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Attention is once more called to the fact that where the Scripture Passage exceeds a dozen verses, only that number are printed, whilst the Lesson Retold covers the whole passage. This is according to the desire of the International Committee.

The Children

They are such tiny feet!
They have gone so short way to meet
The years which are required to break
Their steps to evenness, and make
Them go
More sure and slow.

They are such little hands!
Be kind; things are so new and life but stands
A step beyond the door-way. All around
New day has found
Such tempting things to shine upon; and so
The hands are tempted oft, you know.

They are such fond, clear eyes,
That widen to surprise
At every turn! They are so often held
To sun or showers, showers soon dispelled
By looking in our face.
Love asks for such, much grace.

They are such fair, frail gifts!
Uncertain as the rifts
Of light that lie along the sky;
They may not be here by-and-by.
Give them not love, but more, above
And harder, patience with the love.

—Exchange

“Put Out Your Hand”

It is night, and our little one has been sleeping in his bed near his mother's. By-and-by he wakens and calls out:

“Mama, may I come over into your bed? I'm lonely here.”

What comfort there is in mother's bed!

“Yes, darling,” mother answers; “you may come.”

“But it is dark, mama. I cannot see.”

“Just come toward mama's voice, and you will be all right.”

Still the child lingers, with the fear of the dark which clings to the mind of most of us in a greater or lesser degree.

“Put out your hand, mama, and then I can come.”

The mother's hand is reached out into the darkness, and the little boy runs toward it, happy when at last he is snug in the dearly-loved bed with mama.

“Put out your hand!”

How often we want comfort which none of our earthly friends can give. We think of our heavenly Father, and wish we might have the joy of His presence. But He seems far away. The shadow lies between us and Him. Then we must cry:

“Father, reach hither Thy hand.”

And quickly all fear and doubt flee away, and we are at rest by His side.

Example or Precept?

By Rae Furlands

One afternoon a lady remarked to her caller, “I cannot think what is the matter with Clara. I can scarcely believe a word she says. She used to be such a truthful child, but now she will look me straight in the face and tell a deliberate falsehood.”

The caller, who was Clara's teacher, was immediately interested and concerned. She glanced backwards in her mind wondering if she had done all she might to impress the importance of truthfulness upon her young charges. Then she asked, “Do you make

allowance for the imagination? You know little children have a very vivid imagination, and things are perfectly real to them which are only as play to us."

"Oh, yes," said Clara's mother, "but I am not referring to that kind of thing at all. For example, yesterday she told me she had come straight home from school, when I knew that she had been playing in Gertie's yard for more than half an hour. I do not suppose she realized how long she had been there, but she certainly knew that she had not come straight from school. When I told her that I had seen her there from the back window, she looked quite confused and made some excuse about having called for a pencil she had left there, which, after questioning, I found to be another untruth."

The teacher looked troubled, but she said she had always found the child quite truthful, and had every reason to trust her.

"Well," said the mother, "I hope she will grow out of it. I punished her yesterday by not allowing her to go with her brother to their grandma's for tea."

After a little more conversation the caller rose to leave. In the hall the mother said, "Oh, Miss —, I was sorry Clara was late the other morning. She is getting too 'cute for me to be able to fool her. You know I make her believe that it is later than it really is, so that she will hurry. When she finds after leaving the house that she has more time than she expected, she naturally thinks that she has just as much time the mornings she is really late. I shall have to think of some other way to get ahead of her."

In spite of intense inward indignation the teacher managed to quietly remark, "Do you not think that it would be best to tell her the exact truth?"

"Oh, I don't know; I fool all my children. I find it the easiest way to manage them."

Adieus were made, and the teacher departed wondering what she ought to have said. How far dare she go with one whom she knew so little? For the sake of the poor wronged children surely she must do some-

thing. How *could* any mother expect her children to be truthful in the face of such example? And then to punish them for what was so evidently her own fault!

The above incident actually occurred almost word for word as it is written.

How strangely blind we are! We condemn the boy who cried "Wolf, wolf," and then go and do the same thing ourselves. It is of no use to try to teach our children to do as we *say*, but not as we *do*. No, they learn far more by example than by precept.

If we would have our little ones know the beauty of truth, we must show it not only in spirit, but to the very letter. The mother who stood in the blazing sun because she had promised her child she would wait right there while he went back to the house for something he had forgotten, was laughed at by an adult friend, who thought she might just as well have gone into the shade of a tree a short distance away.

"No! Joe will expect to find me *here*," she said.

Joe was a wee chap who needed the "letter" first in order to understand the "spirit" later.

How different was that mother who taught her boy that there was a goblin in the pantry, in order to keep him from helping himself to cookies; and one day, when several cookies had disappeared, and the boy was accused of taking them, he sagely remarked that he supposed the goblin had eaten them. What more natural than that he should fight with the weapons he was accustomed to having used against himself?

If we only stopped to think, we should soon recognize of what paramount importance are some of the every-day occurrences upon which we are apt to look as of little or no concern.

Only to-day, in a street car, a baby of about two years was teasing its mother for "tandy." The mother said it would soil its gloves; but the baby persisted, possibly knowing by experience that whatever it wanted would be forthcoming, if it only persisted long enough. Then the mother said that they were all gone,—she had lost them,

—she had no pocket,—she did not know where they were,—and other excuses. But as baby still insisted, evidently having no faith in its mother's word, the candies were drawn from the very pocket the mother had denied having, and baby's desire met.

Poor baby!—and poor mother! for if nothing intervenes to prevent the continuance of such training (?) what kind of a life will they lead together a few years hence? Where will be the communion that should exist between parent and child?

In those few minutes that child received ineffaceable lessons in unbelief, disobedience and indecision. Far better have allowed it to soil its gloves ten times over, or even have made itself physically ill, if the mother had not strength enough to say "No," and stick to her word.

Then, in play, we sometimes deceive our children, meaning only to have a little fun with them, but they often take in earnest that which was intended otherwise. Therefore, the only safe way is never to deceive them at all.

If they cannot respect and trust (and where they cannot trust, they certainly cannot respect) those to whom they are most dear, to whom shall they turn?

Let those of us who guide seek most earnestly for guidance, "that in following us, the children may not ever go astray."

Two Little Feet

Salt water is not good for plants, but little Sin T'su really couldn't help dropping a few tears on the thrifty young vegetables as she moved along among the green rows, pulling weed after weed.

She was so disappointed because Grandmother Kun Lon had made her stay away from the Mission School that morning.

Sin T'su didn't want to miss a single day at that dear school. It had been the opening of a beautiful, new life to her. The little Chinese girl had learned not only habits of neatness and industry, but the love, joy and peace that come through a knowledge of the blessed Saviour were beginning to brighten her life.

On this day there was to be a little feast at the Mission, because it was the birthday of one of the pupils, and the kind teacher always remembered such occasions. But, instead of enjoying the festival, Sin T'su had to stay at home and pull out those tiresome weeds, for Grandmother Kun Lon, who was a "vegetable garden woman," was getting too old and stiff to do much weeding. When Kun Lon hobbled out on her little stumps of feet, of which she was as proud as she was of her fine garden, and got down on her knees, it was with great difficulty and many distressing groans that she got up again.

"So I have set Sin T'su at work weeding," snarled the old woman, as she leaned over the bamboo fence and gossiped with Pak, the Korean laundress, who, with an old green coat tied on with the collar over her head and sleeves around her neck, was going, with her wooden paddles in her hand, down to the river-bank to beat out her washing.

"Yes," Kun Lon continued, "I told the girl she must bide at home to-day. 'Tis well! This gadding about to the foreigners' school is putting strange notions into her head."

"I see that Sin T'su hasn't her feet unbound like the rest of the pupils at the Mission," Pak remarked.

