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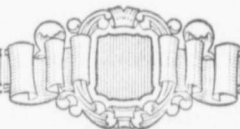


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The Angel's Choosing

A babe one day in his cradle lay,
While the mother softly sung,
"God grant my child rest undefiled
Till the last low bell be rung !"

An angel flew from the vaulted blue,
And whispered in voice of love,
"Your boy must share the world's dread care,
Or return with me above !"

The mother knew not what she must do :
"Blessed angel, choose for me—
I would leave the choice with thee !"

The angel smiled as he kissed the child :
"The Master would have him stay,
To fight the fight against sin and night
Till the dawn of eternal day !"
—Theodora Wilson Wilson

The Restless Age

By Mrs. C. M. Hincks

"I wish Jackie would sit still for five minutes," you say, ignoring the "why" of his activity. Do you remember, when he was a baby in his crib, how you delighted to see him lie on his back and kick? How strong this exercise made his little limbs, so that he walked before the neighbor's boy of the same age! And yet now you want him to be quiet. Do you forget that he must still keep on the go to develop the little muscles and become a big, strong laddie? Do you forget that his creator made him thus active with a purpose?

"But," you say, "I shouldn't mind his being so active, if he were not always getting

into mischief." Ah! there's the trouble, and there's the opportunity! If Jackie is blessed with energy and imagination, let us not repress, but guide, those qualities.

Some children's days are made up of "don'ts":—"Don't make such a noise, Billy!"—"Don't slide on the polished floors!"—"Don't breathe on the window panes!"—until poor Billy is liable to develop into a disobedient, rebellious, sullen child, alienated from mother and others in authority, or into a passive boy without initiative or spirit of independence. Thus, not only is his physical growth hampered, but his moral being is warped by repression.

Let us give positive requests, not negative commands. While we must not let Billy continue to scratch the floor and soil the window panes and become a selfish, heedless fellow, yet we can avoid the "don'ts" by suggesting something right for him to do, so that the *wrong* thing may never present itself to him. Utilize his love to help and let him sweep and polish; notice that he tires of ordinary toys and abuses or discards them, and substitute something he can make—pictures to cut out with pointless scissors, empty spools, boxes and string, to make into carts, plastecine on the oilcloth-covered table where he can develop his imagination, and his finger muscles to his heart's content. Perhaps mother has a headache and wants quiet. Let him pretend to be the nurse or doctor and tip-toe softly about.

Again, let us remember how difficult it is for the child to get our point of view, and, therefore, try to get his. One day he romps and mother smiles and shares in the fun. An hour later he makes the same noise, and she

is vexed. Baby is asleep, but he has failed to realize this. What was right one moment was apparently wrong the next. Let us put ourselves in the child's place; let us grown-ups play more with the children, that we may understand them better and that they, in turn, may feel our sympathy and cooperate with us, and thus become helpful boys and girls, loving to think and do for others. It may mean sacrifice of other things, but what is more important than to train up in the way they should go the little ones whom Jesus, in His brief, busy life on earth, found time to caress and bless?

Toronto

A New Year Song

The bright New Year has come, you know,
And January's here;
The world again is white with snow,
And January's here;
All the ponds are frozen over,
Jack Frost comes—the jolly rover;
Winter joys we will discover,
A Happy New Year to all!

We hear the merry sleigh bells ring,
And January's here;
Of winter's joys we all will sing,
And January's here;
What care we, the winds are blowing,
And inside the fire is glowing?
For the New Year comes with snowing,
A Happy New Year to all!

Some Bible Animals

By Mary Isobel Houston

THE LAMB

Who doesn't love to see a lamb, whether playing happily about the mother sheep in the pasture or cuddling trustfully in the arms of the strong shepherd, whose business it is to look after it? In many parts of the world we still have shepherds who spend much of their time during the day with the flock, and see that they are carefully shut up during the night. In Bible times there were many shepherds, and so much were they with the sheep, both by day and night, that they soon knew each member of the flock, not only by sight, but often by name as well.

All through the Bible the lamb is used as a picture of gentleness and meekness and innocence.

In ancient times a lamb, spotlessly white and free of blemish of any sort, was one of the very best gifts that could be offered as a sacrifice for sin. By shedding the blood of one of these innocent little creatures the Israelites asked God to take away their sins and accept the offering as a sign that they wished to do better.

So Jesus, when He gave up His life for the sins of the world, did so that we might be given another chance. Do you wonder that He is referred to as "the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world?"

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Our Lessons for This Quarter

By Rev. R. Douglas Fraser, D.D.

They begin with a wonderful day—the day that Jesus talked with His loving disciples for the last time on earth, and, while He talked with them, was taken up out of their sight. Then follows the story of a still more wonderful day, when, with a sound as of a rushing mighty wind and with tongues of fire upon each of them, the Holy Spirit from heaven came upon these same disciples.

Peter was the leader of the disciples, and through the new power which the coming down of the Holy Spirit gave him, three thousand people were brought to believe in Jesus in one day. That is Lesson Three. Lesson Four tells how that same Spirit of God makes us glad and happy children of the heavenly Father.

Peter makes a man instantly well and strong and able to walk, who had been a helpless cripple all his life. Then he tells the people that it was by the power of Jesus Christ that he had done this wonderful thing. The people rejoice, but their rulers are jealous and angry and forbid Peter and his friend and helper, John, to speak about Jesus any more. They reply that they must do what God tells them to do, and not what men tell them. These are Lessons Five and Six.

Lesson Seven, from one of Paul's letters, teaches that, like Jesus, we should be very humble and should help others all we can.

Lesson Eight tells how the Christians of Paul's time and Peter's, did help one another. Lesson Nine describes the choosing of seven men who were to take special charge of aiding those who were most in need of help.

The first of the three closing Lessons tell how one of these seven men was put to death because he was so brave and faithful; the second calls the roll of a host of holy men and women whom wicked people tortured and killed, but whom God welcomed to His blessed, heavenly home; whilst the third and last Lesson of the Quarter gives the story of how a traveler from a far country learned about Jesus.

The teacher and the scholars and the mothers will enjoy all this Quarter's Lessons.

The Child's Prayer

"Come, dear, say your prayers, and cuddle down to sleep."

"I'm not going to say any prayers, mother."

The eight-year-old voice was very serious and determined, and the mother, who was slowly and painfully acquiring the letting-alone virtue, went quietly away.

Another night and yet another, and the same statement—"I'm not going to say any prayers to-night"—made the mother wonder if indeed letting alone was wise treatment here. How about the formation of childish habits and all the rest of it? How about obedience? How about a great many things which later proved entirely negligible? But the mother held herself to the policy of keeping out, and the problem solved itself, as children's problems, unhurried and unagitated, have a fashion of doing.

The fourth night the child was found sobbing distressfully. "Mother, I want to say my prayers."

"Very well, dear, I will wait."

"But, mother, I can't."

"Why not?"

"Because I don't know how, mother. I don't want to say just 'Now I lay me,' and 'God bless.' It aches inside with the things I want to say, and I can't say them. I'm bigger now and I want to say bigger things."

Swiftly the mother's mind traveled to the

far-off days, to the immature, loving disciples, with their great spiritual longings and their inability to put them into words. "Lord, teach us to pray," was no glib utterance. The answer, "After this manner pray ye," was tenderness and comprehension itself.

When the beautiful, simple story had been told as the child could best understand it, she was comforted in part. "'Our Father' is too big for me, mother. I don't know what all the things mean. That was for those big disciples. I'm glad they had to be helped, though. I don't feel so ashamed about it."

Almost startled by the magnitude of her privilege, trembling for fear of failure on this untried ground, the mother formulated for the listening child the simple petitions which she could follow, which touched the interests of her own life.

And slowly the child has been taught to pray for the things she desires, child-wise, but reverently, comprehendingly.

—Grace Duffield Goodwin

A New Year's Game

"Happy New Year, papa! Happy New Year, mamma!"

It was dark yet and cold. The clock had just struck six and the sun had not begun to think of getting up. But four little feet had jumped out of bed and two little white-clad figures were standing at papa's door.

Bob and Betty thought it was the greatest fun to get ahead of the big folks and say "Happy New Year" first. They had made up their minds that they would beat every one they knew in saying it.

So they jumped out of bed in the early dark to beat papa and mamma. They slipped down into the kitchen as quiet as mice to say it to Mary. They hid behind the door in the hall to call it out first to the postman. And they made errands to go to grandma's house and Uncle Frank's store to shout, "Happy New Year" to them.

"We beat every single one and said 'Happy New Year' first every time," said Bob that night as he and Betty sat on the warm fur rug by mamma's knee. The dancing flames lit up the room with a flickering red light. It was just the time to talk together.

"Papa said we couldn't beat him, but we did," said Betty. "And we beat Mary and grandma and uncle Frank and Aunt Nell and Cousin John."

"Did you mean it?" asked mamma.

"Why, yes, of course, I mean it. We did beat them," said Betty.

"No, I didn't mean that. I meant did you really mean, 'Happy New Year?'"

Betty looked puzzled.

"Did you mean that you wanted them to be happy all the new year? That is what it means to say, 'Happy New Year.'"

"I guess we didn't think much about that. We were just thinking of saying it first," said honest Bobby. "But—but—we do want them to be happy all the new year of course."

