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We hope our little readers and their mothers will like the larger cover and the larger page in which the PRIMARY QUARTERLY will now come to them. We always try to have all that it says clear and bright, so that even the tiniest tot may understand.

The mothers will not find themselves short of material for Bible stories this Quarter. Take the very first lesson.

"The former treatise" (v. 1) takes us back to Luke's Gospel. Tell the children about that "beloved physician," how he travelled about with Paul and took care of him when he was ill and suffering, how he learned from the apostles and disciples of Jesus all the story of Jesus' life, and how he wrote it down so that everyone in all the world might know it too.

"His passion" (v. 3).—This opens up the whole story—sad and sorrowful, but even the little ones should hear it—of Jesus on the cross of Calvary offering Himself for us.

"He shewed himself alive" (v. 3).—The Easter stories need not be kept till Easter; they are fresh all the year round.

"Speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (v. 3).—Amongst other of the blessed words of the risen Lord, are those to Peter about the sheep and lambs in John 20, and the scene of the early morning breakfast on the sea-shore will help to make them live.

And these are only *some* of the stories from three of the verses. There are still eight verses more in the lesson passage and other verses that follow and really belong to it. Who will say that the lessons in the Acts

are dry, or too hard for the little ones! Even if they are hard, which they are not, do not the children like sometimes to munch a hard biscuit better than a soft cake?

## THE CHILD-HEART

The child-heart is so strange a little thing—  
So mild—so timorously shy and small,  
When grown up hearts throb it goes scam-  
pering

Behind the wall, nor dares peer out at all.

It is the veriest mouse,

That hides in any house,

So wild a little thing is any child-heart.

Child-heart! Mild-heart!

Ho, my little wild heart!

Come up here to me out of the dark,

Or let me come to you.

—James Whitcomb Riley

## THE LITTLE TOTS AT CHURCH

*By Miss Jessie M. Ross*

"Can't I stay home from church this morning, mama?" says little Freddie of seven, "I never know all the minister is talking about; then Charlie always goes to sleep, and I just get sleepy too, but teacher told me last Sunday I was one of her little men, and men never go to sleep in church, do they, mamma? Just let me stay and I'll go to Sunday School; then, when I'm bigger I'll always go to church."

Freddie's pleadings gained the point for that day: and mama and Charlie started off to the service alone.

A stranger was in the pulpit that morning. Almost at the commencement of his remarks

he said: "I am highly pleased to see so many children at church this morning. We are all aware that Children's Day is fast becoming a very popular day in the Presbyterian Church in Canada; but I see no reason why every Sabbath should not be called a Children's Day here, if this is the usual attendance of children, as I have good reason to suppose it is. To whom shall I give the credit that all these little tots are in their places? No doubt the mothers deserve much praise for getting them all ready; I'm sure there can be very few children left at home this morning."

One mother's face reddened a little, as she thought of a little boy who had persuaded her to allow him to remain at home for such a trivial reason, but she had not thought of the importance of his being in church.

The mothers do deserve a great deal of the credit when the little ones are at church. It is no easy matter to get four or five little children tidied up by half-past ten and kept tidy till eleven. The minister also should get a share of the praise, who never forgets when preparing for the morning service the number of little folks who will be listening and who always takes care to have one or two little messages just for them; and who, besides, is continually encouraging the parents to bring them, and frequently remarks about their regular attendance and good behavior.

The Primary Teacher, too, should come in for a share of the glory, if it may be termed such, who keeps a careful record of the attendance of her scholars at the morning church service, and reads this to the class each Sabbath afternoon.

Alas! for poor Freddie, the very Sabbath he stayed away the teacher said as soon as the class met, "Hands up! all who were at church this morning. Commencing with to-day, I purpose giving every child an extra reward card, who attends church." How encouraged they all felt, and even straggling Freddie soon overcame his disappointment, for, afterwards, illness was the only cause that could prevent him going to church when Sabbath morning came.

Never mind, children, if you do get sleepy, or if you are not big enough to understand

all that the minister says. You can sing—especially the children's hymn—which the minister never forgets to give out, and you can close your eyes and keep very still during the prayers and join in them so far as you understand.

Besides, has not your teacher told you that Jesus loves to see little children in church? Of course Jesus is everywhere; but is he not specially present there?

You remember what we learned about the lion catchers and the lions in our Temperance Lesson. The men have two ways of catching lions, getting them after they are grown up and taking them when they are tiny cubs. You know, we all decided it was much easier to catch the little cubs and train them. It is much the same with little boys and girls; if they go to church when they are small, they learn to love going, and they are not so apt to wander away from church when they grow big. No child is too small to be taught that the church is God's house, and that we go there to worship Him; and if little tots can behave well enough to visit at their friends' homes, it only requires a little care and a little encouragement to lead them to behave well in God's house also. Who minds if the wee things do shift about a little now and then? They would no longer be the dear little morsels they are if they did not. But who can reckon how much is left out of the life of a child—and where the consequences of it shall end—whose parents do not take it early and always to the public worship in church?

Guelph, Ont.

#### PRAYER WITH MOTIONS

"Dear Father, touch these *eyes* of mine,  
That they may look to thee;  
And make my *ears* to hear thy voice,  
Whene'er it speaks to me;  
And make my *lips* to speak thy truth,  
My *feet* to walk thy ways,  
My *hands* to work thy holy will,  
My *life* to show thy praise."

Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth, and teach me.



"A beautiful new doll in her arms."

#### A LITTLE GIRL'S VICTORY

Two little girls were playing together. The older one had a beautiful new doll in her arms, which she was tenderly caressing.

The younger one crept up softly behind her, and gave her a sharp slap on her cheek.

A visitor, unseen and unheard, was sitting in an adjoining room, and saw it all. She expected to see and hear another slap, a harder one, in retaliation. But no; the victim's face flushed, and her eyes had a momentary flash of indignation. She rubbed her hurt cheek with one hand, while she held the doll closer with the other. Then, in a tone of gentle reproof, she said:

"Oh, Sallie, I didn't think you'd do that!"

Sallie looked ashamed, as well she might, but made no reply. "Here Sallie," continued the elder girl, "sit here in sister's chair.

I'll let you hold dolly awhile if you'll be very careful."

Sallie's face looked just then as if there were some "coals of fire" somewhere around.

The hidden looker-on was deeply touched by the scene. Presently she called the child and questioned her. "How can you be so patient with Sallie, my dear?"

"Oh," was the laughing reply, "I guess it's because I love Sallie so much. You see, Sallie's a dear girl," excusingly, "but she's got a quick temper, and—Sallie forgets herself sometimes. Mama said if Sallie should do any angry thing to me, and I should do angry things to her, we'd have a dreadful time, and I think we would. Mama said I should learn to give the 'soft answer,' and I am trying to."

The lady took her in her arms and kissed her. "My little dear," she said, fondly and earnestly, "I think you have already learned the lesson."

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."



#### WITH BOTH HANDS.

Donald's mother sent him to the drawer to take out a clean towel. Presently the little boy said fretfully:

"The drawer won't open, mama. It comes out crooked?"

His mother looked up. "That is because you are using only one hand," she replied, "Take hold with both hands and the drawer will open easily."

Donald obeyed his mother and her words came true. He returned with the towel and a smiling face.

"Next time I'll remember to use both hands in the beginning," he said.

## MOTHER'S WORLD

Eyes of blue and hair of gold,  
 Cheeks all brown with summer tan,  
 Lips that much of laughter hold,  
 That is mother's little Man.

Shining curls like chestnut brown,  
 Long-lashed eyes, demure and staid,  
 Sweetest face in all the town,  
 That is mother's little maid.

