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HOW well our little man is learning! He'll soon be a splendid reader." You overheard this when you were supposed to be out of hearing altogether. Don't let it make you proud. That would be a pity.

But isn't it a fine thing to be able to read for yourself? Isn't it very like what the opening of his eyes must have been to the blind man? He saw things that he never dreamed of before. And books are a new world to you, now that you can read them for yourself; and a very bright and beautiful world it is, too.

The lessons in THE QUARTERLY are written specially for little boys and girls. There are no hard words. You will find it easy to read them, and I hope you will read and study them, too, very carefully week by week.

"How can I study a lesson?" you say. "I'm such a very little chap." It's not so hard to do as it looks. Suppose you go about it something in this way:

You will begin, of course, by a good look at the picture. Try and find out how many things there are to see in it, and what they all mean.

To do this you will likely have to read "The Lesson Retold," which gives you the lesson story in very simple words. Even your little brother or sister, who cannot read at all, can understand them all. THE QUARTERLY is meant for them, too.

When you have read this over, look at the next page. You will find the "Questions and Answers" there. Read them over, also; and, when you have finished, get some one to ask the questions and see if you can give the answers. You will be almost sure to have to go over them once or twice again before you know them all.

Generally the Golden Text is among the "Questions and Answers," but not always. When it is not, you will find it down at the bottom of the page. Learn it off by heart, and also the Catechism. There are 132 questions in the Catechism altogether, and if you learn those

given for each Sabbath, you will have the whole Catechism by heart in two years, and be ready for the bigger Catechism which the older boys and girls are learning.

The Lesson Hymns should be got off by heart as well as the Catechism and the Golden Text. These hymn verses are like little gems. You will be very rich by and by if you store one away each week in your memory.

I haven't said anything about the little story which is given with almost all the lessons. I am sure you will likely read it the first thing, and, do you know, if you study the lesson as I have described, you will be anxious to read over the whole passage of Scripture for yourself. You should find it in your own Bible, so that when your teacher asks you, you will be able to turn it up very quickly.

I think it would be very nice to print with a pencil in big letters "What I have learned today" in a little book which you can fold out of a sheet of paper, with one page for each lesson. It will help you to remember.

Now, you are saying, "Why, you want me to study my lesson, as if I were big, and I'm only a very little fellow." Yes, but it's wonderful what little fellows can do when they try, and there are seven days in the week, and it needs just the least little bit of time each day to do all that I have asked you to do before the next Sabbath comes round.

CHILDREN AND BIBLE STUDY

By Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts

There are several things that combine to give children a distaste for Bible reading rather than a relish for it. First, the extensiveness of the Bible; to a child it would seem that it "could never be read through." Second, the close manner in which it is printed makes it a difficult book to read. Third, the smallness of the type as compared with that in which children's books are usually printed makes it hard reading.

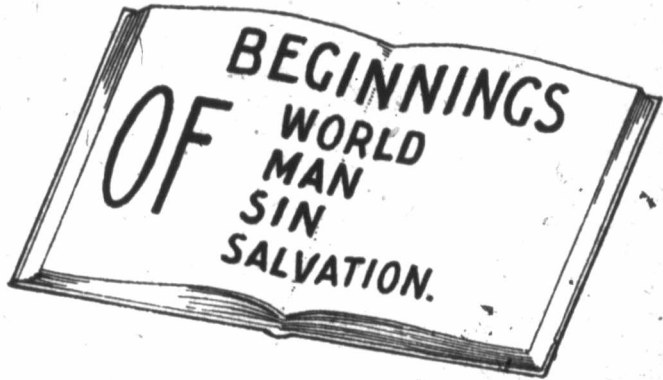
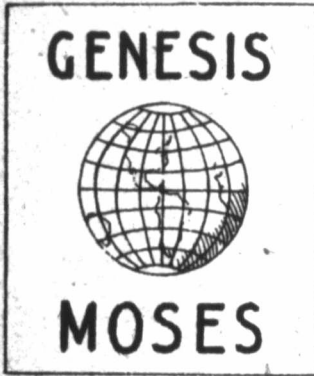
Fourth, the usual lack of pictures is an element of unattractiveness. Fifth, the desultory way in which Bible reading is usually conducted, without any thought of connectedness. Sixth, the requirement that children shall listen when the reading conveys little or no meaning. It is my purpose to present some practical plans for overcoming such difficulties.

If we would interest children in reading the Bible, *we must begin before they can read it for themselves.* A wise mother once said to me: "I believe stories from the Bible should precede all other stories."

Where shall we begin? We can hardly go amiss anywhere we open its pages. The make-up of the child-mind renders it unnecessary, even undesirable, that these stories should be told as connected Bible history; that will come later.

small books, and in capital type for children's eyes, each book costing a mere trifle. Genesis, Isaiah, Psalms and Proverbs are also published in this form. These should be given to a child, not all at once, but one by one, and parents or teachers should carefully compute the time in which a child might be expected to read one through, and place this limit before him: for example, the Book of Genesis, which is the first volume in the series, can be read through without haste in three hours. This would be too much for a child to read at one sitting, but it could be divided into half or quarter hour portions, and so accomplished within a month.

Before each book is read an effort should be made to open it up; to create an anticipative interest in it. Two years ago, at several of the Chautauquas, I gave a series of lessons in which



Bible stories should be told to young children rather than read to them, because the text contains many unusual words, which they do not understand, and because the child is brought into closer contact with the story through the voice and facial expressions of the narrator.

A pictorial Bible will greatly help the story-telling. All sorts of picture books are purchased for the child, and why not a pictorial Bible? There are several such on the market now which can be had at no great price.

So much for children who cannot read the Bible for themselves. Now, as to the difficulties in the way of those who can read it, but do not: 1st. As to the Bible being so large as to discourage its reading. Let the Bible be given to a child in several small books, rather than in one large volume; for example, the whole New Testament is published by the Bible Societies in

all of the books of the Bible were in such a manner brought before the children. Genesis was presented thus by drawing upon the blackboard, while the children copied the work on small books which they had folded with paper.

The work was done with colored pencils, and, at the end, each child who had been faithful was the delighted possessor of sixty-six attractive little books, which would certainly be the means of interesting him to read the Bible, and a help to his intelligent reading of it. In arranging this series I was greatly helped by a small book on Bible symbols by Mr. Geo. W. Pease.

In regard to the second and third difficulties mentioned: the close manner in which the Bible is printed, and the smallness of the type, it should be said there are two classes of persons who should always have the Bible in large print—the young and the aged. Buy for little son or

daughter just such a Bible as you would get for grandpa or grandma. Oftener than otherwise, a very small New Testament is first given to a child, because it is "cunning," and seems to fit him. He seldom, if ever, tries to read it. He cannot do it.

As to the fourth difficulty, the lack of pictures, if a pictorial Bible cannot be purchased, let the making of a Bible scrap-book be undertaken. In the papers which the children bring home from Sunday-school will frequently be found pictures of Bible scenes, which can be pasted into the scrap book with a note giving the book, chapter and verse which each illustrates. Beautiful prints can now be had of nearly all famous paintings of Bible subjects at a cost of one cent each, in black and white, the famous so-called "Perry Pictures," known to all kindergartners. Blue prints can be had at the same price. The "Hoffman set," consisting of thirty-three pictures, is especially worthy of mention. Let Bible maps be drawn in the scrap-book, and let the furniture of the tabernacle be cut out of gilt paper and pasted in; also the Scripture sewing cards which the children do week by week, should be pasted in.

The fifth difficulty; desultory reading could be met by arranging a biographical course; all about Abraham in both Old and New Testaments, all about David, all about Solomon, all about Jesus, all about Paul.

In reading all about Jesus a little book called "The Red Cord from Creation to Christ" will be found very helpful. The author, Dr. Rositer, says: "As through all the rope made for the Royal English Navy there runs a red cord, so in the Bible you will find a Red Cord which binds together all its stories, prophecies, ceremonies, songs, and events."

A most interesting way for the older boys and girls and their parents to read the Bible is the chronological plan, which is clearly set forth in a small book by Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, entitled "Reading the Bible with Relish." It is so planned that the whole Bible can be read through in one year, requiring not more than ten minutes a day. A lady after having read the Bible in this way remarked, "It makes the Bible read like a new book." Certain it is, if we are going to interest the children in the Bible we shall have to be interested in it ourselves, and read it too.

My first interest in Bible reading was aroused when, in companionship with Mr. D. L. Moody in several long drives to Sunday-school conventions, he asked me such questions as: "What does the Bible say about clouds? about water? about rocks?" etc., as each of these objects was passed. I asked, "How can I learn the Bible this way?" He replied, "By using the Concordance." What a value there is in thus associating God's Word with our environment.

Undoubtedly the children would be more interested to read the Bible if they should be told something about its wonderful history as a book, particularly the story of the English Bible. A series of charts issued by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, London, is an invaluable aid in giving this story. I would also recommend in this connection a small book entitled "Father Tompkins and his Bible," written by Prof. Willis C. Beecher.

In the preparation of this article it has been taken for granted that the home study of the Sunday-school lessons is daily followed, but more than that is desirable.

Parents and Sunday-school teachers, if our children do not love the Bible, it is plainly our fault, and a fault that should be corrected.

Washington, D.C.

PARENT AND TEACHER

By Mrs. John McLeod

In considering primary work it must ever be borne in mind that in her influence on the child the mother takes precedence of the Sunday-school teacher. For mothers and fathers are primary teachers whether they realize it or not, and whether they will or not.

God, by the law of nature, gives the home the first place. It has the child in his earliest and most impressionable years, and, unlike the Sunday-school, it has him constantly during that period. By nature and revelation the parent is placed in a position of almost divine authority.

No institution, then, secular or sacred, can take the place of the Christian home or relieve parents of their responsibilities.

One of our Canadian educationists, who has given much time and attention to child study, says: "The chances are that a child entering

school knows one-third of all he ever will know." What an appalling thought this is! and how it should stimulate parents to such painstaking, conscientious work in the training of their children that the superstructure of the primary teacher may have a solid foundation!

I have said that all parents are primary teachers, and it goes without saying that unless this preparatory work is wisely carried on, and for the express purpose of fitting the child for a life of usefulness here and for the higher life hereafter, the parents have made a wretched failure of their mission. The influence of the primary teacher is far-reaching and of untold value, but it is too much to expect that in one hour of the week she can counteract the results of the parents' indifference or indolence or, perhaps, positively evil example during the first few years of a child's life.

Important lessons may be taught to even very young children; such as those of regularity and obedience, which will materially aid the primary teacher in her work of moral and religious training. We hear much talk now-a-days of the lack of respect for parental authority noticeable in children of this generation. If this virtue is disappearing from our homes let the reproach fall where it should—on the parents themselves, and on their defective and slipshod methods of training. The advice of the ancient sage may still be read in the Sacred Record—"Train up a child in the way he should go," and it is as valuable today as in any former time.

Children may be trained to regularity from the very beginning; and this is a much more important feature than may appear at first sight. For regularity is favorable to morality, inasmuch as it acts as a check on impulse; for though there are beautiful and lovable impulses, yet a life of impulse is always an imperfect one, and may be positively evil. At the best it is a life full of peril.

Very young children may be trained to obedience. When I speak of a child's will coming in contact with that of a parent, I am aware that I am treading on dangerous ground. Still, I maintain that a child should be made to realize that there is a higher law than the law of his own will, and that the parent is, at least during the early years of his child's life, the embodiment of that law. A child may be made to yield a wayward and ignorant will to a firm and enlightened one,

and that without "breaking his will" as it is foolishly called.

A child may be trained to reverence at a very early age. So soon as he begins to hesitate between alternative lines of conduct, one course being good, another bad, we know that, in an elementary way at least, the child's conscience is coming into play. But it may be asked how does he come to know that one course is good and another bad? Largely through the instruction of the parent, whose word, at the present, is the child's final authority. Every properly trained child regards his parents as on a higher moral ground than himself; he trusts, then reverences, and it is their duty to deepen this sentiment by precept and example worthy of the child's reverence; for out of it will grow proper respect and reverence for all rightly constituted authority, and for the highest of all laws, the law of God.

In all our plans and methods of Sunday-school work, then, the duties of parents should be considered and emphasized. It is the duty of parents to see that their children attend the school regularly, to be particular that the teachers be always spoken of and treated with respect in the presence of their children and to further assist the teacher by aiding their children in the preparation of lessons, so far, at least, as memorizing is concerned.

If it be true that parents have duties to the teacher, it is equally true that these duties are reciprocal. Indeed, a heavy responsibility rests on the teacher to keep as much in touch with the home as possible, and to do all in her power to brighten and strengthen it. She must seek in every legitimate way to know all she can of the home training, environment, habits, and companions of her pupils; otherwise she will find herself handicapped at every turn in her study of her class; and without a knowledge of her pupils' natures her progress in religious instruction and influence will be slow, imperfect, and unsatisfactory. She will, to a certain extent at least, fail in one great aim of Bible teaching—the training and developing the child soul, that in the temptations, difficulties, and conflicts of life he may be able to decide as to the right, choose it, and with persistence and determination follow it.

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A LOOK AHEAD

We continue this quarter our studies in the Life of Christ from the Gospel by John.

Last quarter we saw Christ in His different manifestations as the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, giving light through His words and works.

The great thought that runs through all the lessons of the present quarter is:—CHRIST JESUS SAVES BY HIS LIFE AND DEATH.

Those who instruct the little ones at home, as well as teachers in their classes, will do well to look often at the plan here given for the whole quarter.

We see CHRIST JESUS:

1. Displaying His power over death, John 11: 32-45.
2. Touching a heart by His grace, John 12: 1-11.
3. Giving an example of service, John 13: 1-17.
4. Guiding to God, John 14: 1-14.
5. Promising a Heavenly Comforter, John 14: 15-27.
6. Shewing the secret of fruit-bearing, John 15: 1-11.
7. Betrayed by a disciple, John 18: 1-14.
8. Tried by an unjust judge, John 18: 15-27.
9. Condemned, though faultless, John 18: 28-40.
10. Dying for sinners, John 19: 17-30.
11. Rising from the tomb, John 20: 11-20.
12. Sitting on the right hand of God, Col. 3: 1-15.
13. REVIEW. CHRIST JESUS SAVES BY HIS LIFE AND DEATH.

PRAYER HYMN

[To be sung with hands folded and in low and reverent tones.]

Gentle Saviour, God of Love,
Hear us from Thy throne above,
While we meet to praise Thee here,
In our Sabbath 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.

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

Lesson I.

John 11 : 32-45.—Memory Verses 41-44

April 2, 1899

32. Then when Ma'ry was come where Je'sus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33. When Je'sus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35. Je'sus wept.

36. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37. And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38. Je'sus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39. Je'sus said, Take ye away the stone. Mar'tha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him,

Lord, by this time he stinketh : for he hath been dead four days.

40. Je'sus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Je'sus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42. And I knew that thou hearest me always : but because of the people which stand by, I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Laz'arus, come forth.

44. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes : and his face was bound about with a napkin. Je'sus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45. Then many of the Jews which came to Ma'ry, and had seen the things which Je'sus did, believed on him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had other friends besides His twelve disciples. One of the best of these friends was called Lazarus. He lived in Bethany with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. Jesus often rested in their home.

saying, "If only Jesus had been here, our brother had not died."

Everyone felt sorry for Mary and Martha and some of their friends came and sat beside them to comfort them in their trouble.

The two sisters felt sure that Jesus would soon come; so Martha went up the road to meet Him. When she saw Him she said, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here my brother had not died." Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Then He said, "Tell Mary to come."

When He saw Mary and their friends crying, Jesus wept, too.

Soon He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They said, "Come and see."

The grave was cut in the rock, and there was a great stone in front of it. When they reached the grave Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha said, "He has been dead four days"; but Jesus said, "Take away the stone," and they took it away.

Then Jesus prayed to His Father in Heaven and called with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth," and right away Lazarus got up out of the grave and came to meet them alive.

His face and hands had been wrapped up in cloth. Jesus told them to take the grave clothes off, for they were of no use now.



Once when Jesus was preaching away across the Jordan, He got a message from Mary and Martha that Lazarus was very sick. The same day that the message was sent Lazarus died.

His body was put away in a grave and Martha and Mary felt very sad and lonely. They kept

So Jesus and Lazarus, and Mary and Martha all went home together, and many of the people in Bethany and in Jerusalem, which was near by,

believed that Jesus was God, because only God is able to bring the dead back to life again.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Lazarus? Ans.—A friend of Jesus. 2. Where did he live? Ans.—In Bethany. 3. Who lived with him? Ans.—His sisters, Mary and Martha. 4. Who came to visit them sometimes? Ans.—Jesus. 5. What happened one day in their home? Ans.—Lazarus took very sick. 6. What did Mary and Martha do? Ans.—They sent and told Jesus. 7. Where was Jesus? Ans.—Across the Jordan. 8. What happened before Jesus came? Ans.—Lazarus died. 9. How did their friends try to comfort them? Ans.—They came and sat beside them, and talked to them. 10. What did Jesus say when He came? Ans.—“I am the resurrection

and the life.” 11. Was Jesus sorry to see His friends in trouble? Ans.—Yes, “Jesus wept.” 12. When they reached the grave, what did Jesus tell them to do? Ans.—To take away the stone. 13. How long did Martha say Lazarus had been dead? Ans.—Four days. 14. When the stone was taken away, what did Jesus do? Ans.—He called with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.” 15. Did Lazarus hear Him? Ans.—Yes; he came out alive. 16. Who did the people say Jesus was? Ans.—The Son of God. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“I am the resurrection and the life.”

