

Primary Quarterly for Little Folks.

Dear Children,

This quarter we are going to learn about twelve giants. There are good giants and bad giants. Those we are to learn about are bad. They enter into the hearts of boys and girls and spoil their lives. They are the children's enemies and we must learn how to fight them and drive them out of our hearts. In each of the twelve lessons we will learn about one giant.

First Lesson.	The Giant of—Sin.		
Second “	“	“	Pride.
Third “	“	“	Death.
Fourth “	“	“	Fear.
Fifth “	“	“	Disobedience.
Sixth “	“	“	Self-will.
Seventh “	“	“	Dislike.
Eighth “	“	“	Strife.
Ninth “	“	“	Self.
Tenth “	“	“	Evil-speaking.
Eleventh “	“	“	Idleness.
Twelfth “	“	“	Intemperance.

Sin, the first giant on the list, is the father of all the other giants. We are not, and never will be, big enough, or strong enough to drive out these giants, and if it were not for JESUS OUR SAVIOUR, they would always live in our hearts and spoil our lives.

Our Golden Text for the quarter tells us that this gospel of the kingdom should be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations. The gospel means good news, and the good news is that Jesus is able to drive out all these bad giants from the heart. We should let him do this for us, and then tell everybody else the good news.

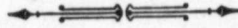
Your loving friends,

MR. & MRS. G. H. ARCHIBALD.

SESSION PROGRAMME

—FOR THE—

Primary Department.



I. SILENCE.

II. WELCOME SONG.

We come, we come, with singing,
Our happy voices ringing,
Glad we come unto all,
We love to meet each other,
Each little friend and teacher,
We love to meet our Saviour,
The dearest friend of all.

Dear Saviour grant Thy blessing,
While we our wants confessing,
Unto Thee we humbly call ;
Oh bless us in our praising,
Oh help us in our praying,
And let us Thee speaking
Within these sacred walls.

III. RECITATION.

Teacher — I was glad when they said unto me

Children — Let us go up into the house of the Lord.

Teacher — Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house,

Children — They will still be praising Thee.

Teacher — Enter into His gates with praise ; be thankful unto Him
and bless His name.

Children — Our kind and loving Father again we gather here,

To join our hearts and voices in sacred song and prayer ;

Look down upon us Father, with blessings as we raise,

To Thee, to God Thy Son, and God the Spirit praise.

IV. PRAYER.

Our Father in heaven.

On this thine own day,

We little ones meet here,

To praise and to pray.

Oh help us to please Thee,

In all that we do,

And worship aright

With hearts pure and true.

God bless our dear teachers,

And help them to be,

Both patient with us,

And obedient to Thee.

And in Thine own time,

May we all, young and old

Be gathered above, in Thy Heavenly fold.

V. BIRTHDAY OFFERING.—(With birthday prayer).

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON.—(The Lord's prayer—or the Beatitudes,—or the Twenty-Third Psalm—or the Shortened Commandments).

VII. MOTION SONG.

VIII. IMITATIONS.

IX. COLLECTION.—(Marching and singing if practicable, if not, allow one of the children to take up the collection in turn).

X. COLLECTION PRAYER.

Bless oh Lord the offerings,
Which Thy children lay,
At Thy feet rejoicing,
On this holy day.

With each gift we bring Thee
Wealth of love untold,
In Thy loving service
Let us ne'er grow cold.

Amen.

XI. TEACHER'S FIFTEEN MINUTES.—(Roll taken, Lesson Story and Golden Text taught).

XII. WARNING BELL.—(3 minutes for teachers to close lesson, re-adjust seats and get in order for superintendent's lesson from the desk).

XIII. HYMN.

XIV. LESSON REVIEW AND APPLICATION BY SUPERINTENDENT.

XV. PRAYER.

XVI. PARTING HYMN.

Dear Father, now before we part,
Receive our humble prayer,
And fill with love each little heart,
Go with us every where,
Oh! may we ever watchful be
And keep, Oh! keep us near to Thee.

Amen.

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS, ETC., AND PREPARATION FOR DISMISSION.

XVIII. DISMISSION.—By class.

(Words and music can be found in "Song and Study for God's little ones."
R. B. McCabe & Co., Publishers, 166 South Clinton Street, Chicago. 25 cents).



LESSON I—April 4th, 1897.

Peter Working Miracles. ACTS 9: 32-43.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Jesus Christ maketh thee whole." Acts 9: 34.



32 And it came to pass, as Pe'ter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lyd'da.

33 And there he found a certain man named Æ'ne-as, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

34 And Pe'ter said unto him, Æ'ne-as, Je'sus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately.

35 And all that dwelt at Lyd'da and Sa'ron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Jop'pa a certain disciple named Tab'i-tha, which by interpretation is called Dor'cas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.

37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

38 And forasmuch as Lyd'da was nigh to Jop'pa, and the disciples had heard that Pe'ter

was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

39 Then Pe'ter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dor'cas made, while she was with them.

40 But Pe'ter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, Tab'i-tha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Pe'ter, she sat up.

41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

42 And it was known throughout all Jop'pa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Jop'pa with one Si'mon a tanner.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

LAY my sins on Jesus,
The spotless Lamb of God,
He bears them all and frees us
From the accursed load.

