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A Good Night Hymn

O little child, lie still and sleep !
Jesus is near ;
Thou need'st not fear !
No one need fear whom God doth keep
By day or night ;
So lay thee down in slumber deep
Till morning light.

O little child, lie still and rest !
He sweetly sleeps
Whom Jesus keeps ;
And in the morning wake so blest,
His child to be.
Love every one, but love him best ;
He first loved thee.

Some of Jesus' Friends

I. HIS MOTHER

She was His first friend. How tenderly she watched over Him, as He began to walk and talk. How carefully she taught Him the story of what the Lord God had done for their fathers, and what wonderful things He had promised for the time to come. When He was in trouble or pain, and cried, it was in His mother's bosom that the Child hid His face ; and when He was merry, she was merry with Him ; and when, at twelve years of age, He remained behind in the temple to learn more from the wise doctors of the law, Mary perceived that the things of God and of God's house were filling the heart of her Boy, and she was glad.

Very, very anxious, the mother often was, during the three years of Jesus' ministry : His life was so frequently in danger ; and

very terrible was her anguish when she saw Him bleeding and dying upon the cross. How dear this first and best earthly friend was to Jesus, is shown by His loving obedience so long as He remained a Son in the home ; and by His tender thoughtfulness, in His dying hour, in providing her a new home with the disciple He loved the best.

Why Children Love Stories

By Professor Frederick Tracy, Ph. D.

Why does a well told story captivate the children, reducing them to the attitude of silent, almost breathless, attention, and making them lay aside their disputes, forget their troubles, and even forsake their sports for the time being ?

To say that it is because stories are interesting, would be perfectly true, but would not throw much light on the matter. We must try to answer the further question, Why are stories interesting to children ?

In the first place, because they are concrete. They deal with something that can be seen, heard, touched. Otherwise they are not stories ; at least not stories for children. Abstract or general statements are not understood by children. For example, if you tell them that air is essential to animal life, and that if any animal is submerged in a fluid so that no air can reach its lungs, it will soon perish, they will hardly betray much interest ; but if you tell them that once upon a time a little chicken ran away from his mother, and by and by hopped upon the edge of a pail of milk, and then, reaching down to get a drink, lost his balance and fell

"Why Ain't God Nice in the Winter?"

in, and that when his mother found him, there were only the tips of his toes sticking above the milk, and he was dead; they will forget to eat their cake until you are through.

We see from this, in the second place, that stories are interesting to children because they give scope to the imagination. This wonderful faculty is very vigorous in childhood, and its exercise gives unalloyed delight. Now, when you tell the children a story, their minds are busy making the mental pictures (moving pictures) of what you are telling—the mother hen and the other chicks in the grass, the little truant, the great pail of milk, the chicken standing on its brim, and then wobbling, with tiny wings outspread, then a great plunge that sends milk-waves chasing each other to all sides of the pail, and then the poor drowned chick, all drenched and limp—See what a series of pictures passes over the canvas of the childish imagination!

Again, stories are interesting because they deal with the doings of individuals, and have in them the element of personal adventure. Masses stagger and overwhelm the child-mind; general principles are hard to grasp; but the doings and sufferings of individuals they can understand. And so the child follows Alice through Wonderland, and Tom the Water Baby in his maritime adventures, and Red Riding Hood to her grandmother's cottage, and the lad Joseph away to Dothan, and down into the pit, and down into Egypt, with absorbed interest, whereas he could not follow a great national movement, such as the Federal Union in South Africa.

The child can project himself into the experience of other individual persons. He can put himself in the place of Alice or Tom or Joseph or Red Riding Hood, to a certain extent. And this is why the doings of these persons take such a grip of him, while the political interests of the Transvaal or the Cape Colony of course utterly fail to do so.

University of Toronto

"Why Ain't God Nice in the Winter?"

By Esther Miller MacGregor

The winter days had come, and the four-year-old boy sat at the window, disconsolately watching the fluttering snowflakes. He

had lived out of doors during the days of the past summer, and had a wonderful fund of baby knowledge concerning polly-wogs and trilliums and robins, and looked upon these little ones of nature as his comrades.

But now, November was here, and his mother, mindful of last winter's croup, had warned him that henceforth his outdoor life must be limited. His days of liberty would return with the bees and the dandelions.

And so he was feeling very sad indeed. He had been cut off, by the cruelty of nature, from what he had come to believe was his birthright. It was like having a dear play-mate turn upon one and say she did not love him any more. And moreover, God had given him all the pretty things of summer, mother had taught him. They were the signs of His love. And now God did not love him any more either, it seemed.

Two big tears rolled down his cheeks. He wiped them away silently with his pinafore, remembering that he was a very big boy now and must not be seen crying. His mother saw the grief on the little face, and took him into her arms.

He looked up at her through his tears, and uttered the question that had been harrassing his little soul.

"Why ain't God nice in the winter, like He is in the summer?" He had come very early to enquire into the mysteries of God's providence. His faith was at its first Hill Difficulty. Fortunately for him, his mother divined the depth of his trouble. She saw that the situation needed careful handling.

So she took him close to the window, and showed him the lily bud they had planted last spring, and which the snow was fast covering. She told him the wonderful fairy tale of those baby lily buds sleeping snugly away down in the warm earth, and bade him watch how gently and kindly the dear heavenly Father was covering them with His great blanket, just as mother tucked her boy up in his crib on cold nights.

That was a day of revelation to the boy. This was a greater discovery than the robin's nest in their orchard last May. He steadily grew to be more and more nature's comrade. With his mother as interpreter, he was able to sympathize with all her moods, and learn-

ed that even the dull skies and chilling winds of November had a beneficent purpose. God was always his Father, no matter what came, and was dealing just as kindly and lovingly with His child, when the winter blasts howled around the house, as when the oriole sang in the garden.

And so the bond between the child and nature, and consequently, between him and nature's God, was preserved and strengthened. That child has a priceless heritage, whose mother leads him by this path to his eternal Father.

Orillia

"To Grow To"

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

I was watching my friend working in her garden, training the vine that was creeping up over the veranda. When all the shoots had been secured, she put in a few extra tacks several inches higher than the vines had reached. "To have when you need them?" I asked. "No", she replied, "for the vines to grow to." Then she explained, that some curious sort of instinct in a vine would make it grow toward a support arranged for it.

Watching my friend's home life, it seemed to me she carries this same principle into the training of her children. She keeps such high ideals before them, that instinctively they try to live up to them. Faults are not often corrected, the contrasting virtues are commended and opportunities are made to let them have play. So the baby of the flock, who bade fair to be spoiled and selfish, has been taught the joys of giving. It was taken for granted that she should love to give, and a selfish act was treated more as a mistake. Call it hypnotism, the stronger mind controlling the weaker, or what you will; but the result is, a child who will not only share her treasures, but who herself quietly goes without rather than that any one else should be left out.

When the small son went to school and, for the first time, mixed with other boys, he found that very often their opinion of honor and his did not coincide, and, for a little time, his suffered; but the instinct of honor which

had been developed before he met the temptation to dishonesty, was too strong finally to succumb, and he very soon became again the open, straightforward boy his mother loved. As far as I could see, he was never preached at, nor were his obviously crooked ways noted, the very reverse. Perhaps a little more carefully than ever was it impressed on him, how he was trusted.

It is hard to say whether such a plan would always work. In this case, with children of very varied temperaments, it has been most successful. The children feel the restraint of their mother's ideal for them. I have heard the oldest daughter, remark, in a tone of mock complaint, "I wish you didn't expect us *always* to do right!" But instinctively they are reaching up to their mother's high expectations.

St. John, N. B.

The Secret

"How do you manage to give all your family house room?" said a wren to a titmouse. "With half your number, mine are always tumbling out of the nest."

"Perhaps you didn't make it large enough", said the titmouse. "That can't be the reason; it's as large as yours."

"Ah", said the titmouse, "perhaps your children don't agree. If my twelve didn't accommodate each other, we couldn't get on at all; but I'm thankful they all agree, for that makes a peaceful home."

The secret of a peaceful human family is for all the members to agree.

The Two Snowflakes

A big and a little snowflake met one stormy day high up in the sky. They were both very beautiful, fluffy and white.

"I'm going to take a trip down to the earth", said the big snowflake.

"And so am I", the little one replied.

"Pray, where are you going to drop yourself?" asked the big snowflake.