HOW BEN WAS SAVED

Blossom's brother Ben was a soldier, and he had been condemned to be shot because he had fallen asleep when keeping guard at night. He had been very tired nursing a sick soldier who was his friend, and had stood guard in his place.

When this terrible news came to the family they felt so badly they could hardly bear it; but little Blossom had heard of President Lincoln, so she said she would go to him and beg for her brother's life. She started at once by the night train.

At last, after great trouble, she got to the President's room. “Well, my little one, what do you want?” said Mr. Lincoln, in a kind voice.

“Oh, please sir, Bennie's life.” “Who is Bennie?” Then she told him how it all happened, and the good President, after thinking deeply for a few minutes, wrote a short message, which he ordered to be sent at once. “Your brother will be all right, my child, and he will come home to see you by and by.”

How glad Blossom was, and how happy they would all be at home!

Mr. Lincoln could give her brother's life to the little sister, though not as Jesus gave back Lazarus to Martha and Mary. Still, do you not think it was a little bit like Christ for him to use his power to do a kind and noble deed?

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus Can Give Life

Golden Text—“I am the resurrection and the life.”—John 11: 25.



Catechism—21. Who were the first man and the first woman? Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman.

An Easter Verse

“HOSANNA in the highest!
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our king.
O may we ever praise Him,
With heart, and life, and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice! Amen.

—Hymn 539, Book of Praise.

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THE ANOINTING IN BETHANY

Lesson II.

John 12 : 1-11—Memory Verses 1-3

April 9, 1899

1. Then Je'sus six days before the passover came to Beth'any, where Laz'arus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2. There they made him a supper; and Mar'tha served: but Laz'arus was one of them that sat at table with him.

3. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Je'sus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4. Then saith one of his disciples, Ju'das Is'cariot, Si'mon's son, which should betray him,

5. Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6. This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7. Then said Je'sus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

9. Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Je'sus' sake only, but that they might see Laz'arus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10. But the chief priests consulted that they might put Laz'arus also to death;

11. Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Je'sus.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Lazarus was raised from the dead Jesus and His disciples came to the village of Bethany again.



This time a man called Simon made a party and invited Jesus to his house. Lazarus was invited, too, and Martha was there helping to wait on the guests.

While they were sitting at the table, Mary came into the room. She had something in her hand that had cost a great deal of money. It was a little white box of sweet-smelling ointment called spikenard.

She went right over to the place where Jesus was sitting and poured the perfume on His feet. Then she wiped His feet with her hair. John says that the whole house was filled with the sweet smell.

Mary took this way of showing how much she loved Jesus. Perhaps she felt, too, that He would soon be taken away from them.

Jesus was pleased with what she had done, and said it would be always remembered about her.

Judas, who carried the money that Jesus and His disciples needed, and who sometimes stole some of it, pretended to be very angry. He said it was waste, and that the perfume might have been sold for a great deal and the money given away to poor people. He said this because he was a thief, and not because he loved the poor.

Jesus said they would always have a chance to be kind to poor people, but that very soon He would have to leave them.

He meant that the time for Him to die was getting very near. He knew that wicked men were looking for Him, and that some of them were at Simon's house that day.

There were a great many people there. Most of them had come because they wanted to see Lazarus, who had been dead, and was now alive again.

Many of the people believed that Jesus was indeed God when they saw Lazarus alive and well, and this made the chief priests angry; and on their way home they made wicked plans to kill Lazarus, and Jesus, too, if they could.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who invited Jesus and his disciples to a party? Ans.—Simon. 2. Where did Simon live? Ans.—In Bethany. 3. What had Jesus done the last time he was in Bethany? Ans.—He had raised Lazarus from the dead. 4. Who else were at Simon's party? Ans.—Lazarus and his sisters. 5. What did Mary do while Jesus was sitting at the table? Ans.—She poured sweet ointment on His feet. 6. Why did she do this? Ans.—To show her love for Jesus, and because she feared he would soon be put to death by his enemies. 7. Was Jesus pleased with what she had done? Ans.—Yes, He said it would always be remembered about her. 8. What did Judas say? Ans.—He said it might have been given to the poor. 9. Did Judas care for the poor? Ans.—No, he was a thief. 10. What did Jesus say about the poor? Ans.—That there would always be chances for doing them good. 11. What did He say about Himself? Ans.—That very soon He would not be there. 12. What did He mean? Ans.—That the time was coming when He would die. 13. Who were looking for Jesus? Ans.—Wicked men. 14. For what had most of the people came to Simon's feast? Ans.—To see Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead. 15. What did the chief priests want to do with Lazarus? Ans.—To kill him. 16. Why? Ans.—Because so many people when they saw him believed that Jesus was the Son of God. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“She hath done what she could.”



WHAT MARY GAVE

She gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister, who was cutting teeth.

She gave a string and a crooked pin to the three-year-old brother, who wanted to play at fishing.

She gave Ellen, the maid, a precious hour to go and visit her sick mother at home by offering to open the door while she was away.

But this is not all Mary gave. She dressed herself so neatly and looked so bright and kind and obliging that she gave her mother a thrill of pleasure whenever she caught sight of her.

She wrote a letter to her father, who was absent on business.

She gave patient attention to a long story by her grandmother, and, when it was ended, made her happy by a good-night kiss.

Thus she had given six valuable presents to six people in one day, and yet she had not a cent in the world.

She was as good as gold, and she gave something of herself to all those who were so fortunate as to meet her.



I HAVE LEARNED
*TO-DAY THAT

Jesus Wants Us to Show Our Love.

Golden Text—“She hath done what she could.”—Mark 14 : 8.



Catechism—22. In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, as well as a body. 23. What is the soul? The soul is that part of us which can never die.

Lesson Hymn

WE'LL bring Him hearts that love Him,
We'll bring Him thankful praise,
And young souls meekly striving
To walk in wisdom's ways ;
And these shall be the treasures
We offer to the King,
And these are gifts the heaven
The poorest child may bring. Amen.
—Hymn 535, Book of Praise.

JESUS TEACHING HUMILITY

Lesson III.

John 13: 1-17—Memory Verses 14-17

April 16, 1899

1. Now before the feast of the passover, when Je'sus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Ju'das Iscar'iot, Si'mon's son, to betray him;

3. Je'sus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4. He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6. Then cometh he to Si'mon Pe'ter: and Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7. Je'sus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8. Pe'ter saith unto him, Thou shalt never

wash my feet. Je'sus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9. Si'mon Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10. Je'sus saith unto him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit; and ye are clean, but not all.

11. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The evening before His death Jesus and His disciples were sitting in a large upstairs room in Jerusalem taking supper.

They were all there—John and Peter and James, and the nine others.

Jesus knew that it would be the last chance

up and took off his long, loose coat. Then He tied a towel around His waist and poured some water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet.

In that country the people always take off their shoes when they sit down to supper after a dusty walk, and a servant washes their feet.

Jesus and His disciples had no servant, and none of the disciples had thought of doing it.

They were now so surprised at what their Master was doing that no one said anything until it was Peter's turn to have his feet washed. He could not bear to see Jesus doing such a thing, and said, "Lord, thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus told Peter that unless he was washed he could not be His disciple; then Peter was willing.

Jesus did not leave out anybody, not even the wicked Judas, and, after He had finished and had put on His coat again, He sat down and began to talk.

He said, "Do you know why I have done this? It is to teach you to be as kind to one another as I have been to you." Jesus had sometimes seen His disciples quarrelling about which of them should be the greatest, and He wanted to show them that if they wanted to be really



He would have of talking quietly to His friends alone before He died. He loved them very much and had many things to say to them.

While they were sitting at the table Jesus got

great and happy they must be willing to help one another.

He said, "I have given you an example. If

I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where were Jesus and His disciples the evening before He died? Ans.—In Jerusalem, in an upstairs room. 2. What were they doing? Ans.—Taking supper together. 3. How many people were there? Ans.—Just Jesus and His twelve friends. 4. What did Jesus do after they had been sitting awhile? Ans.—He began to wash the disciples' feet. 5. Who generally did such work? Ans.—A servant. 6. What did Peter say about it? Ans.—"Lord, thou shalt never wash my feet." 7. What did Jesus say? Ans.—"If I wash you not, you cannot be my disciple." 8. Was Peter willing then? Ans.—

Yes. 9. After He had washed all the disciples' feet, what did He say? Ans.—"Do you know why I did this?" 10. Why did He do it? Ans.—To teach the disciples how to be kind to one another. 11. Were the disciples always kind to each other? Ans.—No; they were sometimes proud and quarrelsome. 12. What did Jesus say was the real way to be happy? Ans.—By doing what was kind and humble. 13. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"I have given you an example." 14. What is an example? Ans.—A good pattern.

WHAT EXAMPLE WILL DO

"Mamma, I wish you'd call the baby in; he's so cross we can't play," cried Robbie one day, as he was playing in the yard with his little baby brother.

"I don't think he would be cross, if you were not cross to him," said mamma, coming out. "He does just as he sees you do. Just try him and see. Whistle," said mamma. Robbie whistled, and the baby began to whistle, too.

"Stop mocking me," cried Robbie angrily, giving baby a push. Baby screamed and pushed Robbie back.

"There, you see," said his mother, "the baby does just as you do. Kiss him now, and you will see how quickly he will follow your example."

Robbie did not exactly like to do this, but he obeyed, and the baby hugged and kissed him back very warmly.

"Now, you see," said the mother, "you can have a good baby or a bad baby, just as you please, for he will do as you do yourself."

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Like Jesus, we Should be Ready to Serve One Another

Golden Text—"I have given you an example."—John 13: 15.

Catechism—24. What more do you know about the soul? The soul thinks, and feels, and chooses what is right or wrong.

Lesson Hymn

I'M glad my blessed Saviour
Was once a child like me,
To show how pure and holy
His little ones might be;
And, if I try to follow
His footsteps here below,
He never will forget me,
Because He loves me so.—Amen.
—Hymn 556, Book of Praise.

JESUS THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Lesson IV.

John 14 : 1-14—Memory Verses 2-6

April 23, 1899

1. Let not your heart be troubled : ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2. In my Father's house are many mansions : if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself ; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5. Thom'as saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest ; and how can we know the way ?

6. Je'sus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life : no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also : and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8. Phil'ip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9. Je'sus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Phil'ip ? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father : and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father ?

10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me ? the words I speak unto you I speak not of myself : but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11. Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me : or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also ; and greater *works* than these shall he do ; because I go unto my Father.

13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14. If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do *it*.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The disciples felt very sorry when Jesus told them that soon He must leave them. They had been with Him for nearly three years and had learned to love and trust Him.



Jesus knew how lonely and frightened they felt, so to comfort them he said, "Let not your heart be troubled."

He knew, too, they would feel happier if they knew just exactly where He was going and what He was going to do ; so He said, "I am going away to get a place ready for you in My Father's house in heaven. When it is ready I am coming back again to take you to live with me there."

Thomas was not very sure that he understood what Jesus meant ; so he asked, "But how can we know the way ?" Jesus said, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

Philip had often heard Jesus speak before of His Father in Heaven, but thought he would like to see Him with his eyes just as they could see Jesus at that moment, so he said, "Show us the Father."

Then Jesus explained that they had all really seen His Father, because they had seen Him, for His Father was just like Him, and it was the Father who had given Him the power to do wonderful works, like opening the eyes of a blind man or raising a dead man to life again.

Jesus told His friends that, after He had gone back to heaven, if they trusted in Him, His Father would give them power to do even greater things than they had seen Him do.

Jesus wants everybody in the world to get acquainted with His Father, and that is one reason why He came to this world, and, because He

shows men how to find the Heavenly Father, and to be ready to dwell with the Father in His own home, He calls Himself "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How did the disciples feel when Jesus spoke of leaving them? Ans.—Very sorry. 2. How long had they been with Jesus? Ans.—Nearly three years. 3. What did Jesus say to them? Ans.—“Let not your heart be troubled!” 4. Where did Jesus say He was going? Ans.—To His Father’s House. 5. What would He do there? Ans.—He would prepare a place for His friends. 6. What kind of place? Ans.—A happy, beautiful home. 7. What is it that will make it so beautiful? Ans.—Jesus will be there Himself. 8. What did Thomas ask Jesus about this place? Ans.—“How can we know the way?” 9. What did Jesus tell him? Ans.—“I am the way.” 10. What would Philip have liked? Ans.—To see the Heavenly Father with his own eyes. 11. What did Jesus say to Philip? Ans.—“He that hath seen Me hath seen My Father.” 12. What did Jesus mean? Ans.—He meant that He was just like His Father. 13. What did Jesus tell the disciples His Father would do for them? Ans.—That He would help them to do wonderful works too. 14. When would He help them? Ans.—When they asked Him in the name of His Son Jesus. 15. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life.” 16. Why is Jesus called the Way? Ans.—Because He came to show people how to know God.



FOLLOWING HIS MASTER

There were two men walking along the road and a dog was following them.

“To which of those two gentlemen does that dog belong?” asked Willie Adams of his larger brother, as they were swinging on their front gate one afternoon after school.

“I can’t tell yet,” said Tom. “I would soon know if the men separated.” And sure enough they did, almost before Tom had finished speak-

ing. At the next crossing one man turned to the left while the other kept straight on and the dog followed *him*.

“That is his master,” cried the two children at once.

Little ones, To which master do you belong? I trust you are following Jesus along the bright and sunny road which leads straight to Heaven.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

JESUS IS THE WAY TO HEAVEN



Golden Text—“Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”—John 14 : 6.

Catechism—25. For what purpose was man made? Man was made to love and serve God, and to be happy with Him forever.

Lesson Hymn

JESUS, be Thou my guide,
My steps attend ;
O keep me near Thy side,
Be Thou my friend. Amen.
—Hymn 587, Book of Praise.

THE COMFORTER PROMISED

Lesson V.

John 14 : 15-27—Memory Verses 25, 26

April 30, 1899

15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever ;

17. *Even* the Spirit of truth ; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him ; but ye know him ; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18. I will not leave you comfortless : I will come to you.

19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more ; but ye see me : because I live, ye shall live also.

20. At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me : and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22. Ju'das saith unto him, not Iscar'iot, Lord,

how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world ?

23. Je'sus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words : and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings : and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25. These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.

26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Before Jesus left this world He made a promise to His friends.

He knew that they would miss Him very much



when He was away, and would have no one to tell them what to do when they were in trouble. So He said, "I will ask my Father to send you

another Comforter." This Comforter is God's Holy Spirit, and He is God too.

Jesus said, "It is a good thing that I am going away ; because if I did not go away the Comforter would not come.

Jesus told His friends what the Comforter would do when He came.

He would help them to remember Jesus ; He would teach them everything they did not know ; and He would stay with them for ever.

Jesus said something more to His disciples while they were talking about the Comforter. He said, "If you love Me you must keep My commandments ; and if you do what I say My Father and I will love you and We will come and stay with you."

So the disciples heard what afterwards made them very happy ; for Jesus promised that, although He was going away, He would always be quite near them through His Spirit.

And there was a little promise inside the large one. It was this : that by keeping His commandments they would really get to know Him better than when they saw Him working miracles.

So we see how we can have Jesus with us all the time, and how we can come to know Him better—by doing whatever He commands us to do.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What promise did Jesus make to His disciples when He was about to leave them? Ans.—That He would send them another Comforter.
 2. Who is this Comforter? Ans.—God's Holy Spirit.
 3. When was He to come? Ans.—After Jesus went away.
 4. What did Jesus say the Comforter would do? Ans.—He would help them to remember Him.
 5. How long would the Spirit stay with them? Ans.—For ever.
 6. What did Jesus ask His disciples to do to show they loved Him? Ans.—To keep His commandments.
 7. What did Jesus say would happen if they kept His words? Ans.—That He and His Father would stay with them.
 8. Did Jesus mean that they would be able to see Him? Ans.—No. He meant that He would be near them through His Spirit.
 9. What is one good way of getting acquainted with Jesus? Ans.—By keeping His commandments.
 10. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter.”



PAPA'S PROMISE PICTURE

Harold's father and mother were missionaries. They lived far away in India, and when Harold was seven years old they all came to Canada for a visit.

The little boy had never seen snow before and, every morning after breakfast, he and his papa played fort and snow-man in Aunt Emily's garden. What fun it was!

But one day papa said that the time had come for mother and himself to go back to India. They were very sorry to leave their little boy but it was better for him to stay with Aunt Emily and go to school.

Harold thought that would be great fun, so he kissed them good bye and ran off to play.

But somehow snow-balling was not so much

fun now that papa was gone. Soon Harold ran crying to the house. “I want my papa,” was all he could say.

Aunt Emily went over to the table and took up a thin white parcel. “Papa said, ‘Give this to Harold,’” she said.

The little boy took off the paper and there was a beautiful picture of his own papa. There was some writing on the back of it. “To dear Harold, reminding him of papa's promise.” Then Harold remembered that papa had promised to come back for him when it was time.

After that, if he felt homesick or lonely, he had only to look at “papa's promise picture,” as he called it, and he was quite happy.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus Dwells in our Hearts by His Holy Spirit



Golden Text—“I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter.”—John 15: 5.

