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## If You Don't

There's a little voice, "Do it,"  
I s'pose you all know,  
Who always speaks to you  
So soft and so low,

To make you do wrong,  
When you ought to do right--  
And he keeps on insisting  
From morning till night!

Now it wholly depends  
On how you behave,  
Whether he is your master,  
Or only your slave.

If once you yield to him  
You'll most always obey--  
If you don't, he just scampers.  
Right out of your way!

## More Wonderful Stories

There were wonderful things in the Lessons of last Quarter—the beginning of the heaven and of the earth and of people upon the earth; the beautiful garden, and how the first man and the first woman were driven out of it because they sinned against God; the story of the flood which destroyed the earth, and of the ark which saved Noah and his family; wonderful things, too, about Abraham, and Isaac, his son. The last story was a sad one, of how Isaac's son, Jacob, wronged his brother and deceived his father.

The Lessons of this new Quarter, also, are just as full as they can be of things the wee ones never tire of hearing. Some of

the very best-loved Bible stories are among those of this Quarter. There are so many of them, it will keep fathers and mothers busy to have them all ready to tell. The Lessons themselves only give bits of the stories; but the children should be told them all complete.

They begin with Jacob fleeing, sad and lonely, from his angry brother, whom he had cheated; and God has pity on him and shows him a vision of angels, and gives him wonderful promises to cheer him on the way. Then we see Jacob, years and years after, coming back again, and the angel of God wrestling with him by the river side and changing his name to that of a prince.

Then comes Joseph—next to Jesus, the greatest favorite of all with the children. Joseph's coat, Joseph's dreams, Joseph sold by his envious brothers as a slave, Joseph in prison, Joseph riding in his chariot next to the king, the visits of his brothers to him to buy food when the famine came, his forgiving them for the cruel wrong they had done him, the coming down of the old father and all his family into Egypt, Joseph forgotten, by and by, and his people all made slaves. Then there is the little babe in the ark among the bulrushes—no need to tell his name,—and his finding by the princess, and his training as a king's son, then his flight to the wilderness, and the burning bush, and his going back to Egypt at God's command, to deliver the people from slavery. Last of all there comes that strange, mysterious night when the firstborn children of the Egyptians were slain, and those of the Hebrews spared, and the dividing of the sea and the safe passage across it of Moses and

all the people. These are the ways parents and children and teachers will all travel together these three months to come.

It will be a delightful Quarter's study, for in all the stories they will never lose sight of God, and they will learn over and over and over again that God is the sure Guide of those who love and trust Him.

### God and the Snowflakes

*By Nannie Lee Frayser*

As early as three years of age, children have been known to give unmistakable evidences that they have arrived at a consciousness of God as their Father. He has taken form and shape to them, and become part of their daily life.

We are apt to say children think beyond themselves when they ask us some very pertinent questions, about this time; but the real truth is they are thinking beyond *us*; and we fortify ourselves behind the never-failing barricade of the grown-up by saying, "Hush!" or, "Wait until you are older, to talk about that."

Recently a Jewish mother who has a very thoughtful little son, three years old, came to his kindergarten teacher and said, "We have decided not to let Bernard hear anything about God or heaven, until he is older; for he is naturally such a thoughtful child, we are afraid he will become morbid in his questions, if he hears about anything so remote from his present life. So, if you are going to have any circle work, with any teaching of this kind in it, please do not have him present."

Of course the kindergartener at once agreed to respect the mother's courteous request, and therefore the little boy was carefully guarded from any approach to the subject of God or heaven. However, one snowy day, early in the winter, as he stood by the window watching the feathery flakes float downward, after looking intently skyward for a while, he turned to his mother, with a sympathetic little shiver, and asked earnestly, "Mother, aren't God's feet cold up there, where all the snow is coming from?"

Nobody had taught him that God made the snow, nobody had dwelt upon God's

loving, tender care for him; and yet the little fellow by some impulse, inexplicable to his own mother, felt drawn toward that God above, and was sorry that He should be cold.

Children feel much that they do not readily put into words; but now and then the rare occasion comes, when just a sentence gives us a glimpse into what has been going on in their minds for a long time. Happy are we, if we are able, at that moment, to make the most of the opportunity to strengthen the child's hold upon the idea that God *is*; and *does*; and loves His little children, like a great-hearted Father.

Louisville, Ky.

### The Wrong Side of the Street

She was a tiny morsel of a girl, quaint and sweet and shy; nobody could have resisted her. The friend upon whom her mother was calling, held out her hand beguilingly. "O, you little brown mouse, I must take you up to the children. Don't you want to come with me, and see a whole roomful o' dollies?"

The little maid drew closer to her mother, but at the mother's word, "Run along, dear, for a few minutes," put her hand into that of her new friend and walked quietly away with her, although the brown eyes for a second filled with tears.

When the hostess returned to her caller she spoke of it. "I felt like an ogre to take her away," she said. "I was all ready to retreat, but I saw that you wanted her to go, and I was afraid of interfering with discipline. How dear she was about it!"

"Oh, Marjory understands," Marjory's mother replied, quickly. "We are fighting her shyness together. When I was a child I was even more shy than she, and seeing how I suffered at meeting strangers, everybody humored me and let me have my way. Many and many a time I have crossed the street or even gone round a square, to avoid meeting a neighbor.

"The consequence was that I had few friends, and grew up lonely and miserable, till my eyes were opened by an old teacher. 'How can you expect to have friends', she

asked, 'if you persist in going upon the other side of the street?' I am determined that Marjory shall not fall into the habit of the wrong side of the street."

### The Rock-a-By Route

O, Hush-a-By Land is a beautiful place  
For sleepy small people to go,  
And the Rock-a-By Route is the favorite one  
With a certain wee laddie I know.

The track lies on sleepers of feathers and down,  
No accidents ever take place;  
Though there's only one track, there is only  
one train,  
But it runs at a wonderful pace.

There are beautiful things to be seen on this  
route,  
If you're good you may just take a peep;  
But strange as it seems, they are seen best  
in dreams;  
So be sure that you soon go to sleep.

Say good-night to the Sun, for he's off to  
bed too—  
He can't hear you, so just wave your hand;  
The Moon and the Stars they will light up  
the cars  
As you travel to Hush-a-By Land.

So, quick, jump aboard, it is time to be off,  
You have nothing to pay, you young elf;  
Just think of the luxury, laddie, you'll have—  
A whole sleeping-car to yourself!  
—Frederic B. Hodgins

### Who Were the Two Boys?

There was once a great ruler who had two sons, and one day he took them to visit their grandfather who was ill. Now this grandfather was a very good old man, and a prophet besides; and he said he would like to bless the boys. The ruler was very much pleased, and placed his elder son at the grandfather's right hand and the younger at the left. Now the grandfather was blind; but he crossed his hands, and put his right hand on the younger boy's head. "No, my father," said the ruler, "put your right hand on the head of my elder son."

But the grandfather said, "No," for the younger son would be greater than the elder. So he blessed the boys, and in after years his words came true; for the younger son became the head of a greater tribe than his brother. *Who were the two boys?*

### How Coals of Fire Got His Name

"Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." It was the next Sunday's Golden Text, and Jim and Charlie were trying to get it committed. Their papa and mama were away from home, and the boys and baby Ruth were out on the porch. On the stone walk below lay a strange dog, which seemed to consider itself quite at home. Baby Ruth, discovering its presence, went down to it at once, and began to try to make friends with it.

"Good doggie," she said, as she patted its rough hair, "do you know your text? Say 'coals of fire,' doggie, 'coals of fire.'"

"Ruth, what are you doing? Come here at once. That dog might bite you. Get out of here, you cur!" and the boys both began picking up pine cones, which had fallen on the porch, and threw them at the poor dog, which hid behind some bushes near. Ruth went back to the porch crying, and was soon fast asleep on the mat near the edge of the porch.

The text finally committed, Jim said, "Ruth's asleep. Let's go hunt the eggs," and away they went.

They had been gone but a few minutes when the strange dog came bounding into the hay mow where they were. It was barking and howling like mad. It would run first to one, then the other, and back again to the ladder. The boys tried to drive it away, but it would not go. At length Charlie said, "Let's follow it, and see what is the matter."

They were scarcely outside the barn before the dog was back to the house, standing howling beside a little heap on the stone walk.

"Oh, Jim! It's Ruth!" cried Charlie. In an instant both saw what had happened. They found her white and still, and when

they called she did not answer. Charlie ran, crying, for the doctor; while Jim carried the precious little form into the house.

The parents and the doctor came at the same time. How frightened they all were! The doctor looked grave and said, "You did not send for me a moment too soon."

Finally after an hour's unconsciousness, the baby's eyes opened, and seeing her papa she said, "P'as don't let the boys hurt my Coals of Fire."

"What does she mean?" asked the father. Then the boys explained, and he said, "It is a good name for the dog, boys; for he has surely taught you what your Golden Text means. Even though you were unkind to him, he has saved our darling for us."

Coals of Fire has a kennel now, and he wears a silver collar with his name written on it. He has such good food that his hair is no longer rough, and he is Ruth's constant companion.—Sunday School Messenger

### A True Pearl

One day, a little baby girl came into a home in China. "Oh," you say, "that was just lovely!" But the baby's mother did not think so. She didn't want a little girl. A girl cannot go out and earn money with which to buy rice for the family. Neither can she furnish the paper money, furniture, clothes, etc., which must be burned at the graves of parents, and are supposed to be changed into the real articles for their use in the spirit world. A girl is of no use.

So there were no firecrackers to let the neighbors know that she had arrived, and no feast given in honor of the event, as there would have been had she been a boy. The baby was never even given a name, but just called Girl.

