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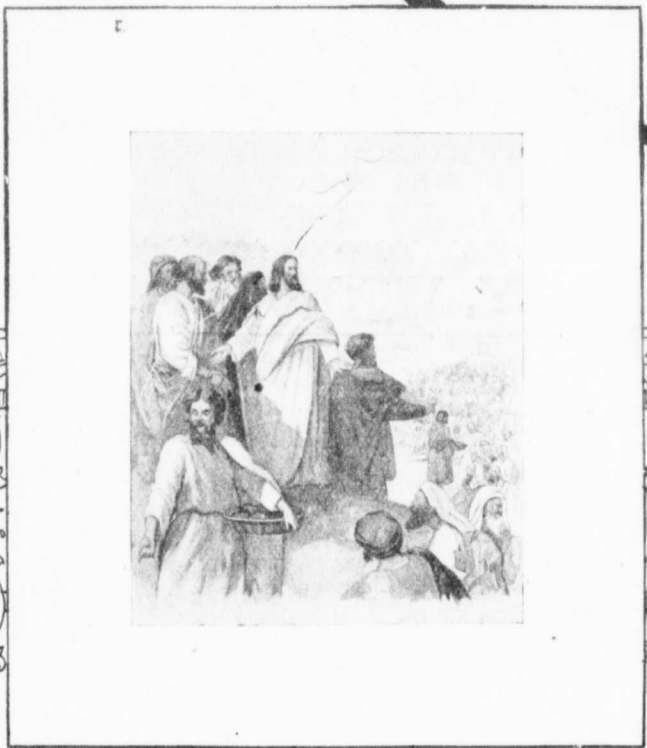
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A Happy New Year to all our little friends! May it be the very best year you have yet had—every day bright and joyous, and every night sound, sweet sleep.

✓ We have had to say good-by to some of the little people. They have grown too big for the PRIMARY QUARTERLY, and are using the HOME STUDY. They will find much to learn in it, and it will likely be harder at first than the PRIMARY. But the teeth grow strong by eating crusts, and many people think the crust is the nicest part of the bread.

✓ What a host of new readers the PRIMARY QUARTERLY has got this New Year! Let the Editors whisper it into your ear—"This Quarterly is a very great favorite." Its pictures and its drawings seem to be just what the little ones like; and then the cover. Watch for it. This Quarter it is red on white. That is because it is winter—a bright color when the ground is covered with snow. Some of our readers have never seen snow. The second Quarter's cover will interest them, and perhaps the third and fourth. What colors will these be?

MAKING A GENTLEMAN OF A BOY

A writer in a recent exchange tells the mothers of the land how to make their boys gentlemen. He says:

"Let your boy with the first lisplings of speech be taught to speak accurately on all subjects, be they trivial or important, and when he becomes a man he will scorn to tell a lie, no matter how strongly tempted.

"Early instil into your boy's mind decision of character. Undecided, purposeless boys make namby-pamby men, useless to themselves and to everybody else.

"Teach your boy to have an object in view, the backbone to go after it and then stick.

"Teach your boy to disdain revenge. Revenge is a sin that grows with his growth, and strengthens with his strength. Teach him to write kindness in marble, injuries in the dust.

"There is nothing that improves a boy's character so much as putting him on his honor. I have little hope for the boy who is dead to the feeling of honor. The boy who needs to be continually looked after is on the road to ruin. If treating your boy as a gentleman does not make him a gentleman nothing else will."

HOW JOSEPH WENT "OUT WEST"

Papa Brown was holding the hammer in his hand and a couple of big nails between his teeth. He was just going to fasten on the cover of the big box of books and magazines for the Aberdeen Society, which was to be sent out to the far West.

Little Belle came running in with a dog-eared, gay-covered book, containing the story of "Joseph and His Brethren."

"Do let her put it in if she wants to," said mamma. "Even if it is shabby, it may please some little child."

"All right!" said Papa Brown, "It was a hot August afternoon out on the prairie. The far-away bluffs gleamed like

A "Sunshine Boy"

gold in the sunshine, and here and there in the curly, gray "buffalo grass" was a vivid crimson star where a cactus blossomed.

Inside a rough shack little Billy Pritchard lay with his broken leg tightly bandaged. His tired eyes brightened as the sweet-faced Victorian nurse took a book from the bureau.

It was "Joseph and His Brethren."

In a sweet, low voice she read all about the young lad beloved by his old father; the gay little coat: the wonderful dream of bowing sheaves and moon and stars; of the jealous brothers, the cruel pit, the sale to the wandering merchants, the trip to Egypt, and the sojourn in Potiphar's household; of the unjust imprisonment, and the dreams of the butler and baker, and afterwards that of the great monarch Pharaoh; then Joseph's interpretation of the dream, and his rise in power; then the weary, famine-driven brothers, and the beautiful lesson Joseph taught—the lesson of forgiveness.

Little Billy Pritchard listened to it all, and quite forgot his aching leg and the hot, tiresome afternoon.

I wish little Belle could have known how pleased he was, don't you? How glad she would have been to learn how much good her gift had done!

A "SUNSHINE BOY"

Jim is a "sunshine boy," explained his mother one day. "He always sees the bright, happy side of things, and shuts his eyes to all the rest." This was easily proved that very day. Baby brother had, in some unaccountable way, got hold of Jim's much-prized picture-books, and had almost wrecked them.

"Poor Jim! What a pity your beautiful books are spoiled!" said a sympathizing friend.

"Of course I am sorry they are torn," answered Jim, "but they are not entirely spoiled. Just look, there are lots of pictures left."

"But one side of the book you have in your hand has the picture torn off entirely. Doesn't that spoil it for you, Jim?"

For an instant the sunshine in Jim's face darted behind a little cloud; then it came

out again brighter than ever, and he said, "No, that doesn't spoil it. I'll just shut the eye on that side, and that will fix it all right."

REMEMBERING BIBLE STORIES

By Nannie Lee Frayser

One day recently a teacher, who had been watching the little boys on her street playing on the sidewalk, thought she would try to get into touch with them and find some fresh access to their hearts through the story avenue. So she went down to the gate and found one little boy with a white goat quite ready to stop and make friends. Of course the goat was an open sesame. "This is the best goat I ever had," he said, "it just gets on the lumber pile and stands still when I tell it, and runs home when I send it, and follows me everywhere, and if a dog comes my way, he just butts that dog so it can't get me."

Well, the teacher was ever so much

INTERESTED IN GOATS,

and it wasn't long until the little fellow led on from the goat to something about his mother and how good she was to the goat, about letting it come into the house and feeding it, and so on. The teacher began to envy the mother the privilege of reaching, through the goat, into the story heart of the child; and she began thinking about all the animals in the Bible that might be introduced to this receptive little boy through his friend, the goat. It ended up by her saying, "My sheep know my voice," and "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you"; and they went on into infinity, these scripture texts, that might be suggested to the lad, as he played with his goat, and that might become a part of his daily life at play:—David was kind to his animals, and the faithful, patient shepherd lad learned how to be a king in the quiet meadows with his dumb friends. Saul went out seeking his father's asses, when he was stopped to be anointed king. The prodigal son left a home where there were cattle and herds, to seek pleasure in places where he ought not to have gone.

The very same day

A TYPICAL LITTLE DARKEY

boy stopped at the gate of this very teacher, and looked longingly at a beautiful greyhound that lay upon the grass. By and by he made bold to say what was in his heart; and this is what it was:

"Dis about de onliest dog I ever see I loved. He so smart an' so good. He don't keer if a basket jes' full, he carry it in he teef all de way home."

"Yes," said the lady, "he does—he knows just how to help me along when I go to market, and how to take care of me if I am alone," and then she wondered if the dark mother of this little soul had time from her wash-tub, or baking, or scrubbing and cleaning, to realize herself the beauty of, "Casting all your care upon Him," and of teaching the little fellow about the faithful dog who lapped the wounds of Lazarus with his cool tongue, and of, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Not long ago a teacher had a class of children for ten days

OUT IN THE WOODS,

and there, in the face of Nature, the story of David and Jonathan took on a new delight, as the children imagined how those two friends walked in the fields together arm in arm, pledging lasting love to one another. There the stories of Christ, as He walked through the country places, and sat by the well-side, took on new meaning, when they saw the well-sides and the fields and woods.