"I am glad you said it to them all," said mamma. "It was a thoughtful and kind thing to say. And now you want to do all you can to carry your good wishes out and make all the people to whom you have wished it have a happy new year. Could you be as quick and clever to catch chances to make them happy as you were in saying, 'Happy New Year?'"

"Let's try," said Betty with shining eyes. "It will be as good as a game, Bobby."

"All right. I'll try," said Bobby. "We can try to beat each other at the game."

"I am sure of one thing," said mother softly. "I am sure that if you do it you will have a happy New Year."—Exchange

Her Sacrifice

By Mrs. R. G. Scott

A little Ruthenian girl of eight years of age, named Mary, was adopted into a Canadian home several years ago. She had never heard music or seen a piano till she came there, and had known few of the comforts of life. Going to school was something new to her, and she enjoyed the novelty of it; but during the school hours she looked forward to the time when she would get home, for then she could go up to her room and taking the tiny wooden box which contained the little things which had been given her, and which were her worldly all, she could lift each article separately and enjoy it.

One day a new treasure was added to her store.—a bright new ten-cent piece! To her

this was riches untold. Although so young herself, Mary was quite a mother to Edith, the little four year old daughter of the house.

She was greatly disturbed when Edith became ill,—so ill that the doctor who lived eighteen miles away, was telegraphed for.

To little Ruthenian Mary, this was a calamity indeed. Her own mother had become suddenly ill some months before, and had died. Was her playmate Edith going to die?

The patient, who was lying in "mamma's bed" for a treat, was feeling very miserable. She had heard some one say something about a doctor coming to see her. This was a great trouble to her. Surely it was bad enough to be ill without having a doctor come to give one nasty medicine; and, any way, this doctor had taken out her tonsils, and she had never liked him the same since. As the afternoon wore on she felt worse, and became more fussy.

Mary was in her own room sitting on the floor beside her box of treasures, thinking. A thought born of love came to her, and she made what was to her a great sacrifice. Later, when Edith raised her head to take some medicine, she saw on her pillow a bright new ten-cent piece. It was not so much the money, as the wonder of finding it that appealed to her, and she asked: "Mamma, did Santa Claus brought it, or maybe was it the angels?" A little, hot hand closed over the money, and the thought of the doctor's coming was forgotten.

Mary was still sitting in her room, quiet, but happy. Her little friend was pleased and better, maybe she wouldn't die now.

In a few weeks Edith was quite well again, but years passed before either she or her mother knew where the ten cents came from.

The same thoughtful self-denial has been shown by Mary in the every day life of the home, where now two other orphan children have found shelter, and in many ways she has been a blessing to those round about her. It takes a good sized trunk to hold her treasures now, and these are kept carefully as of old; but not even the best of them are as dear to her as was her first ten-cent piece, the money she so willingly gave to help her little playmate to get better.

Wakaw, Sask.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1916

I. If there is an instrument in the room, have quiet music played for a few moments ; if not, let the teacher assume a waiting attitude until perfect silence is obtained ; then recite :

Teacher. "The Lord is in His holy temple."

Class. "Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

II. BRIEF PRAYER. Led by teacher.

III. PRAYER HYMN (softly). (Tune : 524, Book of Praise.)

Saviour at Thy throne we bow ;

Let Thy blessing, Lord, we pray,

Oh come and meet us now ;

Rest upon our class to-day.

IV. OFFERING. Recite at first ; later in the Quarter, sing (Tune : 197, Book of Praise) :

Freely give, freely give,

Happy praise, happy praise,

Hear our blessed Saviour say,

All His grateful children sing,

Freely give, freely give,

Happy praise, happy praise,

Gathered in His House to-day ;

Willing gifts they gladly bring.

V. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but it may be repeated several times over, and any needed explanation given.

VI. SINGING. (Tune : Hermas, 210, Book of Praise.)

By friends and faithful teachers while we are taught to pray,

To sing of homes in glory, and love this holy day,

How many souls in darkness are scattered o'er the land,

Who never think of Jesus, or learn His great command ?

The glorious time is coming, when all His love shall sing ;

And o'er our happy country the Saviour's name shall ring :

Then let us all be earnest and labor while we may,

To help the cause of Jesus and always watch and pray.

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Memory Passage. The Baby Moses, Ex. 2 : 1-10 ; the Child Wonderful, Isa. 9 : 6. (For the recitation of the Scripture Memory Passages in any one Part of List II., a Certificate in Colors is given. A Silver Star and a Golden Star are added for the verses of the two other Parts respectively. For Form of Application, apply to Rev. J. C. Robertson, our General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.)

VIII. SINGING. Hymn 538, Book of Praise. (This is the Supplemental Hymn for the Quarter. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

IX. BIRTHDAY SERVICE. Have the scholars who had a birthday during the week come forward. Give greeting and receive offering. Let the remaining scholars repeat after the teacher, the following, or similar, prayer :

"We thank Thee, our Father, that Thou hast kept () during these years which () has (or have) lived and hast given () so many blessings. Bless () this year also and as () grow taller and older every day, may () grow wiser and more like Thee. We ask for the sake of Jesus, who was once a child. Amen."

X. LESSON HYMN.

XI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XII. CLOSING HYMN. (Tune : 554, Book of Praise—without refrain.)

Jesus love me this I know,

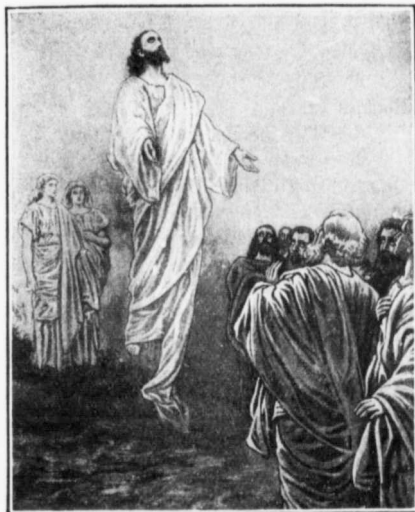
Those that early seek, shall find ;

For the Bible tells me so ;

Turn to Him with heart and mind. Amen.

Acts 1 : 1-14. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 1-10.

Golden Text—When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.—Ephesians 4 : 8 (Rev. Ver.).



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James, and John, and An'drew, Phil'ip, and Thom'as, Barthol'omew, and Matth'ew, James the son of Alph'e-us, and Si'mon Zelo'tes, and Ju'das the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mar'y the mother of Je'sus, and with his brethren.

THE LESSON RETOLD

For a whole year we have had wonderful stories about God's people long ago, before Jesus came to earth, and now our stories are to be about some of Jesus' helpers. Amongst the helpers were twelve men called disciples, that is, learners, a name given to all the followers of Jesus, or apostles, that is, messengers. Jesus taught these men carefully day by day while He was on earth, so that they might carry on His work on earth after God should have taken Him back to heaven.

Most of the stories we are going to hear were written by Luke, a doctor, who had become a friend of Jesus. You all remember the sad, sad story about Jesus' death on the cross. But Jesus did not stay dead. We have all heard the story of the glad Easter morning on which Jesus rose from the grave, and how

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theop'ulus, of all that Je'sus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen :

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God :

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jeru'salem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water ; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel ?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost, is come upon you : and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jeru'salem, and in all Jud'e'a, and in Samar'ia, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up ; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel :

11 Which also said, Ye men of Gal'ilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven ? this same Je'sus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jeru'salem from the mount called Ol'ivet, which is from Jeru'salem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Pe'ter, and

He met and talked with His friends, who could hardly believe it was their own beloved master alive once more. Jesus stayed on the earth forty days, and His friends saw Him ten times.

Jesus' disciples had met in a home in Jeru'salem to talk about the wonderful things which had been happening. Two friends came in saying, that as they walked along a country road, Jesus had met and talked with them, and had gone home and eaten supper with them. While they were telling this, suddenly Jesus Himself stood in the room, saying, "Peace be unto you." The disciples gathered around Him wondering. "Can it really be our Jesus?" they whisper to one another. He showed them His hands and His feet, with the nail marks from the

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cross. Then they were sure it was their own Jesus. He asked for something to eat. They gave Him some broiled fish and some honey.

Jesus told them that they must stay in Jerusalem till the Father in heaven should send the Holy Spirit upon them. Then they would be able to do great works for Him. They must tell everybody the glad news about Him, first in Jerusalem where they then were, afterward east and west and north and south, everywhere, to the very farthest parts of the earth. Listen! One of them is asking a question, "Will you become king now?" "Only God knows the time," Jesus answered.

Then Jesus said: "Come with Me," and He led them out of the city to the beautiful Mount of Olives. His friends gathered around Him. He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Suddenly, while He was yet speaking, He was taken up, and up, till a bright cloud hid Him from their sight. They stood gazing into the sky, wondering, frightened, not knowing what to do.

Two men in white,—they were angel messengers from heaven—came to them and said: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall come again just as you have seen Him go."