Catechism—26. What kind of persons were Adam and Eve when God made them? God made Adam and Eve holy and happy. 27. Where did God place Adam and Eve? God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in Eden.

Lesson Hymn

OUR blest Redeemer, ere He breathed
His tender last farewell,
A Guide, a Comforter bequeathed
With us to dwell.

And His that gentle voice we hear,
Soft as the breath of even,
That checks each thought, that calms each
fear,
And speaks of heaven.

—Hymn III, Book of Praise.

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Lesson VI.

John 15 : 1-11—Memory Verses 6-8

May 7, 1899

1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away : and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine ; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches : He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit : for without me ye can do nothing.

6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth

as a branch, and is withered ; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; so shall ye be my disciples.

9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you : continue ye in my love.

10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love ; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In Palestine where Jesus and His friends lived many people made a living by growing grape-vines.

A piece of ground where grape-vines are growing is called a vineyard.

The man who owns and takes care of the vineyard is called the husbandman.

His work is to see that the vines get good earth to grow in and plenty of water to keep them from being burned up by the hot sun. He watches, too, to see that no rough men or wild animals get through the hedge or over the wall to break down the vines and spoil the fruit.

The husbandman has just one reason for going to all this trouble. It is because he wants to have good fruit and plenty of it.

Sometimes the husbandman finds a branch with no fruit at all. Then he cuts it off the vine

altogether and throws it away. Of course after a branch is cut off the vine it is of no more use—it dries right up and dies. The only thing it is good for then is to make a fire.

It always gave Jesus pleasure to walk through a vineyard and see the branches loaded with fruit, but the sight of dead, useless branches made Him sad.

Once Jesus said to His disciples, "I am the true vine, you are the branches, my Father is the husbandman."

Jesus meant that God, His Father, takes just as good care of those who love Him as the husbandman takes of his vines.

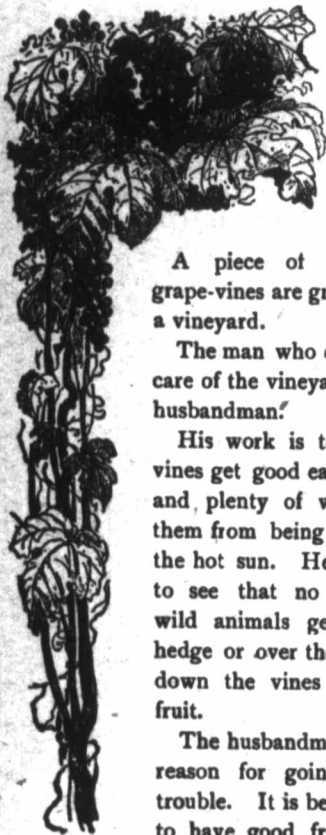
He called His disciples branches because it is from them that God expects to find fruit.

The fruits God is looking for are love, joy, peace, gentleness, faith, and a great many other like things.

Jesus called Himself the vine because He lives to help the branches to do their work.

He said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine ; no more can ye except ye abide in me."

He said, too, that if they kept close to Him and did as He wished them to do, they should feel their hearts full of His love, and, therefore, would be glad all the time ; and He said, too, that the more fruitful in every good word and in every good work they were the more God, their Father, would be praised by men.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the name of the place where grapes are grown? Ans.—A vineyard. 2. Who takes care of the vineyard? Ans.—The husbandman. 3. What does the husbandman have a vineyard for? Ans.—To get good fruit from it. 4. What part of the vine does the fruit grow on? Ans.—On the branches. 5. Do all the branches bear fruit? Ans.—No; some bear no fruit. 6. What does the husbandman do with branches that have no fruit? Ans.—He cuts them off and throws them into the fire. 7. Where does the branch get its fruit from? Ans.—From the life of the vine. 8. How does it get life from the vine? Ans.—By being joined to the vine. 9. Who did Jesus say *He* is? Ans.—He said: "I am the true vine." 10. Who is the husbandman? Ans.—His heavenly Father. 11. Who did Jesus say were the branches? Ans.—His disciples, that is, all who love Him and are trying to be like Him. 12. What does God expect from us as Christ's disciples? Ans.—Good fruit. 13. What are some good fruits? Ans.—Love, joy, peace, and many others. 14. Is God glad when Christians bear these fruits? Ans.—Yes, because it leads other people to love and serve Him, too. 15. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—I am the vine, ye are the branches.



ARTHUR'S APPLE TREE

Arthur Melton, who was just four years old, had a little garden which he called his own.

He was very fond of working there, and he had tiny flower and vegetable plots with many kinds of seeds growing in them.

Arthur wanted trees, too, in his garden, and, when the great apple tree which stood beside the gate was all in bloom, he climbed the fence and broke off a fine branch covered with blossoms, and stuck it in the ground in his little garden. "Now," said he to himself, "I will have apples, too, in my garden, by and by."

But, no; in a very short time the lovely blossoms drooped and withered, and after a few days

days there was only a dry, unsightly stick, without leaves or any sign of life.

His big brother Dick laughed at him; but Arthur was only doing, after all, what many grown up people have tried to do in another sort of garden.

One Sunday, not long after, the minister preached from the text "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in me." Little Arthur paid good attention, and as he listened he whispered to mother: "That is just like my little apple tree."

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Without Jesus I Can do Nothing Good

Golden Text—"I am the vine, ye are the branches."—John 15 : 5.

Catechism—28. What did God say to Adam and Eve when He had placed them in the garden? God told Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree in the garden except one.

Lesson Hymn

BY the Spirit's grace renewed,
By His love my will subdued,
Rich in faith I still would be—
Let my Saviour dwell in me. Amen.
Hymn 524, Book of Praise.

CHRIST BETRAYED AND ARRESTED

Lesson VII.

John 18 : 1-14—Memory Verses 3-5

May 14, 1899

1. When Je'sus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Ced'ron, where was a garden, into which he entered, and his disciples.

2. And Ju'das also, which betrayed him, knew the place : for Je'sus oftentimes resorted there with his disciples.

3. Ju'das then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Phar'isees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4. Je'sus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye ?

5. They answered him, Je'sus of Naz'areth. Je'sus saith unto them, I am he. And Ju'das also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

6. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye ? And they said, Je'sus of Naz'areth.

8. Je'sus answered, I have told you that I am he : if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way :

9. That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

10. Then Si'mon Pe'ter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Mal'chus.

11. Then said Je'sus unto Pe'ter, Put up thy sword into the sheath : the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it ?

12. Then the band and the captain and officer of the Jews took Je'sus and bound him,

13. And led him away to An'nas first ; for he was father-in-law to Cai'aphas, which was the high priest that same year.

14. Now Cai'aphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There was one man among Jesus' disciples who was not His friend.



His name was Judas Iscariot and he only pretended to love Jesus.

What Judas really loved best was money.

He used to carry the purse where Jesus and the

disciples put their money when they had any, and often he would steal some of it for himself.

The other disciples did not know that Judas was a thief, but Jesus knew that in his heart he was like Satan.

When they were all sitting together at that last supper, Judas was not listening to Jesus' kind words. He was making up a wicked plan and presently he left the room.

He went at once to the chief priests who were looking for Jesus and said, "If you pay me, I will show you where you can find Him."

Jesus and His friends often went to a beautiful garden just outside Jerusalem. Judas knew the place well, for he had sometimes been there with Jesus and the disciples. He knew they were all going there after the supper.

Jesus and His friends talked that night until it was quite late and then they went to the garden.

The place was quiet and dark with the shadows of the trees ; but after awhile the disciples saw lights moving among the trees. As they came nearer they could see that they were lanterns and torches and that they were being carried by soldiers armed with swords and sticks.

There was a man leading them whom they all knew. It was Judas.

Judas said to the soldiers, "I will shew you which is Jesus; watch me." Then he walked straight up to Jesus and kissed Him as if he had been glad to see Him.

Jesus said to the soldiers, "For whom are you looking?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth." He said, "I am He."

When the soldiers heard Jesus speaking quietly and not trying to get away they fell over on the ground with surprise. They seemed to feel that He was more than man.

Jesus said again, "I am He"; so they took hold of Him.

When Peter saw a rough soldier holding Jesus by the arm he took a sword and cut off his ear. Jesus was not pleased at Peter for wanting to start a fight, and He touched the man's ear and made it well.

So they bound Jesus with ropes and took Him away to Annas, the high priest, and the frightened disciples ran and hid themselves, leaving Jesus alone with the soldiers and the wicked Judas.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Were all Jesus' disciples good men? Ans.—No, there was one who was not.
2. What was his name? Ans.—Judas Iscariot.
3. What did Judas love more than Jesus? Ans.—He loved money best.
4. What did he sometimes do to get money? Ans.—He stole it from the purse in which Jesus and the disciples kept their money.
5. Was Judas at the supper when Jesus washed the disciples' feet? Ans.—Yes.
6. Did he stay until the supper was over? Ans.—No.
7. Where did he go? Ans.—To the chief priests.
8. What did he say to them? Ans.—If you will pay me I will show you where He is.
9. Where did Jesus and the disciples go after supper? Ans.—To the garden.
10. Who came to the garden with lanterns and swords? Ans.—Judas with a band of soldiers.
11. What did they come for? Ans.—To catch Jesus.
12. Did Jesus allow them to take Him? Ans.—Yes.
13. Could Jesus have got away? Ans.—Yes, if He had asked His Father He would have sent angels to help Him.
14. Where did the soldiers take Jesus? Ans.—To Annas, the high priest.
15. Did the disciples all go, too? Ans.—No, they were frightened and ran and hid themselves.
16. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"He is despised and rejected of men."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I Should be True to Jesus



Golden Text—"He is despised and rejected of men."—Isa. 53: 3.



Catechism—29. Did Adam and Eve obey God? No. They ate the fruit God told them not to eat.

Lesson Hymn

SHOULD the world and sin oppose,
We will follow Jesus;
He is greater than our foes;
We will follow Jesus:
On His promise we depend,
He will succor and defend,
Help and keep us to the end;
We will follow Jesus. Amen.
—Hymn 534, Book of Praise.

CHRIST BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

Lesson VIII.

John 18 : 15-27—Memory Verses 23-25

May 21, 1899

15. And Si'mon Pe'ter followed Je'sus, and so did another disciple : that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Je'sus into the palace of the high priest.

16. But Pe'ter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Pe'ter.

17. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Pe'ter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.

18. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals ; for it was cold : and they warmed themselves : and Pe'ter stood with them, and warmed himself.

19. The high priest then asked Je'sus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

20. Je'sus answered him, I spake openly to the world ; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort ; and in secret have I said nothing.

21. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them : behold, they know what I said.

22. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Je'sus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23. Je'sus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil : but if well, why smitest thou me?

24. Now An'nas had sent him bound unto Cai'aphas the high priest.

25. And Si'mon Pe'ter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, I am not.

26. One of the servants of the high priest, being *his* kinsman whose ear Pe'ter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27. Pe'ter then denied again : and immediately the cock crew.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The night of the supper Jesus spoke about the time when wicked men would put Him to death.

Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to die with Thee." But Jesus told Peter that though he felt so brave now, yet before the cock crew he would

ing Him and were much pleased to see Him brought in.

They were saying to themselves, "We will send Him to Pilate in the morning to be judged, but to-night we will enjoy ourselves by hearing what He has to say for Himself."

So they began to question Jesus. They said, "Who are you?" "What have you been making so much trouble for?" and many other rude things.

They were very fierce and angry but Jesus answered them gently and quietly. He said, "Why do you ask Me questions?" "You yourselves have seen everything I have done in the Temple and in other places."

Then a rough soldier struck Jesus with his hand.

Peter and John had followed the soldiers as far as the high priest's palace ; John was known to the



high priest ; so they let him in, but Peter stood outside the door. John asked the maid at the door if Peter might come in too, and when she said "yes," he brought him inside.

As soon as the maid saw Peter she said, looking to where Jesus stood before the high priest, have said three times that he did not even know Him.

After Jesus left the garden with the soldiers He was taken to the High Priest's palace, where there was a large room full of wicked men waiting for Him. They had been sitting up expect-

ing for Him. They had been sitting up expect-

ing to where Jesus stood before the high priest,

"You are one of this man's disciples," and Peter said, "I am not."

There were a great many servants and soldiers standing around an open fire in the hall, warming themselves, for it was cold. Peter went over and stood among them and warmed himself.

They said, "You too are one of the disciples?" Peter said, "Oh no, I am not."

Then a servant who was related to the man

whose ear Peter had cut off said; "But I saw you in the garden." Then Peter said, "I do not even know Him."

At that moment the cock crew, and Jesus turned and looked at Peter.

Peter remembered then what Jesus had said and felt so ashamed and sorry that he went out into the dark and wept bitterly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. When they left the garden where did the soldiers take Jesus? Ans.—To the high priest's palace. 2. Who were waiting for Him to come? Ans.—A roomful of wicked men. 3. How long had they been sitting there? Ans.—All night. 4. When Jesus stood before them what did they do? Ans.—They asked Him questions. 5. What did they ask? Ans.—They said, "Who are you?" and spoke very roughly and rudely. 6. Did the High Priest really want to know who Jesus was? Ans.—No, He only wanted to hear how Jesus would answer. 7. How did Jesus answer? Ans.—He spoke gently and quietly. 8. What happened then? Ans.—A soldier struck Him with his hand. 9. Was Jesus afraid? Ans.—No.

10. Who followed Jesus to the High Priest's palace? Ans.—John and Peter. 11. Who first asked Peter if he was not one of the disciples? Ans.—The maid at the door. 12. Who asked him the same question? Ans.—Those who stood warming themselves at the fire. 13. Who was sure that he had seen Peter in the garden? Ans.—A relative of the man whose ear had been cut off. 14. How many times did Peter tell a lie about his Master? Ans.—Three times. 15. What made Peter remember what Jesus had said? Ans.—The cock crew. 16. What did Peter do? Ans.—He went out and wept bitterly. 17. What is the golden text? Ans.—"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."

"AND PETER"

"Auntie," said Brighteyes, poring over her Sunday-school lesson, "What does Jesus mean when He says, 'Tell my disciples *and Peter*.' Wasn't Peter a disciple, too?"

"Yes," said I, laying down my book; "Don't you remember what Peter did the night Jesus was betrayed?"

"I know now," she said sorrowfully; "Peter said, 'I never knew Him.'"

"And Jesus?" I asked.

"Yes," she added; "Jesus turned and looked on Peter, and he went out and wept bitterly."

"Auntie," said Brighteyes, after a few minutes apparently spent in hard thinking, "I believe I'll invite Jessie Brown to my birthday party next week; I'll invite all the girls—

And Jessie—"

I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT I Should be Ready to Speak up for Jesus

Golden Text—"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."—John I : 11.

Catechism—30. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God?

They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.

Lesson Hymn

ASHAMED of Jesus! that dear Friend,
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No! when I blush, be this my shame,
That I so feebly love His name. Amen.
—Hymn 231, Book of Praise.

CHRIST BEFORE PILATE

Lesson IX.

John 18 : 28-40—Memory Verses 38-40

May 28, 1899

28. Then led they Je'sus from Cai'aphas unto the hall of judgment : and it was early ; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled ; but that they might eat the passover.

29. Pi'late then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man ?

30. They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31. Then said Pi'late unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death :

32. That the saying of Je'sus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33. Then Pi'late entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews ?

34. Je'sus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me ?

35. Pi'late answered, Am I a Jew ? Thine

own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me : what hast thou done ?

36. Je'sus answered, My kingdom is not of this world : if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews : but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37. Pi'late therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then ? Je'sus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

38. Pi'late saith unto him, What is truth ? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*.

39. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover : will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews ?

40. Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barab'bas. Now Barab'bas was a robber.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had been standing all night in the High Priest's palace these wicked men led Him early in the morning through the streets to Pilate's house to be judged.

Great crowds of angry Jews went along with them, mocking and making fun of Jesus.

He was not pleased, either, at being wakened up so early in the morning, and asked in an angry voice, "What has the man done?"

Then they said, "He is a bad man, or we would not have brought Him to you." "He says He is a king."

Pilate said, "Take Him away and judge Him yourselves."

But they said it was against the law for the Jews to punish a man by death, and they wanted to get Pilate to do it for them.

Then Pilate went into the judgment hall and called for Jesus to come and be judged.

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "I am a King, but my kingdom is not of this world." Jesus meant that He was king of men's hearts.

Pilate thought that Jesus did not seem much like a king, but that He looked like a good man, so he said to the Jews, who were shouting and making a great noise, "I cannot find any fault at all in Him." He said he

would have Jesus beaten and let Him go, but the Jews cried louder, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

The great feast called the Passover was going on, and every year Pilate let one prisoner go



Pilate, the judge, was a cruel man, and, though he hated the Jews, yet he wanted them to be friendly to him. He would be blamed very much by the Emperor, and, perhaps lose his office, if there was any trouble.

free at that time.

Just then there was a very bad man in prison called Barabbas. He was a robber and murderer.

Pilate said, "I will tell you what I will do; I will let you choose one to go free; the King of the Jews or Barabbas—which shall it be?"

Pilate had hoped they would choose Jesus, but they all shouted together, "We will have

Barabbas."

So Pilate, to please them, gave leave to put Jesus, the Son of God, to death on the cross.