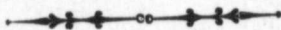
MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—John 5: 14.
TUESDAY—Acts 4: 10.
WEDNESDAY—John 5: 9.
THURSDAY—Matt. 5: 34.
FRIDAY—Acts 3: 6.
SATURDAY—Acts 3: 16.
SABBATH—Acts 9: 34.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



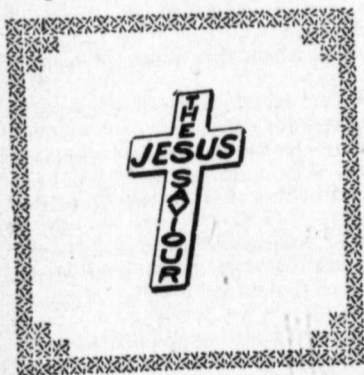
ONCE upon a time, many years ago (the fable says) there was a wicked king, who had kept some bad giants locked up in a dark cave. These giants did not want to stay in the cave, and asked the king to let them out and allow them to go about the world where they pleased. The king said "If I let you go free you can never come back to this cave again to live, but will have to find another home." As soon as the giants were set at liberty they went roving around the world, but as their king had told them they soon found they wanted a place to live in. The place they liked the best was in the hearts of boys and girls, and men and women, and sought, and still are seeking every day for opportunities to get into these hearts. They enter without an invitation, and before we know it are living in our hearts. These giants are so big, and so strong, that we are not able to drive them out by ourselves, and we must every day ask Jesus to be our Saviour, and keep us from these enemies.



MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What was the name of the sick man in our lesson to-day?
2. Who cured him?
3. What was the name of the woman whom Peter brought back to life?
4. Who is the healer of the disease called sin?

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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

©R God! Take my heart and cleanse it from the disease of sin.

LESSON II—April 11th, 1897.
Conversion of Cornelius. Acts 10: 30-44.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."
Acts 10: 43.



30 And Cor-ne'li-us said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cor-ne'li-us, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Jop'pa, and call hither Si'mon, whose surname is Pe'ter, he is lodged in the house of *one* Si'mon, a tanner, by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

34 Then Pe'ter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Is'ra-el, preaching peace by Je'sus Christ: (he is Lord of all):

37 That word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Ju-de'a,

and began from Gal'i-lee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Je'sus of Naz'a-reth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Je-ru'sa-lem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Pe'ter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

At the feet of Jesus
Is the place for me,
There a humble learner
Would I choose to be.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—John 3: 16.
TUESDAY—John 3: 36.
WEDNESDAY—John 4: 42.
THURSDAY—John 5: 24.
FRIDAY—Phil. 2: 3.
SATURDAY—Phil. 2: 8.
SABBATH—Acts 10: 43.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

ONCE upon a time in the middle of a small village, by the side of the great ocean, there stood a little stone church. On the top of the church stood a tall spire, and on the top of the spire stood a gilded weathervane. Most of the men of the village earned a living for themselves and their wives and little ones by going out in sail-boats to the deep waters of the sea and catching fish, which they took to a neighboring city and sold for money. Each morning these fishermen would come out of their huts and, shading their eyes from the bright sun, would look up at the gilded weathervane on the tall steeple of the little stone church. If it turned towards the sea they knew that the wind was favorable and would fill their sails and would help them to get out to the deep water, where there was good fishing. If, however, the weathervane turned towards the land, they knew that the mighty wind was blowing away from the ocean, and it would be useless to try to get out that day. So they would turn their boats upside down and stop the leaks which had begun to let in the water, or they would otherwise occupy themselves on land until the wind changed. The little gilded weathervane noticed that each day the fishermen looked up to him to see whether he pointed out to sea or in towards the land, and that they seemed to obey his slightest direction, so he began to feel that he was the most important thing in the village. Therefore one night, when the great wind came rushing down from the high mountain tops, and over the hills and plains, and reached the little weathervane, it said in a deep, strong whisper, "Turn, turn to the sea." "No," said the little weathervane, "I am not going to mind you any longer. I am the most important thing in this village, why should I mind you? I shall turn which way I please." The great strong wind blew stronger still. There came a crackling, snapping noise, and in a moment more the little gilded weathervane was lying broken on the ground below, and the mighty wind had swept far out on the ocean. The next morning when the fishermen came out they looked as usual to the top of the church spire, but the little weathervane was gone. So then they looked at the boughs of the trees and saw that they were all pointing towards the deep waters of the ocean. Then they got into their boats and went off to fish, and the foolish weathervane was left unnoticed on the ground.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What happened as Peter was one day on the house-top?
2. What did the vision mean?
3. Where did Peter go after seeing the vision?
4. What is the Golden text?

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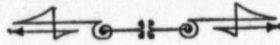
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

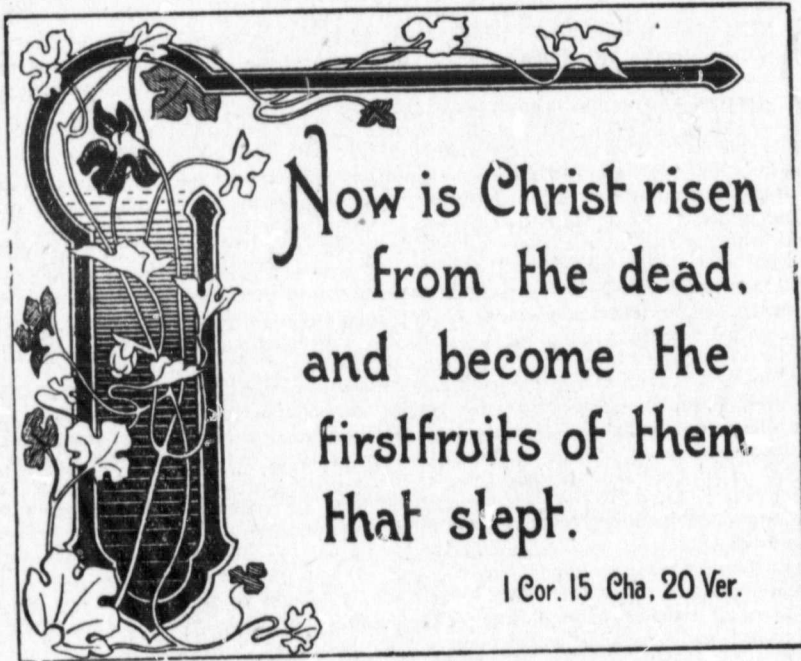
Oh God! Keep me humble so that the giant of pride
will not live in my heart.