Then the friends went back to their meeting-place in Jerusalem, talking about the wonderful thing that had happened. Other friends of Jesus were waiting for them there, with Mary His mother, and they all knelt down together and prayed earnestly to God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. About whom were our stories last year?
2. Whom are we to hear about this year?
3. Who wrote the stories for this year?
4. How long did Jesus stay on earth after He rose from the dead?
5. How many times did He show Himself to friends?
6. Name the eleven apostles who were in that room when Jesus came.
7. What were they talking about?
8. How did they know Jesus?
9. What did Jesus tell them?
10. What were they to do after God had sent the Holy Spirit?
11. Where did Jesus lead them?
12. How did He go back to heaven?
13. What did the angel messengers say?
14. Where did the disciples go?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

The Head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords
Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords
And heaven's eternal light. Amen.

—Hymn 64, Book of Praise

The Catechism

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

The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, OUR MISSION TO THE RUTHENIANS.)—1. Who are the Ruthenians? They are people who have come to Canada from a country in Europe named Galicia and now live mostly on farms in the western parts of Canada. There are many children amongst them, who are bright and clever and are very thankful for any kindness that is done to them.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) shows us two men clothed in Eastern fashion, looking earnestly up into the sky. It was in this way that the



disciples looked after Jesus when He was taken from them into heaven. Let us remember that He is still our Saviour and friend, and that He will come again to take us to the heavenly home.

I Have Learned To-day That

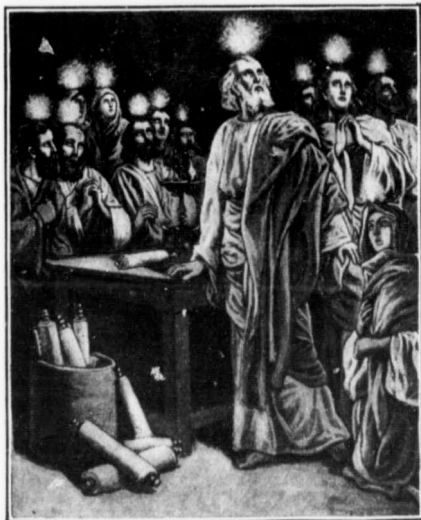
I SHOULD DO WHAT JESUS TELLS ME

Lesson II.

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT January 9, 1916

Acts 2 : 1-13. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 3, 4.

Golden Text—Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?—1 Corinthians 3 : 16 (Rev. Ver.).



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1 And when the day of Pen'tecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jeru'salem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilæ'ans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9 Par'thians, and Medes, and E'lamites, and the dwellers in Mesopota'mia, and in Judæ'a, and Cappado'cia, in Pon'tus, and A'sia,

10 Phryg'ia, and Pamphyl'ia, in E'gypt, and in the parts of Lib'ya about Cyre'ne, and

strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretes and Ara'bians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The people who go from one place to another to tell others about Jesus are called missionaries, which means people who are sent on an errand. The missionaries' errand is to tell about Jesus. We are to hear in the lesson how God gave the very first missionaries power to preach and teach and heal in Jesus' name. The twelve men whom Jesus had trained to be His apostles or messengers had watched their dear Jesus being taken up into heaven, and then they had sorrowfully gone back to Jerusalem to wait there, as Jesus had told them to do, till God sent the Holy Spirit upon them.

It was the harvest time. The wheat had

been cut with big, hooked knives, called sickles, and the people gathered in Jerusalem from all parts of the country to go to a great service at the temple, called the Feast of Pentecost. At this great feast they praised and thanked God for giving them the wheat harvest. The feast lasted several days, and every day crowds walked up the hill to the temple, each bringing his offering with him.

One day, at the time of this feast, Jesus' apostles and other followers of Jesus had met together in Jerusalem. There were a hundred and twenty in all. One disciple named Matthias had been chosen to take the place of Judas, who had betrayed and forsaken Jesus. While

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they were all talking to one another, suddenly they heard a sound like a mighty, rushing wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Then, like tongues of fire, flames darted down and rested upon the heads of the disciples.

What did it mean? It meant that God was keeping His promise. This was the coming of the Holy Spirit. He gave the disciples power to speak in many tongues, or languages. The people who had come from many different countries heard them speak about Jesus, each in his own language. This greatly astonished those who heard. They could not understand the wonderful power which God had given to the Christians. Neither can we understand it, but we know it was God's Holy Spirit within them that made them able to do it.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What had God promised to send to Jesus' followers? 2. Where did Jesus tell them to stay till God kept His promise? 3. About what great feast did we hear? 4. When was it held? 5. What did each person carry with him to the temple? 6. Where had the disciples gathered together? 7. Who had been chosen to take Judas' place? 8. What sound was heard? 9. What was seen? 10. What did the flames look like? 11. Whom was God sending to them in this way? 12. What were the disciples then able to do? 13. Why did God give them this wonderful power? 14. What is the Golden Text?

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The words to *copy* teach us that our hearts should be pure so that they may be fit for the blessed Holy Spirit to dwell in.

THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLETH IN YOU

Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit, hear us,
Help us while we sing;
Breathe into the music
Of the praise we bring.

Holy Spirit, help us
Daily by Thy might,
What is wrong to conquer,
And to choose the right. Amen.
—Hymn 551, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD ASK GOD FOR HELP

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.

The Question on Missions

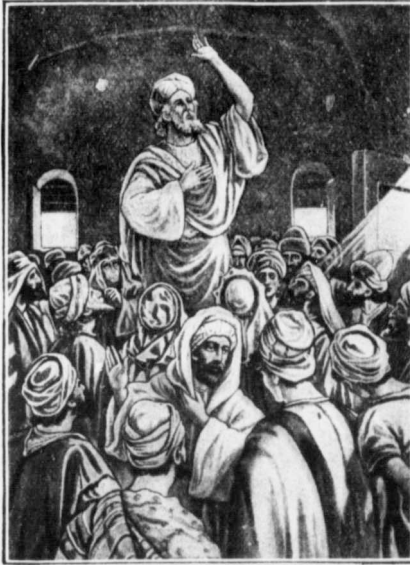
2. What sort of homes do the Ruthenian children live in? The homes are often very small and dirty, built of logs and mud, with mud floors and thatched roofs. There are very tiny windows which do not open. Sometimes the pigs and chickens live with the family.

Lesson III.

PETER'S SERMON AT PENTECOST

January 16, 1916

Acts 2 : 22-24, 29-41. Study Acts 2 : 14-47. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 1-4.

Golden Text—Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.—Acts 2 : 21.

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39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized : and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In our last lesson we saw how Jesus sent His Holy Spirit upon His followers, and how very much astonished the people were when they heard them speaking in many different languages? "What a lot of strange words they are speaking! They must have been drinking wine and do not know what they are saying," said some.

Then up stood Peter, one of the apostles, and said, "No, these people have not been drinking wine. It is the Holy Spirit that has made them able to speak in many languages, so that they may tell those belonging to all nations about Jesus."

Then Peter went on and preached quite a long sermon to the people who, as we have seen, were gathered there in Jerusalem at the

22 Ye men of Is'rael, hear these words; Je'sus of Naz'areth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know :

23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death : because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch Da'vid, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne :

31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

32 This Je'sus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

34 For Da'vid is not ascended into the heavens : but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

36 Therefore let all the house of Is'rael know assuredly, that God hath made that same Je'sus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Pe'ter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do ?

38 Then Pe'ter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Je'sus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our

great harvest feast of Pentecost. He told them that long, long ago God had sent a message by Joel, one of His prophets, telling the people that very strange and dreadful things were going to happen in the world before Jesus would come back to earth, but all who worshiped Jesus would be saved. Peter told them all over again the wonderful story which you have heard so often, all about Jesus being put to death on the cross and coming to life again and going back to heaven and sending His Holy Spirit upon His messengers, and being made Lord and ruler over all the heaven and the earth.

When Peter had finished his sermon, the people were very much frightened. They ran after the apostles crying, "What shall we

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do?" "What shall we do?" Peter told them if they wanted to become Jesus' friends and helpers, they must first repent, which means be sorry for their sins, turn away from them and ask Jesus to forgive them. They must be baptized with water as a sign that they had given themselves to Jesus, and then God would send His Holy Spirit upon them also. For God's promise to send the Holy Spirit was to them all and to their children, and to those far away, to everybody who should hear God's promise and ask for this gift. And many, many of the people that day gladly listened to Peter's words, and were baptized by the apostles, as our ministers now baptize little children, and sometimes big people too.

These new followers of Jesus were true to their promise and turned away from sin and learned from the apostles all that Jesus had taught them. All the followers of Jesus kept close together and shared everything they had with one another. The rich ones sold all they had and gave part of the money to the poorer ones, so that all had enough. They spent their time in worshiping God in His temple and going from house to house telling about Jesus. They were glad hearted and tried always to do what was right, so all the people loved them, and every day many others joined with them. In this way Jesus' church kept growing larger and larger.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the Holy Spirit make Jesus' followers able to do? 2. What did the people think about them? 3. Which apostle stood up and preached a sermon? 4. What did Peter say about those who spoke in new languages? 5. What did God say would happen before Jesus came again to earth? 6. What must people do to be saved? 7. What did Peter tell about Jesus? 8. What must people do to be followers of Jesus? 9. What does "repent" mean? 10. What does "baptize" mean? 11. Did many become followers then? 12. What did the followers of Jesus do? 13. How were they unselfish? 14. Did Jesus' church grow larger and larger? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Christ, the blessèd One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life;
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven. Amen.