Children have a simple outlook, and how good it is to make the most of it! To acquaint them with large truths through their simple, every-day surroundings is a blessed privilege that mothers have more than all the teachers. To associate the incidents of daily life with the corresponding truths in the Bible, by putting those truths into

A SIMPLE STORY FORM,

makes an impression on the memory that time will not efface. To connect them with heaven through their earthly, childish tastes and possessions and feelings, is to sow seed that shall bear fruit unto life eternal. When they see their pet animals, how pleasant if

some "story of old" is suggested! When they play with their dolls, how profitable if some sweet incident of mother love is called to their minds,—Hagar longing over Ishmael, and the water flowing from the rock; the widow who fed the prophet and whose son was restored; the mother and sister of Moses, who protected him so, when a baby, by their watchful love; the princess who took him into her mother heart, regardless of her rank, all for the great love that is the greatest thing in the world.

The subject is inexhaustible, and the Bible a never-failing spring, and child life full of incident and play and tender love, all of which can be attached to the truth through Bible stories, and so the precious Bible truths made an inseparable part of the child's daily life.

Louisville, Kentucky

SNOWED IN

There's lots of work a boy can do
When he's snowed in, and can't get through
To school because the drifts so high
Seem reaching almost to the sky.
Here is a broken bat to mend,
A ball to stitch, a bow to bend,
And here's a ship that needs a sail
To meet next summer's singing gale.
Here is a gig that's lost a wheel,
There's something wrong about this reel,
This barrow needs a coat of red.
And, "Charley, make my doll a bed."
With lots of stamps to sort anew,
And fix them in the album, true—
It's not so bad to be snow-bound
When there is so much work around.

—The Youths' Companion

SURE IT WAS RIGHT

"If I were only sure that it is right!" whispered Sam to himself, after he had finished his sum and was about to take it up to the teacher.

"Pooh!" whispered Dick, over his shoulder; "take it up. She's too busy to look at it closely, and won't know whether it is right or not." "What did you tell me that for?" Sam demanded of Dick when they

went out at recess. "That's the way to get along easy," answered Dick.

"But it isn't getting along easy that I'm after; it's being and doing right. If my work isn't done right, it won't do me any good to have it passed by the teacher. I want to be sure I'm right in whatever I do."
—S.S. Advocate.

THE LITTLE ICICLE

Upon a branch, one cold grey morn,
A little Icicle was born,
And, hanging from the leafless tree,
It was a pretty sight to see!

It shone, within the light of day,
So radiantly, so bright and gay,
That all the birds sang songs of praise
About its pretty sparkling rays.

The poor old branch was proud to bear
A thing so dainty and so fair,
And joined with all the other trees
To spread the news upon the breeze

The clouds rolled slowly from the sky
Until the sun rose up on high;
And then the little sunbeams came,
All eager for a merry game!

Around the Icicle they ran
And played at "catch me, if you can,"
And danced about its glist'ning form,
Until the Icicle grew warm.

"Good-bye," it whispered to the tree,
"My life was short; but still, maybe,
I'll come again another day,"
And then it melted all away!

—Little Folks

HURRAHING FOR OTHERS

There were soldiers with broomsticks, an officer with a wooden sword, and a "band" with a gayly painted drum.

Robbie sat forlornly on the steps and looked on. A treacherous bit of glass had disabled his foot, and he could not keep up with the army. "I can't do anything," he said, disconsolately.

"Yes, you can," answered captain Fred. "You can hurrah when the rest of us go by."

He was often left quite alone while the troop travelled in another direction, but he

never failed to swing his small cap and raise his shrill cheer when they appeared.

The others were playing hero, but he was much nearer to being a real one. It takes courage to stand aside and "cheer while the rest go by."

"I RUBBED IT OUT"

A mother said to her boy: "Didn't I see you yesterday writing on your slate?"

"Yes," he said.

"Well, show it to me."

He brought his slate to his mother, who, holding it in front of him, said: "Where is what you wrote?"

"Oh," he said: "I rubbed it out."

"Well, where is it?"

"Why, mother, I don't know."

"But how could you put it away, if it was really there?"

"Oh, mother, I don't know. I know it was there, and it is gone."

"Well, she said, "that is what God meant when He said: 'I will blot out thy transgressions.'"—G. Campbell Morgan.

CHRIST AMONG MEN

What a precious opportunity each of the lessons for the Quarter now opening and the next will bring to mothers and teachers! They will have the privilege every Sabbath for six months of teaching the little ones something about the Saviour's life so full of wonderful beauty. Never can we be more sure of pleasing the Lord Jesus than when we are telling the children about Himself. For He loves them, we can never too often remind ourselves, with a peculiar and most tender love. The topic for the Quarter is CHRIST AMONG MEN.

1. Learning from His teachers.
2. Announced by His forerunner.
3. Overcoming temptation.
4. Preaching a sermon.
5. Calling men to follow Him.
6. Healing the sick.
7. Forgiving the sinful.
8. Spending a Sabbath.
9. Teaching obedience to His words.
10. Stilling the storm.
11. Losing a friend.
12. Feeding the hungry.

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An Order of Service

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1904

(Three taps of the bell.)

I. CLASS RECITE.

"The bell has struck its one, two, three,
'Be still' is what it says to me.
For this is God's most holy day,
And I am here to learn His way."

II. MOTION EXERCISE.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord, Ps. 134 : 2.
O clap your hands, all ye people, Ps. 47 : 1.
His banner over me was love, Sol. Song, 2 : 4.

III. SING.

I think when I read that sweet story of old,
When Jesus was here among men,
How He called little children as lambs to His fold,
I should like to have been with Him then ;
I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,
That His arms had been thrown around me,
And that I might have seen His kind look when He said,
'Let the little ones come unto Me.'

—Hymn 567, Book of Praise

Or, "I love to hear the story."

—Hymn 556, Book of Praise

IV. PRAYER.

V. OFFERINGS.

VI. RECITE OR SING. (Tune 568, Book of Praise.)

Small the gifts that we can bring,
But Thou hast taught us, Lord,
If giv'n for the Saviour's sake,
They lose not their reward.

VII. THE SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Bible Outline.

Who wrote the Bible? "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost," 2 Pet. 1 : 21.

Into how many parts is the Bible divided? Two, the Old and the New Testaments.

How many Books in the Old Testament? Thirty-nine.

How many Books in the New Testament? Twenty-seven.

In which part of the Bible do we find the story of the life of Jesus when He was upon the earth? In the New Testament.

Tell the names of four men who told the story of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

VIII. LESSON FOR THE DAY. (Let the teacher tell from whose story we shall hear to-day.)

IX. PRAYER. Short clauses by teacher, class repeating. Special references to Lesson Truth.

X. HYMN. One suitable to the Lesson subject to be selected.

XI. DISMISSION.

THE BOYHOOD OF JESUS

January 3, 1904

Luke 2 : 40-52—Memory Verses, 49-51.

Golden Text—And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.—Luke 2 : 52.



40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom : and the grace of God was upon him.

41 Now his parents went to Jeru'salem every year at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jeru'salem after the custom of the feast.

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Je'sus tarried behind in Jeru'salem : and Jo'seph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey ; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jeru'salem, seeking him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers.

48 And when they saw him, they were amazed : and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us ? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrowing.

49 And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me ? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business ?

50 And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them.

51 And he went down with them, and came to Naz'areth, and was subject unto them : but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

52 And Je'sus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Although Jesus was born to be King and Saviour of the world, as a boy He had to study and prepare Himself for the work His heavenly Father had given Him to do. His first teacher was His mother. From her He learned to repeat such parts of the Old Testament as were taught to every Jewish child. To her little boy Mary would no doubt sing many of the beautiful psalms of David, telling Him also something of the men who had made Israel great.

When He was six years old, Jesus would probably go with the other boys to the village school at Nazareth, sitting as they did on the floor, and hearing the instructions of some wise Rabbi or teacher from the synagogue. Here the whole time would be spent in the study of the Bible, and He learned, not only to read it in the difficult Hebrew

language, but to repeat long portions of it by heart.