LESSON III—April 18th, 1897.

The Resurrection. I COR. 15: 12-26.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept." I Cor. 15: 20.



12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:

14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

U P from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er
His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints
to reign!
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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MONDAY—Matt. 27: 66.
TUESDAY—Matt. 28: 6.
WEDNESDAY—Luke 24: 34.
THURSDAY—Mark 16: 6.
FRIDAY—I Cor. 15: 14.
SATURDAY—I Cor. 15: 22.
SABBATH—I Cor. 15: 20.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

A LITTLE brown acorn lay on the ground under a large oak tree. It had been there quite a long time. Children who had come to gather acorns, passed it by and trod upon it, as they picked up the nice looking ones to put in their little baskets to take home. The wind blew the earth and the leaves over it, and the rain beat it down still further in the earth till it was quite out of sight. "I am no good now and this is my grave" said the little acorn to itself. But bye and bye the warm, bright sun and the gentle rain came and warmed and moistened the spot where the little acorn lay buried. Soon two tiny bright leaves came up out of the ground and got bigger and bigger, and pushed up to make room for more, till at last the little acorn that had been buried away down in the earth grew up to be a great oak tree. How it was loved! with its beautiful glossy leaves and branches spreading all around. The old people sat under its shade. The children played under it. The birds loved to sing and build their nests in its branches. Oh! little brown acorn you thought you were "no good" when you went down in the earth to your grave, but you see, you were mistaken, for had you not done so, this beautiful oak tree would not be standing here, giving comfort and shelter and joy to all.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. How long was the body of Jesus in the tomb?
2. On what day did he rise from the dead?
3. Who went first to the tomb?
4. What did the angels say to them?

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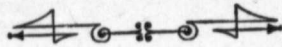
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! I thank thee that Jesus rose from the dead
and overcame the giant of death.

LESSON IV—April 25th, 1897.

Peter Delivered from Prison. ACTS 12: 5-17.



GOLDEN TEXT: "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34: 7.



5 Pe'ter therefore was kept in prison; but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

6 And when Her'od would have brought him forth, the same night Pe'ter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

7 And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison; and he smote Pe'ter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.

8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me.

9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord; and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him.

11 And when Pe'ter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Her'od, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

12 And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Ma'ry the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

13 And as Pe'ter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rho'da.

14 And when she knew Pe'ter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Pe'ter stood before the gate.

15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel.

16 But Pe'ter continued knocking; and when they had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished.

17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go show these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

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SINGING, if my way be clear;
 Praying, if the path be drear;
 If in danger, for Him call;
 Trusting Jesus, that is all.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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 MONDAY—Gen. 15: 1.
 TUESDAY—Num. 14: 9.
 WEDNESDAY—Deut. 1: 21.
 THURSDAY—Matt. 10: 28.
 FRIDAY—Matt. 28: 5.
 SATURDAY—Luke 2: 10.
 SABBATH—Ps. 34: 7.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

A TRUE STORY.

SCHOOL was out and Lottie and her little brother started for home. Dark clouds had gathered, and it began to rain, and rained faster and faster and beat in their faces. As the children went down into the valley, their way became more and more toilsome, for the path was covered with water. After vainly trying to go forward, they as vainly tried to go back again, for to their dismay they could not even see the track they had only just come by, and the water was fast gaining upon them. Jimmy began to cry, but Lottie did her best to comfort him, telling him that God their Father in heaven would take care of them and their mother would be sure to come and look for them. Then she climbed on top of a high gate and helped Jimmy up beside her and wrapped the wet miserable little fellow in her warm cloak. She took him in her arms and propped herself against a tree as she held him, calling at intervals as loudly as she could for help. So they sat, chill and wet, all through the long weary hours of that dreadful night. Lottie never lost her courage or confidence in God's care. Sooner or later she was sure he would send them help. As daylight broke at last, she heard in the distance the welcome sound of voices, and it was not long before the help so greatly needed came, and the two weary little ones were enjoying their dear loving mother's care. "I am very sleepy dear mother" said Lottie, as she was tucked up in her warm bed after having a bowl of nice hot bread and milk, "but Jimmy had a good nap, and we both said our hymn before we went to sleep.

Jesus tender Shepherd hear us;
 Bless Thy little lambs to-night;
 Through the darkness be Thou near us,
 Keep us safe till morning light."

"And he did so!" added she dreamily as she thankfully laid her weary little head upon her pillow, and soon fell fast asleep.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who tried to kill Peter?
2. Where did he put him?
3. How was he set free?
4. What is the Golden Text?

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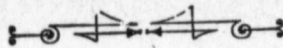
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Keep me close to thyself. I will not be afraid when thou art near me.

LESSON V—May 2nd, 1897.

Paul Begins His First Missionary Journey. ACTS 13: 1-13.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
Mark 16: 5.