—Hymn 559, Book of Praise

The Catechism

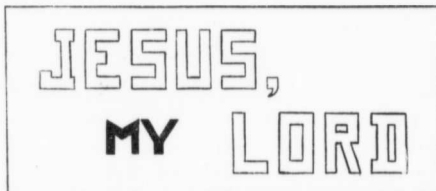
PRIMARY CATECHISM—68. Which is the Second Commandment? The Second Commandment is, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor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

The Question on Missions

3. What kind of life have these children in their own homes? Both girls and boys have to work hard in the fields and look after the cattle and other animals. The girls cook and sew, while the boys drive the horses, help in hauling grain and do other sorts of work. They have very little time for play.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

As you *copy* the words in the drawing, try to think what they mean. If Jesus is your



Lord, then you ought to obey Him in everything that you think and say and do. And surely no one has a better right to your loving service.

I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD TELL OTHERS OF JESUS

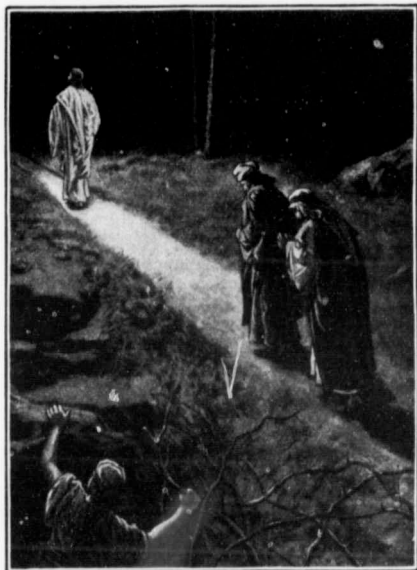
Lesson IV.

THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

January 23, 1916

Romans 8 : 12-17, 26-30. Study Romans 8 : 12-30. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 5, 6

Golden Text—As many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.—Romans 8 : 14 (Rev. Ver.).



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12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die : but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear ; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Ab'ba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God :

17 And if children, then heirs ; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities : for we know not what we should pray for as we ought : but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his purpose*.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be conformed to the image of his Son*, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called : and whom he called, them he also justified : and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Our lesson to-day is not really a story, but part of a letter which was written by the apostle Paul, who was the greatest of all the messengers of Jesus. Paul wrote this letter to the followers of Jesus who lived in the great city of Rome, which was in a country far away over the sea from Paul's home at Jerusalem.

Perhaps you would like to hear how Paul happened to go to Rome. The Jews who hated Jesus, hated Paul, also, and tried to put him to death, but the soldiers from Rome who had charge of Paul's country at that time, saved Paul from death by putting him in prison and taking care of him. Paul asked them to send him to Rome so he could tell his own story to Caesar, the emperor, or king at Rome.

So Paul and some other prisoners, guarded by Roman soldiers, started on their long journey to Rome. They sailed away in a ship with white sails, not at all like our great steamships. On the way a heavy storm blew up so that the ship was tossed about on the big waves, and at last was upset and Paul and all the others fell into the water. Those who could not swim had to cling to bits of board and pieces of the ship, and after a while they managed to get to the shore. Another ship came along, which took them to Rome. While Paul was a prisoner in Rome, he was allowed to live in a house by himself, with one soldier to guard him. The people were kind to him.

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Many people came to see Paul, and he taught them about Jesus. When at last he was set free and allowed to go away from Rome, he left many followers of Jesus in Rome. Paul often thought of them after he left them. He knew it was hard for them to be followers of Jesus amongst Jews and heathen people, so he wrote a long letter to them to cheer and help them.

Paul told them they must not forget that God had given them the gift of the Holy Spirit and God expects something in return. They must show their thankfulness to God by being pure, patient, unselfish, keeping from all bad things. They could not be good without help. God had given them a helper, who will keep them away from sin. The Holy Spirit will bring right thoughts and feelings into their hearts and minds, so that they will be really God's children and will have a right to the home in heaven with Jesus, God's Son, and a share in all things that their heavenly Father gives to His children. God said the Holy Spirit would give them life, and sinful ways would bring death.

"All things work together for good to them that love God," Paul wrote to cheer these Christians at Rome. How pleased they must have been when they got Paul's letter, and how happy it must have made them to know that Paul was thinking about them!

Questions on the Lesson

1. What does L-e-t-t-e-r spell?
2. Who wrote the letter we heard about?
3. To whom did Paul write?
4. Why did Paul go to Rome?
5. What happened on the way?
6. Was Paul able to teach the people about Jesus?
7. Did many become followers of Jesus?
8. Was Paul allowed to return home?
9. Did he forget the friends of Jesus in Rome?
10. What did most of the people in Rome worship?
11. Were there Jews there too?
12. Was it hard for people to be followers of Jesus there?
13. What had God given them?
14. Would the Holy Spirit keep them from sin?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Gracious Spirit, Love divine,
Let Thy light within me shine;

All my guilty fears remove,
Fill me full of heaven and love.

Speak Thy pardoning grace to me,
Set the burdēned sinner free;
Lead me to the Lamb of God,
Wash me in His precious blood. Amen.

—Hymn 552, Book of Praise

The Catechism

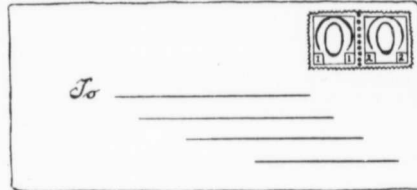
PRIMARY CATECHISM—69. What is the danger of using images or pictures in the worship of God? We may come to worship the image or picture instead of God.

The Question on Missions

4. Do they wish to become good Canadians? Yes, they are great imitators, and are anxious to dress like Canadian children and to have the same kind of manners. They enjoy the books and toys given to them, and are very thankful for good clothes to wear.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing shows an envelope. Copy this, and write on the copy your own name. Remember, as you do this, that the Bible,



the blessed Word of God, is like a letter from God and that it is meant for you just as really as a letter that comes to you through the post office.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD'S PROMISES ARE SURE

Lesson V.

THE LAME MAN LEAPING

January 30, 1916

Acts 3 : 1-12. Study Acts, ch. 3. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 7, 8.

Golden Text—Peter said, Silver and gold have I none ; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.—Acts 3 : 6 (Rev. Ver.).



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1 Now Pe'ter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple ;

3 Who seeing Pe'ter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Pe'ter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Pe'ter said, Silver and gold have I none ; but such as I have give I thee : In the name of Je'sus Christ of Naz'areth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up : and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God :

10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple : and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as the lame man which was healed held Pe'ter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Sol'omon's, greatly wondering.

12 And when Pe'ter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Is'rael, why marvel ye at this ? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk ?

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day two of Jesus' disciples, Peter and John, were walking up the hill to the beautiful temple of God at Jerusalem. Away in front of them they saw the white marble steps which led up to the gate which was called the Beautiful Gate, because it was made of beautifully carved brass which glittered in the sunshine. Beyond the gate, on the very top of the hill, they saw the gilded walls and pillars and roof of the temple glittering in the glow of the sunset. Peter and John were going to the afternoon service at the temple.

As they came near to the Beautiful Gate they saw, sitting there, a beggar, a man who had been lame from the time he was a wee baby, and now he was forty years old. It is

the custom in Eastern lands for beggars to sit at places where crowds of people are passing, to ask help, and for many years his friends had carried this poor man every morning up to the steps of the Beautiful Gate. There he sat all day, holding out his hands for money to those who passed. Many kind people gave to him.

As Peter and John were walking up the steps, this lame man held out his hands and asked them to give him some money. Peter and John looked down at him, in a kindly way we may be sure, and Peter said, "Look on us." The man looked up expecting to get some money. Then Peter said, "We have no silver or gold to give you, but we will give

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you what we have. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Then Peter took hold of the poor, lame man's hand and lifted him up, and at once his feet and ankle bones became strong and he leaped up and stood and found to his joy that he was able to walk.

He followed Peter and John into the temple, walking and leaping and praising God. The people in the temple heard the noise. They looked at the man who was shouting and leaping. They knew it was the lame man who had sat begging for so many years at the Beautiful Gate. They were filled with wonder at what had happened to him. The man who had been lame was clinging to Peter and John. He was so thankful to them for healing him. All the people ran towards them to find out how this wonderful thing had happened.

Peter said to them, "Why are you so much surprised, and why are you looking at us as if we had by our own power or hoiness made this man to walk?" Peter did not want the people to think it was their own power that had cured the lame man. He wanted them to know it was the Holy Spirit within them that had made them able to do this. The lame man had obeyed Peter's words and trusted in Jesus' name to help him, and God had made him well.

The people who saw how the lame man had been cured, gathered about Peter, a great crowd, and he preached to them about Jesus, telling them how He had come from heaven to be their Saviour.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What apostles does the lesson tell us about? 2. Where were they going? 3. Who asked Peter and John for money? 4. How long had he been lame? 5. Did they give him money? 6. What did they say to him? 7. Did the lame man obey? 8. What did Peter do? 9. What wonderful thing happened? 10. What did the man do? 11. Where did he go? 12. Did the people in the temple know him? 13. Were they surprised to see him walking and leaping? 14. What did Peter say to them? 15. Did Peter want to be thanked for healing the lame man? 16. Who gave them power

to do it? 17. What do we call this wonderful cure? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,

For Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.

Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.

Revive us again. Amen.

—Hymn 549, Book of Praise

The Catechism

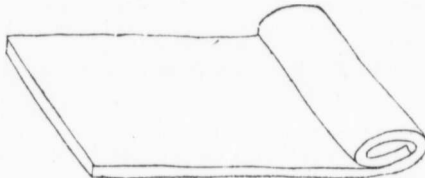
PRIMARY CATECHISM—70. Which is the Third Commandment? The Third Commandment is, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

The Question on Missions

5. Why do they need our help? Because they do not know many things that would make them better and happier. They have not been trained to be cleanly and truthful and honest. Worst of all, they have not been taught rightly about Jesus and His love.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the drawing (*copy*) we see a mat bed, like the one on which the lame man at the



Beautiful Gate of the temple may have sat, day after day. How full of joy he was when Peter made him able to walk!

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD MAKE OTHERS GLAD

Lesson VI. THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN February 6, 1916

Acts 4 : 8-21. Study Acts 4 : 1-31. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 9, 10.

Golden Text—Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.—1 Corinthians 16 : 13.

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done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jeru'salem ; and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Je'sus.

19 But Pe'ter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people : for all men glorified God for that which was done.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Our last lesson told us how the two apostles, Peter and John, saw a poor lame beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the temple and made him strong and well. The people were so eager and excited who saw the lame man made able to walk, that they crowded around Peter and John and listened to every word they said about Jesus. Many who heard, believed, and became followers of Jesus.

While Peter and John were talking to the crowds in the court of the temple, the temple officers whose duty it was to keep order, came

8 Then Pe'ter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Is'rael,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole ;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Is'rael, that by the name of Je'sus Christ of Naz'areth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other : for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Pe'ter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled ; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Je'sus.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 Saying, What shall we do to these men ? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been

done by them, and we cannot deny it.

17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Je'sus.

19 But Pe'ter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

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21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people : for all men glorified God for that which was done.

to them and with them came some of the angry Jews who hated to hear Jesus' name spoken. "These followers of Jesus must not be allowed to preach in the temple. They must be arrested," they say. So they took Peter and John and sent them to prison.

Next morning, a meeting of the Sanhedrin, which was the great council of the Jewish church, was called. The Jewish priests and others belonging to the Sanhedrin were seated in a half circle around the floor of a large building. They were very excited and angry

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and were ready to order the two apostles of Jesus to be put to death.

Peter and John were brought from the prison by the guards, and were told to stand before this council while they questioned them. "By what power did you make the lame man walk?" Were they afraid to tell? No, indeed! They stood up boldly and Peter told those angry Jews that it was by the name of Jesus, whom the Jews had put to death and whom God had raised from the dead. He was the one whose power had made the lame man able to stand before them and to walk.

"There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved," Peter boldly said. There was a great whispering and talking and shaking of fists at Peter and John, but no one dared to touch them. They were ordered to be taken out of the room while the council should decide what to do with them. There was no use in saying that the apostles were telling lies, for everybody knew the lame beggar who had sat at the Beautiful Gate. Now he stood there, able to stand and walk. "We cannot keep people from seeing him and believing what has been done, but we must not let Peter and John and the other apostles preach about Jesus any more," they said, "or others who hear and see will believe in Jesus too." So Peter and John were called into the room again, and told that they must not preach any more about Jesus. Do you think they would obey this order of the Jewish council, or will they obey Jesus, who told them to go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations, beginning first at Jerusalem? "Is it right to obey you rather than God?" Peter asks the council. "We must tell others the things we have both seen and heard."

The Jews could do nothing more to them, so they told them again they would be punished if they preached any more about Jesus, and then they let them go free. They did not dare to harm the apostles, for they had many friends amongst those who had seen the lame man healed and who believed the apostles' words.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the people in the temple do when they saw the lame man walking? 2

What did Peter and John tell them? 3. Did many become followers of Jesus? 4. Who put a stop to Peter's talk? 5. Where did they send Peter and John? 6. Where were they taken next morning? 7. What did the Jews ask? 8. Were Peter and John afraid to tell about Jesus? 9. What did Peter say? 10. Were the Jews angry? 11. Did Peter and John obey the Jews' orders? 12. Why were the Jews afraid to harm the apostles? 13. Who will make us brave? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Take the name of Jesus with you.

Child of sorrow and of woe;

It will joy and comfort give you;

Take it then where'er you go. Amen.

—Hymn 228, 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.

The Question on Missions

6. Tell about their schools. Many of the Ruthenian children never go to school at all. In some places there are no schools. Where there are schools, the parents are very careless about sending their children, and it is very hard to get good teachers.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a soldier, and remember that we should all be good soldiers of



Jesus Christ, as true and faithful in serving Him as our brave soldiers are in fighting for their king and country.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE BRAVE

Lesson VII.

HUMBLED AND EXALTED

February 13, 1916

Philippians 2 : 1-11. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 1-10.

Golden Text—For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich.—2 Corinthians 8 : 9 (Rev. Ver.).



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1 If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,
2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory ; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus :

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God :

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men :

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name :

10 That at the name of Je'sus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth ;

11 And *that* every tongue should confess that Je'sus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Philippi was the name of one of the far away cities where the apostle Paul went to carry the glad news about Jesus. Paul started a Christian church there,—that means a church of the worshipers of Christ—and then he went on to tell the good news to other cities.

One day a letter came to the followers of Jesus who lived in Philippi. The people there were called Philippians. This letter was from their friend the apostle Paul. How eager they were to hear what Paul had written to them ! The letter did not look a bit like our letters. It was written on a long strip of paper or parchment and rolled around a wooden roller. They gathered close around their leader while the letter was being read to them.

This letter from Paul was full of kindly remembrances of his visit amongst them, and of loving messages and good wishes. But Paul had something more than that to say to them. He told them that he would be happy if he knew that they were all getting on happily together and living as Jesus would like His followers to live.

Paul told them to remember that God had given them the beautiful life of Jesus for a "copy." Jesus was full of love. They should love one another. They should not be quarrelsome nor proud nor selfish. They must not try to be first in everything. Perhaps some of them wanted to be leaders. They must give others a chance to be leaders sometimes. They must not think only about themselves, but they must also think about helping others.

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Some of their neighbors might be poor or sick or lonely. They must go to see these and do what they can to help them. This is what Jesus would do.

For, although Jesus was God's Son and greater than any one on earth, He was not proud. He did not try to be master. He tried to serve others as a servant would. He became like the people on earth in every way. He knew how it felt to be tired and hungry and homeless. He knew what it was to have people angry at Him and trying to do Him harm. He knew what it was to be mocked and laughed at and ill-treated. He knew what it was to suffer pain and death on the cross. He did all this because it was the will of His heavenly Father that He should suffer all these things. He was obedient to God in all things, as we should be also.

But it was only for a little while here on earth that God allowed Jesus to be treated in this way. God took Him back to heaven and there He is now in His glory, ruler of heaven and earth, king of kings and lord of lords. He is mightier than the mightiest. God has highly exalted Him and given Him a name which is above every name.

When we hear the name of our king, we rise to show him honor. Paul said some time all over the world people will bow their knees when they hear the name of Jesus to show that they honor Him, and "every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who wrote the letter of to-day's lesson?
2. To whom did Paul write?
3. How did Paul know the Philippians?
4. What did Paul's letter look like?
5. Were they glad to get a letter from Paul?
6. Why did Paul write to them?
7. What did Paul say would make him very happy?
8. Whose life was to be their "copy?"
9. Was Jesus full of love?
10. Should Jesus' followers try to be "first?"
11. How could they help one another?
12. How did Jesus serve others?
13. How does Jesus know all our feelings?
14. Where is Jesus now?
15. Who will worship Jesus?
16. What will they say about Jesus?
17. What is the Golden Text?

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

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.

The Question on Missions

7. How is our church helping these children? In several places, where there are good schools Homes are kept up in which the children may live and attend school. In the Homes they are trained to be good mannered and helpful, and, above all, are taught to love and serve Jesus.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The cross in the drawing (*copy*) is meant to teach us, that, if we are true followers of Jesus Christ, we must be willing to suffer for



His sake. And the crown teaches us that every one who suffers for Jesus' sake will at last receive a reward from Him.

I Have Learned To-day

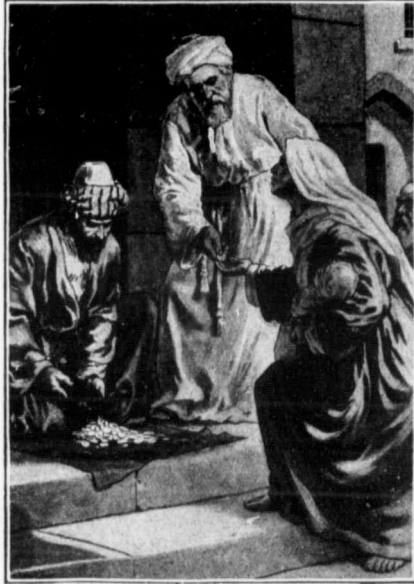
THAT I SHOULD BE HUMBLE

Lesson VIII.

THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD AT
JERUSALEM—TEMPERANCE LESSON

February 20, 1916

Acts 4 : 32 to 5 : 5. Study Acts 4 : 32 to 5 : 16. *Scripture Memory Verse, Isa. 9 : 6.

