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# The Primary Quarterly

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The days are growing shorter and the evenings longer. Those precious twilight hours! At what other time of the day do the little ones seem so dear or draw so close? It is the mother's golden opportunity.

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And the Sabbath evenings! There is no doubt as to the mother's duty, even as there is no other imaginable place where she can serve her Heavenly Master better than in the home and with her children gathered around her as the holy day of rest sinks into night. The stories from the Bible, the lesson for the next Sabbath, sweet psalms and hymns, some good, sweet, pure book—the little ears are open, and the little tongues are ready, and the little hearts are tender.

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The circle of readers and users of the PRIMARY QUARTERLY has widened very greatly during 1900. We print largely, but more than once the quarter's supply was exhausted before the quarter was half over. We expect still greater things for the New Year. The PRIMARY QUARTERLY is meant for the little ones and their mothers. It aims to give a good supply of solid food—the very Word of God—and to have it as beautifully served as possible.

## A Day's Review

"Have you been happy this livelong day,  
Dear little maiden at rest from play?"

Tell me the tale of the day just done;  
Have you been happy from sun to sun?"

"It was 'most all lovely, mama," she said,  
Hanging a little her golden head—

"Except when Tom was cross with me;  
But I was cross with him first, you see—  
But the rest of the time, I think, was good;  
I tried to do just as you said I should.

I'm sorry the cross things happened so;  
To-morrow I'll be as good as I know."

"Listen, my darling, with eyes so clear,  
The days are just what you make them, dear.

Be willing, loving and sweet and kind,  
Then the world's full of sunshine, as you  
will find.

Now say your prayers and shut your eyes  
Till another happy day shall rise."

—Christian Standard

## The Mother's Equipment

Pliny tells us this story of ancient times, which may be used as an illustration of the thought before us. It is the story of the raising of one of the historic obelisks of the world. The great stone was to be lifted by the aid of twenty thousand workmen, and great risks were involved in its erection.

The king at whose instance it was raised was very anxious about it, and felt compelled to devise a method to secure the anxiety and best care of the engineer employed to superintend its raising. This was the expedient which he finally adopted. He commanded that the son of the engineer who had the task in hand should be bound to the apex of the obelisk. The safety of the obelisk meant the safety of the boy. That method worked as the king intended it should. The whole man was in the work.

The day of erection was an anxious day for the engineer. He looked into every detail

with his own eyes, and saw that every workman was a man that could be trusted. The result of his exceeding care was this: He lifted the obelisk to its place in safety, and raised his own son to life.

Even so, God has bound your children to every act which you do, and to every thought which you think. He makes the consideration of their feelings, of their interests, a motive to right thinking and right doing upon your part. Part of your equipment is a vision for your child. Get that. That will give you an ideal and an object to work toward. That will give you something to which you can dedicate your child from the very start of its life.—Dr. Gregg, in Treasury.

#### Entertainment for Young Children

Young mothers make a great mistake in not planning plays and games for active children. As long as they are occupied many children are good.

One mother states in a letter to a friend: "Just as long as I can keep Ruth busy with something which interests her she is as good a child as ever need be, but the very minute she hasn't something to do she commences to tease, and sometimes it nearly distracts me."

Their playthings need not be mere toys by any means. When they are tired of one thing suggest something else. Not every girl likes a doll, but the majority of them do, and will play for hours with them. Oftentimes boys like dolls quite as well as their sisters. One small lad who is not yet three is very fond of a homely old knit doll which he calls Polly. She lives in his iron bed, and never goes downstairs. During the day he pays but little attention to her, but when sleeping time comes his latest treasures are gathered up to show Polly, who is always ready to go to bed with him.

A small hammer, nails and some pieces of boards will delight some children for hours. Others enjoy a lot of colored picture papers, a pair of blunt scissors and a bottle of paste. Very funny scrap books are sometimes made by these little folks.

A small blackboard and crayons afford amusement for some children. Street or steam cars made of thread boxes fastened together by twine are simple playthings. There is probably nothing in the way of playthings which entertains as long or as satisfactorily as blocks. There should be a number of different sizes. They can be bought in a good-sized wagon for children, but it is just as well to have them made at some furniture factory of hard or soft wood.

One small boy delights in building what he calls bed quilts from quantities of gay samples brought him by his grandfather, who owns a dry-goods store. He never tires of this play, and day after day these samples are spread out on the floor, couch, chairs, etc., for bed quilts. He loves to play circus, and fastens Prince, the dog, billy-horse, a wooden decoy duck, and various other animals and dolls together by means of ribbons and strings, and then draws them through the house as his parade.

Linen books with gay pictures pasted or painted therein afford entertainment for hours. A brownie book is particularly well liked by a small lad.

Paper dolls cut from old fashion books delight some children, and huge families of them are cut out and played with for days. In summer time a load of sand affords the finest kind of entertainment. Blowing soap bubbles is another source of enjoyment.

Aside from all the plays enumerated above there are many tasks which are simply play to the children, but in after years will be of inestimable service to the whole household. Most children love to help, and if allowed to assist in trifling services they will be less likely to dislike it when older.

Carrie May Ashton

What little mites children are, to be sure. We dance them upon our knees and swing them in our arms easily. But the youngest of them can say,

"God, who made the earth,  
The air, the sky, the sea,  
Who gave the light its birth,  
Careth for me."

### A Mother Worth Minding

"My mother says—"

"Ho! your mother—she isn't one of the kind that's worth minding."

"What do you mean?" advancing threateningly toward the boy standing with his back against a tree. "She's as good a mother as ever lived, and I won't have you say such things."

A knot of boys had gathered close to the speakers, one cool and quiet, the other with angry, heated face.

"She isn't worth minding, and you know it, Jack Somers," was the reply. "You've said so yourself many and many a time."

"That's true!" came in a loud whisper from one of the boys standing near.

"Everybody knows it, too," came from another.

Jack turned upon the speakers in angry amazement: "You're a pretty lot of boys talking about mother that way, and pretending you like her all the time!"

"We do like her," came in a chorus from the half-dozen boys, "George said she wasn't worth minding."

"Well, what do you mean?" anger giving place to surprise.

"Why, just this, that you don't think she's worth minding."

"I never said such a thing in my life," trying to recall any remark of this kind.

"Look here, Jack," said one of the boys, coming forward; "you don't seem to see what George and the other boys are driving at. You may not have said in so many words that your mother wasn't worth minding, but by your actions. This morning, when your mother asked you to post a letter, you said you wouldn't have time to go around by the post-office, and yet you have had half-an-hour before school in which to play ball. When she told you to put on your coat for fear you would take cold, you still left it hanging over the fence, paying no attention to what she said. Of course, we boys can see she isn't worth minding, since you see it so plainly yourself. Tell you what it is, old fellow, I don't know of anything so satisfactory in the long run as minding mother."

The angry light died from Jack's face before Tom had finished, and as it came to a close, he turned and walked away.

Here was a boy who loved his mother dearly, and yet how unmindful he had been of her wishes!

"Guess I needed that lesson, and although the boys may never know it, I am much obliged to them for it. I'll see that they don't have to tell me again!"

And they did not.

—The Evangel

### The "Little Aingel"

Warwick Guy Pearse gives us this touching glimpse of child-life in the slums of London. Freddy had the true Christ spirit, and many a boy, who has everything about him that Freddy lacked, of the comforts and the brightness of home, will envy the little waif his gentle, self-denying manly spirit.