1 Now there were in the church that was at An'ti-och certain prophets and teachers; as Bar'na-bas, and Sim'e-on that was called Ni'ger, and Lu'ci-us of Cy-re'ne, and Man'a-en, which had been brought up with Her'od the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Bar'na-bas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Se-leu'ci-a; and from thence they sailed to Cy'prus.

5 And when they were at Sal'a-mis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Pa'phos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar'-je'sus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Ser'gi-us Pau'lus, a prudent man; who

called for Bar'na-bas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But El'y-mas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul), filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Pa'phos, they came to Per'ga, in Pam-phyli'a: and John departing from them returned to Je-ru'sa-lem.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

TAKE the task He gives
you g'adly,
Let His work your pleasure be,
Answer quickly when He calleth
"Hear am I, send me, send me."

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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MONDAY—Col. 3: 20.
TUESDAY—Eph. 6: 1.
WEDNESDAY—Prov. 16: 7.
THURSDAY—Psa. 51: 17.
FRIDAY—Matt. 28: 19.
SATURDAY.—1 Sam. 15: 22.
SABBATH—Mark 16: 15.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

“NOW remember, Larry, cousin Ida is in charge when I am away. I trust you to be good and obedient.” “All right father.” “Good-bye then, if mother is well enough we expect to be home this day week.” Mrs. Delany had been spending the winter abroad and her husband was going to fetch her home. While he was away his niece Ida had promised to look after the house and her young cousin. For the first few days Larry was on his good behaviour and all went well; but one evening a travelling circus encamped on the common outside the town and Larry wanted to go. Ida knew that the roughest people would be there, and saw that the boards where the people would sit were very unsafely put up, and noticed how the canvas of the tent swayed with the wind, and decided that it would be safer for Larry not to go. “Its a shame and all nonsense about it not being safe,” said Larry to himself. “I will go I don't care what happens.” In another minute he was hurrying towards the common, where the tent was pitched. But before he got there an unpleasant little voice seemed sounding in his ears—“I trust you to be good and obedient.”—“All right father.” Was he keeping his promise? He stopped, stood still for a moment and said, “No, but I will be obedient,” then turned, and ran back home again at full speed. He bounded into the house where Ida sat at work. “Hello Larry what's up?” she said. “I've been having a race—a race with the enemy and I've won.” “I am delighted to hear that,” said his cousin, and then Larry told her everything. Next morning the first news they heard was that a terrible accident had happened at the circus the night before. It was a wild gusty night, and somebody raised the cry that the tent was falling. The alarm was false, but there was a panic, and a rush for the doors. Many people were thrown down and trampled on, and others hurt by the planks that formed the seats being overturned. Was'nt it good that Larry remembered his father's words, and was obedient?

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What great missionary are we learning about to-day?
2. Who went with Paul?
3. What is the Golden Text?
4. Who said these words?

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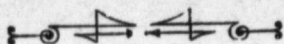
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DISOBEDIENCE

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! guard my heart, so that the giant of disobedience cannot get in.

LESSON VI—May 9th, 1897.

Paul Preaching to the Jews. ACTS 13: 26-39.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." Acts 13: 38.



26 Men *and* brethren, children of the stock of A'bra-ham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

27 For they that dwell at Je-ru'sa-lem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him*.

28 And though they found no cause of death *in him*, yet desired they Pi'late that he should be slain.

29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took *him* down from the tree, and laid *him* in a sepulchre.

30 But God raised him from the dead:

31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Gal'i-lee to Je-ru'sa-lem, who are his witnesses unto the people.

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Je'sus

again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of Da'vid.

35 Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

36 For Da'vid, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

37 But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Mo'ses.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

HY way, not mine, O Lord,
 However dark it be!
 Lead me by Thy own hand,
 Choose out the path for me.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—I John 2: 12.
 TUESDAY—Mal. 1: 11.
 WEDNESDAY—Luke 25: 47.
 THURSDAY—Psalm 45: 17.
 FRIDAY—Acts 3: 16.
 SATURDAY—Acts 4: 12.
 SABBATH—Acts 13: 38.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

ONE day as Kitty was playing her shoe came off. When it was near dinner-time she called Bridget to put it on, but instead of asking her nicely and politely she said, "Bridget, I want my shoe on, put it on quick, for my papa will soon be home." Bridget was busy and did not come at once, and Kitty called out again—"Bridget don't you hear me, come at once and put on my shoe." Kitty's mother was in the next room, and hearing her little daughter speak in that way said, "Say please Kitty, and Bridget will come and put on your shoe." Kitty pouted and said "I don't want to say please," and took her shoe and sat down on the floor and tried to put it on herself. She tugged and tugged, but it would not go on. Soon she heard papa's step and began to cry. "Bridget will help you if you will say please, Kitty" said mother looking into the room. But Kitty looked "No I shan't." The dinner bell rang. "You can stay here Kitty until you ask Bridget properly to put on your shoe," said mother as she went to dinner. Kitty turned very red, and burst out into a loud angry fit of crying. Oh self-willed, foolish little Kitty, how much trouble she was making for herself, and how she was grieving her parents. After a while it was all quiet upstairs, and when papa went up after dinner, and asked in a sad sorry tone, "Where is my Kitty," the little girl jumped up from the corner and said, "Oh papa I am so sorry I have been naughty. I did not want to say please, but now I think I can." She took papa's hand and went to Bridget and said "Please Bridget will you put on a naughty little girl's shoe." Bridget did so willingly. Then she ran to mamma, and throwing her arms around her neck said "Please kiss me mamma, I'm sorry."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. To whom was Paul preaching in to-day's lesson?
2. Whom did he say had crucified Jesus?
3. Whom did he say raised Jesus from the dead?
4. What is the Golden Text?