Dainty room with snow-white beds,  
 Where, like flowers with petals curled,  
 Rest in peace two dreaming heads,  
 That—is mother's little world.

—Margaret H. Alden

## "COULDN'T"

Not long since we noticed a little boy amusing himself by watching the frolicsome flight of birds that were playing around him. At length a beautiful bobolink perched on a bough of an apple tree near where the urchin sat, and maintained his position, apparently unconscious of his dangerous neighbor.

The boy seemed astonished at his impudence, and after regarding him steadily for a minute or two, obeying the instinct of his baser part, he picked up a stone and was preparing to throw it, steadying himself for a good aim. The little arm was drawn backward without alarming the bird, whose throat swelled, and forth came nature's plea: "A-link, a-link, a-link, bob-o-link, bob-o-link, a-no-sweet, a-no-sweet. I know it, I know it, a-link, a-link, don't throw it, throw it, throw it," etc. And he didn't throw it. Slowly the little arm fell to its normal position and the stone dropped harmlessly. The minstrel had charmed the murderer.

Anxious to hear an expression of the little fellow's feelings, we inquired: "Why didn't you stone him, my boy? You might have killed him and carried him home." The little fellow looked up doubtfully, as though he suspected our meaning; and with an expression half shame, half sorrow, he replied: "Just couldn't, because he sung so."  
 —Kindergarten Magazine.

## THE POWER OF CHRIST

It is six months since we finished our year and a half's study of the life of our Lord Jesus on earth. We begin the first Sabbath of this Quarter with His going up heavenward from the presence of His wondering disciples, and His disappearing in a cloud of glory. No human eye is ever to see Him again on earth, until He comes in even greater glory at the end of this present age, to usher in the new heavens and the new earth, and the endless glory and joy of His heavenly kingdom.

But though He is gone He remains the same mighty Prince and Saviour. His power is indeed more wonderful than when on earth, as we shall see; and the twelve lessons of the Quarter—thirteen, indeed, if the Easter lesson be counted—all tell of this marvellous and gracious power of the glorified Son of God.

The risen Christ HAS POWER :

- Lesson 1. To promise power to the disciples, who so much needed it, and to all who believe.
  2. To fulfil His promise, by the sending of the Holy Spirit down from heaven.
  3. In the Church—to make even very wicked men become like to Himself.
  4. To heal—as in the case of the lame man at the Temple gate.
  5. To save—even those who had wickedly crucified Him.
  6. To punish—as the death of sinning Ananias and Sapphira shows.
  7. To deliver His people from peril.
  8. To make man His disciples—as Stephen and many others were.
  9. To forgive—as Stephen forgave those who stoned him to death.
  10. To unloose His disciples' tongues—that they may tell everywhere what a blessed Saviour He is.
  11. To believe—as the Ethiopian stranger did, when he understood the Scriptures.
  12. To resist temptation—however enticing it may be.
- And in the Easter lesson, power over death and the grave.

An Order of Service

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

For Primary Classes or a Home Lesson

First Quarter, 1902

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I. TEACHER. "O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation."

ALL SAY OR CHANT—For all the blessings from Thy hand  
We thank Thee heavenly Father  
For keeping us, Thy little band,  
We thank Thee blessed Lord.  
  
For Jesus Christ our Saviour, King  
We thank Thee heavenly Father;  
That we His praises here may sing  
We thank Thee blessed Lord.

OR CHANT Psalm Selection 34, Book of Praise.

II. PRAYER.

III. OFFERINGS (Regular and birthday).

IV. GESTURE HYMN:

"I learned it in the Bible, a tender little prayer (Make Bible with hands),  
And, when the flakes are falling, so beautiful and fair (Raise hands and flutter fingers),  
I say to my dear Saviour this little prayer I know:  
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow." (Hands folded and heads bowed.)

For I have often grieved Him with sinful words and ways,  
I'll ask Him to forgive me, and help me all my days;  
He shed His blood so precious, because He loved me so.  
'Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.'" (Hands folded.)

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. The little ones should not be allowed to forget the story of the life of our Lord Jesus, and as the lessons for this Quarter are in the Acts of the Apostles, it will be well to keep telling and questioning upon incidents in the Gospels. In our little illustrated child's paper—JEWELS—there is, every second week, a picture and a brief description of some event in the life of our Lord to keep the little ones in mind.

VI. PRAYER. in simple words and short clauses by teacher, children repeating.

VII. LESSON FOR DAY.

VIII. LESSON HYMN for the Quarter, Hymn 538, Book of Praise.

"Who is He that on yon throne  
Rules the world of light alone?"

IX. RECITE GOLDEN TEXTS for the Quarter, as far as learned.

X. SING, "We have heard a joyful sound," Hymn 562, Book of Praise.

XI. SAY IN CONCERT, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Amen.

Lesson I.

## THE PROMISE OF POWER

January 5, 1902

Acts 1 : 1-11. Study Acts 1 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 6-8.

**Golden Text**—Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.—  
Acts 1 : 8.



1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophylus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up ; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel ;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven ? this same Je'sus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had gone back to heaven to be with His Father, the eleven men who had been so long nearest to Him as disciples or learners were now to be known by a new name. They were to be called Apostles, because the time had come when they must go into every part of the world and teach the Good News to all who could hear them. (An apostle means one who is sent forth on an errand. Missionary has the same meaning.)

Now, among the other disciples, was a man called Luke, who wrote one of the Gospels. He was a doctor (Colossians 4 : 14) and while travelling about from place to place, he saw and heard a great deal about the doings of the apostles. All that he saw he wrote in

his new book called the "Acts of the Apostles," which is one of the books of the New Testament, and tells much about the beginnings of the Christian Church.

The first page of the Acts begins with the story of the last day that Jesus spent on earth. Now Jesus had been seen alive so many times during the forty days since He had risen, that some of the disciples thought He would stay with them forever, and set up a great and powerful kingdom at Jerusalem. While they were gathered together in the city, talking about these things, Jesus came into the room where they were sitting.

He spoke to them about the great gift of the Holy Spirit, whom He should shortly send to be their teacher and leader, when

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He Himself was taken from them ; and He promised them that through the power of this Holy Spirit they would be able to set up the true kingdom of Christ not only in Jerusalem, but in Judæa and in Samaria, and in every part of the world.

Then Jesus told His disciples not to begin their work of preaching and teaching until the Holy Spirit came, but to stay where they were in Jerusalem until the Spirit should be sent upon them.

While they were talking together, Jesus got up and walked with His disciples out to the Mount of Olives. It was here He must say good-by. As He lifted up His hands to bless them, the disciples saw His body begin to rise upwards towards the sky. Soon a cloud hid Him from sight, and the disciples stood straining their eyes upwards to catch another sight of Him ; but He was gone.

Suddenly they noticed two angels standing beside them who said, " Why are you standing here with your eyes fixed on the sky ? Your Master will some day come again in

the same way as you have just seen Him go."

Then the apostles were glad, and went back to Jerusalem and spent their time watching for the Spirit and in prayer, many other friends of Jesus joining with them.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who wrote the book of the Acts? 2. What is it about? 3. What is a disciple?
4. An apostle? 5. Had Jesus told the disciples He would go away? 6. Did they understand? 7. What did they think He would do? 8. Whom did He promise to send them? 9. What work was the Holy Spirit to help them to do? 10. Where did Jesus tell the disciples to wait until the Holy Spirit came? 11. Where were they when Jesus said good-by? 12. How did He go back into heaven? 13. Who spoke to the disciples as they stood gazing into the sky? 14. What did the angels say? 15. How did the friends of Jesus feel when they heard He should come again? 16. Where did they go? 17. How did they spend their time? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### THE OLD WOMAN'S STRAWBERRY PLANT

A city missionary visited a poor old woman living alone in an attic up many flights of stairs. A bare and lonely place it was, with only a few bits of dilapidated furniture, for the scanty pittance she had to look to for support was scarcely enough to keep her from starvation.