Was not Pilate even more wicked than the angry Jews, because, though he knew that Jesus was a good man, He allowed Him to be killed to please the people?



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where was Jesus taken to after He left the high priest's palace? Ans.—To Pilate's house. 2. Who was Pilate? Ans.—A judge; he was not a Jew, but a Roman. 3. Who went with Jesus? Ans.—Crowds of angry Jews. 4. Was Pilate waiting for them? Ans.—No, he did not want to be troubled with them. 5. What did the Jews say about Jesus? Ans.—That He was a bad man. 6. What did Pilate say? Ans.—Take Him away and judge Him yourselves. 7. Why would the Jews not do this? Ans.—Because they could not put anyone to death unless Pilate gave them leave. 8. What question did Pilate ask Jesus? Ans.—Are you the King of the Jews? 9. What did Jesus say? Ans.—Yes. 10. What did Jesus say about His kingdom? Ans.—"My kingdom is not of this world." 11. What did Pilate think about Jesus? Ans.—That He was a good man. 12. What did Pilate say he would allow the Jews to do. Ans.—To choose one prisoner to go free. 13. Whom did Pilate hope they would choose? Ans.—Jesus. 14. Whom did they choose? Ans.—Barabbas. 15. Who was Barabbas? Ans.—A robber and murderer. 16. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"I find no fault in Him."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I may suffer, even when doing right.



Golden Text—"I find no fault in Him."—
John 19: 4.



Catechism—31. What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience? It is called sin. 32. What is sin? Sin is doing what God forbids, or not being and doing what He requires.

Our King

THESE is no name so sweet on earth,
No name so sweet in heaven,
The name before His wondrous birth
To Christ the Saviour given.

*We love to sing around our King,
And hail Him blessed Jesus;
For there's no word ear ever heard
So dear, so sweet as Jesus.*

—Hymn 545, Book of Praise.



CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Lesson X.

John 19 : 17-30—Memory Verses 28-30

June 4, 1899

17. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the *place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Gol'gotha.

18. Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Je'sus in the midst.

19. And Pi'late wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20. This title then read many of the Jews : for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city : and it was written in He'brew, and Greek, and Latin.

21. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pi'late, Write not, The King of the Jews : but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22. Pi'late answered, What I have written I have written.

23. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Je'sus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part : and also *his* coat : now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24. They said therefore among themselves,

Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be : that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25. Now there stood by the cross of Je'sus his mother, and his mother's sister, Ma'ry, the *wife* of Cle'ophas, and Ma'ry Mag'dale'ne.

26. When Je'sus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son !

27. Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother ! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

28. After this, Je'sus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar : and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.

30. When Je'sus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished : and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It was on Friday that Pilate gave the Jews leave to put Jesus to death.

Jerusalem was full of Passover visitors and

When they got to a hill outside the city called Calvary, they nailed Him to the cross.

There were two others crucified at the same time. They were thieves.

Jesus' cross was put in the middle as if He had been the most wicked of them all.

Pilate wrote some words on Jesus' cross to show what He had done. The words were:

JESUS OF NAZARETH
THE KING OF THE JEWS

The chief priest asked Pilate to write, "He said He was the King of the Jews," but Pilate would not change it. Pilate had written the truth though he did not mean to.

After the soldiers had done their cruel work they took the clothes that Jesus had worn and divided them into four parts. Then each man took one part for his own.

There was a beautiful coat without any seam that some kind friend had made for Jesus, but they did not tear that, but cast lots for it.

Hundreds of people passed the cross that day. Some felt sorry for Jesus, but others made fun of Him, saying, "Come down from the cross."

Of course Jesus could have come down, but He chose to stay there and take the punishment for everybody in the world.



cruel men made Jesus carry His cross through the crowded streets filled with shouting, angry people.

Though Jesus suffered so much on the cross He was not thinking about Himself.

First He thought of the poor thieves beside Him. One of them was sorry for his bad life and Jesus forgave his sins.

Then Jesus prayed for the cruel men who were putting Him to death.

He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The most unhappy person in all the world that day was Mary, Jesus' mother. She and her

sister and Mary Magdalene stood beside the cross weeping.

As soon as Jesus saw His mother, He said to John, who was there too, "Behold your mother!" To Mary he said, "John will be your son now." So John took Mary to his own home and took care of her always.

Jesus was getting weaker and weaker. By and by they gave Him vinegar to drink. As soon as He had tasted it He bowed His head and His spirit went up to God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What day of the week was it that Jesus was crucified? Ans.—Friday. 2. What great feast was taking place? Ans.—The Passover. 3. What was the name of the place where Jesus was crucified? Ans. Calvary. 4. Was there anyone else crucified at the same time? Ans.—Yes, two thieves. 5. What did one of the thieves do? Ans.—He asked Jesus to forgive his sins. 6. What did Pilate write on Jesus' cross? Ans.— themselves. 10. Did anybody pass the cross that day? Ans.—Yes, great crowds of people on their way to the Passover. 11. What did they do? Ans.—Some of them made fun of Jesus, saying "Come down from the cross." 12. Could Jesus have come down? Ans.—Oh, yes. 13. Why did He not come down? Ans.—Because He wanted to be the Saviour of the world. 14. For whose sins did Jesus suffer? Ans.—The sins of the world. 15. Who were standing beside the cross crying? Ans.—Mary the mother of Jesus, and her sister, and Mary Magdalene. 16. Who did Jesus tell to take care of His mother after He was dead? Ans.—John. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"The Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

7. Were these words true? Ans.—Yes. 8. Did Pilate know how true they were? Ans.—No. 9. What did the soldiers do while Jesus was dying? Ans.—They divided his clothes among



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus died to take away my sins



Golden Text—"I find no fault in Him."
—John 19 : 4.

Catechism—33. How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin? They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow and death.

Lesson Hymn

HERE is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved !
And we must love Him too ;
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do. — Amen.
—Hymn 46, Book of Praise.

Lesson XI.

CHRIST RISEN

June 11, 1899

John 20 : 11-20—Memory Verses 11-14

11. But Ma'ry stood without at the sepulchre weeping : and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.

12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Je'sus had lain.

13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Je'sus standing, and knew not that it was Je'sus.

15. Je'sus saith un'o her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16. Je'sus saith unto her, Ma'ry. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabbo'ni : which is to say, Master.

17. Je'sus saith unto her, Touch me not : for I am not yet ascended to my Father : but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God.

18. Ma'ry Mag'dale'ne came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

19. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Je'sus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

XI. THE LESSON RETOLD

Kind friends took Jesus' dead body down from the cross and laid it in a new grave in a garden. Then they rolled a great stone in front of the door and went away.



Jesus had told His disciples that He would rise again on the third day, but they were now so sad and frightened that they forgot His promise.

All Friday night and all day Saturday and all Saturday night Jesus' body lay in the grave.

Very early on Sunday morning, before it was clear daylight, someone came to the garden. It was Mary Magdalene.

She was surprised to see the stone rolled away, so she stooped down and looked into the grave.

What she saw was not Jesus' body at all, but two beautiful angels, sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where His body had been.

Mary was crying, and the angels said to her, "Why are you crying?" She said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

As she said this she turned round and saw a man standing behind her. She thought in the darkness that he was the gardener, and said, "Tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Je'sus said — for it was Je'sus Himself — "Mary !"

She knew His voice at once, and answered, "Master." Je'sus said to her, "Go and tell my disciples and Peter that I am alive."

It was kind of Je'sus to remember Peter. But He knew that Peter was ashamed and sorry for having denied Him, and he wanted him to know that He forgave him.

So Mary went quickly to where the disciples were. They were all feeling very lonely.

She said, "I have seen Jesus. He is alive." But they thought she was mistaken, and would not believe her until some of them went to the grave and saw the angels.

That same day, in the evening, the disciples were together in a room with the door fastened tightly to keep out the Jews, who hated the disciples as they had hated Jesus.

Suddenly Jesus stood among them. They had not heard Him come in, but there He was.

He said, "Peace be unto you."

The disciples were very glad to see Jesus again, and to hear His kind voice.

He showed them His hands and His feet. The nail-marks were still there. When the disciples saw these they knew it was Jesus Himself, their own Lord and Master.

"Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who took Jesus' dead body down from the cross? Ans.—Kind friends. 2. Where did they lay it? Ans.—In a new grave in a garden. 3. How long did Jesus' body stay in the grave? Ans.—Three days. 4. On what day was He put to death? Ans.—On Friday. 5. On what day did He rise from the dead? Ans.—On Sunday, that is, the first day of the week. 6. Who knew first that Jesus was risen? Ans.—Mary Magdalene. 7. Where was she early on Sunday morning? Ans.—In the garden where Jesus was buried. 8. What did she see first? Ans.—That the stone was rolled away. 9. When she looked into the grave what did she see? Ans.—Two angels in white. 10. What did they say to

her? Ans.—Why are you crying? 11. When Mary turned round whom did she see? Ans.—Jesus Himself. 12. Did she know Him? Ans.—No. 13. How did she know Him at last? Ans.—When He said "Mary!" she knew His voice. 14. What did Jesus tell Mary to do? Ans.—To go and tell His disciples that He was alive. 15. Did the disciples believe Mary? Ans.—No, not at first. 16. When did they see Jesus for themselves? Ans.—That same evening. 17. How did they know it was their Master? Ans.—By His voice and by the nail-marks in His hands and feet. 18. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"Now is Christ risen from the dead."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus rose from the Grave to give me Life



Golden Text—"Now is Christ risen from the dead."—1 Cor., 15: 20.



Catechism—34. What evil did Adam's sin bring upon us all?

We have all been born with a sinful heart.

Lesson Hymn

REOICE and be glad! The Redeemer
has come;
Go look on His cradle, His cross, and
His tomb.
Sound His praises, tell the story of
Him who was slain;
Sound His praises, tell with gladness,
He liveth again, Amen.
—Hymn 550, Book of Praise.

Lesson XII.

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

June 18, 1899

Colossians 3 : 1-15—Memory Verses 1-4

1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, *who* is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth ; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry :

6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience :

7. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8. But now ye also put off all these ; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds ;

10. And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him :

11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free : but Christ *is* all, and in all.

12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering ;

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any : even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

14. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body ; and be ye thankful.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Jesus rose from the dead He went back to Heaven to be with His Father.

Jesus wants everybody in the world to be forgiven and to come and be with Him after they die.



But there are a great many things He wants His people to do just now while they are still alive.

One thing Jesus wants His friends to do is to remember Him every day, and to think of the time when He will come back for them as He promised.

In the Bible it tells how to spend time so as to be glad to see Jesus when He comes.

A very good man named Paul once wrote a letter to some friends of Jesus called the Colossians, telling them how they ought to behave if they were going to be true friends of Jesus.

Paul told them about two men. These men were quite different. One was called "the old man," and the other was called "The new man."

Now, the "old man" is as bad as he can be. He is like Satan, and because Satan is his master he has learned to do Satan's different sorts of work.

But the "old man" thinks he is having a good time. He tells lies, cheats, swears and likes to do many other terrible things. He is very quarrelsome and stingy, too.

Sometimes he has to go about in ragged clothes because he has spent all his money in getting drunk, and his little children are often hungry and cold.

But the "new man" is a much pleasanter person.

He is always neatly dressed, though often he is poor.

He is a friend of Jesus, and he likes to go

where he knows he will meet his Master's friends.

It is very hard to quarrel with the "new man" for he says, "Oh, never mind about it!" if someone hurts him.

He is what is called a *peace-maker*, and if he should come to your house you would be happier because he was there, his face is so bright and cheerful.

The "new man" is always busy, and if he sees anyone poor or in trouble he helps them even if he has to go without some things he would

like to have for himself.

The "new man," strangely enough, is just the "old man" made over again, with a new heart, made clean and new by Jesus himself, and that is why he is kind and truthful, and honest and humble.

Above all things he is loving, and because he loves God and loves all his fellowmen, he is peaceful and happy. Indeed, he is like Jesus, who dwells in heaven, which is the home of peace and joy.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. After Jesus rose from the dead where did He go? Ans.—To His Father's right hand in Heaven. 2. Will Jesus ever come back? Ans.—Yes, at the last day. 3. Who will be glad to see Jesus when He comes again? Ans.—All those who do what He says. 4. Where does it tell how to please Him? Ans.—In God's word. 5. What was the name of one good man who wrote about doing right? Ans.—Paul. 6. What did Paul write? Ans.—He wrote letters to the friends of Jesus. 7. What two men did Paul write about? Ans.—The "old man" and the "new man." 8. What kind of a man is the "old man?" Ans.—A very bad one. 9. Who is his master? Ans.—Satan. 10. What has the

"old man" learned from Satan? Ans.—To tell lies, to swear, to get drunk and many other wicked things. 11. Is the "new man" at all like the "old man?" Ans.—No, he is quite different. 12. Who is his master? Ans.—Jesus Christ. 13. How does the "new man" spend his time? Ans.—In doing his work well and helping others. 14. What makes the "new man" better than the "old man?" Ans.—He has a clean new heart. 15. Where did he get it? Ans.—From Jesus his Master. 16. Is Jesus willing to give anybody a new heart. Ans.—Yes, if they ask for it. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I should try to be good for Jesus' sake



Golden Text—"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."—Col. 3:15.



Catechism—35. What will follow if we love sin and allow it to remain in our hearts? If we love sin we cannot be the friends of God, or be with Him when we die.

Lesson Hymn

WE are but little children weak,
Nor born in any high estate;
What can we do for Jesus' sake,
Who is so high and good and great?

With smiles of peace and looks of love,
Light in our dwellings we may make,
Bid kind good humor brighten there—
And still do all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Hymn 527, Book of Praise.

LESSON XIII.

REVIEW

June 25, 1899

Golden Text—"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."—I Tim. 1 : 15.

Catechism—Questions 21-35.

LESSON HYMN.

HE, who came to save us,
He, who bled and died,
Now is crowned with glory
At His Father's side.
Never more to suffer,
Never more to die,
Jesus, King of glory,
Is gone up on high !

*All His work is ended,
Joyfully we sing ;
Jesus hath ascended !*

Glory to our King. Amen.

--Hymn 537 Book of Praise.



LESSON TITLE

GOLDEN TEXT

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| LESSON I. The Raising of Lazarus. | "I am the resurrection and the life."—John 11 : 25. |
| LESSON II. The Anointing in Bethany. | "She hath done what she could."—Mark 14 : 8. |
| LESSON III. Jesus Teaching Humility. | "I have given you an example."—John 13 : 15. |
| LESSON IV. Jesus, the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. | "Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."—John 14 : 6. |
| LESSON V. The Comforter Promised. | "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter."—John 14 : 16. |
| LESSON VI. The Vine and the Branches. | "I am the vine, ye are the branches."—John 15 : 5. |
| LESSON VII. Christ Betrayed and Arrested. | "He is despised and rejected of men."—Isa. 53 : 3. |
| LESSON VIII. Christ Before the High Priest. | "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."—John 1 : 11. |
| LESSON IX. Christ Before Pilate. | "I find no fault in Him."—John 19 : 4. |
| LESSON X. Christ Crucified. | "The Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."—Gal. 2 : 20. |
| LESSON XI. Christ Risen. | "Now is Christ risen from the dead."—I Cor. 15 : 20. |
| LESSON XII. The New Life in Christ. | "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."—Col. 3 : 15. |

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

LESSON I. The Raising of Lazarus.

LESSON VII. Christ Betrayed and Arrested.

LESSON II. The Anointing in Bethany.

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LESSON VI. The Vine and the Branches.

LESSON XII. The New Life in Christ.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

For Primary Classes, Second Quarter, 1899

I. AT SIGNAL, RISE, AND REPEAT SOFTLY—

While we learn from out Thy Word,
Oh, give Thy Spirit, Lord !
Help us each and every one.
And this we ask through Thy dear Son.

II. OPENING HYMN.

III. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE—

TEACHER—Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.

CLASS—Call ye upon Him while He is near.

TEACHER—The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him.

CLASS—To all that call upon Him in truth.

TEACHER—Why do we say "For Jesus' sake" when we pray?

CLASS—There is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. (Hands folded and eyes closed.)

PRAYER, closing with the Lord's prayer in concert.

IV. COLLECTION.

V. BIRTHDAY OFFERING AND PRAYER.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON—Recite Golden Texts for the Quarter, as far as earned; also on alternate Sabbaths Psalm 23 and John 14 : 1-4.

VII. GESTURE HYMN ; followed by PRAYER HYMN.

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

IX. SING Lesson Hymn for Quarter, 522, Book of Praise—

Jesus is our Shepherd ;
For the sheep He bled ;
Every lamb is sprinkled
With the blood He shed ;
Then on each He setteth
His own secret sign—
"They that have my spirit,
These," saith He, "are Mine." Amen.

X. SILENT PRAYER, closing with a few sentences repeated in concert after teacher.

XI. DISMISSAL HYMN.

XII. MIZPAH BLESSING (in concert), "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."

Let papers be distributed as the children pass out.

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Alone,
Making it Grow,
Five O'Clock Tea,
A Disgrace to the Family,
The Investigating Committee.

In Great Distress,
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HOW well our little man is learning! He'll soon be a splendid reader." You overheard this when you were supposed to be out of hearing altogether. Don't let it make you proud. That would be a pity.