She was wrapped in some old rags, put in a basket, and allowed to remain there all day if her mother were at home, or tied to her back if she went to the riverside to wash. She had no toys. The house in which she lived had mud walls and floor, the windows were of paper, and the roof was thatched with straw. Festoons of cobwebs hung from the rafters. Sometimes these, becoming heavy with smoke, would break away and fall right

on the baby's face, and, after being mingled with her tears, would leave her even more grimy than before. Two black pigs, and several hens and chickens lived in the house with her.

As she grew older, she was made the drudge for the household, and was obliged to scrape the rice kettle for her food, after her father and brothers had eaten.

One day her mother brought home a pretty earring, and her eyes shone with delight, as she thought it was for her. But she was doomed to disappointment. It was for her little brother. The mother was going to hang it in the ear of her precious boy to deceive the wicked spirits. They would see the earring and think him a girl, and not steal him away. For not even wicked spirits would care to steal a girl.

When she was five years old, her grandmother said it was time to make her "lily feet." So she doubled under all her toes but the big one, brought the ball of the foot and the heel together, and bound them tightly with a long bandage. Did it hurt? Yes, indeed. Girl cried, and begged to have her feet unbound. But her mother scolded and whipped her for crying, and said she could never find a husband for her if she had large feet like a slave's.

Soon after this her mother died, and her father brought her to our school, saying he could no longer care for her. Her great, black, sad eyes appealed to us, and we took her into our love and home. We unbound her poor little crippled feet, gave her a bath, and dressed her in clean clothes. When shoes and stockings were put on her feet, and she was told that never again was she to have the cruel bandages, she was overjoyed.

At night, after repeating, "Now I lay me," she was tucked away in a little crib under a bright-colored patchwork quilt, and she looked as though she had found a real fairyland. Then, of course, we must give her a name. One of the older girls suggested that we call her True Pearl. Although she came out of a dirty Chinese house, we think her far more precious than the pearls that are found in oyster shells. She is one of the little ones for whom Christ died.—Children's Missionary Friend

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1907

[Pains should be taken to cultivate in the little ones a spirit of quiet reverence when they come to worship God and study His Word. Everything in the teacher's voice and manner, whilst bright and cheerful, should impress the idea that a very holy service is to be commenced.]

I. SINGING. Hymn Selected.

II. PRAYER.

III. REPEAT IN CONCERT the Golden Text for the Quarter : "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee."

IV. COLLECTION. Basket passed by two children, while the others sing Hymn 489, Book of Praise, verses 5, 6 and 7.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn verse by verse, and repeat Scripture Memory Passage, The Heavenly City, Rev. 21 : 1-7. Review Hymn 509, Book of Praise, learned in previous Quarter.

VI. SINGING. Hymn 548, Book of Praise.

I am so glad that our Father in heaven  
Tells of His love in the book He has given :  
Wonderful things in the Bible I see;  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves me.

*I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me,  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves even me.*

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. REPEAT IN CONCERT the Golden Texts of previous Lessons in the Quarter.

IX. HYMN FOR QUARTER. Hymn 297, Book of Praise (see Lesson XIII.).

X. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XI. GOLDEN TEXT for the day. To be repeated in concert until thoroughly learned.

XII. CLOSING HYMN, 565, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2.

God of heaven, hear our singing,  
Only little ones are we;  
Yet, a great petition bringing,  
Father, now we come to Thee.

Let Thy kingdom come, we pray Thee,  
Let the world in Thee find rest;  
Let all know Thee, and obey Thee—  
Loving, praising, blessing, blest.

XIII. CLOSING PRAYER, ending with the Lord's Prayer, repeated in concert.

Genesis 28 : 1-5, 10-22—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

**Golden Text**—Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.—Genesis 28 : 15.



- 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.
- 20 And Ja'cob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
- 21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace ; then shall the **LORD** be my God :
- 22 And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house : and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

When Rebekah knew that Esau wished to kill Jacob, she planned to send Jacob away. But she did not want to tell his father of the quarrel between the brothers. So she went to Isaac one day, and said, "Is it not time that Jacob was married? Let us send him away now to look for a wife." At once Isaac agreed, and calling Jacob said to him. "Do not marry one of the heathen women of this land, but go instead to Padanaram, where your uncle Laban lives, and ask for one of his daughters as a wife."

Then Isaac prayed to God to be with Jacob, to bless and take care of him, and give him many children to inherit the land which God had promised Abraham should one day belong to him and his descendants.

1 And I'saac called Ja'cob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Ca'naan.

2 Arise, go to Pa'dan-ar'am, to the house of Bethu'el thy mother's father ; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of La'ban thy mother's brother.

3 And God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a multitude of people ;

4 And give thee the blessing of A'braham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee ; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto A'braham.

5 And I'saac sent away Ja'cob : and he went to Pa'dan-ar'am unto La'ban, son of Bethu'el the Syr'ian, the brother of Rebek'ah, Ja'cob's and E'sau's mother.

10 And Ja'cob went out from Beer-she'ba, and went toward Har'an.

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 A'braham 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.

After his father had blessed him, Jacob set out on his journey. He was alone. The journey was very long and tiresome, and there was no tent nor house to sleep in on the way; so, when night came, he took a stone for his pillow and lay down in a lonely place to sleep on the hard ground.

But God was watching over Jacob, and sent him a beautiful dream to comfort him. In this dream, Jacob saw a ladder reaching up to the sky, and on the steps were bright angels going up and coming down; and at the top was God Himself. And God spoke to Jacob, saying, "I am the Lord God of Abraham and of Isaac, and I will be with you to take care of you wherever you go; and I will bring you safely home again, and



give this land of Canaan in which you are sleeping to you and to your children to live in."

Then Jacob awoke out of his sleep, and he was filled with awe and gladness to think that God was so near him. He wished never to forget the place where he had this wonderful dream; so he took the stone which had been his pillow and set it up for a mark. Then, because he had no lamb to sacrifice, he poured oil instead on the stone, as a thank-offering, and said, "If God will take care of me and give me bread to eat, and clothes to wear, and bring me home again in safety, He shall be my God forever, and I will give the tenth of all that I possess to Him"; and Jacob made up his mind that he would always think of Bethel and the stone that he had used for a pillow as God's house.

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Rebekah get Isaac to let Jacob leave home?
2. What did Isaac say to Jacob?
3. What did Jacob then do?
4. Where did he sleep one night?
5. Who was watching over him?
6. What sort of place was it?
7. What did he see in his dream?
8. What promise did God make to him?
9. What did he do when he awoke?
10. What promise did he make to God?
11. What did he say would be God's house?
12. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Story

Eva's father and mother were missionaries, and when she was six years old, they found they must send their little girl to their old home in Canada, for she would never be well in the hot country of India, where they lived. Eva thought it very hard to have to leave her dear home, and on the last night, when her mother was putting her to bed, and she looked out at the bright moon, her sobs broke out afresh.

"I won't see you any more, either," she said to it. "Oh, yes, dear," said mother. "The very same moon will shine on you there as here, and God who made it will go with you and stay with you always; so you can talk to Him at grandpapa's just as you do at home here, and when you know He is watching you, try to please Him in everything you do."

#### Lesson Hymn

O God of Bethel ! by whose hand  
Thy people still are fed;  
Who through this weary pilgrimage  
Hast all our fathers led :

Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
Before Thy throne of grace ;  
God of our fathers ! be the God  
Of their succeeding race. Amen.

—Hymn 301, Book of Praise

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—21. **Who were the first man and the first woman?** Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman.

SHORTER CATECHISM—51. *What is forbidden in the second commandment?* A. The second commandment forbiddeth the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his word.

#### The Question on Missions

(Second Quarter, HONAN, MACAO and SHANGHAI.) 1. What and where is Honan? Honan is one of the eighteen provinces of China. It is situated near the centre of the northern half of the Empire, and is about as large as all Ontario as far north as Lake Nipissing.

#### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As Jacob slept on the ground all alone in that wild rocky place, God and His angels



were watching him. And so God watches us by day and by night. Color the picture.

**I Have Learned To-day**  
THAT ANGELS ARE MY HELPERS

## Lesson II.

## GOD GIVES JACOB A NEW NAME

April 14, 1907

Genesis 32 : 9-12, 22-30—Memory Verses, 26-28.

**Golden Text**—Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.—Luke 10 : 20.

9 And Ja'cob said, O God of my father A'braham, and God of my father I'saac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee :

10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant ; for with my staff I passed over this Jor'dan ; and now I am become two bands.

11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of E'sau : for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, and the mother with the children.

12 And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jab'ok.

23 And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

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 Is'rael : 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 Pen'iel : for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob lived with his uncle Laban many years, and helped him to take care of his flocks. He received as his wages flocks and herds of his own, and servants, and God blessed him, so that he became a very rich man. Then he began to long to go back to his old home, and at last he set out, taking with him his two wives—who were Laban's daughters, his eleven sons, and all his flocks, and everything he owned.

There was one thing, however, that made Jacob feel afraid to go back to Canaan. He remembered that his brother Esau had once said he would kill him; and when he was near his home and heard that his brother was coming to meet him, with four hundred men, he thought surely that Esau meant to do him harm.

So Jacob began to pray, saying, "Oh, God, Thou hast been very kind to me, and given me more riches and more blessings than I deserved; do not let Esau come now and hurt me and kill my wives and my little children, for Thou didst promise to take

care of me and bring me safely home again."

Then Jacob felt sure that God would hear his prayer, and went on his journey. At night time he reached a stream, which was so shallow at one place that it could be easily crossed. Jacob watched until the whole company was safely over, his wives, his children, his servants and cattle, and he only was left.

Then suddenly a strange man came, in the darkness, and wrestled with him. But Jacob was strong and sure on his feet and could not be thrown down, so they fought on and on, almost till daylight.