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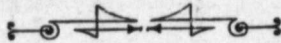
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! make me not want to do my own will, but Thine,
 for it is always best.

LESSON VII—May 16th, 1897.

Paul Preaching to the Gentiles. ACTS 14: 11-22.



GOLDEN TEXT: "I have set thee to be a light to the gentiles." Acts 13: 47.



11 And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lyc-a-o'ni-a, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12 And they called Bar'na-bas, Ju'pi-ter; and Paul, Mer-cu'ri-us, because he was the chief speaker.

13 Then the priest of Ju'pi-ter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14 Which when the apostles, Bar'na-bas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

15 And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain

from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

19 And there came thither *certain* Jews from An'ti-och and I-co'ni-um, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew *him* out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city; and the next day he departed with Bar'na-bas to Der'be.

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lys'tra, and to I-co ni-um, and An'ti-och.

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

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CHILDREN do you love
 each other?
 Are you always kind and true?
 Do you always do to others
 As you'd have them do to you?

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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 MONDAY—I John 2: 1.
 TUESDAY—I John 2: 14.
 WEDNESDAY—I John 4: 7.
 THURSDAY—I John 4: 8.
 FRIDAY—I John 4: 17.
 SATURDAY—I John 5: 18.
 SABBATH—Acts 13: 47.

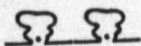
MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

“**T**HERE my pet you're quite ready,” said nurse as she wrapped Daisy in a white fleecy shawl, and then they drove away to the party. Outside the house to which Daisy had been invited, stood some people to watch the little visitors arrive. Amongst others were a boy and a girl, poor little uncared for creatures, with faces pinched with hunger and cold. “Ain't she a beauty!” said the boy nudging his sister. “Beauty indeed” cried the girl angrily, “I don't like her!” and she shook her little fist at Daisy, who clung to her nurse in terror. “What do you mean frightening the little lady?” asked a butcher boy standing by. “I hate her and I hate you too,” said the child. Daisy's party was a success, and she ought to have enjoyed herself, but somehow above the laughing and music, she seemed to hear a shrill voice saying “I don't like you.” “Nurse why did that little girl say she did not like me” she asked when she was tucked in for the night in her cosy bed. “I don't know dearie unless it was that she was jealous because you are rich and she is poor, but forget about it and go to sleep.” Daisy did not forget about it and told her papa about the poor little girl and said, “I wish we could find her and give her something to make her happy.” Her papa told her he was afraid they could not find her, but next week he would take her to the hospital to see the children and let her bring some presents. As they went round from bed to bed, Daisy saw the face of the little girl who said “I don't like you.” She was surprised, but stopped, and picked out the loveliest dollie she had, and gave it to the little girl. Two big tears rolled down her cheeks as she said “I'm so sorry I said I did not like you, but I was terrible bad that night. I loves you now I do.”

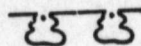
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. To whom was Paul preaching in this lesson?
2. Why did the people want to worship Paul and Barnabas?
3. What did the unbelieving Jews do to Paul?
4. How do you know that Paul was not dead?

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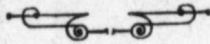
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

©R God! keep out the giant dislike from my heart and make it full of love for everybody.

LESSON VIII—May 23rd, 1897.

The Conference at Jerusalem. ACTS 15: 1-6, 22-29.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they." Acts 15: 11.



1 And certain men which came down from Ju-de'a taught the brethren, *and said*, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Mo'ses, ye cannot be saved.

2 When therefore Paul and Bar'na-bas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Bar'na-bas, and certain other of them, should go up to Je-ru'salem unto the apostles and elders about this question.

3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phe-ni'ce and Sa-ma'ri-a, declaring the conversion of the Gen'tiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren.

4 And when they were come to Je-ru'salem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them.

5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Phar'i-sees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the law of Mo'ses.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. * * * *

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to An'ti-och with Paul and

Bar'nabas; *namely*, Jud'as surnamed Bar'na-bas, and Si'l'as, chief men among the brethren:

23 And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner: The apostles and elders and brethren *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gen'tiles in An'ti-och and Syr'i-a and Ci-li'ci-a:

24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no *such* commandment:

25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Bar'na-bas and Paul.

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Je'sus Christ.

27 We have sent therefore Ju'das and Si'l'as, who shall also *you* the same things by mouth.

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

LITTLE children love each other;
 Never give each other pain;
 If your brother speak in anger,
 Answer not in wrath again.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Phil. 2: 3.
 TUESDAY—Phil. 2: 4.
 WEDNESDAY—Phil. 2: 14.
 THURSDAY—2 Tim. 2: 24.
 FRIDAY—2 Cor. 13: 11.
 SATURDAY—Rom. 16: 20.
 SABBATH—Acts 15: 11.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

Little Miss Brier came out of the ground;
 She put out her horns and scratched everything 'round;
 "I'll just try said she how bad I can be;
 At pricking and scratching there's few can match me."

Little Miss Brier was looking one day
 At her neighbour, the Violet, just over the way.
 "I wonder, said she, that no one pets me
 While all seem so glad little Violet to see."

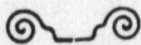
A sober old linnet, who sat on a tree,
 Heard the speech of the Brier, and thus answered he;
 "'Tis not that she's fair, for you may compare
 In beauty with even Miss Violet there.