"O, I'd like to fall where I can do the most good", answered the little snowflake, softly.

"Well, I'm not thinking about that. I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I expect to

seek the topmost twig of a very, very tall tree, and there I shall rest to be admired by all who pass that way whether they be men or birds or beasts."

"I think", suggested the little snowflake, modestly, "it would be a great deal better for us to go where our Maker wants us to go, for He knows where we can do the most good."

"O, pshaw!" snapped the big snowflake, "I'm large enough to know what to do with myself, so come on, let's be going."

Down, down they came on the wings of the wind. Sure enough the big snowflake found a great tall tree, and immediately perched himself on the topmost twig. The little snowflake passed on down nearer the earth and was driven by the wind right against a window pane on the other side of which sat a crippled lad. At once the boy laughed out loud and cried: "O, mama, see what a pretty little snowflake has come to see me this morning!" The boy's mama came, and they sat there admiring the little snowflake until it dropped to the window sill to rest.

The big snowflake remained on his lofty perch, but no man or bird or beast came that way to admire him. By and by the rays of the setting sun broke through a rift in the clouds, touched him, and at once he melted away. But the little snowflake nestled on the window sill in the shade of the house, unharmed, and was there the next morning to greet the crippled boy when he took his place by the window.

—W. D. Neale, in *Sunday School Advocate*

Letter from a Primary Teacher to a Mother

By Mrs. Jessie Munro Johnston

Dear Mrs. B.—

Ever since my visit at your home, I have been feeling so greatly encouraged by the interest you showed in the work I am trying to do. It will be all the greater joy for me to teach your little daughter because of your loving sympathy.

If you could spare time to come sometimes with your little girl, to visit our class, it would be very helpful to us, and how delighted we

should all be to see you! The Sunday School will take on an added importance in the mind of the little ones, from the interest thus shown by a "grown-up"; and they will all be the more eager to be punctual and regular in attendance.

It has also proved a very great advantage to me to have had the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the other members of your family. I feel that this has formed another tie between your little one and her teacher. For one understands children and their needs so much better from knowing something of their everyday companions and interests. It was very good of you to permit me to see something of your little one's life in the home.

I realize, more than ever, how much more your influence counts than my teaching, in your child's religious instruction. She is with me for only one hour a week; you have her by your side all the other hours. It gives me so much more confidence in teaching, to know how, all the week, your influence is making deep and permanent any impressions received during the Sunday School hour.

Please do not leave all the religious instruction of the little one to the Sunday School teacher. It is far too great a task for her. Far sweeter and longer remembered, is the prayer lisped at mother's knee or whispered as the tired head rests upon mother's shoulder, than any words of the Sunday School teacher. She can never speak with such effect as you to your little one of God's kindness, or teach her so impressively to take everything to God in prayer, to love God's Word, to love God's house. Will you not read to her the cards and papers taken home each Sunday from the class, and ask her what she can remember about the Lesson? Would it be too much to teach her the Golden Text and read the Lesson with her each Sunday before she goes to Sunday School?

I hope you will let me know if you think of any way in which I can do my work of teaching better. As a Primary teacher, my one thought is to help the mothers in their blessed work of keeping the little feet treading the right ways.

North Bay, Ont.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1910

I. RECITE IN CONCERT.

Heavenly Father, good and kind	Help us keep Thee in our mind,
Guide our thoughts to-day.	In all we do and say. Amen.

II. SINGING. Hymn 558, Book of Praise.

III. PRAYER, in which let the babies on the Cradle Roll be remembered.

IV. SINGING. Hymn 583, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 2. (These are the first two verses of the Supplemental Hymn for the Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

Whither, pilgrims, are you going,	Fear ye not the way so lonely,
Going each with staff in hand ?	You a little, feeble band ?
We are going on a journey,	No ; for friends unseen are near us,
Going at our King's command ;	Holy angels round us stand ;
Over hills and plains and valleys,	Christ, our Leader, walks beside us,
We are going to His palace,	He will guard, and He will guide us,
Going to the better land.	Guide us to the better land.

V. REPEAT IN CONCERT the Golden Text for the Quarter. (This should be taught one clause at a time until thoroughly known, and may be referred to frequently during the entire year.)

VI. OFFERING. Sing:

We give Thee of Thine own,
 Whate'er the gift may be ;
 All that we have is Thine alone
 A trust, O Lord, from Thee.—Hymn 424, Book of Praise

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six, The Good Shepherd, Psalm 23. For those under eleven, The Child Wonderful, Isa 9 : 6. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

VIII. RECOGNITION EXERCISE (special hymn or prayer), should any child have had a birthday since last Sunday, or returned to School after absence, or a Cradle Roll member be present.

IX. 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.

X. SINGING. Vs. 2 and 7 of Hymn 97, Book of Praise.

XI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XII. SINGING. Lesson Hymn. (See each Lesson.)

XIII. CLOSING PRAYER.

Lesson I.

JOHN, THE FORERUNNER OF JESUS

January 2, 1910

Matthew 3 : 1-12—*Memory Verses, 2, 3.

Golden Text—The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.—Matthew 3 : 3.



1 In those days came John the Bap'tist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæ'a,

2 And saying, Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esai'as, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jeru'salem, and all Judæ'a, and all the region round about Jor'dan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jor'dan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Phar'isees and Sad'ducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come ?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance :

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have A'braham to our father : for I say raise up children unto A'braham.

unto you, that God is able of these stones to

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees : therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance : but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear : he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire :

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner ; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had a cousin named John. During the years that Jesus was growing up in Nazareth, John was being taught by God the message he was to deliver to the people of Israel,—that they were to be sorry for their sins, and that they were to prepare to meet very soon the long-promised Messiah.

Now ever since John had grown to be a man he had lived in the "wilderness" or wild country near the Jordan and the Dead Sea, dressing, like the old prophets, in a rough coat of cloth made from camel's hair, with a girdle of leather, and having for his only food, locusts and wild honey. At last John began to preach in the wilderness, and people flocked to hear him from all the places round about ; and to all who heard him, his message was the same,—"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. I am the one whom the prophet

Isaiah foretold would be sent, and who would cry in the wilderness, 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.' "

All those who heard John's words and were willing to give up their sins, were baptized by him in the river Jordan. And because he baptized those who came to him, he is called John the Baptist. Amongst the crowds who flocked to the wilderness, were many of the Pharisees and Sadducees ; and John told these, that they, too, if they wished to have their sins forgiven, must give them up and live good lives. They must, like a good tree, bring forth good fruit, or they would be destroyed.

John also told the people that his baptism with water could not wash away their sins, but that Jesus, when He came, would give them the Holy Spirit, who could make their

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

hearts clean from sin and help them to be pure and holy.

Jesus, said John, would be able to separate the good from the bad. The good He would gather to Himself, like the grain in harvest, but the bad, like the chaff, He would utterly destroy.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Jesus' cousin? 2. In what place did Jesus grow up? 3. Where did John the Baptist live during this time? 4. How was he dressed? 5. What food did he eat? 6. What was God teaching him? 7. Where did John begin to preach? 8. What was his great message? 9. What had Isaiah said about him? 10. Whom did John baptize? 11. Who came, amongst others to hear him? 12. What did John say they also must do if they wished to have their sins forgiven? 13. What did he say would not save them? 14. In what way must they be like a tree? 15. What did John say Jesus would give when He came? 16. What would Jesus do with the good and the bad? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Josie had been so ashamed because she only had two cents for collection; but when she heard the missionary speaker say that prayers helped on God's work as well as money, she decided that she would pray very hard that her two cents would do some good.

Now, it happened that the two cents bought a little tract that fell into the hands of a careless young man, and led him to make up his mind to go out to India as a missionary. There he taught many about

Jesus. Josie's penny and prayers prepared the way for the coming of Jesus into many hearts and homes in that heathen land.

Lesson Hymn

Come, Holy Spirit, come,
Let Thy bright beams arise;
Dispel the darkness from our minds
And open all our eyes.

Convince us of our sin;
Then lead to Jesus' blood,
And to our wondering view reveal
The secret love of God. Amen.