"No!" proudly. "She has often coaxed me to permit her, but I always say—no! no! no!" and the grandmother wagged her head like an old mandarin.

Sin T'su, down among the weeds, heard the echo of the decided *no*. She looked down at her poor, hobbled feet and compared them with those of her school-mates, rejoicing in their freedom from the cruel Chinese custom. A sudden thought came into her head. She glanced at the path where Kun Lon, now that Pak had trudged away, was tying up the pale green stalks of her pet lilies. There was a smile on her brown, wrinkled face; the rare beauty of the white-crowned, golden-hearted flowers made even her good-natured.

"Grandmother!" Sin T'su called out, hurrying up the path, "Grandmother, will you make a bargain with me? If I grumble

not a bit at weeding the garden and do it so well that you can spy no fault in it, will you let my feet be unbound like those of the other schoolgirls?"

Kun Lon looked proudly down at her own stumpy, little feet and then at those of her grandchild.

"Humph! your feet will never be as small as mine! Well, I suppose the next thing'll be that you want to wear those ugly, black shoes like the Mission teachers!"

"Oh, no, grandmother! The girls in the Mission School make shoes to fit their real feet; and some are so pretty—all embroidered with silken flowers!"

Grandmother Kun Lon heaved a sigh.

"What must be, will be," she said, philosophically. "I dare say I shall have no peace until your feet are as big as those of the Emperor's elephants! Have it your own way, my child, but mind, not a weed must be seen in my garden!"

Accordingly, little Sin T'su worked early and late at her task. After many a hot night, just as the dawn brought the refreshing breezes so conducive to long naps, the child would slip out softly, leaving her grandmother snoring upon the wooden block that served as a pillow, and, going into the garden, would finish her stint of weeding before school time. And whenever she felt weary and discouraged, she would glance down at her unbound feet, wriggle her poor, little deformed toes so long cramped up, and laugh at their freedom until her twinkling black eyes were almost lost in the creases of her fat cheeks.

But Kun Lon always scowled at the sight of the unbound feet.

"Oof! oof! they're a disgrace to the family!" she would say. However, there came a time when she thought differently.

One dark, stormy night, Grandmother Kun Lon awoke with a terrible pain. She tried some of her foolish Chinese remedies, but they only seemed to bring on fresh paroxysms of agony. Poor Sin T'su stood looking at her, the tears rolling down her brown cheeks.

"Grandmother!" she exclaimed, at last.

"You will surely die if you do not have help! I will go over to the Mission and ask the teacher and her doctor-husband to come!"

"Child, it is night and the distance is far," groaned Kun Lon.

"I am not afraid of the darkness; the dear Lord Jesus will watch over me. And you do not know how much faster I can walk, now that my feet are unbound!"

So it came about that ere a half-hour had passed, Grandmother Kun Lon found herself much more comfortable. The lady teacher and her kind-hearted "doctor-husband" had come promptly, and their medicines were just what was needed to banish that dreadful colic. And Grandmother Kun Lon was very grateful.

"You were so kind—oh, so kind!" she murmured, and then, as she patted little Sin T'su's black head, cuddled lovingly to her shoulder, she added: "And this little maiden—why, it is almost magical, how quickly she brought you!"

And Sin T'su, looking up roguishly, said:

"Ah, my grandmother, I could *never* have done that errand so quickly had not my feet been free!"—Over Sea and Land.

A Mother's Practising

A young man who had been examined preparatory to uniting with the church was asked, "Under whose preaching were you converted?" "Under nobody's preaching," was his reply. "I was converted under my mother's practising." What a tribute to a consecrated motherhood was that young man's answer! How very near to Christ must that mother have lived. Probably she was a woman full of the cares and work of life, but with what rare discretion and patience she must have administered the affairs of her household!

Have you not a song for Jesus?

All the little buds and flowers,
All the merry birds and breezes,

All the sunbeams and the showers,
Praise him in their own sweet way!

What have you to sing to-day?

Bring your happiest songs, and sing
For your Saviour and your King.

Some of God's Ways and of Men's

In the very first verse in the Bible we find the name of God, and the first chapter tells us how God prepared the earth for man, and then made man to dwell in the earth. This earth is God's earth, and the men who live on it are made in God's image. Alas! man, made in God's image, sinned; but God did not cast him off or give him up, and the Bible is just the story of God's patience with sinning men, and how He seeks to win them back to Himself and to make them holy again. It ends with a beautiful picture of a new heaven and a new earth where there is no sin.

The Lessons of this Quarter take us back to the beginning and to man's earliest days on earth. We are to study God's ways with men—and they are just as wise and loving now as they were in that far-off time, when the earth was new; and men's ways, which are also often so mistaken and foolish.

1. God the Maker of all things. Gen. 1 : 1 to ch. 2 : 3.
2. Man sinning and punished. Gen. 3 : 1-15.
3. God destroying and saving. Gen. 8 : 1-22.
4. The Lord calling and a man trusting. Gen. 12 : 1-9.
5. A generous and a greedy man. Gen. 13 : 1-18.
6. The Lord cheering with His promises. Gen. 15 : 1-18.
7. A man pleading with God. Gen. 18 : 16-33.
8. God testing His servant's faith. Gen. 22 : 1-14.
9. A man who was a peacemaker. Gen. 26 : 12-25.
10. God visiting a lonely man. Gen. 28 : 10-22.
11. God wrestling and blessing. Gen. 32 : 1-32.
12. Men ruined by their folly. Prov. 23 : 29-35.
13. The God of mercy everlasting. REVIEW.

Seven Days

Seven days within the week,
Seven days to do and speak
All the deeds and words of love
For our Father up above.

Sunday is the day of rest,
And of all the week the best ;
'Tis the day, with one accord,
When we praise and serve our Lord.

Monday starts the working days,
Finds us full of busy ways ;
Lessons or our work begun,
Till another week is done.

Tuesday comes, and on we press
With the work that God will bless ;
Wednesday finds us with a will
Working for our Father still.

Thursday—half the week is done,
Four good working days are gone.
Friday, though we weary be,
Father, still our best for Thee.

Welcome next to Saturday,
Little work and lots of play ;
Work or play, oh ! let it be
Done, dear Lord, as unto Thee !

Seven days to try to do
What is good and what is true ;
Seven days to do our best,
Leaving unto God the rest !

Teaching the Child to be Thrifty

A savings bank account is a great incentive to thrift in children. If one is begun for the baby, even with a very small sum, and added to through childhood and youth with a certain proportion of the money that otherwise would be spent carelessly and thoughtlessly by the child, there will be a very respectable amount on the credit side of the ledger when the depositor is eighteen years old. The habit of self-denial is not the least of the substantial benefits that follow a wise economy of money.—April Ladies' Home Journal.

Lesson I.

GOD THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS

July 7, 1901

Genesis 1 : 1 to ch. 2 : 3—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.—Gen. 1 : 1.

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness : and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him ; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it : and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed ; to you it shall be for meat.

30 And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every

green herb for meat : and it was so. 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made ; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it : because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Once there was no earth nor sky nor sea. Neither were there any plants nor animals nor people. There was but God the Father, the Everlasting Son of God, and the Holy Spirit.

After a time God made the world out of nothing for His own praise and glory, but He did not make it all at once.

The first thing that God made was light. He spoke saying, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God called the light day and the darkness night, and for the evening and the morning He marked off the first day.

And God spoke again, and this time He set a store-house for the rain and the snow

above the waters. And between them He spread a curtain called the sky. This was the work of the second day.

On the third day He made the dry land and in the hollow places He made seas and lakes and marked out how far their waves should come. And He spread a soft carpet of grass upon the earth and planted blossoming fruit trees and all kinds of beautiful vines and flowers and vegetables.