Then all at once the man reached out and touched Jacob's thigh, and it was put out of joint; so that he could fight no longer. Jacob knew then that the man must have some heavenly power, and held him fast, praying him to bless him before he went away.

"What is your name?" asked the Man, and he answered, "Jacob". "You shall not be called Jacob any longer", said the Man, "for I will give you a new name, 'Israel',

which means a prince with God; for you are not the weak, selfish man you once were, but have shown yourself a new man, brave and patient as a prince, in wrestling all night with the angel of God." Then Jacob begged the angel to tell him *his* name, but the angel said there was no need for him to know his name, and he blessed Jacob and went away.

But though the angel would not tell his name, Jacob knew that he was an angel from heaven, and that God had sent him to bless him. So Jacob was very thankful, and when he found himself alone again, he called the place Peniel. This word means "face of God", and he gave it this name because, as he said, "I have seen God face to face and still my life is saved."

And after that wonderful night spent all alone with God's angel, Jacob was a much better man, and really lived up to his beautiful new name—the name Israel.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How long did Jacob live with his uncle Laban? 2. What work did Jacob do for him? 3. What wages did he receive? 4. How rich did he become? 5. On what journey did he at length set out? 6. Whom did he take with him? 7. What else did he take? 8. Why was he frightened? 9. What did he then do? 10. How was Jacob at one time all alone? 11. What strange thing happened? 12. How did the Man at last conquer him? 13. What did Jacob ask of him? 14. What new name did the Man give Jacob? 15. Why? 16. What did Jacob call the place? 17. Why? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

In China, a baby boy was once called "Beggar" by his father, to make his idols think that he did not care for his son. But the father became a Christian, and when he sent his little boy to the Mission School, the missionary was glad that the ugly name could now be changed—for children in China are always given new names when they begin school; so she called him "I King", which means, "like gold". The missionary hoped his new name would always help him to be "good as gold".

### Lesson Hymn

Simply trusting every day,  
Trusting through a stormy way,  
Even when my faith is small:  
Trusting Jesus—that is all.

*Trusting as the moments fly,  
Trusting as the days go by;  
Trusting Him what'er befall:  
Trusting Jesus—that is all. Amen.*  
—Hymn 293, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—22. In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, that can never die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—52. What are the reasons annexed to the second commandment?

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

### The Question on Missions

2. How large is our mission field in Honan? Our mission occupies only about one-fourth of the whole province. Its population is said to be over six millions, and no other Protestant missionaries work in it but those from the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Jacob prayed that God would save him from the anger of Esau, and the Lord heard and answered him. When we ask God for



something we want very much, He always hears and will give us what we ask, if it is good for us. Copy the picture.

### I Have Learned Today That

I SHOULD NOT WANDER FROM GOD

## Lesson III.

## JOSEPH SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS

April 21, 1907

Genesis 37 : 5-28—Memory Verses, 26-28.

**Golden Text**—For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.—James 3 : 16.



5 And Jo'seph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren : and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed :

7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright ; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us ? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us ? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more ; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren : and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed ? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth ?

11 And his brethren envied him ; but his father observed the saying.

12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in She'chem.

13 And Is'rael said unto Jo'seph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in She'chem ? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I.

14 And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks ; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of He'bron, and he came to She'chem.

15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field : and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou ?

16 And he said, I seek my brethren : tell me, I pray thee, where they feed their flocks. 17 And the man said, They are departed hence ; for I heard them say, Let us go to Do'than. And Jo'seph went after his brethren, and found them in Do'than.

18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him : and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reu'ben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands ; and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reu'ben said unto them, Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him ; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 And it came to pass, when Jo'seph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Jo'seph out of his coat, his coat of many colours that was on him ;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit : and the pit was empty, there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread : and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ish'meelites came from Gil'ead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to E'gypt.

26 And Ju'dah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood ? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ish'meelites, and let not our hand be upon him ; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Mid'ianites merchantmen ; and they drew and lifted up Jo'seph out of the pit, and sold Jo'seph to the Ish'meelites for twenty pieces of silver : and they brought Jo'seph into E'gypt.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob met Esau on good terms and the brothers parted, with their quarrel all settled. Then Jacob finished his journey to his old home and settled near by.

Jacob had now twelve sons, ten of whom were grown up, but the youngest, Joseph and Benjamin, were only boys. Jacob loved Joseph very much and gave him a beautifully colored coat, and this made his brothers very jealous.

Now it happened that, one night, Joseph had a strange dream, and he told his brothers

about it. He said he dreamed they were all in a field, making up large bundles of grain called sheaves, and all his brothers' sheaves bowed down to his sheaf.

The brothers were very angry when they heard this, and said, "We suppose you mean that some time we shall bow down to you," and they hated him more than ever.

Soon after, Joseph had another strange dream, which he told to his father, as well as to his brothers. He thought he saw the sun, moon and eleven stars in the sky, and they

all bowed down to him. His father was surprised at hearing Joseph's dream and said, "Does the sun mean me, and the moon your mother, and the stars your brothers, and do you expect us to bow down to you?"

Jacob had a great many flocks and herds; so his older sons sometimes used to take the sheep far away, where there was plenty of water and fresh grass. Once, Jacob wanted to know how his sons were; so he sent Joseph to visit them.

The brothers saw Joseph coming, long before he reached them, and they said to each other, "Here comes this dreamer! Let us kill him, and throw him into a deep pit, and tell our father that a lion or bear has eaten him up." But his brother Reuben said, "Do not kill him, but only throw him into a pit"; for he meant to take him out again, unknown to the others, and send him back to his father.

So, when Joseph came up, the cruel brothers took off his beautiful coat, threw him into a great empty pit, and sat down to eat their dinner. As they were eating, a company of merchants on camels passed along the road, and one of the brothers, called Judah, said, "Instead of killing Joseph, let us sell him to these men." So they took Joseph out of the pit, and sold him to the merchants, who carried him away to Egypt to sell him there as a slave.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Jacob and Esau act when they met? 2. Where did Jacob then go? 3. How many sons had he? 4. What were the names of the two youngest? 5. What first made the brothers jealous of Joseph? 6. What strange dream did Joseph tell his

brothers? 7. What did they say? 8. What second dream had Joseph? 9. On what errand did Jacob send Joseph? 10. What did the brothers say, when they saw him coming? 11. What was Reuben's plan? 12. What did they do next? 13. Who came along the road? 14. What then became of Joseph? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Though troubles assail,  
And dangers affright,  
Though friends should all fail,  
And foes all unite;  
Yet one thing secures us,  
Whatever betide,  
The Scripture assures us,  
'The Lord will provide.' Amen.  
—Hymn 16, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD NOT FEAR DANGER

### The Catechism

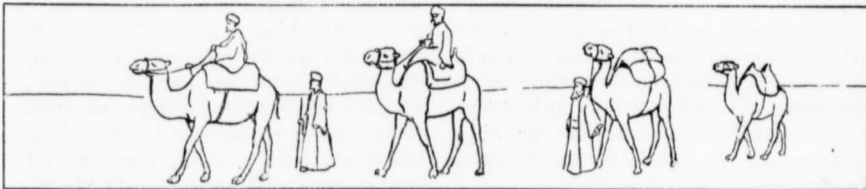
PRIMARY CATECHISM—23. For what purpose was man made? Man was made to love and serve God, and to be happy with Him forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—53. Which is the third commandment? A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

### The Question on Missions

3. What kind of people live in Honan? The people in Honan are not small in stature like the men from Canton who come to Canada. They are about the same size as ourselves. But they are very poor. A man with \$1,000 is considered wealthy. They are also very ignorant. Only about ten in a hundred can read.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



Here is a picture of a number of people traveling over the desert, camels, horses, and people. It is called a caravan. Poor Joseph was carried away by just such a company. Color the picture.

Genesis 39 : 20 to 40 : 15—Memory Verses, 21, 22.

**Golden Text**—Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—  
Revelation 2 : 10.



look ye so sadly to day? 8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Jo'seph said unto them, *Do not* interpretations *belong* to God? tell me *them*, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Jo'seph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine *was* before me;

10 And in the vine *were* three branches : and it *was* as though it budded, and her blossoms shot forth ; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes :

11 And Phar'aoh's cup *was* in my hand : and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Phar'aoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Phar'aoh's hand.

12 And Jo'seph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it : The three branches *are* three days :

13 Yet within three days shall Phar'aoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place : and thou shalt deliver Phar'aoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.

14 But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Phar'aoh, and bring me out of this house :

15 For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the He'brews : and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

20 And Jo'seph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound : and he was there in the prison.

21 But the LORD was with Jo'seph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Jo'seph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison ; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that *was* under his hand ; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

Ch. 40 : 1 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of E'gypt and his baker had offended their lord the king of E'gypt.

2 And Phar'aoh was wroth against two of his officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers.

3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Jo'seph *was* bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Jo'seph with them, and he served them : and they continued a season in ward.

5 And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of E'gypt, which *were* bound in the prison.

6 And Jo'seph came in unto them in the morning, and looked upon them, and, behold, they *were* sad,

7 And he asked Phar'aoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore

### THE LESSON RETOLD

When the merchants who had bought Joseph carried him to Egypt, they sold him there to a rich man named Potiphar, one of the king's great officers. This man was kind to Joseph, and made him a servant in his own house.

Joseph tried to be a good servant, knowing that God's eyes were watching him, and took great pains to please his master, who trusted him more and more every day, until at last he was given full charge over all the other servants, and the whole of his master's property.

But although Joseph did his work faithfully and well, Potiphar's wife hated him, and wanted to get rid of him. She told lies

to her husband about him. Potiphar was so foolish as to believe her, and told his men to put Joseph into the prison, where the king's prisoners were kept.