Picture to yourself a bare little room at the top of one of those dreary blocks of buildings misnamed model dwellings. From the windows you could look down into the court which lay enclosed at the bottom, as deep and dark as a well. No sunshine got down there, except in the height of summer, when the sun stood directly above the court.

But here, on the sixth floor, a patch of sunlight travelled across the discoloured wall on every bright afternoon, and sometimes at sunset there was quite a transfiguration of the dingy place. To-day, however, the raw chill of January filled the room, and defied the handful of fire in the grate. Beside the fire sat a man dejected and dirty, his face buried in his hands, heedless of the children playing on the bare, unwashed floor.

"Farver, w'ere's Freddy?" asked Nance for the fourth time. "My dolly do want mendin'! 'Er sawdust is gettin' everywhere!" But she wept on uncomforted.

"Oh, Freddy, Freddy!" she cried as he entered some time after, burying her head against him, with a fresh access of weeping. "Lizer's broke my dolly; she's deader than last time you mended 'er!"

"Her 'ead's comed off," said Lizer, briefly,

"Can't yer fix it?"

"Give us a look," said Freddy, cheerfully, taking the doll in his hands. Nance, exhausted, left off crying, and let one dim eye emerge to watch the proceedings.

"Why, it's all right, Nance," he said gently. "We'll 'ave 'er fixed up in no time."

Freddy, the eldest, was the idol of the family. Since the children were left motherless two years ago, Freddy had done everything for them. He was a slight boy of nine, with a sallow skin and fair fluffy hair, and big eyes that looked very blue in his colourless face. He was known down in the court as the "Little Aingel," and those blue eyes had an irresistible appeal about them. It was wonderful what an influence this small boy had, and what a lot of work he got through in a day.

Freddy washed his small sisters with care, and, as it was Saturday night, put the hair of the two elder ones in curl papers, with what skill he might, according to his mother's injunctions. "Look after 'em, Freddy, and curl their 'air of a Saturd'y night!" was one of the last things he remembered her saying as she lay pale and dying, her thin hands laid on the children asleep beside her in the one bed the room boasted. He often dreamed of her still.

At last they were all tucked in safely, and Freddy took his cap and a tiny paper packet off the mantel-piece. "Go to sleep, young 'uns. I'm jus' goin' acrost to see Nell Pyne a minnit, 'cos she's sick, and if I don't fin' yer snorin' when I gets back, yer knows what!"

"Yer 'aven't kissed us, Fred," murmured Nance.

"Nor I 'aven't!" he said, returning promptly. "I don't 'arf do this job."

He kissed them in turns, and they clung round his neck with fervour, Nance claiming to be the last.

"Yer arms is thin, Nance! I can feel the bones of 'em when yer 'ug me up like that," said Freddy, looking at her with some concern, when he was released. "Now go to sleep—sharp!"

### The Baby

"She is a little hindering thing,"

The mother said :

"I do not have an hour of peace,  
Till she's in bed.

"She clings unto my hand or gown  
And follows me  
About the house, from room to room,  
Talks constantly.

"She is a bundle full of nerves,  
And wilful ways ;  
She does not sleep full sound at nights.  
Scarce any, days.

"She does not like to hear the wind,  
The dark she fears ;  
And piteously she calls for me  
To wipe her tears.

"She is a little hindering thing,"  
The mother said ;  
"But still she is my wine of life,  
My daily bread."

The children—what a load of care  
Their coming brings ;  
But, oh, the grief when God doth stoop  
To give them wings !

—The Independent

### Christmas Thoughts

As with gladness men of old  
Did the guiding star behold ;  
As with joy they hailed its light,  
Leading onward, beaming bright ;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we  
Evermore be led to Thee.

As they offered gifts most rare  
At thy cradle rude and bare ;  
So may we with holy joy,  
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to Thee, our heavenly King.

Amen.

—Hymn 31, Book of Praise

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## God's Goodness to Us

"Oh, how great is Thy goodness, which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee," sings the Psalmist—God's goodness a great treasure-house, out of which His household the world over is richly provided for.

Little notion, however, had anyone then of the vastness of the grace of God. It was only when the Christ came, God manifest in the flesh, that men began to understand. He was goodness itself embodied, just because He was God; and by every word and act of His while He was on earth He was a dispenser of the goodness of His Heavenly Father.

The Golden Text for the Quarter—"THOU CROWNEST THE YEAR WITH THY GOODNESS" reminds us of the blessings of health and strength, of happy homes and rich harvest fields and busy commerce. All these good things are from God; and, better still, Jesus has been with us, unseen, but none the less really guiding and helping and enriching us, as He did in the days of His earthly ministry.

We are to consider twelve examples of His goodness to us, in His Son our Redeemer and Friend, in the twelve lessons of the Quarter.

1. God exalts humble people, Luke 14 : 1-14.
2. God invites all classes of people, Luke 14 : 15-24.
3. God rejoices over found people, Luke 15 : 1-10.
4. God welcomes repentant people, Luke 15 : 11-24.
5. God commends prudent people, Luke 16 : 1-13.
6. God deals justly with all people, Luke 16 : 19-31.
7. God cleanses sinful people, Luke 17 : 11-19.
8. God counsels all people, Titus 2 : 1-15.
9. God warns rich people, Matt. 19 : 16-26.
10. God gives sight to blind people, Mark 10 : 46-52.
11. God saves lost people, Luke 19 : 1-10.
12. God rewards faithful people, Luke 19 : 11-27.

## Lesson I.

## JESUS DINING WITH A PHARISEE

October 7, 1900

Luke 14 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 12-14

**Golden Text**—Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14 : 11.



1 And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pha'risees to eat bread on the sabbath day, that they watched him.

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

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

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

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

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

7 And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms ; saying unto them,

8 When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room ; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him ;

9 And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place ; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room.

10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room ; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher : then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee.

11 For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours ; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee.

13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind :

14 And thou shalt be blessed ; for they cannot recompense thee : for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Miss Violet Robinson says, "The Pharisee invited Jesus to dinner, so that he and his friends might watch if Jesus kept their Sabbath rules. One Sabbath day a proud Pharisee invited Jesus to dinner, so that he and his friends might watch if Jesus kept their Sabbath rules. proper to cure sickness on the Sabbath?"

They were afraid to answer. Then Jesus, putting his hand upon the sick man, cured him and sent him home.

While the guests were gathering, a poor man, who had not been invited to dinner, came in. He had the dropsy. When Jesus saw him, He said to the Pharisees, "Is it fall into a deep hole on the Sabbath, would



you not run at once and help it out?" They were ashamed to answer.

When dinner was ready, Jesus was sorry to see the people behaving rudely and rushing to pick out the best places at the table. He said, "There were once two men who were invited to a wedding. One of them came early and sat down near the head of the table, the other, near the foot.

"By and by the Master of the feast came in with a friend, and saw the best place filled. He said to the first man, who was now much ashamed, 'Get up! This seat is for my friend; you may sit lower down.'

"When the master of the feast saw the

guest who had taken the poor place, he said, 'What are you doing here? You must come up higher, beside me.' For," said Jesus, "whoever puts himself forward shall be put down, but the humble man shall have the first place."