On the fourth day God hung His great lights in the heavens, and He made the sun to shine by day and the moon by night, and He called the stars every one by its own name and gave them their work. And God

was pleased with all that He had made, for everything was perfect.

Now as yet there were no living creatures to praise and enjoy the work of God's fingers. So, upon the fifth day, He made birds to fly and sing between the earth and sky and fishes to play and swim in the seas.

Then, on the morning of the sixth day, God made the great beasts and gave them homes in every part of the earth.

Last of all, God said, "Let us now make man in our own likeness and give him charge of all that we have made."

So God took some of the dust of the ground and out of it He made man, holy and good like Himself. Adam was the man's name. And God brought all the animals before Adam to see what he would call them and He made man master of the whole earth.

Now, upon the seventh day, God rested

from all His work, and called that day holy and He rejoiced greatly over what He had made, for it was all lovely and good.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who made all things? 2. How long did God take to make the world? 3. Out of what did He make it? 4. What was the first thing God made? 5. What did He make next? 6. What covering did God give to the earth? 7. What else did He do on the third day? 8. What did He hang in the heavens? 9. What happy creatures did God put in the air and water? 10. Where did He put the larger beasts? 11. What was God's greatest work? 12. What was the first man like? 13. What was his name? 14. Of what did God make Adam the master? 15. What did God do on the seventh day? 16. What is the Golden Text?

He Made Them All

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

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings—
He made their glowing colors,
He made their shining wings.

The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brighten up the sky.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God is great and good



Primary Catechism—84. What has God done to save us from sin? God sent His Son, Jesus Christ into the world to save us from sin.

Shorter Catechism—84. What doth every sin deserve?

A. Every sin serveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Lesson Hymn

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

God, who made the grass,
The flower, the fruit, the tree,
The day and night to pass,
Careth for me.

Amen.

—Hymn 509, Book of Praise

Lesson II.

BEGINNING OF SIN AND REDEMPTION

July 14, 1901

Genesis 3: 1-15—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

Golden Text—Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.—Rom. 5: 20.

I hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *was*t naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

THE LESSON RETOLD

God gave the most beautiful spot in all the world to Adam for a home.

It was called the Garden of Eden, and was full of all manner of pleasant fruits and flowers, as well as tame animals and birds. He also gave to him a companion with whom he could talk and enjoy all that God had made, and Adam loved his wife and called her Eve. And they both obeyed the Lord, who sometimes came and talked with them in the evenings, as they rested under a tree or

beside a stream.

And God gave Adam leave to eat of all the fruits of the garden, *except* one tall tree that grew by itself in the middle of the garden. Of this God said, "You must not even touch it. If you eat of this tree you shall surely die."

Now among the animals that lived in the garden with this happy pair the one that was the most cunning of all was the serpent.

One day the serpent said to Eve, "Is it

4. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Ad'am and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Ad'am, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and

true that God has forbidden you to eat of every tree in this place?" And Eve answered, "We may take the fruit of all the trees except the tree in the middle of the garden. If we eat of that, God says we shall die."

"That is not true," said the wicked serpent; "You will not die. It will only make you happier than ever. I tell you it will make you as wise as God Himself."

Then Eve, instead of running away, took one longing look at the tree. How tempting the apples were! She reached out her hand for one. Then she tasted it; and she called Adam and gave him some also, and they both ate.

At once they knew that they had disobeyed God; and they were both ashamed. They tried to cover themselves with fig leaves, which they sewed into aprons. They ran also and hid themselves among the thick trees, but they could not get away from what they had done.

When evening came, they heard God walking in the garden; and God called saying, "Adam, where are you?" And Adam answered, "I hid myself because I was ashamed." And God said, "Why are you ashamed? Have you eaten of that tree?" Then said Adam, "The woman whom thou

gavest to be with me, she gave it to me, and I ate." Then God said to Eve, "What is this that you have done?" She answered, "The serpent deceived me and I ate."

Then God punished them. He drove Adam and Eve far away from His garden, and they had to work very hard and suffer very much.

To the serpent God said, "From this time you shall be the most hated of all beasts; you shall crawl in the dust, and by and by one who is born of Eve's race shall crush your head."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did God put Adam and Eve to live?
2. What was their work?
3. Whom were they like at first?
4. What did God forbid them to do?
5. What should happen if they ate of the forbidden fruit?
6. What did God say about the other fruits of the garden?
7. What did the serpent say to Eve?
8. Did she listen to him?
9. To whom did she give some of the fruit?
10. Why did they try to hide and cover themselves?
11. What did Adam say when God had asked him what he had done?
12. Whom did Eve blame?
13. How were they all punished?
14. What is the Golden Text?
15. What is sin?
16. What is grace?

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To avoid temptation

Primary Catechism—35. How did Jesus Christ, God's Son, come into the world? Jesus Christ came into the world by being born a little child.

Shorter Catechism—85. What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption,

Lesson Hymn

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

*Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you;
He is willing to aid you,
He will carry you through.*

Amen.

—Hymn 530, Book of Praise

Lesson III.

NOAH SAVED IN THE ARK

July 21, 1901

Genesis 8 : 1-22—Memory Verses, 20-22.

Golden Text—Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.—Gen. 6 : 8.

15 And God spake unto No'ah saying,

16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee.

17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.

18 And No'ah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him :

19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

20 And No'ah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any

more everything living, as I have done. 22 While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After the first sin of Adam and Eve, the people who came after them grew more wicked every day, until at last the Lord repented that He had made man at all. There was but one man and his family who feared the name of the Lord. So God said to Noah, "I am going to destroy the earth with a great flood for the wickedness that is in it, but I will save you and your family alive." And God told Noah how to build a large floating house or ark, with windows and a door, in which he would be safe and dry.

When the ark, which was like a great boat, was finished, God told Noah to take his wife and his three sons and their wives, eight persons in all, and two of every kind of animal and bird and insect, with food enough for all,

and go into the ark. So Noah drove them all in two by two, and God Himself shut the door.

Then the windows of heaven were opened and it rained forty days and forty nights. And the rivers and seas overflowed, and every living creature upon the earth died. But the ark floated dry upon the top of the waters.

And God remembered Noah, and after a time the rain ceased and the waters went down, so that the tops of the mountains were seen. Then Noah opened the window and sent out a raven and a dove to bring him news. The raven flew off and wandered here and there until the ground was dry, but the dove came back to Noah because she could not find a place to rest her foot. After a

week he let her fly again, and she came back with a green leaf in her beak. So Noah knew that the waters were still going down. After another week he once more let her go, and this time she stayed to build her nest. Then Noah knew it was safe for him also to leave the ark, for it was a sign that the ground was everywhere dry again.

So he and his family and the animals came out upon the dry land, and Noah at once built an altar of thanksgiving to God. And God promised never again to drown the earth with a flood, and put His rainbow in the sky to remind all men of His promise. God said that He, too, would look upon the rainbow and remember His promise.

The Story of a Noah's Ark

Maggie and Tommy were two very little children in the Sick Children's Hospital, whose beds were side by side.

On the afternoon before Christmas they were talking together about their presents, and Maggie told Tommie that nurse had promised her a beautiful Noah's ark for her Christmas.

"That's just what I have been wishing for too," said Tommy. "Perhaps there may be two Noah's arks."

That night Maggie woke up and in the dim light, she saw a large paper parcel on the

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of people did Noah live among?
2. How did God say He would punish them?
3. What did He tell Noah to make?
4. Who were to go with him into the ark?
5. When the Lord had shut them in, what happened?
6. How long did it rain?
7. What did Noah send forth, after a while, to bring him news?
8. What became of the raven?
9. What did the dove do?
10. What did the dove bring back the second time?
11. When she failed to come back, what did Noah and his family do?
12. What was Noah's first act after coming out of the ark?
13. What promise did God make?
14. What is the Golden Text?

foot of her cot. She crept down softly to feel it. It was her Noah's ark! She looked at Tommy's bed, where there was a thin flat parcel. "It's only a book," thought Maggie, "how disappointed he'll be!"