But God was with Joseph even in the prison, and He put it into the heart of the keeper to be kind to him. This man, too, soon found out that he could trust Joseph with anything, so he gave him charge of the other prisoners. One day, two officers of the king of Egypt were brought in, and Joseph was told to watch them carefully. One was the butler who brought the king his wine to drink, and the other was his chief baker; and they had both made the king very angry by something they had done.

One morning, when Joseph came in to see them, they both looked so sad, that he asked them what was troubling them. "We have each had a very strange dream", they answered, "and we think the dreams must have some meaning, but we cannot find it out, and there is nobody in the prison who can tell us." Then Joseph said, "But my God knows all things. He will explain the meaning, if you will only tell me your dreams."

The butler told his dream first. He said, "I thought I saw a grape-vine, which had three budding branches. Soon the buds grew into ripe grapes, and I picked them, and squeezed the juice into a cup, and brought the wine to the king, as I used to do." "The three branches", explained Joseph, "mean that in three days the king will send for you to be his butler again."

Then Joseph begged the butler, when he was once more beside the king, to ask him to take him out of prison, for he had been stolen away from his home, and had done nothing to deserve to be put in prison.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom did the merchants sell Joseph?
2. How did Potiphar's wife try to get rid of him?
3. What happened next?
4. How was Joseph treated in prison?
5. Why?
6. What two men were given into his charge?
7. What troubled these men?
8. What did Joseph advise them to do?
9. What was the butler's dream?
10. What did Joseph say it meant?
11. What did he ask the butler to do for him?
12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

An old fairy story tells of a princess who once received as a present, a silver egg. When it was opened, she found inside a yolk of gold, and inside that was a beautiful bird, and in the bird's breast was a jeweled crown, while in the crown was found a tiny ring of diamonds, which just fitted the princess's finger. Each little gift was a sign to the princess that there was something more to come, better than the last. Our lives are like that silver egg: there are so many good things God has given us, if we only look for them and find them.

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Master, I am Thine :  
 Keep me faithful, keep me near ;  
 Let Thy presence in me shine,  
 All my homeward way to cheer.  
 Jesus, at Thy feet I fall,  
 O be Thou my all in all. Amen.  
 —Hymn 240, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—24. What kind of persons were Adam and Eve when God made them? God made Adam and Eve holy and happy.

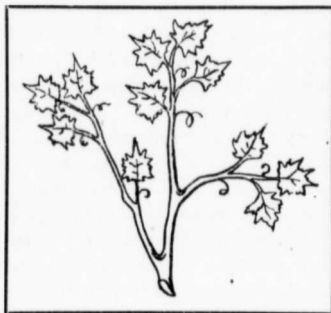
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 51-53.

### The Question on Missions

4. How was the Honan mission founded? About twenty years ago, college students in Canada began to feel a deeper interest in missions. Rev. Dr. J. Frazer Smith from Queen's University and Rev. Jonathan Go-forth from Knox College, were sent to China. Rev. Donald MacGillivray, Dr. McClure and others were soon after appointed, and these men began our mission in Honan.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

This is a grape-vine, with three branches, like the one the butler saw in his dream.



How wonderful that Joseph could tell that they meant three days! He could never have known this, if God had not told him. Color the picture.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD GIVES ME MY FRIENDS

**Golden Text**—If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.—James 1 : 5.



49 And Jo'seph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering ; for it was without number.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

One night, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, had two very strange dreams, which he longed to know the meaning of, but none of the wise men of his kingdom could tell him what they meant. Then the butler, who had long ago forgotten Joseph and all his kindness, all at once remembered him, and told the king how he had explained to him his dream in the prison.

So Joseph was sent for and brought before Pharaoh. The king told Joseph his two dreams and asked him their meaning. Joseph first told Pharaoh that it was God who helped him to tell the meanings of dreams, and then went on to say that the dreams the king had dreamt meant, that, for seven years, a great deal of grain would grow in the land of Egypt, but, for seven years after that, hardly any would grow.

Then Joseph gave the king some good advice. He said, "Save up as much as you can of the grain, when there is so much, and then there will be plenty to eat, when there is none growing in the fields. Look then for a wise man who will gather together

38 And Phar'aoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is ?

39 And Phar'aoh said unto Jo'seph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none* so discreet and wise as thou art :

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled : only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Phar'aoh said unto Jo'seph, See, I have set thee over all the land of E'gypt.

42 And Phar'aoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Jo'seph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck :

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had ; and they cried before him, Bow the knee : and he made him ruler over all the land of E'gypt.

44 And Phar'aoh said unto Jo'seph, I am Phar'aoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of E'gypt.

45 And Phar'aoh called Jo'seph's name Zaph'nath-paane'ah ; and he gave him to wife As'enath the daughter of Poti'pherah priest of On. And Jo'seph went out over all the land of E'gypt.

46 And Jo'seph was thirty years old when he stood before Phar'aoh king of E'gypt. And Jo'seph went out from the presence of Phar'aoh, and went through-out all the land of E'gypt.

47 And in the seven plenteous years the earth brought forth by handfuls.

48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of E'gypt, and laid up the food in the cities : the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same.

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and put the grain into granaries, to be kept till people need it."

Pharaoh turned to his servants : "Where", he asked, "can we find a wiser man than Joseph ? He shall save up the grain." And he said to Joseph, "Because God has made you so very wise, you shall help me to manage all my people, and you shall be the greatest person in the land, next to me." And Pharaoh gave Joseph the ring off his hand, and beautiful clothes like his own, and a gold chain for his neck. He gave him, too, a chariot to ride in, and commanded the people to bow down whenever they saw him.

So Joseph, who was now only thirty years old, was made a great lord ; but he was not idle. He drove about the country in his chariot, gathering up the grain everywhere, and he built great storehouses in the cities, and filled them with the grain. He did this during all the seven years of plenty, until he had so much food stored up, that it could not be counted.

And so he spent his time, not eating and



drinking, but in doing useful work. He married one of the great ladies of the land, and had two little sons. Yet, with all his riches and honors, Joseph often thought of his old father, and hoped that some day he should see him again.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who could not find out the meaning of two strange dreams he had?
2. Who told Pharaoh where to find a man who could explain them?
3. What then happened?
4. What did Joseph say the king's dreams meant?
5. What good advice did he give, besides?
6. What did the king say then?
7. What presents did Pharaoh give Joseph?
8. What did he command his people to do?
9. What did Joseph do during the seven good years?
10. Whom did Joseph marry?
11. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Noni was a little girl living in India, who was being brought up to worship idols instead of the one true God. A terrible famine came upon India, until Noni's mother did not even have a grain of rice left to eat. So she brought her little girl to the Mission house, and said, "Will you take care of her, or she will die?" So the kind missionary took the little girl in, and kept her for a long time, and taught her about Jesus, and how wrong it was to worship idols. Then Noni said, "I will go back and tell all my people about this."

But they only laughed, when she did go, crying out, "Oh, you are very grand now, trying to teach us!" Then Noni said humbly, "Indeed, I do not feel grand, but it is such a beautiful story, I wanted to tell it to you." And at last they did listen to her, and many gave up their idols to worship God.

### Lesson Hymn

O happy is the man who hears  
Instruction's warning voice;  
And who celestial Wisdom makes  
His early, only choice.

In her right hand she holds to view  
A length of happy days;  
Riches, with splendid honors joined,  
Are what her left displays. Amen.

—Hymn 127, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—25. Where did God place Adam and Eve?** God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in Eden.

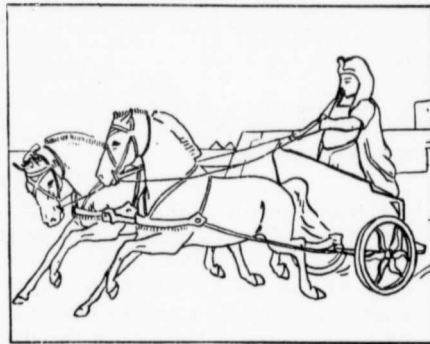
**SHORTER CATECHISM—54. What is required in the third commandment?** A. The third commandment requireth the holy and reverent use of God's names, titles, attributes, ordinances, word, and works. **55. What is forbidden in the third commandment?** A. The third commandment forbiddeth all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God makes himself known.

### The Question on Missions

5. How is North Honan divided for mission purposes? In North Honan, there are three chief cities, Chang Te Fu, Wei Hui Fu, and Hwai Ch'ing Fu, each being the capital of a group of about eight counties. We have a mission in each of these cities. Wei Hui is the most central. Chang Te is 60 miles north, and Hwai Ch'ing 80 miles southwest of it.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

When we look at Joseph riding in his beautiful chariot, we think what a great change has come to him! He came to



Egypt as a slave and now he is the ruler of the whole land. He rose because he always did the right. *Color the picture.*

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WILL MAKE ME WISE

Genesis 45 : 1-15 ; 50 : 15-21—Memory Verses, 4, 5.

**Golden Text**—Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Ephesians 4 : 32.



1 Then Jo'seph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him ; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Jo'seph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud : and the Egypt'ians and the house of Phar'aoth heard.

3 And Jo'seph said unto his brethren, I am Jo'seph ; doth my father yet live ? And his brethren could not answer him ; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Jo'seph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Jo'seph your brother, whom ye sold into E'gypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither : for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land : and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God : and he hath made me a father to Phar'aoth, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of E'gypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Jo'seph, God hath made me lord of all E'gypt : come down unto me, tarry not :

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Go'shen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast :

11 And there will I nourish thee ; for yet there are five years of famine ; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Ben'jamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in E'gypt, and of all that ye have seen ; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Ben'jamin's neck, and wept ; and Ben'jamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them : and after that his brethren talked with him.

Ch. 50 : 15 And when Jo'seph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Jo'seph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him.

