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The Child

My child is lying on my knees,
The signs of heaven she reads ;
My face is all the heaven she sees,
Is all the heaven she needs.

And so I sit in Thy wide space,
My child upon my knee ;
She looketh up into my face,
And I look up to Thee.

Some Bible Homes

By Mary Isobel Houston

II. HOME OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Unlike Jesus, his cousin, John the Baptist spent his boyhood days in a home that was perhaps a little better than those around it. John's father, Zacharias, was a priest, and his mother was a devout woman, who did as God commanded.

When the baby John first came to this home the parents had praised God and promised to bring their son up to follow Him. They did not know then what a great honor was to come to this baby boy, how he was to be the one chosen of God to baptize His Son.

When John became a man, he left his father's comfortable home and lived by himself in the wilderness, making his home wherever he might chance to be, and living from day to day on such food as he could find. His clothing, too, was coarse and simple,—often made only of rough camels' hair or skin—but he had no time to think of comforts for himself. He was busy preaching to the people of the coming of Jesus.

"Once Upon a Time"

By Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D.

Every child loves a story, and the father or the mother or the uncle or aunt who has a story to tell never fails to find eager listeners where there are little children in the family. When the evening has come and the lamps are lighted and the story-teller begins with his "Once upon a time," oh, it is delightful.

There never was or has been any one who could tell such beautiful and wonderful stories as the great Teacher, whose doings and words form our Lessons for this whole year ; and this Quarter's Lessons are full of His stories.

He will tell you of a great wedding feast, and of how some who were invited, made all sorts of excuses when the day came, and would not come, and how messengers were sent in haste out into the streets and lanes to bring in all the poor people and the crippled, and lame and blind people, who had never thought of being invited.

Then, you will hear those three wonderful stories of the man who lost one sheep out of his hundred sheep, and who searched up and down among the bleak, rough hills until he found it; and of the woman who had lost one of her ten precious silver coins and lighted a candle and swept and swept the house and never gave up until she had got it again ; and of the spoiled boy who went far, far away from home and spent all his money and was hungry and thirsty and sorry and homesick, and at last made up his mind to go back again to his father.

You will hear, too, of the rich man, who was so greedy and selfish that he never gave a

crumb to the poor, sick man who lay suffering at his gate ; and of how in the next world this rich man suffered so greatly for his cruel treatment of the poor sufferer, and how the poor man was happy amongst the angels.

These are only a few of the many stories that, Sunday after Sunday, you will hear. You will never tire hearing them, and you will find that that great teacher was the loving Jesus, and that He told the stories in order that people should better understand how much God, His Father in heaven, loves us all,—even those whom people care the least for—and how He Himself came down from heaven to show His own love to us, and to bring us, through that wonderful love, to love Him and His heavenly Father and ours.

Children and Prayer

Elsie, May and Jim are just the usual kind of dear wee people—friends of one another and of all the world. They live in a manse, under the very shadow of a tall spire, and when they were tiny babies sleeping in their cot, each of them would awake and cry as the bell on Sabbaths or on week-nights clanged its summons over the town,

Come all to church, good people,
Good people, come and pray.

Consequently, they could not miss being intensely interested in things religious, and especially in the act and meaning of prayer. They are very reverent little people,—as indeed all children are—but their remarks have not always the appearance of reverence. They think and speak in terms of their limited experience, and the effect is often bizarre. Grown-up folks think them very droll. Perhaps the angels think that of us all.

Elsie, the eldest, is a quiet little pussy. She likes being good, and knows that she is.

"Mother," she said once when she was very tiny, "when I comed was oo prayin' God would send oo a nice ikkle girl?"

"Yes, dear."

"And was oo prayin' God would send oo a very, very nice ikkle girl?"

"Yes, dear."

"And was oo glad He dided it?"

The complacency of the small person ! Yet after all we are taken often at our own valuation, and her mother still agrees that she is "a very, very nice ikkle girl."

Once, after the petition, "Make me a good girl," she added, "and please I was naughty to-day about the curtain."

As soon as she had come to the Amen she opened her eyes and demanded, "Was it right to say that, mother?"

"Yes, dear, quite right."

"Why?"

"Because God wants to be told."

"But He saw me, didn't He?"

"Yes."

"Then why does He want to be told?"

Her mother meditated flight—often the wisest course—but tarried to say—

"God wishes to know that you are sorry. Are you sorry?"

"Yes."

"Then, Elsie dear, good-night."

One is often thankful to retreat with honor from before the batteries of childhood.

Jim, the boy, is the newest of the three. He is barely four, and has not got over his astonishment at finding himself here. To him the day and the night are full of wonderful things and great magic. On a Sabbath evening in November last, his father took him out to the garden to see the stars.

As he gazed at the great constellations, a meteor shot across the sky.

"What's that, daddy?"

"A falling star, Jim."

"Do stars fall?"

"Sometimes."

"Is it slippy up there?"

"Well—no—not quite that."

"Does God make them fall?"

"Yes, Jim, that's it."

"Oh, there's another."

"Just watch and perhaps you'll see more."

There was a short pause ; then a very earnest little voice whispered, "Please, God, push one over." The words were just uttered when another fell. The little boy laughed. He felt that he had done it.

"Now," he said, "please, God, one more." But this time no trail of light showed among

the stars. A little disappointed, he nestled closer to his father. "God couldn't have been ready that time, daddy, could He?" But his father had not been acquainted with Elsie and May without learning something. He foresaw the coming of the unanswerable questions, so he gathered the little fellow up in his arms and carried him indoors.

One other significant remark of his may be quoted. After he had quite learned at evening to ask God to take care of him through the dark unconscious hours, it was suggested to him that he might now learn a morning prayer. He seemed surprised.

"Why?" he demanded.

"Oh, you should ask God to take care of you through the day."

"But why?"—this with an accent of unbounded surprise—"Jim not 'fraid in the day. Jim not need God. Jim only 'fraid in the great big night."

Here is the thought of more than Jim. There are many to whom God is only a God of the emergency. They walk confident and forgetful in the day. When night falls and fear comes, then they pray.—The *Missionary Record*

A Sunday Game

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

This game is played just like the old "Animal, Vegetable or Mineral." The children may be divided into "sides," or may play "each man for himself."

Some name of person, place or thing mentioned in the Bible is chosen by the side or player who has "first turn." Then the other players question him as to the name chosen, beginning with the familiar, "Is it animal, vegetable or mineral?" When this is answered, the questions must be such as can be replied to, with a "Yes" or "No."

Any one who has played this old game will remember how hard it was to get something difficult enough to make the quest a long one. The mandrakes which Reuben found in the field, was considered difficult; while the corn burned by the nineteenth pair of foxes which Samson sent into the Philistines' grain field, was guessed comparatively quickly.

When children will not settle down to other Sunday games,—such trying days occur in most families—this game seems to interest and amuse both boys and girls.

St. John, N.B.

Cradle Song

How do we know
How the seasons go?
By white of the blossoms and white of the
 snow,
By yellow of wheat
And the hurrying beat
On yellowing boughs of the rain-storm's
 feet.

What of the rose
When the night wind blows?
She dreams little poems that nobody knows,
And into the ear
Of the lily-bud near
She sings little melodies no one can hear.

Slumber, my love,
To the coo of the dove
And the croon of the breeze in the branches
 above;
Sleep till the sun
His sleeping has done,
And the stars run away from him one after
 one.

Long not to be
With the birds in the tree
To swing in the wind—it is safer with me;
Slumber is best
In the nursery nest,
And my arms are as warm as the mother-
 bird's breast.

—Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer

How Esther Proved Her Love

Mama was coming home! Yes, in a few days now, she would be with them again, after a stay of two whole months in a big hospital in a far off city. And, oh, how happy the children were in the little brown house on the corner as they planned and worked to get ready for mama's coming. It was the very day before the beautiful time that Mary

Ellen—she was the oldest of the girls—told them of a plan she had “made up.” “I don’t mean to let mama do a single bit of house work when she comes back,” she said. “I’ve been making the beds a long time, you know, and, now, I’m going to sweep and dust. I like that sort of work anyway.”