Then, looking at the proud Pharisee at the head of the table, He said, "When you are giving a dinner or a party, do not invite only your rich friends and neighbors, who will invite you back again. But invite also the poor, and the maimed, and the lame, and the blind; for they cannot pay you back. But God Himself will bless you, and reward you at the end of the world."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why did the Pharisee invite Jesus to his house? Ans. To watch Him. 2. What happened before dinner? Ans. Jesus cured a man who had the dropsy. 3. Were the Pharisees pleased? Ans. No; they thought Jesus should not cure on the Sabbath. 4. What did Jesus say to those who chose

the best seats for themselves? Ans. *Golden Text.* 5. Whom, besides Jesus, did the Pharisee invite to dinner? Ans. His rich friends. 6. Whom did Jesus say to always remember? Ans. The poor. 7. Why? Ans. Because it is pleasing to God. 8. When will God reward? Ans. At the resurrection.

#### The Youngest of Eight

A long time ago God sent a messenger to choose a king from a house where there were eight boys.

The tallest and proudest stood up first. "The Lord has not chosen him," said the messenger. Then the next and the next stood up; but none of them would do.

"Have you any more boys?" asked the

messenger.

"Only one little fellow, too busy minding sheep to think of being king," said the father.

"Fetch him in," was the answer. "I choose *him*," said the Lord. "Take him and make him king."

Children, do you know his name?

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

That I should be humble

**Primary Catechism—114.** What is meant by the bread in the Lord's supper?

The body of Christ, who is the bread of life.

**115.** What is meant by the wine in the Lord's supper?

The blood of Christ shed for our sins.

**Shorter Catechism—43.** What is the preface to the ten commandments?

A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

#### Lesson Hymn

Can a little child like me

Thank the Father fittingly?

Yes, oh, yes! be good and true,

Patient, kind in all you do;

Love the Lord, and do your part;

Learn to say with all your heart,

Father, we thank Thee!

Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

Amen.

—Hymn 518, Book of Praise

## Lesson II.

## PARABLE OF THE GREAT SUPPER

October 14, 1900

Luke 14 : 15-24—Memory Verses, 21-24

**Golden Text**—Come ; for all things are now ready.—Luke 14 : 17.

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many :

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come ; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it : I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them : I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed,

and the halt, and the blind. 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

*See Lesson I*

## THE LESSON RETOLD

While Jesus was still sitting at the Pharisee's dinner-table, one of the guests began to say that it was a good thing to belong to the kingdom of God.

Now, the Pharisees thought that only they themselves and those who obeyed their rules belonged to God's kingdom.

Jesus then told this story to show that there is room in His Father's house for everyone.

He said there was once a king who made a great supper party. Many days before, he sent invitations to all his friends and rich neighbors. On the day of the feast, when everything was ready, he sent a servant to

say that it was now time to come, for the king was waiting.

The man who got the message first, now began to beg off. He said, "Tell your master that I have just bought a new field, and must go and see what it is like. He must really excuse me from the party."

At the next house, the servant found his master's friend in a great hurry. He said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and am going to see if they are a good bargain. I must be excused."

Another invited guest had a different reason for not coming. He said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come."

Then the servant went back and told his master what they had said. The king was very angry, and said to his servants, "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in the poor, and the maimed, and the lame, and the blind, and give them seats at my table." When this had been

done, there were still empty places; so the master said, "Go outside the city, search in the roadsides and fence-corners for beggars and strangers, and make them all come in, that my table may be full; for I tell you that not one of those who were first invited shall even taste of my supper."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where was Jesus when He told about the Great Supper? Ans. At dinner in a Pharisee's house. 2. Who were the Pharisees? Ans. Proud Jews, who thought God cared for them and for no one else. 3. Of whom is the king who made the supper a picture? Ans. Of God. 4. Why did Jesus tell this story? Ans. To show that all may belong to His Father's kingdom. 5. Why would not those who were first invited come

to the feast? Ans. They were not willing to spare the time. 6. What did the king do when his rich friends would not come? Ans. He invited the beggars, and the blind, and the lame. 7. Were they glad to come? Ans. Yes; the table was full. 8. What did the king say of those who were first invited? Ans. That not one of them should even taste of his supper. 9. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Come; for all things are now ready.

#### An Empty Place

A little boy was riding along with his father, and there was an empty seat beside them. Presently they overtook a tired-looking man walking. "Father," said the little boy, "It is a pity to have an empty

seat while somebody else needs it." So the father asked the tired man to ride, for which he was very grateful. It is often a pity, children, to keep things you cannot use, when somebody else needs them.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

To give God's invitation to everyone

*Wm. Johnston*



**Primary Catechism—116.** Who should go to the Lord's supper?

Those only should go to the Lord's supper who love Jesus Christ and try to follow him daily.

**Shorter Catechism—44.** What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us?

A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

#### Lesson Hymn

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all  
Wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call,  
Wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given,  
Wooing us to heaven.

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life—  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.*

Amen.

—Hymn 559, Book of Praise

## Lesson III.

## THE LOST SHEEP AND LOST COIN

October 21, 1900

Luke 15 : 1-10—Memory Verses 4-7

**Golden Text**—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15 : 10.



gently till she find *it*? 9 And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

10 Likewise I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

*See Lesson I*

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Because Jesus' teaching was different from that of the scribes and Pharisees, the sinners and the outcasts were always glad to listen to Him.

Sometimes such people would invite Jesus to dinner just to hear Him teach and to learn how to do better. This made the scribes and Pharisees angry. They said that Jesus should have nothing to do with bad people.

Jesus told these proud men some stories to show that He had come from heaven on purpose to seek and to save sinners.

This is one of the stories: There was once a shepherd who had a hundred sheep. One night, when he was ready to lead them home

1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

2 And the Pha'risees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5 And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek dili-

from the pasture, one little sheep could not be found. It had run away and got lost. Then the shepherd would go no further. Telling his boy to watch the flock, he ran back up and down through the dark hills and valleys, calling the naughty sheep's name. At last he found it in a dangerous place, all frightened and dirty, but, instead of scolding it for running away, he put it on his shoulders and carried it safely home.

Then he called his friends and neighbors together, saying, "Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost."

"That shepherd," said Jesus, "is like My Father, who is more pleased with one who is sorry for his sin and stops doing it, than

with all the people in the world who think themselves good."

Here is another of the stories: Once there was a woman who had exactly ten pieces of silver money. One day, when she was counting them, one piece rolled away into a dark corner, where she could not find it. After looking for it a long time, she lit a candle and, putting it on the floor, went and

brought the broom. Then she swept quickly under the furniture and near the walls. By and by she saw something glitter. It was her lost coin. How pleased she was! She ran, calling her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her.

"That," said Jesus, "is a little like the joy among the angels in heaven, whenever one sinner returns to God."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who were glad to listen to Jesus' teaching? Ans. The sinners and the despised people. 2. Who pretended to be shocked to see Jesus eating with publicans and sinners? Ans. The scribes and Pharisees. 3. Why were they angry? Ans. They thought such people were not worth bothering about. 4. What did Jesus teach these proud men? Ans. That He had come to seek and to save the lost. 5. How did He show them this? Ans. By some stories or parables. 6. How many sheep had the rich shepherd? Ans. One hundred. 7. What happened to one of them? Ans. It ran away and got lost.

8. Who followed it? Ans. The shepherd. 9. What did he do when he found it? Ans. He brought it home on his shoulders rejoicing. 10. Why is God like that good shepherd? Ans. Because He is glad when one sinner repents. 11. What does "repent" mean? Ans. To be sorry for sin and to stop doing it. 12. Who else in to-day's lesson was glad to find what was lost? Ans. The woman who lost a piece of money. 13. What is the Golden Text? Ans. There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. 14. Why is there such joy? Ans. Because God hates sin so.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

*Mrs. John Stone*  
**That Jesus is looking for me**



**Primary Catechism—117.** What are baptism and the Lord's supper called?

Baptism and the Lord's supper are called sacraments.

