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Baby's Song

The very song the blackbird sung
When Love and all the world were young
My year-old baby sings.
Sweeter than anything with wings.

A little song, with catch and trill
Made of few notes and little skill,
A song of dancing feet
Of babes and birds and all things sweet.

The baby dances as he sings
Sweeter than anything with wings,
And sways his golden head—
To the first song the blackbird made.

—Katharine Tynan

The Best Christians and the Most Christians

Professor Henry Drummond said a great many very wise and beautiful things, but scarcely anything more wise and beautiful than this—"The best Christians, and the most Christians are made by mothers."

The "best" Christians; for the mothers have the best opportunity. They have to do with the children at their tenderest, and therefore most impressible, age. Every one knows, that, if you wish a tree to grow straight, you must plant it straight, and keep it straight while it is still but a slender stem. The mother has the planting of the babe's feet in right ways, and the guiding of its steps when it is only just beginning to learn what is right and what is wrong, and how to do what is right—to avoid what is wrong. Therefore,

the "best" Christians are likely to be made by the mothers.

And "the most" Christians. For mothers have the first opportunity. Years before they pass into the hands of teachers and minister, the mother has her chance. Besides, if children do not learn to know and love Christ—and that is just what is meant by being a Christian—when they are very young, it is more difficult for them to learn afterwards. The weeds and thorns are already started, and they are hard to root out. Mothers have a long start in the glorious task of "making Christians."

A Letter to the Little People

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE,—It is now the time of year when the harvest has been gathered in. The farmers have been reaping their grain and storing the vegetables from the field. The fruit has been picked, and we are lifting thankful hearts to God for all His goodness in giving us such a bountiful harvest of good things.

Let us remember that God expects another harvest also—not of grain and vegetables and fruit, but of HEARTS and LIVES.

The seed has been sown in our hearts as we have been listening to the wonderful words of Jesus, and He will be looking for a great HARVEST. He is waiting and longing to gather you all into His kingdom.

We have been watching the Mighty Worker ever since He came to earth a Babe, and we have seen His love and His power over all things.

Our stories this Quarter will show us more of His love and His power.

We shall see Him walking on the sea. We shall hear His words about clean hearts. We shall see that His great love goes out also to the stranger and foreigner. We shall see Him helping the deaf and hungry and blind ; and we shall hear Him asking what we think of Him.

We shall see Him in His glorious brightness on the mountain top, when God's voice said, "This is My beloved Son, hear ye Him." We shall watch Him curing a poor lunatic boy. We shall hear how He loves and values little children. We shall listen to His loving words about forgiveness ; and we shall hear about those who are for, and those who are against, this Wonderful One, this Mighty Worker.

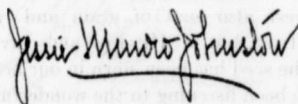
Our Golden Text tells us that if we obey Jesus, we shall know that all His words are from God.

Let us seek to learn all we can about Him. The more we know of Him, the more we shall love Him.

When some great man goes through our country or visits our cities and towns, flags are flying, we all do him honor.

Don't you think it would be nice to take a flag with a cross on it for our symbol this Quarter ? You may all learn to draw this flag, and you may cut it out of red paper and paste it on white paper, letting the white show behind the cross. This flag will help us to remember that Jesus, the mighty Worker, was the greatest One, the greatest Leader, the greatest Hero, that ever came to earth, and we should all do Him honor and serve and obey Him.

Your friend,



Training in Unselfishness

By Mrs. W. J. Jamieson

Our power as individuals depends upon our recognition of the rights of others. Under such conditions, selfishness does not flourish.

Our aim, then, should be to prepare, in the heart of the little child, a soil suited to the growth of unselfishness. Recognize the "inherited right" of the child that he be taught to obey, and you have a soil that will repay cultivation.

But the very early springtime must find us busily at work. Even the little babe in arms soon knows to what extent he can impose upon an indulgent mother. Allow him to rule the home, by his slightest whim or protest, and a tiny seed of selfishness has been sown, that will soon develop.

With no greater expenditure of time or patience, by allowing the child's experience to prove that his mere caprice must give way to the claims of other people or things in the household, may the seeds of unselfishness be sown. Later on, see that he puts away the blocks when the play is over ; that the noisy games are not permitted, when mother is resting, or some one is ill or even annoyed by his play. A word of explanation, an appeal to his love of fair play, is often sufficient to induce his *voluntary* obedience, and lo ! the seed has sprouted.

With what care must the delicate seedling now be tended ! The spirit of thankfulness and helpfulness, are splendid fertilizers. Use them at opportune moments, when your teaching can find expression in action. For doing but strengthens the impression made and the repeated doing forms the habits which determine character. Notice the child now, under the influence of gratitude and the desire to help, sharing in the home duties, finding his pleasure in deeds of helpfulness and kindness, exercising the spirit of "give and take" in his games and dealings with other children. What are these, but the first tender leaves of unselfishness on our little plant ? The dew of approbation, in the evening hour of quiet confidences, will give fresh vigor for the heat of another day. Even an occasional breeze of testing, as well as showers of encouragement, is needed.

Remember, too, that the atmosphere of example will dwarf and blight, or develop and strengthen, growth, just in proportion as it is contrary to, or in accordance with, the teachings given. Above all, bring the plants into contact with the sunshine of our Great

Example, that His powerful rays may stimulate to the healthiest growth, even unto fruit bearing. Then, indeed, may we expect to find that the child has come to love unselfishness for its own sake, and that this love, rather than the knowledge that selfishness is base and mean, has come to be the compelling force in his dealings with others.

May the great Head Gardener impart to all His under gardeners, wisdom and patience so to train the children, that they may be as "plants grown up in their youth."

Trinidad, B.W.I.

Grace Before Meat

A FORM FOR CHILDREN'S USE

Dear All-Father, by whose bounty
Bird and beast and man are fed,
Now to Thee our thanks we offer
For Thy gift of daily bread.
Be Thou near, our food to bless
While we eat in thankfulness.

Telling the Christmas Story

A HINT TO PARENTS

By Miss Violet Robinson

Once there was no Christmas Day, nor Christmas presents, such as we have them now. The reason for this was, that Christ, God's great Gift to the world, whose birthday we keep on Christmas Day, had not yet come.

For many long years God's people had been waiting for the promised Prince and Saviour, whose coming had been foretold by Isaiah, Micah, and the other prophets, but when at last He came, very few people knew anything about it; it all happened very quietly, and in this way:

There was a good woman called Mary, whose husband's name was Joseph. Though poor, they were the true descendants of the royal house of David, the "shepherd king" of Israel.

One day an angel came to Mary and told her that God would send her a holy Babe, who should be the Son of God, whom she was to call Jesus, meaning Saviour, for He should save His people from their sins.

Soon after this, Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem, the city of David, to pay their tax-money. The town was so crowded with visitors that there was no room for them in the inn, so Mary and Joseph had to sleep in the stable. It was here that the Babe, Jesus, was born; and when His mother had wrapped Him in His baby clothes, she laid Him to sleep in a manger among the hay.

The first people to hear that Christ had come, were some shepherds. They were out in the fields near Bethlehem at night, watching their sheep to see that no wild beast came near.

Suddenly, in the midst of the darkness, they saw a light from heaven, which was so dazzling that at first they were greatly frightened. But an angel spoke to them, saying, "*Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*" And, looking up, the shepherds saw hundreds and hundreds of angels, and the sky was filled with their music as they sang together, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*"

When the angels had gone back into heaven, the shepherds rose up, and went to Bethlehem, and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger, exactly as they had been told. Then, when they had seen the Child, the shepherds went away, and began to spread the good news, telling every one they met what they had seen and heard.

About this time, certain wise men, living far away in an eastern country, set out on a journey to find the heavenly Prince who should be called "King of the Jews," that they might come and worship Him.