At last Jesus was twelve years old, the age when Jewish boys made their first visit to the great Passover feast at Jerusalem. As the journey was made on foot, Mary and Joseph, with their family and acquaintances, set out some days beforehand. Every hour the road to the city grew more crowded with travellers on their way to the feast. Every year, as the vast Passover company came in sight of Jerusalem with its glittering towers, it was their custom to break forth into some such song as this, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Peace be within thy walls, O Jerusalem."

When, after several days, the feast and solemn services were over, Mary and Joseph

is Robinson
Spoken by the
children

gathered their party together and, supposing that Jesus was with them, set out for home. When they had gone about a day's journey, they missed their boy, and thinking He must be with some of their friends, they began to search for Him. But He was nowhere to be found. In great trouble they returned to Jerusalem seeking for Jesus, and after three days they found Him sitting on the temple terraces, hearing and asking questions of the doctors or learned men, who at least times sat here and instructed the people.

And all who heard Him were astonished at His good understanding and answers; but Mary began to reprove Him for the anxiety Joseph and she had had for Him. Then Jesus answered, "How could you be troubled about Me? Did you not know that I would be in My Father's house?" From this time Mary knew that her son was no ordinary child. And He went home with them at once, and continued to obey His parents in all things, learning from Joseph the trade of a carpenter. Every day the child Jesus grew taller and wiser, and because the Spirit of God was upon Him, every one who knew Him loved Him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus live when a boy? 2. How old was He when He went to the Pass-over feast? 3. Where was it held? 4. With whom did He go? 5. How did they travel? 6. What happened when Mary and Joseph were returning home? 7. Where did they first look for Jesus? 8. What did they do when they could not find Him? 9. Where was Jesus? 10. What was He doing in the temple? 11. What did the doctors think of Him? 12. What did Jesus say to His mother when she found Him? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A missionary lady had a little Hindu orphan, named Shadi, living with her.

She had taught him about Jesus; and one night when he was six years old she said to him, "Now pray a little prayer of your own."

And what do think Shadi's prayer was?

It was a good prayer for any little child to make, for it was this, "Dear Jesus, make me like what You were when You were six years old."

Lesson Hymn

And, through all His wondrous childhood,
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly mother
In whose gentle arms He lay:
Christian children all should be
Mild, obedient, good as He. Amen.

—Hymn 519, Book of Praise

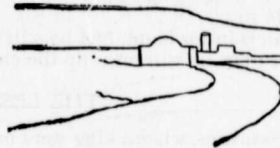
The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—I. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

We have been reading the story of Jesus' first visit to Jerusalem. Now we shall draw a little bit of the city and the road leading to it. It was along such a road that Jesus



travelled from Nazareth to Jerusalem and back. Our life is often compared to a journey. The boy Jesus has taught us that we should choose the road of obedience to God and our parents. This road is sure to have a happy ending. It will lead us to heaven whither Jesus has gone.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS WAS TEACHABLE

Lesson II. THE PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Jan. 10, 1904

Matt. 3 : 1-12. Compare Mark 1 : 1-8 ; Luke 3 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 4-6.

Golden Text—Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—Matt. 3 : 2.



1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judæa,

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 Esa'ias, 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 Judæa, 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 Sadd'ucees 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 unto our father : for I say

unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto A'braham.

10 And now also the ax 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 thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner ; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In Eastern countries, when a king went on a journey, heralds or forerunners were sent before the royal chariot, to tell the people who was coming and to see that the roads were safely mended and kept clean. Hundreds of years before Christ came, the prophet Isaiah had foretold that in the same way the hearts of the people should be prepared for the coming of Jesus the Messiah. The man whom God chose for this work was John the Baptist.

While Jesus had been growing up in Nazareth, John had been living in the wilderness of Judæa, preparing himself by much prayer and self-denial to be God's messenger to the people of Israel. Like the prophets of old, he wore a long coat of camel's hair, tied at the waist with a belt of skin, while his food was that of the poorest people of the desert, locusts and wild honey.

When John was about thirty years old he began to preach, not in the towns and cities, but in the wild country round the river Jordan. Here the people from Jerusalem and all places near by crowded to hear his strange message "Repent! Give up your sins! The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Soon, in spite of the great wickedness of both rulers and people at this time, thousands of persons turned from their sins through the preaching of John, and as a sign that they wished to belong to God, were baptized by him in the Jordan.

When the haughty scribes and Pharisees saw the people flocking to hear the new teacher, they also came, asking to be baptized. But John openly rebuked them saying, "Go and prove by your good works that you are the children of God. For, unless you change your evil ways, God will

surely cast you off, though you be the very descendants of Abraham," "The time is near," said John, "when a difference must be made between those who obey God and those who do not. As the gardener with his axe cuts down all dead trees for the fire, so God shall utterly destroy the wicked."

Of his own work, John made very little, saying that he was not good enough even to be Christ's servant and to unfasten his shoes. "My work," he said to the people, "is to baptize you with water unto repentance, but when my Master comes, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. It is He who shall make the great separation between those who serve Him and those who do not. Like a farmer threshing grain, He shall gather all the good wheat into His storehouse, but shall burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is a forerunner? 2. Who was Christ's forerunner? 3. Where did John the Baptist live? 4. How did he dress? 5. What was his food? 6. Where did he preach? 7. Who came to hear him? 8. How did those who heard him show their repentance? 9. Who also asked to be baptized? 10. What did John say to the scribes and Pharisees? 11. With what did he say Jesus Christ should baptize? 12. What did he say he was not worthy to do for his Master? 13. How should Christ separate His people from others? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"What is repentance?" asked one of the boys in Mr. Brown's class. "It means, first," said their teacher, "that you must take off the rags you have been wearing." "Rags!" said two or three of the boys. "Why, our clothes are nearly new!"

"I know the outside is all right," said Mr. Brown. "The rags I mean are those of the heart, such as disobedience, lying, selfishness, which are the rags some souls are dressed in."

"Repentance means that you must put these off, and put on the beautiful clothes that Christ offers, such as the robe of right-

eousness; the fine, soft garments of love, and the sword of the Spirit. To repent is to put off all your bad habits, and to put on the splendid uniform that Christ offers."

Lesson Hymn

If I come to Jesus,
He will hear my prayer,
For He loves me dearly,
And my sins did bear. Amen.
—Hymn 553, 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—2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The girdle worn by John the Baptist was made of leather. Like the rest of his dress,



it was very plain. His food, too, was of the simplest sort. He was so much in earnest about his work that he had no thought for ease and comfort. Ought not we, also, to be in earnest with our tasks?

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS WANTS ME TO BE GOOD

Lesson III. THE BAPTISM AND TEMPTATION OF JESUS Jan. 17, 1904

Matt. 3 : 13 to 4 : 11. Compare Mark 1 : 9-13 ; Luke 3 : 21-4 : 13—Mem. Vs., ch. 4 : 3-4.

Golden Text And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.—Matt. 3 : 17.



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 afterwards 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

One day, as John was baptizing beside the river Jordan, he saw coming towards him the very Man of whom he had been preaching, Jesus the Son of God. Jesus asked John to baptize Him, but as He was about to enter the water, John stopped Him, saying that he was not good enough to baptize such a holy One as He, and that it would be more fitting for Jesus to baptize him. But Jesus insisted, saying that He wished to show the people that He belonged to God's kingdom ; so John baptized Him. Suddenly, as Jesus and the Baptist were coming

up out of the water, they saw the sky open and the Spirit of God coming down and resting upon Jesus, in the form of a dove. And they heard God's voice saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

After His baptism Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit far away into the wilderness, where He spent forty days alone among the caves and rocks of the desert. During all this time He had nothing to eat and no companions but the wild beasts and birds. When He was almost dead with hunger and

loneliness, the tempter came and whispered, "Why should you die? Look at these stones beside you. If you are God's Son as He says, only speak the word and they will be changed to bread." But Jesus would not listen to Satan's proposal for a moment, and answered him with a verse from the Bible, saying, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word spoken by the mouth of God."