**118.** Are there any sacraments besides baptism and the Lord's supper?

No. Jesus appointed only these two.

**Shorter Catechism—45.** Which is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

**46.** What is required in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

#### Lesson Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
Even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark  
vale,

Yet will I fear none ill;  
For thou art with me; and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

—Ps. Sel. 14, Book of Praise

## Lesson IV.

## THE PRODIGAL SON

October 28, 1900

Luke 15 : 11-24—Memory Verses, 20-24

**Golden Text**—I will arise and go to my father.—Luke 15 : 18.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons :

12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land ; and he began to be in want.

15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country ; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat : and no man gave unto him.

17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger !

18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against

heaven, and before thee, 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son : make me as one of thy hired servants.

20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him ; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet :

23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it ; and let us eat, and be merry :

24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again ; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

*See Lesson I*

## THE LESSON RETOLD

To show how His Heavenly Father treats those who are sorry for doing wrong, Jesus told this story :

There were once two young men who lived with their father in a beautiful house. But the younger got tired of staying at home. One day he said, "Father, give me the share of money now, that I would have if you were to die," and his father gave him the whole of his share.

The next day he packed up his things and,

without even waiting to say good-bye to his father, he went far away to a strange country.

At first he had what he called "a splendid time," doing just as he liked ; but very soon his money was gone. Worse than that, a famine came on and there was nothing to eat. Being very hungry, he went and hired himself to a farmer, who sent him into a field to feed pigs. He was so starved that he could have eaten the pigs' food—dry pods and husks—but nothing was given to him.

Then he began to think of his father and the home he had left. "Why," he said to himself, "even my father's servants are better off than I am. I know what I will do. I will go home and tell my father that I have done wrong, and have no right to be called his son. I will ask him to hire me as a servant."

When he was still a long way from home, his father saw him and came running to meet him, and before he could say what he

intended, threw his arms about his neck and kissed him again and again.

Then the father called the servants and said, "Bring the best clothes in the house and put them on him, and get a gold ring for his finger and new shoes for his feet. Then go quickly and see that the best dinner is prepared, and let us eat and be merry, for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why did the young man in Jesus' story leave home? Ans. Because he wanted to have "a good time." 2. How did he spend the money his father gave him? Ans. Foolishly. 3. What happened after his money was spent? Ans. A famine came on. 4. What made the boy remember his old home? Ans. He was starving and in disgrace. 5. What did he say to himself? Ans. Golden Text—"I will arise and go to my father." 6. What did he intend to say to his father? Ans. To

tell that he had sinned, and to ask him to let him be one of his servants. 7. How did his father receive him? Ans. He ran and fell on his son's neck and kissed him. 8. What did the son say? Ans. "Father, I have sinned." 9. What did the father do? Ans. He told the servants to bring out the best clothes in the house and put them on him, and a gold ring and shoes, and to make ready a great feast, because his wandering son had come home, and they all ought to be glad.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

That I am to go to God

*Mary Johnston*



**Primary Catechism—119.** What becomes of our bodies when we die?

When we die our bodies return to dust.

**120.** What becomes of our souls when we die?

The good go to heaven and the wicked go to hell.

**Shorter Catechism—47.** What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

#### Lesson Hymn

There is a city bright,  
Closed are its gates to sin;  
Nought that defileth,  
Nought that defileth  
Can ever enter in.

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

Amen.

Hymn 587, Book of Praise

## Lesson V.

## THE UNJUST STEWARD

November 4, 1900

Luke 16 : 1-13—Memory Verses 10-12

Golden Text—Ye cannot serve God and mammon.—Luke 16 : 13.



1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward ; and the same was accused unto him that had wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship ; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship : I cannot dig ; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely : for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness ; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much : and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters : for either he will hate the one, and love the other ; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

See Lesson 1

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus wanted to show His disciples the right way of using the things of this world. To do so, He gave them a parable or story :

There was once a man so rich that he needed to keep a steward to take care of his money and lands. He trusted this man with everything. But one day he found out that he was spending his money dishonestly upon himself, so he called him and said,

"What is this I hear? Make up your accounts at once. You may no longer be my steward."

When the dishonest man knew that his living was gone, he said to himself, "What shall I do? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg." Then he thought of a clever plan, so that he could live without working at all. He said, "These people



who owe goods to my master will be glad after this to invite me to their houses if I let them off by paying part of their debts." So he had a meeting of his master's debtors, and asked the first how much he owed. "A hundred measures of oil," was the answer. "Take the bill and change it to fifty," said the dishonest steward. "How much do you owe?" he asked the next. "An hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. "You need only pay for eighty."

Jesus told the disciples to notice that the kind of cleverness by which this wicked man used to make money and friends for himself, was not the right kind; but that they were to be as anxious to make friends

for the world beyond as this man was to make friends for this world.

He also said to the disciples, "You must be honest and faithful in everything. A man who is dishonest in small things cannot be trusted in large things. It is quite as bad to steal a little as a great deal. The best way to begin to get rich yourself is to start first by taking good care of what belongs to others."

Jesus warned His disciples against thinking that they could be His friends and be greedy for money and the things of this world. To do this, He said, is like trying to obey two masters. No one can serve both God and the world at the same time.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is a steward? Ans. One who takes care of property for others. 2. How had the steward in to-day's lesson behaved? Ans. He had wasted his master's goods. 3. What did he do when his living was taken from him? Ans. He made friends with those who owed goods to his master. 4. Did he do this honestly? Ans. No. 5. Was it a cunning and shrewd thing to do? Ans. Yes, he made sure of friends when he would no longer be steward and have money. 6. What did Jesus say of what he had done? Ans. That it was wrong, but that it is wise to

use the things we have now, so that we shall make friends by them for the next world. 7. What did Jesus say about little things? Ans. That they counted as much as large things. 8. To whom will God give heavenly riches? Ans. To those who are careful and honest in everything. 9. How many masters can one obey? Ans. Just one. 10. Who is the best master? Ans. Jesus Christ. 11. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 12. What is meant by "mammon"? Ans. Riches—the things of this world.

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

That Jesus is my master

**Primary Catechism—121. What is heaven?**

Heaven is the holy and happy place where Jesus is.

**122. What is hell?**

Hell is a place of woe, where the devil and evil spirits are.

**Shorter Catechism—48. What are we specially taught by these words [before me] in the first commandment?**

A. These words [before me] in the first commandment teach us, That God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

#### Lesson Hymn

A crown of glory bright  
By faith I see,  
In yonder realms of light  
Prepared for me.

O may I faithful prove,  
Keep it in view,  
And through the storms of life  
My way pursue.

Jesus, be Thou my guide,  
My steps attend;  
O keep me near Thy side,  
Be Thou my friend.

Amen.

—Hymn 588, Book of Praise

## Lesson VI.

## THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

November 11, 1900

Luke 16 : 19-31—Memory Verses, 19-22

**Golden Text**—Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.—Matt. 6 : 20.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed : so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot ; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house :

28 For I have five brethren ; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Ab'raham saith unto him, They have Mo'ses and the prophets ; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Ab'raham : but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Mo'ses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

*See Lesson 1*

## THE LESSON RETOLD

There was once a very wealthy but selfish man who lived in a fine mansion. He wore beautiful and costly clothes, and his table was always spread with rich and expensive food.