The missionary observed in a broken teapot that stood at the window a strawberry plant growing. He remarked from time to time how it continued to grow, and with what care it was watched and tended.

So, one day he said to the old woman, " Your plant flourishes nicely ; you will soon have strawberries upon it."

" Oh, sir," she replied, " it is not for the sake of the fruit that I prize it ; but I am too poor to keep any living creature about me, and it is a great comfort to me to have that living plant, for I know it can only live by the power of God ; and as I see it live and grow from day to day, it tells me God is near, and this fills my heart with sunshine and joy."

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

## Christ's Promises are Sure

**Primary Catechism—65.** What do we mean by the Ten Commandments? The Ten Commandments are God's holy law.

**Shorter Catechism—1.** What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

### Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit prompt us  
When we kneel to pray ;  
Nearer come, and teach us  
What we ought to say.

Amen.

—Hymn 551, Book of Praise

**THE PROMISE OF POWER FULFILLED**

Jan. 12, 1902

Acts 2: 1-11. Study Acts 2: 1-21—Memory Verses, 2-4.

**Golden Text**—The promise is unto you and to your children.—Acts 2: 39.

and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judæa, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

**THE LESSON RETOLD**

A few days after Jesus had gone back into heaven, the Jewish people from every part of the world gathered in Jerusalem to worship at the Temple, and to hold their great thanksgiving holiday called the Feast of Pentecost.

But the disciples of Jesus were not with the holiday-makers. They were met together in the upper room of a house by themselves, all quietly watching and praying as Jesus had commanded them, for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

All at once they heard a strange, rushing sound such as the wind makes before a storm, so that the very walls and roof of the house shook. The noise was followed quickly by a flash of dazzling brightness, and suddenly the place was filled with a fiery flame from heaven, a part of which rested upon each person in the room. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and were changed at once by His power from poor, ignorant men and women, into fearless teachers and

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites,

10 Phrygians, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

preachers of the gospel.

The Holy Spirit had brought the disciples a great and wonderful gift from God Himself, to help them in their new work. They were now able to think and speak in different languages, so that they could be understood by foreigners and strangers in any part of the earth.

When the visitors who had come to the feast at Jerusalem from such far-away places as Asia, Africa, Rome, Arabia and other foreign countries, heard what had happened among the disciples, they came in crowds to listen to their preaching.

When they heard the story of Jesus, each in his own native tongue, they were filled with the greatest wonder and surprise, saying, "How is this? These men whom we hear are only poor fishermen from Galilee. How can they speak in our language?"

Others said, "These men are surely full of new wine."

Then Peter stood up and, calling for order,

began to address the crowd in a loud voice, saying, "Men of Judea and visitors to Jerusalem, listen to me. You are wrong in supposing that these men are drunk. What you have seen need not surprise you, for this is the very day spoken about in the book of the prophet Joel, where God says, 'In that day I will pour out my Spirit on all people. And I will show wonders from heaven, so that your sons and daughters shall become prophets. Then all that call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Then Peter told them the whole story over again, of Jesus—how He had been born in Bethlehem, and brought up in the little village of Nazareth, and how, when He had grown up to be a man, He had done very many wonderful works, healing the sick and giving sight to the blind, and making the lame to walk, and how He had even raised the dead to life again, and how all this showed that He had the same power as God Himself. But Peter did not stop here. He reminded them of their awful sin in putting Jesus to death on the cross, and declared that God had raised Him again from the

dead, and taken Him up to heaven to be at His right hand, and that it was He who had sent down the Holy Spirit which had given the apostles the wonderful gift of speaking in other languages, as they had heard that day. "This Jesus," Peter said, "is indeed both Lord and Christ."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the Feast of Pentecost? 2. Where was it held? 3. Who came to Jerusalem to attend it? 4. What were the disciples doing while it was going on? 5. How had they known that the Holy Spirit should come? 6. What did they hear? 7. What did they see? 8. With what were they all filled? 9. What gift did He bring to them? 10. Of what use would this be to them? 11. Who crowded to hear what the disciples had to say? 12. How did some of the foreigners explain their strange power? 13. How did Peter answer them? 14. What was the name of the prophet who had written about what was happening that day? 15. What had he said? 16. What story does Peter now tell them? 17. What did he prove? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### A CHILD'S PRAYER

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me ;  
I myself would gracious be,  
And with words that help and heal  
Would Thy life in mine reveal,  
And with actions bold and meek  
Would for Christ my Saviour speak.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me ;  
I myself would holy be ;  
Separate from sin, I would  
Choose and cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be  
Give to Him, who gave me Thee !



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

## Christ's Promises Are for Us



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

**Shorter Catechism—2.** What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

### Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit shine Thou  
On the Book we read;  
Gild its holy pages  
With the light we need.

Holy Spirit, give us  
Each a lowly mind ;  
Make us more like Jesus,  
Gentle, pure and kind.

Amen.

—Hymn 551, Book of Praise

Acts 2 : 37-47—Memory Verses, 37-39.

**Golden Text**—The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.—  
Acts 2 : 47.



37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Pe'ter and to the rest of the apostles, 'Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Pe'ter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Je'sus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

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

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

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

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common ; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

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

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

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

Many of the Jews who were listening to Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost were hearing the true story of Jesus for the first time.

As he spoke to them of Jesus' wonderful miracles, and of His rising again from the dead, after they' had put him to death on the cross, his hearers began to be terrified and ashamed. They knew that Peter was speaking the truth and they began to cry out to him and the other apostles, "Men and brethren what shall we do? Will God ever forgive our terrible sin?" Then Peter answered, "If you are willing to repent and become followers of His Son Jesus, God will even now forgive you and will send His Holy Spirit to teach you how to obey Him. This is His message, not only for you who are Jews, but for everybody in the world."

When Peter saw that many of these men

were ready to believe in Jesus, he told them that if they would be among His disciples, they must be baptized as a sign to all who knew them that they now belonged to Jesus Christ.

After they had been further taught by Peter and the other apostles, about three thousand men and women on the same day were baptized, and they, together with the disciples, made up the first Christian church. And the power of the Holy Spirit was among them, and those that were rich sold their goods and divided the money among those who had need. And they spent much of their time in the Temple and in meeting at each other's houses for worship and thanksgiving. Also many signs and wonders were done among them.

When those outside the church saw how happy and contented their friends were,

who had become followers of Jesus, many of them became believers also, so that the church at Jerusalem grew larger and larger every day.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What did Peter preach to the Jews about on the day of Pentecost? 2. Who did he show them that Jesus really was? 3. Did they believe that he was speaking the truth? 4. What question did they ask

Peter and the other apostles? 5. What two things did Peter tell them they must do? 6. Why were they to be baptized? 7. For how many people did he say God's message was intended? 8. How many people in one day asked to be baptized? 9. What were this company of believers called? 10. How did they spend much of their time? 11. Why did the friends of the first believers want to become followers of Jesus also? 12. What is the Golden Text?

**THE BABY'S BADGE**

"Look, mother, at our new Mission Band badges," cried Tom and Ethel, bursting into the room where mother and baby were sitting.

"Mine's red and Ethel's is blue," said Tom, "and we're to wear them all the time to show that we belong to the society."