Seeing he could not entangle Jesus in this way into wrong-doing, Satan tried another plan. Knowing His love and reverence for God's house, he carried Him away to the topmost tower of the temple, from which the city below looked no larger than an ant hill. "Now," he said, "throw Yourself down. God will take care of You. The Bible says, 'He shall give His angels charge over His people at all times.'" "It says also," answered Jesus, "You must not presume upon the power of God, or put yourself in unnecessary danger."

Then Satan, disappointed, tried a third time, to make Jesus do wrong. Taking Him up to the top of a very high mountain, he showed Him all the cities and palaces of the world, saying, "I will give You all these, if only You will fall down and worship me." But Jesus answered, "No, I will worship no one but God."

Then Satan, finding that Jesus was too strong and holy to be tempted by his cunning, went away. As soon as he was gone, the angels came bringing Jesus food and comfort, and He returned to the country of the Jordan, strong and ready to enter upon His new work of preaching and healing. In other Lessons we shall learn about this work.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus want John to baptize Him? 2. What happened as they left the water? 3. Where did Jesus then go? 4. Who met Him when He had been forty days without food? 5. How did Satan ask Jesus to prove that He was God's Son? 6. How did Jesus answer him? 7. What did Satan next want Christ to do? 8. What did Jesus say about putting oneself in danger? 9. What did Satan offer Jesus if He would worship him? 10. How did Jesus

refuse? 11. Who came when Satan went away? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit, keep us
Safe from sins which lie,
Hidden by some pleasure
From our youthful eye. Amen.
—Hymn 551, 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 anything 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—3. What do the Scriptures principally teach? A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It was in the form of a spotless dove that the Holy Ghost came down upon Jesus. The



Holy Ghost is willing to come into our hearts and dwell in them. But He will be greatly grieved if He finds there sinful thoughts and feelings.

I Have Learned To-day that
JESUS IS STRONGER THAN SATAN

JESUS REJECTED AT NAZARETH

January 24, 1904

Luke 4 : 16-30—Memory Verses, 18, 19.

Golden Text—He came unto his own, and his own received him not.—John 1 : 11.



this Jo'seph's son? 23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Caper'naum, do also here in thy country.

24 And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.

25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Eli'as, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;

26 But unto none of them was Eli'as sent, save unto Sarep'ta, a city of Si'don, unto a woman that was a widow.

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elise'us the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Na'amán the Syr'ian.

28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath.

29 And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

30 But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus had been preaching and working wonders among the people of Judea and Galilee for about a year, He came back on a visit to His old home in Nazareth. The first Sabbath after His return, He made His way to the synagogue which He had been accustomed to attend every Sabbath since He was a child. Seeing Him come in, the chief minister of the synagogue asked Jesus to preach, for all His old neighbors and acquaintances were anxious to hear Him, having heard wonderful reports of His preaching and the miracles He had wrought in other places.

16 And he came to Naz'areth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esa'ias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not

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When Jesus had taken His place at the reading-desk, the attendant handed Him the book or roll of the Old Testament. With the eyes of the whole congregation fastened upon Him, Jesus unrolled the parchment, and began to read the words of the prophet Isaiah describing His own work as the Saviour and Messiah. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to

preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

As He explained to the people, that He Himself was the Saviour of whom He had been reading, they were filled with astonishment and wonder. "Why," they said, "how can such a thing be possible? We have known this man all our lives. He, the son of Joseph the carpenter, calling Himself the Messiah!" And they were offended at Him.

Now, Jesus knew that they were also much dissatisfied because He had not shown His power in Nazareth by some such miracle as He had done at Capernaum, in healing the nobleman's son. And feeling their distrust of Him, He said with deep disappointment, "It is said, a prophet is never honored by his own people and country. Remember Elisha and his work for those outside His own nation, how he helped the widow of Sarepta, and Naaman the Syrian leper, who, though heathen, showed more faith towards God's messenger in the time of sickness and famine, than did the suffering and starving Israelites themselves."

At the very mention of "heathen" and "lepers," the angry and jealous Nazarenes now rushed upon Jesus in fury, and dragging Him from the synagogue to the top of the hill upon which their town was built, and which Jesus must often have climbed as a boy, they would have thrown Him over the precipice to be killed upon the rocks beneath. But Jesus hid Himself among the crowd, and leaving Nazareth, where he had been so cruelly received by those who should have been His best friends, He made His home in Capernaum.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus go the first Sabbath after He returned to Nazareth? 2. What did the ruler of the synagogue ask Him to do? 3. Why were His old neighbors anxious to hear Jesus speak? 4. What book was handed to Him? 5. Whose words did He read? 6. What were they about? 7. What did He say of Himself? 8. Why were the people of Nazareth surprised at Christ's claim? 9. For what were they most offended in Him? 10. What had Jesus done at Capernaum? 11. Why did

He say it was easy for Elisha to help the widow and the leper? 12. What did the people of Nazareth try to do to Jesus? 13. How were they prevented from killing Him? 14. Where did Jesus go? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

The Great Physician now is near
The sympathizing Jesus;
He speaks the drooping heart to cheer:
O, hear the voice of Jesus. Amen.
—Hymn 544, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

SHORTER CATECHISM—4. What is God? A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth. 5. Are there more Gods than one? There is but One only, the living and true God.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How wicked it was of the people of Nazareth to wish to throw the Saviour down from the top of a hill; and it was all the worse



because He felt so kindly towards them. Is it not very wrong in us, also, to shut out of our hearts the One who loves us so much and has shown to us so great kindness?

I Have Learned Today
THAT JESUS HAS A MESSAGE FOR ME

Luke 5 : 1-11. Compare Matt 4 : 18-22; Mark 1 : 16-20—Memory Verses, 4-6.

Golden Text—If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples.—John 8 : 31.



began to sink. 8 When Si'mon Pe'ter saw it, from me : for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken :

10 And so *was* also James, and John, the sons of Zeb'edee, which were partners with Si'mon. And Je'sus said unto Si'mon, Fear not ; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One morning Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Galilee, the crowd, in their anxiety to hear the word of God, elbowing and pressing him to the very water's edge. Drawn up on the white sand, were two fishing boats belonging to Simon Peter and his partners, James and John. These had just returned from an unlucky night's fishing, in which they had toiled hard, but had caught nothing. They were now mending and cleaning their nets not far from where Jesus stood.

As soon as Jesus saw Peter, He stepped into his boat, and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Then, using the seat of the boat for His pulpit, Jesus sat and preached to the people on the land, all of whom could easily see and hear Him. At the call of Jesus, Peter had willingly left his net-mending, and when the sermon was

1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennes'aret.

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake : but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Si'mon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Si'mon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Si'mon answering, said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes : and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto *their* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they he fell down at Je'sus' knees, saying, Depart

ended, Jesus did not forget to reward his kindness. "Peter," He said graciously, "suppose you push out into deep water, and let down your net." "It's no use, Master," said the fisherman, "night's the best time for fishing, and even then, working as hard as we could, we caught nothing. But if you say so, I shall try."

No sooner had Peter lowered his net, than immediately it was filled with such numbers of fish, that he could not drag it into the boat without breaking it. Seeing James and John with their hired helpers setting out from shore, Peter signalled to them to come and assist him to haul in the net. With their help it was soon hauled in and emptied, and it was found that the catch was enough to fill both boats to overflowing.

At the sight of this miracle the fishermen were filled with the greatest wonder and

astonishment. And Simon Peter, in whose boat the Master sat, came and fell on his knees before Him, saying, "Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord." Peter felt that he was not fit to be near Jesus, and yet he longed to stay. But Jesus said, "Fear not, Peter; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." Jesus intended that Peter should learn to help Him in winning the hearts of the people to God.

Now, because of what they had seen and heard that day, the three fishermen, Peter, James and John, as soon as they landed their boats, left them behind on the shore, and from that time followed Jesus wherever He went, and became His pupils, or disciples.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither did the crowd follow Jesus?
2. What plan did He take to speak to them!
3. Whose boat did He borrow? 4. What was Simon's business? 5. Who were his partners? 6. What was Simon doing when Jesus asked his help? 7. What did Jesus say to him when He had finished preaching? 8. What was Simon's answer? 9. What happened when he let down the net? 10. Whom did he call to his help? 11. What did Simon say to Christ? 12. What was Jesus' answer? 13. What did Peter, James and John do when they landed? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Harry," asked grandma, "will you take this note to the drug-store for me?" "Need I go now? It's so warm," answered a whining voice from the hammock.