Every day a poor beggar named Lazarus, all covered with sores, came and lay by the gate, hoping to get the crumbs which fell from the great table. But the rich man took no notice of him, nor tried to help him in

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day :

20 And there was a certain beggar named Laz'arus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table : moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Ab'raham's bosom : the rich man also died, and was buried ;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Ab'raham afar off, and Laz'arus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Ab'raham, have mercy on me, and send Laz'arus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue ; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Ab'raham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Laz'arus evil things : but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

any way, though even the street dogs pitied him, and would often come and lick his sores.

One day this poor, sick beggar was not in his usual place. He was dead, and the angels carried him straight to heaven, where he took his place among the pure and good, close to Abraham himself.

Soon after, the rich man died, too, and was given a grand funeral. In the other world things were much changed. Lazarus

was happy, but the rich man was in great torment. Far away he could see Abraham and Lazarus talking together in heaven, while he was shut out.

Then he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in great agony."

Then Abraham answered, "You must remember that you have had your good time, and that in your life you kept your good things to please yourself, while Lazarus had nothing. It is now quite fair that he should be comforted and you should have trouble. At any rate, between us and you there is a wide gulf with no way of getting across.

No one can pass from the one place to the other."

Then said the unhappy man: "Could you not send Lazarus to my father's house to warn my five brothers to give up their selfish lives and escape coming to this horrible place?"

"Have they not God's word? That is enough," replied Abraham.

"But they would be sure to repent if they got a message through a man who had been dead," said the brother.

"No," said Abraham, "it would not make any difference. If they will not believe what God has said in the Bible, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Lazarus? Ans. A poor beggar who sat at the rich man's door step. 2. Why was he not helped? Ans. The rich man cared only for himself. 3. What happened to the beggar? Ans. He died. 4. Where did he go? Ans. To heaven. 5. Who also died? Ans. The rich man. 6. Could he take his money with him? Ans. No. 7. Where did he find himself? Ans. In the torment of the lost. 8. What did he do?

Ans. He asked that Lazarus be sent to his help. 9. What did Abraham answer? Ans. That God was treating them both fairly. 10. What did the man ask next? Ans. That a warning be sent to his brothers. 11. What answer did he get? Ans. That if they would not obey God's word, neither would they listen to Lazarus. 11. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

*See Lesson 7*  
**That I should seek Heavenly treasures**



**Primary Catechism—123.** 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—49.** Which is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the

fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

#### Lesson Hymn

O, what can little hands do  
To please the King of Heaven?  
The little hands some work may try  
To help the poor in misery:  
Such grace to mine be given.

Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

## Lesson VII.

## THE TEN LEPERS CLEANSED

November 18, 1900

Luke 17 : 11-19—Memory Verses 17-19

**Golden Text**—Be ye thankful.—Col. 3 : 15.

11 And it came to pass, as he went to Jeru'salem, that he passed through the midst of Sama'ria and Gal'ilee.

12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off :

13 And they lifted up *their* voices, and said, Je'sus, Master, have mercy on us.

14 And when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.

15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

16 And fell down on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks : and he was a Samar'itan.

17 And Je'sus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where *are* the nine?

18 There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.

19 And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way : thy faith hath made thee whole.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

*The Lesson*  
One day Jesus was walking along the road with His disciples. They were going to Jerusalem, and had to pass through a strange country belonging to the Samaritans, a people who were not good friends with the Jews.

Just outside a little town they heard a sad, wailing sound. Some distance ahead of them they counted ten men standing in the road and waving their arms to them to keep away. They knew at once that they were lepers, that is, that they had such a terrible sickness that it was against the law for them to come near anyone's house. No doctor could cure them. But they had heard of Jesus' wonderful miracles, and as soon as they saw Him they began shouting, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."

Instantly Jesus stopped, and calling to them, said, "Go, show yourselves to the

priests. They are the proper persons to say if you are better, and, if so, to tell what you may then do."

So they obeyed Jesus, and hurried to do what He had said, although He had done nothing to cure them; and as they obeyed, they were cured.

They looked at themselves, and saw that their flesh was now clean and firm, and no longer covered with sore places.

One of them, a Samaritan, when he saw that he was healed, turned back and came running to where Jesus was. He fell down at His feet, and with a loud voice he glorified God, and gave praise and hearty thanks to Jesus for what He had done. Jesus was pleased that he remembered to thank Him, and said, "But were there not ten of you? Where are the others?" But they were gone. They had not come back to Jesus.

"Is it possible," said Jesus, "that this poor stranger should be the only one to say 'Thank you' for what they were all so anxious to get?" Then turning to the happy man at his feet, He gave him what was much better than healing for his body, that is, a clean heart.

"Arise, go thy way," He said; "thy faith hath saved thee." How glad and happy the man was as he went his way!

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where was Jesus when He met the lepers? Ans. Walking with His disciples toward Jerusalem. 2. How many lepers were there? Ans. Ten. 3. Why were they crying out? Ans. So that nobody should come near them. 4. What did they say to Jesus? Ans. Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 5. What did Jesus answer? Ans. Go, show yourselves to the priests. 6. Did they obey? Ans. Yes, and as they went they were cured. 7. What did one of them do? Ans. He came back and thanked Jesus for what He had done. 8. What did Jesus say? Ans. "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" 9. Where were they? Ans. They were gone. 10. What did Jesus say to the man who remembered to be grateful? Ans. "Thy faith hath made thee whole." 11. To what country did he belong? Ans. He was a Samaritan and a stranger. 12. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Be ye thankful.

#### How Marjory Learned to be Thankful

Marjory did not like soup.

At dinner, she pushed back her plate. "I'd rather have ginger-bread and maple syrup," she whimpered.

"Come here, Marjory," said her father, picking up a paper beside him. "Look at this."

It was a picture of some little naked children sitting cross-legged on the ground. How thin they were! Every bone was sticking out, and their fingers were like birds' claws.

"Oh, father, how terrible" said the little girl.

"Yes," said her father, "they are India famine children, who were starving to death when some missionaries found them."

"Oh, mother," said Marjory, "could I not send them some of the coppers in my bank?"

"Yes," said her mother, "I think you may."

And, do you know that Marjory eat her soup thankfully without a word?

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

*See Lesson 7*  
**To be thankful**

**Primary Catechism—124.** 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—50.** What is required in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

#### Lesson Hymn

O thou, my soul, bless God the Lord;  
And all that in me is  
Be stirred up his holy name  
To magnify and bless.

Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,  
And not forgetful be  
Of all his gracious benefits  
He hath bestowed on thee.

—Ps. Sel. 76, Book of Praise

## Lesson VIII.

## SOBER LIVING

November 25, 1900

Titus 2 : 1-15.—Memory Verses, 11-14

**Golden Text**—We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.—  
Titus 2 : 12.



1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine :

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things ;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.

7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works : in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned ; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

9 *Exhort* servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all things ; not answering again ;

10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity ; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world ;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Je'sus Christ ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

*See Lesson I*

## THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had gone away to be with His Heavenly Father, His friends went everywhere preaching the good news and teaching men to believe on the Son of God.

The greatest of these preachers was Paul, who was not only a missionary and teacher himself, but taught many young ministers how to work for Jesus. One of Paul's pupils was Titus, whose work was among people who said they believed in Jesus, but were

not living good and holy lives.