But Violet is always so pleasant and kind,
 So gentle in manner, so humble in mind;
 Even the worms at her feet she would never ill-treat,
 And to everything and everybody is always so sweet."

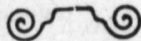
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Where did Paul and Barnabas go?
2. Why did they go to Jerusalem?
3. What took place there?
4. What is the Golden Text!

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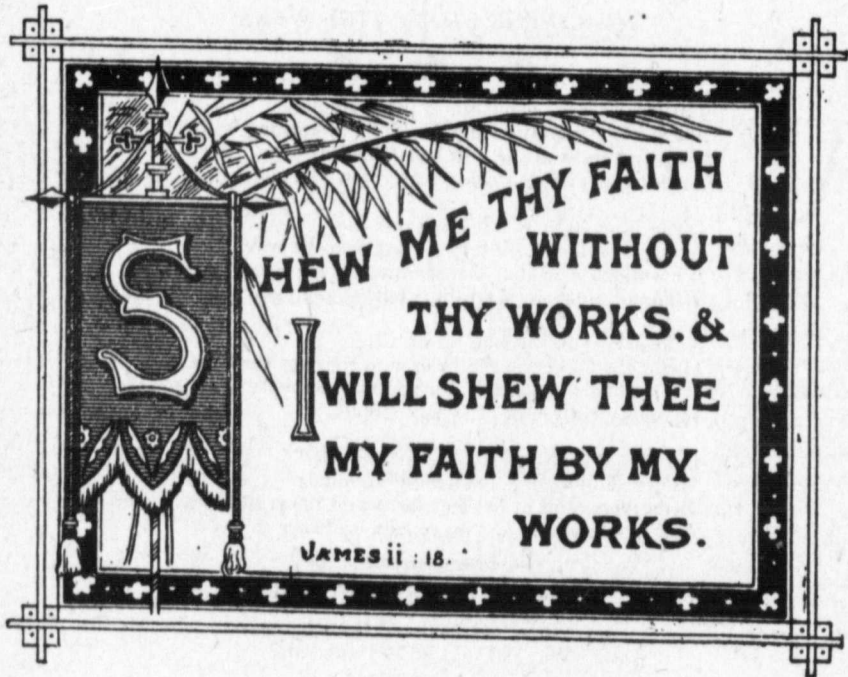
MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! make me patient and gentle and loving and kind,
 at home, at school, at work, at play.

Christian Faith Leads to Good Works. JAMES 2 : 14-23.



GOLDEN TEXT: "I will show thee my faith by my works." Jas. 2: 18.



14 What *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be *ye* warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit.

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

21 Was not A'bra-ham our father justified by works, when he had offered I'saac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, A'bra-ham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.



HERE are lonely hearts to cherish,
While the days are going by;
There are weary souls who perish,
While the days are going by.
If a smile we can renew,
As our journey we pursue,
Oh the good we all may do,
As the days are going by.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Eph. 4: 32.
TUESDAY—Rom. 13: 9.
WEDNESDAY—Rom. 12: 10.
THURSDAY—Rom. 12: 20.
FRIDAY—Rom. 15: 3.
SATURDAY—James 2: 17.
SABBATH—James 2: 18.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.



A LITTLE girl when bidding her mother good-bye, as she was going to a party on one of her neighbor's lawns, had whispered in her ear by her mother, "Try to be unselfish dear and make some one else happy." "Yes mamma I'll try," she replied, "good-bye," and off she skipped. Just as she reached the bottom of the hill a little bareheaded child toddled around the corner, and came up to her. She knew the washer woman's baby at once, and said, "Why Johnny Murphy! are you running away?" "Doin walk," said Johnny gleefully. "Where is your mother," asked Elsie? "Doin walk," said Johnny again, and off he started. Elsie could see the lawn where the party was going on and her heart beat fast as she thought, the party has begun. But Johnny, what would become of him if she left him? So she ran after him, and brought him home. When she reached the house the door was open, but nobody was there. Dear, patient Elsie stayed with him, and watched till his mother came home worn and tired with her long search for the little runaway. Elsie lost her party, but after she had sobbed out her disappointment in her mother's arms, mother said, "Never mind dear you remember what Jesus said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. In what book is our lesson to-day?
2. Who was James?
3. What is our Golden Text?
4. How can we show that we have faith?

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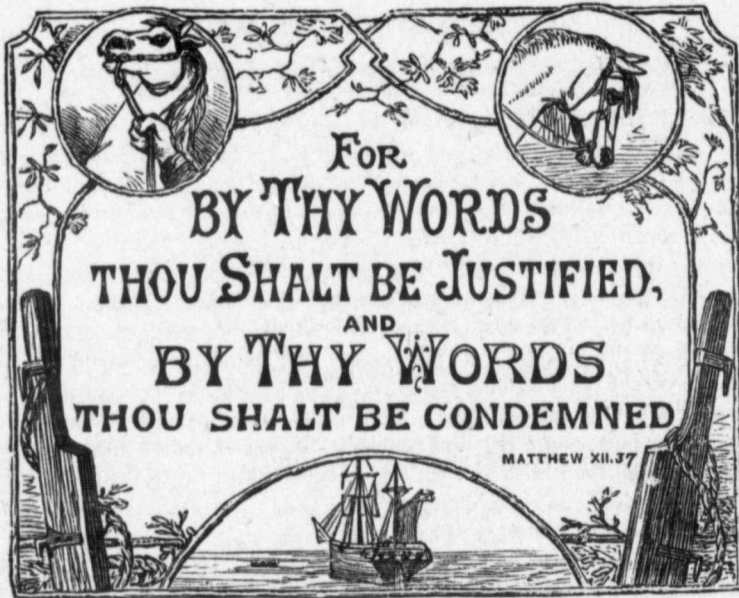
Oh God! Drive the giant of selfishness out of my heart and shield it so that he cannot enter again.