Golden Text—Love one another from the heart fervently.—1 Peter 1 : 22 (Rev. Ver.).

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32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul : neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own ; but they had all things common.

33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Je'sus : and great grace was upon them all.

34 Neither was there any among them that lacked : for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet : and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

36 And Jo'ses, who by the apostles was surnamed Bar'nabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Le'vite, and of the country of Cy'prus,

37 Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Ch. 5 : 1 But a certain man named Anani-as, with Sapphi'ra his wife, sold a possession,

2 And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

3 But Pe'ter said, Anani'as, why hath Sa'tan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and so keep back part of the price of the land ?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own ?

and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power ? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart ? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Anani'as hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost : and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In those days long ago when Jesus' church was in its beginnings, there were many poor people in it who were not earning enough money to buy the things that they needed. But Jesus' followers were willing to help one another, and many of those who had houses or lands sold them and gave the money to the apostles to be used in helping the poor. If one needed food he was supplied with it. If another needed clothing, he got what he needed.

A man named Joses, or Joseph, who was also called Barnabas, was born on the island of Cyprus, many miles away from Jerusalem. Barnabas had come to Jerusalem, where he had heard of Jesus and had become His fol-

lower. He owned a piece of land, and when he learned to love Jesus he wanted to help Jesus' followers, so he sold his farm and took the money he got and gave it to the apostles.

Our story also tells about two other followers of Jesus, a man and his wife. The man's name was Ananias, and the wife's name was Sapphira. They owned a farm, too, and sold it as others of Jesus' followers had done.

When the man paid the money, Ananias looked at it and thought : "This is a good deal of money for us to give to the apostles. I'll just give part of it and not say anything about it to any one but Sapphira. I'll tell her."

So Ananias took part of the money and

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gave it to the apostles, but Peter knew what Ananias was doing. He said, "Ananias, do you know what a wicked thing you are doing? You promised to give all you had and now you are keeping part of this money. It is Satan who has put it into your heart to do this wicked deed. You are telling a lie to God!"

When Ananias heard Peter's words he was dreadfully frightened. He shook and trembled and turned pale and suddenly fell to the ground on his face, dead. Great fear came upon all the people who saw and heard this. Some of the followers of Jesus lifted up the body of Ananias and carried him away and buried him.

Soon after this, Sapphira came into the room where the apostles were. She did not know what had been happening. Peter asked her, "Sapphira, tell me whether you sold that land for so much?" and she told a lie, and said, "Yes, that is what we sold it for." Peter said, "You and your husband have agreed to tell this lie. See how God has punished him! The men are just coming back from burying him and they will bury you also." And she fell dead, and they buried her by her husband.

Great fear came upon all the people. They knew that nothing can be hidden from God. Many wished to join the apostles, but were afraid of the Jews. Sick ones were brought to the apostles to be healed, and they healed them all.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who in Jesus' church needed help? 2. How was help given? 3. Where was Jesus, or Joseph, born? 4. By what other name was he known? 5. What did he do with his land? 6. To whom did he give the money? 7. What was the name of another man who sold his land? 8. What was his wife's name? 9. What had Ananias promised to do? 10. What did he do? 11. How did Sapphira know of his plan? 12. What did Peter say to Ananias? 13. How did God punish Ananias? 14. What did Peter ask Sapphira? 15. What did she say? 16. What happened to her? 17. What did the people think about it? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

God is always near me,
Hearing what I say,
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,
All my work and play.

God is always near me;
In the darkest night
He can see me just the same
As by mid-day light. Amen.

—Hymn 511, 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.

The Question on Missions

8. Do they get on well at school? They are very quick to learn, and study hard, and get good reports from their teachers. They are neat and obedient and well behaved, and are eager to tell other children what they have learned.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The words in the drawing (*copy*) make a good motto for us to take with us every day

BE TRUE

of our lives. For God hates lying and deceit of every sort, and loves truth and honesty.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE A WORKER FOR
JESUS

Lesson IX.

THE SEVEN HELPERS

February 27, 1916

Acts 6 : 1-7. Study Acts, ch. 6. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 1-4.

Golden Text—Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.—Galatians 6 : 2.

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1 And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude : and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch :

6 Whom they set before the apostles : and when they had prayed, they laid *their hands* on them.

7 And the word of God increased ; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly ; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The last lesson told us about good Barnabas selling his land on the island of Cyprus and giving the money to the apostles, and we also heard about Ananias and his wife Sapphira, who also sold some land and only gave part of the money to the apostles and then told a lie about it, and God punished their wicked lie by causing them to be put to death.

The apostles were very thankful to receive the money given by the wealthy followers of Jesus for the use of those who were poor. The money was used very carefully, to provide for the needs of all their number ; but as they went on preaching and teaching so many people became followers of Jesus that it was very difficult work to look after them all so that no one would be forgotten or overlooked. The apostles did their best, but grumbling was heard.

Now some of the Christians in those days spoke Greek, while others spoke Hebrew, and a dispute arose between these two classes of people. The cause of the dispute was this. Amongst those who received help from the apostles, were widows, who had no one to earn money for them. The Christians who spoke Greek, complained that their widows did not get as much as the widows of those who spoke Hebrew.

So the Greek-speaking Christians began to grumble, and when the apostles heard of it, they called a meeting of the church and said to them, "We are busy preaching and teaching. We have not time to look after the poor people ourselves ; some one else must take charge of that part of the work." So they asked the members to choose from amongst them seven good, kind, wise men

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who should take charge of this work.

This pleased all the people, and they chose seven men. The apostles laid their hands upon the heads of these men and prayed that God would bless and help them. In this way the seven were set apart for their new work.

One of these seven men was Stephen. Full of faith and power, he did great miracles and wonders among the people, and many people, and even some of the priests and ministers of the Jews, became followers of Jesus.

Some of the leaders of the Jews began to dispute with Stephen, but he was able to answer all their questions. They called men who said they had heard Stephen speak words against Moses and against God. This stirred up the people and the elders and the scribes of the Jews. They took Stephen to be judged by their council, and men were brought there who told lies about Stephen. They said that he had spoken against the temple and against the Jewish law. "Why, we heard him say that Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy the temple and change the laws which God gave us through Moses," those angry enemies of Stephen said, as they shook their fists and stamped about.

While they were talking, all the men in the council were looking at the young man Stephen. There he stood ready to tell them what he meant by all that he had said and done. How brave and noble he was! His face was like the face of an angel, because God's Holy Spirit was in Stephen's heart and shining through his face.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did the apostles do with the money which was given to them? 2. Why did the apostles find it difficult to look after all the people? 3. What two languages were spoken amongst the Christians? 4. Of what did the Greek-speaking Christians complain? 5. What did the apostles ask the followers of Jesus to do? 6. How many men did they choose? 7. How did the apostles set them apart for their work? 8. Who is the best known of the seven? 9. Why did the Jews become angry at Stephen? 10. What lies were told against him? 11. Was God pleased with what Stephen said? 12. Why

did Stephen's face look like the face of an angel? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

May each child of Thine be willing,
Willing both in hand and heart,
All the law of love fulfilling,
Ever comfort to impart;
Ever bringing offerings meet,
Suppliant to Thy mercy seat. Amen.
—Hymn 429, Book of Praise

The Catechism

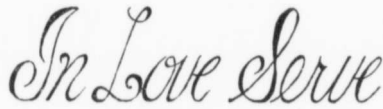
PRIMARY CATECHISM—76. **Why should we go to a place of worship on the Lord's day?** Because God's Word tells us that we should, and because it helps us to be good.

The Question on Missions

9. What is done for them when they are sick? There are several hospitals to which they may be taken and cared for. These are greatly needed, for most Ruthenian parents do not know what to do for the sick, and their homes are very uncomfortable.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the lesson we learned how seven men were set apart to serve others. So we



In Love Serve

should be ready to serve in any way that is possible. And we shall be ready to do this if our hearts are full of love to those about us. Copy the drawing.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD HELP OTHERS

Lesson X.

THE DEATH OF STEPHEN

March 5, 1916

Acts 7:54 to 8:3. Study Acts 7:1 to 8:3. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2:5, 6.

Golden Text—Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.—Revelation 2:10 (Rev. Ver.).



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2 And devout men carried Ste'phen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The last lesson told us about the seven helpers whom the apostles had chosen to look after the poor people amongst them. Stephen, you remember, was one of these helpers. Our last story told us about the Jews bringing Stephen before the council to be judged. When they got through telling their stories against Stephen, the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?"

Then Stephen stood up and made a grand speech, telling them of God's goodness to them, and of their wickedness in killing Jesus and in fighting against the Holy Spirit. This only made them angrier. They shook their fists at Stephen, and would have killed him at once if they had dared. He stood calmly looking away beyond them up to God and

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Je'sus standing at the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Ste'phen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Je'sus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Ch. 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jeru'salem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judæ'a and Samaria, except the apostles.

heaven, when suddenly there opened out before him a heavenly vision, or picture, in which he saw the great brightness of God's presence and Jesus standing at the right hand of God ready to comfort and help him. It was all brightness and glory and beauty there. God was allowing Stephen to get a glimpse of heaven, for God knew that soon Stephen would be in that beautiful home with Jesus, whom he loved and served.