"And mother," said Ethel, "do look at the lovely gold letters—T. K. M., that means we're 'The King's Messengers.'"

Just then baby Arthur caught sight of the bright ribbons and began to laugh and crow.

"What a pity he can't have a badge too," said Tom, "but I guess he'll have to wait until he's a little bigger, won't he mother?"

"He's going to get one next Sunday," said mother, "when he is baptized."

"Why, mother, how funny," said Ethel,

"The minister will only sprinkle a little water on him—he won't give him any badge."

"It's the same thing, dear, for baptism is the sign which shows that we belong to God."

"Is it really mother?" said Tom. "I never knew that before." "Yes," added the mother, and I trust my little ones will never forget that God's mark is upon them, and they will always try to do just what God wants them to do. When those people we

have been hearing about to-day were baptized, it was full of danger to be a Christian. There were many wicked enemies who took delight in hurting those who believed in Jesus, and sometimes they put them to death; but God made them strong and brave, so that they were not afraid even to die for Christ's sake."



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**The Church is Christ's Home**



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

**Shorter Catechism—3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?**

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

**Lesson Hymn**

Holy Spirit, brighten  
Little deeds of toil;  
And our playful pastimes  
Let no folly spoil.

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

Amen.

—Hymn 551, Book of Praise

Lesson IV.

## THE LAME MAN HEALED

January 26, 1902

Acts 3 : 1-10. Study Acts 3 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 6-8.

**Golden Text**—The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.—  
Ex. 15 : 2.



and praising God : 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple : and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

1 Now Pe'ter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple ;

3 Who seeing Pe'ter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Pe'ter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Pe'ter said, Silver and gold have I none ; but such as I have give I thee : In the name of Je'sus Christ of Naz'areth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up : and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One afternoon about three o'clock Peter and John were walking together along the streets of Jerusalem. They were on their way up the hill to worship at the Temple, where the people were already beginning to gather for evening prayers.

Now there was a lame man living in the city who had been a cripple ever since he was born, and he was now about forty years old. Almost every one in the city knew him by sight, for he used to be carried every day by his friends up to the Temple, where they laid him down to beg beside the great bronze gate which was known as the Beautiful Gate of the Temple.

Here he would sit on the ground, day after day, watching the crowds as they passed in to worship. He had been begging so long that people almost forgot to notice him, but sometimes kind persons would stop and give him a little money.

When Peter and John came up the steps and were just about to pass through the

gate, the lame man called out to them to give him something.

The two apostles stopped and Peter spoke to him, saying, "Look here, my man!" The beggar, supposing that the apostles were going to give him money, held out his hand, but Peter, looking at him very earnestly and lovingly, said, "Silver and gold have I none ; but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And he took the lame man by the hand and lifted him up ; and suddenly the man's feet and ankles became strong, and he immediately jumped up and began to walk about, and he followed Peter and John into the Temple courts, walking and leaping and praising God.

And all the people heard him giving thanks to God, and when they saw him walking and running, they said, "Why, this is the very same man whom we know sat for years begging beside the Beautiful Gate!" And they were filled with the

greatest wonder and amazement at what had been done for him.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Where were Peter and John going when they saw a lame man carried past? 2. How long had this man been lame? 3. Where did he spend his time? 4. How did he reach the Beautiful Gate? 5. Why did he choose to sit where people could see him? 6. When he saw John and Peter what did the man ask them for? 7. What did Peter

say he could not give him? 8. In whose name did Peter bid him rise up and walk? 9. Did the beggar believe that God was able to cure him? 10. How did Peter help him to rise? 11. What happened when the man tried to stand? 12. How did the man show that he was really cured? 13. Where was the first place he went when he found he could walk? 14. What did he do in the Temple? 15. What did the people say when they saw him? 16. What is the Golden Text?

**BETTER THAN GOLD**

There are many children who think that because they are only children and have no money of their own, therefore they have no thing to give away to people. Here is a story of one little girl, who found she was very rich in things that could make other people happy.

Hattie was a little girl only seven years old, yet she gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister who was cutting teeth. She gave a string and a crooked pin to her little brother who wanted to play at fishing. She gave Ellen, the maid, a precious hour to go and visit her sick mother at home, by offering to open the door and attend to the kitchen fire while she was away.

Then she dressed herself so neatly and looked so happy and obliging, that she gave her mother a thrill of pleasure whenever she looked at her. She wrote a letter to her

father who was away on business, for which he thanked his daughter in his heart. She gave patient attention to a long tiresome story from grandmother, and though she had heard it many times before, she laughed just at the right place and made the old lady happy by a good-night kiss. So you see she had given six valuable presents to six people in one day. Yet she had not a cent in the world; but she just gave what she had and gave it cheerfully. What if all the boys and girls who read this story should count up how many presents like little Hattie's they had given away in one day! They would feel very sorry and ashamed if they could not count up a long list, for little ones have so many little words of kindness and acts of love to give away that make other little ones, and all the older people brighter and happier.



HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**The Lord is My Strength**



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

**Shorter Catechism—4. What is God?**

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

5. *Are there more Gods than one?*

A. There is but One only, the living and true God.

**Lesson Hymn**

Holy Spirit, help us  
Daily by Thy might,  
What is wrong to conquer,  
And to choose the right.

Amen.

—Hymn 551, Book of Praise

Acts 4 : 1-12. Study Acts 4 : 1-22—Memory Verses, 8-10.

**Golden Text**—There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4 : 12.



1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sad'ducees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Je'sus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day : for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed ; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Au'nas the high priest, and Cai'aphas, and John, and Alexan'der, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jeru'salem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this ?

8 Then Pe'ter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Is'rael,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole ; 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Is'rael, that by the name of Je'sus Christ of Naz'areth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other : for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

When the people saw Peter and John and the lame man who had been cured, standing in the porch of the Temple, they crowded around them in the greatest wonder and excitement. But Peter said to them, "Men of Israel, why do you stare so at us, as though we, by our own power and goodness, had cured this poor man? All the honor belongs to God and to His Son Jesus, that great Prophet whom your rulers so shamefully put to death on the cross. But God has raised Him from the dead, and He is now at His right hand in heaven, a Prince and a Saviour."

While Peter and John were preaching in this way, some of the Sadducees, who taught that no one can ever rise from the dead, came into the porch, bringing with them some of the chief priests and the officer who

had charge of the Temple.

Now these men were much annoyed with the apostles when they heard them preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus, and so, when they had caught them, they cast them into prison, where they kept them all night, intending to punish them the next day.

But this did not prevent many of the people who had been listening to their words from believing that what the apostles said was true. The number altogether of those who had come to believe that Jesus was the Saviour was now more than five thousand.

The next day the Jewish teachers and the High Priest and their friends held a meeting to judge the apostles, and when Peter and John were brought up out of prison, they began to accuse them saying :

"Here is the man whom you cured of lameness yesterday! Now, anybody can see that you are nothing but ignorant fishermen, so you must explain to us how such as you can do a miracle like this!"

Then Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, began to answer saying, "I will tell you who has given us this power. It is Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you so cruelly murdered, but whom God has raised from the dead. It is through Him alone that this man has been cured. For there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

When the judges heard the bold words of Peter and John and saw that they were not in the least afraid, they were greatly taken aback and said to themselves, "These are brave men. Their conduct reminds us a good deal of Jesus Himself."

When they had sent the apostles out of the room, the rulers said to one another, "We cannot punish these men, because it would displease the people; but we can forbid them to teach any longer in the name of Jesus. So Peter and John were called in and were told they must never again be found preaching in the name of Jesus.