16 And they sent a messenger unto Jo'seph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying,

17 So shall ye say unto Jo'seph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin ; for they did unto thee evil : and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Jo'seph wept when they spake unto him.

18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face ; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants.

19 And Jo'seph said unto them, Fear not : for am I in the place of God ?

20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me ; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

21 Now therefore fear ye not : I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Pharaoh's dreams came true, just as Joseph had said. There were, first, seven years of plenty, and then came a famine, when no grain grew in the fields. So the people went to Joseph, and he opened his great storehouses, and sold them the grain he had stored up.

Many people came from a great way off to buy grain, and, amongst others, came Joseph's brothers. It was twenty years since they had seen him; so, when they saw the great lord of Egypt, they never thought it was the young lad they had sold for a slave. But Joseph knew them, although he did not

tell them so, when they first came to him.

He wanted to find out whether they were really sorry for the way in which they had treated him, so many years before; and when he discovered that they were not the wicked, cruel men they had once been, he made up his mind to tell them who he was.

At last one day, when he could keep his secret no longer, he sent all his servants out of the room, and when he and his brothers were left alone, he told them who he was, and also asked if his father were still alive.

His brothers, when they heard this, were so frightened that they could not speak.

But Joseph spoke kindly to them, saying, "Do not grieve because you sold me. God let you do it, that I might save grain here, to feed you and your children. Now make haste, and go to my father, and tell him that I have great riches and power in Egypt, and bring him here to live near me, and you, too, must come, and live near me, and bring also your flocks and your herds and your children with you, so that I may be able to feed you all, during the five years of famine that are yet to come." Then Joseph threw his arms around Benjamin's neck, and kissed him, and wept for joy, and he kissed his other brothers, too, and they felt no more afraid, but began to talk with him.

So Joseph's father and brothers came to live with him in Egypt, where they were very happy, until at last the old man died. Then the brothers once more began to fear Joseph's anger, and said to each other, "Perhaps Joseph has only been kind to us, to please our father. He may not have really forgiven us, and now that our father is dead, he will punish us." So they sent a messenger to Joseph, and told him to say, "Your father, before he died, told us to beg you to forgive us for the wicked way in which we once treated you."

Joseph wept when he heard this message: he was so sorry that his brothers thought he would ever be unkind to them. Soon, they themselves came, too, and falling down before him, asked his forgiveness. And Joseph said, "Do not be afraid; it was wrong to sell me, but God made the evil deed turn out for good, after all, for, as you know, I have been able to save you and many others from dying of hunger, and I shall still go on caring for you and your children."

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did Pharaoh's dreams come true?
2. What did the people do then?
3. Who came, amongst others, to buy grain?
4. Why did the brothers not know Joseph?
5. Who knew them?
6. What did Joseph do one day?
7. How did the brothers feel?
8. How did Joseph comfort them?
9. What did he tell them to do?
10. What did he then do to his brothers?
11. What happened next?
12. What did the brothers do, when their father died?
13. How did

Joseph receive their message? 14. What did he say to the brothers themselves? 15. What is the Golden Text?

#### Lesson Hymn

Through His name we are forgiven—  
 O how He loves!  
 Backward shall our foes be driven—  
 O how He loves!  
 Best of blessings He'll provide us,  
 Naught but good shall ere betide us!  
 Safe to glory He will guide us—  
 O how He loves! Amen.  
 —Hymn 542, Book of Praise

#### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—26. What did God say to Adam and Eve when He had placed them in the garden? God told Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree in the garden except one.

SHORTER CATECHISM—56. What is the reason annexed to the third commandment?

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

#### The Question on Missions

6. What forms of mission work are carried on in Honan? The Canadian ministers and their Chinese helpers preach the gospel. At each station is a hospital, where a doctor treats free the sick and blind who come. Missionary ladies teach and minister to Chinese women and children. Schools are conducted.

#### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Joseph's brothers were very unkind to him, but he did not pay them back; he was as kind and good as if they had always been

*Be ye kind*

good to him. Copy the text, and think, as you do it, in how many ways a little girl or boy can be kind.

#### I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD LOVE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS

## Lesson VII.

## ISRAEL ENSLAVED IN EGYPT

May 19, 1907

Exodus 1 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

**Golden Text**—Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.—Psalm 107 : 13.



1 Now these *are* the names of the children of Is'rael, which came into E'gypt ; every man and his household came with Ja'cob.

2 Reu'ben, Sim'eon, Le'vi, and Ju'dah,

3 Is'sachar, Zebu'lun, and Ben'jamin,

4 Dan, and Naph'tali, Gad, and Ash'er.

5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Ja'cob were seventy souls : for Jo'seph was in E'gypt *already*.

6 And Jo'seph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation.

7 And the children of Is'rael were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty ; and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose up a new king over E'gypt, which knew not Jo'seph.

9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Is'rael *are* more and mightier than we :

10 Come on, let us deal wisely with them ; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

11 Therefore they did set over them task-masters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Phar'aoh treasure cities, Pi'thom and Raam'ses.

12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Is'rael.

13 And the Egypt'ians made the children of Is'rael to serve with rigour :

14 And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field : all their service, wherein they made them serve, *was* with rigour.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jacob came down to Egypt to live with his son Joseph, he brought with him seventy children and grandchildren. The names of his sons were, Reuben, Simeon, Levi and Judah ; Issachar, Zebulun and Benjamin ; Dan and Naphtali ; Gad and Asher. At last these all grew old and died ; but they left a great many children ; and then their children had a great many more children, until at last there were hundreds of thousands of them filling the land. These all really belonged to Jacob, so they were called the children of Israel, from the new name which God had given to Jacob.

They took care of their sheep in Egypt, and were very happy, until the good king died, and another King Pharaoh reigned instead, who did not know anything about all the good which Joseph had done in the

land. He only saw that the children of Israel were gaining in numbers and strength all the time, and he began to be afraid. He said, "There are so many of them, that perhaps they may some day fight against me, and kill me and my servants. I must make their work so hard, that they will all die."

So he ordered them to dig clay, and make bricks to build great walls and buildings and cities, and he also set cruel masters over them, who beat them, and made their work very hard in the hot sun, until they were so unhappy that they wished they were dead.

Yet all this cruel treatment did not kill them, and the numbers of the children of Israel grew and grew every day, until the king of Egypt began to be still more alarmed, lest they should one day join his enemies, and fight against him, and take away his throne.

At last he thought of another plan. He said to his servants, "Whenever a baby boy is born of the children of Israel, throw it into the river!" He did not order the girls to be drowned, because they would not be able to fight, when they grew up.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How many children and grandchildren went with Jacob into the land of Egypt? 2. What were their children called? 3. Why were they called by this name? 4. What king came after the good Pharaoh? 5. What was he afraid of? 6. What did he make the children of Israel do? 7. Whom did he set over them? 8. How did these masters treat them? 9. How did Pharaoh's plan to kill them succeed? 10. What was he then afraid of? 11. What new plan did Pharaoh make? 12. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Many hundred years ago, a king of England had a brave young son whom everybody called the "Black Prince", from the color of the armor which he wore. Although only a boy, this prince was sent by his father across the sea in charge of an army, which was to fight against the French. They conquered one army after another, until, at last, they were face to face with the largest army of all.

The prince looked gravely at his little company; "We will need to ask God's help," he said, and in the sight of their enemies he and his men knelt down to pray. And the little army really conquered the great one; but when one of his lords afterwards came up and praised the Black Prince for his bravery, he answered, "Give these thanks and praises to God, for to His goodness, and not to me, do we owe the success of this day."

### Lesson Hymn

How bright these glorious spirits shine!  
Whence all their white array?  
How came they to the blissful seats  
Of everlasting day?

Lo! these are they from sufferings great  
Who came to realms of light,  
And in the blood of Christ have washed  
Those robes which shine so bright. Amen.  
—Hymn 340, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—27. Did Adam and Eve obey God? No.** They ate the fruit God told them not to eat.

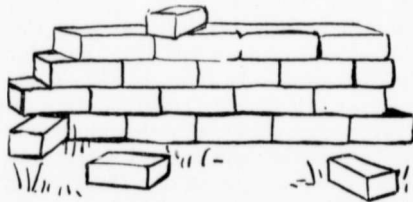
**SHORTER CATECHISM—57. Which is the fourth commandment? A.** The fourth commandment is, Remember the sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

### The Question on Missions

7. How is the evangelistic work carried on in Honan? Each missionary, with two or three Chinese helpers, travels about the towns and cities of his district during almost every season of the year, excepting the hot summer, and preaches on the streets, in hired halls, at heathen festivals, and wherever he can reach the people.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

These bricks remind us of the hard work the poor Israelites had. God looked down from heaven and was very sorry for them,



and by and by brought them out of Egypt. We should feel very sorry for those who are ill-used, and try to be kind to them. Copy the bricks.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD IS VERY TENDER

Exodus 2 : 1-15—Memory Verses, 9, 10.

**Golden Text**—Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.—Acts 7 : 22.



1 And there went a man of the house of Le'vi, and took to wife a daughter of Le'vi.

2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son ; and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein ; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5 And the daughter of Phar'aoh came down to wash herself at the river ; and her maidens walked along by the river's side ; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6 And when she had opened it, she saw the child ; and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the He'brew's children.

7 Then said his sister to Phar'aoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the He'brew women, that she may nurse the child for thee ?

8 And Phar'aoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9 And Phar'aoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Phar'aoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Mo'ses : and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens : and he spied an Egyp'tian smiting an He'brew, one of his brethren.

12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyp'tian, and hid him in the sand.

13 And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the He'brews strove together : and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow ?