In order that these strangers might find their way, God had put a wonderful star in the sky to guide them, and, as they travelled on, following the star, at last it stopped above the house in which the Babe Jesus lay.

As soon as the Wise Men entered the house they saw Mary and the Child, and at once they fell down and began to praise and worship Him as King. Then, opening their boxes, they offered Him precious gifts—gold, sweet-smelling frankincense, and myrrh,

which were costly things such as were given to kings. These were the first Christmas presents.

It is now more than nineteen hundred years since Christ's birthday, and as we keep it again by giving and receiving gifts, let us thank God for sending us, on this day, His dear Son, our Saviour, that most precious and most wonderful of all gifts.

Toronto

A Formosa Picnic

By Miss Mabel G. Clazie

A Sunday School picnic! How the eyes of the Canadian girls and boys sparkle, and how happy they are, when their Sunday School teacher announces the annual picnic. Eager questions regarding the time and place show their keen interest. What does it matter if it be held at some popular summer resort or camping ground, or simply in a grove near home? And when the day arrives, what excitement among the little folk.

We know how you all enjoy your picnic on a bright summer day, but I wonder if you know there are thousands and thousands of little boys and girls who never were at a Sunday School picnic, but worse still, were never at Sunday School, and do not know about Jesus, but all their lives have been taught to worship idols.

Your mother will tell you about the island of Formosa, and how the boys and girls and their fathers and mothers had never heard of Jesus, till people came from England and Canada to teach them. But now some of them are coming to church and Sunday School, learning the Lessons, Golden Texts, and Memory Verses, just as you do, hearing of how Jesus loves them, and learning to love Him, too.

And how their little brown eyes shone, when the teacher told them, one day late in October last, that they were to have a picnic the following Saturday. Of course you would think October too late for a picnic on the shore, but here, in Formosa, it is bright and warm much later than that. Indeed, any earlier would have been too hot.

The little people, about a hundred in all, gathered at the church at two o'clock. Some of the teachers went to the church and walked with the children to the seashore, where the picnic was to be held. As you perhaps know, when the Chinese girls are very small, their feet are bound tightly with long bandages, so they will never grow large. Even when grown to womanhood, their feet are tiny like a little child's, and they walk with great difficulty. (Of course the Christian mothers do not bind their little girls' feet.) Those with bound feet were taken in boats, and all reached the beach about the same time.

Then, what a good time they had, wading out in the big waves, and playing in the sea-sand. Some of them made little objects of different kinds with the sand, only to have them fall apart, or perhaps knocked over by a playmate. Of course, the races took quite a while, too, so that the afternoon was well filled.

But I think I hear you say, "Did they not have their supper on the beach?" A picnic at home would hardly be complete without, at least, a basket lunch; but you see the Chinese girls' and boys' supper would be a bowl of rice, and that could not be prepared at a picnic. But they had a good treat, instead, which they all enjoyed. Each was given a bag of cake and candy, which some ate at once, but most put away in their pockets to be carried home.

Then, before they started home, all were given more candies, and it was very funny to see some get their share, and walk off, but in a moment or two return, as if not already served, and hold out their hands for more. Did you ever see Canadian boys and girls do anything like that? I have, not so very long ago, either.

Soon all started for home, tired, but happy after the afternoon's play.

We hope you at home will remember these little children in Formosa, and pray that they may all learn to love Jesus, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Tamsui, Formosa

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Fourth Quarter, 1912

I. OPENING HYMN :

Gentle Saviour, God of Love,
Hear us from Thy throne above,
While we meet to praise Thee here
In our Sunday School so dear.
May the lessons taught to-day
Find us ready to obey,
Make us what we ought to be:
Lead Thy little lambs to Thee. Amen.

II. RECITE :

"He prayeth best, who loveth best
All things both great and small ;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all."

III. PRAYER.

IV. SINGING. Hymn 593, Book of Praise, vs. 2 and 3. (These are the second and third verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the Little Ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

V. OFFERING. Talk about God's gifts to us, especially about the Thanksgiving time ; and, as the weeks go on, emphasize God's greatest Gift.

VI. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.

VII. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but bits may be picked out of it, and any needed explanation given.

VIII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passages : For under six, The Good Shepherd, Psalm 23, For those under eleven, God's Call to a Child, 1 Sam. 3 : 1-10. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

IX. SINGING. Hymn 519, Book of Praise.

X. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XI. LESSON HYMN.

XII. CLOSING PRAYER :

O Father now before we part, receive our earnest prayer,
And fill with love each little heart, go with us everywhere.
Oh may we ever watchful be : and keep, oh keep us near to Thee. Amen.

Lesson I.

JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA

October 6, 1912

Mark 6 : 45-56—*Memory Verses, 49, 50.

Golden Text—Straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer ; it is I ; be not afraid.—Matthew 14 : 27.



45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsa'ida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing ; for the wind was contrary unto them : and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out :

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer : it is I ; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship ; and the wind ceased : and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

52 For they considered not *the miracle* of

the loaves : for their heart was hardened.

53 And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennes'aret, and drew to the shore.

54 And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,

55 And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.

56 And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment : and as many as touched him were made whole.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After seeing Jesus' wonderful miracle of feeding the great multitude with five loaves and two small fishes, the people wished to crown Him at once as their king, but Jesus did not wish for earthly glory, and, hurriedly sent the disciples away in their little boat across the sea. Then, all alone, Jesus went up into the mountain to pray to His Father in heaven, and there He remained until the darkness came down.

But, as evening drew on, a great tempest arose, and the little fishing boat was tossed here and there by howling winds and great waves. The weary disciples toiled hard at the oars, when suddenly, looking over the dark waters, they saw a strange light and

a bright figure walking towards them on the sea. At first they were frightened. Then, out of the darkness and above the noise of the wind and waves, they heard the beloved voice of their Master, "Be of good cheer", He said. "It is I ; be not afraid." And He came up to the ship and got into it, and immediately the winds and the waves grew quiet and still, and the disciples, full of awe and wonder, took up their oars again and soon they reached the land.

As soon as they had landed, the news spread through all the country that the great Healer had come, and, as He passed through the little towns and villages, all the poor sick people in them were carried by their families

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

or their friends out into the streets that He might touch them as He went by; and by His kind and loving touch and word, they were made well.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the people want to do after the feeding of the five thousand? 2. Where did Jesus go to escape from them? 3. Where did He send His disciples? 4. What made their trip dangerous? 5. What strange sight did they see in the middle of the night? 6. What did Jesus call to them? 7. What happened when Jesus entered the boat? 8. Who came to Jesus when they reached the other side? 9. What did He do for them? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Sammy and Janet were lost. They had come down from the city to visit Aunt Lou. She had told them not to go farther than the back pasture. They had gone, and of course had missed their way in the thick woods. So they wandered on and on till it was quite dark. Then suddenly off in the blackness they saw a wavering light, and their hearts stood still. "Something dreadful's going to happen to us", sobbed Janet. The light came on and on, and then—oh joy! They saw it was a lantern carried by Uncle Sam, who had come out to look for them. "Guess it was because we were doing something wrong that we thought your light was dreadful at first", said Janet, cuddling into her uncle's arms.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As you copy these words of Jesus spoken to His terrified disciples, think how strong and good a Friend you have in any time of danger.

"IT IS I, BE NOT AFRAID"

Lesson Hymn

God is near thee, therefore cheer thee,
Sad soul!
He'll defend thee when around thee
Billows roll,—
When around thee billows roll. Amen.
—Hymn 277, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD ALWAYS TRUST JESUS

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—30. *How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?* A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

The Question on Missions

(Fourth Quarter, AN INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL.)—1. What is an Indian Boarding School? It is a house for treaty Indian boys and girls between the ages of seven and eighteen years, where they are fed, clothed, housed and taught free of cost to their friends, in order that they may learn the white man's way of living and making a livelihood.