“And I am going to darn all our stockings every Saturday,” said Elizabeth, “like a girl I read about in a book. I don’t mean mama shall touch them until she gets good and well.”

Esther, the youngest—she was nine her last birthday—seemed lost in thought. She knew how much her mama disliked dish-washing and nothing had seemed to tire her more than this three-times-a-day task, no light one either, for there were three boys as well as girls in the little brown house, besides father and mother. And, so Esther wanted to take it for her work.

“But it’s too hard for you to do all alone,” cried Mary Ellen, “and you always said you *hated* dish-washing.”

“Well, I did, but when I do it for mama it’ll be different, you see.”

“You won’t hold out a week, Esther Page,” declared Elizabeth, “and, besides, your hands are too little.”

“They’ll grow bigger with hard work, grandma says so,” went on the child, “and mama’ll *know* that I love her *dearly* when I do *that* for her.”

And mama did. Nobody knew better than she how much poor little Esther disliked “doing” the piles of dishes, knives and forks and spoons in the hot little kitchen all that long summer, but she said nothing.

Love’s magic helped, you see, and made it all different.—Exchange.

Babies in Honan

By Mrs. Gillies Eadie

When a little baby boy is born in Honan, his parents, relatives and friends rejoice and make a feast to celebrate his birth. The friends have something nice to say about him,—that probably, when he grows to be a man, he will be a magistrate, or a man of great influence.

His grandmother makes him a little bonnet,

and trims it with tiny bells and little Chinese cash with a hole in the centre. Every time the little lad moves his head the bells and cash jingle, and amuse him. Like Joseph, the little Chinese baby wears “a coat of many colors.”

Sometimes, however, his parents dress him in a little black coat like that of a Chinese priest. They think thus to deceive the gods, who, seeing him dressed in this fashion, will think he is going to be a priest when he grows up, and so they will watch over and protect him from all harm. At other times they dress his hair like a girl’s, and put earrings in his ears, so that the evil spirits will think he is a little girl, and will not trouble about him.

When a baby girl is born there is no such rejoicing nor birthday party for her. Many baby girls come into the world as unwelcome gifts, and sometimes, if there are a number of girls in the family, and “too many mouths to feed,” as the Chinese say, they are not taken care of, but are left to die.

If the little life is spared the happy freedom of childhood is cut short by the custom of binding the feet. When the child is small, her mother makes long bandages of cotton cloth and binds the little foot. Of course this is very painful, and the child cries a great deal with the pain, and begs her mother to take the bandages off, but the mother shows no pity, and scolds and whips her when she cries.

“Why is the mother so cruel?” you will ask. “Does she not care for her little daughter, nor love her?” She does, but custom is strong in China, and the custom of foot-binding is over one thousand years old. Heathen mothers do not think it respectable for their daughters to have large feet, and are afraid, if the feet are not bound, they will be unable to find husbands for them, so they shut their ears to the cries and tears of their children. These little girls often have to take care of their baby brothers, and carry them about, which makes an added weight on the poor little crippled feet. What a difference there is in a Chinese Christian home, where the mother has heard the gospel, and does not follow this cruel custom of foot-binding, and the little girls enjoy the same freedom as their brothers!

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1914

I. SINGING. Hymn 569, Book of Praise.

II. RECITE :

“For lo, the winter is past;
The rain is over and gone ;
The flowers appear on the earth ;
The time of the singing birds is come.”

III. SINGING.

“For He hath risen,
For Christ hath risen,
His people He hath freed.
Rejoice and sing
For Christ our King
Hath risen, hath risen indeed.”

IV. PRAYER.

V. OFFERING.

VI. SINGING. Hymn 596, Book of Praise, vs. 3, 4. (These are the last two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. These verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

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

VIII. CRADLE ROLL EXERCISE. If a new name is added to the Cradle Roll, or if any member of that department is present, let all sing :

“There are blessings from God all about us ;
We should thank Him for gifts large and small,
But His gift of a dear little baby,
Needs the very best thank you of all.”

IX. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passages : For Those Under Six, The Lord's Prayer, Matt. 6: 9-13. For Those Under Eleven, A Child and the Scriptures, 2 Tim. 3: 14, 15. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

X. SINGING. Hymn 509, Book of Praise.

XI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XII. LESSON HYMN.

XIII. MIZPAH PRAYER. “The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.”

Luke 14 : 7-24—*Memory Verses, 13, 14.

Golden Text—Every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.—Luke 14 : 11 (Rev. Ver.).



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus received an invitation from a Pharisee to come and take dinner with him. Jesus always comes when He is asked, and so He went to the Pharisee's house.

He was sorry when He saw how each guest tried to seek for himself the best place at the table. He said : "When thou art bidden by any man to a feast, do not choose the best place for thyself. That place may belong to some one more worthy than thou. What shame thou wouldst feel if the master should come to ask thee to take a lower place !"

As the men reclined round the table Jesus spoke to the master of the house. He said : "When thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind. Thou

shalt be blessed for kindness to the unfortunate. They cannot repay thee, but God will remember."

Jesus told this story while those at the table listened.

Once a man made a great supper at his house. He sent invitations to many guests. When the supper was prepared, he sent his servant to say : "Come ; for all things are now ready."

But these strange guests did not want to come to the feast. They began to send excuses.

The first one said to the servant : "I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and

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

see it. I cannot come. I pray thee to excuse me."

Another said: "I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to try them. I pray thee, excuse me."

Another said: "I have married a wife. I cannot come. Pray, excuse me." Not one of those guests would come.

The owner of the house was very angry. He said to his servant: "Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city. Bring in the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind."

The servant went out and did his master's bidding. Then he said, "Lord, I have gathered these in, yet still there is room."

The master said, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and gather all in, that my house may be filled."

Now Jesus, by telling this story, wanted to teach what God's invitation to heaven is like. The Pharisees thought that this invitation was meant only for respectable people like themselves, but Jesus taught them that it was meant also for the publicans and other people whom the Pharisees despised, and not for the Jews alone, but for the people in every country the world over.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What invitation did Jesus receive?
2. By whom was the invitation given?
3. What did Jesus do?
4. What made Him sorry?
5. What did He say?
6. Who did He tell the master of the house should be invited to his feasts?
7. Who would reward him for this?
8. About what did Jesus tell a story?
9. To whom were invitations to the supper sent?
10. How did they treat the invitations?
11. What did the one who made the feast do then?
12. What did Jesus teach by this story?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Whosoever heareth, shout, shout the sound,
Send the blessed tidings all the world around!
Spread the joyful news wherever man is found,
'Whosoever will' may come!

'Whosoever will! whosoever will!'

Send the proclamation over vale and hill;

'Tis a loving Father calls the wanderer home:

'Whosoever will' may come. Amen.

—Hymn 457, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment? The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother." 82. What is it to honour our father and mother? To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—88. What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption? A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are His ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

The Question on Missions

(Second Quarter, OUR HONAN MISSION.)—

1. Where is our Honan Mission? Honan is a province in North Central China. That part of it lying north of the Yellow River, comprising one-fifth of its total area, and containing about 14,000 square miles, is called North Honan. Our church is entirely responsible for mission work in this section of Honan.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the drawing of a blind man, and think how thankful you ought to be that you can see



all the beautiful things in the world, and find your way about. And how ready you should be to help those who cannot see.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I NEED A SAVIOUR

Lesson II. THE JOURNEY TO EMMAUS—EASTER LESSON April 12, 1914

Luke 24 : 13-35—Memory Verses, 31, 32.

Golden Text—It was Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead.—Romans 8 : 34 (Rev. Ver.).