After thinking a minute the little girl slipped out of bed and taking her precious bundle, laid it in the place of the book on Tommy's cot. And to this day Tommy does not know where his ark came from, for Maggie strictly forbade nurse to tell, although he wonders why Maggie did not get a Noah's ark, too.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-LAY THAT

God guards those who love Him



Primary Catechism—36. How was Jesus Christ different from us? Jesus Christ was altogether without sin. **37.** What do you know of the childhood of Jesus? Jesus, when a child, loved and obeyed His parents, and pleased God in all things.

Shorter Catechism—86. What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Lesson Hymn

God sees the little sparrow fall,
It meets His tender view;
If God so loves the little birds,
I know He loves me too.

God made the little birds and flowers,
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all. Amen.

—Hymn 514, Book of Praise

Lesson IV.

GOD CALLS ABRAM

July 28, 1901

Genesis 12 : 1-9—Memory Verses, 1-3.

Golden Text—I will bless thee and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing.—Gen. 12 : 2.



1 Now the LORD had said unto Ab'ram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee :

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So Ab'ram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Ab'ram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Ha'ran.

5 And Ab'ram took Sa'rai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Ha'ran; and they went forth to go into the land of Ca'naan; and into the land of Ca'naan they came.

6 And Ab'ram passed through the land unto the place of Si'chem, unto the plain of Mo'reh. And the Ca'naanite was then in the land.

7 And the Lord appeared unto Ab'ram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto him. 8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth'el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth'el on the west, and Ha'i on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the Lord, and called upon the name of the Lord.

9 And Ab'ram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The many children and grand-children and great-grand-children of the people whom God had saved alive in the ark soon filled the earth. They scattered themselves far and wide over the world, and before long most of them had again forgotten the true worship of God and prayed, instead, to the things that God had made, such as the sun and the moon and the stars, or to idols carved by their own hands out of wood and stone.

Now, there was a man who knew and served the true God living among such people as these in a place called Haran. His father had lately died and left him at the head of a great household. His name was Abram.

One day God said to Abram, "You must leave this comfortable place in which you are living, and go far away into the strange country of Canaan, to which I will show you the way. Do not be afraid to obey me, for there I will give you another home, and will surely bless you." Then God told Abram that He had chosen him for a work of great honor, for he was to be the father of a great nation which would learn to follow the true God and bring blessing to every family in the world. Besides all this, God promised to take care of Abram on his journey, giving him safety from his enemies and promising a blessing to all who should show

him kindness by the way.

Then Abram, who was now seventy-five years old, at once said good-bye to his brothers and all his friends and began to prepare for the journey.

He took his wife Sarai and his young nephew Lot, who lived with him, and all his camels and sheep and servants—for he was quite well off—and started to journey to where the Lord had told him to go.

After many days they came within sight of the promised country. They found it to be a good land full of beauty and plenty of every kind. But the people were heathen.

One night, as the travellers were resting at a place called Shechem, beside a fine grove of oak-trees, God spoke to Abram again, saying, "I am going to give the whole of this beautiful country to you and to your children after you." And Abram believed God and built an altar of stone to mark the place where God had met him.

Soon he moved on further and pitched his tent on the side of a mountain near Bethel, where he built another altar; and wherever Abram and his company camped, there they left an altar to the praise and honor of the true God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Abram living when God called him?
2. What did the people in Haran worship?
3. What did God tell Abram to do?
4. What promise did God give him?
5. Was Abram willing to obey God?
6. Whom did he take with him?
7. What was the name of the country to which they came?
8. What kind of a place was it?
9. What kind of worship did Abram find there?
10. Who came and spoke with him beside the oak trees?
11. What further promise did God make him there?
12. How did Abram show honor to God at Bethel?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Obedience

If you're told to do a thing
And mean to do it really,
Never let it be by halves;
Do it fully, freely.

Do not make a poor excuse—
Waiting, weak, unsteady;
All obedience worth the name
Must be prompt and ready.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To trust and follow God



Primary Catechism—38. How did Jesus spend His life when He grew up to be a man? When Jesus grew up to be a man He went about doing good, and teaching men about God.

Shorter Catechism—87. What is repentance unto life?

A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience.

Lesson Hymn

'Follow Me,' the Master said:

We will follow Jesus:

By His word and Spirit led,

We will follow Jesus.

Though the way may dark appear,

We will follow Jesus;

He will make our pathway clear;

We will follow Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise

Lesson V.

ABRAM AND LOT

August 4, 1901

Genesis 13 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 7-9.

Golden Text—Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—Mat . 7 : 12.



7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Ab'ram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle : and the Ca'naanite and the Per'izzite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Ab'ram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen ; for we be brethren.

9 Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me : if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right ; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before the LORD destroyed Sod'om and Gomor'rah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of E'gypt, as thou comest unto Zo'ar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jor'dan ; and Lot journeyed east : and they separated themselves the one from the other.

12 Ab'ram dwelled in the land of Ca'naan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sod'om.

13 But the men of Sod'om were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.

14 And the LORD said unto Ab'ram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward :

15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth : so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it ; for I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Ab'ram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mam're, which is in He'bron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Abram and his family had not been long in Canaan when a great famine came upon the land. Then Abram took Sarai, his wife, and Lot, his nephew, and his sheep and herds, and went and lived in the land of Egypt, until the harvests should come again.

While he was away, God blessed Abram greatly and made him so rich in cattle and sheep and asses and camels and gold and silver, that he returned to Canaan a wealthy prince.

Now Abram was anxious to give praise and thanksgiving to God for all His goodness ; so he set out immediately to find the old altar near Bethel and there he called upon the name of the Lord, and the Lord heard him.

Until this time, all that Abram had gathered, he shared with his nephew Lot ; so that the young man was almost as rich in goods as his uncle.

One day Abram heard that his own ser-

vants and Lot's servants were quarrelling in the fields over which of them had the right to the best wells and pasture lands, also that the heathen were stirring themselves up against them. So Abram sent for Lot and made him a generous offer.

He said: "You see, Lot, we have grown too large a company to live together any longer. The time has come for us to separate. But do not let us quarrel. Remember, we both belong to the same family. Besides, if we quarrel, our enemies will swallow us up. This country is surely large enough for both of us. The whole land is before you. Choose which part of it you will have for your own, and I will take what is left. Only let us be friends."

* Then the young man looked up and down over the whole valley of the Jordan, and saw that it was indeed a good land, full of streams and valleys and pasture fields and olive gardens—the very best sort of place for flocks and herds. And he chose this for himself, leaving the rougher and more parched places to the old man who had made him rich.

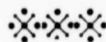
So Lot and his household left Abram and pitched their tents near the city of Sodom, which was one of the wickedest places in the whole earth. It was a very wrong thing for

Lot to do merely for the sake of comfort and gain.

When Abram was left alone, the Lord came and comforted him with a promise saying, "The whole of this land is yours and your children's forever." Now Abram had no children, but God said, "They shall be as many as the sands of the sea"; and the Lord told Abram to choose out a good home for himself. So he at last set up his tent at Hebron under a great oak tree. And close by he again built an altar to the Lord.