LESSON X—June 6th, 1897.

Sins of the Tongue. JAMES 3: 1-13.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile." Ps. 34: 13.



1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same *is* a perfect man, *and* able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though *they be* so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet they are turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth.

6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet *water* and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so *can* no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

ANGRY words oh let them never
From the tongue unbridled
slip.
May the heart's best impulse ever
Check them ere they soil the lip.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Prov. 6: 17.
TUESDAY—Prov. 12: 18.
WEDNESDAY—Prov. 15: 2.
THURSDAY—Prov. 17: 20.
FRIDAY—Prov. 15: 4.
SATURDAY—Prov. 25: 11.
SABBATH—Psalm 34: 13.

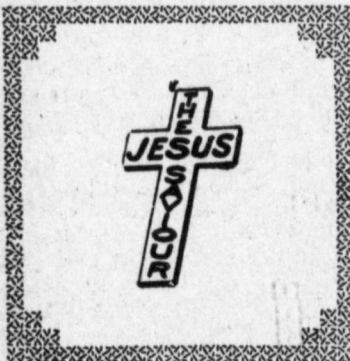
MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

WHEN I get big enough I'm going to be a preacher," said Willie one day. "What is a preacher?" asked grandma. Willie looked surprised. "Don't you know what a preacher is? A preacher is the man that tells people what the Bible means. And he says, 'Thirdly, my brethren.' And everybody listens to him. It's nice to have people listen to you." Grandma smiled. "I think you are big enough to preach now," she said. "Really and truly, grandma?" asked the little boy eagerly. "Yes, really and truly." "I'm 'fraid not," said Willie, after a few moments of thought, "or I'd know how, and I don't." "What does the preacher do first?" asked grandma. "He takes a text and then he 'splains it. I can't do that." "O yes, you can," said grandma. "Here is a good text for you to explain; Keep thy tongue from evil and thy lips from speaking guile." "There's nothing to 'splain 'bout that," said Willie, "You just be careful what you say." "A good text, though for my little preacher's first sermon. I should like to have him preach from it for a week." "Preach a week! Why, grandma, I can't." "Can't you keep your lips from evil for one week?" Willie looked thoughtful. "Would that be preaching?" he asked. "It would, and the very best kind. A good preacher has to preach that way, or people will not listen to what he says in the pulpit." "Well," said Willie with a sigh, "I suppose I can try; but I wasn't thinking 'bout that kind of preaching." "You'll be showing everybody what that verse in the Bible means, you know," said grandma. "And that is my best way to preach." All the week Willie was careful of his tongue and again and again asked Jesus to keep his tongue under control. The end of the week came. "How do you like preaching?" asked grandma. "Why, I like it; but grandma, I guess everybody must have been preaching 'bout that text, for everybody has been so kind to me."
—*The Mayflower.*

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is our Golden Text to-day?
2. What giant are we learning about to-day?
3. What are some of the things that James says about the tongue?
4. If no man can tame the tongue, who can?

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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! keep my tongue from evil and my lips from speaking guile.

LESSON XI—June 13th, 1897.

Paul's Advice to Timothy. 2 TIM. 1: 1-7; 3: 14-17.



GOLDEN TEXT: "From a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation." 2 Tim. 3: 13.



1 Paul, an apostle of Je'sus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Je'sus.

2 To Tim'o-thy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and Christ Je'sus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day.

4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lo'is, and thy mother Eu'nice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

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Chap. 3: 14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*.

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.


MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

 H give me Samuel's ear,
The open ear O Lord!
Alive and quick to hear
Each whisper of Thy word.
Like him to answer at Thy call,
And to obey thee first of all.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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MONDAY—Psa. 117: 11.
TUESDAY—John 17: 17.
WEDNESDAY—Psa. 119: 151.
THURSDAY—2. Tim. 3: 16.
FRIDAY—Acts 17: 22.
SATURDAY—Matt. 22: 29.
SABBATH—2. Tim. 3: 15.

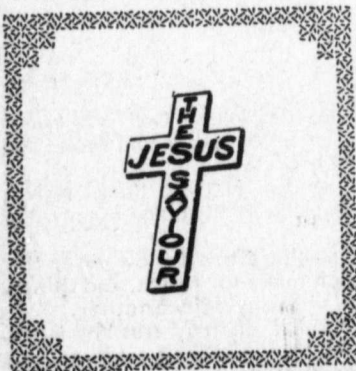
MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.


“Phil, Phil, where are you Phil? Cousin Archie is here and he says we may ride his pony whilst he talks to father, come on Phil!” “I promised father that I would work, and I musn’t be tempted away the first time. I’ve begun,” said Phil to himself and he did work his very best until interrupted by Hugh who rushed into the school-room and burst out, “Phil what are you after?” “I heard you, Hugh, and of course I wanted to come, but I didn’t because I promised father to work for an extra hour every Wednesday and Saturday and I must stick to my word”—“Why?” said Hugh in a puzzled tone. “Father has been talking to me about trying for a scholarship. If I get it, it means a free education at one of the best schools and I am going to try and get it. So run off now, I must finish my hour fairly and I’ll be ready for cricket afterwards.” “Phil you are a brick and I know you’ll get the scholarship” said Hugh as he ran off to pitch the wickets. When the list of the successful ones came out, Phil’s name was first. “Well done Phil” said his father, as he patted his son on the back, “you are a son to be proud of, you worked, very steadily and perseveringly and now your reward has come.” “Three cheers for Phil!” said Hugh, “He’s topped them all. I’ll work too and see if I cannot also get a scholarship.”