But the apostles answered, "You may

settle for yourselves whether it be right to listen to you or to obey God; as for us we cannot help speaking of what we have seen and heard."

When they saw that it was no further use to threaten and warn the disciples, the rulers at last quietly allowed them to go, without further punishment, for all the people were praising and glorifying God for the wonder done to the lame man.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What were Peter and John doing in the Temple that displeased the Jewish teachers?
2. Who listened gladly to the apostles?
3. How was their preaching stopped?
4. How long were Peter and John in prison?
5. What was done with them in the morning?
6. What did the judges ask them?
7. How did Peter and John explain their power to work miracles?
8. Why were the apostles not afraid of their judges?
9. What did these men think about their behaviour?
10. Why were they afraid to punish them?
11. How many people had been taught to believe in Jesus?
12. What did the Jews at last forbid Peter and John to do?
13. How did they answer?
14. What is the Golden Text of this lesson?



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**We must be saved by Christ**



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

**Shorter Catechism—6. How many persons are there in the Godhead?**

A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

### Lesson Hymn

Though our hearts are depraved,  
Though with sin we are burdened,  
Our souls may be saved,  
And our sins may be pardoned;  
And Jesus, our Saviour,  
Hath promised to bless us,  
And free us for ever  
From those that oppress us.—Amen.  
—Hymn 546, Book of Praise.



it. "Yes," answered Sapphira, "we did."

"How is it that you have planned together to cheat the Spirit of the Lord?" said Peter. "See, the young men who have just buried your husband are at the door and shall carry you out also." And immediately the woman fell down on her face and died. And they picked her up and carried her out and buried her by the side of her husband. And great fear came upon the Church and upon all those that heard these things.

It was not of Peter that they were afraid. He was only a man like themselves. But they were afraid to offend God, who punished evil-doers so quickly and so severely. This would make the people who belonged to the Church very careful to do right, and

would keep people from joining the Church who were only pretending.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the first believers behave to one another?
2. How did they get money for their poorer brethren?
3. Who took care of these offerings?
4. What were the names of one man and his wife who sold a field for this purpose?
5. What did they do with a part of the money?
6. What did they do with the other part?
7. What did they hope the apostle would think?
8. What did Peter say to Ananias?
9. How did God punish him?
10. What happened to Sapphira?
11. What was their great sin?
12. What is the Golden text?

### DORA'S SOUR APPLE

There were two apples—a big and a little one; each little sister wanted the big one. "I'll put them behind my back, so," said Dora. "Now which hand will you take?" "I'll take the right," said Madge; and quick as a flash Dora changed the apple behind her back and gave her sister the little one. "Never mind," said merry little Madge, "this one is sweet, anyhow."

Was Dora's sweet? It tasted like bitter ashes in her mouth. She knew she had done wrong and a little voice within her

kept saying, "A lie! a lie, a mean lie!"

After dinner mamma gave them two more apples—big rosy ones this time. "Oh mamma," said Dora, bursting into tears, "Give them both to Madge; I must not have any," and she told her mother what she had done in the morning. But not a bite of Dora's apple would Madge take; so they had to take it out to the fence and give it to a little boy on his way from school. "Now," said Dora, "my next apple will taste sweet again."



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

I must be truthful



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

**Shorter Catechism—7.** What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

### Lesson Hymn

Though small is all that we can do  
To please the King of Heaven;  
When hearts and hands and lips unite  
To serve the Saviour with delight,  
They are most precious in His sight:  
Such grace to mine be given.

Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

## Lesson VII.

## THE SECOND PERSECUTION

February 16, 1902

Acts 5 : 32-42. Study Acts 5 : 25-42—Memory Verses, 40-42.

**Golden Text**—Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake ; for their's is the kingdom of heaven. —Matt. 5 : 10.



39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it ; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

40 And to him they agreed : and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Je'sus, and let them go.

41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Je'sus Christ.

33 When they heard *that*, they were cut *to the heart*, and took counsel to slay them.

34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pha'risee, named Gama'liel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space ;

35 And said unto them, Ye men of Is'rael, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

36 For before these days rose up Theu'das, boasting himself to be somebody ; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves : who was slain ; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.

37 After this man rose up Ju'das of Gal'ilee in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him : he also perished ; and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone ; for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought :

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Now, the High Priest and the rulers of the Jews had forbidden Peter and John, with threats and warnings, to teach in the name of Jesus. When they saw that the apostles paid no attention to their words, they were filled with anger and gave orders that they should be put in prison.

But that night the Lord sent His angel and opened the prison doors, and said to the apostles, "Go back to the Temple and preach to the people all the words of My message."

When the chief priests heard that their prisoners had escaped, and were speaking boldly in the Temple, they were full of rage, but they were afraid to do any harm to these men for fear of the people. So when they had sent for them quietly, they began to attack them, saying, "Did we not give you

strict orders to stop teaching in the name of this man? Why have you not obeyed us?" But Peter answered, "We must obey God rather than man. He whom you so despised and put to death on the cross is now alive and seated at the right hand of God, a Prince and a Saviour, and we are His messengers."

When the rulers heard this, they were so displeased that they would have killed the brave apostles, had not a man called Gamaliel, whom every one knew to be a wise teacher and guide, stood up and begun to reason with the Jews, saying, "Men of Israel, my advice to you is to be careful what you do with these men. Their teaching will all come to nothing if it be only the work of man. But if it is God's work we cannot put it down. It is of no use to fight against God."

So the angry priests changed their minds, and after they had warned the apostles, they said they should receive a beating and be allowed to go; and a cruel beating they received before they were allowed to go away. Then the apostles were glad, not only because they were out of danger of their lives, but because they had been thought worthy to suffer in this way for the Master whom they so much loved. Nor were they frightened, but went right back again to the Temple and preached, as they had done before and they went about to all the houses telling people that Jesus Christ was their Saviour and that they were to believe in Him.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who had forbidden the apostles to teach in the name of Jesus? 2. Did they obey? 3. How were they punished? 4. How did they get out of prison? 5. Where did the Lord send them to preach? 6. What did the priests and their friends say when they were brought before them? 7. How did the apostles answer? 8. Why were the rulers afraid to punish them? 9. Who persuaded the chief priests not to kill the apostles? 10. What was at last done with them? 11. What made the apostles glad? 12. What did they continue to do? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### WHO WAS HE?

Once there was a young prince, who, when he was a little boy, had been stolen from his home and taken to a strange land. But God was with him and all that he did pleased the king. Now because he was better than they, the other princes hated him and got the king to promise that anyone found praying to the true God should be put to death. When the brave prince heard this, he went into his room and prayed to

his God more earnestly than ever, and the windows were open. When his enemies saw this, they told the king. Now the king was very sorry, for he loved the young prince, but to keep his promise he had him thrown at once to the lions. But that night the Lord sent an angel and shut the lions' mouths, and the young prince was kept safe all night long in the lion's den. How many of you know the prince's name?



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

To suffer gladly for Christ's sake



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

**Shorter Catechism—8. How doth God execute his decrees?**

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

**9. What is the work of creation?**

A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

### Lesson Hymn

Standing by a purpose true,  
Heeding God's command,  
Honor them, the faithful few!  
All hail to Daniel's band!

*Dare to be a Daniel!*

*Dare to stand alone!*

*Dare to have a purpose firm!*

*Dare to make it known! Amen.*

—Hymn 533, Book of Praise.

Lesson VIII.

## THE ARREST OF STEPHEN

February 23, 1902

Acts 6 : 7-15. Study Acts 6 : 1-15—Memory Verses, 7, 8.