"I'll go," said little Mary. "Thank you, dear, be sure you do all the errand," said grandma. Not until the clerk had tied the parcel did Mary realize what grandma meant. "The order in this letter," he said, "is to give the messenger a glass of ice-cream soda." When Mary returned, grandma was on the porch. "Here's your package," she said, "and that soda was splendid."

"What!" shouted Harry, "has Jenkin got in his soda fountain and did Mary have some? Oh! grandma, why didn't you tell me?" The disappointment was great, but he had learned a lesson. Now, when Harry

is asked to do a favor, he goes at once: but he never found ice-cream soda waiting for him again. That was something he had missed.

Lesson Hymn

"Follow Me," the Master said:

We will follow Jesus:

By His word and Spirit led,

We will follow Jesus:

Still for us He lives to plead,

At the throne doth intercede,

Offers help in time of need:

We will follow Jesus. Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise

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—6. How many persons are there in the Godhead? A. There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The fishermen in the lesson had worked all night and caught nothing. But in the morning, when they obeyed the words of



Jesus, their boats were filled with fish. We learn from this, that when we do what Jesus says, we may be sure that He will supply all our needs.

I Have Learned Today That
JESUS WANTS ME TO FOLLOW HIM

Lesson VI.

A SABBATH AT CAPERNAUM

February 7, 1904

Mark 1 : 21-34. Compare Matt. 8 : 14-17 ; Luke 4 : 31-41—Memory Verses, 21, 22.

Golden Text—He laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. Luke 4 : 40.

21 And they went into Capernaum ; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

22 And they were astonished at his doctrine : for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit ; and he cried out,

24 Saying, Let us alone ; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth ? art thou come to destroy us ? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this ? what new doctrine is this ? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.

28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee. 29 And forthwith when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell him of her.

31 And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up ; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.

33 And all the city was gathered together at the door.

34 And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils ; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After He had been driven out of Nazareth, Jesus went to live in Capernaum, a town on the shore of the Lake of Galilee. On the first Sabbath afterward He took with Him His newly chosen disciples, and went into the synagogue there, where the people were gathered in crowds to hear Him.

The preaching of Jesus was very different from that of the scribes, to whom the Jews were accustomed to listen every Sabbath. For, while they repeated, over and over again, the endless rules and difficult sayings of the old Rabbis, concerning the length of feasts, the keeping of the Sabbath, and so forth, Jesus said very little about rules, but explained God's word in such a new and interesting way, that even a child could under-

stand Him in all that He said.

As the people were sitting in the synagogue eagerly listening to His every word, a man with an unclean spirit, a terrible disease such as no doctor could cure, came in, and upon seeing Jesus, began shouting and making a great noise. At the interruption Jesus paused and, turning to the evil spirit, said quietly, "Come out of him." Immediately the spirit obeyed, and came out in a rage, leaving the man cured but lying weak and wounded upon the floor. In their astonishment the people scattered hither and thither, telling every one what had been done and saying, "Who can this man be who can do such things ? We never saw the like of this before !" This is indeed a wonderful man,

From the synagogue Jesus went home to dinner to Simon's house, where Simon's mother-in-law lay very ill with a fever. As soon as He heard of it, Jesus went to the sick woman's bedside, and taking her by the hand, lifted her up; and at once she became strong and well and able to wait upon them at dinner.

Soon every one in Capernaum had heard where Jesus was staying. And at sundown, the Sabbath and the heat of the day being over, people from every part of Capernaum and the country nearby, came hurrying to Simon's house, some carrying their sick on mattresses, others leading their blind and lame friends by the hand, to see if Jesus would help them also. Seeing nearly the whole city gathered at the door, Jesus went out and, laying His hands upon those who were sick, He healed them; and quieting and curing all such as had evil spirits, He sent the whole multitude rejoicing to their homes.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did the people come in such crowds to hear Jesus?
2. To what city did He go after leaving Nazareth?
3. Whither did He go on the first Sabbath of His stay here?
4. Who came into the synagogue while He was preaching?
5. How did the evil spirit behave?
6. What did Jesus say to it?
7. How did it leave the man who was cured?
8. What did the astonished people say?
9. Where did Jesus go from the synagogue?
10. Who was ill in the house?
11. How did Jesus cure Simon's mother-in-law?
12. Who came to him at sun-down?
13. What did Jesus do for them?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Nan and Victor were playing in the snow. "Let's make a snow man," said Victor. "Oh Victor," pleaded Nan, "I've helped you build more than twenty this winter. I always play what you like. Let's make something else."

"Well, I'm the eldest," began Victor, but the words were scarcely spoken, when a little voice somewhere under his jacket whispered, "Don't be disagreeable. Please your little sister this time,"

It cost him a struggle, but after a minute he was heard to say, "It's all right Nan. What would you like to play?" "Let's make a—a snow-woman," answered Nan, surprised that Victor should be so kind. So they set to work merrily, Victor enjoying himself all the more because he had got the better of his evil spirit of selfishness.

Lesson Hymn

At even, ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;
O in what divers pains they met!
O with joy they went away! Amen.
—Hymn 366, Book of Praise

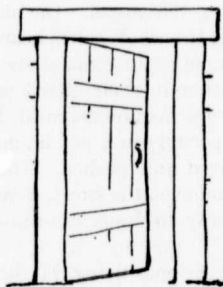
The Catechism

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—7. What are the decrees of God? A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath fore-ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

We gladly open the door of our home to our friends. Now Jesus is always willing to have us come to Him. He is ever ready to



bless us. Never did He send any one away without doing Him good. And He is very, very glad when children come to Him.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS CAN HEAL ME

Mark 2 : 1-12. Compare Luke 5 : 17-26—Memory Verses, 3-5.

Golden Text—The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—Mark 2 : 10.



1 And again he entered into Capernaum after *some* days ; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door : and he preached the word unto them.

3 And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.

4 And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was : and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed where-in the sick of the palsy lay.

5 When Je'sus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

6 But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,

7 Why doth this *man* thus speak blasphemies ? who can forgive sins but God only ?

8 And immediately when Je'sus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts ?

9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee ; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk ?

10 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,)

11 I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house.

12 And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all ; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

THE LESSON RETOLD

From Capernaum Jesus went to many other places preaching the gospel. On his return to Capernaum, the whole town, hearing where He was, came jostling and elbowing against one another in their efforts to see Him. Soon the house became so crowded that not one more person could get in, no matter how he shoved and pushed. The doorway, the yard, and even the street, were so packed that the way to Jesus was completely blocked.

There was a poor cripple living in the town, who in some way had missed seeing Jesus on the Sabbath evening when He had cured so many sick folk, and hearing that He was again in Capernaum, the sick man persuaded four of his friends to carry him, bed and all, to Jesus, believing He would cure him. But when they came to the house, they were too late. Push and strug-

gle as they would through the crowd, there was no way of getting near enough to speak to Jesus.

In their disappointment, they thought of a strange plan. "Let us try taking him up by the outside staircase of the house and letting him down by ropes through the roof," said one of the friends. So they got the man upon the roof, where they quickly unfastened enough loose tiles to let him through, over the spot where Jesus sat. What was the surprise of those in the house, when they heard the thumping on the roof, and presently saw a mattress being let down through the ceiling upon their very heads !

At once Jesus stopped preaching, and, pleased with the faith and perseverance of the sick man and his friends, He said, "Son, thy sins are forgiven." But the scribes who were sitting watching to catch Jesus, if pos-

sible, in a mistake, now found fault, saying angrily, "How can this man forgive sins? Would he take upon himself the power that belongs to God only?"

When Jesus saw their rage, He said quietly, "Tell me which is the easier thing to say, 'Thy sins be forgiven,' or 'Arise, take up thy bed and walk'?" But they did not answer. Then Jesus, to prove that He had power to forgive sins, said to the sick man, "Arise and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." And immediately the man, who had not walked for years, sat up and finding his strength returned stood upon his feet, and throwing his mattress over his shoulder walked out of the house, well, before them all. Then his friends and the scribes and all who saw it were amazed, and they praised and glorified God, saying, "Did any one ever see such a thing as this?"