13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emma'us, which was from Jeru'salem about threescore furlongs.

14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Je'sus himself drew near, and went with them.

16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad ?

18 And the one of them, whose name was Cle'opas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jeru'salem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days ?

19 And he said unto them, What things ? And they said unto him, Concerning Je'sus of Naz'areth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people :

20 And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Is'rael : and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre ;

23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said : but him they saw not.

25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart

to believe all that the prophets have spoken :

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory ?

27 And beginning at Mo'ses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went : and he made as though he would have gone further.

29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us : for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.

30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.

31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him ; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures ?

33 And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jeru'salem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them.

34 Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Si'mon.

35 And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a long, long time ago, two men were walking along a country road outside the city of Jerusalem. It was early spring-time, and the trees and flowers were beginning to bud, but the men were not thinking of these beautiful things.

Their faces were sad, and they talked together very earnestly. They talked about a dreadful deed that had been done three days before. Their friend, their best friend, had been seized by soldiers and nailed to a cross, and the cross had been planted like a tree on the top of a hill. Thousands of people had watched their friend suffer till He died.

It was of all these things that the two travelers talked.

Presently a man drew near and joined them. He said : "What are these things that ye are saying ? Why are ye sad ?"

The two men looked in wonder, for all the people in Jerusalem knew how Jesus of Nazareth had been crucified just outside the city gates.

Cleopas said : "Art thou a stranger ? Hast thou not heard about the things that have happened in Jerusalem ?"

The man asked, "What things ?"

They answered : "About Jesus, our friend. His enemies seized Him and crucified Him. We had hoped that Jesus would one day save all the people from their troubles. This is the third day since His death, and some women say that His body is not in the grave. They tell a wonderful story about a vision of angels at the grave. The angels say that He has risen. But we have not seen Jesus."

Then the stranger began to talk with them. He helped them remember things which they had forgotten. When they came to the end of their journey, they did not want Him to leave them. They said : "Stay with us. It is nearly evening." So the stranger went into the house with them.

Presently the mealtime came. The two friends and the stranger made ready to eat. The stranger broke the bread and blessed it, and gave it to them.

Suddenly the two men's faces lighted up with wonder and love and joy. This was no stranger ! Jesus ! It was Jesus ! Jesus had risen from the dead ! Jesus, their best friend, had kept His promise and come back to them ! And the rest of that day the two men spent in spreading the glad Easter news.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where were two men walking ?
2. What time of year was it ?
3. How did they feel ?
4. About what were they talking ?
5. Who joined them ?
6. What did He ask ?
7. Which of the men answered Him ?
8. What did he say ?
9. What did the stranger help them to do ?
10. What did the men ask of Him at the end of their journey ?
11. What did the stranger do ?
12. Who did the men then see that the stranger was ?
13. What did they immediately do ?
14. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen to day,
 Hallelujah !
 Our triumphant holy day,
 Hallelujah !
 Who did once upon the cross,
 Hallelujah !
 Suffer to redeem our loss ;
 Hallelujah !
 Amen.

—Hymn 61, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—83. Which is the Sixth Commandment ? The Sixth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill." **84.** What did Jesus say about the Sixth Commandment ? Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all angry passions.

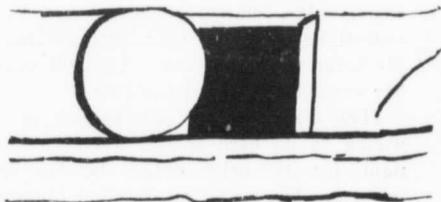
SHORTER CATECHISM—89. How is the word made effectual to salvation ? A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

The Question on Missions

2. What is the population of North Honan ? It contains about eight millions of people, nine tenths of whom are uneducated. The majority are farmers, living in villages. The soil produces wheat, millet, cotton, beans and other grains, besides vegetables and fruits of many kinds.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a drawing of a grave like that in which the body of Jesus lay, with the stone used instead of a door rolled back from the



opening. Copy the drawing, and remember that Jesus our Saviour has risen from the dead.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I HAVE A LIVING SAVIOUR

Lesson III.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

April 19, 1914

Luke 14 : 25-35.—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—Whosoever would save his life shall lose it : and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it.—Matthew 16 : 25 (Rev. Ver.).



25 And there went great multitudes with him : and he turned, and said unto them,

26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it* ?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand ?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassador, and desireth conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

34 Salt is good : but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned ?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill ; *but* men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a great many people were following after Jesus ; the crowd was like a multitude.

Presently Jesus turned toward the many people and said : "It is not always easy to follow in My footsteps. Sometimes the way will be hard. But if you truly wish to follow Me, you will be willing even to leave everything else for My sake. You will choose Me before every one else. You will choose My way even before your own life."

Then Jesus said : "But whoever is not willing to do hard things, when they are right, for My sake, cannot be My true follower. Those who would follow Me must often bear a cross."

Jesus meant by this that His disciples must be willing to endure suffering, if need be, for His sake.

Again He said, "Those who are trying to decide about following in My way must count the cost."

To show what this meant, Jesus bade His hearers think of a man who was about to build a tower. Before he starts the building, he will sit down and count his money to see if he has enough to pay for the work. Otherwise, after he has laid the foundation, he may find himself unable to finish the tower, and then his neighbors will mock and jeer at him. Again Jesus pictured to them a king who wished to go to war with another king. Surely he would sit down and carefully consider whether he had enough men to gain the victory.

But even though being a follower of Jesus is sometimes hard, it is a happy way. Those who choose the way are never sorry. The reward is great, and the gladness that comes is better than all the hardness.

Jesus will not let the cross and the hardness be too heavy for even a little child to bear. When a little follower becomes too tired and

weary, Jesus will help to carry the cross. He has promised to do this, and He never forgets His promises.

When you are all alone in some quiet place and are thinking about these things, remember these words of Jesus :

"IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU. . . I WILL COME TO YOU."

"YE ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YE DO WHATSOEVER I COMMAND YOU."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who were following after Jesus ?
2. What did Jesus tell them it was not easy to do ?
3. What must they be willing to do for His sake ?
4. What is it to bear our cross ?
5. About whom did Jesus bid His hearers think ?
6. What does one do before he begins a building ?
7. What might happen if he did not do this ?
8. How would his neighbors treat him ?
9. Whom did Jesus next picture ?
10. What would the king do before commencing a war ?
11. Why will those who follow Jesus never be sorry ?
12. Repeat some words of Jesus which we should remember.
13. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

"I'm going to be a different kind of a doctor from Uncle Jack," said Norman. "I'm going to be a—a spec'list like Dr. Burns, and have a fine big house, and visit my patients in a motor car. I heard Cousin Frank say that was the only way to live. Why Uncle Jack might be eaten by a lion or a tiger any day, and then what would it all be worth ?"

"Worth everything in the world," said Grandmother gently, "because he would be doing it for Jesus' sake. And Uncle Jack knows he isn't going to lose his life out in Africa."

"Why, how can he tell?" asked Norman. "It's not a bit safe."

"Any place is safe where God wants us to be, dear, and the life He is preparing Uncle Jack for, isn't numbered in years like ours, and to lose it in God's service, may be the very quickest way of winning the new and eternal life that God has promised."

Lesson Hymn

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee !
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free. Amen.
—Hymn 154, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—85. Which is the Seventh Commandment ? The Seventh Commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." **36. What did Jesus say about the Seventh Commandment ?** Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all impure thoughts.

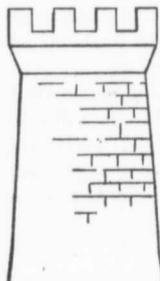
SHORTER CATECHISM—90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation ? A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereunto with diligence, preparation, and prayer ; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practise it in our lives.