Mark 7 : 1-13. Study Mark 7 : 1-23—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

Golden Text—For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink ; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.—Romans 14 : 17.



1 Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

2 And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen hands, they found fault.

3 For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash *their* hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

4 And *when they come* from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands ?

6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esai'as prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with *their* lips, but their heart is far from me.

7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men.

8 For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups : and many other such like things ye do.

9 And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

10 For Mo'ses said, Honour thy father and thy mother ; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death :

11 But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, *It is Còr'ban*, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me ; *he shall be free*.

12 And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother ;

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered : and many such like things do ye.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The scribes and Pharisees pretended to be very holy ; but, although they obeyed some of the Commandments and were careful not to work on the Sabbath, and made long prayers in the synagogues and even on the corners of the streets, it was all a pretence, for they were very sinful men.

Cleanliness was one thing to which the scribes and Pharisees paid a great deal of attention. They washed their hands every time they entered a house, before eating, and often besides, and they were also very careful about the washing of their dishes and pots and tables. And they considered that people who did not pay strict attention to these things were committing sin. So

they came to Jesus one day, and complained that His disciples were eating food without having washed their hands. "If they are really what they pretend to be", said they, "they should know that the laws of the Jews teach this to be very sinful."

Jesus answered the Pharisees very sadly. "The prophet Isaiah spoke truly, when he said, 'God's people honor Him with their lips, while their hearts are far from Him.' " Their worship was not true worship, when they taught and obeyed the commandments of men instead of the commandments of God. And they had, and had forgotten God's important commandments, for their own

useless and unnecessary laws about the washing of dishes and pots.

They also made wicked laws of their own in more important matters. The law of God which He had given them through Moses said, "Honor thy father and thy mother." Also, "Whoever reviles his father or mother is worthy of death." But they, the scribes and Pharisees, said that, if any man wished, he could dedicate such part of his property as he did not need for his own use to God, and that then he would not be obliged to care for his father or mother. This, said Jesus, was not according to the law of God, who meant His people to be just and kind to their parents and their own families first before offering gifts to Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the scribes and Pharisees pretend to be? 2. What were they really? 3. To what did they pay very strict attention? 4. Of what did they come and complain to Jesus? 5. How did Jesus answer them? 6. What were the Pharisees following instead of God's laws? 9. What unimportant laws did they themselves make? 10. What important laws of God did they break? 11. What was wrong about this? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I'm glad I'm not blind", said Jack. "I'm pleased to hear it", said Uncle Will, "for most people are a little blind." "Most people! Why, Uncle—" "There are different kinds of blindness, of course. One boy can't see why he must obey his father and mother, another can't see that it is wrong to lie and steal, and another can't see all the sinful things in his own heart." "I never thought of that before", said Jack. "If you mean that kind, then I'm afraid we're all a little blind." "Just as I said at first", said Uncle Will, "and it is only when the love of Christ comes into our hearts that we can see quite clearly."

Lesson Hymn

He will teach me how to live,
All my sinful thoughts forgive;

Pure in heart I still would be—
Let my Saviour dwell in me. Amen.

—Hymn 524, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

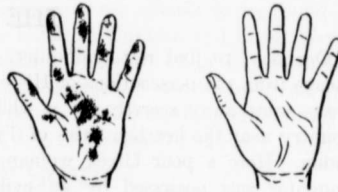
SHORTER CATECHISM—31. What is effectual calling? A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the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

The Question on Missions

2. Who builds and maintains these schools? They are built either by the Dominion Government or by some Canadian church. They are maintained by grants of so much per scholar from the Ottawa Indian Department, supplemented by the church controlling the schools.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy the pair of hands. One hand is dirty, the other clean. It is well to have the hands



clean; but better still, the heart. Only Jesus can give us clean hearts.

I Have Learned Today That

I SHOULD PRAY WITH MY HEART

Mark 7 : 24-30 ; Matthew 8 : 5-13—Memory Verses, 27, 28.

Golden Text—Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.—John 6 : 37.



24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it : but he could not be hid.

25 For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet :

26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenic'ian by nation ; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 But Je'sus said unto her, Let the children first be filled : for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord : yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way ; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

Matt. 8 : 5 And when Je'sus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Je'sus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof : but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me : and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth ; and to another, Come, and he cometh ; and to my

servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Je'sus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Is'rael.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with A'braham, and Isaac, and Ja'cob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness : there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Je'sus said unto the centurion, Go thy way ; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, to find rest and quiet, and to escape from the persecutions of His enemies, Jesus went away secretly for a while to a country near the heathen cities of Tyre and Sidon. Here a poor Greek woman, whose daughter was possessed by an evil spirit, came to the house where He was staying and begged Him to cure her child.

Jesus wished to find out how much faith the woman really had in Him, so He told her that He had come to bless first of all the Jews—God's children—and she was a Gentile, one of the despised outsiders whom the Jews in scorn called "dogs." Did she think that He should take what belonged to the children—their bread—and give it to her ? "True, Lord", she said, "give the best food—the best blessing—to the Jews, but even as the dogs beneath the table are given the crumbs which fall from it, so give me a crumb of com-

fort by healing my daughter." And Jesus, wondering at her great faith, gently said to her, "Go to your home, and you will find that your child is cured." And the woman hurried away, and found it even as He had said.

Soon after, as Jesus entered into Capernaum, a certain captain of Herod's army came and besought Him to cure a loved servant, who, he feared, was about to die. "I will go with you now and heal him", said Jesus. "But Lord", said the captain, "I am not worthy that you should come into my house. Speak the word only, and I know that my servant will be healed. For I have soldiers under me, and I say to one, 'Go', and he goes where I tell him, and to another, 'Come', and he comes, so I know that the disease which my servant has will

obey Thee and go out of him, if Thou wilt command it to go."

Jesus was astonished at these words and said to those who were with Him, "I have not found one among My own people Israel who had as much faith in Me as this Roman soldier."

He wondered very greatly that this heathen man should know and believe in Him, while His own fellow-countrymen, the Jews, were so slow to believe.

Then Jesus turned to the centurion, and said, "As you have believed in Me, I shall do for you what you have asked." And the captain, going home to his house, found his servant was cured of his sickness.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus go to escape from His enemies? 2. What other reason had He for going away? 3. What woman heard of Jesus? 4. What did she come and ask Jesus to do? 5. What did Jesus say to her first? 6. Why did He do this? 7. What did the woman answer? 8. For what did Jesus praise her? 9. What did He say she would find when she went home? 10. Did this prove to be true? 11. Who met Jesus, as He entered into the city of Capernaum? 12. What position did the man hold? 13. What request did he make of Jesus? 14. Why did he object when Jesus offered to go to his house? 15. What only did he want Jesus to do? 16. What did Jesus say when He heard this? 17. What did the captain find on reaching home? 18. What is the Golden Text?

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As you *copy* these sweet promises of Jesus, think of how loving Jesus is, and how safe and happy we are when we are by His side. There is nothing better on earth.

*Him that cometh unto Me, I will
in no wise cast out.*

Lesson Hymn

Come to the Saviour, make no delay ;
Here in His word He's shown us the way ;
Here in our midst He's standing to-day,
Tenderly saying, "Come !" Amen.
—Hymn 560, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD GIVE THE GOSPEL
TO ALL PEOPLE

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

3. Where are these schools to be found? They are found in Ontario, and in all Western Canada. There are 73 in all, of which our church maintains 8 and owns 7, one in Ontario, two in Manitoba, three in Saskatchewan and two in British Columbia.

Mark 7 : 31 to 8 : 10—Memory Verses, 34, 35.

Golden Text—He hath done all things well : he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.—Mark 7 : 37.



gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them ; and they did set them before the people.
 7 And they had a few small fishes : and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them.
 8 So they did eat, and were filled : and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets.
 9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand : and he sent them away.
 10 And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanu'tha.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus returned again to the country round about the Sea of Galilee, as usual there came thronging about Him crowds of people bringing their sick friends to Him to be cured. Among these a poor man who was deaf and could hardly speak was brought by his friends, who begged Jesus to lay His hands on him and make him well.