14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us ? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyp'tian ? And Mo'ses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

15 Now when Phar'aoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Mo'ses. But Mo'ses fled from the face of Phar'aoh, and dwelt in the land of Mid'ian : and he sat down by a well.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

Now, as our last Lesson told, whenever Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, heard that one of the children of Israel had a little boy born, he commanded it to be thrown into the river. But one of the poor mothers managed to hide her baby so well, that Pharaoh's men did not find him. But when the child grew to be three months old, she could not hide him any longer; so she made a large basket out of tall rushes which grew by the river side, and smeared it over with pitch to keep out the water. Then, putting her baby inside, she carried it down to the river, and hid the basket among the rushes.

She had a little daughter named Miriam, much older than the baby, and she made her stand some distance off, to see what would become of her little brother. Soon, the daughter of the king, with her maidens, came down to the river to bathe, and the

princess saw the basket hidden in the rushes. She sent one of her maidens to fetch it, and when she had opened it, the poor baby began to cry. The princess felt sorry for the baby. She knew that her father had ordered all the baby boys belonging to the Israelites to be killed, and she did not want to see this one drowned.

The baby's sister now came nearer, and when she saw that the princess pitied the child, she asked, "Do you want a nurse for the baby; for I can find you a good one?" And the princess said, "Yes." Then Miriam ran off and brought back the baby's own mother. The princess did not know who she was; but she said, "Take the child away and nurse it for me, and I will pay you wages." So the mother gladly carried her baby home, and took care of it; but when he was a big child, the princess sent for him to come and

live with her, and he was brought up as her own son, and she called him Moses, which means, "taken out" (of the water).

Although he lived in a palace, Moses was not idle, but grew up wise and good; and then he began to notice how cruelly the poor Israelites were treated. One day he was standing watching them at their hard work, and he saw one of the taskmasters beating a poor slave. There was no one near, so Moses struck the taskmaster, and killed him, and hid his body in the sand.

Soon King Pharaoh heard of it. He was very angry, and wished to kill Moses, so Moses had to run away; and he went to a far off country, where Pharaoh could not find him.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. What had Pharaoh ordered done to the boy babies?
2. What did one mother do?
3. What did she do, when the baby was too old to be any longer hidden?
4. Whom did she set to watch the baby?
5. Who came down to the river?
6. What happened then?
7. What did the baby's sister offer to do?
8. What nurse did she get?
9. What did the princess say to the mother?
10. Where was Moses taken, when he was a big child?
11. How did he grow up?
12. What happened one day, as Moses watched the Israelites working?
13. Why did Moses go away?
14. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Story**

"I wish you'd stay with me, mother," sighed Harold, as he was being put to bed.

"But I'm needed downstairs, dear," said mother; "you won't be alone, though."

**SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME**



Here is the baby, Moses. We cannot see his sister watching; but she was there. God gives sisters and brothers to babies to watch over them and be kind and good to them. Color the picture.

"Why, yes, mother; father's away, and Mary's going to a concert."

"But isn't there another Person watching my little boy, and caring for him?"

"Oh," said Harold, in a whisper, "I forgot about God."

And after mother was gone, he thought about the heavenly Father, who was watching him, and though he was left alone in the darkness, he did not feel lonely.

**Lesson Hymn**

Gracious Saviour, gentle Shepherd,  
 All Thy lambs are dear to Thee;  
 Gathered in Thine arms and carried  
 In Thy bosom may we be,  
 Sweetly, fondly, safely tended,  
 From all want and danger free. Amen.  
 —Hymn 586, Book of Praise

**I Have Learned To-day That**

GOD IS STRONGER THAN MY ENEMIES

**The Catechism**

PRIMARY CATECHISM—28. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God? They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.  
 29. What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience? It is called sin.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 54-57.

**The Question on Missions**

8. How is medical work carried on in Honan? Each station has a hospital, a Canadian doctor, and two or three Chinese medical assistants whom he has trained. From 80 to 200 sick people come almost every day, excepting Sundays, and are treated free of charge.

Exodus 3 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 2-4.

**Golden Text**—And he said, Certainly I will be with thee.—Exodus 3 : 12.

1 Now Mo'ses kept the flock of Jeth'ro his father in law, the priest of Mid'ian : and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Hor'eb.

2 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush : and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

3 And Mo'ses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Mo'ses, Mo'ses. And he said, Here *am* I.

5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither : put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground.

6 Moreover he said, I *am* the God of thy father, the God of A'braham, the God of I'saac, and the God of Ja'cob. And Mo'ses hid his face ; for he was afraid to look upon God.

7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in E'gypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters ; for I know their sorrows ;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the E'gypt'ians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large ; unto a land flowing with milk and honey ; unto the place of the Ca'naanites, and the Hit'tites, and the Am'orites, and the Periz'ites, and the Hi'vites, and the Jeb'usites.

9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Is'rael is come unto me ; and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the E'gypt'ians oppress them.

10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Phar'ah, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Is'rael out of E'gypt.

11 And Mo'ses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Phar'ah, and that I should bring forth the children of Is'rael out of E'gypt ?

12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee ; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee : When thou hast brought forth the people out of E'gypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

13 And Mo'ses said unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Is'rael, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you ; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name ? what shall I say unto them ?

14 And God said unto Mo'ses, I AM THAT I AM : and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Is'rael, I AM hath sent me unto you.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

When Moses fled away from Egypt, he went far off to a country called Midian, where he met with a man named Jethro, who was very kind to him. This man gave him his sheep to take care of, for Moses was no longer rich, and he also gave him one of his daughters for his wife.

One day, when Moses was alone with his sheep in a lonely place, he looked up, and saw a bush on fire. Then, as he went on looking, he was very much surprised to see that it was not burning away; so he said, "I will go and see why the bush is not burning away."

But as Moses came near, he heard a voice speaking out of the burning bush. It was God who spoke, and he called, "Moses ! Moses !" And Moses answered, "Here am I." Then God said, "Take thy shoes off

thy feet, for thou art standing on holy ground; and do not come nearer, for I am here, the God of Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob"; and Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.

And God said still further, "I have heard the children of Israel crying to Me in their trouble, and I have come to bring them out of Egypt to a good and beautiful land, the land of Canaan, which I promised to their father Abraham. And now, Moses, I am going to send you back to Egypt, so that you may tell Pharaoh to let My people go."

But Moses was very humble. He said to God, "I am not good enough to go as Thy messenger to Pharaoh, and to bring Thy people out of Egypt." And God said, "I will be with you to help you, and I promise you that, when you have brought My people



out of Egypt, you shall serve Me upon this very mountain."

"But," said Moses, "perhaps, when I come to the children of Israel, and tell them that the God of their fathers has sent me unto them, they will ask, 'Who is this God of our fathers?'" "Then", said the Lord, "tell them that I have been from the beginning, and have power to do all things.

"So gather the children of Israel together, and tell them that I will deliver them from their enemies, and that, although the king may not let them go at first, I will show him such signs and wonders, that by and by he will be glad to let them go."

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Moses go when he left Egypt?
2. What happened to him there?
3. What strange sight did he see one day?
4. What did he do?
5. Who called to him, when he drew near the bush?
6. What did God tell Moses to do, first?
7. What did God tell Moses He had come for?
8. What did God tell Moses he was to do?
9. What did Moses answer?
10. What did God promise?
11. What was Moses afraid the Israelites might say?
12. What did God say to tell them?
13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

A little seed lay buried so deep in the ground, that it thought, "Nobody will ever find me, and help me up." It *did* seem to take a long time to get to the light, but it was a good thing it was buried deep, for that helped it to take a strong hold. So, what seemed to be against it, was really helping it after all. At last it was up, and felt very happy, until a strong wind came, one day. "Oh dear!" sighed the seed, "my beautiful shoots will be blown off." But a voice seemed to whisper, "Send your roots farther down, little seed, and you will be all right." And when the wind was over, the little plant was stronger, and it thought, "Some one must be taking care of me, for the things which seem as if they would hurt me, really do me good."

### Lesson Hymn

There is a happy land,  
Far, far away,  
Where saints in glory stand,  
Bright, bright as day :

O how they sweetly sing,  
'Worthy is our Saviour King!'

Loud let His praises ring,

Praise, praise for aye. Amen.

—Hymn 593, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—30. **When do we sin against God?** We sin against God when we do what He tells us not to do ; or when we fail to do what He tells us to do.

SHORTER CATECHISM—58. *What is required in the fourth commandment?* A. The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set time as he hath appointed in his word ; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy sabbath to himself.

### The Question on Missions

9. What encouragement have the missionaries in Honan? Prejudice and superstition are breaking down. Thousands of people, who once hated us, are now our friends. Every succeeding year brings in a larger number of new converts. For last year alone (1905), there were 367.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The bush Moses saw was on fire, and yet it did not burn up. God put it there to make Moses listen to Him. He puts beauti-



ful bushes and trees and flowers on the earth now to make us think of Him, and of how good He is. *Color the picture.*

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD HAS SOME WORK FOR ME

Exodus 12 : 21-30—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

**Golden Text**—When I see the blood, I will pass over you.—Exodus 12 : 13.

21 Then Mo'ses called for all the elders of Is'rael, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason ; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

23 For the LORD will pass through to smite the E'gyptians ; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not smite the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

25 And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service ?

27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Is'rael in E'gypt, when he smote the E'gyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.

28 And the children of Is'rael went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Mo'ses and A'aron, so did they.

29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of E'gypt, from the firstborn of Phar'aoth that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon ; and all the firstborn of cattle.

30 And Phar'aoth rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the E'gyptians ; and there was a great cry in E'gypt ; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Moses obeyed God's command, and returned to the land of Egypt, he met on the way his brother Aaron, whom God had sent to be with him; and they went back together. The Israelites were very glad when they heard that God was going to deliver them from their enemies. But, when Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh to let them go, the king was very angry, and would not. Then God first sent nine dreadful plagues, one after the other, upon the Egyptians, to show them that he was stronger than Pharaoh, and was able to make him do whatever He commanded; but still Pharaoh would not let God's people go.