The Question on Missions

3. Why should we carry the gospel to the Honanese ? Because they have little knowledge of the true God, and therefore worship idols. Their religions, Taoism, Confucianism and Buddhism, are unable to satisfy their souls' needs, nor do they furnish a power whereby they may overcome sin and live a pure life.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the drawing of a tower, and remember what Jesus said about counting the cost of



being His follower. We must love Him so dearly, that we shall be willing to give up everything we have for His sake.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE IN EARNEST

Lesson IV. THE LOST SHEEP AND THE LOST COIN April 26, 1914

Luke 15 : 1-10—Memory Verses, 8-10.

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

her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me ; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

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

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

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

3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

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

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

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

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

8 Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it ?

9 And when she hath found it, she calleth

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day the scribes and Pharisees saw many sinners following in the crowd after Jesus. You remember that the scribes and Pharisees were those people who thought that they did no wrong. They thought they were better than other people in the world round about them.

"Jesus lets these sinful men come near Him ! He goes with them ! He talks to them ! He even eats with them !" exclaimed the scribes and Pharisees. They were glad, for they thought, "Now we can find some fault with Jesus."

Jesus turned to the scribes and Pharisees and said : "Suppose you were a shepherd and had a hundred sheep. Suppose one of your sheep should forget to listen to its shepherd's voice. Suppose it should go astray ; far, far away from the good, right, safe path. Suppose your sheep was lost.

"Would you not leave the ninety-nine safe sheep and go after the little wandering sheep?

Would you not hunt for the one that was lost till it was found ?

"When you had found your lost sheep you would gather the poor, tired, foolish thing to your shoulders. You would carry it home. You would call to your friends and neighbours : 'Come, rejoice with me ! I have found my sheep which was lost !'"

Then Jesus said : "That is the way it is in heaven. Heaven is like the safe sheepfold. My people who are there, are like the ninety-nine safe sheep. There is great joy in heaven when those who have sinned and wandered away come back. There is great joy when My lost sheep come back to the Shepherd who loves them."

Jesus told another story to show how glad He is to bring wrongdoers back to the right way. He said : "Suppose a woman had ten pieces of silver money. Suppose she lost one. Would she not light a candle and sweep the house ? Would she not hunt till she found it ?

"When she found the lost coin she would call to her friends : 'Rejoice with me ! I have found the piece of silver which was lost !'"

Then Jesus said : "There is joy in heaven whenever a sinner is sorry and turns back into the right way."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who were the scribes and Pharisees ?
2. What did they think of themselves ?
3. Whom did they see following Jesus ?
4. What did they say ?
5. About whom did Jesus tell them a story ?
6. How many sheep had the shepherd ?
7. How many went astray ?
8. What did the shepherd do ?
9. What did Jesus mean by the sheepfold ?
10. What happens in heaven when a lost one is found ?
11. About whom did Jesus tell a second story ?
12. What did the woman lose ?
13. How did she find it ?
14. What was her feeling when she had found it ?
15. Whom did she ask to rejoice with her ?
16. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

Max stood with his nose flattened against the window and watched the crowd of men hurrying past. "I don't see why they bother so much. Bobby is the most troublesome of all Mrs. Barton's big family, and I heard her say only yesterday she couldn't stand him much longer. I don't believe she will be a bit glad when they find him and bring him back."

But two hours later, when the lost Bobby was carried home, Max's eyes opened wide to see Mrs. Barton clasp him as if she would never let him go again. "Are you glad to get him back ?" asked Max.

"Glad ! Why I'm too glad for words, specially since its Bobby, and he needs me most," said the joyful mother. "It's the ones who give most trouble and who grieve you most who are most welcome when they come back." "I think that is queer, don't you, mother ?" said Max when he was telling mother. "No, dear, for it's just the way the heavenly Father feels when His straying ones return."

Lesson Hymn

There were ninety and nine that safely lay
 In the shelter of the fold ;
 But one was out on the hills away,
 Far off from the gates of gold,
 Away on the mountains wild and bare,
 Away from the tender Shepherd's care.

Amen.

—Hymn 134, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—87. Which is the Eighth Commandment ? The Eighth Commandment is "Thou shalt not steal."

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 88-90.

The Question on Missions

4. When was our Mission established in Honan ? Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Goforth and Dr. and Mrs. J. Frazer Smith went out in 1888, and the first tour into Honan was made that year. In 1890 the city of Chu Wang was opened for missionary residence, Hsin Chen in 1891, and Change in 1895.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a drawing of a shepherd with a lamb in his arms. As you color it, remember



that Jesus is the good shepherd who cares for us far more tenderly than any earthly shepherd cares for his flock.

**I Have Learned Today
 THAT GOD LOVES ME**

Lesson V. **THE PRODIGAL SON—TEMPERANCE LESSON** May 3, 1914

Luke 15 : 11-24. Study Luke 15 : 11-32—Memory Verses, 17-19.

Golden Text—I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight.—Luke 15 : 18 (Rev. Ver.).



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the Lesson we have another story which Jesus told. There was once a man, He said, who had two sons. The younger son said to his father, "Father, give me the share of your riches that belongs to me." Now it was the custom, amongst the Jews, that when a father died, his possessions were divided amongst his children so that the eldest son received twice as much as any of the others. Sometimes the division was made while the father was yet living. So the father in the story gave to each son his share of the money.

Not many days afterwards the younger son gathered all his wealth together. He said good by to his father. He turned his back to his father's house and started on a long journey to a far away country.

There the young man began to spend his money on pleasure. He went with evil friends. He bought costly clothes. He spent too much money for rich food. He did no work, but spent all his time in enjoyments.

By and by the young man's money was gone. At this same time there came a famine in the far country to which he had gone. He had no money to buy food. How he longed now for a little of the money he had wasted ! So long as his money lasted he had had plenty of friends with whom to spend it. But now that he was poor not one of these friends offered to help him.

He asked for work of one of the men who dwelt in the land. The man sent him into

the fields to feed his pigs. His hunger was so great that he would have been glad to eat of the husks that were fed to the pigs. And yet no one in that strange land would give him proper food to eat.

"How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!" thought the wretched young man.

"I will arise and go to my father. I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee. I am no more worthy to be called thy son. Make me as one of thy hired servants.'" Then the young man turned back to his father's house.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him. There was only love and forgiveness in the father's heart for the son who he thought was lost. He ran to meet his boy whom he loved so dearly. He fell on his neck and kissed him.

The son said: "Father, I have sinned. I am sorry."

The father called to his servants: "Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him! Put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. Bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it. Let us feast and be happy. My son who was lost is found!"

Questions on the Lesson

1. How many sons had the father in the Lesson? 2. What did the younger son ask? 3. What was the Jewish custom about dividing a father's possessions? 4. What did the father do? 5. Whither did the younger son go? 6. How did he act? 7. What happened in the land to which he had gone? 8. What work was he given to do? 9. How great was his hunger? 10. What did he say to himself? 11. What did he make up his mind to do? 12. How did his father receive him? 13. What did the son say? 14. How did the father answer him? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Take me, O my Father! take me;
Take me, save me, through Thy Son;
That which Thou wouldst have me, make me;
Let Thy will in me be done. Amen.

Father! take me; all forgiving,
Fold me to Thy loving breast;

In Thy love forever living
I must be forever blest.

—Hymn 169, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—88. Which is the Ninth Commandment? The Ninth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." 89. What is it to bear false witness against our neighbour? It is to say what is not true about others.

SHORTER CATECHISM—91. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

The Question on Missions

5. What was the attitude of the Honanese towards the missionaries? It was at first cordial, but owing to the circulation of evil and untrue reports, the people became unfriendly, attacked and looted mission property, and finally, in 1900, compelled the missionaries to flee from the country. They were able to return in 1901.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was a ring like the one in the drawing which was given to the prodigal son when he came back to his father's house. Such a ring



was a sign of freedom, since it was never worn by slaves. Copy the drawing, and remember that Jesus sets us free from sin to serve Him with grateful, loving hearts. When we think of all this, surely we shall love Jesus with all our hearts and do, day by day, what He would have us do.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD IS MY FATHER

Luke 16 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

Golden Text—He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much : and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much.—Luke 16 : 10 (Rev. Ver.).