**Golden Text**—Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul.—  
Matt. 10 : 28.



Je'sus of Naz'areth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Mo'ses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The Church at Jerusalem had now grown so large that it took almost the whole time of the apostles to look after the sick people and the poor. A part of the Church began to complain, too, that their poor were neglected. So the apostles called a meeting of the believers and said, "It is not right for us to spend all our time in this way. Our real work is to preach the Gospel as Jesus commanded. So we are going to ask you to choose from among yourselves seven of your wisest and holiest men to attend to the poor and needy, so that we can give our whole time to preaching and teaching and prayer."

The believers were much pleased with this plan, and at once began to ask one another whom they should choose.

Now, among those who had come to believe through the teachings of the apostles that Jesus was the Saviour, was a man called Stephen. He was so much in earnest that he had become a great favorite among the

7 And the word of God increased ; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jeru'salem greatly ; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Ste'phen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 Then there arose certain of the synagogite, which is called *the synagogue* of the Liber'tines, and Cyre'nians, and Alexan'drians, and of them of Cilci'a and of A'sia, disputing with Ste'phen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Mo'ses, and *against* God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council,

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law :

14 For we have heard him say, that this

believers, and everybody trusted and loved him and so it happened that this man was the very first of the seven to be chosen by the Church for this new work. And he with the six others were brought to the apostles, who, when they had prayed, laid their hands upon them as a sign that God Himself had chosen them to serve Him in this way, and that God's Holy Spirit would be upon them to help them in their duties.

After this the Church grew stronger and stronger, and even some of the Jewish priests who had hated Jesus so bitterly became believers in Him.

In time this man Stephen became almost as great a preacher as the apostles, for he was full of the Spirit of God, so that he could do great wonders and miracles. But although Stephen was so brave and good, he had enemies among the Jews, who hated him and stirred up the people, so that one day he was arrested and brought before the High Council. When the Jews found they

could prove nothing against him, they paid false witnesses to come and say that Stephen was a dangerous and wicked man, who was plotting against the Temple and trying to upset the teachings of Moses.

Then the elders and scribes and all who were in the Council, fixed their cruel eyes upon Stephen, waiting to hear what he would answer to these terrible charges. But he, trusting in God, stood calm and quiet in their midst, and all who saw him noticed that his face was shining as if it had been the face of an angel.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Why was it not wise for the apostles to spend too much of their time in caring for the poor?
2. What complaint was made?
3. What plan did they take to divide the

- work?
4. To what would the apostles give all their time?
5. Who chose the new workers?
6. How many were there?
7. What kind of men were they?
8. Who was chosen first?
9. What kind of man was he?
10. How did the apostles set them apart to their work?
11. Did the Church grow after this?
12. What sort of people, amongst others, were added to it?
13. In what special way did Stephen help the Church?
14. Had he any enemies?
15. Why were they so angry with him?
16. What did they do to Stephen?
17. When they could prove nothing against him, what plan did they take?
18. What did the false witnesses say about Stephen?
19. How did Stephen look when he was brought before the Council?
20. What made him brave?
21. What is the Golden Text?

**WHY HIS FACE SHONE**

One day when God's servant Moses was leading the Israelites across the desert to Canaan, God told him to bring two flat pieces of stone and climb up to the top of Mount Sinai. He was to go up all alone; no one was to be with him, nor was any one to go near the mountain.

Moses did as the Lord had commanded him; he hewed out two pieces or tables of stone and when he had brought them up into the mountain, the Lord came down in a cloud and spoke to Moses and told him many things that the people were to do.

And God wrote the Ten Commandments

on the two tables of stone; and Moses stayed alone on the top of the mountain with God without eating or drinking for forty days.

Then God told him to go down and read what had been written to all the people.

Now, because he had been living with God, the skin of Moses' face shone, but Moses did not know it. When Aaron, his brother, and all the people saw that his face shone, they were afraid and would not come near to speak to him. So Moses put a veil over his face while he talked to the people, but when he went into the tent to speak with God he took it off again.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**I should fear nothing but sin**



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

**Shorter Catechism—10. How did God create man?**

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

**Lesson Hymn**

Should the world of sin oppose,  
We will follow Jesus;  
He is greater than our foes;  
We will follow Jesus:

On His promise we depend,  
He will succor and defend,  
Help and keep us to the end;  
We will follow Jesus. Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise

## THE STONING OF STEPHEN

March 2, 1902

Acts 7 : 54 to 8 : 2.—Memory Verses, 59, 60

**Golden Text**—Pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.—Matt. 5:44.

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Je'sus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Ste'phen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Je'sus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Ch. 8 : 1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jeru'salem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Jude'a and Sama'ria, except the apostles.

2 And devout men carried Ste'phen to *his burial*, and made great lamentation over him.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When the High Priest saw that Stephen was making no answer to the charges brought against him by his enemies, he said to him "Are these things that they say against you true? What have you to say for yourself?"

"Men, brethren and fathers, listen to me," answered Stephen. "God has blessed the Jewish nation more than any other on the face of the earth." Then he told them how God had spoken to Abraham and showed him how to worship Him in the right way, and how, when they were slaves in Egypt, He sent Moses to bring them out; and how Moses had told them that a greater Teacher than he was would come; and how Solomon built a temple for Him at Jerusalem. And God, he said, "Showed his love for us most of all in that He has sent His Son to die for us. Why has He done this? It is not because we are better than others, but only that we may spread this good news to the whole world. Instead of

carrying out God's plan, what have you teachers and rulers done? You have murdered the pure and holy Son of God!"

When the scribes and elders heard this, they were wild with rage, and began to gnash their teeth against Stephen like angry beasts. But he did not see them, for his eyes were turned upwards towards the sky, where he beheld a strange and beautiful sight. "Look," he cried, "I see heaven opened and Jesus in all His glory standing on the right hand of God."

Then they could stand it no longer, and jumping off their seats, they put their hands over their ears, that they might not hear what Stephen was saying. Then with a great shout they rushed upon him, and, catching him by the clothes, they dragged him out of the city to the place where people were put to death. Then they took off their coats and gave them in charge of a young man called Saul, who was standing by and looking much pleased with what was going on.

When Stephen saw that they were preparing to stone him to death, and that there was no escape, he bowed his head with these words, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." As the stones began to fly thicker and faster about him, he fell on his knees and cried with a loud voice, saying, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. Forgive the wickedness of these men." With these words his eyes closed, and as the Bible says, "he fell asleep."

When Stephen's friends heard that the brave martyr was dead they were very sad, and came and carried his body to the grave with great mourning and weeping.

Now the Jews were not content when they had put Stephen to death, but turned in their fury against the whole Church. And they forced the believers, all except the apostles, who would not go away, to give up their homes and leave Jerusalem at once.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Before whom had Stephen's enemies

- dragged him?
2. Of what did they accuse him?
3. Did he make any answer?
4. How did his face look?
5. What did the High Priest say to him?
6. What did he say to them about God's blessings upon the Jewish nation?
7. What were some of the blessings?
8. What was God's greatest gift to them?
9. What did Stephen say that made the priests and scribes and elders angry?
10. How did they show their rage?
11. What did Stephen see that they could not see?
12. What did they do when he told them about his vision?
13. Where did they take Stephen to put him to death?
14. With whom did they leave their coats?
15. What did Stephen say when he saw they were going to kill him?
16. What were his last words?
17. What is meant here by his "falling asleep"?
18. How did they feel about his death?
19. Who carried his body to the grave?
20. How did the Jews behave towards the other believers?
21. For what reason were they made to suffer?
22. What is the Golden Text?