The Jews would not listen to another word from Stephen. They called out and made a great noise so his voice could not be heard. They covered their ears with their hands so they would not hear him speak. With wild cries they ran at him and drove him out of the city and picked up stones and threw them at

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him. The crowd stood looking on and cheering them. We are told the name of only one young man who was helping them by standing and taking charge of their garments, which they threw at his feet when they started to run after Stephen. We shall hear more about this young man Saul, so we must not forget what we have just learned of him.

Stephen's enemies caught him and pushed him over a steep hill and threw stones at him till he died. The light of heaven was shining in his face and a prayer was on his lips, begging Jesus not to punish these men for what they were doing to him.

Stephen surely copied his master Jesus in this, for Jesus prayed God to forgive His enemies who were putting Him to death on the cross.

We call Stephen the first Christian martyr, because he was the first of Jesus' followers to be put to death for preaching about Jesus.

A little band of friends carried the dead Stephen and buried him. They mourned bitterly over the sad ending to the life of this brave, bright, young Christian.

The Jews would not allow the followers of Jesus to do any more preaching in Jerusalem. That young man Saul was one of the worst enemies of the Christians. He went into their churches and drove them out, and went into their homes and seized their men and women and put them in prison, and in every way tried to make them give up their faith in Jesus, and when they would not do so, they were beaten and ill-treated.

Many of the Christians fled from Jerusalem and went to live in other places, and those who were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching about Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Stephen? 2. Where do we see him in our lesson? 3. What did he say to the Jews who were judging him? 4. How did this make them feel towards him? 5. Was Stephen afraid of them? 6. What vision did God show him? 7. What did the Jews do to Stephen? 8. Who was the young man who helped them? 9. How did Stephen act like Jesus? 10. How was he buried? 11. Were the followers of Jesus allowed to go on preaching? 12. How did Saul treat the

Christians? 13. Where did they go when they fled from Jerusalem? 14. Did they stop preaching? 15. What is the Golden Text?

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—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.

The Question on Missions

10. Do they like going to Sunday School? Yes, they come early, and always behave well. It is easy to teach them, and they are especially fond of singing. When they have been kept at home, they are always glad to get back again.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a man kneeling in prayer, and remember how Stephen, when he was dying, prayed that his enemies, who had



cruelly stoned him to death, might be forgiven. So we should always be ready to forgive those who injure us.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT PEOPLE SOMETIMES SUFFER
FOR JESUS' SAKE

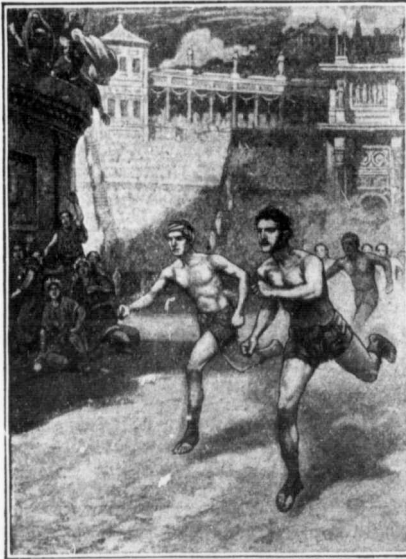
Lesson XI.

HEROES AND MARTYRS OF FAITH

March 12, 1916

Hebrews 11:1, 32 to 12: 2. Study Heb. 11: 1 to 12: 2. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2: 5-10.

Golden Text—Let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.—Hebrews 12: 1, 2 (Rev. Ver.).



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Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Ged'eon, and of Bar'ak, and of Sam'son, and of Jeph'thæ; of Da'vid also, and Sam'uel, and of the prophets:

33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

36 And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:;) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

39 And these all, having obtained a good

report through faith, received not the promise:

40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Ch. 12: 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Je'sus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE LESSON RETOLD

To-day's lesson is about faith. Do you wonder what that word means? It means believing in something or somebody that we do not see.

If your father were away from home and wrote a letter telling you he would be home that night, you would believe that he would come. That is having faith in your father. When we believe what our heavenly Father tells us in the Bible, that is faith in God. When we believe what Jesus tells us, that is faith in Jesus. We heard last Sunday about Stephen, who was stoned to death because

he had faith in Jesus and taught others to have faith also.

The Bible tells us about a great many people who had faith in God and were able to do wonderful things because God helped them.

Gideon was a great soldier. He conquered enemies of God's people Israel, because he did what God told him to do. Barak is another soldier who through faith in God conquered enemies.

Samson prayed for strength, and God made him so wonderfully strong that he was

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able to push down the pillars and walls of a house and kill his enemies.

Another warrior, Jephthæ, was able to conquer his enemies.

David, the shepherd boy, was able to kill the giant Goliath because he asked God to help him. We are told, also, of a little baby boy Samuel who came to his mother because she prayed that God would send him.

Daniel prayed, and God closed the mouths of the lions in the den so they did no harm to Daniel. God also kept the flames in the fiery furnace from harming Daniel's three companions.

Two sisters, Mary and Martha were crying because their brother Lazarus was dead, but they had faith that Jesus could bring him back to life. Jesus called him back to those dear sisters.

The Bible also tells us about many people who bore cruel treatment because they had faith in Jesus:

Many had to hide in dens and caves in the mountains to get away from those who were trying to kill them because they stood up for Jesus.

These have all gone on before us into heaven. The apostle Paul says our life is like a race. We're trying to reach a goal. This goal is heaven. Paul tells us to lay aside every sin that would hinder us from winning the race, and to keep our eyes on Jesus who, for the joy that was set before Him, bore the suffering and shame on the cross, and is now at the right hand of God the Father in heaven.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is our lesson about? 2. What does faith mean? 3. How did Gideon show his faith in God? 4. What did God help Jephthæ to do? 5. What did faith make Samson able to do? 6. What giant did David slay? 7. Why did God send the baby Samuel to his mother? 8. How did God save Daniel's life? 9. How did Jesus comfort Mary and Martha? 10. What did wicked Herod do to John the Baptist? 11. Why was the apostle Paul put in prison? 12. Where have all the faithful ones gone? 13. What does Paul say our life is like? 14. What is the goal? 15. Who has gone before? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
 Ye soldiers of the cross;
 Lift high His royal banner,
 It must not suffer loss;
 From victory unto victory
 His army He shall lead,
 Till every foe is vanquished
 And Christ is Lord indeed. Amen.
 —Hymn 256, 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.

The Question on Missions

11. How do they help when they go back to their own homes? They tell their parents and their brothers and sisters what they have learned, and set a good example by being truthful and kind and clean. In this way they often lead others to go to our missionaries for teaching and help.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*copy*) gives the initials of the Old Testament heroes mentioned in the lesson.



Recall the names for which the letters stand, and ask God to help you to be as brave and faithful as these people were.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE FAITHFUL

Acts 8 : 26-40. *Scripture Memory Verse, Isa. 9 : 6.

Golden Text—Understandest thou what thou readeest?—Acts 8 : 30.

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rejoicing.

40 But Phil'ip was found at Azo'tus : and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Cæsare'a.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Stephen was stoned to death, the followers of Jesus had to go away from Jerusalem because the Jews were cruel to them. Some went to one place and some to another. Everywhere they went they scattered the news of the Lord Jesus.

Philip was one of the seven helpers who had been chosen to look after the poor. He went to Samaria and preached about Jesus. The people believed, and there was great joy in that city.

One day God sent an angel messenger to him saying, "Philip, I want you to go away along the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza." Perhaps Philip wondered why he should be sent away from Samaria and told to go along that lonely, desert road, but he did not ask why. Our story tells us "he arose and went."

26 And the angel of the Lord spake unto Phil'ip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jeru'salem unto Ga'za, which is desert.

27 And he arose and went : and, behold, a man of Ethio'pia, an eunuch of great authority under Can'dace queen of the Ethio'pians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jeru'salem for to worship,

28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esai'as the prophet.

29 Then the Spirit said unto Phil'ip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30 And Phil'ip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esai'as, and said, Understandest thou what thou readeest ?

31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me ? And he desired Phil'ip that he would come up and sit with him.

32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter ; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth :

33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away : and who shall declare his generation ? for his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Phil'ip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this ? of himself, or of some other man ?

35 Then Phil'ip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Je'sus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water : and the eunuch said, See, here is water ; what doth hinder me to be baptized ?

37 And Phil'ip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Je'sus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still : and they went down both into the water, both Phil'ip and the eunuch ; and he baptized him.

39 And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Phil'ip, that the eunuch saw him no more : and he went on his way

As he was walking along wondering what new work God had for him to do, he heard the noise of travelers coming behind him. He looked around and saw a very fine chariot, or carriage, and a guard of soldiers and people on camels. In the chariot sat a dark colored man. He was a great man from Jerusalem. He was an officer of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of the queen's money and treasures. The people with him were his servants. God whispered to Philip, "Go near and speak to this man." Philip walked towards the chariot and he heard the traveler reading from a long roll of parchment, and what do you think it was ? It was part of the holy scriptures, as our Bible is called ! The Ethiopian had been to Jerusalem to see the great temple. He was filled with wonder at the beautiful temple and the Jewish way

* For the recitation of the Scripture Memory Passages in any one Part of List II., a Certificate in Colors is given. A Silver Star and a Golden Star are added for the verses of the two other Parts respectively. For Form of Application, apply to Rev. J. C. Robertson, our General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Bldg., Toronto.

of worshiping. He had heard the teachers reading about the Messiah, the holy one, whom God had promised to send to the world. He had seen and heard the excitement in Jerusalem about those new teachers and apostles, who were telling the people that this holy one had come, and was called Jesus of Nazareth.