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own ?
13 No servant can serve two masters : for either he will hate the one, and love the other ; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Lesson tells us about a man who was very unhappy. He was a steward, that is, a servant whose duty it was to take care of his master's goods and money. This servant was greatly trusted by his master.

Jesus told a story about this steward. The rich man, who was the steward's master, was greatly displeased with him. He had trusted the man, but he had not been faithful. He had been unjust, and had wasted his master's possessions.

The master found out his dishonest servant's secret, for such a man cannot always keep his wrongdoing hidden. The servant was frightened and unhappy, because no one is really happy who is unfaithful. He was afraid of losing his position because he had not been faithful in his duties.

The unfaithful servant went from his master's presence, wondering what he could do to keep his place. For he did not know what to do if he should lose it.

He said to himself : "What shall I do ? My place will be taken away. I cannot dig. I am ashamed to beg." Then he planned and planned till he found a way which he thought would keep him from the trouble which seemed to be coming upon him.

The right thing would have been to make up for his wrongdoing. But he did not do this. He tried to make friends with other people, and in doing this he did more wrong.

Jesus did not praise this man for doing wrong. He did praise him for being more eager to keep his place in his master's house than many children of God are to try to keep a place in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus would have His followers learn something even from the dishonest servant who had cheated his master.

Those who can be trusted in little things, please God just as much as those who can be trusted in big things. That is what the Golden Text means and we should try to learn and practise what it teaches.

Even a little child can be faithful in little things. Sometimes a little child is given a chance to show that he can be faithful in very big things.

Questions on the Lesson

1. About whom does the Lesson tell?
 2. What was his office? 3. What was the duty of a steward? 4. How did the steward's master feel towards him? 5. What was the reason for this? 6. Of what was the steward afraid? 7. What ought he to have done? 8. What did he do? 9. For what did Jesus praise the steward? 10. What does the Golden Text mean? 11. What chance is sometimes given to a little child? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Winifred was planning to spend the afternoon in Anna's orchard, when Mother came in.

"I'm afraid I'll have to leave Baby with you, dear, I *must* go to Grandmother's to-day."

"I just won't stay," began Winifred when Mother had gone. "I'll take Baby to Anna's too." But she did stay, and when Mother returned, two happy little people ran to meet her. "I knew you'd be faithful, dear, and I wasn't mistaken," said Mother, and Winifred felt almost too happy to reply.

Lesson Hymn

We'll bring the little duties
 We have to do each day ;

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy these words from the Golden Text, and try to be faithful in the little duties of every day at home and school, whatever these may be.

Faithful in little, faithful in much

We'll try our best to please Him,
 At home, at school, at play :

And better are these treasures
 To offer to our King
 Than richest gifts without them,
 Yet these a child may bring. Amen.
 —Hymn 535, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE FAITHFUL

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—90. Which is the Tenth Commandment? The Tenth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet."
 91. What is it to covet? To covet is to have a wrong desire for what belongs to others.

SHORTER CATECHISM—92. What is a Sacrament? A. A sacrament is an holy ordinance, instituted by Christ ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

The Question on Missions

6. How is the regular evangelistic work conducted? There are 18 pastors, with their wives, and 12 single ladies engaged in this work. They tell the gospel story in the Mission compound, in rented places, on the village street, at the market, at theatres, religious festivals and wherever they can reach the people.

Lesson VII.

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

May 17, 1914

Luke 16 : 19-31. Study Luke 16 : 14, 15, 19-31—Memory Verses, 30, 31.

Golden Text—Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he shall also cry, but shall not be heard.—Proverbs 21 : 13 (Rev. Ver.).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus told a story about a rich man who spent all his life in having a good time. He lived in a splendid house. Every day he dressed in a purple robe. His other clothing was made of fine linen. Only those who were rich like kings could dress in purple and fine linen. The good things that were spread upon the rich man's table were also such as only a king or very rich men could afford to buy.

Just outside the rich man's gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, who was put there to beg. He was so hungry, that he longed for even the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Not only was Lazarus hungry ; he was ill with sores that covered his body.

He was wretched and poor and suffering, and was so helpless that he could not keep the dogs of the street from coming and licking his sores. But Lazarus bore his troubles patiently.

It was strange that the rich man never seemed to see the poor sufferer right at his gate ; but he did not. He passed in and out with never a kind word ; never a gift of a coin from his full pocketbook ; never even a crumb from his table.

This man did not seem to remember that really his money was a gift from God. He did not seem to know that God did not want him to use this good gift all for himself, but had given it to him to share with others.

By and by the beggar Lazarus died. The heavenly Father had seen how patiently he suffered, and He called him to come to the beautiful, restful, heavenly home.

Not long afterwards the rich man also died. But there is no room in the heavenly home for those who have lived selfishly and have thought only of a good time for self, and so he was sent to a place of suffering.

When the rich man looked over into heaven and saw the happiness of Lazarus, he begged that Lazarus be sent to give him help. He said, "Have mercy, for I am suffering."

But the answer came back to him from heaven: "Sor, remember that thou in thy lifetime hadst thy good things and Lazarus evil things. Thou hadst them and didst not share them. Now he is comforted, while thou art unhappy."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What two men are mentioned in the Lesson? 2. What was the difference between them? 3. How did the rich man spend his time? 4. Where was Lazarus placed? 5. How hungry was he? 6. In what other way did he suffer? 7. What did the rich man do for him? 8. What happened at last to both men? 9. Whither was Lazarus taken? 10. Where did the rich man find himself? 11. What did he ask? 12. Why was not Lazarus sent to help him? 13. For what was the rich man punished? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Marie hugged her newest doll. "This will be my holiday one, so I'll put her away now."

But when the first holiday came, Marie still carried old Belinda. "Why, where's the new doll?" asked Mother.

"Oh, Mother, lame Maggie Daly never had a really truly doll, so I just had to give her one." "And it just had to be the best one," said mother gently, "because Marie is trying to do just as Jesus would like her to."

Lesson Hymn

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,

Sowing in the noon-tide and the dewy eves,
Waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves!

Bringing in the sheaves!

Bringing in the sheaves!

We shall come rejoicing,

Bringing in the sheaves! Amen.

—Hymn 465, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—92. What did Jesus say the Commandments teach us? Jesus said the Commandments teach us to love God with all our heart, and to love others as ourself.

SHORTER CATECHISM—93. Which are the sacraments of the New Testament? A. The sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism, and the Lord's supper.

The Question on Missions

7. How is the medical work carried on? Hospitals have been opened at Changte, Weihwei, Hwai King, and Wu An, where, in dispensary, chapel and hospital ward, the gospel message is proclaimed. There are at present only 5 doctors,—4 men and 1 woman, for Honan's eight millions of people.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

How miserable the poor man in the picture looks. He is weak and ill and has to beg for



enough to keep himself alive. Color the drawing, and ask Jesus to help you to be kind to all who are in need.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE KIND TO THE POOR

Luke 17 : 1-10—Memory Verses, 3, 4.

Golden Text—He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.—1 Corinthians 1 : 31.

1 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come : but woe *unto him*, through whom they come !

2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3 Take heed to yourselves : If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him ; and if he repent, forgive him.

4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent ; thou shalt forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea ; and it should obey you.

7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat ?

8 And will not rather say unto him,

Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken ; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink ?

9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him ? I trow not.

10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants : we have done that which was our duty to do.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Emily and little brother love each other. No children in any street of all the town have greater love for each other than Emily and George.