At last God sent the most terrible plague of all. He said to Moses one day, "On a certain night I will come into every house in Egypt, and kill the first-born of every family; only My people of Israel shall not be killed." And God told Moses what they must do to be saved.

So Moses went out and gathered all the chief men of Israel together, and gave them God's message, which was: "Let the head of

each family take a lamb, without any spot on it, and kill it, and eat it with his family. And let him take the blood of the lamb, and sprinkle of it over the door and upon the side posts, to be a sign to the Lord ; for He will pass through the land of Egypt to kill the eldest son of every house, except those which have the blood upon the door. And afterwards you must always keep up this feast once a year; and when you are living in the beautiful land which God has promised to you, and your children ask the meaning of this strange feast, tell them that it is the feast of the Passover which you are keeping, so that you may never forget God's goodness in saving you on the night He passed over the land of Egypt."

So the Israelites did as God commanded. They killed young lambs, and roasted and ate them, standing round the table, dressed ready for a journey, and they felt safe, because they had put the blood of the lamb upon the door.

And at midnight, in every house except those with the blood upon them, the first-

born died. What a dreadful cry there was then, when the fathers and mothers found that their eldest sons were dead! Even the king's son died, as well as the sons of the poor people. So, at last, Pharaoh saw that he must let the children of Israel go.

He rose up in the middle of the night and quickly called Moses and Aaron, and said, "Get out of this land at once, and take all the Israelites with you, and everything that they have." And all the Egyptians gave them money and beautiful clothes, begging them to go away as fast as possible, for they feared they too would be killed.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who met Moses on the way to Egypt?
2. How did Pharaoh receive God's message?
3. What did God do to the Egyptians?
4. What was the result?
5. What last plague did God tell Moses he would send upon the Egyptians?
6. Whom did Moses gather together?
7. What was each family to take?
8. What were they to do with it?
9. What were they to sprinkle on the doorposts?
10. What would happen where the blood was not sprinkled?
11. What did Moses say the Israelites must always do afterwards?
12. What were they to tell their children?
13. What happened in Egypt that night?
14. What did Pharaoh then decide to do?
15. What did the Egyptians do?
16. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Mamie had just started to school, and she liked everything except writing. It was so hard to make those queer little marks on her slate just the way Teacher wanted them done; and then Mamie could not see what use they were, anyway!

But one day she tried very hard to make the letters just right. Teacher came down the aisle, marking with red chalk each slate that was well done; Mamie held her breath as she stopped at her desk. Then Teacher's hand came down and a beautiful red mark was placed just below the writing! "All those who have red marks on their slates may run out to play," said Teacher; and how glad Mamie was, as she skipped over the playground with her friends, that she had done as Teacher told her!

### Lesson Hymn

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

He died that we might be forgiven,  
He died to make us good,  
That we might go at last to Heaven  
Saved by His precious blood. Amen.  
—Hymn 46, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—31. **How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin?** They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow, and death.

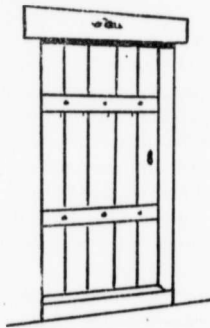
SHORTER CATECHISM—59. *Which day of the seven hath God appointed to be the weekly sabbath?* A. From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian sabbath.

### The Question on Missions

10. Where is our Macao mission? It is in Kwang Tung (Canton), the most southerly province of China. The special field which the mission seeks to occupy is that part of the province lying to the north and northwest of Macao, in the delta of the Canton River.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a doorway with marks upon it. The Israelites did not quite understand why they must put those marks on the doorway,



but they did just as God said and were saved. And so, if we do just as God tells us, we shall be saved also. *Copy* the doorway.

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD FOR ME

Exodus 14 : 13-27—Memory Verses, 13,14.

**Golden Text**—Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians ; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.—Exodus 14 : 30.



13 And Mo'ses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day : for the Egyp'tians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Wherefore criest thou unto me ? speak unto the children of Is'rael, that they go forward :

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it : and the children of Is'rael shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyp'tians, and they shall follow them : and I will get me honour upon Phar'ah, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyp'tians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten me honour upon Phar'ah, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Is'rael, removed and went behind them ; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them :

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyp'tians and the camp of Is'rael ; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these : so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Mo'ses stretched out his hand over the sea ; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Is'rael went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground : and the waters were a

wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egyp'tians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Phar'ah's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyp'tians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyp'tians,

25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily : so that the Egyp'tians said, Let us flee from the face of Is'rael : for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyp'tians.

26 And the Lord said unto Mo'ses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyp'tians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Mo'ses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared ; and the Egyp'tians fled against it ; and the Lord overthrew the Egyp'tians in the midst of the sea.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

At last the children of Israel began their journey to Canaan, and God went before them in a dark cloud by day, and a fiery cloud by night, to show the way. They went very quickly, till they came to the shore of the sea, and then the cloud stopped, and they set up their tents to rest. They had not been there long, before they heard a great noise behind them. Pharaoh was coming with a great army to take them back to Egypt.

The poor Israelites were very much frightened; but Moses said, "Do not be afraid, God will fight for you, and you shall never see Pharaoh and his men again." And he prayed to the Lord; and God said, "Lift up your rod, and stretch it out over the sea, and I will make a dry path for the Israelites to walk across to the other side, and I will punish Pharaoh and his army." So Moses

lifted up his rod, and God parted the waters of the sea, and they rolled back like two walls, one on each side, leaving a dry path between, and the Israelites walked safely over.

There were so many of them, and they had so many cattle, that it took all night to cross. But it was not dark, because the cloud of light showed them the way. For God had moved the cloud backward, so that the bright side was turned towards the Israelites, and the dark side to Pharaoh's army, who, therefore, could not see to go any farther. As morning drew near, the Israelites had all crossed to the land on the other side of the sea, and when Pharaoh and his men came up, they thought they would cross on the dry path, too, and they hurried after the Israelites.

But God looked at them through the cloud, and they heard dreadful noises, and their

chariots would not go; so they were frightened, and said, "Let us turn back, for God is helping the Israelites." Then God said to Moses, "Stretch out your rod again." And Moses stretched it out, and the walls of water came together again, and Pharaoh and all his great army were drowned in the sea.

Then the Israelites saw that the cruel king and his men could hurt them no longer, for God had saved His people, as He had promised; so they sang beautiful hymns of praise to God for His goodness.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. How did God show the Israelites the way to the land of Canaan? 2. When did the cloud stop? 3. What did the Israelites hear behind them? 4. What caused this noise? 5. What did Moses promise the Israelites? 6. What did God tell Moses to do? 7. What happened, when Moses lifted up his rod? 8. How did God keep Pharaoh's army from following the Israelites? 9. What did Pharaoh and his men try to do towards the morning? 10. What made them want to turn back? 11. What did God tell Moses to do? 12. What happened then? 13. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Bertie lived in the big prairie country, miles away from any other house; and one day, when father went off on a long journey, mother and she were left alone. It was very hot weather, and the air seemed close and smoky. "It's only the heat", they thought; but, in the afternoon, a neighbor came to warn them that a big fire was burning, not far off, and, if the wind changed, it might come their way.

There was nothing they could do—nothing but one thing. They knelt down, and asked God to take care of them, and then they felt safe. All that day and night they anxiously watched the smoke drawing nearer; but the next afternoon, down came great showers of rain, and very soon the big fire disappeared. God had heard their prayers.

### Lesson Hymn

Light of life, so sweetly gleaming  
Down upon our troubled sea,  
With the love of Jesus beaming,  
Shine, shine on me.

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

—Hymn 576, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—32. **What evil did Adam's sin bring upon us all?** We have all been born with a sinful heart.

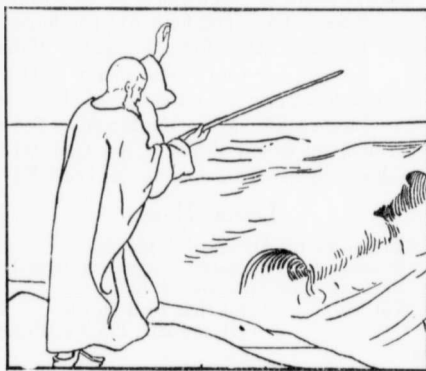
SHORTER CATECHISM—60. *How is the sabbath to be sanctified?* A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

### The Question on Missions

11. What native helpers are employed in the Macao mission? There are three chapels, with a native preacher in each, and two schools, with Chinese teachers. There are also a Bible woman and colporteur under the care of the mission, and five young men studying in Canton Theological College in order to assist as pastors.

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

See how safely God's people stand on the bank, while their enemies are drowned in the waves! God always takes care of His



followers, even though they may sometimes have troubles. We are safe, if God is watching over us. *Color the picture.*

### I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD'S WAY FOR ME IS BEST

Lesson XII.

## REVIEW

June 23, 1907

**Golden Text**—When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee ; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.—Isaiah 43 : 2.

**REPEAT**—Golden Texts for Quarter. (As the Quarterly Review of the Lessons comes one Sabbath in advance this Quarter, the Review of Supplemental Lessons will be given with Lesson XIII. for next Sabbath.)

## Our Kind Father

The whole Bible is just a story of God's goodness to man; and in this Quarter's Lessons we have many beautiful pictures of this kindness.

**LESSON I.**—Tells us how the Lord helped poor, lonely, frightened Jacob, when he was running away from his brother. At Bethel he had a vision of a stairway, reaching from earth to heaven, and above it the Lord appeared and spoke kind and comforting words to him.

