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My Picture Book

The sky is the finest picture book,
Its pictures are all for me.
Whenever I look into the blue
Most wonderful things I see.

On days when it is sunny
The fairies come to play.
They dance in magic circles,
Then quickly run away.

And when it's dark and cloudy
Away up in the sky,
The giants in their chariots
Go roaring, rumbling by.

But the time that I like best of all
Is just before the night,
When the gates of heaven open
And I see the angels bright.

The Difference

Polly and Betty, two sisters, were sitting near a brook in the woods.

"Listen to that noisy brook", said Betty; "it scolds and scolds. I wish it would keep quiet."

"Why, sister, it is not scolding, it is singing", said the other.

"The leaves are falling from the trees. How bare and ugly they look!" cried Betty.

"O, but it so pleasant to gather the leaves!" replied Polly. "Then we see more of the blue sky and the sun shines on us better."

Betty frowned angrily, and said: "Your ears and eyes must be made differently from mine."

The difference was not in the ears and the eyes, but in their hearts. If the heart is right, the brooks will sing, not scold, the sky will look blue, and through the bare branches God's love will shine.

A Letter to the Little People

DEAR LITTLE PEOPLE :—

Holiday time has come again, and you are planning all sorts of pleasures, picnics in the woods, swinging amongst the trees, wading in the lake, building sand forts and castles. What a happy time you will have! But we must not forget that we have work to do even in holiday time. We are all *Builders*, you know, and our building work should be going on all the time.

I wonder what kind of *Building Stones* you have been putting into your *Character Building*? Are they like those about which our Lessons of last Quarter told us? How are you trying to help to build up Jesus' kingdom in the world? Are you telling others about Him? Are you praying for Jesus' builders? Are you giving your pennies to help them to build? Your teachers will tell you how your pennies are used for this purpose.

In our Golden Text for this Quarter's Lessons Jesus says: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Will it not be nice for us to think of our Lessons as the Words of the Mighty Worker? And we shall hear His kind gentle voice speaking to us in each Lesson.

We shall hear His words about His enemies and His friends, about the different kinds of hearers, about the way His kingdom grows

and about the enemy who gets in amongst His people. Then He will tell us how precious is His kingdom.

We shall listen to Him speaking to the stormy sea. We shall hear Him calling a dead child to life, and we shall hear Him speak in the church, in His old home village.

Then, we are to learn about the death of one of Jesus' friends, and we shall hear Jesus' words of promise to us all—if we are faithful as long as we live, He will give us a Crown of Life.

We are to listen as He speaks to His workmen going forth to build for Him, and to hear His gentle, loving invitation to everybody to come to Him and to hear Him speak tenderly about hungry ones.

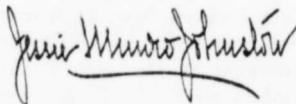
I am sure you will love to listen to Jesus' words, and will try to obey all He says.

I think a pair of *Lips* as a symbol will help us to remember that Jesus has really spoken these words to *Us*.

Let us remember that *our* lips must speak only good words, true words, gentle words.

"Little lips can move for Jesus,
Speaking gently all the while,
Making other people happy
With a loving word and smile,
Telling others of the Word
From the Saviour's lips you've heard :
Let your speech in gladness fall,—
Jesus listens to it all."

Your friend,



The Child in a Garden

By Miss Violet Robinson

WHAT THE FLOWERS KNOW

All flowers know that the insects are their best friends. Without the help of the rough-coated bees, moths and flies, which convey the pollen-dust from one flower to another, the flowers would not be able to carry on their great work of making seeds from which new plants are produced year after year.

But the flowers know well, that, if their insect friends are to help them to scatter their pollen, they, in turn, must offer some reward for the faithful service of their kindly visitors.

What, then, has the flower to offer by way of a neighborly exchange of courtesies? Nothing less than a delicious draught of sweet liquid, called nectar, which flowers always keep on hand for the express purpose of repaying and refreshing their insect friends.

Now, the flowers are too wise to offer this reward before the bees have done their work, and so they have hidden away their sweet juice, or nectar, in little bags, called nectaries, which, wonderful to relate, cannot be got at until the bee has finished his work of dusting the flower with pollen. In some flowers the nectaries are found deeply concealed in the centre of the flower; in others, such as the columbine and nasturtium, there are delicate, tube-like spurs which serve as store-houses for the precious fluid.

So anxious are the flowers to secure visits from their insect partners, that they have adopted many clever labor-saving devices for attracting them. It would seem almost as if flowers were endowed with a reasoning power akin to that of man himself, so exactly have they adapted themselves to the necessities of their various conditions. For example, many small, insignificant flowers grow in clusters, and so offer special inducements to insects in the matter of saving time. Such flowers as the phlox, lilac and clover, by thus conducting their housekeeping, as it were, upon the cooperative plan, secure for each individual member of the group a better chance of attention from the bees than if they grew singly, or apart from others of the same species. The clover, having, it would seem, a special knowledge of the value of time, kindly turns down each of its flowers as soon as visited by the bee. This accounts for the partially withered appearance of part of the cluster, especially in white clover.