But isn't it a fine thing to be able to read for yourself? Isn't it very like what the opening of his eyes must have been to the blind man? He saw things that he never dreamed of before. And books are a new world to you, now that you can read them for yourself; and a very bright and beautiful world it is, too.

The lessons in *THE QUARTERLY* are written specially for little boys and girls. There are no hard words. You will find it easy to read them, and I hope you will read and study them, too, very carefully week by week.

"How can I study a lesson?" you say. "I'm such a very little chap." It's not so hard to do as it looks. Suppose you go about it something in this way:

You will begin, of course, by a good look at the picture. Try and find out how many things there are to see in it, and what they all mean.

To do this you will likely have to read "The Lesson Retold," which gives you the lesson story in very simple words. Even your little brother or sister, who cannot read at all, can understand them all. *THE QUARTERLY* is meant for them, too.

When you have read this over, look at the next page. You will find the "Questions and Answers" there. Read them over, also; and, when you have finished, get some one to ask the questions and see if you can give the answers. You will be almost sure to have to go over them once or twice again before you know them all.

Generally the Golden Text is among the "Questions and Answers," but not always. When it is not, you will find it down at the bottom of the page. Learn it off by heart, and also the Catechism. There are 132 questions in the Catechism altogether, and if you learn those

given for each Sabbath, you will have the whole Catechism by heart in two years, and be ready for the bigger Catechism which the older boys and girls are learning.

The Lesson Hymns should be got off by heart as well as the Catechism and the Golden Text. These hymn verses are like little gems. You will be very rich by and by if you store one away each week in your memory.

I haven't said anything about the little story which is given with almost all the lessons. I am sure you will likely read it the first thing, and, do you know, if you study the lesson as I have described, you will be anxious to read over the whole passage of Scripture for yourself. You should find it in your own Bible, so that when your teacher asks you, you will be able to turn it up very quickly.

I think it would be very nice to print with a pencil in big letters "What I have learned today" in a little book which you can fold out of a sheet of paper, with one page for each lesson. It will help you to remember.

Now, you are saying, "Why, you want me to study my lesson, as if I were big, and I'm only a very little fellow." Yes, but it's wonderful what little fellows can do when they try, and there are seven days in the week, and it needs just the least little bit of time each day to do all that I have asked you to do before the next Sabbath comes round.

CHILDREN AND BIBLE STUDY

By Mrs. Wilbur F. Crafts

There are several things that combine to give children a distaste for Bible reading rather than a relish for it. First, the extensiveness of the Bible; to a child it would seem that it "could never be read through." Second, the close manner in which it is printed makes it a difficult book to read. Third, the smallness of the type as compared with that in which children's books are usually printed makes it hard reading.

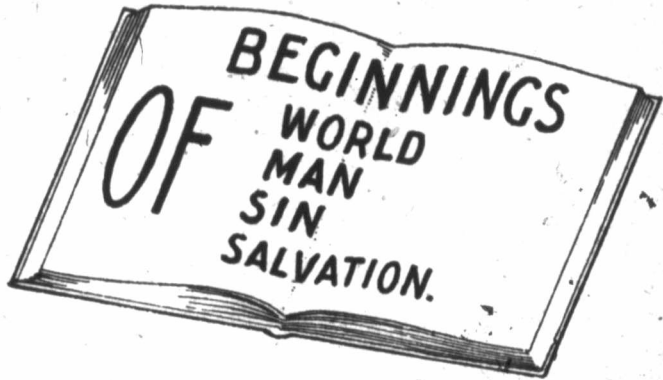
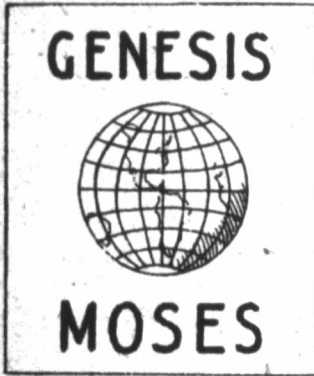
Fourth, the usual lack of pictures is an element of unattractiveness. Fifth, the desultory way in which Bible reading is usually conducted, without any thought of connectedness. Sixth, the requirement that children shall listen when the reading conveys little or no meaning. It is my purpose to present some practical plans for overcoming such difficulties.

If we would interest children in reading the Bible, *we must begin before they can read it for themselves.* A wise mother once said to me: "I believe stories from the Bible should precede all other stories."

Where shall we begin? We can hardly go amiss anywhere we open its pages. The make-up of the child-mind renders it unnecessary, even undesirable, that these stories should be told as connected Bible history; that will come later.

small books, and in capital type for children's eyes, each book costing a mere trifle. Genesis, Isaiah, Psalms and Proverbs are also published in this form. These should be given to a child, not all at once, but one by one, and parents or teachers should carefully compute the time in which a child might be expected to read one through, and place this limit before him: for example, the Book of Genesis, which is the first volume in the series, can be read through without haste in three hours. This would be too much for a child to read at one sitting, but it could be divided into half or quarter hour portions, and so accomplished within a month.

Before each book is read an effort should be made to open it up; to create an anticipative interest in it. Two years ago, at several of the Chautauquas, I gave a series of lessons in which



Bible stories should be told to young children rather than read to them, because the text contains many unusual words, which they do not understand, and because the child is brought into closer contact with the story through the voice and facial expressions of the narrator.

A pictorial Bible will greatly help the story-telling. All sorts of picture books are purchased for the child, and why not a pictorial Bible? There are several such on the market now which can be had at no great price.

So much for children who cannot read the Bible for themselves. Now, as to the difficulties in the way of those who can read it, but do not: 1st. As to the Bible being so large as to discourage its reading. Let the Bible be given to a child in several small books, rather than in one large volume; for example, the whole New Testament is published by the Bible Societies in

all of the books of the Bible were in such a manner brought before the children. Genesis was presented thus by drawing upon the blackboard, while the children copied the work on small books which they had folded with paper.

The work was done with colored pencils, and, at the end, each child who had been faithful was the delighted possessor of sixty-six attractive little books, which would certainly be the means of interesting him to read the Bible, and a help to his intelligent reading of it. In arranging this series I was greatly helped by a small book on Bible symbols by Mr. Geo. W. Pease.

In regard to the second and third difficulties mentioned: the close manner in which the Bible is printed, and the smallness of the type, it should be said there are two classes of persons who should always have the Bible in large print—the young and the aged. Buy for little son or

daughter just such a Bible as you would get for grandpa or grandma. Oftener than otherwise, a very small New Testament is first given to a child, because it is "cunning," and seems to fit him. He seldom, if ever, tries to read it. He cannot do it.

As to the fourth difficulty, the lack of pictures, if a pictorial Bible cannot be purchased, let the making of a Bible scrap-book be undertaken. In the papers which the children bring home from Sunday-school will frequently be found pictures of Bible scenes, which can be pasted into the scrap book with a note giving the book, chapter and verse which each illustrates. Beautiful prints can now be had of nearly all famous paintings of Bible subjects at a cost of one cent each, in black and white, the famous so-called "Perry Pictures," known to all kindergartners. Blue prints can be had at the same price. The "Hoffman set," consisting of thirty-three pictures, is especially worthy of mention. Let Bible maps be drawn in the scrap-book, and let the furniture of the tabernacle be cut out of gilt paper and pasted in; also the Scripture sewing cards which the children do week by week, should be pasted in.

The fifth difficulty; desultory reading could be met by arranging a biographical course; all about Abraham in both Old and New Testaments, all about David, all about Solomon, all about Jesus, all about Paul.

In reading all about Jesus a little book called "The Red Cord from Creation to Christ" will be found very helpful. The author, Dr. Rositer, says: "As through all the rope made for the Royal English Navy there runs a red cord, so in the Bible you will find a Red Cord which binds together all its stories, prophecies, ceremonies, songs, and events."

A most interesting way for the older boys and girls and their parents to read the Bible is the chronological plan, which is clearly set forth in a small book by Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, entitled "Reading the Bible with Relish." It is so planned that the whole Bible can be read through in one year, requiring not more than ten minutes a day. A lady after having read the Bible in this way remarked, "It makes the Bible read like a new book." Certain it is, if we are going to interest the children in the Bible we shall have to be interested in it ourselves, and read it too.

My first interest in Bible reading was aroused when, in companionship with Mr. D. L. Moody in several long drives to Sunday-school conventions, he asked me such questions as: "What does the Bible say about clouds? about water? about rocks?" etc., as each of these objects was passed. I asked, "How can I learn the Bible this way?" He replied, "By using the Concordance." What a value there is in thus associating God's Word with our environment.

Undoubtedly the children would be more interested to read the Bible if they should be told something about its wonderful history as a book, particularly the story of the English Bible. A series of charts issued by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, London, is an invaluable aid in giving this story. I would also recommend in this connection a small book entitled "Father Tompkins and his Bible," written by Prof. Willis C. Beecher.

In the preparation of this article it has been taken for granted that the home study of the Sunday-school lessons is daily followed, but more than that is desirable.

Parents and Sunday-school teachers, if our children do not love the Bible, it is plainly our fault, and a fault that should be corrected.

Washington, D.C.

PARENT AND TEACHER

By Mrs. John McLeod

In considering primary work it must ever be borne in mind that in her influence on the child the mother takes precedence of the Sunday-school teacher. For mothers and fathers are primary teachers whether they realize it or not, and whether they will or not.

God, by the law of nature, gives the home the first place. It has the child in his earliest and most impressionable years, and, unlike the Sunday-school, it has him constantly during that period. By nature and revelation the parent is placed in a position of almost divine authority.

No institution, then, secular or sacred, can take the place of the Christian home or relieve parents of their responsibilities.

One of our Canadian educationists, who has given much time and attention to child study, says: "The chances are that a child entering

school knows one-third of all he ever will know." What an appalling thought this is! and how it should stimulate parents to such painstaking, conscientious work in the training of their children that the superstructure of the primary teacher may have a solid foundation!

I have said that all parents are primary teachers, and it goes without saying that unless this preparatory work is wisely carried on, and for the express purpose of fitting the child for a life of usefulness here and for the higher life hereafter, the parents have made a wretched failure of their mission. The influence of the primary teacher is far-reaching and of untold value, but it is too much to expect that in one hour of the week she can counteract the results of the parents' indifference or indolence or, perhaps, positively evil example during the first few years of a child's life.

Important lessons may be taught to even very young children; such as those of regularity and obedience, which will materially aid the primary teacher in her work of moral and religious training. We hear much talk now-a-days of the lack of respect for parental authority noticeable in children of this generation. If this virtue is disappearing from our homes let the reproach fall where it should—on the parents themselves, and on their defective and slipshod methods of training. The advice of the ancient sage may still be read in the Sacred Record—"Train up a child in the way he should go," and it is as valuable today as in any former time.

Children may be trained to regularity from the very beginning; and this is a much more important feature than may appear at first sight. For regularity is favorable to morality, inasmuch as it acts as a check on impulse; for though there are beautiful and lovable impulses, yet a life of impulse is always an imperfect one, and may be positively evil. At the best it is a life full of peril.

Very young children may be trained to obedience. When I speak of a child's will coming in contact with that of a parent, I am aware that I am treading on dangerous ground. Still, I maintain that a child should be made to realize that there is a higher law than the law of his own will, and that the parent is, at least during the early years of his child's life, the embodiment of that law. A child may be made to yield a wayward and ignorant will to a firm and enlightened one,

and that without "breaking his will" as it is foolishly called.

A child may be trained to reverence at a very early age. So soon as he begins to hesitate between alternative lines of conduct, one course being good, another bad, we know that, in an elementary way at least, the child's conscience is coming into play. But it may be asked how does he come to know that one course is good and another bad? Largely through the instruction of the parent, whose word, at the present, is the child's final authority. Every properly trained child regards his parents as on a higher moral ground than himself; he trusts, then reverences, and it is their duty to deepen this sentiment by precept and example worthy of the child's reverence; for out of it will grow proper respect and reverence for all rightly constituted authority, and for the highest of all laws, the law of God.

In all our plans and methods of Sunday-school work, then, the duties of parents should be considered and emphasized. It is the duty of parents to see that their children attend the school regularly, to be particular that the teachers be always spoken of and treated with respect in the presence of their children and to further assist the teacher by aiding their children in the preparation of lessons, so far, at least, as memorizing is concerned.

If it be true that parents have duties to the teacher, it is equally true that these duties are reciprocal. Indeed, a heavy responsibility rests on the teacher to keep as much in touch with the home as possible, and to do all in her power to brighten and strengthen it. She must seek in every legitimate way to know all she can of the home training, environment, habits, and companions of her pupils; otherwise she will find herself handicapped at every turn in her study of her class; and without a knowledge of her pupils' natures her progress in religious instruction and influence will be slow, imperfect, and unsatisfactory. She will, to a certain extent at least, fail in one great aim of Bible teaching—the training and developing the child soul, that in the temptations, difficulties, and conflicts of life he may be able to decide as to the right, choose it, and with persistence and determination follow it.

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A LOOK AHEAD

We continue this quarter our studies in the Life of Christ from the Gospel by John.

Last quarter we saw Christ in His different manifestations as the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, giving light through His words and works.

The great thought that runs through all the lessons of the present quarter is:—CHRIST JESUS SAVES BY HIS LIFE AND DEATH.

Those who instruct the little ones at home, as well as teachers in their classes, will do well to look often at the plan here given for the whole quarter.

We see CHRIST JESUS:

1. Displaying His power over death, John 11: 32-45.
2. Touching a heart by His grace, John 12: 1-11.
3. Giving an example of service, John 13: 1-17.
4. Guiding to God, John 14: 1-14.
5. Promising a Heavenly Comforter, John 14: 15-27.
6. Shewing the secret of fruit-bearing, John 15: 1-11.
7. Betrayed by a disciple, John 18: 1-14.
8. Tried by an unjust judge, John 18: 15-27.
9. Condemned, though faultless, John 18: 28-40.
10. Dying for sinners, John 19: 17-30.
11. Rising from the tomb, John 20: 11-20.
12. Sitting on the right hand of God, Col. 3: 1-15.
13. REVIEW. CHRIST JESUS SAVES BY HIS LIFE AND DEATH.

PRAYER HYMN

[To be sung with hands folded and in low and reverent tones.]

Gentle Saviour, God of Love,
Hear us from Thy throne above,
While we meet to praise Thee here,
In our Sabbath 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.

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS

Lesson I.

John 11 : 32-45.—Memory Verses 41-44

April 2, 1899

32. Then when Ma'ry was come where Je'sus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33. When Je'sus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35. Je'sus wept.

36. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!

37. And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?

38. Je'sus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39. Je'sus said, Take ye away the stone. Mar'tha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him,

Lord, by this time he stinketh : for he hath been dead four days.

40. Je'sus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God?

41. Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Je'sus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42. And I knew that thou hearest me always : but because of the people which stand by, I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Laz'arus, come forth.

44. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes : and his face was bound about with a napkin. Je'sus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45. Then many of the Jews which came to Ma'ry, and had seen the things which Je'sus did, believed on him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had other friends besides His twelve disciples. One of the best of these friends was called Lazarus. He lived in Bethany with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. Jesus often rested in their home.

saying, "If only Jesus had been here, our brother had not died."

Everyone felt sorry for Mary and Martha and some of their friends came and sat beside them to comfort them in their trouble.

The two sisters felt sure that Jesus would soon come; so Martha went up the road to meet Him. When she saw Him she said, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here my brother had not died." Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Then He said, "Tell Mary to come."

When He saw Mary and their friends crying, Jesus wept, too.

Soon He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They said, "Come and see."

The grave was cut in the rock, and there was a great stone in front of it. When they reached the grave Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha said, "He has been dead four days"; but Jesus said, "Take away the stone," and they took it away.

Then Jesus prayed to His Father in Heaven and called with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth," and right away Lazarus got up out of the grave and came to meet them alive.

His face and hands had been wrapped up in cloth. Jesus told them to take the grave clothes off, for they were of no use now.



Once when Jesus was preaching away across the Jordan, He got a message from Mary and Martha that Lazarus was very sick. The same day that the message was sent Lazarus died.

His body was put away in a grave and Martha and Mary felt very sad and lonely. They kept

So Jesus and Lazarus, and Mary and Martha all went home together, and many of the people in Bethany and in Jerusalem, which was near by,

believed that Jesus was God, because only God is able to bring the dead back to life again.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who was Lazarus? Ans.—A friend of Jesus. 2. Where did he live? Ans.—In Bethany. 3. Who lived with him? Ans.—His sisters, Mary and Martha. 4. Who came to visit them sometimes? Ans.—Jesus. 5. What happened one day in their home? Ans.—Lazarus took very sick. 6. What did Mary and Martha do? Ans.—They sent and told Jesus. 7. Where was Jesus? Ans.—Across the Jordan. 8. What happened before Jesus came? Ans.—Lazarus died. 9. How did their friends try to comfort them? Ans.—They came and sat beside them, and talked to them. 10. What did Jesus say when He came? Ans.—“I am the resurrection

and the life.” 11. Was Jesus sorry to see His friends in trouble? Ans.—Yes, “Jesus wept.” 12. When they reached the grave, what did Jesus tell them to do? Ans.—To take away the stone. 13. How long did Martha say Lazarus had been dead? Ans.—Four days. 14. When the stone was taken away, what did Jesus do? Ans.—He called with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.” 15. Did Lazarus hear Him? Ans.—Yes; he came out alive. 16. Who did the people say Jesus was? Ans.—The Son of God. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“I am the resurrection and the life.”