So, in order to help them, Paul sent them a letter through Titus, in which, when he opened it, he found a message for everybody in his congregation.

The old people were first mentioned. "Tell the old men," said Paul, "to be sober and strong, kind and patient, and not given to grumbling. And let the grandmothers do the same, and be very careful to

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speaking the truth about others, and not to take too much wine. They should also teach the mothers to be good housekeepers, and to love their own homes and little children."

There was also a message for the young men. It was: "Be serious, and earnest, and truthful, so that you will set a good example to the wicked about you, and make them ashamed of their badness."

"And Christian servants, too, can do a great deal to bring glory to God," said the letter. They must obey without answering

back, and do their work faithfully, taking care of their master's property. Thus they will make their masters and everyone else think better of God their Saviour.

"And say to everyone," said Paul, "that they should give up sin of every sort, and live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, for so Jesus the Saviour taught us. It was for this He came into the world, that we should be holy, and He will some day come again, as He promised, and will take all those who have been faithful to reign with Him forever.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Paul? Ans. A great preacher. 2. What did he preach. Ans. What he had learned from Jesus and His disciples? 3. Who was Titus? Ans. A young minister, one of Paul's pupils. 4. What was Paul's letter to Titus about? Ans. About sober living. 5. To whom did he send special messages? Ans. To old men and old women, to young men and servants. 6. What did he warn them all against? Ans. Against evil speaking and intemperance, and every sinful thing. 7. Why were they to give such things up? Ans. Because Christ had saved them, and because in this way they would bring honor to Christ. 8. What is the Golden Text? Ans. We should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world.

#### Six Keeps

Keep my little voice to-day—  
Keep it gentle while I play;  
Keep my hands from doing wrong,

Keep my feet the whole day long;  
Keep me all, O Jesus, mild;  
Keep me ever Thy dear child.



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

To be sober, righteous and godly

See Lesson 1



**Primary Catechism—125.** What will become of the good at the judgment day?

Jesus will take the good to be with himself forever.

**126.** What will become of the wicked at the judgment day?

The wicked will then be driven away from the presence of God forever.

**Shorter Catechism—51.** What is forbidden in the second commandment?

A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

#### Lesson Hymn

Do no sinful action,  
Speak no angry word,  
Ye belong to Jesus,  
Children of the Lord.

Christ is kind and gentle,  
Christ is pure and true.  
And His little children  
Must be holy, too.

Amen.

—Hymn 529, Book of Praise

## Lesson IX.

## THE RICH YOUNG RULER

December 2, 1900

Matt. 19 : 16-26—Memory Verses, 23-26

**Golden Text**—Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!—Mark 10 : 24.



That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

26 But Je'sus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

*See Lesson 1* THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a young man came running to Jesus in great earnest to ask a question. He turned out to be a wealthy and learned young ruler, who was much looked up to by others because of his riches and learning.

He said to Jesus, "Good Master, tell me the right thing to do, that I may have eternal life."

Jesus answered, "Why do you call Me good? Only God is good. Do you then believe I am God? If you want to have eternal life, keep the commandments."

"Which ones?" asked the young man.

16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is none good but one, that is, God;* but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

18 He saith unto him, Which? Je'sus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

19 Honour thy father and thy mother : and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up : what lack I yet?

21 Je'sus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven : and come *and* follow me.

22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful : for he had great possessions.

23 Then said Je'sus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you,

"Do not kill, nor do any vile things, nor steal, nor tell lies. Honor your father and mother, and be kind to your neighbors," said Jesus.

"Oh, yes," said the young ruler, "I have been keeping all these commandments ever since I was a child. Is that all I need to do?"

"No," said Jesus, "there is something more yet. If you would be perfect, you must go at once and sell all that you have and give your money to the poor. Then come and follow me, and you will have treasure in heaven."

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The young man's face fell. "That," he said, "is too hard. I cannot part with my money even for eternal life," and he went away much disappointed.

Then Jesus, turning to the disciples, said sadly, "It is very hard for a rich man to enter into God's kingdom."

The disciples were surprised, and asked,

"Is it, then, a sin to be rich?" Jesus answered, "The harm is not in having riches, but in loving them more than God. It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a man who loves his riches to become a child of God. But what is hard for men is quite easy with God, for God has all power."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What did the young ruler ask Jesus? Ans. How he could have eternal life. 2. What did he say when Jesus told him to obey the commandments? Ans. That he had always done so. 3. What else did Jesus say he must do? Ans. He told him to part with

all that he had and follow Him. 4. Was he ready to do so? Ans. No. 5. What did Jesus say about those who love money better than God? Ans. Golden Text—Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

#### Ned's Penny

Uncle Jack had given little Ned a bright new penny. By chance it dropped into a vase on the parlor table. Ned put in his hand to get it, but found that he could not withdraw his arm. After many trials, his father said, "Now, laddie, open your hand, put your fingers straight out, and then pull."

"But I can't, father," said Ned. "If I did I should drop my penny." "Very well," said his father. "Then I cannot

help you," and he went away.

After struggling a long time to get free he gave up, and letting the copper drop as his father had said, he pulled out his hand.

Just then his uncle came into the room, and hearing what had happened, turned the vase upside down, and the missing penny fell out on the floor. So Ned had his treasure again, and he had learned a good lesson as well.

I HAVE LEARNED  
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see Lesson 1  
Not to trust in riches

**Primary Catechism—127.** What is meant by the gospel?

The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

**128.** 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—52.** What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

A. The reasons annexed to the second commandment are, God's sovereignty over us, his propriety in us, and the zeal he hath in his own worship.

#### Lesson Hymn

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Amen.

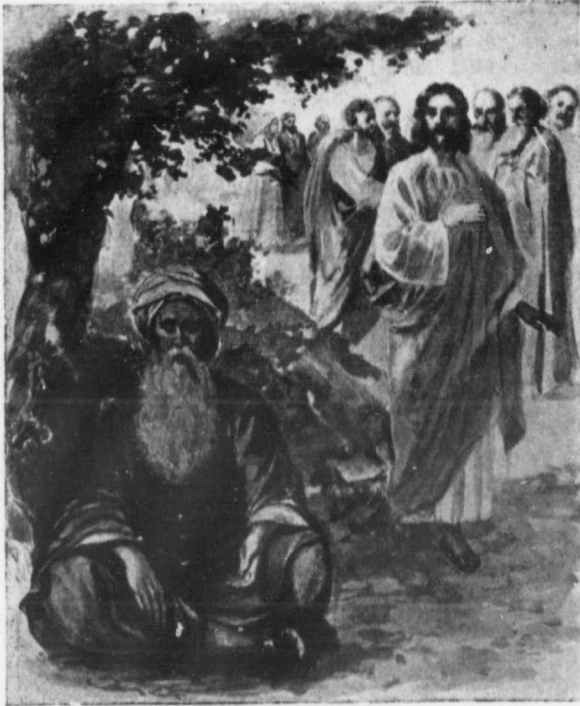
—Hymn 238, Book of Praise

## Lesson X.

## BARTIMÆUS HEALED

December 9, 1900

Mark 10 :46-52—Memory Verses, 50-52

**Golden Text**—Lord, that I might receive my sight.—Mark 10 : 51.

see Lesson 1

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Shortly before the time came for Jesus to be put to death, He was walking towards Jerusalem with His disciples. They had reached Jericho on the way. As they left the city, great crowds of those whom Jesus had cured, and many others on their way to the Feast of the Passover, followed after Jesus to see His miracles and to hear His wonderful words.