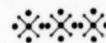
Questions on the Lesson

1. What drove Abram out of the land to which he had come?
2. Where did he go?
3. How did God prosper him?
4. Who had shared in Abram's riches?
5. What trouble now arose between them?
6. What did Abram say must be done?
7. Why could they not live together?
8. Which of the two took first choice of the land?
9. What part of the country did Lot choose?
10. How did he treat the older man?
11. What kind of people did Lot choose to live near?
12. What promise did the Lord make Abram about the land?
13. What else did He promise him?
14. Where did Abram set up his altar, and his home?
15. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

The Golden Rule



Primary Catechism—39. Who did Jesus say that He was? Jesus said that He was the Son of God.

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.

Lesson Hymn

Beloved, let us love; for they who love—
They only are His sons, born from above.

Beloved, let us love; for love is rest,
And he who loveth not abides unblest.

Beloved, let us love; for love is light,
And he who loveth not dwelleth in night.

Beloved, let us love; for only thus
Shall we behold that God who loveth us.

Amen.

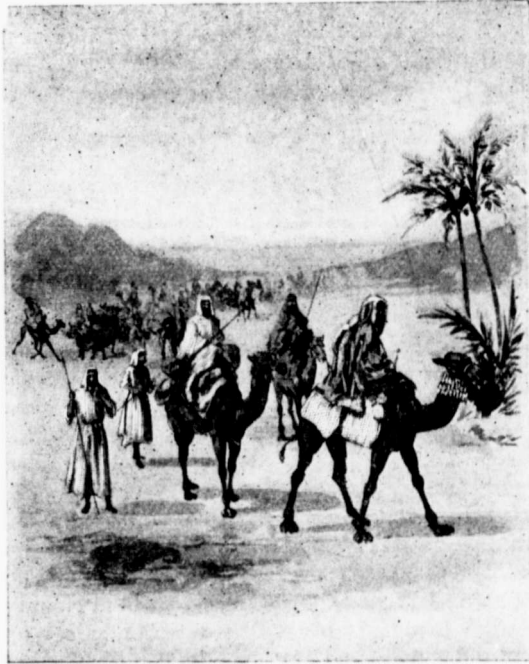
—Hymn 230, Book of Praise

Lesson VI.

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAM

August 11, 1901

Genesis 15: 1-18—Memory Verses, 5-7.

Golden Text—I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.—Gen. 15: 1.

5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

7 And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chal'dees, to give thee this land to inherit it.

8 And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?

9 And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle dove, and a young pigeon.

10 And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

11 And when the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Ab'ram drove them away.

12 And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Ab'ram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him.

13 And he said unto Ab'ram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not their's, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

15 And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age.

16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Am'orites is not yet full.

17 And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces.

18 In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Ab'ram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of E'gypt unto the great river, the river Euphra'tes.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Abram was now getting to be an old man, and as yet God had given him no little children of his own. He knew that some day he would have to die, and he often wondered who, of all his relations, would be the one to carry on the worship of the true God among the heathen people of Canaan after he himself was gone; also, to whom should he leave his great flocks and herds, and the beautiful land that God had given him. Sometimes Abram lay awake, thinking of

these things. He was often sad and lonely.

One night the Lord came and spoke to him in a vision, saying, "Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward." Then Abram told the Lord all his trouble, and the Lord comforted him, and promised to give Abram a son of his very own.

Then the Lord called Abram to come out of his tent into the night, and take a look at the starry sky. "How many stars can you

see?" asked the Lord. But Abram could not begin to count them. "Yet I will give you as many children and grandchildren as there are stars in the heaven," was God's promise.

Though Abram did not see how this could be, yet he believed the word of the Lord, and God was pleased with him.

Then the Lord reminded Abram how He had brought him away from his old heathen home, and promised once more to give the whole land of Canaan to him and to his children.

"But how shall I know that it is really mine?" asked Abram.

And God said, "I will make a pledge or solemn covenant with you, which can never be broken. And God told Abram to kill a cow, and a goat, and a sheep, and two birds, and lay them upon an altar, and watch beside them until He should send him a sign from heaven.

So Abram waited for the Lord beside the altar from morning until sunset, driving off the wild birds that would steal the offering. When it began to get dark, God spoke to him again and told him more about the future of his great family, and what should

happen long after he and Sarai were dead.

Then Abram looked at the altar. It was smoking like a furnace, and a lighted torch was moving up and down upon it. Then Abram knew that this was a sign to him that God had taken him for His friend, and would do for him all that He had said.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why was Abram sometimes sad and lonely?
2. When did the Lord come to him?
3. With what promise did the Lord comfort him?
4. How many children and grandchildren did He promise to give him?
5. Could Abram count the stars?
6. Did Abram believe God's promise?
7. What was the name of the land that the Lord promised to give to Abram and his children after him?
8. What kind of a country was it?
9. What question did Abram ask the Lord about His promise?
10. What did God then agree to make between Himself and Abram?
11. What is a covenant?
12. What did Abram offer upon the altar?
13. How long did he watch for God's sign?
14. How did he busy himself?
15. How did God at last send His sign?
16. What did it mean to Abram?
17. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God's promises are great



Primary Catechism—40. How did Jesus show that He was the Son of God? Jesus showed that He was the Son of God by His holy life, His heavenly teaching, and His wonderful works.

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.

Lesson Hymn

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling place shall be.

Amen.

—Psalm Selection 14, Book of Praise

Lesson VII.

ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION

August 18, 1901

Genesis 18 : 16-33—Memory Verses, 23-25.

Golden Text—The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—James 5 : 16.



And he said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake. 30 And he said *unto him*, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak : Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it*, if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord : Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet this once : Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One hot summer day Abraham was sitting in the shade of his tent door, when he saw three strangers passing. Running out to meet them, he invited them to stay and rest, and he made them a dinner and they remained with him all that afternoon.

Now his three visitors were angels, but Abraham did not know it.

When evening was come, they took the road to go towards Sodom, and Abraham went part way with them, and as they walked, the Lord showed Abraham who they were. When they got to a certain place two of the angels went on, and Abraham was left alone

23 And Ab'raham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous in the city : wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked : and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee : Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the LORD said, If I find in Sod'om fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Ab'raham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which *am but* dust and ashes :

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous : wilt thou destroy all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy *it*.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there.

with the Lord Himself.

Then the Lord talked with Abraham face to face as His friend, and showed him all His plans to destroy the city of Sodom, and said, "The cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and their sin is very grievous ; I am going now to see whether they are as wicked as I have heard, and if not, I will know."

Then Abraham said unto the Lord, "Perhaps there may be some good men even in Sodom. Supposing there should be fifty such, would the Lord not be right in sparing the city for their sakes?" And the Lord said, "I will spare it for fifty's sake."

And Abraham answered, "I am not worthy to ask anything of the Lord, but suppose there should be fewer than fifty, wouldst Thou not spare the city for forty-five good men?" And the Lord said He would spare it.

Then said Abraham again, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, wouldst Thou do it for even thirty's sake?" And God said, "I will spare it for thirty."

"Couldst Thou not pass it over for even twenty's sake?" asked Abraham with fear and trembling, for he knew how wicked was that city. And God said, "I will remember the twenty."

Then, for the fifth time, Abraham pleaded for the same thing, saying, "I will speak but this once, let not the Lord be angry, perhaps only ten good men shall be found there?" And the Lord said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten."

It was now night and the Lord passed out of Abraham's sight and he returned to his tent.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did Abraham see passing his tent door? 2. How did Abraham treat them? 3. Who did they turn out to be? 4. Where were they going? 5. What did Abraham do, as his guests were leaving? 6. What kind of a place was Sodom? 7. What did the Lord tell Abraham He would bring upon it? 8. What did Abraham plead with God to do if fifty righteous persons could be found there? 9. What was the Lord's answer? 10. What was it for forty-five, for thirty, for twenty? 11. For the sake of how many persons did God at last promise to spare the city? 12. What is the Golden Text? 13. What is meant by a "righteous" man? 14. By "fervent" prayer?