He got a copy of the scriptures, and as he rode along in his chariot on his way home, he was reading and trying to find out what it meant. When he saw Philip he ordered the chariot to stop. Philip stepped up and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The Ethiopian said, "How can I understand, unless somebody will teach me?" Perhaps he thought Philip was one of the new teachers who had been in Jerusalem, for he asked Philip to get up in the chariot beside him, and as they rode along Philip had a fine chance to tell him about Jesus. The Ethiopian believed all that Philip told him, and wished to be baptized and be a true follower of Jesus.

When they came to a stream of water he ordered the chariot to stop, and Philip and he went into the water, where Philip baptized him, and the Ethiopian went on his way rejoicing, while God called Philip away to preach in other places.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did the followers of Jesus leave Jerusalem? 2. What did they do wherever they went? 3. Who was Philip? 4. Where did he go? 5. Did the people of Samaria listen to him? 6. What message did God send to Philip? 7. Did Philip obey? 8. What did he see coming along the road?

9. Who was in the chariot? 10. What did God tell Philip to do then? 11. What was the man in the chariot reading? 12. Why had he gone to Jerusalem? 13. What did he hear there? 14. What did Philip ask him? 15. What did he reply? 16. How did he show that he believed what Philip told him? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

We have heard a joyful sound,
Jesus saves!
 Spread the gladness all around;
Jesus saves!
 Bear the news to every land,
 Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
 Onward!—'tis our Lord's command;
 Jesus saves! Amen.
 —Hymn 562, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE THE BIBLE

The Catechism

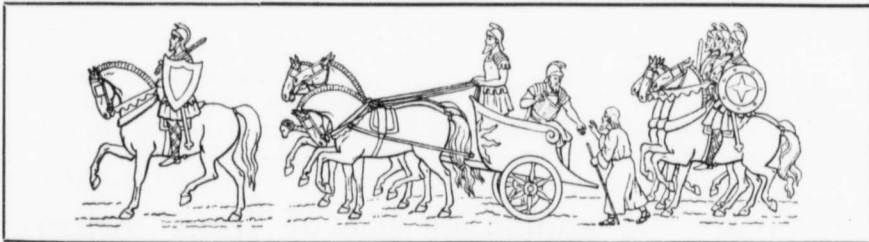
PRIMARY CATECHISM—80. What promise has Jesus given to those who meet for His worship? Jesus has promised to be wherever two or three meet in His name.

The Question on Missions

12. What can Canadian children do for Ruthenian children? They can treat them kindly, if they live together. They can pray for them, and help, by their gifts, to send missionaries to them. And they can spare them some of their books, pictures, toys and other things that children like.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jesus sent Philip to tell a stranger about Him. And Jesus sends us also on the same errand. Color the drawing.



Lesson XIII

REVIEW—THE GREAT MULTITUDE

March 26, 1916

Golden Text—They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.—Revelation 7: 16, 17 (Rev. Ver.).

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES (Ex. 2: 1-10; Isa. 9: 6). PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 65-80. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—538, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

Read Revelation 7: 9-17.

Some of Jesus' Helpers

The lessons of the Quarter have told us a great deal about some of Jesus' helpers. Let us see what we can remember about these.

LESSON I. Jesus' helpers were told by Him what they were to do. What was this? He promised to send another person to them. Who was this? Whither did Jesus go?

LESSON II. A wonderful person came to Jesus' helpers. Who was He? After He came they were able to do a strange thing. Tell what it was.

LESSON III. One of Jesus' helpers preached a great sermon. Who was the preacher? How many were added to the church through the preaching of the sermon?

LESSON IV. This lesson is from a letter written by a great helper of Jesus. Who was he? To whom was it written? Who tells us that we are God's children?

LESSON V. In this lesson we see two helpers of Jesus going up to a great building. Who were the two? What was the building? They saw a poor man there. What was the matter with him? What did the two helpers do for him?

LESSON VI. The lesson tells us of two helpers of Jesus who were very brave. What were their names? They were brought before a great council. What was its name? What were they told not to do? What was their answer?

LESSON VII. This is another lesson from a letter written by Paul, the great helper of Jesus. It tells what Jesus did for us. What was this? It also tells what God did for Jesus. Can you tell what this was?

LESSON VIII. We see in this lesson what the helpers of Jesus did for one another. How did those who were richer aid those who were poorer? It tells, too, of a sad sin in a man and his wife who professed to be helpers of Jesus. Who were they and what was their sin?

LESSON IX. Here we see seven helpers set apart for a special work. What was it?

LESSON X. We all remember the brave helper of Jesus, who was the first to be put to death. What was his name? What prayer did he offer when he was dying?

LESSON XI. This lesson is from a letter written to helpers of Jesus who needed to be encouraged. What is the letter called? Can you tell some of the brave deeds spoken of in it?

LESSON XII. The last lesson of the Quarter tells of a helper of Jesus who was sent out on a special errand. Who was the helper? To whom was he sent? About whom did he tell?

Lesson Hymn

There is a better world, they say,
O, so bright!

Where sin and woe are done away,
O, so bright!

And music fills the balmy air,
And angels bright and pure are there,
And harps of gold and mansions fair,
O, so bright!

Though we are sinners every one,
Jesus died!

And though our crown of peace is gone,
Jesus died!

We may be cleansed from every stain,
We may be crowned with peace again,
And in that land of bliss may reign,
Jesus died! Amen.

—Hymn 594, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

I should be one of Jesus' helpers

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

Write in the spaces below (or get some one to do so for you) some one thing you have learned from each Lesson.

LESSON I. The Ascending Lord.	LESSON VII. Humbled and Exalted.
LESSON II. The Coming of the Holy Spirit.	LESSON VIII. The Christian Brotherhood at Jerusalem (Temperance Lesson).
LESSON III. Peter's Sermon at Pentecost.	LESSON IX. The Seven Helpers
LESSON IV. The Spirit of Life.	LESSON X. The Death of Stephen.
LESSON V. The Lame Man Leaping.	LESSON XI. Heroes and Martyrs of Faith.
LESSON VI. The Boldness of Peter and John.	LESSON XII. Philip and the Ethiopian.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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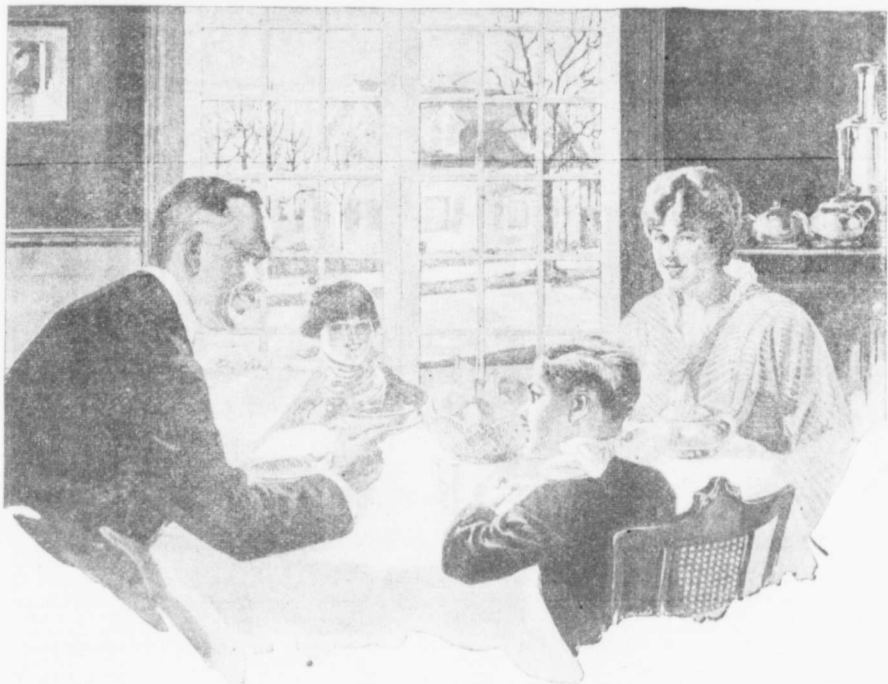
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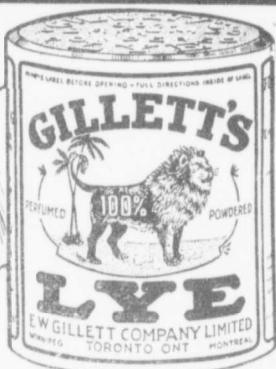
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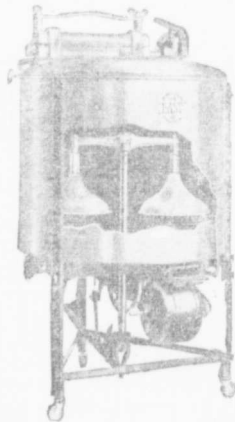
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