Plants with large and showy blossoms may be said to have discovered the benefit to be derived from advertising. The large, highly colored petals of the tiger-lily, petunia, poppy, etc., flaunting in the sunlight, serve

a useful purpose in alluring insects. The petals of such flowers are often characterized by dark markings, radiating towards the centre, which help to guide the insect in his search for the prize within.

The more modestly colored flowers, such as the lily-of-the-valley, mignonette and sweet alyssum, know the attractive power of perfume, and are furnished with an inviting fragrance which serves the same purpose of attracting the pollen-distributing insect. Others are provided with a drooping petal or lower lip, upon which flying insects may rest while they explore the flowers. This is especially noticeable in the flowers of the horse chestnut, while in the pansy, there is found, in addition, a beautifully bearded portion, which affords a safe foothold to which the insect may cling while sucking the nectar.

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A Kind Word

How little it costs, if we give it a thought,
To make happy some heart each day.
Just one kind word, or a tender smile,
As we go on our daily way.

Perchance a look will suffice to clear
The cloud from a neighbor's face,
And the press of a hand in sympathy
A sorrowful tear efface.

It costs so little, I wonder why
We give so little thought.
A smile, kind words, a glance, a touch,
What magic with them is wrought!

How to Deal With a Child's Fears

By Mrs. W. J. Jamieson

Jean Paul Richter says: "Nothing is more infectious than fear or courage; but the parent's fear is doubled in the child." Perhaps, therefore, the most important requisite in dealing with a child's fears would be that the mother, before she becomes a mother, shall learn to control her own fears.

But, aside from all parental influence, the child will be largely the result of his environment and the atmosphere he breathes; and we cannot too soon begin to guard the little

child from impressions that may produce fear. The tiny babe is more easily frightened by strange noises than by strange sights. We may well put ourselves in the place of such a helpless, inexperienced bit of humanity, and seek to counteract all harmful impressions, soothing the little mind by a tone of voice, whose meaning the tiniest infant so soon learns to interpret.

Darkness is often a great source of terror to childhood. So far as my experience goes, this is not instinctive in the babe, but caused by some mental impression received in, and attributed to, the darkness, or fostered, later on, by gruesome tales or weak threats of what the "bogey-man" will do when night comes on. So long as parents will use, or allow others to use, such crude and barbarous methods in the control of their children, so long will the darkness make of them fearful cowards. Rather, accustom the little infant to go to sleep in the dark, taking care that he is not frightened by unusual noises. As he is able to understand, people the darkness with the protecting presence of God; teach him to look upon the darkness as one of God's most blessed gifts to a weary world; tell him little stories of sleeping birds, beasts, flowers and people making ready for the coming of another new day, and note how he will watch for the curtain of night to fall.

Another common source of fear is a thunder-storm. Here, too, we find that the noise of the thunder strikes terror to the child's heart, rather than the blinding flash. Fear begets fear. He will quickly draw his own conclusions from the blanched, terror-stricken faces of those to whom he looks for protection. Happy the child who is taught to listen for the "bumping" of the clouds together, the music of the pattering rain, and to see beauty in the gathering storm and the lightning's flash. Happier still the child of maturer years, who, though he now recognizes the element of danger, knows, too, the great, life-giving power of the forces at work, and has learned to rely upon Him in whose hands are the issues of the storm.

Where a child is afraid of animals and insects, seek to awaken in him an intelligent interest in the beauties, habits and uses of these creatures of God.

That form of fear which causes a child to cringe at the sight of that which is ugly and repulsive ; to stand in dread of the bully ; to yield to that which he knows is wrong, for fear of the ridicule of his companions ; to resort to deceit to save himself from the stern rebuke, or, too often, angry scolding ;—all this is but the recoil of a gentle spirit from that which is brutal and harsh, and calls for the most careful treatment.

How shall we seek to counteract this particular form of fear ? How better counteract any fear, than to divert the mind from dwelling on that fear, from thinking of self ? The presence of his parents inspires and emboldens the child to do and dare. The thought of them, though absent, often proves enough to overcome his fears. Acquaint him, therefore, with the ever-present Helper. The same Being who fills the darkness and controls the storm, protects the most helpless of His creatures, and is especially near to guard and help His little ones. Inspire the child to emulate the principles that dominated the life of Jesus, the Boy and Man, who overcame evil with good, conquered brutality by love, and who was fearless because pure and true. Ever since His blessed life on earth, people have been proving His power in their own lives and the lives of children. "God is love." "We love, because He first loved us." "Perfect love casteth out fear."