**HANGING THE JEWS**

"Well, well! what's all this?" exclaimed Mrs. Carter, as, on coming into the sitting-room, she saw half-a-dozen of Nellie's paper dolls dangling from the door knobs by various lengths of string tied around their necks.

"Why, mamma, those are the Jews," said Charlie; "and I have been hanging them because they killed my Jesus."

This is a true story, and it may be that some other children are making the same

mistake that Charlie did. We ought not to have any bad feelings towards the Jews, for when Jesus was on the cross He prayed, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." They did not understand how very wicked it was for them to treat Jesus as they did. And perhaps when you disobey your mother, or say what is not true, you may be really just as bad as the Jews who crucified Jesus; for He said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments."

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

***I Should be Forgiving***

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

**Shorter Catechism—11.** What are God's works of providence?

A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

**Lesson Hymn**

More like Jesus I would be,  
Let my Saviour dwell with me,  
Fill my soul with peace and love,  
Make me gentle as the dove.

Amen.

—Hymn 524, Book of Praise

## THE DISCIPLES SCATTERED

March 9, 1902

Acts 8 : 3-13. Study Acts 8 : 3-17.—Memory Verses, 3-5

**Golden Text**—Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.—Acts 8 : 4.



3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and halting men and women committed *them* to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.

5 Then Phil'ip went down to the city of Sama'ria, and preached Christ unto them.

6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Phil'ip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

7 For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, called Si'mon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Sama'ria, giving out that himself was some great one:

10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

11 And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.

12 But when they believed Phil'ip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Je'sus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

13 Then Si'mon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Phil'ip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Among those who tried to punish the believers was the young man Saul. After the death of Stephen he made it his business to hunt the Christians like wild beasts out of Jerusalem. It was now no longer safe for them to meet together for prayer or worship, for Saul was so bitter against them that he followed them from house to house, where, if he found any who believed on Jesus, whether they were men or women, he at once caught them and dragged them away to prison.

But all this trouble did not stop the preaching of Jesus, as the Jews had expected, for although the believers had to leave Jerusalem and were scattered all over the country, they went everywhere preaching the good news to the strangers whom they met. Now the name of one of the believers who did missionary work of this kind was

Philip, who went and preached to the people of Samaria.

These people were glad to listen to Philip's preaching and to see the miracles and signs which he did. For there were many among them who had wicked spirits, which Philip, by the power of the Holy Ghost, commanded to come out of them, and they obeyed; also many who were paralyzed and those who were lame were cured, so that there was great rejoicing in that city.

There was at this time a man staying at Samaria whose name was Simon Magus. This man was noted throughout the whole country for the clever tricks of magic with which he astonished the people, making them believe he was some great person. In this way he made a great deal of money, and everybody who went to see him came away wondering how he was able to do so

many wonderful things. Some even went so far as to say, "Who knows but that this man may have received this strange power from God?"

But as soon as the Samaritans heard the preaching of Philip, they at once saw the difference between his teachings and wonders, and those of Simon Magus, who had so badly cheated the people, and many of them, both men and women, became believers in Jesus Christ and were baptized. Among those who said that they believed that Jesus was the Lord, was the man Simon himself, who, when he was baptized, left his wonder-working and followed Philip wherever he went, watching with the greatest astonishment the miracles and signs which Philip did.

Now, when the news reached the apostles at Jerusalem that the people of Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to visit them, and follow up the good work that Philip had begun. The first thing the two apostles did when they were come down into Samaria, was to pray with the new believers for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Then they laid their hands upon them and they were filled with the Holy Ghost as the apostles themselves were.

Simon, who had pretended to be a believer, when he saw what wonderful power the other believers had received through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, offered them money, that he, too, might

receive power to bestow the Holy Ghost by the laying on of his hands. But Peter said, "No, no; the gift of the Holy Ghost cannot be bought with money. Your heart is not right with God. Repent of your wickedness and pray to God, for it may be He will forgive you."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Saul show his hatred to the believers?
2. Did the trials that now came upon the church put an end to the preaching of Jesus?
3. Why not?
4. What was the name of one man who carried the gospel to those outside the city of Jerusalem?
5. Where did Philip preach?
6. How did the people of Samaria receive his message?
7. How did they show that they were willing to follow Jesus?
8. What did Philip do for the sick and those who had evil spirits?
9. What was the name of the man who had been surprising the Samaritans with his clever tricks?
10. What did some of the people say about him?
11. Was there any difference between Simon's wonders and those of Philip?
12. Why did this man follow Philip?
13. What did the apostles do when they heard that the Samaritans had believed the gospel?
14. What gift did Peter and John pray that the Lord would send upon the new believers?
15. Was their prayer answered?
16. What did Simon ask for?
17. What did Peter say?
18. What is the Golden Text?

HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

I should tell about my Saviour

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

**Shorter Catechism—12.** What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created?

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

### 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 the Lord's command;  
*Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Amen.*

—Hymn 562, Book of Praise

Acts 8: 29-39. Study Acts 8: 26-40.—Memory Verses, 34, 35

**Golden Text**—With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.—Rom. 10: 10.



came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

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

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

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

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

While Peter and John were busy in Samaria the Lord sent His angel with a message to Philip saying, "Leave this place and go towards the south along the road which runs from Jerusalem to Gaza by way of the desert," and he obeyed.

Now Philip did not know on what errand the Lord was sending him, but as he went he came upon a stranger who was travelling in the same direction. He could see at once that this man was a person of importance, for he was riding in a royal carriage followed by servants and guards.

Now the stranger was none other than the Chief Treasurer of Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians, on the upper Nile, in Africa, and had travelled all the way from that country to Jerusalem to worship at the Temple, for by religion he was a Jew. He was now

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

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

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

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

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

36 And as they went on *their* way, they

on his way home, and as Philip came nearer he could see that he had a book open upon his knees, from which he was reading aloud. Then the Spirit of the Lord said to Philip, "Go up and keep close to the carriage." So Philip ran up and soon he could hear that the man was reading from the Bible in the book of the prophet of Isaiah. "Do you understand what you are reading?" asked Philip, kindly. "How can I unless I have someone to explain it to me?" answered the stranger. Then ordering his driver to stop, he at once invited Philip to step up into the carriage and sit beside him. Now the words that he had been puzzled about were these: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth." And the Treasurer said to Philip,

“Will you tell me whom the prophet is speaking about? Is he writing of himself or of some other man?”

Then Philip knew that God had sent him to teach this stranger, and using the words before him as a text, he explained to the man, who was greatly interested, all the good news about Jesus. By and by, as they were driving together and talking, they came to a place where there was some water, “See, here is water!” said the Treasurer to Philip, “Is there anything to prevent my being baptized at once?”

“If thou believest with all thine heart,” said Philip, “thou mayest.” So when he had stopped the carriage, both Philip and the Treasurer went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

Now, as they were coming up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord hurried Philip away and the Treasurer saw no more of him. Then, stepping back into his carriage, he drove on with great joy and gladness in his heart, to tell what he had heard to the people of his own country.

“HE DIED FOR ME”

A minister visited the Soldiers' Cemetery at Nashville, Tennessee, where he observed a man planting a flower over a grave. He approached him and asked if his son was buried there. “No,” was the response, and the man put down a small board that was in his hand, and proceeded to tell how he was drafted into the war as a soldier. He had a large family of little children and no one

else to earn their bread. He was too poor to pay a substitute to go in his place, but a young man, who was a neighbor, came to him and said, “You cannot be spared from all these little children. I will go.” He went and was killed in battle and here was his grave. When his story was finished the man put the little board up at the foot of the grave. On it were the words, “HE DIED FOR ME.”