—Hymn 101, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD NOT SIN

The Catechism

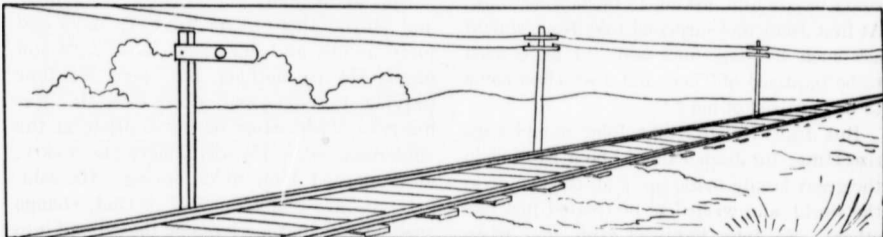
PRIMARY CATECHISM—65. What do we mean by the Ten Commandments? The Ten Commandments are God's holy law.

SHORTER CATECHISM—39. What is the duty which God requireth of man? A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will. 40. What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience? A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

The Question on Missions

(FIRST QUARTER, LUMBERMEN AND SETTLERS: HOME MISSIONS IN THE EAST). 1. What does the Home Mission field, Eastern Section, include? The Maritime Provinces, Newfoundland, a strip of the State of Maine, U. S., and also a small slice of the Province of Quebec on the Bay of Chaleurs.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME



The railway semaphore shows when the track is clear for a train to go safely on. Color the drawing, and remember that we should take all sin out of the way, so that Jesus may come into our hearts.

Lesson II. THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS January 9, 1910

Matthew 3 : 13-17 ; 4 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

Golden Text—In that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.—Hebrews 2 : 18.

13 Then cometh Je'sus from Gal'ilee to Jor'dan unto John, to be baptized of him.

14 But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me ?

15 And Je'sus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now : for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

16 And Je'sus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water : and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him :

17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Ch. 4 : 1 Then was Je'sus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by

every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down : for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee : and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Je'sus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them ; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Je'sus unto him, Get thee hence, Sa'tan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Now, one day, as John the Baptist was teaching and baptizing beside the river Jordan, Jesus Himself suddenly came and stood beside him, asking to be baptized also. At first John was surprised that Jesus should ask such a thing, and said, "I have need to be baptized of Thee, and dost Thou come to be baptized of me ?"

But Jesus insisted that John should baptize Him ; for Jesus came to be a Brother in the great family made up of all the people in the world, and wished to be treated just like others. So John baptized Him, and when He was coming up out of the water, the sky above Him opened and the Spirit of God came down like a dove and rested upon Him,

and God's voice spoke out of heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

And Jesus went out into the wilderness, and stayed there alone for forty days and forty nights, and during all those days and nights He ate nothing, but spent His time praying to God ; and afterwards He was hungry. Then came Satan to Jesus in the wilderness, when He was hungry and weary, and tempted Him to do wrong. He said, "If you are really the Son of God, change these stones that are lying on the ground into bread, that you may eat, for you are hungry." But Jesus was not to be caught by cunning. He told Satan that it was written in the

Bible, that we must be more careful to obey God and do what is right, than even to get bread when we are hungry.

Satan next took Jesus into Jerusalem and up to a very high part of the temple and said, "If Thou art the Son of God, cast Thyself down from here, for it is written in the Bible, that the angels shall hold Thee up as Thou art falling, lest Thou be dashed against a stone." But Jesus said it was also written in the Bible, that we must not put ourselves in danger only to try whether God will save us from harm.

Then Satan set before Jesus a third temptation. He took Him up to a high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world together, their glories and their riches, and he said to Him, "All these will I give Thee for Thine own, if Thou wilt kneel down and worship me."

But immediately Jesus answered, "Go away from Me, Satan, for it is written in the Bible, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'" So the devil, finding he could not tempt Jesus to do wrong, went away, and angels came and fed and comforted Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came one day to John asking to be baptized?
2. What did John say to Him?
3. Why did Jesus insist that John should baptize Him?
4. What strange thing happened as Jesus was coming out of the water?
5. Who spoke from heaven?
6. What did God say?
7. Where did Jesus afterwards go?
8. How long was He there?
9. Who came and tempted Him?
10. What did Satan first ask Jesus to do?
11. What reason did Jesus give for refusing?
12. Whither did Satan next take Jesus?
13. What did he ask Him to do there?
14. What was Jesus' answer?
15. How did Satan tempt Jesus a third time?
16. What did Jesus say in reply to this temptation?
17. What happened when Satan left Jesus?
18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

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

He came in semblance of a dove,
 With sheltering wings outspread,
 The holy balm of peace and love,
 On earth to shed. Amen.

—Hymn 111, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—66. Which is the First Commandment? The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." **67. What is meant by having other gods before God?** Worshipping anything but the true God, or loving anything more than God.

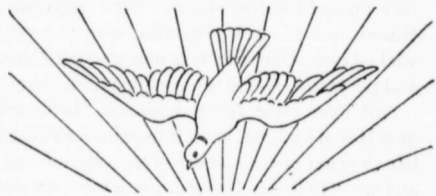
SHORTER CATECHISM—41. Where is the moral law summarily comprehended? A. The moral law is summarily comprehended in the ten commandments. **42. What is the sum of the ten commandments?** A. The sum of the ten commandments is, To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbour as ourselves.

The Question on Missions

2. Describe the Home Mission fields of New Brunswick. A group of seven lie on the Upper St. John River. The farthest is 300 miles from the centre, 10 or 12 are in the interior of the Province, and others are situated on the coast line.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Spirit that came upon Jesus was pure and gentle as a dove. We, too, may have



the same Spirit to dwell in us and make us like the blessed Jesus. Color the drawing.

**I Have Learned Today That
 JESUS IS STRONGER THAN SATAN**

Lesson III. THE BEGINNING OF THE GALILEAN MINISTRY January 16, 1910

Matthew 4 : 12-25—Memory Verse, 23.

Golden Text—The people which sat in darkness saw great light.—Matthew 4 : 16.

12 Now when Je'sus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Gal'ilee ;

13 And leaving Naz'areth, he came and dwelt in Caper'naum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabu'lon and Neph'thalim :

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esai'as the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zabu'lon, and the land of Neph'thalim, *by the way of the sea, beyond Jor'dan, Gali'lee of the Gen'tiles ;*

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light ; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17 From that time Je'sus began to preach, and to say, Repent : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 And Je'sus, walking by the sea of Gal'ilee, saw two brethren, Si'mon called Pe'ter, and An'drew his brother, casting a net into the sea : for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him.

21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son of Zeb'edee*, and John his brother, in a ship with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets ; and he called them.

22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

23 And Je'sus went about all Gal'ilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

24 And his fame went throughout all Syr'ia : and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy ; and he healed them.

25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from Gal'ilee, and *from Decap'olis, and from Jeru'salem, and from Judæ'a, and from beyond Jor'dan.*

THE LESSON RETOLD

John the Baptist still went on preaching in the wilderness, and amongst those whom he reproved for their sins was the wicked ruler Herod, and his wife Herodias, who was very wicked too. Herodias was angry with John, and persuaded Herod to have him put in prison.

Not long after Jesus' baptism, He heard how Herod had cast John into prison, so Jesus left the part of the country where Herod was, and went to live in Capernaum, a town on the Sea of Galilee. Now the prophet Isaiah, long before, had said that the people living in the country round about Capernaum would one day see a great light. This prophecy was fulfilled when Jesus came thither. He began there His work of preaching, and called on people to repent of their sins, because the

kingdom of heaven was now close at hand. Jesus Himself was the Ruler of this kingdom, and He wished everybody to belong to it.

As Jesus was walking one day by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two fishermen, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea. And Jesus called to these two men and said, "If you will follow Me, I will make you fishers of men instead of fish." And the men immediately left their nets, and followed Jesus. They were His first disciples.

And again Jesus saw two other fishermen, James and John, who were with their father Zebedee in a ship mending their nets, and they too, when they were called to be Jesus' disciples, left all that they had and followed Him. And Jesus went through all the coun-

try of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues or churches, preaching the gospel and healing all kinds of sickness and disease among the people.