**LESSON II.**—Here God again showed His kindness to Jacob. He sent an angel to meet him; and the angel gave Jacob a new name and made him a new and better man.

**LESSON III.**—Joseph was very cruelly treated by his brothers, but God did not forsake the lad. He watched that no harm came to him, though he was sold as a slave and taken far away to a strange land.

**LESSON IV.**—Even when Joseph was shut up in prison, his heavenly Father watched over him, and made the gaoler his friend.

**LESSON V.**—Here we see God's crowning act of goodness to Joseph : He made the poor slave into the great ruler. The Lord was showing His goodness to Egypt, too, for Joseph saved many people from starving in the long famine that came.

**LESSON VI.**—The all-kind Father was good even to the wicked brothers. They were sorry for the wrong they had done Joseph, and when they came to Egypt for food, God put it into Joseph's heart to forgive them.

**LESSON VII.**—We may find it hard to see God's kindness in this Lesson; for it tells how the king of Egypt made the Israelites his slaves and treated them cruelly. But the Golden Text shows it. The people cried to the Lord, and He heard and saved them.

**LESSON VIII.**—Here we see the love and tenderness of our heavenly Father strongly shown. He guarded the baby, Moses, from all dangers, and at last brought him to the king's palace, where he was brought up as a prince.

**LESSON IX.**—The Lord did not forget the Israelites working away as slaves in Egypt, and He called Moses from the land of Midian to go back to Egypt and bring his people out.

**LESSON X.**—God's great mercy to His own people is shown here. The blood sprinkled on the door-posts and lintels saved the Israelites from the visit of the angel of death.

**LESSON XI.**—When the Israelites fled from Egypt, they found the sea in front, and the hosts of the enemy behind. But God did not forsake them. He made a path through the waters and saved them from the cruel Egyptians.

## Lesson Hymn

He leadeth me ! O blessèd thought !  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught !  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
—Hymn 297, Book of Praise

## The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM**—33. **What will follow if we love sin and allow it to remain in our hearts ?** If we love sin we cannot be the friends of God, or be with Him when we die.

**SHORTER CATECHISM**—Review Questions 58-60.

## The Question on Missions

12. What is done for China by the Christian Literature Society ? This Society exists for the purpose of giving the men, women, and children of China good books of all kinds for the church, the school, and the home. Our missionaries, Rev. Donald MacGillivray and Mrs. MacGillivray, are lent by our church to this Society for the work, and live in Shanghai.

## I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WILL NEVER FORSAKE ME

**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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| <p>LESSON I. Jacob's Vision and God's Promise.</p> | <p>LESSON VII. Israel Enslaved in Egypt.</p>          |
| <p>LESSON II. God Gives Jacob a New Name.</p>      | <p>LESSON VIII. Childhood and Education of Moses.</p> |
| <p>LESSON III. Joseph Sold by His Brothers.</p>    | <p>LESSON IX. Moses Called to Deliver Israel.</p>     |
| <p>LESSON IV. Joseph Faithful in Prison.</p>       | <p>LESSON X. The Passover.</p>                        |
| <p>LESSON V. Joseph the Wise Ruler in Egypt.</p>   | <p>LESSON XI. Israel's Escape from Egypt.</p>         |
| <p>LESSON VI. Joseph Forgives His Brothers.</p>    | <p>LESSON XIII. Temperance Lesson.</p>                |

## Lesson XIII.

## REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS

June 30, 1907

BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 21-33. SHORTER CATECHISM—QUESTIONS 51-60. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—509, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

## TEMPERANCE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10 : 23-33—Memory Verse, 31.

**Golden Text**—It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth.—Romans 14 : 21.



23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient : all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*.

25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, *that eat*, asking no question for conscience sake :

26 For the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

27 If any of them that believe not bid you *to a feast*, and ye be disposed to go ; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake : for the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fulness thereof :

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other : for why is my liberty judged of another *man's* conscience ?

30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks ?

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God :

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gen'tiles, nor to the church of God :

33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Once upon a time, some Christians lived in a very wicked city called Corinth. There were very few who worshiped God in this heathen city, but a great many who worshiped idols, and the heathen people used to kill animals and give them to their idols, and the parts that were not given were afterwards sold as food in the markets. So some of the Christians did not know whether it would be wrong for them to buy and eat this meat which had been offered to idols. And, if any of their heathen friends asked them to dinner, they wondered if they ought to eat the meat on the table, if they thought it had come from the idols' temple. So the Christians wrote a letter to the apostle Paul, and asked him what they had better do.

Paul wrote back, and said that there was nothing wrong about the meat itself—it was good meat, and had been given to them by the Lord for food; but he said, if they ate the meat, it might make other Christians say that they did not think idol worship a sin. So it would be better to do without the meat, because Paul himself always gave up anything that he thought might give people a chance of speaking against Christians and their religion. If they wanted to be like Jesus, he said, they must not think, first, of their own pleasures, but of how they could best help others.

Then, if they went to take dinner with a friend who was not a Christian, they should eat what was set before them, without asking



any questions. But, if one of the other guests was a Christian too, and should fear to eat the meat because he knew it had been offered to idols, then they, also, should refuse to eat it, lest they should set a bad example to the man who thought it wrong to eat the meat.

Paul wanted the people of Corinth to be always unselfish and to remember that, even when they were at a party enjoying themselves, they must think of others and never do even the smallest thing that would make any one else do wrong.

And Paul went on to say, that the best rule of all to live by, was to try to honor and please God in *everything*, not only in the great things, but in such small things as eating and drinking. And he begged them to be careful, lest, by what they did, they should lead either Christians or heathen to sin against God.

And Paul said, that he himself was willing to give up anything that seemed good, and anything that seemed pleasant to him, if other people thought that it was sinful, lest, by doing as he did, those people should be led into wrong doing.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of city was Corinth? 2. What two classes of people lived in Corinth? 3. About what were the Christians troubled? 4. To whom did they write? 5. What did Paul say about the meat sold in the market? 6. When was it wrong to buy and eat it? 7. What was it best for them to do? 8. How could they be like Jesus? 9. What should they do, when they went to dine with a heathen friend? 10. If a Christian told them the meat had been offered to idols,

what should they do? 11. Why? 12. What did Paul say was the best rule? 13. Why did Paul beg them to be careful? 14. What did Paul say he himself did? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Story

Poor Bobby had been ill, and had been put by the doctor on a "diet". He thought "diets" were dreadful things, when they meant that for weeks he could only eat scraped beef, and drink hot water, and he felt worse still, when he remembered Ted's birthday—for they always had parties on their birthdays. A party! and not to be able to eat any goodies! "Boo-hoo!" Poor Bobby burst into tears.

Ted looked very sober for a few minutes. "Mother", he said at last, "I think I'll give up my party this year. It would be pretty hard for Bobby to look at us eating things that he couldn't eat." Mother kissed him: "That is good of you, dear, and perhaps we'll have one later on, when Bobby is well."

### I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD HELP OTHERS  
TO DO RIGHT

### Lesson Hymn

Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,  
Make our earth an Eden  
Like the heaven above.

So our little errors  
Lead the soul away  
From the paths of virtue  
Into sin to stray. Amen.

—Hymn 531, Book of Praise

### SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

What a pretty bunch of grapes! God gave us grapes to eat, and they are very good for us, if we eat them as He made them. But if we make them into wine and drink it, it hurts us and makes us say and do wrong things. There was once a very wise old man who saw a beautiful cluster of grapes, just like these, lying on a table. Beside them was a glass of wine that had been made from just such grapes, and which, he knew, was very bad for people. "Ah,"



said the wise old man, "these are God's grapes, but," and he pointed to the wine, "this is Satan's grapes!" Color the grapes and the wine cup.

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.]

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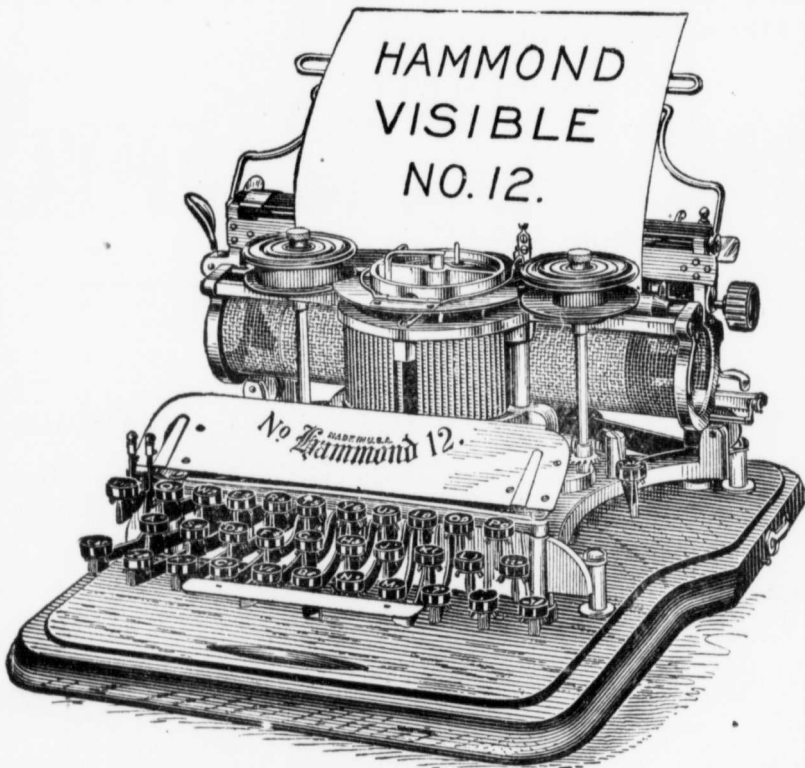
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