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the people of Capernaum receive Jesus?
2. Who wanted to see Him, but could not for the crowd?
3. How did the cripple reach the home where Jesus was?
4. What did his friends do when they found the door blocked?
5. What did Jesus say to the sick man?
6. Why were the scribes angry?
7. What did Jesus say to them?
8. What did He then say to the sick man?
9. How did he prove that he was cured?
10. What did the people say?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One day Sadie broke the handle off Amy's new bat, which had been given her for her birthday. "I'll never forgive you, no, never," said Amy, stamping her foot and glaring angrily at her little sister.

"Oh, Amy" sobbed Sadie, "you know I didn't mean to do it. Won't you please forgive me, and I'll never touch your things again without asking?" "Well, I suppose I'll have to forgive you, seeing you are my sister and the only child I have to play with," said Amy, in a rather sulky voice. "But you can't expect me to forget about it."

Was it not rather strange that at bed-time the text mother had for the children to learn was this: "Their sins and their in-

iquities will I remember no more." "Does God really forget about our sins?" asked Sadie. "Yes," said her mother. "He says He has put them all behind His back." "We'll say no more about the bat, Sadie," whispered Amy gently.

Lesson Hymn

Be Thou our great Deliverer still
 Thou Lord of life and death;
 Restore and quicken, soothe and bless
 With Thine Almighty breath;
 To hands that work and eyes that see,
 Give wisdom's heavenly lore,
 That whole and sick and weak and strong,
 May praise Thee evermore. Amen.

—Hymn 38, Book of Praise

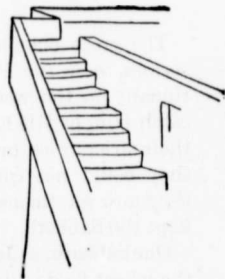
The Catechism

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—8. How doth God execute his decrees? A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence. 9. What is the work of creation? A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

People in Eastern lands had outside stairs leading to the flat roofs of their houses. There is a staircase that leads right up to



heaven. Its first step is trust in Jesus the Saviour. The rest are loving words and deeds. The best of it is that Jesus himself helps us up these stairs.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS IS FORGIVING

Matt. 12 : 1-13. Compare Luke 6 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 6-8.

Golden Text—It is lawful to do well on the sabbath day.—Matt. 12 : 12.



1 At that time Je'sus went on the sabbath day through the corn ; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn and to eat.

2 But when the Phar'isees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what Da'vid did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him ;

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests ?

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless ?

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple.

7 But if ye had kn own what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of man is Lord, even of the sabbath day.

9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue :

10 And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days ? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out ?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep ? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth ; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The great enemies of Jesus, besides the scribes, were the Pharisees, who were continually on the watch to see if they could catch Him or His followers breaking any of their strict rules or customs. Finding that they could not catch Him in His words, they now set themselves to watch how He kept the Sabbath.

One Sabbath, as Jesus was walking through the wheat fields, his hungry disciples pulled off a few ripe ears of corn, and rubbing them between their hands blew away the chaff and began to eat the grain which was left. When the Pharisees saw this they came to Jesus, saying, "Your disciples have broken the Sabbath. Our rules say a man shall not even so much as step on the grass on that day, or pull fruit from the tree."

But Jesus said, "Have you not read what

David did one day, when he was fleeing from King Saul? How when his men were almost overcome with hunger and had no other place to go, he went into the temple and asked and received some of the holy bread, which no one but the priests was allowed to eat? Or think again, how the priests in the temple have to work on the Sabbath in performing the services, and yet you do not blame them! I say unto you, in this field you are now speaking to One who is greater even than the temple, and is Lord of it and of the Sabbath day." Then pointing to His disciples, Jesus said to the Pharisees, "You would not have been so ready to blame these my friends, if you had understood better the words of the old prophet, who said that God is more pleased when His servants show kindness and mercy to others,

than when they offer Him sacrifices."

On another Sabbath day Jesus went into the synagogue, where he saw a man with his right hand withered up and helpless. And the Pharisees, again hoping that they might entrap Him, asked, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath day?" Then Jesus asked them a question, saying, "Suppose one of you had a sheep, and it should fall into a hole on the Sabbath, would you not quickly pull it out? If, as you agree, it is right to help a sheep out of danger on the Sabbath, how much better to help a fellow-man, who is worth so much more. Wherefore, it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath day."

Then Jesus said to the man with the helpless hand, "Stretch out your hand." And when he stretched it out, it was made whole and strong like the other.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did the scribes and Pharisees watch Jesus? 2. On what day were Jesus and His disciples walking in the wheat fields? 3. What did the hungry disciples do? 4. Who found fault? 5. Of what did Jesus remind them? 6. Why did David and his men eat the temple bread? 7. Than what did Jesus say He was greater? 8. What did He say about Himself and the Sabbath? 9. Who met Jesus in the synagogue? 10. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus? 11. How did Jesus answer them? 12. What did He do for the man with the lame hand? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"O dear," sighed Mary, peeping into the work-basket, "I wish it wasn't Sunday, so I could try my new crochet pattern. I am so afraid I shall forget it before to-morrow."
 "I will tell you a story," said Aunt Helen. "Once we had a dog, and sometimes my father would put a bit of meat on the floor near him and say, 'No,' and the dog knew he must not touch it. He never looked at it. He seem to feel that if he did, the temptation would be too strong; he kept his eyes steadily on my father's face. Now that was a lesson for us all. Never look at temptation. Avoid it, pass away." "I

will," said Mary, tucking the basket out of sight.

Lesson Hymn

O day of rest and gladness,
 O day of joy and light,
 O balm of care and sadness,
 Most beautiful, most bright!
 On thee the high and lowly,
 Before the eternal throne,
 Sing, Holy, Holy, Holy,
 To the great Three in One. Amen.
 —Hymn 383, 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—10. How did God create man? A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Our bread is made of wheat from stalks like these. God makes the stalks grow from



the seed cast into the ground. So, it is God who feeds us. How wonderfully kind He is! We should try to be like Him in His kindness. Each of us can help some other.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WANTS ME TO HONOR
 THE SABBATH

Lesson IX. **HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD** February 28, 1904

Matt. 7 : 21-29—Memory Verses, 24, 25.

Golden Text—Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.—James 1 : 22.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter 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 him 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

One of the reasons the people flocked in such numbers to hear Jesus, was because of the wonderful stories He told. These stories were called parables. They were stories with a meaning. Through them it was easy for even the common people to understand Jesus' teaching, for in them He spoke of the simple and ordinary things of everyday life ; not like the learned and pompous Rabbis, whom it was impossible for any but the learned to understand.

Jesus knew that among the crowds that followed Him every day were some, who, though they called Him Master, were not His true friends. To these Jesus said, " Not everyone 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. At the last day many will say to Me, ' Lord, Lord, have we not preached in Thy name ? and in Thy name have cast out devils ? and in Thy name done many wonderful works ? And then will I

say unto them, ' I never knew you : depart from Me, ye that work iniquity ? ' "

To show the difference between those who were His true servants and those who were not, Jesus told the parable of two men, each of whom wanted to build himself a house. They both of them lived in a mountainous country, where in the winter great rushing streams came pouring down the steep hill-sides, overflowing the valleys and carrying away trees, fences, houses and everything else that came in their path. In summer these same river-beds would dry up leaving only bare sand and gravel until the next winter, when the rush of waters began again.

The first man who wanted to build, looked about, until he found a solid rock out of reach of the water, and built his house, there, making it as strong and firm as he could. That winter when the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew, his house stood firm, for it was founded upon a

rock, and nothing could shake it. But the second man was not so careful. For taking no account of the coming flood, he built his house in the middle of the dry and sandy river-bed, so that when the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew, it fell to pieces with a great crash, and was washed away by the waves, because it was built upon the sand.

"Of the two builders," said Jesus, "He who wisely built his house upon the rock, is like the man who hears My words and obeys them. While the foolish man who built his house upon the sand, is a picture of him who hears My words and does not obey them.