Jesus drew the man aside from the crowd, and putting His fingers into his deaf ears and touching his stammering tongue, He looked up to heaven and said, "Be opened." And immediately the man was made well, so that he could both hear and speak. And Jesus charged him not to tell anyone what had been done for him ; but the man disobeyed Jesus and went about telling the news to everyone he met.

As the news spread, more people still gathered, till there was a very great multitude with Jesus and His disciples, and although the Master was very weary, His

31 And again, departing from the coasts of Tyre and Si'don, he came unto the sea of Gal'ilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decap'olis.

32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech ; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.

33 And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue ;

34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Eph'phatha, that is, Be opened.

35 And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.

36 And he charged them that they should tell no man : but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it ;

37 And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well : he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Ch. 8 : 1 In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them,

2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat :

3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way : for divers of them came from far.

4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness ?

5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye ? And they said, Seven.

6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground : and he took the seven loaves, and

pitiful heart could not turn them away, so all day long, and the next, and the next, He healed and taught them. At last Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, "This multitude has been with us for three days. If I send them away to their homes without food, they will faint by the way, for some of them have come a very long distance."

"But Master", said the disciples, "where could we get enough bread in this wilderness to feed such a multitude?" "How many loaves have you?" asked Jesus. "Only seven", they answered, "and a few little fish." "Bring them to Me", said Jesus, and He commanded the people to sit down on the grass ; and they sat down—a great multitude of four thousand people.

Then Jesus took the bread and the fish, and when He had asked God's blessing on the food, He handed it to His disciples, and they passed it round to the people. And everyone had more than enough, for when they were

all done, the disciples gathered up seven baskets full of fragments. Then Jesus, now that the hunger of the people had been satisfied, sent them away, and He and the disciples got into a little boat and crossed the sea.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To where did Jesus now return? 2. Who thronged about Him? 3. What poor man was brought to be cured? 4. What did Jesus do to him? 5. What happened then? 6. What did Jesus ask the man not to do? 7. Did he obey? 8. How many days did the people remain with Jesus? 9. What did Jesus do for them? 10. What did Jesus at last say to His disciples? 11. What did the disciples answer? 12. How much food had they? 13. What did Jesus command them to do? 14. What did Jesus do before He distributed the food? 15. How many baskets of fragments were left? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Farmer Jones found a very small potato in one of his pockets when he came in from his work. "Here", he said laughingly to Johnny, the twelve year old boy who 'did the chores', "plant that and you shall have all you can raise from it till you are of age."

So Johnny, who was a bright boy, cut the potato into as many pieces as there were eyes in it and planted them. In the fall there were several hills of fine potatoes, which he laid away and planted in the following spring. Next year he had a still larger crop to plant and by the fourth year his harvest amounted to nearly a hundred bushels. Then Farmer Jones asked to be released from his bargain, for Johnny's planting would soon have covered all his land. "I'll never again", he said, "despise small things."

Lesson Hymn

Rest of the weary,
Joy of the sad,
Hope of the dreary,
Light of the glad,

Home of the stranger,
Strength to the end,
Refuge from danger,
Saviour and Friend. Amen.

—Hymn 95, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 30-32.

The Question on Missions

4. Why does the Canadian Government help these schools? The Government helps, because, when the roving Indians agreed to give up their lands to Queen Victoria and her successors and settle upon reserves, they were promised free schools forever for their children.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

What wonderful things Jesus could do for people by His words and by the touch of His



hands. As you *color* the picture, think of how, all over the world still, Jesus is helping and blessing those who come to Him.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE TENDER TO
THOSE WHO SUFFER

Lesson V.

THE SIGN AND THE LEAVEN

November 3, 1912

Mark 8 : 11-26—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

Golden Text—Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world : he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.—John 8 : 12.



11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.

12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign ? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

13 And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.

14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread.

17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread ? perceive ye not yet, neither understand ? have ye your heart yet hardened ?

18 Having eyes, see ye not ? and having ears, hear ye not ? and do ye not remember ?

19 When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up ? They say unto him,

Twelve.

20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up ? And they said, Seven.

21 And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand ?

22 And he cometh to Bethsaida ; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.

23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town ; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.

25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up : and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had fed the multitude with the seven loaves and the few small fish, the Sadducees came to Him, wanting Him to work a miracle for their special benefit,—a sign from heaven, they said. Jesus' heart was very sore when He heard this. He did not work miracles to bring glory to Himself nor to satisfy idle curiosity, so He told the Pharisees and Sadducees that no such sign would be given them.

Then He left them and entered a boat with His disciples to cross over to the other side of the sea. As they sailed along, Jesus thought sadly of the want of faith in Himself and in pure and good things in these

proud Pharisees, and of how their teachings led His people astray. And as He thought, He said aloud, "Beware of the leaven (or yeast) of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Now it happened that in the hurry of leaving, the disciples had forgotten to bring a store of bread and they had only one loaf with them on the ship ; and they whispered among themselves that Jesus was warning them against the bread of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Then Jesus said, "Are your hearts, too, so hard that you do not understand what I am trying to teach you ? Have you no eyes to see, or ears to hear, or do you not remem-

ber all you have seen Me do? Have you forgotten when I broke the five loaves among the five thousand and the seven among the four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments you took up? How could you think you would ever want after that, whether we had bread with us or not? Do you not see, that, when I spoke of loaves, I was thinking not of loaves but of teachings? Beware of the teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees and of Herod, for they fill your mind only with what is evil."

When they reached the little town of Bethsaida, the friends of a poor blind man brought him to Jesus, begging Him to cure him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out into the fields. There He wet His finger and touched the sightless eyes of the poor man. "Do you see anything now?" He asked. "Yes, I seem to see men walking, faint and blurred like trees." Then Jesus touched him again, and the scales fell altogether from his eyes and he could see quite clearly. And the man, rejoicing, went back to his home, for Jesus warned him not to go into the town to spread the news, lest He be kept back in His journeyings.

Questions on the Lesson

1. After the miracle of feeding the multitude, who came to Jesus? 2. What did they ask Him to do? 3. What did Jesus answer? 4. Where did Jesus and His disciples afterwards go? 5. What did Jesus think of on the way? 6. What did He say aloud? 7. What did the disciples think He meant? 8. Why? 9. Why did Jesus feel sad? 10. What did Jesus remind them of? 11. What had He meant when speaking of the leaven of the Pharisees? 12. What little town did they reach? 13. Who came to Jesus there? 14. What did He do to him first? 15. What then happened? 16. What did Jesus do again? 17. What was the result? 18. What did the man then do? 19. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Light of life, that knows no fading,
From all changing ever free,
Holy Light, that knows no shading,
Shine, shine on me. Amen.

—Hymn 576, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

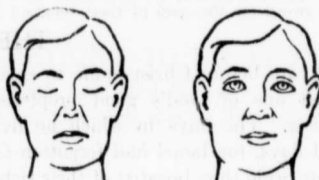
SHORTER CATECHISM—33. What is justification? A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

The Question on Missions

5. Why does the Presbyterian Church in Canada support these schools? Our church supports her schools at Kenora, Portage la Prairie, Birtle, Crowstand, Round Lake, File Hills, Alberni, and Ahoushat, because she believes it the best means to rear pagan Indian children as loyal Canadian Christians.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

"Blind eyes?" or "seeing eyes?" Which would you prefer to have? No one, surely, would wish to be blind. And yet, this is



just what every one prefers to be, who will not let Jesus open his eyes to see Him as the blessed Saviour. Copy the faces.

I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS CAN GIVE WONDERFUL GIFTS

Hosea, ch. 7.

Golden Text—Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink ; that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame them !—Isaiah 5 : 11.