And as the news of Jesus' wonderful miracles spread through all the land, people brought to Him from great distances their friends or relations who were sick or lame or out of their minds, and Jesus healed them all. So wherever He went, great multitudes followed Him, who had come from Jerusalem and Judea and from far beyond the Jordan.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What sad news did Jesus hear about John the Baptist? 2. What part of the country did Jesus then leave? 3. To what town did He go to live? 4. What had Isaiah prophesied about the people living in the country round about this town? 5. When was this prophecy fulfilled? 6. What did Jesus begin to do? 7. What did He call on men to do? 8. Whom did Jesus notice as He walked one day by the sea? 9. What did He say to these men? 10. What did the men do? 11. Whom did Jesus call next? 12. Through what country did Jesus then go? 13. What did He do as He went? 14. What happened as the news about Him spread? 15. What were some of the places from which the multitudes came? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

The big policeman placed the two small boys up in front of the magistrate. "They were fighting, sir, about this dog", pointing to a shivering cocker spaniel in his arms, "each of 'em says it's his."

"Take the dog to the other end of the room," said the magistrate. "Now", said he to one of the boys, "call your dog up here." "Here Jackie, here, good doggie, come along", cried the boy. But the dog paid no heed. "Now you", said the magistrate to the other boy. He gave a peculiar cry, and immediately tore up the room to his side. "I think the dog has decided the question", said the magistrate, quietly.

Lesson Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done. Amen.
—Hymn 138, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—68. Which is the Second Commandment? The Second Commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

SHORTER CATECHISM—43. What is the preface to the ten commandments? A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, *I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*

The Question on Missions

3. Give some account of Newfoundland. Newfoundland has a population of 225,000. There are few settlements in the interior, the great majority of the people being settled along the coast line. Fishing is the principal industry. St. John's is a wealthy city.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Four men in the Lesson left their work of catching fish, to tell others of Jesus and bring them to Him. Many in our own land and in



heathen lands still need to be told of Jesus, brought to be His followers. In this work we can all help. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS IS CALLING ME

Matthew 5 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 2-9.

Golden Text—Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.—Matthew 5 : 8.



1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain : and when he was set, his disciples came unto him :

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed *are* the poor in spirit : for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed *are* they that mourn : for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed *are* the meek : for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness : for they shall be filled.

7 Blessed *are* the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God.

10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for their's is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad : for great is your reward in heaven : for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. 13 Ye are the salt of the earth : but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted ? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick ; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One morning, after Jesus had spent the whole night praying on a mountain not far from Capernaum, His disciples came to Him, and He chose from amongst these, twelve men who were to be with Him always, and whom He called apostles. Soon after, the multitudes, finding out whither He had gone, came to Him, and He spoke to them the Sermon on the Mount.

In this sermon, Jesus told of eight ways, each beginning with the word "Blessed", in which people could learn to be truly happy and satisfied. First, the Saviour said, "if people wished to be happy, they must be humble, or "poor in spirit", for only the humble could belong to His kingdom. "And blessed are they that mourn", said the Saviour also, "for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek : for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst

after righteousness : for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful : for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers : for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake : for their's is the kingdom of heaven."

And Jesus told the listening people plainly that His followers would be hated in this world for His sake, but this should only make them glad because, if they proved faithful, a great reward was waiting for them in heaven. The holy men of old had also been treated in the same way.

And Jesus said also, that, as salt keeps food pure and fit for use, so Jesus' followers must always stand up for what is good and right. They must not be afraid to let their good deeds be seen and to let others know that

they love and obey God. Then their example would lead others to love and obey God also.

"Ye are the light of the world", said Jesus, "and, as a city that is built on a hill, or as a lighted lamp in a room, your good works will show the right way to others, and people will honor and praise your heavenly Father, because you live as His loving and obedient children.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where had Jesus spent a whole night ? 2. What had He been doing there ? 3. Who came to Him in the morning ? 4. How many disciples did He choose to be with Him always ? 5. What did He call these ? 6. Who soon after came to Him ? 7. What sermon did He speak ? 8. What did He say about the humble ? 9. What would be done for those that mourn ? 10. What would the meek receive ? 11. What would be done to those that hungered and thirsted for righteousness ? 12. What promise did Jesus make about the merciful ? 13. About the pure in heart ? 14. What did He say about the peacemakers ? 15. What reward would there be for the persecuted ? 16. How would Jesus' followers be treated in this world ? 17. To what did Jesus compare His people ? 18. Why should they let their good deeds be seen ? 19. In what way should His people be like a light ? 20. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

Ben and Teddy faced each other, hands clenched, cheeks fiery, and hearts even more fiery than their cheeks. "You shall !" "I shan't !" "It's my stamp !" "It isn't. I paid ten cents for it myself !"

"Boys", broke in Dolly, "don't you each want one of my Guiana stamps ?" If she hadn't said it then, she knew Ben would have struck Teddy, and then there would have been a fight which she might not have been able to stop at all, although mother did call her the little peacemaker. The boys started apart. They had wanted those two stamps for months now. "Guess we do !" they cried. "Just if you don't fight any more", said Dolly, "and father can decide about the stamp when he comes home." "All right", the boys agreed, and Dolly handed over her

treasured stamps with the warm little feeling in her heart which peacemaking always gives.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, I can trust Thee,
Trust Thy written word—
Though Thy voice of pity
I have never heard—
When Thy Spirit teacheth,
To my taste how sweet !
Only may I hearken,
Sitting at Thy feet. Amen.
—Hymn 167, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—69. What is the danger of using images or pictures in the worship of God ? We may come to worship the image or picture instead of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—44. What doth the preface to the ten commandments teach us ? A. The preface to the ten commandments teacheth us, That because God is the Lord, and our God, and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

The Question on Missions

4. How many Presbyterian congregations and mission stations are there in Newfoundland ? Two congregations, St Andrew's in St. John's, and Harbor Grace, and three mission stations, Wabano, Bay of Islands and Grand Falls. There is a likelihood of two others being established in the near future.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Like this lighted candle, we should shine



for Jesus, by speaking loving words and doing kind deeds. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned Today
THAT JESUS MAKES ME HAPPY

Lesson V.

SOME LAWS OF THE KINGDOM

January 30, 1910

Matthew 5 : 22-26, 38-48. Study Matthew 5 : 17-26, 38-48—Memory Verse, 44.

Golden Text—Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.—Matthew 5 : 48.

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment : and whosoever shall say to his brother, Ra'ca, shall be in danger of the council : but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee :

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way ; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him ; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth :

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil : but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also. 41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away. 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you ; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven : for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye ? do not even the publicans the same ? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others ? do not even the publicans so ? 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus, after telling His disciples and the rest of the multitudes how they might be truly happy, went on to explain the difference between His laws and the false teachings of the scribes and Pharisees, who were always quarreling amongst themselves about what their laws meant. "Now it has been told you", said Jesus, "that if you should kill another person, you would be in danger of being punished. But I tell you that, if you are even angry with another without a good reason, you will be in danger of punishment."

Then He told His hearers that, when they were going up to the temple to worship, they must try and remember whether they had

done wrong to any person. And if they had, they must first go and make the wrong right with that person ; for God would not accept nor care for their worship, while there was some sin in their hearts that they had not repented of.

It was the custom amongst the Jews that, when one man injured another, he should be punished by receiving the same injury in return, so that the words, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth", were a common saying.

But Jesus said, "I say unto you, resist not evil : but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. If a man take away thy coat, let him have

thy cloak also. Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twice as far. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow from thee, turn not thou away." In all these ways, Jesus taught that the best way to get the better of an enemy was to make friends with him and treat him kindly.

Jesus spoke of another common saying, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy", and changed it for His followers to, "Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that treat you badly, that you may be like your Father in heaven, who makes all to share the same good gifts, sending His rain and sun alike upon the evil and the good."

"For", said the Saviour, "if you only show kindness to those who are kind to you, what more do you do than others? Even the worst people in the world do the same. But you must try to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus explain in the Sermon on the Mount? 2. What did the law say should be done to the man who had killed another? 3. What did Jesus say God would punish as well as killing? 4. What did Jesus say His disciples should do before they went to worship God? 5. What was meant by the saying, "An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth"? 6. How did Jesus teach His followers to act towards those who injured them? 7. What should they do for their enemies? 8. Whose child-

ren does Jesus say His disciples are? 9. What good gifts does God make all to share? 10. Whom should all God's children try to be like? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Our hearts, if God we seek to know,
Shall know Him, and rejoice;
His coming like the morn shall be,
Like morning songs His voice.

As dew upon the tender herb,
Diffusing fragrance round;
As showers that usher in the spring,
And cheer the thirsty ground. Amen.
—Hymn 189, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE LIKE GOD

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—70. Which is the Third Commandment? 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."