On the edge of the road, a well-known beggar, called Bartimæus, was sitting, hoping to get a little money from passers-by; for, besides being poor and friendless, he was stone blind.

Though he could see nothing, he knew by the sound of the tramping that more people than usual were walking past. "Who is going by?" he asked; and they told him it was Jesus of Nazareth.

Bartimæus had heard of Jesus' cures in other places, but had never thought that Jesus would ever come his way. Now, as soon as he heard His name, he began shouting at the top of His voice, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me."

The people who were standing near, said to him, "Hush! be still. Jesus has no time to stop now." But he only called louder than ever, "Thou son of David, have mercy on me."

And Jesus heard him.

Standing still in the road, Jesus said to the crowd, "Go and bring that man to me." So they ran and said to the blind man, "Be of good comfort, rise; He calleth thee." Then Bartimæus sprang up, and throwing away his cloak so that he could walk more quickly, was brought to Jesus.

46 And they came to Jer'icho; and as he went out of Jer'icho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimæ'us, the son of Timæ'us, sat by the highwayside begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Je'sus of Naz'areth, he began to cry out, and say, Je'sus, thou son of Da'vid, have mercy on me.

48 And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou son of Da'vid, have mercy on me.

49 And Je'sus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee.

50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Je'sus.

51 And Je'sus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.

52 And Je'sus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Je'sus in the way.

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at once he could see.

Then he who had been blind joined in the procession, glorifying and praising God, and ready to go anywhere with Jesus.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who were following Jesus on His way to Jerusalem? Ans. His disciples and a great crowd of people. 2. Who heard the noise of passers-by? Ans. A blind man called Bartimæus. 3. When he knew Jesus was near, what did he do? Ans. He cried aloud, "Thou son of David, have mercy on me." 4. Who told him to be still? Ans.

Some of the crowd. 5. What did Jesus say? Ans. Bring him to me. 6. When he had come, what did Jesus ask him? Ans. What wilt thou that I should do for thee? 7. What did Bartimæus answer? Ans. Golden Text—Lord, that I might receive my sight. 8. What did Jesus say as He cured him? Ans. Thy faith hath made thee whole.

#### A Boy's Prayer

"Mother," said Edwin one day, "why does Jesus not work miracles now?"

"He does," said his mother.

"But not for little boys, does He, mother?"

"Yes, dear," she answered. "I will tell you of one little fellow whom Jesus cured of something far worse than blindness."

"Worse than blindness, mother?" said Edwin. "Was he deaf?"

"No," said his mother, "he could both see and hear."

"Then, maybe he was dumb," said Edwin. "You remember poor old dumb Charlie, who used to come sometimes to Uncle Maxwell's last summer. He could talk only on

his fingers. They said he had been that way ever since he was a baby. Was that what was the matter with the little boy you knew, mother?"

"No, dear," said his mother. "This little boy, whose name was Robert Hall, had a healthy body, but in his heart was a very evil temper. When he felt it coming on, he used to go into a corner of the room and say, 'O Lamb of God, calm my mind!' He afterwards grew to be one of the greatest ministers in England, for his constant prayer was heard, and the sinful temper was taken away." Was it not really as wonderful as the blind man receiving his sight?

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY

That I should use my eyes for Jesus

*See Lesson I*

**Primary Catechism—129.** 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—53.** Which is the third commandment?

A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

#### Lesson Hymn

I've found a Friend; O, such a Friend!  
He loved me ere I knew Him;  
He drew me with the cords of love,  
And thus He bound me to Him;  
And round my heart still closely twine  
Those ties which nought can sever,  
For I am His, and He is mine,  
Forever and forever.

Amen.

—Hymn 80, Book of Praise

Lesson XI.

**ZACCHÆUS THE PUBLICAN**

December 16, 1900

Luke 19 : 1-10 —Memory Verses 8-10

**Golden Text**—The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—  
Luke 19 : 10.



1 And Je'sus entered and passed through Jer'icho.

2 And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchæ'us, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.

3 And he sought to see Je'sus who he was ; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.

4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him : for he was to pass that way.

5 And when Je'sus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæ'us, make haste, and come down ; for to-day I must abide at thy house.

6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

7 And when they saw *it*, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.

8 And Zacchæ'us stood, and said unto the Lord ; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor ; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.

9 And Je'sus said unto him,

This day is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Ab'raham.

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

*see Lesson 1*

THE LESSON RETOLD

There was a man living in Jericho called Zacchæus, who was very anxious to see with his own eyes what kind of man Jesus was. He was one of the richest men in Jericho, but he had made his money in a way that his neighbors did not like, for he was a tax-collector or publican, and the taxes were for the Romans, who were their enemies. When he knew that Jesus was passing through the city, he left his office and ran out into the street to see him.

But Zacchæus was a short man, and he now found the crowd so strong and dense that he could not even catch a single glimpse of Him whom he was so anxious to see.

But soon he thought of a good plan, and running on a little ahead of the thick

crowd, he climbed up quickly into a shade tree, and waited there until Jesus should pass. Every minute the crowd came nearer and nearer, and when Jesus was at the tree, He stopped, and looked up suddenly at Zacchæus sitting there. Then He spoke, calling the surprised little man by name, saying, "Zacchæus, make haste and come down, for I have chosen to stay at your house while I am in Jericho."

Then Zacchæus hurried down joyfully, and took Jesus home with him to dinner.

But the people in the crowd were cross. They said, "He has gone again to eat with publicans and sinners ! Why, everyone knows that this Zacchæus is not even quite respectable !"

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But while the crowd were clamoring, Zacchæus became a changed man since Jesus had noticed him. He now stood up before all the people and Jesus, and promised solemnly to give up his sins. To show that he was in earnest, he said, "I will, after this, give half of my money to feed the

poor, and I promise to pay back to every man four times as much as I have gained from him by wrong doing."

Then said Jesus to him, "This day is salvation come to this house, for the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What plan did Zacchæus take to see Jesus? Ans. He climbed up into a tree.  
 2. What did Jesus say when He saw him? Ans. Make haste and come down, for to-day I must abide at thy house.  
 3. What did the crowd say to this? Ans. That Zacchæus was too dishonest a man for Jesus to visit.  
 4. How did Zacchæus show that he was sorry for his sins. Ans. He offered to pay back four times over those that he had cheated and to give money to the poor.  
 5. What did Jesus tell him? Ans. That salvation had come to his house that day.  
 6. What is the Golden Text? Ans. The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

#### Why Hilda Could not Sleep

One afternoon when Hilda came to play, Mary got out a bag of pieces to make dolls' clothes.

While she was gone for the scissors, Hilda spied a piece of pink ribbon.

"What a nice doll's sash it would make," she thought to herself.

"Just slip it into your pocket before Mary gets it," whispered a voice.

That night Hilda could not rest.

Mother heard her tossing. "Not asleep yet, dear?" she asked.

"Oh, mother, whatever shall I do?" cried Hilda, bursting into tears, and she told the whole story.

"You must take it back," said mother, gravely, "and God will forgive you."

So they planned that Hilda should take the ribbon back the first thing in the morning. And after that she fell quietly asleep.

I HAVE LEARNED  
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*see Lesson 1*  
**That Jesus saves**

**Primary Catechism—130.** 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—54.** What is required in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works.

#### Lesson Hymn

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

*Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,  
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

Amen.