HOW BEN WAS SAVED

Blossom's brother Ben was a soldier, and he had been condemned to be shot because he had fallen asleep when keeping guard at night. He had been very tired nursing a sick soldier who was his friend, and had stood guard in his place.

When this terrible news came to the family they felt so badly they could hardly bear it; but little Blossom had heard of President Lincoln, so she said she would go to him and beg for her brother's life. She started at once by the night train.

At last, after great trouble, she got to the President's room. “Well, my little one, what do you want?” said Mr. Lincoln, in a kind voice.

“Oh, please sir, Bennie's life.” “Who is Bennie?” Then she told him how it all happened, and the good President, after thinking deeply for a few minutes, wrote a short message, which he ordered to be sent at once. “Your brother will be all right, my child, and he will come home to see you by and by.”

How glad Blossom was, and how happy they would all be at home!

Mr. Lincoln could give her brother's life to the little sister, though not as Jesus gave back Lazarus to Martha and Mary. Still, do you not think it was a little bit like Christ for him to use his power to do a kind and noble deed?

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus Can Give Life

Golden Text—“I am the resurrection and the life.”—John 11: 25.



Catechism—21. Who were the first man and the first woman? Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman.

An Easter Verse

“HOSANNA in the highest!
That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer,
The Lord of heaven our king.
O may we ever praise Him,
With heart, and life, and voice,
And in His blissful presence
Eternally rejoice! Amen.

—Hymn 539, Book of Praise.

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THE ANOINTING IN BETHANY

Lesson II.

John 12 : 1-11—Memory Verses 1-3

April 9, 1899

1. Then Je'sus six days before the passover came to Beth'any, where Laz'arus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2. There they made him a supper; and Mar'tha served: but Laz'arus was one of them that sat at table with him.

3. Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Je'sus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4. Then saith one of his disciples, Ju'das Is'cariot, Si'mon's son, which should betray him,

5. Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6. This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7. Then said Je'sus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

8. For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

9. Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Je'sus' sake only, but that they might see Laz'arus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10. But the chief priests consulted that they might put Laz'arus also to death;

11. Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Je'sus.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Lazarus was raised from the dead Jesus and His disciples came to the village of Bethany again.



This time a man called Simon made a party and invited Jesus to his house. Lazarus was invited, too, and Martha was there helping to wait on the guests.

While they were sitting at the table, Mary came into the room. She had something in her hand that had cost a great deal of money. It was a little white box of sweet-smelling ointment called spikenard.

She went right over to the place where Jesus was sitting and poured the perfume on His feet. Then she wiped His feet with her hair. John says that the whole house was filled with the sweet smell.

Mary took this way of showing how much she loved Jesus. Perhaps she felt, too, that He would soon be taken away from them.

Jesus was pleased with what she had done, and said it would be always remembered about her.

Judas, who carried the money that Jesus and His disciples needed, and who sometimes stole some of it, pretended to be very angry. He said it was waste, and that the perfume might have been sold for a great deal and the money given away to poor people. He said this because he was a thief, and not because he loved the poor.

Jesus said they would always have a chance to be kind to poor people, but that very soon He would have to leave them.

He meant that the time for Him to die was getting very near. He knew that wicked men were looking for Him, and that some of them were at Simon's house that day.

There were a great many people there. Most of them had come because they wanted to see Lazarus, who had been dead, and was now alive again.

Many of the people believed that Jesus was indeed God when they saw Lazarus alive and well, and this made the chief priests angry; and on their way home they made wicked plans to kill Lazarus, and Jesus, too, if they could.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who invited Jesus and his disciples to a party? Ans.—Simon. 2. Where did Simon live? Ans.—In Bethany. 3. What had Jesus done the last time he was in Bethany? Ans.—He had raised Lazarus from the dead. 4. Who else were at Simon's party? Ans.—Lazarus and his sisters. 5. What did Mary do while Jesus was sitting at the table? Ans.—She poured sweet ointment on His feet. 6. Why did she do this? Ans.—To show her love for Jesus, and because she feared he would soon be put to death by his enemies. 7. Was Jesus pleased with what she had done? Ans.—Yes, He said it would always be remembered about her. 8. What did Judas say? Ans.—He said it might have been given to the poor. 9. Did Judas care for the poor? Ans.—No, he was a thief. 10. What did Jesus say about the poor? Ans.—That there would always be chances for doing them good. 11. What did He say about Himself? Ans.—That very soon He would not be there. 12. What did He mean? Ans.—That the time was coming when He would die. 13. Who were looking for Jesus? Ans.—Wicked men. 14. For what had most of the people come to Simon's feast? Ans.—To see Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead. 15. What did the chief priests want to do with Lazarus? Ans.—To kill him. 16. Why? Ans.—Because so many people when they saw him believed that Jesus was the Son of God. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“She hath done what she could.”



WHAT MARY GAVE

She gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister, who was cutting teeth.

She gave a string and a crooked pin to the three-year-old brother, who wanted to play at fishing.

She gave Ellen, the maid, a precious hour to go and visit her sick mother at home by offering to open the door while she was away.

But this is not all Mary gave. She dressed herself so neatly and looked so bright and kind and obliging that she gave her mother a thrill of pleasure whenever she caught sight of her.

She wrote a letter to her father, who was absent on business.

She gave patient attention to a long story by her grandmother, and, when it was ended, made her happy by a good-night kiss.

Thus she had given six valuable presents to six people in one day, and yet she had not a cent in the world.

She was as good as gold, and she gave something of herself to all those who were so fortunate as to meet her.



I HAVE LEARNED
*TO-DAY THAT

Jesus Wants Us to Show Our Love.

Golden Text—“She hath done what she could.”—Mark 14 : 8.



Catechism—22. In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, as well as a body. 23. What is the soul? The soul is that part of us which can never die.

Lesson Hymn

WE'LL bring Him hearts that love Him,
We'll bring Him thankful praise,
And young souls meekly striving
To walk in wisdom's ways ;
And these shall be the treasures
We offer to the King,
And these are gifts the heaven
The poorest child may bring. Amen.
—Hymn 535, Book of Praise.

JESUS TEACHING HUMILITY

Lesson III.

John 13: 1-17—Memory Verses 14-17

April 16, 1899

1. Now before the feast of the passover, when Je'sus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2. And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Ju'das Iscar'iot, Si'mon's son, to betray him;

3. Je'sus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4. He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6. Then cometh he to Si'mon Pe'ter: and Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7. Je'sus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8. Pe'ter saith unto him, Thou shalt never

wash my feet. Je'sus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9. Si'mon Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10. Je'sus saith unto him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit; and ye are clean, but not all.

11. For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me Master and Lord; and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The evening before His death Jesus and His disciples were sitting in a large upstairs room in Jerusalem taking supper.

They were all there—John and Peter and James, and the nine others.

Jesus knew that it would be the last chance

up and took off his long, loose coat. Then He tied a towel around His waist and poured some water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet.

In that country the people always take off their shoes when they sit down to supper after a dusty walk, and a servant washes their feet.

Jesus and His disciples had no servant, and none of the disciples had thought of doing it.

They were now so surprised at what their Master was doing that no one said anything until it was Peter's turn to have his feet washed. He could not bear to see Jesus doing such a thing, and said, "Lord, thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus told Peter that unless he was washed he could not be His disciple; then Peter was willing.

Jesus did not leave out anybody, not even the wicked Judas, and, after He had finished and had put on His coat again, He sat down and began to talk.

He said, "Do you know why I have done this? It is to teach you to be as kind to one another as I have been to you." Jesus had sometimes seen His disciples quarrelling about which of them should be the greatest, and He wanted to show them that if they wanted to be really



He would have of talking quietly to His friends alone before He died. He loved them very much and had many things to say to them.

While they were sitting at the table Jesus got

great and happy they must be willing to help one another.

He said, "I have given you an example. If

I, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where were Jesus and His disciples the evening before He died? Ans.—In Jerusalem, in an upstairs room. 2. What were they doing? Ans.—Taking supper together. 3. How many people were there? Ans.—Just Jesus and His twelve friends. 4. What did Jesus do after they had been sitting awhile? Ans.—He began to wash the disciples' feet. 5. Who generally did such work? Ans.—A servant. 6. What did Peter say about it? Ans.—"Lord, thou shalt never wash my feet." 7. What did Jesus say? Ans.—"If I wash you not, you cannot be my disciple." 8. Was Peter willing then? Ans.—

Yes. 9. After He had washed all the disciples' feet, what did He say? Ans.—"Do you know why I did this?" 10. Why did He do it? Ans.—To teach the disciples how to be kind to one another. 11. Were the disciples always kind to each other? Ans.—No; they were sometimes proud and quarrelsome. 12. What did Jesus say was the real way to be happy? Ans.—By doing what was kind and humble. 13. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"I have given you an example." 14. What is an example? Ans.—A good pattern.

WHAT EXAMPLE WILL DO

"Mamma, I wish you'd call the baby in; he's so cross we can't play," cried Robbie one day, as he was playing in the yard with his little baby brother.

"I don't think he would be cross, if you were not cross to him," said mamma, coming out. "He does just as he sees you do. Just try him and see. Whistle," said mamma. Robbie whistled, and the baby began to whistle, too.

"Stop mocking me," cried Robbie angrily, giving baby a push. Baby screamed and pushed Robbie back.

"There, you see," said his mother, "the baby does just as you do. Kiss him now, and you will see how quickly he will follow your example."

Robbie did not exactly like to do this, but he obeyed, and the baby hugged and kissed him back very warmly.

"Now, you see," said the mother, "you can have a good baby or a bad baby, just as you please, for he will do as you do yourself."

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Like Jesus, we Should be Ready to Serve One Another

Golden Text—"I have given you an example."—John 13: 15.

Catechism—24. What more do you know about the soul? The soul thinks, and feels, and chooses what is right or wrong.

Lesson Hymn

I'M glad my blessed Saviour
Was once a child like me,
To show how pure and holy
His little ones might be;
And, if I try to follow
His footsteps here below,
He never will forget me,
Because He loves me so.—Amen.
—Hymn 556, Book of Praise.

JESUS THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

Lesson IV.

John 14 : 1-14—Memory Verses 2-6

April 23, 1899

1. Let not your heart be troubled : ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2. In my Father's house are many mansions : if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself ; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

4. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5. Thom'as saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest ; and how can we know the way ?

6. Je'sus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life : no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also : and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8. Phil'ip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9. Je'sus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Phil'ip ? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father : and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father ?

10. Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me ? the words I speak unto you I speak not of myself : but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11. Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me : or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also ; and greater *works* than these shall he do ; because I go unto my Father.

13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14. If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do *it*.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The disciples felt very sorry when Jesus told them that soon He must leave them. They had been with Him for nearly three years and had learned to love and trust Him.



Jesus knew how lonely and frightened they felt, so to comfort them he said, "Let not your heart be troubled."

He knew, too, they would feel happier if they knew just exactly where He was going and what He was going to do ; so He said, "I am going away to get a place ready for you in My Father's house in heaven. When it is ready I am coming back again to take you to live with me there."

Thomas was not very sure that he understood what Jesus meant ; so he asked, "But how can we know the way ?" Jesus said, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

Philip had often heard Jesus speak before of His Father in Heaven, but thought he would like to see Him with his eyes just as they could see Jesus at that moment, so he said, "Show us the Father."

Then Jesus explained that they had all really seen His Father, because they had seen Him, for His Father was just like Him, and it was the Father who had given Him the power to do wonderful works, like opening the eyes of a blind man or raising a dead man to life again.

Jesus told His friends that, after He had gone back to heaven, if they trusted in Him, His Father would give them power to do even greater things than they had seen Him do.

Jesus wants everybody in the world to get acquainted with His Father, and that is one reason why He came to this world, and, because He

shows men how to find the Heavenly Father, and to be ready to dwell with the Father in His own home, He calls Himself "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How did the disciples feel when Jesus spoke of leaving them? Ans.—Very sorry. 2. How long had they been with Jesus? Ans.—Nearly three years. 3. What did Jesus say to them? Ans.—"Let not your heart be troubled!" 4. Where did Jesus say He was going? Ans.—To His Father's House. 5. What would He do there? Ans.—He would prepare a place for His friends. 6. What kind of place? Ans.—A happy, beautiful home. 7. What is it that will make it so beautiful? Ans.—Jesus will be there Himself. 8. What did Thomas ask Jesus about this place? Ans.—"How can we know the way?" 9. What did Jesus tell him? Ans.—"I am the way." 10. What would Philip have liked? Ans.—To see the Heavenly Father with his own eyes. 11. What did Jesus say to Philip? Ans.—"He that hath seen Me hath seen My Father." 12. What did Jesus mean? Ans.—He meant that He was just like His Father. 13. What did Jesus tell the disciples His Father would do for them? Ans.—That He would help them to do wonderful works too. 14. When would He help them? Ans.—When they asked Him in the name of His Son Jesus. 15. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life." 16. Why is Jesus called the Way? Ans.—Because He came to show people how to know God.



FOLLOWING HIS MASTER

There were two men walking along the road and a dog was following them.

"To which of those two gentlemen does that dog belong?" asked Willie Adams of his larger brother, as they were swinging on their front gate one afternoon after school.

"I can't tell yet," said Tom. "I would soon know if the men separated." And sure enough they did, almost before Tom had finished speak-

ing. At the next crossing one man turned to the left while the other kept straight on and the dog followed him.

"That is his master," cried the two children at once.

Little ones, To which master do you belong? I trust you are following Jesus along the bright and sunny road which leads straight to Heaven.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

JESUS IS THE WAY TO HEAVEN



Golden Text—"Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."—John 14 : 6.

Catechism—25. For what purpose was man made? Man was made to love and serve God, and to be happy with Him forever.

Lesson Hymn

JESUS, be Thou my guide,
My steps attend ;
O keep me near Thy side,
Be Thou my friend. Amen.
—Hymn 587, Book of Praise.

THE COMFORTER PROMISED

Lesson V.

John 14 : 15-27—Memory Verses 25, 26

April 30, 1899

15. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever ;

17. *Even* the Spirit of truth ; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him ; but ye know him ; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

18. I will not leave you comfortless : I will come to you.

19. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more ; but ye see me : because I live, ye shall live also.

20. At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

21. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me : and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22. Ju'das saith unto him, not Iscar'iot, Lord,

how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world ?

23. Je'sus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words : and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings : and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25. These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.

26. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Before Jesus left this world He made a promise to His friends.

He knew that they would miss Him very much



when He was away, and would have no one to tell them what to do when they were in trouble. So He said, "I will ask my Father to send you

another Comforter." This Comforter is God's Holy Spirit, and He is God too.

Jesus said, "It is a good thing that I am going away ; because if I did not go away the Comforter would not come.

Jesus told His friends what the Comforter would do when He came.

He would help them to remember Jesus ; He would teach them everything they did not know ; and He would stay with them for ever.

Jesus said something more to His disciples while they were talking about the Comforter. He said, "If you love Me you must keep My commandments ; and if you do what I say My Father and I will love you and We will come and stay with you."

So the disciples heard what afterwards made them very happy ; for Jesus promised that, although He was going away, He would always be quite near them through His Spirit.

And there was a little promise inside the large one. It was this : that by keeping His commandments they would really get to know Him better than when they saw Him working miracles.

So we see how we can have Jesus with us all the time, and how we can come to know Him better—by doing whatever He commands us to do.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What promise did Jesus make to His disciples when He was about to leave them? Ans.—That He would send them another Comforter.
 2. Who is this Comforter? Ans.—God's Holy Spirit.
 3. When was He to come? Ans.—After Jesus went away.
 4. What did Jesus say the Comforter would do? Ans.—He would help them to remember Him.
 5. How long would the Spirit stay with them? Ans.—For ever.
 6. What did Jesus ask His disciples to do to show they loved Him? Ans.—To keep His commandments.
 7. What did Jesus say would happen if they kept His words? Ans.—That He and His Father would stay with them.
 8. Did Jesus mean that they would be able to see Him? Ans.—No. He meant that He would be near them through His Spirit.
 9. What is one good way of getting acquainted with Jesus? Ans.—By keeping His commandments.
 10. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter.”



PAPA'S PROMISE PICTURE

Harold's father and mother were missionaries. They lived far away in India, and when Harold was seven years old they all came to Canada for a visit.

The little boy had never seen snow before and, every morning after breakfast, he and his papa played fort and snow-man in Aunt Emily's garden. What fun it was!

But one day papa said that the time had come for mother and himself to go back to India. They were very sorry to leave their little boy but it was better for him to stay with Aunt Emily and go to school.

Harold thought that would be great fun, so he kissed them good bye and ran off to play.

But somehow snow-balling was not so much

fun now that papa was gone. Soon Harold ran crying to the house. “I want my papa,” was all he could say.

Aunt Emily went over to the table and took up a thin white parcel. “Papa said, ‘Give this to Harold,’” she said.

The little boy took off the paper and there was a beautiful picture of his own papa. There was some writing on the back of it. “To dear Harold, reminding him of papa's promise.” Then Harold remembered that papa had promised to come back for him when it was time.

After that, if he felt homesick or lonely, he had only to look at “papa's promise picture,” as he called it, and he was quite happy.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus Dwells in our Hearts by His Holy Spirit



Golden Text—“I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter.”—John 15: 5.