There is a little secret about their love. Mother taught them the secret, and some one else taught mother. Whenever mother speaks a certain word, the children remember the secret. Whenever Emily speaks it, brother remembers. Whenever little George speaks it, Emily remembers.

There are others who have learned the secret, and everyone who has learned it is happier. Because this is so you will want to know it, too.

It is all about the word FORGIVENESS. Jesus taught the lesson. Those who have learned how to forgive, when things go wrong, have learned how to keep love.

It is not always easy to forgive. It was not easy when little brother's clumsy fingers

tore Emily's book. It was not easy when he broke her geranium as he hunted for his ball. It was still harder to forgive when he forgot to close the gate and a strange dog almost caught one of mother Biddie's young chickens.

But little brother asked to be forgiven, and the angry feeling that was almost driving love away was gone. Emily's forgiveness made all things right again.

Jesus taught the best lessons about forgiveness. He Himself forgave many, many times a day.

Jesus said, "Forgive seven times, if thy brother ask it."

Again Jesus said : "Forgive seventy times seven ! Forgive as many times as any one needs to be forgiven !"

Jesus watched the servants plowing the fields and feeding the cattle and sheep. He watched them as they served their masters in good and right ways.

Jesus taught His disciples how to serve the heavenly Father. He taught them how to be gentle and kind and forgiving to others in the world round about them.

And Jesus said to His disciples: "Remember, when you have done these things, you have done only your duty. You have done only what is right. If you did not do these things, you would be unworthy servants of God."

Questions on the Lesson

1. About what did Jesus teach a great lesson? 2. What is it to forgive? 3. What will forgiveness keep? 4. How often did Jesus forgive others? 5. How often does He tell us to forgive? 6. Whom did Jesus watch? 7. What were they doing? 8. Whom were they serving? 9. Whom did Jesus teach His disciples to serve? 10. How could they do this? 11. What were the disciples to remember? 12. What would they be if they did not do what Jesus said? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I'm the swiftest runner in our class," boasted Jimmie, "and I'll be sure to win. Ken says he is going to enter, but it won't be much use." But before the ten boys who lined up had gone more than half way, Jimmie's ankle turned, and in a minute Ken had shot past him. "Ken needn't feel smart even if he did win to-day," began Jimmie as he drove home.

"But he didn't," interrupted Father. "He turned back; said he wouldn't want to win so unfairly. But he has won something much better than a foot race to-day. There

are other things besides speed and strength; but we must remember that all are gifts from God, and may be taken from us just when He wills."

Lesson Hymn

Yet, weak and blinded though we be,
Thou dost our service own;
We bring our varying gifts to Thee,
And Thou rejectest none.

Apart from Thee all gain is loss,
All labor vainly done;
The solemn shadow of Thy cross
Is better than the sun. Amen.

—Hymn 41, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD HAVE FAITH IN JESUS

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—93. Whose help should we ask to keep the Commandments? We should ask God to give us His Holy Spirit to help us to keep His Commandments.

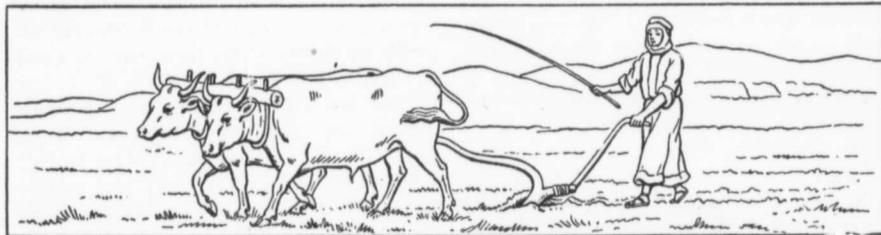
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 91-93.

The Question on Missions

8. What is the educational work of our Mission? Boarding schools for boys and for girls, the children of Christians, have been opened at Changte, Weihwei and Hwai King, and in these are enrolled 243 pupils. There are 35 young men at our High and Normal Schools.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a servant plowing, and remember that Jesus expects you to work for Him.



Luke 17 : 11-19—Memory Verses, 17-19.

Golden Text—Were there none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger?—Luke 17 : 18 (Rev. Ver.).



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus was traveling along a road towards the big city of Jerusalem. He was going because a great feast day was near.

Presently ten men appeared in the way. The men were very wretched and miserable because they were ill.

Now the disease these men had was one of the most dreadful that came to that land. Sometimes it made people blind, sometimes it made them lame, always they were helpless. The illness was called leprosy.

In order to keep well people from taking this disease, those who had leprosy were sent out of their houses away from others. They were poor and lonely and suffering. They had to beg for a living.

The ten lepers must have heard of Jesus' wonderful power to heal the sick. When they saw Him they began to cry : "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

Jesus is always sorry for those who are ill. He was sorry for these ten poor men.

He said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests!"

No one who had suffered from leprosy, could be called healed and well till a priest

had examined him. As the men turned to go, they found that Jesus had healed them. The loathsome disease was gone!

A strange thing happened. Nine of those men forgot to come back and thank Jesus. Nine of those men thought only about the joy of being well. They forgot all about the One who had given them the great gift of health. They went on their way with never a "thank you!"

One of the men came back and kneeled at Jesus' feet. He told his Master of his gratitude. He praised Jesus and thanked Him.

Now the man who returned to thank Jesus belonged to the people of Samaria whom the Jews hated and despised. But Jesus never despised any one, and was always ready to welcome people of all sorts and to bless them. Should not we, too, feel kindly towards all people no matter where they come from and be eager to help them?

Jesus was grieved because the nine men did not care enough for Him to say "thank you." He said : "Were there not ten healed? Where are the nine?" And Jesus said to the man that he was not only healed of his disease, but also saved from his sins.

Now the man who came back to thank Jesus was a Samaritan, one of a race whom the Jews hated and despised. The story teaches us that we should never look down upon any one, no matter what his color is or from what country he has come.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Toward what city was Jesus journeying?
2. Whom did He see by the way?
3. What is leprosy like?
4. How are lepers treated?
5. How did they get food?
6. What did they cry to Jesus?
7. What did He tell them to do?
8. What happened as they went?
9. Who came back to Jesus?
10. For what did he come back?
11. Why was Jesus grieved?
12. What question did He ask?
13. What did He say to the leper who returned?
14. To what race did this man belong?
15. What does the story teach us?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"She is so queer, Mother. We all laughed every time she tried to read in school to-day, and her face got so red that she was funnier than ever." "I hope my little girl did not want to laugh at a stranger who is trying so hard to learn. I would be very sorry to hear that."

"I laughed a little," admitted Gwen. "But she was so funny and so stupid. Why, she doesn't seem to know anything." It was almost a week before Mother heard anything more of the little foreigner who had come to live near the school, and this time Gwen did not laugh. It was the day after the school closing, and Miss Maxwell, the teacher, had given a splendid party to all the girls in the junior class. "We had the loveliest time, Mother. Miss Maxwell let us do just as we

pleased, and it was such fun." "I hope you told her so," said Mother, gently.

"Well—we didn't think of it at first—none of us did—until we missed Thelma, the new girl. She had waited to say 'Thank you,' to Miss Maxwell." "Perhaps Thelma is teaching as well as learning in this new country."

Lesson Hymn

For the fruit upon the tree,
 For the birds that sing of Thee,
 For the earth in beauty drest,
 Father, mother, and the rest,
 For Thy precious, loving care,
 For Thy bounty everywhere,
 Father, we thank Thee!
 Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

Amen.

—Hymn 518, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—94. What is prayer? Prayer is telling God our wants, confessing our sins, and thanking Him for His goodness. **95. To whom should we pray?** We should pray to God only.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 88-93.

The Question on Missions

9. What other methods are used for reaching the people? Work among students and young men has been opened up, using Y.M.C.A. methods, and an attempt is being made to reach the Government Schools in Kaifeng, the provincial capital. Industrial work for women is also being conducted at Hwai King.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the letters of the words printed below, and think of all that you should thank God for.