1 When I would have healed Is'rael, then the iniquity of E'phraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samar'ia : for they commit falsehood ; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.

2 And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness : now their own doings have beset them about ; they are before my face.

3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.

4 They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker, who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.

5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine ; he stretched out his hand with scorn.

6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait : their baker sleepeth all the night ; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges ; all their kings are fallen : there is none among them that calleth unto me.

8 E'phraim, he hath mixed himself among the people ; E'phraim is a cake not turned.

9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not : yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.

10 And the pride of Is'rael testifieth to his face : and they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek him for all this.

11 E'phraim also is like a silly dove without heart : they call to E'gypt, they go to Assyria.

12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them ; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven ; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.

13 Woe unto them ! for they have fled from me : destruction unto them ! because they have transgressed against me : though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.

14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds : they assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me.

15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me.

16 They return, but not to the most High : they are like a deceitful bow ; their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue : this shall be their derision in the land of E'gypt.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Years before Christ came to earth, there lived one of God's good prophets named Hosea. The days in which he lived were evil days, for Israel had forgotten God. In their pride they boasted of their riches, their power and their glory, and gave themselves up wholly to idleness, drunkenness and sin, breaking the commandments of God and men alike.

Then Hosea brought them warnings from God to cease from their sins and return to Him or they would be utterly destroyed. God would not do this lightly. They had sinned for many long years, their wickedness had been constantly before His eyes and their punishment would be upon their own heads. Even their kings and their princes had forgotten their high calling and had made themselves drunk with wine ; their judges and the men who should have brought out order

in the land had all disappeared, and there were no good or great men left in it.

Then God spoke specially against Ephraim, the northern kingdom of Israel. "Ephraim", He said, "is a cake not turned" ; that is, a cake burnt to a cinder on one side and raw on the other. By which God meant that Ephraim which at one time had been loyal and true and earnest in good works, was now cold and indifferent. So the glory of Ephraim had disappeared. Strangers and enemies in the land had greater power than the people themselves, and yet the people did not seem to see this or notice the evil that was amongst them ; they also made friends with those who were at heart their enemies—the heathen nations of Egypt and Assyria.

This displeased God greatly, and through his prophet Hosea He told them that He would punish them for this as they deserved.

They need not think that they could escape, for wherever they fled away, their punishment would follow them. God had rescued them from a land of slavery, yet they had spoken lies against Him; He had made them a great nation, yet were they continually working against Him; they had forgotten how to pray, and they had rebelled against Him; and all this largely because they had confused their heads with wine, till they did not know what they were doing.

Thus did a love for strong drink help to turn God's people from Him and bring upon themselves terrible punishment.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Hosea? 2. In his lifetime, what had Israel done? 3. What did they boast of? 4. What sins did they commit? 5. What warning did Hosea bring from God? 6. How had their kings and princes behaved? 7. Against whom did God speak specially? 8. To what did He compare Ephraim? 9. What did this mean? 10. In what different ways had Ephraim sinned? 11. What message did God send them through Hosea? 12. Was there any hope of escape? 13. What were some of the things God had done for Ephraim? 14. What was the cause of a great deal of their sin? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I buttoned just one button wrong", said little Janet, "and that makes all the rest go wrong." And she tugged and fretted as if the poor button was at fault. "Patience, patience, dear", said Mother. "The next time look out for the first wrong button, then you'll keep all the rest right. It is just like looking out for the first wrong deed of any kind; another and another is sure to follow." Janet remembered then how one day she had struck Baby Brother. That was the first wrong deed. Then she denied having done it. That was another. Then she was unhappy and cross all day because she had told a lie. What a long list of buttons fastened wrong just because one was wrong.

Lesson Hymn

There's a wicked spirit
Watching round you still,

And he tries to tempt you
To all harm and ill.

But you must not hear him,
Though 'tis hard for you
To resist the evil,
And the good to do. Amen.
—Hymn 529, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

6. How do we get the Indian children into our schools? Most of the children come through missionaries and Government officials asking until the parents tire of saying, No. More are coming yearly, because they see the good of the schools, because they have friends there or who have been there.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Perhaps you already know these lines. If you do not, learn them. And repeat them

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward; dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus—He will carry you through.

stoutly, resolving that you will never yield to the temptation of strong drink.

I Have Learned Today
THAT I SHOULD FIGHT AGAINST
ALL EVIL

Mark 8 : 27 to 9 : 1—Memory Verses, 36, 37.

Golden Text—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matthew 16 : 16.



unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it ; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ?

38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation ; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Ch. 9 : 1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus and His disciples were walking along the road together towards the town of Cæsarea Philippi. Jesus knew that everywhere people were talking and wondering about Him, so He asked the disciples exactly what people were saying.

"Some people say", answered the disciples, "that You are John the Baptist ; some, Elijah ; and others, one of the old prophets risen from the dead." "But", asked Jesus, "who do you say that I am." And Peter, speaking for them all, said at once, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus' heart was glad when He saw that Peter and the other disciples, in spite of His humble appearance, had found out that He

27 And Je'sus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Cæsare'a Philip'pi : and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am ?

28 And they answered, John the Bap'tist : but some say, Eli'as ; and others, One of the prophets.

29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am ? And Pe'ter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

32 And he spake that saying openly. And Pe'ter took him, and began to rebuke him.

33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Pe'ter, saying, Get thee behind me, Sa'tan : for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

34 And when he had called the people

was the Son of God come down from heaven, the long-promised Saviour of the world.

Then Jesus warned them that they were not to tell others that He was the Son of God, for they did not yet themselves understand what He had come to do for the world. Soon after, Jesus told them how He would be cruelly treated and put to death at Jerusalem by His enemies, but on the third day He would rise again. The disciples could not bear the thought of such a fate for their beloved Master, and Peter said hotly, "Lord, this must not be." But Jesus rebukingly told Peter that God knew what was best for Him.

Then Jesus gathered others round Him besides the disciples, and talked to them lovingly about what He wanted them to do when He was gone. They must be willing, if they wished to be true followers of His, to give up their own plans and wishes, even their lives, if need be, for His sake. Still, if they suffered here in doing God's will, He would reward them for their faithful work, in heaven, while those who chose riches and honor in this life, would surely afterwards lose their chance of heaven. "And all the riches in the world", said Jesus, "cannot make up to a man for the loss of his soul."

Jesus also said that whoever rejected and was ashamed of Him in this world would be rejected and disowned by Him when He came to judge the earth at the last day. Then, to encourage their sad hearts, Jesus told them that, although His kingdom was now small and poor, some of them would live to see it reach great power and glory.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what country did Jesus go with His disciples? 2. What question did He ask them? 3. Who did different people think Jesus was? 4. Who did Peter say He was? 5. What did Jesus forbid His disciples to tell? 6. Why? 7. What sad news did Jesus tell the disciples? 8. What did Peter say? 9. What was Jesus' answer? 10. What did Jesus say His followers must be able to do? 11. Where would they be rewarded? 12. What would happen to those who were ashamed of Jesus? 13.

What encouraging words did Jesus say?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Awake, my soul, in joyful lays,
To sing thy great Redeemer's praise!
He justly claims a song from me;
His lovingkindness, O how free! Amen.
—Hymn 93, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

7. What do the children learn in class? They first acquire English, then gradually study all the subjects taught in our public schools, paying special attention to temperance and hygiene, our system of government, and to Bible Study, so that our graduates may be healthy, sober, loyal, Christian Canadians.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Study each of these precious words by itself as you copy them. "Thou"—you are speaking directly to Jesus, as you would to a friend. "Art"—Jesus is alive in heaven now. "The"—there is only one Saviour and that is Jesus. "Christ"—this means the Prince and Saviour whom God chose and sent.

"THOU ART THE CHRIST"

Mark 9 : 2-13—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

Golden Text—A voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my Son, my chosen : hear ye him. And when the voice came, Jesus was found alone.—Luke 9 : 35.