When Jesus had finished this parable, the people were again astonished at His words, for He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is a parable? 2. Why did Jesus teach by parables? 3. Whom did He say should belong to His kingdom? 4. How did He warn those who only pretended to be His friends? 5. Why did Jesus tell the story of the builders? 6. What place did the wise man choose for his house? 7. How did his house stand the storm? 8. Where did the foolish man build? 9. What happened when the flood came? 10. Of whom was the wise builder a picture? 11. Like whom was the foolish builder? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Dear me," sighed Percy, "it's dreadfully hard work not to do anything." He had hurt his ankle and the doctor said he must not try to walk for a week. "Never mind little chap," said his brother Frank, who was just setting out on a fishing jaunt, "I'll bring you some fish."

"I don't care about fish," objected Percy. "If you were my little brother, I'd stay home with you and make you a boat."

What was it made the morning text on his calendar flash into Frank's mind. "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."

"Even Christ pleased not Himself." "I'll do it," he thought, laying down his rod, and turning to Percy, he said cheerfully, "It's

all right, I'll stay with you and we'll see what can be done about making the boat." "You're the best brother in the world," answered Percy.

Lesson Hymn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,

To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
Amen.

—Hymn 278, 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—11: What are God's works of providence? A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful, preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The builder laying bricks or stone and putting on the mortar with a trowel, is a common sight. It reminds us that we are



all building. Our words and deeds are like the bricks and stones. We should see that they are all good words and deeds, and that they are built up strong and true.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WANTS ME TO OBEY HIM

Mark 4 : 35-41—Memory Verses, 37-39.

Golden Text—He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.—
Ps. 107 : 29.



35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

36 And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

38 And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow : and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish ?

39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful ? how is it that ye have no faith ?

41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him ?

THE LESSON RETOLD

The crowds that now followed Jesus had grown so large, that no building could possibly hold all who were anxious to hear His gracious words and to see the miracles which He did. For this reason Jesus often taught out of doors, on a hillside, beside the seashore, or wherever the people came together. One of His favorite preaching places was beside the lake of Galilee, where the rocks sloped down to the edge of the water in such a way as to make a convenient place for the people to sit, while the Master preached to them from a little boat anchored a few feet away from the shore. It was beside this lake that Jesus told some of His most beautiful parables, amongst others, the "Parable of the Sower," and the "Parable of the Grain of Mustard Seed."

One day, when He had been preaching in this spot from morning until evening, and the sun had already begun to set, Jesus said to His disciples, "Let us now cross over to the other side of the lake." Jesus was tired with the work and teaching of the day, and it was time that He and His disciples should rest. So they made ready the boat, and as

soon as He had sent the people home, Jesus and His disciples, without waiting even to eat, set out for the opposite shore. Along with them were a number of other little boats, some on their way out for a night's fishing, and some carrying the people who had been with Jesus all day, to their homes in the towns and villages along the lake.

As soon as He and His disciples were started, Jesus went back to the stern end of the vessel, and, being very weary, lay down to sleep. But the ship had hardly got half way across, when suddenly the sky grew black and angry-looking, and before the disciples had time to get ready for it, they were overtaken by a great wind-storm, so that the waves kept beating over the sides of the boat. Every minute the storm grew louder and stronger, but Jesus still lay quietly asleep on His pillow.

Then the frightened disciples, feeling unable to manage the boat any longer, and in terror lest they should be drowned, came to Jesus and awakened Him quickly, saying, "Master, carest Thou not that we perish ?" Immediately Jesus got up, and seeing the

raging of the storm, He rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still." Instantly the wind fell, and the waves of the lake, which only a moment before had been foaming and boiling with fury, went down and became calm and smooth as glass.

When all was quiet, Jesus turned to the frightened disciples and asked, "Why were you so frightened? How is it that you did not trust Me to take care of you?" But they could not answer, being as much terrified at what Jesus had now done as they had been before at the storm. Then, as soon as they could speak for excitement and wonder, they began to say to one another, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Questions on the Lesson

1. Beside what lake did Jesus often preach?
2. What did He say to His disciples one evening when the people were gone?
3. Why was Jesus tired?
4. Where did He go to rest?
5. What happened when the boat was in the middle of the lake?
6. What did the disciples do when the waves began to fill the boat?
7. What did they say to Jesus?
8. How did He speak to the wind and waves?
9. How did they obey Him?
10. What did Jesus say to the frightened disciples?
11. What did they say to one another?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Herbie's father was obliged to go away for a few days. Before leaving home he had given his little boy charge of the wood-box, which so far Herbert had filled regularly every morning. But one day he was so taken up with his play, that he forgot all about the wood, until tea was over and it had grown quite dark.

The wood-shed was some distance from the house, and the next morning his little sister asked, "Weren't you afraid last night, Herbie, when you went out alone to bring in that basket of wood?" "No, indeed, I was not afraid," answered the little boy. "Mother was watching me from the window. She held a lamp in her hand, and the light shone all down the path where I went."

Herbie's trust in his mother is the kind of trust we ought to have in God.

Lesson Hymn

As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them 'Be still!'
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me! Amen.

—Hymn 493, 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—12. What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created? A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The Lesson tells us about a fierce storm. The disciples of Jesus were much afraid. But they were quite safe. For Jesus was



with them. To us, also, He is ever near. He will keep us from harm and give us peace. All He asks of us is to trust Him. He knows every danger and is able to save us from it.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS CAN SAVE FROM DANGER

Lesson XI.

DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

March 13, 1904

A TEMPERANCE LESSON

Matt. 14: 1-12. Compare Mark 6: 14-29—Memory Verses, 9-11.

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



1 At that time Her'od the tetrarch heard of the fame of Je'sus.

2 And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

3 For Her'od had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put *him* in prison for Hero'dias' sake, his brother Phil'ip's wife.

4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.

5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 But when Her'od's birthday was kept, the daughter of Hero'dias danced before them, and pleased Her'od.

7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.

8 And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.

9. And the king was sorry; nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded *it* to be given

her. 10 And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.

11 And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel; and she brought *it* to her mother.

12 And his disciples came and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Je'sus.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The name of the king who ruled over the part of the country in which Jesus lived, was Herod Antipas, a cruel and wicked man, who cared little for what was just and upright. Among other crimes he had lately stolen his brother Philip's wife, Herodias, and married her; but the people were afraid of him, so he was allowed to behave just as he pleased.

There was one man who was not afraid of Herod, and this was John the Baptist, who plainly rebuked the king for his sin. For this reason Herodias hated John, and persuaded Herod to shut him in a dark, underground prison beneath the palace. Here John spent many weary months, not knowing what day he might be put to death. But for the present Herod did not dare to kill him, for fear of offending the people, who all looked upon John as a prophet.

While the Baptist was in prison, the time drew near for Herod's birthday to be kept.

On the day appointed to honor it, the king held a great banquet in the palace, to which he invited all the chief men of the kingdom. After dinner, when Herod and his guests were enjoying themselves over their wine, Salome, the young daughter of Herodias, came in and danced before them. This unexpected performance so delighted Herod, who was half foolish with the wine he had taken, that he now swore in a loud voice before the whole room, that, as a reward, he would give the girl anything she asked, even if it were the half of his kingdom.

Not knowing what to ask for, Salome flew to her mother, saying, "What shall I ask?" "Go quickly," said the wicked Herodias, "and say to the king, 'Give me here John the Baptist's head in a basin.'" So the girl obeyed. When Herod heard what she asked, he repented of his promise, but rather than appear foolish before his guests, who were

anxiously watching to see what he would do, he sent a soldier and had John beheaded in the prison. And his head was immediately brought in a basin and given to the girl, who in turn gave it to her mother. When John's friends and disciples heard what had been done, they were very sorry; and they took their brave master's dead body and laid it lovingly in a grave, and went and told Jesus.

Now when Herod came to himself, he was afraid because of what he had done, knowing John to have been a good man. And when after a time he heard of the preaching and miracles of Jesus, he cried out in terror, "This is no other than John the Baptist. He is risen from the dead, and so is able to do these great wonders that we hear of." So his guilty conscience troubled him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What kind of a man was Herod? 2. Who warned him against his sins? 3. How did Herod punish John for his faithfulness? 4. How did the king keep his birthday? 5. Who danced before Herod and his guests? 6. What drunken promise did the king make Salome? 7. What did the girl's mother tell her to choose? 8. Why would Herod not break his word? 9. What command did he give? 10. Who cared for John's body? 11. To whom did they go in their trouble? 12. What did Herod say when he heard of Jesus? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A British soldier was keeping guard along the line of march at the time of Queen Victoria's Jubilee procession.