—Hymn 217, Book of Praise

## Lesson XII.

## PARABLE OF THE POUNDS

December 23, 1900

Luke 19 : 11-27—Memory Verses, 26, 27

**Golden Text**—Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.—Rom. 14 : 12.*see Lesson 1*

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had now got nearly to Jerusalem. Great crowds still followed Him and planned to make Him king. To show that His kingdom was not here but in heaven, Jesus told this story :

There was once a prince who went on a

and sent a message after him, saying that if he came back as king they would not obey him.

After a long time he did come back full of wealth and honor, and called his servants, to find out how they had used his money.

The first came, saying, "Master, I have been able by good use to gain with my pound ten pounds more." Then his master said, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Because you have been faithful in this small thing, you shall be ruler over ten cities."

Then the next servant came and told that his pound had grown to five. "Very well," said his master, "You have been faithful, too, and shall rule over five cities."

When the third servant came, he had a different tale to tell. He spoke imprudently to his master, calling him strict and grasping, and said, "Sir, here is your money just as it was. I have kept it all this time tied up in a napkin."

Then the prince was angry with that idle and disobedient servant, and said to those who stood by, "Take his pound away from him, and give it to the man who gained

the ten pounds." "But," they said, "is that fair? He has ten already." But the master said, "It is quite fair, for unto every one that hath, shall be given; but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away from him."

The prince gave orders, also, that those who had declared they would not have him to reign over them, should be slain.



long journey to a strange country. He expected to be away some time, and to come back as king.

Before he went, he called ten of his servants, and gave to each of them a pound in money, not as a present, but to see how much each of them could make out of it by trading.

But some of his servants hated this prince,

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- See*  
1. What did many of the people want to make of Jesus? **Ans.** An earthly king.  
2. What story did Jesus tell to show that His kingdom is a heavenly one? **Ans.** The parable of the pounds. 3. Why did the prince give money to his servants? **Ans.** To

see what each one could gain by trading. 4. What did the first servant do with his? Ans. He gained with it ten pounds more. 5. What was done to the servant who hid his master's money? Ans. His pound was taken from him. 6. What is the Golden Text? Ans. Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

*see Lesson 1*

I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY **That I should be a good and faithful servant**

**Primary Catechism—131.** 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.

**132.** With what prayer does the Bible close?

The Bible closes with the prayer, "COME, LORD JESUS."

**Shorter Catechism—55.** What is forbidden in the third commandment?

A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God maketh himself known.

**Lesson Hymn**

True-hearted, whole-hearted, faithful and loyal,

King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!  
Under Thy standard exalted and royal,  
Strong in Thy strength, we will battle for Thee.

*Peal out the watchword, and silence it never,*

*Song of our spirits rejoicing and free,*

*True-hearted, whole-hearted, now and forever,*

*King of our lives, by Thy grace we will be!*

Amen.

—Hymn 245, Book of Praise

**A CHRISTMAS LESSON**

(May be used instead of the regular lesson for the day.)

Matt. 2: 1-11—Memory Verses, 4-6

**Golden Text**—Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

THE LESSON RETOLD

*see Lesson 1*

Matthew, one of Jesus' disciples, wrote in the Bible the story of Jesus' birthday and of those who gave the first Christmas presents.

Long, long ago, when the wicked Herod was king, some strange visitors knocked at his palace gate. They had come on a long journey, and wanted to be told where to find the baby who was born king of the Jews. "For," said they, "we have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him."

Herod could not tell them where to find the babe, so he sent for his wise and most learned men, who showed him the place in the Bible where it was promised that Christ should come from Bethlehem.

When Herod heard these things, he and his people were much frightened, thinking

that a new king would bring trouble. But Herod pretended to be pleased, and told the wise men to hurry to Bethlehem and bring back word to him, that he might come and worship the babe also.

So the strangers went out and followed the star that had guided them to Herod in the first place.

By and by it stopped above a certain house. How glad the travellers were, for they knew they were at the right house.

When they came into the house, they found the heavenly babe with Mary, His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him. Then they opened their bags, and offered rich and costly presents to the baby king, gold, and sweet-smelling spices and perfumes; after which God sent them home by a safer road.

Lesson XIII.

## REVIEW

December 30, 1900

**Golden Text**—Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.—Ps. 65 : 11.

**Primary Catechism**—132. With what prayer does the Bible close?

The Bible closes with the prayer, "COME, LORD JESUS."

**Shorter Catechism**—56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

A. The reason annexed to the third commandment is, That however the breakers of this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not suffer them to escape his righteous judgment.

## Lesson Hymn

We plough the fields and scatter  
The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and watered  
By God's almighty hand :  
He sends the snow in winter,  
The warmth to swell the grain,  
The breezes and the sunshine,  
And soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above ;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
For all His love.*

Amen.

—Hymn 488, Book of Praise

## I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY

## That God crowneth me with loving-kindness and tender mercies

Lesson Title	Golden Text
LESSON I. Jesus Dining with a Pharisee.	Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14 : 11.
LESSON II. Parable of the Great Supper.	Come ; for all things are now ready.—Luke 14 : 17.
LESSON III. The Lost Sheep and Lost Coin.	There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15 : 10.
LESSON IV. The Prodigal Son.	I will arise and go to my father.—Luke 15 : 18.
LESSON V. The Unjust Steward.	Ye cannot serve God and mammon.—Luke 16 : 13.
LESSON VI. The Rich Man and Lazarus.	Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.—Matt. 6 : 20.
LESSON VII. The Ten Lepers Cleansed.	Be ye thankful.—Col. 3 : 15.
LESSON VIII. Sober Living.	We should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.—Titus 2 : 12.
LESSON IX. The Rich Young Ruler.	Children, how hard it is for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!—Mark 10 : 24.
LESSON X. Bartimæus Healed.	Lord, that I might receive my sight.—Mark 10 : 51.
LESSON XI. Zacchæus the Publican.	The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19 : 10.
LESSON XII. Parable of the Pounds.	Every one of us shall give account of himself to God.—Rom. 14 : 12.
LESSON XIII. Review.	Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.—Ps. 65 : 11.



**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.

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**AN ORDER OF SERVICE, PRIMARY CLASSES**

Fourth Quarter, 1900

I. SINGING—At signal rise and sing Hymn 512, Book of Praise,

All things bright and beautiful,  
 All creatures great and small,  
 All things wise and wonderful—  
 The Lord God made them all.

II. SILENT PRAYER, followed by a brief prayer by teacher.

III. SINGING OF ONE OR MORE HYMNS.

IV. COLLECTION.

V. BIRTHDAY OFFERING AND PRAYER. This prayer should be more especially for missions. If no offering is presented, still have the prayer.

VI. CHANT OR RECITE :

Bless the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me, bless His holy name.  
 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.

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

VIII. THE LESSON for the day, with Golden Text, Lesson Hymn and Catechism.

IX. PRAYER. In simple words and short clauses by the teacher, the children repeating after the teacher.

X. SING LESSON HYMN for the Quarter 488, Book of Praise.

We plough the fields and scatter  
 The good seed on the land,  
 But it is fed and watered  
 By God's almighty hand :  
 He sends the snow in winter,  
 The warmth to swell the grain,  
 The breezes and the sunshine,  
 And soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
 Are sent from heaven above ;  
 Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
 For all His love.*

Amen.

XI. IN CONCERT. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

XII. DISMISSAL.

[This order of service is given only as a suggestion to teachers of Primary Classes. Mothers with two or three little ones at home may also get a hint from it. Ingenious mothers and teachers will study variety, and not tie themselves down to any one order.]

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