Two Prayers

Every night, at the same time, the prayers of two sisters go up together to God's throne. They are about the same length and they have almost the same words and in the same order. But one of them is mumbled carelessly, and the girl is not thinking of what she is saying, but is planning some pleasure for the morrow.

Her sister's prayer is almost the same, so far as words go, yet it is earnest and thoughtful and she knows what she is saying, and means every word of it.

Which of these prayers does the Father in heaven hear? Here are two sorts of prayers, boys and girls. Which of them is yours, my dear child? Think it well over.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God hears our prayers



Primary Catechism—41. What are some of the wonderful works which Jesus did? He stilled the stormy winds, walked upon the water, fed the hungry, healed the sick, and brought the dead to life.

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.

Lesson Hymn

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
He Himself has bid thee pray,
Therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such,
None can ever ask too much.

Amen.

—Hymn 398, Book of Praise

Lesson VIII.

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC

August 25, 1901

Genesis 22 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 6-8.

Golden Text—By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac.—Heb. 11 : 17.

1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Ab'raham, and said unto him, Ab'raham : and he said, Behold, *here I am*.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only *son* I'saac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mori'ah ; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Ab'raham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and I'saac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Ab'raham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Ab'raham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass ; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Ab'raham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon I'saac his son ; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife ;

and they went both of them together. 7 And I'saac spake unto Ab'raham his father, and said, My father : and he said, Here *am I*, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood : but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering ?

8 And Ab'raham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering : so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of ; and Ab'raham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound I'saac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Ab'raham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Ab'raham, Ab'raham : and he said, Here *am I*.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou anything unto him : for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son* from me.

THE LESSON RETOLD

God kept His promise to Abraham, and after a while sent him a little son, whom he called Isaac, and Abraham loved his boy more than anything he had.

Now, God wished to prove His servant Abraham, to see if he loved the Lord even more than he did his son and was ready to obey him in everything ; so He asked him to do a very hard thing. The Lord said, "Take

now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go away to a mountain-top that I will show you and offer him there unto Me for a burnt offering."

So Abraham got up very early in the morning and prepared the wood for the sacrifice, and saddled his beast, and took Isaac his son, and two servants, and set out for the place. But only Abraham himself knew what the

Lord had said. After riding for three days they saw in the distance a shining mountain peak, and Abraham knew they were near the place.

At the foot of the hill he said to his men, "Stay here and keep the ass safe. The lad and I will walk on further and worship and will presently return to you."

So Isaac carried the bundle of wood, and his father took a knife and a pot of fire in his hand, and they began to climb the side of the hill.

They had not gone far, when Isaac remembered that they had no lamb for the offering, and he asked his father what should be done about it. And Abraham said, "My son, God Himself will provide a lamb," and so they went on together.

When they came to the place that God had showed Abraham, the little boy helped to gather the stones, and his father built an altar and laid the wood upon it. Then Abraham told Isaac the Lord's command and the brave boy at once lay down in place of the lamb. But as Abraham lifted up the knife to slay his son, God called to him out

of heaven, "Stop, Abraham, stop! Do no harm to the lad, for now I know that you are willing to obey me, even in this thing."

Then Abraham saw behind him a ram caught in a bush by the horns, and he offered it as a thanksgiving to God instead of his son, and Abraham and Isaac rode home together, very glad and joyful.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Did God keep His promise to give Abraham a son? 2. By what name was he called? 3. After a while, what did God tell Abraham to do with him? 4. Why did God ask such a thing? 5. Was Abraham willing to obey God? 6. Who chose the place for the sacrifice? 7. How long did it take to reach it? 8. What did Abraham say to the young men at the foot of the hill? 9. What did Isaac and his father take with them up the mountain? 10. What did the boy ask his father on the way? 11. What was Abraham's answer? 12. What happened when Isaac was about to be offered? 13. What was offered as a thanksgiving? 14. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

We should do just what God says



Primary Catechism—42. What did Jesus do to save us from our sins? Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly, and died for us.

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.

Lesson Hymn

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
However dark it be!

Lead me by Thine own hand,
Choose out the path for me.

Not mine, not mine the choice,
In things or great or small;
Be Thou my guide, my strength,
My wisdom and my all.

Amen.

—Hymn 287, Book of Praise

Lesson IX.

ISAAC THE PEACEMAKER

September 1, 1901

Genesis 26 : 12-25—Memory Verses, 24, 25.

Golden Text—Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.—Matt. 5 : 9.



we shall be fruitful in the land. 23 And he went up from thence to Be'ershe'ba.

24 And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, *I am* the God of Ab'raham thy father : fear not, for *I am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Ab'raham's sake.

25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there : and there I'saac's servants digged a well.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Isaac grew to be a man, Abraham died and left all his wealth to his son, and the Lord blessed Isaac for his father's sake.

When a famine again broke out, the Lord told Isaac that he would find food for himself and his herds and his flocks in the country of the Philistines, and he at once went thither. And Isaac sowed wheat and corn in the waste fields of that country and God sent him a plentiful harvest. After a time he became so rich and prosperous, that his heathen neighbors envied him and tried by annoying him to force him to leave the country.

Now they knew that, unless there was

16 And Abim'elech said unto I'saac, Go from us ; for thou art much mightier than we.

17 And I'saac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley of Ge'rar, and dwelt there.

18 And I'saac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Ab'raham his father ; for the Phil'istines had stopped them after the death of Ab'raham : and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

19 And I'saac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.

20 And the herdmen of Ge'rar did strive with I'saac's herdmen, saying, The water *is* our's : and he called the name of the well E'sek ; because they strove with him.

21 And they digged another well, and strove for that also : and he called the name of it Sit'nah.

22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well ; and for that they strove not : and he called the name of it Reho'both ; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and

water to drink, Isaac's cattle and sheep would die ; so the Philistines came by night and the wells that Abraham himself had dug, they filled up with earth. And Abimelech, the king, said to Isaac, "Go away, for you are getting to be better off than we." Though Isaac was the stronger, he did not wish to quarrel ; so he moved his tent and all his belongings further on. And he set his servants to digging out his father's wells which the Philistines had filled up, and he looked out their old names.

One day, as Isaac's men were digging in a valley, they struck a new spring of good water. But the shepherds of the place came

upon them and disputed with them, saying angrily, "The water is ours," and drove them away. Then they dug another well; but the Philistines fought so hard against Isaac that he called it, "The place of Hate," and again moved away.

Now Isaac had behaved so politely in these matters that the Philistines soon began to make friends, and the next time his servants digged a well they gave no trouble.

Then Isaac said, "The Lord Himself has made room for us here and we shall be fruitful in this land." So he went to live at Beer-sheba, Abraham's old home, and God met him there and said, "I am the God of thy father; fear not, for I am with thee and will bless thee for my servant Abraham's sake."

Then Isaac at once built an altar and called upon the name of the Lord. And

there he set up his tents and his servants digged a well. Here Isaac made his home.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What happened when Isaac had grown to be a man? 2. Why did Isaac go into the country of the Philistines? 3. How did the Lord bless him there? 4. What did the king say to him when he found he was getting rich? 5. How did Isaac give in? 6. What had the Philistines done with the wells that had belonged to Abraham? 7. What did Isaac do about these wells? 8. How did the Philistines behave when Isaac's servants found a spring in the valley? 9. What did Isaac do when they again annoyed him? 10. What change did his conduct make in his enemies? 11. What did God promise Isaac at Beer-sheba? 12. What is the Golden Text? 13. Who are meant by "peacemakers"?

His Rights

"I will have my rights," said Tom, as he walked off the play-ground.