2 And after six days Je'sus taketh *with him* Pe'ter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves : and he was transfigured before them.

3 And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow ; so as no fuller on earth can white them.

4 And there appeared unto them Eli'as with Mo'ses : and they were talking with Je'sus.

5 And Pe'ter answered and said to Je'sus, Master, it is good for us to be here : and let us make three tabernacles ; one for thee, and one for Mo'ses, and one for Eli'as.

6 For he wist not what to say ; for they were sore afraid.

7 And there was a cloud that overshadowed them : and a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son : hear him.

8 And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Je'sus only with themselves.

9 And as they came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, till the

Son of man were risen from the dead.

10 And they kept that saying with themselves, questioning one with another what the rising from the dead should mean.

11 And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes that Eli'as must first come ?

12 And he answered and told them, Eli'as verily cometh first, and restoreth all things ; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

13 But I say unto you, That Eli'as is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The time was drawing very near when Jesus was to go up to Jerusalem to suffer and be put to death, and six days after He had told the disciples the sad news, He took Peter and James and John, His most dearly loved of the disciples, up into a quiet mountain to pray.

And while He prayed, suddenly His face was changed so that it shone like the sun, and even His clothing became white and dazzling, and there appeared beside Him two men, who also shone with the same strange glory. They were Moses and Elijah, two holy men of old, whom God had sent down from heaven to cheer and sustain His dear Son in this hour so near His death, and to show His disciples that His power came from on high. Then Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here ; if Thou art willing,

let us build here on the mountain three tents made of branches, one for Thee, one for Moses, and one for Elijah, that we may remain on this mountain for a while." As Peter spoke, a bright cloud came and spread itself over them all and a voice sounded from the cloud saying, "This is My beloved Son, hear Him !" Then the cloud passed, and the disciples found themselves alone with their Master, and they went down the mountain again.

As the disciples talked about this strange saying among themselves, they could not understand how even Jesus, with all His power, could come to life again, if He were dead. Also they asked Jesus what was meant by the saying in the scriptures that the prophet Elijah must first come to earth before the Saviour.

And Jesus explained to them that Elijah, or God's messenger, had indeed come already in the person of John the Baptist, and the people had turned away from his message and had ill treated him and at last put him to a violent death, for all of which they would one day be severely punished. Also He further explained to them how He Himself must suffer many things at the hands of wicked men.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus go to pray? 2. Which of the disciples did He take with Him? 3. How was His appearance changed as He prayed? 4. Who came to talk with Jesus? 5. Why had these been sent from heaven? 6. What did Peter ask Jesus' permission to do? 7. What happened while He was speaking? 8. What did the voice from the cloud say? 9. What did the disciples talk of afterwards? 10. What did they not understand? 11. What question did they ask Jesus? 12. Whom did Jesus explain was meant by Elias? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I'm going to be a mission'ry when I grow up", said Peter, "like Uncle John. Wasn't it great to hear him in church last night, telling of all the things he was doing out in China." "You don't need to grow up to be a missionary", said mother, who had just come in, "nor go out to China. You can do some very good missionary work this very minute on this very street." "Why, mother!" "Three doors down the street", mother went on, "I saw little sick Timmy Stearns looking out of a window with no one to talk to or play with. Suppose—" "I'll go right away and take him my new puzzle", cried Peter. An hour later he was back again. "It's great fun being a missionary on your own street", he told Mother. "And Mrs. Stearns said I made the best one she knew."

Lesson Hymn

Join all the glorious names
Of wisdom, love, and power,
That ever mortals knew,

That angels ever bore;
All are too mean to speak His worth,
Too mean to set my Saviour forth.

O Thou Almighty Lord,
My Conqueror and my King,
Thy sceptre and Thy sword,
Thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the power: behold, I sit
In willing bonds before Thy feet.

Amen.

—Hymn 94, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 33-35.

The Question on Missions

8. What work do the girls do? The little girls sweep, dust, make beds, set tables, wash dishes, darn and patch and go to school the full day. The older girls go to school in squad half a day, do all the housekeeping and nursing under four instructors, who teach sewing, knitting, cooking and baking, scrubbing, washing, ironing and nursing and gardening.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Perhaps when you *color* these clouds, it will be near sunset, and you will look away



to the west and think you can almost see through the gate into heaven where Jesus now dwells in glory that will never fade away.

I Have Learned Today

THAT HEAVEN IS FULL OF GLORY

Mark 9 : 14-29—Memory Verses, 28, 29.

Golden Text—And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst ! All things are possible to him that believeth.—Mark 9 : 23.



14 And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them.

15 And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him.

16 And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them ?

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit ;

18 And whosoever he taketh him, he teareth him : and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away ; and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out ; and they could not.

19 He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you ? how long shall I suffer you ? bring him unto me.

20 And they brought him unto him : and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him ; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21 And he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him ? And he said, Of a child.

22 And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him : but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.

23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe ; help thou mine unbelief.

25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26 And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him : and he was as one dead ; and so much that many said, He is dead.

27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up ; and he arose.

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out ?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When the three disciples came down from the mountain with Jesus, where they had seen Him in His glory, they found a great crowd of people gathered about the disciples who had been left behind.

Many of the scribes were among the crowd, and they were questioning and arguing with the disciples. As soon as the people saw Jesus, however, they left the disciples and came running eagerly to Him. "What were you asking My disciples?" said Jesus. Immediately a man pushed himself to the front. "Master," he said, "I have here my son who has an evil spirit in him, which tears and racks his body wildly till he is quite spent and exhausted. I took him to Your disciples asking them to cure him, but they could not."

"Bring your son to Me", said Jesus. And the father, with hope once more in his heart, brought his sick boy to the Master, who had

already healed so many others like him. But as the poor boy stood before Jesus, the evil spirit tortured him again, until he fell in a fit on the ground. "How long", asked Jesus pitifully, "has he been like this?" "Ever since he was a little child", answered the father. "And often the evil spirit makes him throw himself into the fire and often into the water, and nearly destroys him. If You can do anything for him, O Lord, have pity on us and heal him." "If you will only believe in Me", said Jesus, "your faith will make the hardest things possible." And at once the father cried out, "Lord, I do believe; help me if I do not believe enough."

Then Jesus looked at the poor boy writhing on the ground and said to the evil spirit, "Come out of him, and never enter into him again." And the spirit cried out loudly, tossing the sick boy about as he came out, and left him so spent and weak that the

people standing wonderingly around whispered to each other, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and immediately he was well and strong like other boys.

Afterwards the disciples came quietly to Jesus and asked Him why they had not been able to cast the evil spirit out of the boy. And Jesus explained to them that it was because they had not enough faith.

Questions on the Lesson

1. From what mountain did Jesus and the three disciples come down?
2. Whom did they find at the bottom?
3. What did the man with the sick boy explain he had done?
4. What did Jesus tell him to do?
5. What then happened to the boy?
6. How long had he been tortured by the evil spirit?
7. What did Jesus promise if the man had faith in Him?
8. What did the man cry out?
9. What then happened?
10. What did the people at first think?
11. What did Jesus do further to the boy?
12. What did the disciples afterwards ask Jesus?
13. Why had they failed to cure the boy?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
 Let me to Thy bosom fly,
 While the nearer waters roll,
 While the tempest still is high.
 Hide me, O my Saviour hide,
 Till the storm of life is past;

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

What wonderful words are these. Christ can make us well, if we are ill; and He alone can save us from sin now, and from the punishment of sin in the next world. As you copy the words, pray this prayer, "O Christ, save me."

"Christ Heals and Saves"

Safe into the haven guide;
 O receive my soul at last! Amen.
 —Hymn 162, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT FAITH CAN DO WONDERFUL THINGS

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

9. What do the boys do? The little boys sweep, dust and make beds, carry fuel and ashes, keep lawns tidy, weed gardens and gather roots and vegetables. The older boys, in turn for half days, tend fires, draw, chop and saw fuel, care for stock, work the farm.