Be ye thankful

Luke 17 : 20-37—Memory Verse, 33.

Golden Text—Lo, the kingdom of God is within you.—Luke 17 : 21 (Rev. Ver.).



- 32 Remember Lot's wife.
 33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it ; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
 34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed ; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.
 35 Two *women* shall be grinding together ; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
 36 Two *men* shall be in the field ; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
 37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord ? And he said unto them, Whosoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day the Pharisees asked Jesus when the kingdom of God would come. But Jesus told them something that would help them more than an answer to their question. He said that the kingdom of God could be in their hearts.

Jesus meant : "The Kingdom of God is goodness and peace and joy. Make your lives so bright and true and good, that you will have a bit of the kingdom of God within you. Make your lives so bright with the brightness of God's kingdom that you can help make this earth like heaven. That is the business of My followers in the world."

Jesus said, "If you make your lives bright and good within, you will be sure to win God's love. You will win a place in heaven and enjoy its blessings for ever and ever."

Then Jesus spoke of two women sitting on the ground grinding wheat into flour with one of the hand mills used in that land. Now these women would show by the very way in

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation :

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here ! or, lo there ! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.

23 And they shall say to you, See here ; or, see there : go not after *them*, nor follow *them*.

24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven ; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.

25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.

26 And as it was in the days of No'e, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that No'e entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot ; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded ;

29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.

30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away : and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.

which they did their work, whether or not they had the kingdom of God within them, even in their very heart.

Jesus also spoke of two men working in a field side by side. One did his work in a way he knew was right. He also tried to make all his life right in God's sight. The other man did not care how his work was done as long as he received his pay. He cared neither to obey his earthly master nor God. It would be easy to tell just by looking at these two men which of them had the kingdom of God within him, and which had not that kingdom in his heart.

People who have the kingdom of God within them, soon begin to show the light in their faces.

A Letter for You

DEAR LITTLE FRIEND :

The Golden Text for to-day is not very hard to learn, but it is a little hard to under-

stand. And yet it is very beautiful, when you really do understand it. So I should like you to learn it very well and remember it a long, long time.

It means something like this: Jesus wishes you to be like a little lamp that is just as bright as bright can be. But the brightness that makes you shine is to be the goodness and brightness that He brought from heaven.

Real lamps shine in dark places. That is what you are to do. Make your life so shine, that the dark places of earth will be brighter, and that the sad places will be happier.

WILL YOU ?

Little lads and lassies all,
Try to shine like candles tall ;
Each life glowing, happy, bright ;
Even in the darkest night,
Bringing light.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What question did the Pharisees ask of Jesus ?
2. What answer did Jesus give ?
3. What is it to have the kingdom of God within us ?
4. About whom did Jesus speak ?
5. What were the women doing ?
6. How did they see whether the kingdom of God was within them ?
7. About whom did Jesus next speak ?
8. What were the men doing ?
9. What was the difference between them ?
10. What made this difference ?
11. What does Jesus wish us to be like ?
12. What is the Golden Text ?

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

As you copy these words from the Golden Text, ask Jesus to put His kingdom in your hearts.

The kingdom of God is within you

Lesson Hymn

Praise yet the Lord again ;
Hallelujah ! Amen !
Life shall not end the strain :
Hallelujah ! Amen !
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing for evermore,
Hallelujah ! Amen !
Amen.

—Hymn 536, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE READY FOR
JESUS' COMING

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—96. May we pray to Jesus Christ ? Yes ; because Jesus Christ is God. 97. May we pray to the Holy Spirit ? Yes ; because the Holy Spirit is God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 39-50.

The Question on Missions

10. What have been the effects of mission work in Honan ? Suspicion has been disarmed, the people have become friendly and hear the Word with gladness, thousands of sick have been healed, thousands of lives have been changed, and the church of Christ is being built up.

Luke 18 : 9-14 ; 19 : 1-10—Memory Verse, ch. 19 : 10.

Golden Text—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.—Mark 2 : 17.



- 9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others :
- 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray ; the one a Phar'isee, and the other a publican.
- 11 The Phar'isee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.
- 12 I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.
- 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.
- 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other : for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased ; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.
- Ch. 19 : 1 And Je'sus entered and passed through Jer'icho.
- 2 And, behold, *there was* a man named Zacchæ'us, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich.
- 3 And he sought to see Je'sus who he was ; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature.
- 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him : for he was to pass that way.
- 5 And when Je'sus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchæ'us, make haste, and come down ; for to day I must abide at thy house.
- 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.
- 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
- 8 And Zacchæ'us stood, and said unto the Lord ; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor ; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.
- 9 And Je'sus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forso-much as he also is a son of A'braham.
- 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Jesus told a story of two men who went to the temple to pray. One was a proud Pharisee who thought himself better than others. One was a Publican, who was hated and despised.

The Pharisee prayed: "God, I thank Thee that I am better than other men. I thank Thee that I am not as other men are, unjust, taking what does not belong to me. I thank Thee that I am not like this publican. I fast twice a week. I give away a great deal to the poor."

The publican prayed also; he was sorry for his sins, and wanted to be forgiven. He bowed his head because he was ashamed. He cried, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Then Jesus said: "I tell you this publican went home forgiven. The prayer of the Pharisee never reached heaven."

One day Jesus passed through the streets of a big city called Jericho. Many of the people hurried to see Jesus.

There was a man called Zacchæus living

in Jericho. He was one of the chief publicans and he was rich. The publicans were often called sinners by others who lived in the land.

Zacchæus heard that Jesus was coming and ran to see Him. The crowd was so great when Zacchæus drew near that he could not see. He was a small man and could not look over the heads of the people.

But Zacchæus would not give up his hope of seeing Jesus. A sycamore tree grew near and he climbed into its branches.

When Jesus came, He looked up and saw the man who was trying so hard to find Him. He said: "Zacchæus, make haste and come down. I shall visit at thy house to-day."

Zacchæus was a humble man. He was surprised when Jesus spoke to him. He made haste and came down from the tree.

Zacchæus said to Jesus: "Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. If I have done wrong and cheated any man, I am sorry. I wish to repay him and more."

Jesus said: "This day art thou forgiven. I have come to help the sinner. I have come to be the sinner's Friend."

Questions on the Lesson

1. About what two men did Jesus tell a story? 2. Whither did they both go? 3. For what purpose did they go to the temple? 4. What was the Pharisee's prayer? 5. What was the prayer of the publican? 6. Which of these prayers was heard in heaven? 7. Through what city did Jesus pass? 8. What man wished to see Him? 9. How did he succeed in doing this? 10. What did Jesus say to him? 11. What did Zacchæus do? 12. What offer did Zacchæus make? 13. What did Jesus say to him? 14. Why did Jesus say He had come into the world? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Daisy put on her hat, and reached for her collection. "We didn't expect to have a Sunday School out here, did we Mother? Wasn't it fine of Mr. Grey to think of it?" "Indeed it was, dear. I hope you have a good lesson to-day." But when Daisy returned, she did not look as if the Sunday School hour had been very pleasant.

"Why, he asked all sorts of folks to come, Mother,—even ragged Maggie Daly, and Lee Ching, the little Chinese boy, who brings the laundry. That isn't a nice kind of Sunday School." "But it is the kind Jesus Himself would have, a Sunday School for those who need it most, and who would not hear about Him in any other way."

Lesson Hymn

Just as I am—without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
spot,

O Lamb of God, I come! Amen.

—Hymn 151, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—98. For whose sake do we ask God to hear and answer our prayers? We ask God to hear and answer our prayers only for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son. 99. For whom should we pray besides ourselves? God's Word teaches us that we should pray for all men.