Catechism—26. What kind of persons were Adam and Eve when God made them? God made Adam and Eve holy and happy. 27. Where did God place Adam and Eve? God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in Eden.

Lesson Hymn

OUR blest Redeemer, ere He breathed
His tender last farewell,
A Guide, a Comforter bequeathed
With us to dwell.

And His that gentle voice we hear,
Soft as the breath of even,
That checks each thought, that calms each
fear,
And speaks of heaven.

—Hymn III, Book of Praise.

THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Lesson VI.

John 15 : 1-11—Memory Verses 6-8

May 7, 1899

1. I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away : and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine ; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches : He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit : for without me ye can do nothing.

6. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth

as a branch, and is withered ; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; so shall ye be my disciples.

9. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you : continue ye in my love.

10. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love ; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In Palestine where Jesus and His friends lived many people made a living by growing grape-vines.

A piece of ground where grape-vines are growing is called a vineyard.

The man who owns and takes care of the vineyard is called the husbandman.

His work is to see that the vines get good earth to grow in and plenty of water to keep them from being burned up by the hot sun. He watches, too, to see that no rough men or wild animals get through the hedge or over the wall to break down the vines and spoil the fruit.

The husbandman has just one reason for going to all this trouble. It is because he wants to have good fruit and plenty of it.

Sometimes the husbandman finds a branch with no fruit at all. Then he cuts it off the vine

altogether and throws it away. Of course after a branch is cut off the vine it is of no more use—it dries right up and dies. The only thing it is good for then is to make a fire.

It always gave Jesus pleasure to walk through a vineyard and see the branches loaded with fruit, but the sight of dead, useless branches made Him sad.

Once Jesus said to His disciples, "I am the true vine, you are the branches, my Father is the husbandman."

Jesus meant that God, His Father, takes just as good care of those who love Him as the husbandman takes of his vines.

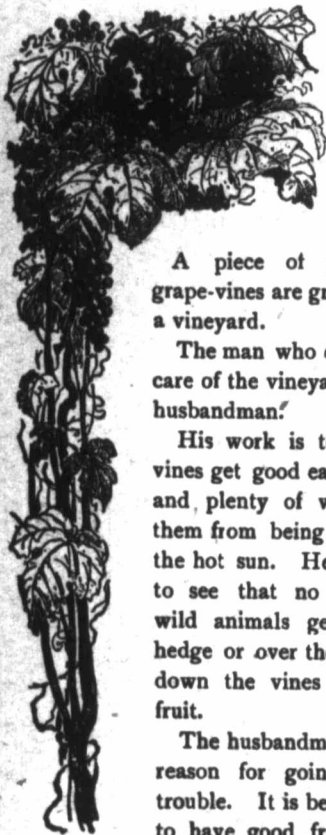
He called His disciples branches because it is from them that God expects to find fruit.

The fruits God is looking for are love, joy, peace, gentleness, faith, and a great many other like things.

Jesus called Himself the vine because He lives to help the branches to do their work.

He said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine ; no more can ye except ye abide in me."

He said, too, that if they kept close to Him and did as He wished them to do, they should feel their hearts full of His love, and, therefore, would be glad all the time ; and He said, too, that the more fruitful in every good word and in every good work they were the more God, their Father, would be praised by men.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the name of the place where grapes are grown? Ans.—A vineyard. 2. Who takes care of the vineyard? Ans.—The husbandman. 3. What does the husbandman have a vineyard for? Ans.—To get good fruit from it. 4. What part of the vine does the fruit grow on? Ans.—On the branches. 5. Do all the branches bear fruit? Ans.—No; some bear no fruit. 6. What does the husbandman do with branches that have no fruit? Ans.—He cuts them off and throws them into the fire. 7. Where does the branch get its fruit from? Ans.—From the life of the vine. 8. How does it get life from the vine? Ans.—By being joined to the vine. 9. Who did Jesus say *He* is? Ans.—He said: "I am the true vine." 10. Who is the husbandman? Ans.—His heavenly Father. 11. Who did Jesus say were the branches? Ans.—His disciples, that is, all who love Him and are trying to be like Him. 12. What does God expect from us as Christ's disciples? Ans.—Good fruit. 13. What are some good fruits? Ans.—Love, joy, peace, and many others. 14. Is God glad when Christians bear these fruits? Ans.—Yes, because it leads other people to love and serve Him, too. 15. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—I am the vine, ye are the branches.



ARTHUR'S APPLE TREE

Arthur Melton, who was just four years old, had a little garden which he called his own.

He was very fond of working there, and he had tiny flower and vegetable plots with many kinds of seeds growing in them.

Arthur wanted trees, too, in his garden, and, when the great apple tree which stood beside the gate was all in bloom, he climbed the fence and broke off a fine branch covered with blossoms, and stuck it in the ground in his little garden. "Now," said he to himself, "I will have apples, too, in my garden, by and by."

But, no; in a very short time the lovely blossoms drooped and withered, and after a few days

days there was only a dry, unsightly stick, without leaves or any sign of life.

His big brother Dick laughed at him; but Arthur was only doing, after all, what many grown up people have tried to do in another sort of garden.

One Sunday, not long after, the minister preached from the text "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in me." Little Arthur paid good attention, and as he listened he whispered to mother: "That is just like my little apple tree."

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Without Jesus I Can do Nothing Good

Golden Text—"I am the vine, ye are the branches."—John 15 : 5.

Catechism—28. What did God say to Adam and Eve when He had placed them in the garden? God told Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree in the garden except one.

Lesson Hymn

BY the Spirit's grace renewed,
By His love my will subdued,
Rich in faith I still would be—
Let my Saviour dwell in me. Amen.
Hymn 524, Book of Praise.

CHRIST BETRAYED AND ARRESTED

Lesson VII.

John 18 : 1-14—Memory Verses 3-5

May 14, 1899

1. When Je'sus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Ced'ron, where was a garden, into which he entered, and his disciples.

2. And Ju'das also, which betrayed him, knew the place : for Je'sus oftentimes resorted there with his disciples.

3. Ju'das then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Phar'isees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4. Je'sus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye ?

5. They answered him, Je'sus of Naz'areth. Je'sus saith unto them, I am he. And Ju'das also, which betrayed him, stood with them.

6. As soon then as he had said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground.

7. Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye ? And they said, Je'sus of Naz'areth.

8. Je'sus answered, I have told you that I am he : if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way :

9. That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me have I lost none.

10. Then Si'mon Pe'ter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Mal'chus.

11. Then said Je'sus unto Pe'ter, Put up thy sword into the sheath : the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it ?

12. Then the band and the captain and officer of the Jews took Je'sus and bound him,

13. And led him away to An'nas first ; for he was father-in-law to Cai'aphas, which was the high priest that same year.

14. Now Cai'aphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There was one man among Jesus' disciples who was not His friend.



His name was Judas Iscariot and he only pretended to love Jesus.

What Judas really loved best was money.

He used to carry the purse where Jesus and the

disciples put their money when they had any, and often he would steal some of it for himself.

The other disciples did not know that Judas was a thief, but Jesus knew that in his heart he was like Satan.

When they were all sitting together at that last supper, Judas was not listening to Jesus' kind words. He was making up a wicked plan and presently he left the room.

He went at once to the chief priests who were looking for Jesus and said, "If you pay me, I will show you where you can find Him."

Jesus and His friends often went to a beautiful garden just outside Jerusalem. Judas knew the place well, for he had sometimes been there with Jesus and the disciples. He knew they were all going there after the supper.

Jesus and His friends talked that night until it was quite late and then they went to the garden.

The place was quiet and dark with the shadows of the trees ; but after awhile the disciples saw lights moving among the trees. As they came nearer they could see that they were lanterns and torches and that they were being carried by soldiers armed with swords and sticks.

There was a man leading them whom they all knew. It was Judas.

Judas said to the soldiers, "I will shew you which is Jesus; watch me." Then he walked straight up to Jesus and kissed Him as if he had been glad to see Him.

Jesus said to the soldiers, "For whom are you looking?" They said, "Jesus of Nazareth." He said, "I am He."

When the soldiers heard Jesus speaking quietly and not trying to get away they fell over on the ground with surprise. They seemed to feel that He was more than man.

Jesus said again, "I am He"; so they took hold of Him.

When Peter saw a rough soldier holding Jesus by the arm he took a sword and cut off his ear. Jesus was not pleased at Peter for wanting to start a fight, and He touched the man's ear and made it well.

So they bound Jesus with ropes and took Him away to Annas, the high priest, and the frightened disciples ran and hid themselves, leaving Jesus alone with the soldiers and the wicked Judas.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Were all Jesus' disciples good men? Ans.—No, there was one who was not. 2. What was his name? Ans.—Judas Iscariot. 3. What did Judas love more than Jesus? Ans.—He loved money best. 4. What did he sometimes do to get money? Ans.—He stole it from the purse in which Jesus and the disciples kept their money. 5. Was Judas at the supper when Jesus washed the disciples' feet? Ans.—Yes. 6. Did he stay until the supper was over? Ans.—No. 7. Where did he go? Ans.—To the chief priests. 8. What did he say to them? Ans.—If you will pay me I will show you where He is. 9. Where did Jesus and the disciples go after supper? Ans.—To the garden. 10. Who came to the garden with lanterns and swords? Ans.—Judas with a band of soldiers. 11. What did they come for? Ans.—To catch Jesus. 12. Did Jesus allow them to take Him? Ans.—Yes. 13. Could Jesus have got away? Ans.—Yes, if He had asked His Father He would have sent angels to help Him. 14. Where did the soldiers take Jesus? Ans.—To Annas, the high priest. 15. Did the disciples all go, too? Ans.—No, they were frightened and ran and hid themselves. 16. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"He is despised and rejected of men."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I Should be True to Jesus



Golden Text—"He is despised and rejected of men."—Isa. 53: 3.



Catechism—29. Did Adam and Eve obey God? No. They ate the fruit God told them not to eat.

Lesson Hymn

SHOULD the world and sin oppose,
We will follow Jesus;
He is greater than our foes;
We will follow Jesus:
On His promise we depend,
He will succor and defend,
Help and keep us to the end;
We will follow Jesus. Amen.
—Hymn 534, Book of Praise.

CHRIST BEFORE THE HIGH PRIEST

Lesson VIII.

John 18 : 15-27—Memory Verses 23-25

May 21, 1899

15. And Si'mon Pe'ter followed Je'sus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Je'sus into the palace of the high priest.

16. But Pe'ter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Pe'ter.

17. Then saith the damsel that kept the door unto Pe'ter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not.

18. And the servants and officers stood there, who had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Pe'ter stood with them, and warmed himself.

19. The high priest then asked Je'sus of his disciples, and of his doctrine.

20. Je'sus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing.

21. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said.

22. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Je'sus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so?

23. Je'sus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

24. Now An'nas had sent him bound unto Cai'aphas the high priest.

25. And Si'mon Pe'ter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not.

26. One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Pe'ter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him?

27. Pe'ter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The night of the supper Jesus spoke about the time when wicked men would put Him to death.

Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to die with Thee." But Jesus told Peter that though he felt so brave now, yet before the cock crew he would

ing Him and were much pleased to see Him brought in.

They were saying to themselves, "We will send Him to Pilate in the morning to be judged, but to-night we will enjoy ourselves by hearing what He has to say for Himself."

So they began to question Jesus. They said, "Who are you?" "What have you been making so much trouble for?" and many other rude things.

They were very fierce and angry but Jesus answered them gently and quietly. He said, "Why do you ask Me questions?" "You yourselves have seen everything I have done in the Temple and in other places."

Then a rough soldier struck Jesus with his hand.

Peter and John had followed the soldiers as far as the high priest's palace; John was known to the



high priest; so they let him in, but Peter stood outside the door. John asked the maid at the door if Peter might come in too, and when she said "yes," he brought him inside.

As soon as the maid saw Peter she said, looking to where Jesus stood before the high priest, have said three times that he did not even know Him.

After Jesus left the garden with the soldiers He was taken to the High Priest's palace, where there was a large room full of wicked men waiting for Him. They had been sitting up expect-

ing to where Jesus stood before the high priest,

"You are one of this man's disciples," and Peter said, "I am not."

There were a great many servants and soldiers standing around an open fire in the hall, warming themselves, for it was cold. Peter went over and stood among them and warmed himself.

They said, "You too are one of the disciples?" Peter said, "Oh no, I am not."

Then a servant who was related to the man

whose ear Peter had cut off said; "But I saw you in the garden." Then Peter said, "I do not even know Him."

At that moment the cock crew, and Jesus turned and looked at Peter.

Peter remembered then what Jesus had said and felt so ashamed and sorry that he went out into the dark and wept bitterly.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. When they left the garden where did the soldiers take Jesus? Ans.—To the high priest's palace. 2. Who were waiting for Him to come? Ans.—A roomful of wicked men. 3. How long had they been sitting there? Ans.—All night. 4. When Jesus stood before them what did they do? Ans.—They asked Him questions. 5. What did they ask? Ans.—They said, "Who are you?" and spoke very roughly and rudely. 6. Did the High Priest really want to know who Jesus was? Ans.—No, He only wanted to hear how Jesus would answer. 7. How did Jesus answer? Ans.—He spoke gently and quietly. 8. What happened then? Ans.—A soldier struck Him with his hand. 9. Was Jesus afraid? Ans.—No.

10. Who followed Jesus to the High Priest's palace? Ans.—John and Peter. 11. Who first asked Peter if he was not one of the disciples? Ans.—The maid at the door. 12. Who asked him the same question? Ans.—Those who stood warming themselves at the fire. 13. Who was sure that he had seen Peter in the garden? Ans.—A relative of the man whose ear had been cut off. 14. How many times did Peter tell a lie about his Master? Ans.—Three times. 15. What made Peter remember what Jesus had said? Ans.—The cock crew. 16. What did Peter do? Ans.—He went out and wept bitterly. 17. What is the golden text? Ans.—"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."

"AND PETER"

"Auntie," said Brighteyes, poring over her Sunday-school lesson, "What does Jesus mean when He says, 'Tell my disciples and Peter.' Wasn't Peter a disciple, too?"

"Yes," said I, laying down my book; "Don't you remember what Peter did the night Jesus was betrayed?"

"I know now," she said sorrowfully; "Peter said, 'I never knew Him.'"

"And Jesus?" I asked.

"Yes," she added; "Jesus turned and looked on Peter, and he went out and wept bitterly."

"Auntie," said Brighteyes, after a few minutes apparently spent in hard thinking, "I believe I'll invite Jessie Brown to my birthday party next week; I'll invite all the girls—

And Jessie—"

I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT I Should be Ready to Speak up for Jesus

Golden Text—"He came unto his own, and his own received him not."—John I : 11.

Catechism—30. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God?

They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.

Lesson Hymn

ASHAMED of Jesus! that dear Friend,
On whom my hopes of heaven depend!
No! when I blush, be this my shame,
That I so feebly love His name. Amen.
—Hymn 231, Book of Praise.

CHRIST BEFORE PILATE

Lesson IX.

John 18 : 28-40—Memory Verses 38-40

May 28, 1899

28. Then led they Je'sus from Cai'aphas unto the hall of judgment : and it was early ; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled ; but that they might eat the passover.

29. Pi'late then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man ?

30. They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31. Then said Pi'late unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death :

32. That the saying of Je'sus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33. Then Pi'late entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews ?

34. Je'sus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me ?

35. Pi'late answered, Am I a Jew ? Thine

own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me : what hast thou done ?

36. Je'sus answered, My kingdom is not of this world : if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews : but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37. Pi'late therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then ? Je'sus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

38. Pi'late saith unto him, What is truth ? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*.

39. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover : will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews ?

40. Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barab'bas. Now Barab'bas was a robber.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had been standing all night in the High Priest's palace these wicked men led Him early in the morning through the streets to Pilate's house to be judged.

Great crowds of angry Jews went along with them, mocking and making fun of Jesus.

He was not pleased, either, at being wakened up so early in the morning, and asked in an angry voice, "What has the man done?"

Then they said, "He is a bad man, or we would not have brought Him to you." "He says He is a king."

Pilate said, "Take Him away and judge Him yourselves."

But they said it was against the law for the Jews to punish a man by death, and they wanted to get Pilate to do it for them.

Then Pilate went into the judgment hall and called for Jesus to come and be judged.

Pilate said to Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Jesus said, "I am a King, but my kingdom is not of this world." Jesus meant that He was king of men's hearts.

Pilate thought that Jesus did not seem much like a king, but that He looked like a good man, so he said to the Jews, who were shouting and making a great noise, "I cannot find any fault at all in Him." He said he

would have Jesus beaten and let Him go, but the Jews cried louder, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

The great feast called the Passover was going on, and every year Pilate let one prisoner go



Pilate, the judge, was a cruel man, and, though he hated the Jews, yet he wanted them to be friendly to him. He would be blamed very much by the Emperor, and, perhaps lose his office, if there was any trouble.

free at that time.

Just then there was a very bad man in prison called Barabbas. He was a robber and murderer.

Pilate said, "I will tell you what I will do; I will let you choose one to go free; the King of the Jews or Barabbas—which shall it be?"

Pilate had hoped they would choose Jesus, but they all shouted together, "We will have

Barabbas."

So Pilate, to please them, gave leave to put Jesus, the Son of God, to death on the cross.