Matthew 18 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 2, 3.

Golden Text—In heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 18 : 10.



1 At the same time came the disciples unto Je'sus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven ?

2 And Je'sus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe unto the world because of offences ! for it must needs be that offences come ; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh !

8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee : it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or

two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.

9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee : it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones ; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12 How think ye ? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray ?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus' disciples came to Him one day and asked Him who would be the greatest in His kingdom.

A little child stood near listening, and Jesus drew him into the midst of the group. Then He told them all that unless they should become humble and gentle as little children, they could never belong to His kingdom at all, for the greatest people in it are those who are most like little children—simple and humble and obedient.

Jesus also said that whoever should honor and treat kindly those Christians who lived the pure lives of little children would be blessed as if they had done those things for

Him. And on the other hand, it would be better for a man to be drowned in the sea than that he should ever injure or tempt to sin, one of these humble followers of His.

Jesus next warned His disciples that if they were fond of anything that was wrong, they must give it up, even if doing so was as hard as cutting off a hand or foot, because if they did not, God Himself would punish them when they came to die, for continuing to do what they knew was wrong.

He was like a shepherd, who, if he lost one out of his flock of a hundred sheep, would go out in danger and darkness to rescue it, and when, after a hard search, he found it, he

would be more glad and joyful over it than over the ninety-nine which were safe in the fold. So His Father in heaven rejoiced over the humblest person rescued from a sinful life and brought safely into His kingdom.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What question did the disciples ask Jesus? 2. What did Jesus say was the only way to enter His kingdom? 3. Who would be the greatest in it? 4. How could the disciples best honor Jesus? 5. What would be better to happen to a man than that he should lead a follower of Christ astray? 6. What were the disciples to do if they were fond of anything evil? 7. Why were they not to despise Jesus' humble followers? 8. To whom did Jesus compare Himself? 9. What causes God greatly to rejoice?

Lesson Story

The minister's wife stood and looked over the fence at the school play-ground and especially at one little girl. "She isn't pretty", she said to herself; "she isn't well dressed—in fact she looks the poorest child in the lot, and yet she seems to be the most popular. "Tell me, dear", she whispered to little Lotty Gray who had come up shyly to speak to her, "how is it that everyone seems to like little Kitty Strong so much?" "Why—p'raps—p'raps—" stammered Lotty, "it's because she's always doing things for other people. That's all the reason I know." "The nicest reason of all for being loved", said the minister's wife.

Lesson Hymn

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

Amen.

—Hymn 161, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—127. What will become of the good at the Judgment Day? Jesus will take the good to be with Himself forever. **128.** What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day? The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

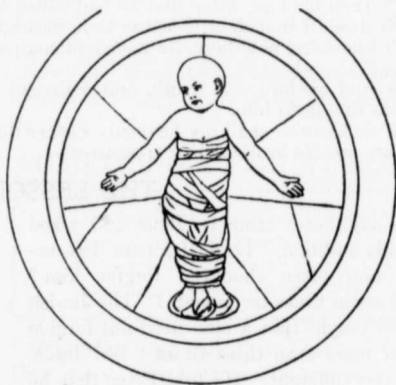
SHORTER CATECHISM—37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

The Question on Missions

10. What games do they play? All pupils have their chores, and all the work of the school is done free by them. After work the boys play football, baseball or hockey. The girls are fond of basketball, tennis and skating. Sleighriding, trapping, swimming and all our Canadian indoor and outdoor games, are enjoyed.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

This picture of a baby wrapped in its swaddling clothes as Jesus was wrapped when



a babe, makes us think of His love for little children and for all who are sweet and humble as little children are. Color the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS LOVES ME

Lesson XI.

FORGIVENESS

December 15, 1912

Matthew 18 : 21-35. Study Matthew 18 : 15-35—Memory Verses, 21, 22.

Golden Text—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.—Ephesians 4 : 32.



21 Then came Pe'ter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him ? till seven times ?

22 Je'sus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times : but, Until seventy times seven.

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

25 But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27 Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

28 But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence : and he laid hands on him, and took *him* by the throat, saying, Pay

me that thou owest.

29 And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

30 And he would not : but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

31 So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32 Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me :

33 Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee ?

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Peter came to Jesus and asked Him this question, "Lord, if a man does me harm, how often should I forgive him ? Would seven times be enough ? The Jewish teachers taught that a man need not forgive another more than three times. But Jesus' rules were different. He told Peter that he should forgive people, no matter how often they wronged him. And to impress this on His disciples, Jesus told them one of His lesson stories.

"There was once a king", He said, "who began to reckon up his accounts, and in doing this he discovered that one of his servants

owed him such a great sum that even if he sold everything he had, it would not begin to pay the debt.

"So the king commanded that this man and his wife and his children should be sold as slaves, as well as all his possessions, in order to pay the debt. Then the servant, in great distress, fell on his knees before his lord, begging him to have patience and he would pay everything in time. And the king was so sorry for him, that he not only freed him, but forgave him his whole great debt. But this man, on his way home, met a fellowservant who owed him a small sum

of money, and catching him by the throat, he cried, 'Pay me that money you owe me!' The poor man begged of him, as he himself had begged of the king, to have patience and he would soon pay the debt. But the man would have no pity, and had the poor debtor cast into prison till he should pay what he owed.

"The other servants, however, told the king, and he at once sent for the wicked servant, and angrily said to him, 'Because you begged me to forgive you that great debt, I did so. Why could you not have had the same pity for your fellow-servant?' And the king sent the cruel servant to prison to be punished until he had paid all that he owed." And Jesus added, "So will God punish you if you do not forgive your fellow-men the sins which are so small compared with those which He has forgiven you."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What question did Peter ask Jesus?
2. How often did Jesus say men should forgive one another?
3. About whom did He tell a story?
4. How great was the debt that the king's servant owed?
5. What might happen if he could not pay it?
6. What did he beg of the king?
7. How was his request answered?
8. What happened next?
9. What did the other servants do?
10. How was the wicked servant punished?

Lesson Story

"I'll never forgive Majory, never, never!" said Helen. "People who break lovely things like my silver mirror don't deserve to be forgiven." That afternoon Helen came to mother with a white, scared face. "Oh Mother! I've broken your beautiful new fern dish; please, please forgive me. "Wasn't it only this morning", said Mother, that you thought little girls who broke things didn't deserve to be forgiven?" "But I'm so sorry—I didn't mean to", sobbed Helen. "That's just what Marjory said about your mirror." "Oh, I didn't know then how badly people feel who break things and aren't forgiven. I'll go right away and tell her I'm sorry." "Then I will forgive you," said Mother, kissing her.

Lesson Hymn

More like Jesus would I be,
Let my Saviour dwell with me,
Fill my soul with peace and love,
Make me gentle as the dove.
More like Jesus! while I go
Pilgrim in this world below
Poor in spirit would I be—
Let my Saviour dwell in me. Amen.

—Hymn 524, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

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

The Question on Missions

11. How are they taught to honor Jesus? They are taught, as we are in our homes, by the example of their teachers, by grace at meals, by morning and evening prayers, by daily study of the Bible and memorizing thereof, by going to Sabbath School and to church services, and by giving themselves to Jesus.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Lamb of God, I look to Thee—
Thou shalt my Example be;
Thou art gentle, meek and mild;
Thou wast once a little Child.

Why was Jesus called the Lamb of God? One reason was because He was so gentle. *Learn the verse* by heart, and strive every day to be loving and kind and forgiving, even as Jesus was.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE KIND AND FORGIVING

Luke 9 : 49-62—Memory Verses, 55, 56.

Golden Text—He that is not against you is for you.—Luke 9 : 50.