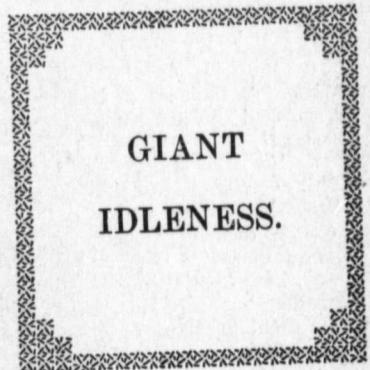
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. To whom is Paul giving advice in our lesson to-day?
2. Who taught Timothy the scriptures?
3. When did he learn the scriptures?
4. What is the Golden Text?

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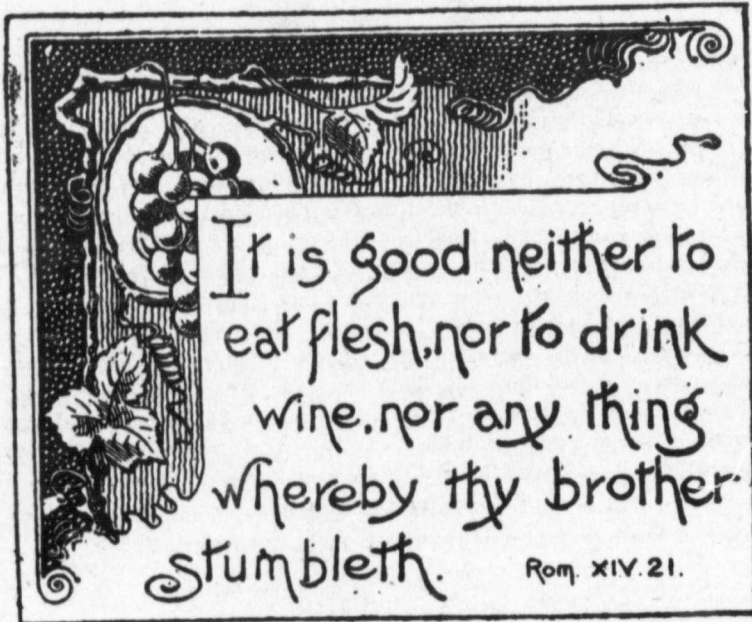
OR God! I thank Thee for thy word, teach me more and more its truth.

LESSON XII—June 20th, 1897.

Personal Responsibility. ROMANS 14: 10-21.



GOLDEN TEXT: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." Rom. 14: 21.



10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, *As I live*, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Je'sus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed *are* pure; but *it is* evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21 *It is* good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

GUIDE me O thou great Jehovah,
 Pilgrim through this barren land,
 I am weak, but thou art mighty,
 Hold me with thy powerful hand

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Rom. 15: 5.
 TUESDAY—Heb. 4: 11.
 WEDNESDAY—Prov. 23: 29.
 THURSDAY—Prov. 23: 31.
 FRIDAY—Prov. 20: 1.
 SATURDAY—Rom. 13: 10.
 SABBATH—Rom. 14: 21.

MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

A MERCHANT advertised for a boy to assist him in his office, and nearly fifty applied for the place. Out of the whole number he soon chose one. "I should like to know," said a friend, "how you selected that boy. He had not a single testimonial."
 "You are mistaken," said the gentleman: "he had a great many. I will tell you some of them:—He wiped his feet as he came in, and closed the door after him—showing that he was orderly and tidy. He gave up his seat instantly to that lame old man—showing that he was kind and thoughtful. He took off his cap when he entered the office, and answered my questions promptly and respectfully—showing that he was polite. He lifted up the book which I had purposely laid on the floor, and placed it on the table, while the others stepped over it or thrust it aside—showing that he was careful. And he waited quietly for his turn, instead of pushing the others aside—showing that he was self-controlled. When I talked with him, I noticed that his clothes were carefully brushed, his hair in nice order, and his teeth white. When he wrote his name, I observed that his finger-nails were clean, instead of being tipped with jet, like those of the handsome little fellow in the blue jacket. Don't you call these things letters of testimonial? I do; and what I can learn about a boy by my eyes in ten minutes is worth more than all the fine letters he can bring me."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the Golden text to-day?
2. Who wrote the text?
3. To whom did he write it?
4. Why should we not drink wine?

MY LESSONS THIS QUARTER ARE ABOUT



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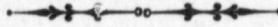
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

© R God! keep me from doing anything that would lead another into wrong doing.

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REVIEW.



GOLDEN TEXT: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." Matt. 24 : 14.



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

ALL hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown him Lord of all.

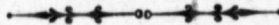
MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Acts 9: 34.
TUESDAY—1 Cor. 15: 20.
WEDNESDAY—Acts 13: 38.
THURSDAY—James 2: 18.
FRIDAY—Ps. 34: 13.
SATURDAY—Rom. 14: 21.
SABBATH—Matt. 24: 14.



MY LESSON STORY THIS WEEK.

(Please read again the letter on page 29).



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

O God! I thank Thee that Jesus is the Saviour, and that He is able to shield us from every sin,