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 39-44.

The Question on Missions

5. How are Home Mission fields in the Eastern Section classified? Into fields supplied by ordained ministers, by student catechists and by student teachers.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Copy these words of Jesus, and ask Him to help you to do what they say.

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Matthew 6 : 1-15—Memory Verse, 6.

Golden Text—Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them.—
Matthew 6 : 1.



1 Take heed that ye do not your alms be ore men, to be seen of them : otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth :

4 That thine alms may be in secret : and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites *are* : for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret ; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do* : for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not ye therefore like unto them : for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye : Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil : For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you : 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus went on, in the Sermon on the Mount, to speak about giving to the poor. Many in those days gave their gifts in public places, like churches and street corners, so that people might see them and say how kind and generous they were. Jesus likened these to one who should blow a trumpet to gather the crowds, that they might behold his good deeds. "Verily I say unto you", said Jesus, "they have their reward. Others speak well of them, and they care more for this than they do for the approval of God." But Jesus' disciples were to be different from this. When they gave anything to the poor, they must not go about telling it. Indeed, they must do it so quietly, that even their left hand would not know what was done by their right.

And when they prayed to God, Jesus also said, they must not choose a place where others could see them, like the proud Pharisees, who loved to make long prayers in public places. But they must go into their own rooms and shut the door, so that only God would hear them. Then God would answer their prayers.

Nor were the disciples, when they prayed, to repeat over and over again words with no meaning, like the heathen, who thought they would be heard for their much speaking. "Your heavenly Father knows what you need before you ask Him", said Jesus, "and so requires no long prayers."

Then Jesus taught His disciples a very simple, short prayer, which we now call "the Lord's Prayer". "When you pray to God", He

said, "speak to Him as your Father in heaven. Pray that His name may be revered and glorified and His will be done here on earth, as it is done in heaven. Each day ask God to provide your daily bread, and to forgive your sins, as you must forgive those who sin against you. And pray to be kept from temptation and from the evil that is in the world. If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you will not forgive, neither will your Father forgive you."

Questions on the Lesson

1. About what did Jesus go on to speak? 2. In what places did many in those days give their gifts to the poor? 3. Why did they choose these places? 4. What reward did they receive? 5. What must Jesus' disciples not do when they gave to the poor? 6. Where must they go to pray to God? 7. Where did the Pharisees love to pray? 8. What would God do for those who prayed to Him in secret? 9. How did the heathen pray? 10. What did Jesus say God did not need? 11. What is the prayer called that Jesus taught the disciples? 12. Repeat it together. 13. What must we do, if we wish God to forgive our trespasses? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Once upon a time, we are told, there lived a king who had a little boy whom he loved very dearly. This little prince had the most beautiful things in the world to play with, but he was not happy. At length a magician came to the court. "I can make your son happy", he said to the king, "but you must pay me a great price for it." So the price was paid. Then the magician took the boy into a room alone, and gave him a piece of paper. "Read it when I am gone", he said. The boy did as he was told, and on the paper he found the sentence, "Do a kindness to some one every day." The little prince made use of his secret, and became the happiest boy in the kingdom.

Lesson Hymn

My God, is any hour so sweet,
From blush of morn to evening star,

As that which calls me to Thy feet—
The hour of prayer? Amen.
—Hymn 401, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—71. What are some of the common ways of taking God's name in vain? Profane swearing, and speaking about God and holy things in a light or thoughtless way.

SHORTER CATECHISM—45. Which is the first commandment? A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 46. What is required in the first commandment? A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

The Question on Missions

6. Tell about Home Mission work in the lumber camps. The missionary travels on foot, or takes a chance on a "tote" team. In the evening, after supper, he holds a brief service in the camp, and literature is distributed. On Sabbath, regular preaching services are conducted in a central camp.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How foolish a man would look blowing a trumpet to gather a crowd every time he was



going to do a kind deed! But we are like such a man, if we boast about anything good that we do. Color the drawing, and let it teach us to be humble.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD IS OUR FATHER

Lesson VII.

WORLDLINESS AND TRUST

February 13, 1910

Matthew 6 : 19-34—Memory Verse, 24.

Golden Text—Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness ; and all these things shall be added unto you.—Matthew 6 : 33.



19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal :

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal :

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

22 The light of the body is the eye : if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness !

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

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink ; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment ?

26 Behold the fowls of the air : for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns ; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they ?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature ?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment ? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow ; they toil not, neither do they spin :

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the

oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith ?

31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat ? or, What shall we drink ? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed ?

32 (For after all these things do the Gen'tiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness ; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow : for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

THE LESSON RETOLD

There are few people in the world who do not care for money, and yet Jesus told His disciples that they must not long to be rich, neither must they lay up treasures for themselves on earth, but in heaven. Jesus meant by this, that they should be trying always to live so that at last they would go to heaven itself, and in heaven there would be more things to make them happy, than all the money in the world could buy.

He said, at the same time, "You cannot serve God and Mammon." Now Mammon was the heathen god of riches, and Jesus meant, they could not love and serve the true God, as they ought, with all their hearts, and at the same time set their hearts on getting all the money they could.

Jesus also told His disciples not to be troubled about what they should eat or wear. The birds of the air, He said, did not sow nor

reap, and yet the heavenly Father fed and cared for them. And were not His children worth much more than the birds ? And why should they worry about clothes ? They should think of the lilies of the field ; these do not toil or labor, and yet God has clothed them in such bright colors, that even all Solomon's glory is not to be compared to their beauty.

"Wherefore", said Jesus, "if God so clothes the grass of the field, which to-morrow will be withered and cast away, shall He not much more clothe you, His own children ? So do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we have to eat or to drink or to put on ?' For your heavenly Father knows you have need of all these things, and will give you everything that is for your good.

"Think first of the kingdom of God and of pleasing God by serving Him, and He

will give all needful earthly blessings besides. There will be nothing, in all the coming days, to hurt you who are God's children."

Jesus also said that His followers should not be troubled or anxious about the future. Each day would bring its own work and cares. But with each day would come, too, from their heavenly Father all the strength they needed.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus say His disciples should not long for? 2. Where were they to lay up treasures? 3. How should they try to live? 4. What reward would they get in heaven? 5. What two masters could they not serve at the same time? 6. Who was Mammon? 7. Whom did Jesus say his disciples should love and serve with all their hearts? 8. What could they not do at the same time? 9. About what were they not to trouble themselves? 10. Who, did Jesus say, feeds the birds? 11. Who clothes the flowers? 12. What does God's care for the birds and flowers teach us? 13. What should we think of first? 14. What will God give His children? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Say Bert", said one boy to another, "don't you want to go into town to-night with the crowd?" "What crowd?" asked Bert. "Oh, Jim Swift and Percy Robb and —" "No thanks!" interrupted Bert. "Why not?" persisted Bob. "They're nice jolly boys, even if they are a little wild."

"Well, when I can have friends that are nice and jolly without being wild", said Bert, "I'm not going to go with the other kind. Besides, I thought you took the pledge we all took in the Boys' Club, not to go with bad companions." "They aren't bad", Bob began hotly. "Well, you won't get any good from them anyway", broke in Bert, "and we won't get any good from our club either, if we go with boys like that at the same time. Now you know we won't, Bob", he pleaded. "We're going to have a fine exhibition of limelight views to-night. Come with me to that instead." "Guess you're right; I will", said Bob quite cheerily.

Lesson Hymn

Saviour, blessed Saviour,
Listen whilst we sing,
Hearts and voices raising
Praises to our King;
All we have to offer,
All we hope to be,
Body, soul, and spirit,
All we yield to Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 210, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—72. Which is the Fourth Commandment? The Fourth Commandment is, "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." 73. Which day of the week is our Sabbath? The first day of the week is our Sabbath.

SHORTER CATECHISM—47. What is forbidden in the first commandment? A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

The Question on Missions

7. Why is Home Mission work needed by lumbermen? The lumbermen are absent from their homes for more than half the year, and all classes of men congregate together. The profane jest and rough speech are very common. It is hard to live right; and the missionary's help is greatly needed.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

We all love flowers, like the lily in the drawing (*copy*). God loves them, too, and



cares for them. But much more does He love us who are His children, and He will surely give us everything we need.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD NEVER WORRY

Lesson VIII. THE GOLDEN RULE—TEMPERANCE LESSON February 20, 1910

Matthew 7 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 7, 8.