Was not Pilate even more wicked than the angry Jews, because, though he knew that Jesus was a good man, He allowed Him to be killed to please the people?



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where was Jesus taken to after He left the high priest's palace? Ans.—To Pilate's house. 2. Who was Pilate? Ans.—A judge; he was not a Jew, but a Roman. 3. Who went with Jesus? Ans.—Crowds of angry Jews. 4. Was Pilate waiting for them? Ans.—No, he did not want to be troubled with them. 5. What did the Jews say about Jesus? Ans.—That He was a bad man. 6. What did Pilate say? Ans.—Take Him away and judge Him yourselves. 7. Why would the Jews not do this? Ans.—Because they could not put anyone to death unless Pilate gave them leave. 8. What question did Pilate ask Jesus? Ans.—Are you the King of the Jews? 9. What did Jesus say? Ans.—Yes. 10. What did Jesus say about His kingdom? Ans.—"My kingdom is not of this world." 11. What did Pilate think about Jesus? Ans.—That He was a good man. 12. What did Pilate say he would allow the Jews to do. Ans.—To choose one prisoner to go free. 13. Whom did Pilate hope they would choose? Ans.—Jesus. 14. Whom did they choose? Ans.—Barabbas. 15. Who was Barabbas? Ans.—A robber and murderer. 16. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"I find no fault in Him."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I may suffer, even when doing right.



Golden Text—"I find no fault in Him."—
John 19:4.



Catechism—31. What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience? It is called sin. 32. What is sin? Sin is doing what God forbids, or not being and doing what He requires.

Our King

THERE is no name so sweet on earth,
No name so sweet in heaven,
The name before His wondrous birth
To Christ the Saviour given.

*We love to sing around our King,
And hail Him blessed Jesus;
For there's no word ear ever heard
So dear, so sweet as Jesus.*

—Hymn 545, Book of Praise.



CHRIST CRUCIFIED

Lesson X.

John 19 : 17-30—Memory Verses 28-30

June 4, 1899

17. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the *place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Gol'gotha.

18. Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Je'sus in the midst.

19. And Pi'late wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

20. This title then read many of the Jews : for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city : and it was written in He'brew, and Greek, and Latin.

21. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pi'late, Write not, The King of the Jews : but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22. Pi'late answered, What I have written I have written.

23. Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Je'sus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part : and also *his* coat : now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24. They said therefore among themselves,

Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be : that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25. Now there stood by the cross of Je'sus his mother, and his mother's sister, Ma'ry, the *wife* of Cle'ophas, and Ma'ry Mag'dale'ne.

26. When Je'sus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son !

27. Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother ! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

28. After this, Je'sus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29. Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar : and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.

30. When Je'sus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished : and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It was on Friday that Pilate gave the Jews leave to put Jesus to death.

Jerusalem was full of Passover visitors and



cruel men made Jesus carry His cross through the crowded streets filled with shouting, angry people.

When they got to a hill outside the city called Calvary, they nailed Him to the cross.

There were two others crucified at the same time. They were thieves.

Jesus' cross was put in the middle as if He had been the most wicked of them all.

Pilate wrote some words on Jesus' cross to show what He had done. The words were:

JESUS OF NAZARETH
THE KING OF THE JEWS

The chief priest asked Pilate to write, "He said He was the King of the Jews," but Pilate would not change it. Pilate had written the truth though he did not mean to.

After the soldiers had done their cruel work they took the clothes that Jesus had worn and divided them into four parts. Then each man took one part for his own.

There was a beautiful coat without any seam that some kind friend had made for Jesus, but they did not tear that, but cast lots for it.

Hundreds of people passed the cross that day. Some felt sorry for Jesus, but others made fun of Him, saying, "Come down from the cross."

Of course Jesus could have come down, but He chose to stay there and take the punishment for everybody in the world.

Though Jesus suffered so much on the cross He was not thinking about Himself.

First He thought of the poor thieves beside Him. One of them was sorry for his bad life and Jesus forgave his sins.

Then Jesus prayed for the cruel men who were putting Him to death.

He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

The most unhappy person in all the world that day was Mary, Jesus' mother. She and her

sister and Mary Magdalene stood beside the cross weeping.

As soon as Jesus saw His mother, He said to John, who was there too, "Behold your mother!" To Mary he said, "John will be your son now." So John took Mary to his own home and took care of her always.

Jesus was getting weaker and weaker. By and by they gave Him vinegar to drink. As soon as He had tasted it He bowed His head and His spirit went up to God.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What day of the week was it that Jesus was crucified? Ans.—Friday. 2. What great feast was taking place? Ans.—The Passover. 3. What was the name of the place where Jesus was crucified? Ans. Calvary. 4. Was there anyone else crucified at the same time? Ans.—Yes, two thieves. 5. What did one of the thieves do? Ans.—He asked Jesus to forgive his sins. 6. What did Pilate write on Jesus' cross? Ans.— themselves. 10. Did anybody pass the cross that day? Ans.—Yes, great crowds of people on their way to the Passover. 11. What did they do? Ans.—Some of them made fun of Jesus, saying "Come down from the cross." 12. Could Jesus have come down? Ans.—Oh, yes. 13. Why did He not come down? Ans.—Because He wanted to be the Saviour of the world. 14. For whose sins did Jesus suffer? Ans.—The sins of the world. 15. Who were standing beside the cross crying? Ans.—Mary the mother of Jesus, and her sister, and Mary Magdalene. 16. Who did Jesus tell to take care of His mother after He was dead? Ans.—John. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"The Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."

JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

7. Were these words true? Ans.—Yes. 8. Did Pilate know how true they were? Ans.—No. 9. What did the soldiers do while Jesus was dying? Ans.—They divided his clothes among



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus died to take away my sins



Golden Text—"I find no fault in Him."
—John 19 : 4.

Catechism—33. How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin? They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow and death.

Lesson Hymn

HERE is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved !
And we must love Him too ;
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do. — Amen.
—Hymn 46, Book of Praise.

Lesson XI.

CHRIST RISEN

June 11, 1899

John 20 : 11-20—Memory Verses 11-14

11. But Ma'ry stood without at the sepulchre weeping : and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre.

12. And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Je'sus had lain.

13. And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Je'sus standing, and knew not that it was Je'sus.

15. Je'sus saith un'o her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16. Je'sus saith unto her, Ma'ry. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabbo'ni : which is to say, Master.

17. Je'sus saith unto her, Touch me not : for I am not yet ascended to my Father : but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father, and to my God, and your God.

18. Ma'ry Mag'dale'ne came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

19. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Je'sus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

20. And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.

XI. THE LESSON RETOLD

Kind friends took Jesus' dead body down from the cross and laid it in a new grave in a garden. Then they rolled a great stone in front of the door and went away.



Jesus had told His disciples that He would rise again on the third day, but they were now so sad and frightened that they forgot His promise.

All Friday night and all day Saturday and all Saturday night Jesus' body lay in the grave.

Very early on Sunday morning, before it was clear daylight, someone came to the garden. It was Mary Magdalene.

She was surprised to see the stone rolled away, so she stooped down and looked into the grave.

What she saw was not Jesus' body at all, but two beautiful angels, sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where His body had been.

Mary was crying, and the angels said to her, "Why are you crying?" She said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

As she said this she turned round and saw a man standing behind her. She thought in the darkness that he was the gardener, and said, "Tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

Je'sus said — for it was Je'sus Himself — "Mary !"

She knew His voice at once, and answered, "Master." Je'sus said to her, "Go and tell my disciples and Peter that I am alive."

It was kind of Je'sus to remember Peter. But He knew that Peter was ashamed and sorry for having denied Him, and he wanted him to know that He forgave him.

So Mary went quickly to where the disciples were. They were all feeling very lonely.

She said, "I have seen Jesus. He is alive." But they thought she was mistaken, and would not believe her until some of them went to the grave and saw the angels.

That same day, in the evening, the disciples were together in a room with the door fastened tightly to keep out the Jews, who hated the disciples as they had hated Jesus.

Suddenly Jesus stood among them. They had not heard Him come in, but there He was.

He said, "Peace be unto you."

The disciples were very glad to see Jesus again, and to hear His kind voice.

He showed them His hands and His feet. The nail-marks were still there. When the disciples saw these they knew it was Jesus Himself, their own Lord and Master.

"Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who took Jesus' dead body down from the cross? Ans.—Kind friends. 2. Where did they lay it? Ans.—In a new grave in a garden. 3. How long did Jesus' body stay in the grave? Ans.—Three days. 4. On what day was He put to death? Ans.—On Friday. 5. On what day did He rise from the dead? Ans.—On Sunday, that is, the first day of the week. 6. Who knew first that Jesus was risen? Ans.—Mary Magdalene. 7. Where was she early on Sunday morning? Ans.—In the garden where Jesus was buried. 8. What did she see first? Ans.—That the stone was rolled away. 9. When she looked into the grave what did she see? Ans.—Two angels in white. 10. What did they say to

her? Ans.—Why are you crying? 11. When Mary turned round whom did she see? Ans.—Jesus Himself. 12. Did she know Him? Ans.—No. 13. How did she know Him at last? Ans.—When He said "Mary!" she knew His voice. 14. What did Jesus tell Mary to do? Ans.—To go and tell His disciples that He was alive. 15. Did the disciples believe Mary? Ans.—No, not at first. 16. When did they see Jesus for themselves? Ans.—That same evening. 17. How did they know it was their Master? Ans.—By His voice and by the nail-marks in His hands and feet. 18. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"Now is Christ risen from the dead."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Jesus rose from the Grave to give me Life



Golden Text—"Now is Christ risen from the dead."—1 Cor., 15: 20.



Catechism—34. What evil did Adam's sin bring upon us all?

We have all been born with a sinful heart.

Lesson Hymn

REOICE and be glad! The Redeemer has come;
Go look on His cradle, His cross, and His tomb.
Sound His praises, tell the story of Him who was slain;
Sound His praises, tell with gladness, He liveth again, Amen.
—Hymn 550, Book of Praise.

Lesson XII.

THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

June 18, 1899

Colossians 3 : 1-15—Memory Verses 1-4

1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, *who* is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth ; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry :

6. For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience :

7. In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8. But now ye also put off all these ; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

9. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds ;

10. And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him :

11. Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free : but Christ *is* all, and in all.

12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering ;

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any : even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

14. And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body ; and be ye thankful.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after Jesus rose from the dead He went back to Heaven to be with His Father.

Jesus wants everybody in the world to be forgiven and to come and be with Him after they die.



But there are a great many things He wants His people to do just now while they are still alive.

One thing Jesus wants His friends to do is to remember Him every day, and to think of the time when He will come back for them as He promised.

In the Bible it tells how to spend time so as to be glad to see Jesus when He comes.

A very good man named Paul once wrote a letter to some friends of Jesus called the Colossians, telling them how they ought to behave if they were going to be true friends of Jesus.

Paul told them about two men. These men were quite different. One was called "the old man," and the other was called "The new man."

Now, the "old man" is as bad as he can be. He is like Satan, and because Satan is his master he has learned to do Satan's different sorts of work.

But the "old man" thinks he is having a good time. He tells lies, cheats, swears and likes to do many other terrible things. He is very quarrelsome and stingy, too.

Sometimes he has to go about in ragged clothes because he has spent all his money in getting drunk, and his little children are often hungry and cold.

But the "new man" is a much pleasanter person.

He is always neatly dressed, though often he is poor.

He is a friend of Jesus, and he likes to go

where he knows he will meet his Master's friends.

It is very hard to quarrel with the "new man" for he says, "Oh, never mind about it!" if someone hurts him.

He is what is called a *peace-maker*, and if he should come to your house you would be happier because he was there, his face is so bright and cheerful.

The "new man" is always busy, and if he sees anyone poor or in trouble he helps them even if he has to go without some things he would

like to have for himself.

The "new man," strangely enough, is just the "old man" made over again, with a new heart, made clean and new by Jesus himself, and that is why he is kind and truthful, and honest and humble.

Above all things he is loving, and because he loves God and loves all his fellowmen, he is peaceful and happy. Indeed, he is like Jesus, who dwells in heaven, which is the home of peace and joy.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. After Jesus rose from the dead where did He go? Ans.—To His Father's right hand in Heaven. 2. Will Jesus ever come back? Ans.—Yes, at the last day. 3. Who will be glad to see Jesus when He comes again? Ans.—All those who do what He says. 4. Where does it tell how to please Him? Ans.—In God's word. 5. What was the name of one good man who wrote about doing right? Ans.—Paul. 6. What did Paul write? Ans.—He wrote letters to the friends of Jesus. 7. What two men did Paul write about? Ans.—The "old man" and the "new man." 8. What kind of a man is the "old man?" Ans.—A very bad one. 9. Who is his master? Ans.—Satan. 10. What has the "old man" learned from Satan? Ans.—To tell lies, to swear, to get drunk and many other wicked things. 11. Is the "new man" at all like the "old man?" Ans.—No, he is quite different. 12. Who is his master? Ans.—Jesus Christ. 13. How does the "new man" spend his time? Ans.—In doing his work well and helping others. 14. What makes the "new man" better than the "old man?" Ans.—He has a clean new heart. 15. Where did he get it? Ans.—From Jesus his Master. 16. Is Jesus willing to give anybody a new heart. Ans.—Yes, if they ask for it. 17. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."



I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT I should try to be good for Jesus' sake



Golden Text—"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."—Col. 3:15.



Catechism—35. What will follow if we love sin and allow it to remain in our hearts? If we love sin we cannot be the friends of God, or be with Him when we die.

Lesson Hymn

WE are but little children weak,
Nor born in any high estate;
What can we do for Jesus' sake,
Who is so high and good and great?

With smiles of peace and looks of love,
Light in our dwellings we may make,
Bid kind good humor brighten there—
And still do all for Jesus' sake. Amen.

—Hymn 527, Book of Praise.

LESSON XIII.

REVIEW

June 25, 1899

Golden Text—"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."—1 Tim. 1 : 15.

Catechism—Questions 21-35.

LESSON HYMN.

HE, who came to save us,
He, who bled and died,
Now is crowned with glory
At His Father's side.
Never more to suffer,
Never more to die,
Jesus, King of glory,
Is gone up on high !

All His work is ended,

Joyfully we sing ;

Jesus hath ascended !

Glory to our King. Amen.

--Hymn 537 Book of Praise.



LESSON TITLE

GOLDEN TEXT

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| LESSON I. The Raising of Lazarus. | "I am the resurrection and the life."—John 11 : 25. |
| LESSON II. The Anointing in Bethany. | "She hath done what she could."—Mark 14 : 8. |
| LESSON III. Jesus Teaching Humility. | "I have given you an example."—John 13 : 15. |
| LESSON IV. Jesus, the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. | "Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."—John 14 : 6. |
| LESSON V. The Comforter Promised. | "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter."—John 14 : 16. |
| LESSON VI. The Vine and the Branches. | "I am the vine, ye are the branches."—John 15 : 5. |
| LESSON VII. Christ Betrayed and Arrested. | "He is despised and rejected of men."—Isa. 53 : 3. |
| LESSON VIII. Christ Before the High Priest. | "He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."—John 1 : 11. |
| LESSON IX. Christ Before Pilate. | "I find no fault in Him."—John 19 : 4. |
| LESSON X. Christ Crucified. | "The Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me."—Gal. 2 : 20. |
| LESSON XI. Christ Risen. | "Now is Christ risen from the dead."—1 Cor. 15 : 20. |
| LESSON XII. The New Life in Christ. | "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."—Col. 3 : 15. |

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

LESSON I. The Raising of Lazarus.

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LESSON XII. The New Life in Christ.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

For Primary Classes, Second Quarter, 1899

I. AT SIGNAL, RISE, AND REPEAT SOFTLY—

While we learn from out Thy Word,
Oh, give Thy Spirit, Lord !
Help us each and every one.
And this we ask through Thy dear Son.

II. OPENING HYMN.

III. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE—

TEACHER—Seek ye the Lord while He may be found.

CLASS—Call ye upon Him while He is near.

TEACHER—The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him.

CLASS—To all that call upon Him in truth.

TEACHER—Why do we say "For Jesus' sake" when we pray?

CLASS—There is none other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. (Hands folded and eyes closed.)

PRAYER, closing with the Lord's prayer in concert.

IV. COLLECTION.

V. BIRTHDAY OFFERING AND PRAYER.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON—Recite Golden Texts for the Quarter, as far as earned; also on alternate Sabbaths Psalm 23 and John 14 : 1-4.

VII. GESTURE HYMN ; followed by PRAYER HYMN.

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

IX. SING Lesson Hymn for Quarter, 522, Book of Praise—

Jesus is our Shepherd ;
For the sheep He bled ;
Every lamb is sprinkled
With the blood He shed ;
Then on each He setteth
His own secret sign—
"They that have my spirit,
These," saith He, "are Mine." Amen.

X. SILENT PRAYER, closing with a few sentences repeated in concert after teacher.

XI. DISMISSAL HYMN.

XII. MIZPAH BLESSING (in concert), "The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."

Let papers be distributed as the children pass out.

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Cupid's Playtime,
Tender Memories,
Kings of the Deep,
Aristocrats of the Table,
Fall Beauties,
Summer Visitors,
In Disgrace,
Penitence,
Alone,
Making it Grow,
Five O'Clock Tea,
A Disgrace to the Family,
The Investigating Committee.

In Great Distress,
The Plot,
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