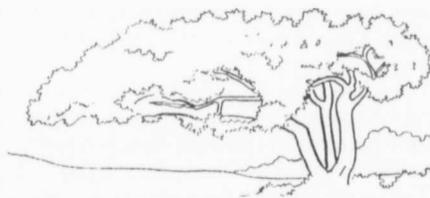
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 51-60.

The Question on Missions

11. Tell about the present state of the church in Honan. About 3,000 Christians have been enrolled and are being trained in Christian truth, church officers have been appointed, and 8 self-supporting congregations established under Chinese pastors. A Chinese Presbytery has been organized, and a Theological College is being established.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the drawing of a sycamore tree like that into which Zacchæus climbed, and remember that Jesus is willing to come and



dwel in your heart and in your home. Is it not a blessed thing to have Him with us as our friend and guest?

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE SORRY FOR SIN

Lesson XII.

THE GREAT REFUSAL

June 21, 1914

Mark 10 : 17-31—Memory Verses, 25-27.

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



17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life ?

18 And Je'sus said unto him, Why callest thou me good ? there is none good but one, that is, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Je'sus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest : go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven : and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved : for he had great possessions.

23 And Je'sus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God !

24 And the disciples were astonished at his words, But Je'sus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God !

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

26 And they were astonished out of measure, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved ?

27 And Je'sus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God : for with God all things are possible.

28 Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have

left all, and have followed thee.

29 And Je'sus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions ; and in the world to come eternal life.

31 But many that are first shall be last ; and the last first.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a young man came running to Jesus, with a troubled face.

His clothes were rich and costly like a king's, so he was not troubled because he was poor. There were many in the land who could have told that the young man had full money bags and all that money could buy. Besides this, he was a ruler amongst the Jews.

For a long time the young man had been troubled by this question: "What must I do to win a home forever and ever in heaven?" The question troubled him night and day.

The young man did the wisest thing. He came to ask his question of Jesus who had come from the heavenly home.

He kneeled down at Jesus' feet and said: "Good Master, what shall I do that I may win a place in heaven?"

Jesus answered: "Thou knowest God's laws. To win a place in heaven, keep the Commandments. Do not kill. Do not steal.

Do not say evil, untrue things about another. Honor thy father and thy mother. Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The young man said: "I have kept these rules all my life. What more shall I do?" He did not understand what a great thing he was saying. He did not know how often he had broken the Commandment about loving his neighbor.

Jesus looked at the young man kneeling before Him, and He loved him. He longed to have him choose to become one of His friends and followers. He said: "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell what thou hast, and share with the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven. Come and follow Me."

Jesus knew that the young ruler loved his money with too great a love. He knew that he really loved his riches better than his poorer neighbors. He had even placed love of money before love of God. Jesus hoped

that the young man would make a better choice when He said, "Follow Me." He hoped that this one whom He loved would become His true disciple.

The young man thought of his gold and all that gold would buy for himself: jewels, costly clothes and dainty food. He loved them! He loved them! Then he made his choice—and it was not Jesus. He missed his chance of becoming a follower of the Saviour.

Slowly he rose from his knees. Sorrowfully he turned away. He refused Jesus' invitation to come and be His friend. He refused a blessing far greater than his riches could ever bring to him.

Then Jesus turned to His disciples and said to them that it was hard for a rich man to become a follower of His. He meant that there was great danger of rich people thinking more of their riches than of Him. But Jesus said that even if one should give up all that he had to follow Him, he would receive a reward, both in this life and in heaven, far greater than all that he had given up.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came running to Jesus? 2. How was he dressed? 3. What had troubled him? 4. What did he call Jesus? 5. What did he ask of Him? 6. What did Jesus answer? 7. What did the young man say? 8. How did Jesus feel toward the young man? 9. What did He ask him to do? 10. Why did he ask this? 11. What choice did the young man make? 12. What did Jesus say to His disciples? 13. What did Jesus say His followers would receive? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

"Take up thy cross," the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst My disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after Me.

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
Nor think till death to lay it down;
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Amen.

—Hymn 235, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—100. What form has Jesus given to guide us in prayer? Jesus said, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN."
101. What is this prayer commonly called? This prayer is commonly called, "The Lord's Prayer."

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 61-72.

The Question on Missions

12. What are the needs of our Honan Mission? It needs immediate reinforcements of 14 pastors, 7 doctors, 4 men and 3 women, and 6 single ladies for evangelistic work. It needs constantly our intelligent interest, sympathy and prayer. It needs the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a drawing of a young man like the one who came running to Jesus. As you color it, remember how that young man's



riches kept him from becoming a follower of Jesus, and resolve that nothing will prevent you from being Jesus' faithful disciple.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD DENY MYSELF

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW—THE SEEKING SAVIOUR

June 28, 1914

Read Hebrews 4 : 14 to 5 : 10.

Golden Text—The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.—Luke 19 : 10 (Rev. Ver.).

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **BIBLE WORK.** SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 81-101. **SHORTER CATECHISM**—Questions 73-81. **SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN**—596, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

The Stories of the Quarter

The Lessons contain some beautiful stories. Let us see how well we remember them.

Lesson I. Here we have a story of a great feast. Why did some who were invited refuse to come? How did the giver of the feast feel? What did he tell his servants to do? Who enjoyed the feast? Who were shut out from it?

Lesson II. The next story is about two men on a journey. To what place were they going? About what were they talking? Who joined them? Why did they not know Him? About what did He speak to them? How was He at last made known?

Lesson III. In this Lesson there is a story about a man who was planning to build a tower. What was the first thing that he would do? What might happen if he should neglect this?

Lesson IV.—Has two very beautiful stories. One is about a sheep that got lost. How many other sheep had the shepherd? What did he do with these? What did he do for the lost one? How did he feel when he had found it? The other story is about a lost coin. Who lost this? What did she do to find it? How did she show her joy when she had found it?

Lesson V. The story in this Lesson is about a young man who went away from home. What did he ask of his father? Whither did he go? How did he act there? What happened to him? What did he make up his mind to do? How did the father receive him?

Lesson VI. It is about an unfaithful servant that this Lesson story tells. What wrong had he done? How was he afraid of being punished? What plan of escape did he form? What lesson did Jesus say could be learned from him?

Lesson VII. Two men,—one rich and the other poor—are told about in this Lesson. Tell about the life of each of them on earth. What happened to each in the other world? Why was Lazarus made happy? Why was the rich man punished?

Lesson VIII. This Lesson tells of Jesus speaking to His disciples on forgiving others. How often did He say one might suffer wrong in a day? What was he to do every time?

Lesson IX. The story here is of a man who thanked Jesus. Who was he, and for what was he thankful?

Lesson X. In this Lesson story Jesus told His disciples what His coming again would be like. Can you tell some of the things He said?

Lesson XI. Two men praying appear in the Lesson story. Who were they? Tell about the prayer made by each of them. Which was the best prayer? There is another story in the Lesson about a man whom Jesus went to visit. Tell all you can about this visit.

Lesson XII. The last story is about a rich young man who refused to become Jesus' disciple. Why did he act in this way?

Lesson Hymn

We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who has borne all our sins, and has cleansed every stain. Amen.

—Hymn 549, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I should come to Jesus

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

<p>LESSON I. Christ's Table Talk.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Rich Man and Lazarus.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Journey to Emmaus (Easter Lesson).</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Unprofitable Servants.</p>
<p>LESSON III. The Cost of Discipleship.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. The Grateful Samaritan.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. The Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin.</p>	<p>LESSON X. The Coming of the Kingdom.</p>
<p>LESSON V. The Prodigal Son (Temperance Lesson).</p>	<p>LESSON XI. The Friend of Sinners.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. The Unjust Steward.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. The Great Refusal.</p>

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

Name Address

Name of Sabbath School Teacher's Name

DATE 1914	APRIL				MAY					JUNE				TOTAL FOR QUARTER
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