"Oh, his rights! I wish he'd take them and be done with it," cried Hal, half laughing, half in earnest.

Tom was a trial to all his friends on account of these "rights." Of course he was not a popular boy. How could he be? He

kept himself at the front all the time, for he was always feeling that he did not have his rights and pushing for them. And the boys gave him a hard time.

Do not take Tom for a model, boys, if you want to go through life pleasantly. Here is a secret: The surest way to lose your rights is to be always trying to keep them.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Blessed are the peacemakers



Primary Catechism—43. What would have happened to us if Jesus had not died for us? If Jesus had not died for us, we all would have been lost.

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.

Lesson Hymn

Little deeds of love may shine,
Little lives may be divine,
Little ones be wholly Thine:
Hear us holy Jesus.

May our thoughts be undefiled,
May our words be true and mild,
Make us each a holy child:
Hear us holy Jesus.

Amen.

—Hymn 580, Book of Praise

Lesson X.

JACOB AT BETHEL

September 8, 1901

Genesis 28 : 10-22—Memory Verses, 13-15.

Golden Text—Surely the Lord is in this place.—Gen. 28 : 16.

10 And Ja'cob went out from Be'ershe'ba, and went towards Ha'ran.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and beheld a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and beheld the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Ab'raham thy father, and the God of I'saac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed:

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land;

for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Ja'cob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Ja'cob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth'el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Isaac and Rebekah, his wife, had twin sons, whose names were Jacob and Esau. When they were grown men, these brothers quarreled as to which should be the head of the family, and in his fury Esau threatened to kill his brother.

So Jacob, after he had received his father's blessing, went away on a long journey, hoping to come back when Esau should have forgotten his grudge against him.

Though Jacob travelled on foot, he was soon a long distance from home, and when night came on, he found himself on the open

hillside with no place of shelter near. So he lay down on the ground, and putting a stone under his head for a pillow, went fast asleep.

That night Jacob had a dream. In his dream he saw a great stairway or ladder set up between heaven and earth. The lowest step was beside him on the ground and the top of it reached to the sky. And Jacob saw the angels as they went back and forth from heaven to earth, passing and repassing upon the stairs. And far away up above all, God Himself was standing; and He

spoke to Jacob and said, "I am the Lord God of Abraham and Isaac; this land on which you are lying will I give to you and to your children, and they shall bring blessing to all people, and shall be as many as the dust of the ground. And I Myself will be with you wherever you may go, and some day you shall come home again in peace."

Then Jacob awoke shivering and afraid, for the night was dark, and he said, "Surely God is in this place and I knew it not. This is indeed God's house and the very gate of heaven." As soon as it was light, he got up and taking the stone pillow, he set it on end to mark the place of his vision, and poured oil upon it as an offering to God.

Then Jacob made a solemn promise that if the Lord would indeed take care of him and bring him quietly back to his own people, then this stone should mark the place of God's house, and he called the spot

The Meaning of Dreams

"I don't believe in dreams," said Alice, "or I should be dreadfully frightened, I had such a bad one last night."

"I don't believe in dreams either," said Jennie, "but I had just a beautiful dream."

"Do you know girls," said mother, "that dreams still have their meaning? Alice, if

Bethel, meaning "The House of God." And Jacob promised to give to God a tenth part of all his future wealth, and then he went on his journey rejoicing.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What were the names of the twin sons of Isaac and Rebekah?
2. Why did Jacob leave home?
3. Where did he lie down to sleep?
4. What had he for a pillow?
5. What did he see in his dream?
6. How long was the heavenly stairway?
7. Who were passing up and down upon it?
8. Who was standing above it?
9. What did the Lord say about the land Jacob was lying upon?
10. What did He promise about his children?
11. What else was promised to Jacob?
12. What did Jacob say when he awoke?
13. By what name did he call the place?
14. What promise did he make to the Lord?
15. What is the Golden Text?

you remember, came home tired and cross from a late party and perhaps her dream was sent to her as a warning. But Jennie went to bed in proper time with a laugh and song and her evening prayer. It seems to me that her dream was a blessing, just as truly as Jacob's angel-dream at Bethel."



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God is near us when we need Him



Primary Catechism—44. What is it to be lost? To be lost is to be left without God in this world, and to be shut out from His presence forever.

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.

Lesson Hymn

Calm thy sadness, look in gladness
On high!
Faint and weary, pilgrim, cheer thee,
Help is nigh!
Pilgrim, cheer thee, help is nigh:
Amen.

—Hymn 277, Book of Praise

Lesson XI.

JACOB A PRINCE WITH GOD

September 15, 1901

Genesis 32 : 1-32—Memory Verses, 24-28.

Golden Text—Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.—Luke 18 : 1.

24 And Ja'cob was left alone ; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.

25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh ; and the hollow of Ja'cob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.

26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.

27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Ja'cob.

28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Ja'cob, but Israel : for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

29 And Ja'cob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Ja'cob called the name of the place Peni'el : for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

THE LESSON RETOLD

By and by Jacob reached the land of Haran, where he stayed and worked twenty years for his uncle Laban, and God prospered him there, and gave him flocks and herds and camels and great riches. He gave him also eleven sons, besides men-servants and women-servants.

Now, God sent Jacob another dream saying, "Take all these things and go away back to the land of Canaan, and I will be with you." Then Jacob obeyed, and got ready for the journey. But soon he began to wonder how his brother Esau would receive him. Would he have forgotten their old quarrel? This thought troubled Jacob greatly and he made up his mind to send messengers to tell his brother of his plans and to ask his favor.

Soon the messengers returned with the word that Esau was already on his way with four hundred men to meet him, and Jacob

was much frightened, thinking Esau still wished to do him harm. So he divided his flocks and servants into two companies for safety, and then prayed earnestly to God. In his prayer Jacob reminded the Lord of His goodness to his father Isaac and his grandfather Abraham, and the promise made to himself at Bethel, and thanked God also for his little ones and all his riches, saying, "I am not worthy to ask anything of the Lord; save me I pray Thee from the hand of my brother."

Then Jacob got ready a handsome present of five droves, of goats and sheep and camels and cows and asses and sent them, one drove at a time, in charge of a driver, as a peace-offering to Esau, and said, "When you see my brother, give him these and say that I am coming." Soon Jacob came to a little river and he spent a whole day in moving

his company across. When he had got them all safely over, it was night and he himself stayed behind to pray to God.

When Jacob was left alone, there came a man and wrestled with him, and Jacob strove hard against him until daybreak, when the stranger said, "Let me go," and with one touch of his finger he put Jacob's leg out of joint, so that it was lame from that day. Then Jacob knew that his adversary was from heaven and said, "I will not let you go until you bless me." And the angel said, "As a prince you have had power with God and with man, and have overcome. Your name shall be no longer Jacob, but Israel, Prince of God."

Then Jacob asked, "What is your name?" But the angel would not tell him, and as the sun arose he blessed Jacob and passed on His way. And Jacob called the place, Peniel, which means "the face of God", for, said he, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is

preserved." And the Lord prospered Jacob more and more and brought him in peace to his own country, and made his brother's heart kind toward him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the Lord bless Jacob in Haran?
2. How many sons had he? 3. Who told him to return to Canaan? 4. Why was he afraid to go back? 5. What news did he get on the way from Esau? 6. What was Jacob's prayer? 7. What did he send as a peace-offering to Esau? 8. Who wrestled with Jacob beside the brook? 9. What did the angel say at daybreak? 10. What was Jacob's answer? 11. How did Jacob find out that it was the Lord? 12. Would the stranger tell his name? 13. What did he say that Jacob should be called? 14. What does Israel mean? 15. What did Jacob call the place? 16. What does the word mean? 17. Why did he call it so? 18. What is the Golden Text?