Golden Text—Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them : for this is the law and the prophets.—Matthew 7 : 12.



1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged : and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye ?

4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye ; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye ?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye ; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you :

8 For every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone ?

10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent ?

11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him ?

12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them : for this is the law and the prophets.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus went on to say that His disciples should not judge others harshly, or blame others too severely for their faults. "For you, too", Jesus reminded them, "have yourselves often done wrong. And, as you judge others, so they will judge you. If you are hard on their faults, they will be hard on yours. But if, when you see anything wrong in them, you are kind and forgiving and charitable towards them, they will be the same towards you. At the last day, too, if you have judged others severely, God will judge you severely. But if you have been lenient with others, He will be lenient with you." "For with what measure ye mete", said Jesus, "it shall be measured to you again."

"And why should you point out the small faults in your brother or neighbor", said Jesus, "when you may have been guilty of a far greater fault yourself ? That is like

one who should try to take a speck of dust out of another's eye, while a log, all the time, is in his own eye." "But", said Jesus also, "there are some who will not let you treat them kindly, but will drive you away with scorn and abuse. Have nothing to do with such people, for they are like dogs and swine, which trample precious gifts under their feet and seek to destroy the giver."

And because His disciples would need help to do all He had told them, Jesus said they must ask God for it. "For", He said, "every one that asks shall receive. An earthly father would not give a stone to his son instead of bread ; nor a serpent instead of a fish ; nor a poisonous scorpion instead of an egg. And God is better and kinder than any earthly father, so He will give His children all things that are good for them." And then Jesus gave His disciples a Golden Rule to guide them. He said, "Whatsoever ye

would like men to do to you, do ye to them." Everything that God's holy law tells us to do, and all that the prophets sent of God to His people long ago, taught them, are gathered up in this one simple rule. If we obey it, we shall be doing all that God would have us do.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus say about judging others? 2. How did He say others will judge us? 3. How will God judge us at the last day? 4. To whom did Jesus liken one who would point out a small fault in another, while there was a greater fault in himself? 5. With whom should Jesus' disciples have nothing to do? 6. From whom did Jesus tell His disciples to ask help? 7. What promise did He give? 8. What things did Jesus say a father would not offer to his son? 9. What will the heavenly Father give His children when they ask Him? 10. What Golden Rule did Jesus give to His disciples? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Molly had worn her little ruby ring to school, and now it was gone. "And I know it's that little new girl that's taken it. She just looks as if she would do things like that!" So she cast suspicious eyes at the poor little stranger and the other girls did the same, and no one spoke to or noticed her, as she crept about the school or the playgrounds like a lonely little ghost.

And then one day Molly opened a little compartment in her pencil box, and there lay her little ruby ring. "Oh!" she cried, her cheeks flaming with shame, "I remember now I did put it there myself to keep it safe; and to think—"

Of course they couldn't take back all the unkind glances and the cold words they had given the little stranger, but they did try so hard to make amends, that she soon forgave them for their unjust suspicions.

Lesson Hymn

Thine forever! Saviour keep
 Us, Thy frail and trembling sheep;
 Safe alone beneath Thy care,
 Let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine forever! Thou our Guide,
 All our wants by Thee supplied,
 All our sins by Thee forgiven,
 Lead us, Lord, from earth to heaven. Amen.

—Hymn 412, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—74. Why is our Sabbath called the Lord's day? Because on that day Jesus Christ rose from the dead.
75. How should we spend the Lord's day? We should spend the Lord's day in rest, in worship, and in doing good.

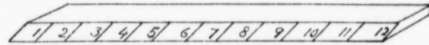
SHORTER CATECHISM—48. What are we specially taught by these words [before me] in the first commandment? A. These words [before me] in the first commandment teach us, That God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other God.

The Question on Missions

8. What is being done for the immigrants? A minister of our church meets all Presbyterian immigrants who land at the ports of Halifax and St. John, and furnishes, to those who desire it, a letter of introduction to the minister in charge at the point where they intend to locate. This brief and friendly interview is highly appreciated by the newcomers.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a foot rule (*copy*) to tell us the distance from one point to another. And



Jesus has given us the "Golden Rule" to tell us how we should act towards others.

I Have Learned To-day
 THAT I SHOULD HARM NO ONE

Matthew 7 : 13-29—Memory Verses, 13, 14.

Golden Text—Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven ; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.—Matthew 7 : 21.



13 Enter ye in at the strait gate ; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat :

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles ?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit ; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven ; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name ? and in thy name have cast out devils ? and in thy name done many wonderful works ?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you : depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken them unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock :

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house ; and it fell not : for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a

foolish man, which built his house upon the sand :

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house ; and it fell : and great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Je'sus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine ;

29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the last part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke of two gates, one narrow and the other wide. And the first gate opened into a narrow road, while the other opened into a road that was broad and easy to walk on. But the narrow gate and the narrow road led to peace and joy, while the wide gate and the broad road led to darkness and death.

Now, Jesus meant that those who follow and obey Him are like those who enter through the narrow gate and walk on the narrow way, while those who do not follow and obey Him, are like those who go through the wide gate and walk on the broad road with the sad and sorrowful ending.

Jesus also spoke of false teachers, who, He said, were like wolves dressed in sheeps' skins, pretending to be gentle and innocent, while really they were false and cruel. And to show His followers how they might be able to judge between true and false teachers,

Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. A good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit, neither can a bad tree bring forth good fruit ; and it is just as impossible for evil men to serve God, as for figs and grapes to grow on thorn bushes or thistles." God wants us to have good hearts, and then our lives also will be good.

Not every one, Jesus said, who called Him, "Lord" or "Master", would be taken up to heaven, but only those who obeyed God's words. Many persons who had not done this, would come to Him on the last day and would call Him, "Lord, Lord", and would say they had worked for Him and taught others about Him. But He would tell them they had never truly been His disciples, and would send them away with all others who had been wicked.

Jesus saw two kinds of people in the world, —doers, and hearers only. Of the doers, He said, "Whosoever doeth these sayings of

Mine is like a wise man who built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the wind blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock." And of those who were hearers only, He said, "Every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, is like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand and when the tempest beat upon it, it fell; and great was the fall of it." And when Jesus had finished His sermon, all who heard, were astonished at His wonderful teaching, because it was so different from the teaching of the scribes or Jewish teachers.

Questions on the Lesson

1. About what two gates did Jesus speak to His disciples? 2. Into what sort of road did each gate lead? 3. What did Jesus mean? 4. To what did Jesus liken false teachers? 5. How were the disciples to tell true teachers from false? 6. What could a good tree not do? 7. What could a bad tree not do? 8. What could an evil man not do? 9. Who only would be taken to heaven? 10. What would some people say to Jesus at the last day? 11. What would become of them? 12. What two kinds of people did Jesus see in the world? 13. To whom did He liken the doers? 14. To whom those who were hearers only? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"When I grow up", said Hetty as they walked along, "I'm going to be a missionary, and go out to India and teach the poor little Hindoo children." "I'd rather go to a big city", said Daisy, "and get up clubs and playgrounds for the poor children. Oh dear—" she broke off, "there's that dirty little Malone girl! Let's shove her off the sidewalk!"

But Dorrie hung back, her hand in her school-bag. There was a big red apple there. She held it out to the shrinking child as they passed, who was so intent on seizing it, that she never noticed the other two. "Ugh! how could you?" shuddered Hetty. "Now go on and tell us what you're going to do when you are grown up."

Dorrie blushed. "Oh, I'm not good or clever enough to do anything great", she said, "so I'll just have to be an everyday girl, and do just simple, common things."

Lesson Hymn

Take His easy yoke and wear it;
Love will make obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it,
While His wisdom guides your feet
Safe to glory,
Where His ransomed captives meet.

Amen.

—Hymn 145, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—76. Why should we go to a place of worship on the Lord's day? Because God's Word tells us that we should, and because it helps us to be good.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 45-48.

The Question on Missions

9. What is being done for people in hospitals? A chaplain is appointed to the General Hospitals in St. John, Halifax and Charlottetown, who visits regularly Presbyterian patients. People from United States, Great Britain and the West Indies, and even from Australia and New Zealand, are found in these hospitals, as well as Canadians.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Think of a tree loaded with big, juicy pears such as the one in the drawing (copy). Now



Jesus wants our lives to be as full of good deeds as that tree is of fruit.

