David.

Lesson III. has some words from a beautiful text. Whom did David treat kindly ? Why was David so kind to Mephibosheth ?

Here, in Lesson IV., is a rock with waves dashing up against it. Can the waves move the rock from its place ? Oh, no, and neither can anything really harm those who trust in God.

There is another text in Lesson V. Who, in this Lesson, rebelled against his father and king ? Who was the king ? How had Absalom turned the people's hearts away from David ? Whither did David flee ?

A man running with all his might, is the drawing for Lesson VI. Where was David sitting ? For what news was he waiting ? What two armies had been fighting ? How had the battle gone ? How was Absalom killed ? What did David say when he heard of his death ?

In Lesson VII., we see a shepherd with a stout club in one hand and a long staff in the other. What does the shepherd do for his sheep when they are hungry ? What, when they are thirsty ? What, if wild beasts come to take them ? Repeat the Lesson Psalm.

Who is this in the drawing for Lesson VIII. ? Yes, a priest. And what instrument is he blowing ? A trumpet. Who was proclaimed as king of Israel, in the Lesson ? Whose son was he ? Whom did David tell him he should serve ? What had God promised to do for him ?

Lesson X. shows us a man kneeling in prayer. The Lesson tells us of a young king who prayed to God. For what did he ask ? Why did he feel his need of wisdom ? What did God give to him besides wisdom ?

Lesson XI. has for its drawing a man holding up his hands towards heaven. Who, in the Lesson, did this ? Who will fill our hands with blessings ? What must we do to get these ?

Repeat again the text which is the drawing for Lesson XII.

## Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit, keep us  
Safe from sins which lie  
Hidden by some pleasure  
From our youthful eye.

Holy Spirit, help us  
Daily by Thy might,  
What is wrong to conquer,  
And to choose the right. Amen.  
—Hymn 551, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

That I should ask God to bless me



FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

<p>LESSON I. David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Lord Our Shepherd.</p>
<p>LESSON II. God's Promise to David.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Solomon Anointed King.</p>
<p>LESSON III. David's Kindness to Jonathan's Son.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. World's Temperance Sunday.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. The Joy of Forgiveness.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Solomon Chooses Wisdom.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Absalom Rebels Against David.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Solomon Dedicates the Temple.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. David Grieves for Absalom.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Christmas Lesson.</p>

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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