Samaritans would not allow them to come into their town, because they were Jews and on their way to Jerusalem. The disciples, James and John, were very angry because Jesus and His followers were refused admittance into the Samaritan village, and they said to Jesus, "Lord, may we not command fire to come down from heaven and burn up these wicked men, even as the prophet Elijah did to the company of soldiers whom a king once sent to take him by force?" But Jesus rebuked the disciples for showing a such revengeful spirit. "I am not come", He said "to destroy men's lives, but to save them."

So they traveled on still further to another village. And on their way a certain man came up to Jesus and said to Him, "Lord, I will follow Thee wheresoever Thou goest." "You do not know what you are promising so lightly", Jesus answered the man. "Even the little beasts of the field have holes in the earth to live in and the birds of the air have nests, but I have no place of My own on which to lay My head."

Afterwards another man came up to them, and Jesus, to test him, said, "Will you also follow Me?" But the man began to make excuses. "Lord," he said, "let me first go and bury my father." "The living are of more importance than the dead," Jesus answered; "go to them and preach of the kingdom of God."

Then another man broke in eagerly, "Lord, I will follow Thee, but let me first go and bid farewell to my friends at home." But Jesus saw that if he did this, he would likely be persuaded to remain at home, and warned him, saying, "No man who starts out on the right road, and turns back for any reason whatever, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Questions on the Lesson

1. About what did John complain to Jesus?
2. How did Jesus rebuke him?
3. What had Jesus now to do?
4. Through what country did their way to Jerusalem lie?
5. What did two disciples do?
6. Why did the Samaritans refuse them shelter?
7. What did the disciples beg permission of Jesus to do?
8. In what words did Jesus rebuke them?
9. What did a certain man say to Jesus?
10. What was Jesus' answer?
11. What did Jesus say to another man to test him?
12. What excuse did he give?
13. What was Jesus' reply?
14. What did another man promise?
15. How did Jesus answer him?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Who is on the Lord's side?
 Who will serve the King?
 Who will be His helpers
 Other lives to bring?
 Who will leave the world's side?
 Who will face the foe?
 Who is on the Lord's side?
 Who for Him will go? Amen.
 —Hymn 252, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE ON CHRIST'S SIDE

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions
 116-130.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions
 36-38.

The Question on Missions

12. What do they do when they leave school? The boys usually farm, the Indian Department helping by gift or loan, if they have been good at school. The girls go out to service, reside with their friends or marry. The Department also assists good girls to start housekeeping. A few graduates go into trades and professions.

CHRISTMAS LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Isaiah 9 : 1-7

Many years before Christ came to earth, God's people Israel were in sore trouble. They had sinned greatly, and so they had been punished greatly by being carried away as slaves to a heathen land, while their own beautiful cities were burnt or torn down and their holy temple destroyed. Then Israel remembered all God's goodness to them of old, as they turned to Him in their trouble and asked Him to forgive their sins.

So God sent one of His holy prophets, Isaiah, to them with a comforting message. And this message told them to be brave and hopeful, for one day God was going to send to them a great Deliverer, who would not only save and deliver them from their enemies, but from sin and heathen darkness and all other evils. This message was for all the nations of the earth as well as for Israel,

and by the Deliverer God meant His only Son, Jesus, who was to come as a little Child.

When He came, He would teach people the things of God, and bring them joy and happiness and the forgiveness of their sins, while the nations that believed in Him and served Him as their Lord and King, would become great nations, wise and powerful and prosperous. This was glad news; so the Israelites looked forward eagerly to the time when the Saviour would come.

Lesson Story

Letty sat parceling out her Christmas purchases. "I think I'll give Eleanor this little brooch", she said. "She gave me such a beautiful present last Christmas. Then this little tie will do for Lucy, she always gives such shabby presents, she won't expect much from other people." Uncle Louis leaned across the table, "That means, then, that those who already have much will get more and those who have little will get even less. "Seems to me", shaking his head, "that that isn't a very beautiful Christmas spirit." Letty looked rather ashamed. "That isn't the way things happened the first Christmas Day." Uncle Louis went on. "It was poor people to whom God first sent news of His wonderful Gift to the world—the baby Christ." "Oh stop, stop, please!" Letty pleaded. "I'm going to change all my gifts round again at once.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The words "*Prince of Peace*," are very easy to copy. They are short and simple and only three in number. But oh! how

The Prince of Peace

much they mean. That Prince is God's only Son, who came to earth the first Christmas time to bring peace into men's hearts all the world over and for all time,

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD SEEK TO KNOW ALL
 I CAN OF JESUS

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

December 29, 1912

Golden Text—If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.—John 7 : 17.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 1-130. SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 30-38. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—593, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

Jesus With His Disciples

In all the Lessons of the Quarter, except Lesson VI., which is a special Temperance Lesson, we find Jesus and His disciples together. He has many wonderful things to show and tell them.

Lesson I. When Jesus sent His disciples into the ship, where did He Himself go? When did He come back to His disciples? How? Why were they frightened when they saw Him? What did He do? What then happened?

Lesson II. Who found fault with the disciples for eating with unwashed hands? What did Jesus call these fault-finders? What did He say was the more important, clean hands or a clean heart?

Lesson III. When Jesus was in the country of Tyre and Sidon, what woman came to Him? What request did she make for her daughter? What did Jesus say about the children's bread? What did the woman answer? What did He do for the little daughter? What did the Roman officer ask to be done to his servant? What would his faith do?

Lesson IV. How did Jesus heal the deaf and stammering man. How did Jesus feel toward the hungry crowd of people? What food had the disciples with them? What did Jesus do with this? How many were thus fed? How much was left over?

Lesson V. What did they ask Him to do with the blind man? What did Jesus do? How did the man at first see? How clearly did he afterwards see?

Lesson VII. Who did Peter say Jesus was? What did Jesus tell His disciples about His suffering? Who rebuked Him? What did Jesus then say? What did Jesus say about those who were ashamed of Him and of His words?

Lesson VIII. Which three of His disciples did Jesus take with Him up to the mountain? What wonderful change happened to Jesus there? Who appeared with Jesus? Whence had they come? What did Peter propose to do? What did the Voice out of the cloud say?

Lesson IX. When they came down from the mountain, why were the people greatly amazed to see Jesus? Tell about the suffering boy. What had the father asked the disciples to do for the boy? Why had they not been able to do it? What did Jesus do for the boy?

Lesson X. Why did Jesus call a little child to Him? Where did He set him? How did He say we must enter into the kingdom of heaven? Whom did the Son of Man come to save? What did Jesus say was the will of the Heavenly Father in regard to little ones?

Lesson XI. How many times did Jesus teach the disciples that they should forgive? What will the Heavenly Father do to us if we do not forgive others?

Lesson XII. Into whose village did Jesus and His disciples now come? What did James and John wish to do? Why did Jesus forbid them?

Lesson Hymn

Standing at the portal
Of the opening year,
Words of comfort meet us
Hushing every fear.
Spoken through the silence
By our Father's voice,
Tender, strong, and faithful,
Making us rejoice.

He will never fail us,
He will not forsake;
His eternal covenant
He will never break.
Resting on His promise
What have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient
For the coming year. Amen.

—Hymn 476, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should seek to know all I can of Jesus

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.

LESSON I. Jesus Walking on the Sea.

LESSON VII. The Great Question.

LESSON II. Clean and Unclean.

LESSON VIII. The Transfiguration.

LESSON III. Mission to the Gentiles.

LESSON IX. The Lunatic Boy.

LESSON IV. Wanderings in Decapolis.

LESSON X. The Child in the Midst.

LESSON V. The Sign and the Leaven.

LESSON XI. Forgiveness.

LESSON VI. World's Temperance
Sunday.

LESSON XII. For and Against Him.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

Name Address

Name of Sabbath School Teacher's Name

DATE 1912	OCTOBER				NOVEMBER				DECEMBER					TOTAL FOR QUARTER
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