I Have Learned Today That
I SHOULD DO WHAT JESUS SAYS

Matthew 8 : 2-17—Memory Verses, 2, 3.

Golden Text—Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.—Matthew 8 : 17.

And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

14 And when Je'sus was come into Pe'ter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.

15 And he touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she arose, and ministered unto them.

16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esai'as the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, as Jesus was on His way to Capernaum, He met a poor leper, who cried out to Him, "Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." And at once the kind and loving Lord put out His hand, and cured him of his dreadful disease. And He bade him to tell no one of the cure, but to go and make known to the priest that he was healed and offer a sacrifice of thankfulness.

And as Jesus entered Capernaum, a certain captain of Herod's army came, and besought Him to cure a loved servant, who, he feared, was about to die. "I will go with you now and heal him", Jesus said.

But the captain thought he was not good enough for Jesus to come into his house. "Lord, I am not worthy", he said, "but speak the word only, and I know my servant will be healed. For I have soldiers under me, and I say to one, 'Go' and he goes where I tell him; and to another I say 'Come', and he comes. So I know that the disease which

2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

3 And Je'sus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

4 And Je'sus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Mo'ses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

5 And when Je'sus was entered into Caper'naum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him,

6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

7 And Je'sus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

10 When Je'sus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Is'rael.

11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with A'braham, and I'saac, and Ja'cob, in the kingdom of heaven.

12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

13 And Je'sus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee.

my servant has, will obey Thee and go out of him, if Thou wilt command it to go."

Jesus was astonished at these words, and said to those who were with Him, "I have not found any one among the children of Israel who has so much faith in Me as this Roman soldier. And I tell you at the last day, that many of the people of other nations who have believed in Me, shall be taken up into heaven, while many of the children of Israel, because they will not believe, shall be shut out." And when the centurion's friends returned to his house, they found the servant quite well again.

Jesus went on, and came to the house of His disciple Peter, and there He found Peter's mother-in-law lying very ill of a fever. But, as soon as Jesus entered the house and touched her, she became quite well again, and went about her housework. And as evening drew on, multitudes of people brought their sick and suffering to Jesus, and He healed them all.

Now hundreds of years before Jesus came into the world, the prophet Isaiah had said of Him that He would take upon Himself our weaknesses and sickness, and Jesus did just what the prophet had said He would do.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whom did Jesus meet on His way to Capernaum?
2. What did He do for this man?
3. What did Jesus afterwards tell him to do?
4. Whom did Jesus meet on entering the city?
5. What request did this man make?
6. Why did he object when Jesus offered to go to his house?
7. What only did he want Jesus to do?
8. What did Jesus say when He heard this?
9. What did the centurion's friends find on returning?
10. Whom else did Jesus heal that day?
11. Who were brought to Him at evening?
12. What did He do for them?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A Sunday School teacher had a class of ragged boys. One day, he took a dollar from his pocket and said to one, "Johnny, you may have that." But Johnny only sat and looked at it. "Harry, do you want it?" But Harry grinned and would not take it. He went round the whole class, but they all thought he was only joking. Then he came to the last. "Tommy, you may have that", he said. And Tommy put out his hand eagerly, and took the money and put it in his pocket. "I'm sorry", said the teacher to the other boys who now looked ready to cry. "Any one of the rest of you could have had a dollar, if you had only had faith that I meant what I said."

Lesson Hymn

Jesus quick put forth His hand,
Token of a sweet command,
Overjoyed the leper's soul,
For the Lord had touched him whole.

Oh, thou Healer, still the same!
Speak to me Thy mighty name,
While for joy I worship Thee,
Like the man of Galilee. Amen.

—Hymn 43, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—77. What example did Jesus give us in this matter? It was His custom to go to the place of worship on the Sabbath Day. 78. For what purpose do we go to the house of God? We go to worship God with His people.

SHORTER CATECHISM—49. Which is the second commandment? A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

The Question on Missions

10. How many laborers are employed in Home Mission work in the Eastern Section? During the summer months there are between 80 and 90 laborers, including ordained missionaries, catechists and student teachers. Owing to lack of workers, many fields, in the winter months, are without services.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Learn and copy these lovely lines from Hymn 123, Book of Praise, and remember

I lay my wants on Jesus,
All fulness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases,
He doth my soul redeem.

that you can get from Jesus all that you need.

I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS IS THE BEST FRIEND IN
SICKNESS

Matthew 8 : 23-34—Memory Verses, 2 -26.

Golden Text—What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him !
—Matthew 8 : 27.



23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves : but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us : we perish.

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith ? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea ; and there was a great calm.

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him !

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Ger'gesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Je'sus, thou Son of God ? art thou come hither to torment us before the time ?

30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the devils besought him, saying,

If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine : and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

33 And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.

34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Je'sus : and when they saw him, they besought *him* that he would depart out of their coasts.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, when Jesus was tired and weary, and wished to go away from the multitudes who were about Him, He entered into a little boat with His disciples, that they might cross over the Lake of Galilee to the country of the Gergesenes. And while they were crossing, a terrible storm arose and they were in great danger, for the waves dashed into the boat and filled it with water so that it was ready to sink. But amid all the tempest, Jesus lay asleep on a pillow in one end of the boat.

And the frightened disciples wakened Him crying, "Lord, if you do not save us, we shall all perish." And Jesus immediately rose up, and rebuking His disciples for their want of faith, spoke to the winds and the sea, and at once there was a great calm. And the disciples said wonderingly among themselves,

"What sort of man is this, that the winds and the waves obey Him?" And they sailed over in safety to the other side of the sea.

As they landed, two men possessed with evil spirits rushed towards Jesus. They were so wild and fierce, that no man could go near them, and they lived amongst the tombs which were cut in the rocky caves of the hills. And the evil spirits which were in the men cried out, "What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? Are you come here to punish us? If you send us out of these men let us go instead into that herd of swine feeding there on the mountain." And Jesus said, "Go!" And immediately the evil spirits entered the swine, and the whole herd ran madly down the slope of the mountain and perished in the sea.

When the owners heard the news, they

were very angry and hurried to Jesus and besought Him to leave their country at once.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus wish to get away from the multitudes? 2. What lake did He cross? 3. Who went with Him? 4. What happened on the way? 5. How did Jesus still the storm? 6. What did the disciples say then? 7. Who met Him as He landed? 8. Where did these men live? 9. What did the evil spirits in them say to Jesus? 10. What did they afterwards ask of Him? 11. Did Jesus give them leave? 12. What happened to the swine? 13. What did the owners do when they heard the news? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Nora", said mother, "I saw you with that little Downing girl to-day, who you were told was not a fit companion for you." "Oh, but mother", said Nora eagerly, "she's not the same girl at all. She doesn't do any of the naughty things she used to do." "What changed her?" asked mother.

"Well, I think it was Miss Bruce that began it", said Nora. "She brought her into Sunday School one day, and she behaved dreadfully, making a noise and pinching the other girls and tearing up the papers that were given her. But she came back again the next Sunday just the same, and the Lesson was about Jesus casting the evil spirit out of a man. And what do you suppose she asked Miss Bruce, mother? She asked her if she thought it was an evil spirit in her that made her do such naughty things, and if Jesus could take it out; and Miss Bruce said He could. And, I—I think He has", Nora finished, reverently.

Lesson Hymn

The calm, the breeze, the gale, the storm,
That pass from land to land,
All, all are Thine, and held within
The hollow of Thy hand.

To Thee the Father, Thee the Son,
Whom earth and sky adore,
And Spirit, moving o'er the deep,
Be praise for evermore. Amen.

—Hymn 490, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—79. **How do we worship God when we go to His house?** We worship God by praise, prayer, the reading and preaching of God's Word, and by our offerings.

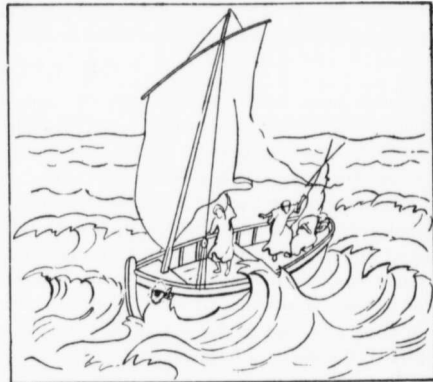
SHORTER CATECHISM—50. *What is required in the second commandment?* A. The second commandment requireth the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God hath appointed in his word.