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

I should believe in Christ

**Primary Catechism—79.** How do we worship God when we go to His house? We worship God by praise, prayer, the reading and preaching of God's Word, and by our offerings.

**Shorter Catechism—13.** Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who sent Philip on a journey along the road from Jerusalem to Gaza?
2. Did he know why he was sent?
3. Whom did he overtake on the way?
4. Where had the stranger been?
5. What was he doing at Jerusalem?
6. Where was he now going?
7. How was he travelling?
8. What was he doing as he rode along?
9. What did the Spirit tell Philip to do?
10. What did he hear the man reading?
11. What question did Philip ask him?
12. What did he answer?
13. What invitation did the stranger give Philip?
14. What had puzzled him in reading the words of Isaiah?
15. About whom did Philip prove that the prophet was writing?
16. Was the man willing to hear the story of Jesus?
17. How did he show that he believed it?
18. What did Philip ask him before he baptized him?
19. What happened as they were coming out of the water?
20. How did the stranger feel as he went on to his home?
21. What is the Golden Text?
22. What is to be done with “the heart”? With “the mouth”?

Lesson Hymn

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus  
Trusting only Thee!  
Trusting Thee for full salvation,  
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,  
Never let me fall;  
I am trusting Thee forever,  
And for all.

Amen.

—Hymn 154, Book of Praise

Eph. 5 : 11-21.—Memory Verses, 15-18

**Golden Text**—Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess.—Eph. 5 : 18.

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein *is* excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Je'sus Christ;

#### THE LESSON RETOLD

Through the teachings of the apostles and others, there soon sprang up many new churches in different parts of the world. One of these was in the old heathen city of Ephesus, where many of the people had willingly given up their heathen worship when they heard of Jesus.

It was a very splendid city, and many of the people were rich. But it was a wicked place, and the people had many temptations to do wrong. It was hard to be a Christian there.

Now it was **not** possible always for the busy apostles to stay long enough in any one place to teach the new converts all that they needed to know about the religion of Jesus, so when they went away to other places, they sometimes wrote letters to the new believers, telling them how they must behave now that they had been baptized in the name of Christ.

One of these letters was called the "Letter, or Epistle, to the Ephesians." It is now to be found among the books of the New Testament. In one page of this letter the

Christians were particularly warned against certain things. One of these was that they should be very, very careful about what kind of people they chose for friends. "It is not enough," said the apostle, "that you keep away from bad company yourselves, but, now that you are Christians, you must reprove those whom you see doing wrong and teach them to do better."

The other great warning was against the sin of drunkenness. "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess," was the message, "but be filled with the Spirit." Now this did not mean that the believers were to give up all their good times, but only that they were to be happy in right ways—to enjoy themselves in such ways as would bring honor to their new Master. Wine drinking was one of the bad things that they must give up, for it was sure to lead them into danger.

"Do not act stupidly about these things," said the letter, "but use your minds to find out what it is the Lord wishes you to do. Also, do not be too fond of having your own

way, but be obedient to those who have the rule over you and be willing to give way sometimes to the opinions of others. Do not spend too much time in pleasure, but be industrious and do all your work as well as ever you possibly can. At the same time, do not forget to be thankful for all that God has done for you, but give thanks to Him always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, making music in your hearts to the Lord. These are the things that will make you truly happy."

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. How did the apostles teach the new be-

lievers when they were away from them? 2. What is the name of one of these letters? 3. Where is it to be found? 4. In what city did the Ephesians live? 5. What kind of city was it? 6. Why was it hard to be a Christian there? 7. What two things did the apostle specially warn the people of Ephesus against? 8. What did he say about bad company? 9. With what were the believers to be filled? 10. Did this mean that the followers of Jesus were to be unhappy? 11. How were they to do their work? 12. How were they to behave towards those who had the rule over them? 13. For what things were they to give thanks? 14. What is the Golden Text?

**A LITTLE HERO**

A drummer boy was one day asked by his captain to drink a glass of rum. The boy declined saying, "I am a temperance boy, and do not touch strong drink."

"But you must take some now," said the captain. "You have been on duty all day, beating the drum and marching: I insist upon it." But the boy stood firm.

"Our little drummer is afraid to drink; he will never make a soldier," said the captain, turning to the major.

"Then," said the major in a stern voice,

to see if the boy were really in earnest, "I command you to take a drink, and you know it is death to disobey orders."

"Sir, my father died a drunkard, and when I entered the army I promised my mother that I would not taste a drop of rum, and I mean to keep my promise. I would suffer anything rather than disgrace my mother and break my pledge."

The officers could not help admiring the courage of the boy, and ever after treated him with great kindness and honor.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

I should not taste strong drink



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

**Shorter Catechism—14.** What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created?

A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

**Lesson Hymn**

Many mighty men are lost,  
Daring not to stand,  
Who for God had been a host  
By joining Daniel's band.

Many giants, great and tall,  
Stalking through the land,  
Headlong to the earth would fall,  
If met by Daniel's band.

Amen.

—Hymn 523, Book of Praise.

Lesson XIII.

## REVIEW

March 30, 1902

**Golden Text**—Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.—Acts 2 : 36.

**Primary Catechism**—Review Questions 65-80.

**Shorter Catechism**—Review Questions 1-15.

## Lesson Hymn

Who is He that on yon throne  
Rules the world of light alone?

*'Tis the Lord : O wondrous story !*

*'Tis the Lord : the King of glory !*

*At His feet we humbly fall :*

*Crown Him, crown Him, Lord of all. Amen.*

—Hymn 538, Book of Praise



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

## To trust in Christ's power



	Lesson Title	Golden Text
LESSON I.	The Promise of Power.	Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.—Acts 1 : 8.
LESSON II.	The Promise of Power Fulfilled.	The promise is unto you and to your children.—Acts 2 : 39.
LESSON III.	The Early Christian Church.	The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.—Acts 2 : 47.
LESSON IV.	The Lame Man Healed.	The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation.—Ex. 15 : 2.
LESSON V.	The First Persecution.	There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4 : 12.
LESSON VI.	The Sin of Lying.	Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour.—Eph. 4 : 25.
LESSON VII.	The Second Persecution.	Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. 5 : 10.
LESSON VIII.	The Arrest of Stephen.	Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul.—Matt. 10 : 28.
LESSON IX.	The Stoning of Stephen.	Pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you. Matt. 5 : 44.
LESSON X.	The Disciples Scattered.	Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word.—Acts 8 : 4.
LESSON XI.	The Ethiopian Converted.	With the heart man believeth unto righteousness ; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.—Rom. 10 : 10.
LESSON XII.	Temperance Lesson.	Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess.—Eph. 5 : 18.

## EASTER LESSON

John 20 : 6-18. Study John 20 : 1-18.—Memory Verses, 13, 14

**Golden Text**—Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life.—John 11 : 25

Then take with rejoicing from Jesus above  
The life everlasting He gives ;  
And know with assurance thou never cans't die,  
Since Jesus thy righteousness lives. Amen.

—Hymn 148, Book of Praise

**FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS**

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

<p>LESSON I. The Promise of Power.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Second Persecution.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Promise of Power Fulfilled.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. The Arrest of Stephen.</p>
<p>LESSON III. The Early Christian Church.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. The Stoning of Stephen.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. The Lame Man Healed.</p>	<p>LESSON X. The Disciples Scattered.</p>
<p>LESSON V. The First Persecution.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. The Ethiopian Converted.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. The Sin of Lying.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Temperance 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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