A Child's Prayer

Father keep thy little one
Safe this night,
Through dark hours, until the sun
Brings us light.

In the rugged path of life
Guide thou me ;
Bring me through its toil and strife
Safe to Thee.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

Never to let go of God

Primary Catechism—45. How did Jesus die for us? Jesus was nailed on the cross by wicked men.

Shorter Catechism—94. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Saviour, hear me call,
Sinful though my heart may be,
Thou my life, my hope, my all,
Lord, abide with me.

Lonely in a stranger land,
Cast me not away from Thee,
Lead me by Thy gentle hand,
Lord, abide with me.

Amen.

—Hymn 579, Book of Praise

Lesson XII.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

September 22, 1901

Proverbs 23 : 29-35—Memory Verses 29-31.

Golden Text—Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging : and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20 : 1.



29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There was once a very wise king whose name was Solomon.

Indeed he was called the very

wisest man of olden times. He was so anxious to see the young men of his country grow up to be wise and good also, that he wrote a book full of wise rules for them to follow. It is called the book of Proverbs, and is now one of the books of the Bible.

There is one picture in it of a drunk man that is so ugly that the wise Teacher hoped it would warn boys and girls and people everywhere to keep far away from every kind of strong drink and greediness and overeating.

He said: "It is not safe to have anything to do with such things, for although wine is a pretty color, and is pleasant to the taste, at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. It also takes away men's senses and makes them do many foolish things."

The man in Solomon's picture was very unhappy, though he thought he was having a good time. His eyes were red and dim, so that he could hardly see where he was going. He was ready to quarrel and fight with every one he met. His talk was so foolish that people on the street were laughing at him, and his home was broken up.

At last he fell over into the ditch and lay there all night. Passers-by threw sticks and stones at him but he was too stupid to feel them. In the morning he awoke sick and covered with bruises and wounds. But instead of giving up his evil habits, he set out again for the wine shop.

"How," says the wise teacher, "can anyone be so foolish, and blind as this poor man? To give way to such things is as dangerous as lying down to sleep in the midst of the sea or on the top of a high pole or mast. It means death for the body in this life, and punishment in the world to come."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was the wisest king of olden times? 2. What was Solomon's book of rules called? 3. Where is the book of Proverbs to be found? 4. What was the sin of the man with the bleary eyes? 5. What does the Bible say about strong drink? 6. What does it do for a man's senses? 7.

How did the man in the picture behave? 8. Did anyone respect him? 9. Was the man happy or unhappy? 10. How did people treat him? 11. What makes the tasting of strong drink dangerous? 12. What foolish things did the Teacher say it was like? 13. What does it end in? 14. What is the Golden Text?

The Two Tenants

A rich man went away, and left two beautiful houses for two men to live in. He charged them no rent, and left the mansion completely furnished with every necessity and luxury.

One man kept his house beautifully. "It is not mine," he kept saying to himself, "it is only loaned to me to live in, and I ought to take the best care of it for my kind friend." So he saw that nothing went to ruin about the house, and he was always adding something to make the house stronger or more beautiful.

The second man treated his house shamefully. "It is not mine," he kept saying to himself. "In a few years I must move out of it. What's the difference if it does go

to wreck and ruin?" So to wreck and ruin it went. The furniture mouldered, the moths got into the carpet, and soon no one would have known it for the same house his kind friend had loaned to him.

Children, God has given us our bodies to live in for a few years. They are beautiful homes. See how fair and perfect everything about them is. Now, ought we to treat these houses like the first man, or the second? Our Heavenly Friend comes constantly to these houses He has loaned us. What does He find there? Are they sweet and clean, strong and well cared for, and all the time becoming more richly and beautifully furnished?

I hope so.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

To avoid strong drink



Primary Catechism—46. What was done with the body of Jesus after His death on the cross? The body of Jesus was taken by His friends and laid in a tomb, or grave. **47.** What happened on the third day after Jesus died and was buried? On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

Shorter Catechism—95. To whom is baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.

Lesson Hymn

Who is on the Lord's side?
Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers
Other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side?
Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side?
Who for Him will go?
By Thy call of mercy,
By Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side,
Saviour, we are Thine!

Amen.

—Hymn 252, Book of Praise

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

September 29, 1901

Golden Text—The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him.—Ps. 103 : 17.

Primary Catechism—Review Questions 34-47.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 84-95.

Lesson Hymn

See the shining dewdrops
On the flowers strewed,
Proving, as they sparkle,
' God is ever good.'

See the morning sunbeams
Lighting up the wood,
Silently proclaiming,
' God is ever good.'

Hear the mountain streamlet
In the solitude,
With its ripple saying,
' God is ever good.'

In the leafy tree-tops,
Where no fears intrude,
Merry birds are singing,
' God is ever good.'

He who came to save us
Shed His precious blood—
Better things it speaketh—
' God is ever good.'

Bring my heart, thy tribute,
Songs of gratitude ;
All things join to tell us,
' God is ever good.' Amen.

—Hymn 510, Book of Praise



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

Always to rest in God's love

| | Lesson Title | Golden Text |
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| LESSON I. | God the Creator of All Things. | In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.—Gen. 1 : 1. |
| LESSON II. | Beginning of Sin and Redemption. | Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.—Rom. 5 : 20. |
| LESSON III. | Noah Saved in the Ark. | Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.—Gen. 6 : 8. |
| LESSON IV. | God Calls Abram. | I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing.—Gen. 12 : 2. |
| LESSON V. | Abram and Lot. | Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—Matt. 7 : 12. |
| LESSON VI. | God's Promise to Abraham. | I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward.—Gen. 15 : 1. |
| LESSON VII. | Abraham's Intercession. | The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—James 5 : 16. |
| LESSON VIII. | Abraham and Isaac. | By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac.—Heb. 11 : 17. |
| LESSON IX. | Isaac the peacemaker. | Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.—Matt. 5 : 9. |
| LESSON X. | Jacob at Bethel. | Surely the Lord is in this place.—Gen. 28 : 16. |
| LESSON XI. | Jacob a Prince with God. | Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.—Luke 18 : 1. |
| LESSON XII. | Temperance Lesson. | Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20 : 1. |
| LESSON XIII. | REVIEW. | The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him.—Ps. 103 : 17. |

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

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| LESSON VI. God's Promise to Abram. | LESSON XII. Temperance Lesson. |

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR A HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1901

I. At signal, rise and sing or repeat together, "A CHILD'S CREED."

I believe in God the Father
 Who made us everyone,
 Who made the earth and heaven,
 The moon and stars and sun.
 All that we have each day
 To us by Him is given ;
 We call Him when we pray,
 "Our Father, in the Heaven."

I believe in Jesus Christ,
 The Father's only Son,
 Who came to us from Heaven,
 And loves us everyone.
 He taught us to be holy,
 Till on the cross He died,
 And now we call Him Saviour
 And Christ the crucified.

I believe God's Holy Spirit
 Is with us every day,
 And if we do not grieve Him,
 He never will go away.
 From heaven upon Jesus
 He came down like a dove ;
 And He dwelleth ever with us,
 To fill our hearts with love. Amen.

II. PRAYER.

III. COLLECTION.

IV. GESTURE HYMN.

V. BIRTHDAY OFFERING AND PRAYER.

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON—As the regular lessons are in the Old Testament this Quarter, it will be well to question on the life of Jesus, especially on such points as will give light upon and fit in with the day's lesson.

VII. SINGING.

VIII. LESSON.

IX. LESSON HYMN FOR THE QUARTER, 510, Book of Praise.

Bring, my heart, Thy tribute,
 Songs of gratitude ;
 All things join to tell us,
 God is ever good. Amen.

X. Repeat together "THE LORD'S PRAYER."