The Question on Missions

11. What is the work of the student teachers? They teach in school sections which have been vacant, in some cases for four or five years. In addition to teaching in the day school, the student teachers conduct Sabbath Schools, and during the week take charge of prayer meetings and young people's societies.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How wonderful it must have been, to be with Jesus when He stilled the storm on the



Sea of Galilee. But He is still near to us, and has just as much power to help us as He had then. *Color the drawing.*

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS IS GOD'S SON

Lesson XII. A PARALYTIC FORGIVEN AND HEALED March 20, 1910

Matthew 9 : 1-13—Memory Verse, 2.

Golden Text—The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—Matthew 9 : 6.

1 And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Je'sus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

3 And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth.

4 And Je'sus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?

5 For whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?

6 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.

7 And he arose, and departed to his house.

8 But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

9 And as Je'sus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matth'ew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as Je'sus sat at

meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11 And when the Phar'isees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

12 But when Je'sus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus came again into the city of Capernaum, and when the people heard of His coming, they gathered round the house where He was. Most of them had brought sick relations or friends with them, hoping that Jesus would cure them of their sickness. And among them was a man suffering from palsy, so ill that he was carried by his friends on a bed. Jesus was touched by their faith in Him, and said to the sick man, "Be comforted, thy sins are forgiven."

But some of the scribes and Pharisees who were sitting close by said, "Who is this that pretends to forgive sins, as if He were God?" Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them, "Why do you think these things in your heart? To show you that I have power to forgive sins, I will make him well." Then He said to the sick man, "Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." And im-

mediately he got up, and swinging his mattress over his shoulder, he walked out before them all, cured. And all the multitudes wondered, and glorified God.

Now, in those days, the Jews had to pay taxes or tribute money to the Romans, and the men in each city who took these taxes from the people were called publicans. The Jews hated them, not only because they took their money to hand over to the Romans, but also because most of them were unjust and cruel, taking more than was right. As Jesus passed by, He saw one of them, named Matthew, sitting at the place where the people paid their tribute money, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And Matthew rising up, left all and followed Jesus and from that time was one of His disciples. Now it happened that, as Jesus sat at dinner in Matthew's house, the Pharisees who saw it,

said to the disciples, "Why does your Master eat with publicans and sinners?"

The proud Pharisees themselves would not have sat down with these men, for they thought they were too holy to let sinners touch them; and they thought that if Jesus really came from God, that He would know what these men were like and would have nothing to do with them.

And Jesus heard them and answered Himself, "Those who are well do not need a doctor, but only those who are ill; so I have come not to preach to those who are righteous, but to those who are sinful."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the people of Capernaum do when they knew Jesus had come? 2. What sick man was brought on a bed? 3. What did Jesus say to him? 4. Why were the scribes and Pharisees displeased? 5. What did Jesus then say? 6. What happened then? 7. What did the Jews have to pay to the Romans in those days? 8. What were the tax-gatherers called? 9. Why were they hated by the Jews? 10. Which of them did Jesus call to be a disciple? 11. To whose house did Jesus afterwards go? 12. With what sort of people did He sit at dinner? 13. What did the Pharisees say, when they saw this? 14. What was Jesus' answer? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"He was as ragged and tattered as he could be", said Jamie excitedly. "And dirty?" questioned mother. "Well, no. His hands and face were clean, anyway, but he wasn't very nice to look at; and he came right into our Sunday School class and sat down as if he had a right to be there."

"And, hadn't he?" asked mother again. "I should think not. We never had a boy like him there before." "Why not?" said mother. "Which do you think needs teaching the most?" Jamie hung his head, and mother's arm went round him. "Do you remember last Sunday thinking how un-Christian-like the Pharisee in the story was?" Jamie started. "I never thought of that. Why we were all Pharisees ourselves", he said. "I'll tell the fellows, and we'll try to help the kid along after this"

Lesson Hymn

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee!
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon,
At Thy feet I bow;
For Thy grace and tender mercy,
Trusting now. Amen.
—Hymn 154, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—80. What promise has Jesus given to those who meet for His worship? Jesus has promised to be wherever two or three meet in His name.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 49, 50.

The Question on Missions

12. What is being done in the East for Home Mission work in the West? Contributions are made by many of our congregations for the work in the West. Some of our congregations support a missionary. The Women's Home Missionary Society also makes an appropriation, and Auxiliaries send forward boxes of clothing for poor families and furnishings for hospitals.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

"Follow Me!" That is what Jesus says to each one of us. And we follow Him, by



doing every day just what He would have us do. Copy these words of Jesus.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I NEED PARDON

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

March 27, 1910

Golden Text—Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.—Matthew 4 : 23.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES. PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 65-80. SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 39-50. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—583, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

Jesus and His Friends

In every Lesson of the Quarter we see Jesus. And in each of the Lessons we see besides, some friend or friends of Jesus. Let us see if we can remember who these friends are.

In Lesson I. there is a stern, roughly dressed man who is telling people to give up their sins and so make ready for the coming of Jesus ; and in Lesson II. the same man is baptizing Jesus. Who is the man ?

Lesson III. tells of four friends of Jesus. They were fishermen, and Jesus called them from their nets and boats to follow Him. Tell the names of the four fishermen.

There are twelve special friends of Jesus in Lessons V. to IX. Let us try to name them all. They were the little company to whom He spoke the Sermon on the Mount.

The friends of Jesus in Lessons X. to XII. are all persons whom He healed. There was a man whom He cured, by a touch, of a loathsome disease, another man whom He cured without ever seeing him, a woman in the home of one of His disciples, two men who lived among the graves, and one who had to be carried to Jesus by four companions. Tell all you can about each of these friends whom Jesus healed.

Lesson Hymn

The great Physician now is near,
The sympathizing Jesus ;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer :
O, hear the voice of Jesus.

*Sweetest note in seraph song,
Sweetest name on mortal tongue,
Sweetest carol ever sung,
'Jesus, blessèd Jesus.' Amen.*
—Hymn 544, Book of Praise

EASTER LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

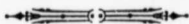
Mark 16 : 1-8

After Jesus' body was taken down from the cross, His friends lovingly wrapped it in fine linen and laid it in a sepulchre or grave cut out of the solid rock, and in which no body had ever been laid before. There was no door to the tomb, only a great stone rolled against the opening.

Some women, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome, who all loved Jesus, prepared sweet-smelling perfumes to put upon the body, and when the Sabbath was past, they came very early to the sepulchre bringing their spices with them. And as they were coming they said to one another, "Who shall roll away the stone for us from the door of the sepulchre ?"

But when they drew near, they saw that the stone had already been rolled away. And going inside, they saw there an angel clothed in a long white garment.

The women were afraid, but the angel spoke gently to them and said, "Do not be afraid ; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, but He is not here. He is risen—see the place where He was lying. Now go and tell His disciples that He is risen, and will go before you into Galilee,—there you shall see Him." And they went out quickly from the sepulchre, and ran to tell the disciples the good news.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I should welcome Jesus

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.

<p>LESSON I. John, the Forerunner of Jesus.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Worldliness and Trust.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. The Golden Rule—Temperance Lesson.</p>
<p>LESSON III. The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. False and True Discipleship.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. True Blessedness.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Jesus the Healer.</p>
<p>LESSON V. Some Laws of the Kingdom.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Two Mighty Works.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. Almsgiving and Prayer</p>	<p>LESSON XII. A Paralytic Forgiven and Healed.</p>

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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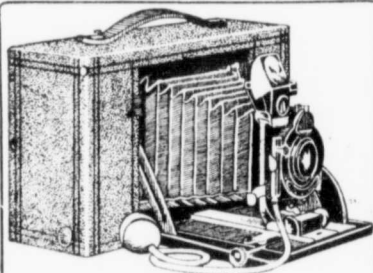
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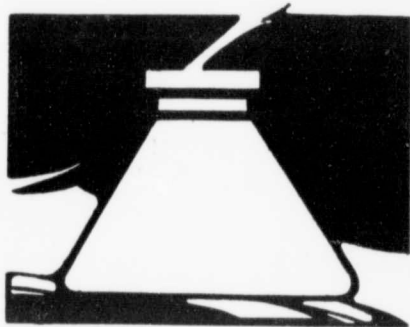
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