

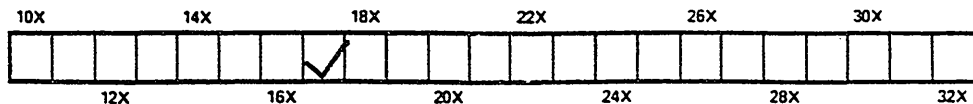
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THE FLOOD.

It was just after the yearly flood, before the water had gone down to quite its usual level, that two young men rowing down the river noticed a queer-shaped thing in the reeds on the bank. They immediately pulled over to the spot and found a cradle. It had two living creatures in it—a baby boy and his little pet kitten. The men took baby and kitty out, and, towing the cradle, rowed back to the town, where they soon found the owner of these little runaways. The men were rewarded handsomely by the town for their rescue.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON 8.] PARABLE OF THE SOWER.

[MAY 20.]

Matthew 13. 1-8; 18-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The seed is the word of God.—Luke 8. 11.

MEMORY VERSES, 22, 23.—He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

To the folks at home: Please help the little ones to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

You have not forgotten that Peter's home was in Capernaum, and that Jesus often went there. What a privilege for people to see and hear this wonderful Teacher again and again! They were glad to see the wonderful works which he did, and they were ready to follow him around and talk about him, but O, how few were ready to love and obey him!

Can you make a little mind-picture of the scene in this lesson? It was the warm summer time, and Jesus was on the lake shore. The crowd gathered about him, so that he went into a boat and sat down to speak to the people. This time he told them a parable, which is a story with a meaning. It would be sure to have a good and wise meaning if Jesus told it. Perhaps, as he sat in the boat that day, he could see far up on the hill-side a sower scattering his seed, and he began to teach the spiritual meaning of the seed sowing.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Where did Peter live?
In Capernaum.
2. Where did Jesus go from the crowd?
Into a boat.
3. What did he speak to the people?
A parable.

4. What is a parable ?

A story with a meaning.

5. What was this story about ?

A man sowing seed.

6. What took away some of the good seed ?

Birds.

7. What did Jesus mean by the good seed ?

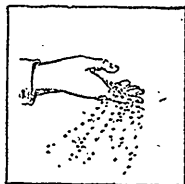
The word of God.

8. What are the birds that snatch it away ?

Our naughty thoughts.

9. How may the ground of our hearts be made good ?

By the Holy Spirit.



Hear the voice of Jesus,
 Listen as we read,
 How the heavenly Sower
 Sows the holy seed.

BE CAREFUL.

Be careful what you sow girls;
 For all the bad will grow, girls;
 And the girl who now,
 With a careless hand,
 Is scattering thistles
 Over the land.

Must know that whatever she sows to-day
 She must reap the same to-morrow.

Then let us sow good seeds now,
 And not the briars and weeds now,
 That when the harvest
 For us shall come
 We may have good sheaves
 To carry home;

For the seed we sow in our lives to-day
 Shall grow and bear fruit to-morrow.



THE YOUNG SOWERS.

Here they go sowing, sowing, scattering the tiny seeds that will come up in little blades of grass. And at the same time I think these young sowers are scattering "seeds of kindness." We all know what those seeds are, don't we? We know that whatever we sow that shall we also reap, for this is what the Bible tells us. How beautiful, then, to sow seeds of love, unselfishness, charity, for our reaping by-and-bye.

LITTLE FEET.

Little feet, I hear them patter,
 Up and down, through lane and street,
 And I wonder as I listen
 Are they bent on errands sweet?
 Are they climbing up the pathway,
 The sure path that leads to God?
 Are they marching onward, upward,
 O'er the narrow, heavenly road?

Little hands, I see them toiling
 In the work of God and love;
 Little voices gently speaking,
 Tell of rest and joy above.
 Feet and hands and voices joining,
 Christ's sweet messengers can be
 Doing many acts of mercy,
 Beautiful for him to see.