While waiting for the royal coach to pass, a spider crawled upon his neck, but he could not so much as lift a finger to get rid of it, for on duty a soldier must remain motionless, unless his captain gives the word. Soon the spider entered his ear causing him great pain, but he neither moved or stirred.

Speaking of it afterwards, the soldier said that it would have been easier for him to have faced a loaded gun, than to endure the torture of that day. It is sometimes easier to be a hero in a time of great danger, than to do one's duty when vexed by some annoying trifle. We are tested by little things.

Lesson Hymn

The Son of God goes forth to war,
A kingly crown to gain;
His blood-red banner streams afar:
Who follows in His train?
Who best can drink His cup of woe,
Triumphant over pain,
Who patient bears His cross below,—
He follows in His train. Amen.
—Hymn 250, 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—13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created? A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

"V. C." in the centre of the drawing stands for "Victoria Cross." The Victoria Cross is given to soldiers who have done some specially brave deed. We all have a battle



to fight against sin. Jesus our Leader wants us to be brave. He is watching us as we fight. And He has a crown to give us when we have won the victory. What a joyful moment it will be when we receive the crown from His hand! The very thought of it makes us strong now.

I Have Learned To-day that
JESUS WANTS ME TO BE FAITHFUL

Matt. 14 : 13-28. Compare Mark 6 : 30-56 ; Luke 9 : 10-17—Memory Verses, 20, 21.

Golden Text—Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—John 6 : 35.



mained twelve baskets full. 21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

22 And straightway Je'sus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitude away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray ; and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When the news reached Jesus of the cruel death of His faithful friend and fore-runner, John the Baptist, He immediately left Galilee and crossing the lake came to a quiet country place near Bethsaida, where he might rest and be alone with His disciples. But when the people saw where He was going, they followed Him on foot around the end of the shore, so that when Jesus landed He again found thousands of people, with many also who were sick, gathered to meet Him. Tired and sad though He was, Jesus would not disappoint them, and He not only cured all who needed healing, but preached to them His heavenly Father and His kingdom.

It was now late in the afternoon, and the people had been with Jesus all day without having had anything to eat. There were no shops near, where they could buy food, and as they had not brought any with them,

13 When Je'sus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart : and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Je'sus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past ; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Je'sus said unto them, They need not depart ; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled : and they took up of the fragments that re-

mained twelve baskets full. 21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

22 And straightway Je'sus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitude away.

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everybody, and particularly the little children, had grown very hungry and tired. Then the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "It is time these people were sent home. Let them go at once and buy food for themselves in the villages round about." But Jesus said, "Give ye them to eat."

While the disciples were wondering what Jesus could mean, a boy came running to them with five small thin bread-cakes or biscuits, and two small fishes. "It is impossible," said the disciples, "to do anything with so little. If they were to be divided among all these people, there would not be even a crumb for each one." "Bring them to Me," said Jesus, and turning to the people He told them to sit down in good order on the grass, where the disciples arranged them in groups of hundreds and fifties, leaving a path between each group. When they were all seated, it was counted

that there were more than five thousand men, besides women and children.

Jesus now took the five loaves and two fishes in His hands, and looking up to heaven, He asked God's blessing upon them. Then breaking them in pieces, He handed them to His disciples, who in turn passed them to the people. Though there were so many, Jesus made the food enough for all, and when everybody was satisfied, there was still some to spare. But Jesus would not waste anything. He told the disciples to save what was not used, and they gathered up twelve baskets full of the pieces that were left, which was more bread and fish than there had been at the beginning.

Jesus now persuaded the worn-out disciples to get into their boat and return to the other side of the lake, while He sent the people home, after which He went up alone to the top of a mountain to pray.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Jesus leave Galilee? 2. How did the people follow Him? 3. What did He do for those who were sick? 4. Why were the people hungry? 5. What did the disciples want Jesus to do? 6. How did Jesus answer them? 7. Who offered them his lunch? 8. How much bread and fish were there? 9. How many people were there? 10. How were they seated? 11. How did Jesus begin the meal? 12. Who made the food enough for all? 13. How much was left? 14. Whither did Jesus go when the miracle was over? 15. What is the Golden Text.

Lesson Story

A little girl, whose sick mother had no bread, knelt down by the bedside and prayed, "Give us this day our daily bread." Then she went into the street and began to wonder where God kept His bread.

"This is the place," thought Nellie, coming to a large bakeshop. So she entered and said to the baker, "I've come for it." "Come for what," he asked. "My daily bread," she said. "I'll take two loaves, if you please." "That will be just twelve cents," he answered, holding out his hand. "But I haven't any money," said Nellie,

bursting into tears; and she told him her whole story, saying, "I thought God meant me to fetch it, and so I came."

The baker had never seen such faith as this, and he gave her as many loaves as she wanted.

Lesson Hymn

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life;
All so freely given,
Wooring us to heaven. Amen.
—Hymn 559, 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—14. What is sin? A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God. **15.** What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The lad in the Lesson had not very much—only five loaves and two fishes. But what



he had, he gave to Jesus. That is all Jesus asks of us. And when we give what we have with a loving heart, He will bless us and use us to bless others.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS CAN SUPPLY MY WANTS

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

March 27, 1904

GOLDEN TEXT—And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness.—Matt. 4 : 23.

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions 65-80.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 1-15.

Lesson Hymn

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

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

—Hymn 545, Book of Praise



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

That Jesus Will Do Me Good



	Lesson Title	Golden Text
LESSON I.	The Boyhood of Jesus.	And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. — Luke 2:52.
LESSON II.	The Preaching of John the Baptist.	Repent ye : for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—Matt 3 : 2.
LESSON III.	The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.	And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.—Matt. 3 : 17.
LESSON IV.	Jesus Rejected at Nazareth.	He came unto his own, and his own received him not.—John 1 : 11.
LESSON V.	Jesus Calls Four Disciples.	If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples.—John 8 : 31.
LESSON VI.	A Sabbath in Capernaum.	He laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.—Luke 4 : 40.
LESSON VII.	Jesus Forgives Sins.	The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins.—Mark 2 : 10.
LESSON VIII.	Jesus and the Sabbath.	It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days.—Matt. 12 : 12.
LESSON IX.	Hearers and Doers of the Word.	Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.—James 1 : 22.
LESSON X.	Jesus Calms the Storm.	He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.—Ps. 107 : 29.
LESSON XI.	Death of John the Baptist.	Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. 2 : 10.
LESSON XII.	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand.	Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life.—John 6 : 35.

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. The Boyhood of Jesus.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Jesus Forgives Sins.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Preaching of John the Baptist.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Jesus and the Sabbath.</p>
<p>LESSON III. The Baptism and Temptation of Jesus.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Hearers and Doers of the Word.</p>
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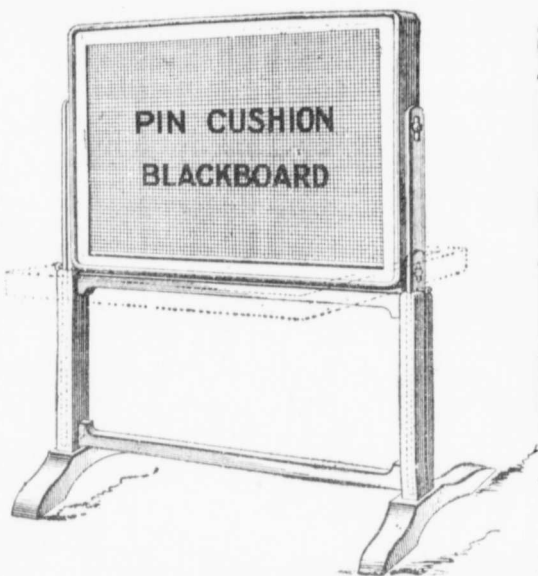
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