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A Quarreling-Room

The twins ran in together, and at the same moment both began :

"Mother, Mattie won't let me—"

"Mother, Edna took my—"

"Now, little girls", said mother, "I've told you that in this room we have no conveniences for quarreling ; you will simply have to go up to the quarreling-room."

They looked at each other in sudden wonder, and then, with beating hearts, followed their mother up-stairs. In the room to which she led them the plasterers had just finished their work ; there was no carpet on the floor, and no furniture—nothing but a small box and an empty nail-keg. "You may sit here, Mattie", said mother, pointing to the box at one end of the room. "And you here, Edna."

Edna seated herself on the overturned nail-keg. With breathless interest they watched their mother. She took a piece of blue chalk that the carpenters had left, and drew a circle round each child.

"Now", she explained, "you must not step outside your circles until the quarreling is over, and the quarreling must all be done here."

As she closed the door they looked at each other, and could not help laughing.

"I don't know how to begin", said Edna.

They sat for a while longer, looking at each other and trying not to laugh.

"O pshaw, sister", exclaimed Mattie, at last, "let's go back and build houses ! It's more fun !"

"Is the quarrel over so soon ?" mother asked. "It looks, then, as if we should not need the quarreling-room, after all."

"It isn't much fun", returned Mattie.

"Well", mother went on, "father and I thought if we did not really need it, we might change its name and call it the playroom. You could have all your books up there then, and use that room for your very own."

"O mother !" shouted the two small voices.—Youth's Companion

Love One Another

To my sisters and my brothers
Good and gentle I must be ;
I must always do to others
What I would have done to me.

Jesus Christ came down to save us,
From His shining home above ;
This was the command He gave us,—
"As I loved you, ye shall love."

Then if any shall displease me,
I will keep these words in mind,
And will ask the Lord to teach me
How His children should be kind.

"It is only mothers and men of great soul who know little children, and understand the mystery of spiritual education, and have learned that the golden years lie at the very beginning, and the deepest education is imparted in the light of dawn."

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1912

[Note—If the class is smaller than usual during the holiday season, change the seating arrangements if possible. Children love variety, and if the teacher can sit with the class in a familiar way in a circle, the enjoyment of the session will be enhanced.]

I. RECITE :

"We fold our hands, that we may be
From earthly play and work set free ;
We bow our heads, as we draw near
The King of kings, our Father dear ;
We close our eyes, that we may see
Nothing to take our thoughts from Thee."

II. PRAYER.—Ask all the scholars to join in the Lord's Prayer at the close.

III. SINGING. Several hymns selected from amongst those most loved by the Class.

IV. OFFERING. Sing or recite :

"I wish my gift the very best of all I have to be,
And so, O Lord, I give my heart, filled full of love to Thee."

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For those under six, The Lord's Prayer, Matt. 6 : 9-13. For those under eleven, The Parable of the Sower, Matt. 13 : 3-8, 18-23. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages For Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages For Those Under Eleven.)

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN. Hymn 593 (vs. 1 and 2), Book of Praise. (These are the first and second verses of Supplemental Hymn for Half Year. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

VII. 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.

VIII. SINGING. Hymn 1, Book of Praise (two verses).

IX. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE :

Teacher. The Lord reigneth ; let the earth rejoice.

Class. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof ; the world, and they that dwell therein.

All. Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth ; O sing praises unto the Lord.

X. SINGING. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

XI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XII. LESSON HYMN. (See each Lesson.)

XIII. DISMISSAL.

Mark 3 : 20-35—*Memory Verses, 28, 29.

Golden Text—This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.—John 3 : 19.



20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread.

21 And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him : for they said, He is beside himself.

22 And the scribes which came down from Jeru'salem said, He hath Beel'zebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils.

23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Sa'tan cast out Sa'tan ?

24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

26 And if Sa'tan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man ; and then he will spoil his house.

28 Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme :

29 But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation :

30 Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

31 There came then his brethren and his mother, and, standing without, sent unto him, calling him.

32 And the multitude sat about him, and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee.

33 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren ?

34 And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren !

35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

THE LESSON RETOLD

For many days Jesus had taught and preached to the people, and still they gathered about Him in such crowds that He had not even time to eat. When His friends heard of it, they went out to take Him home, that He might get some rest and food. Now, among the crowd were some Jewish teachers and Pharisees who had come down from Jerusalem to hear Jesus preach and see Him work some miracles.

These Pharisees talked among themselves. "This is not the Messiah. Satan helps Him to cast out evil spirits." Now Jesus knew what they were saying, and calling them to

Him, said, "How can Satan cast out Satan ? How will Satan help Me to drive out his own evil spirits ? You know that no nation or family quarreling among themselves can hold together, and so Satan, rising up against his own evil spirits, would quickly put an end to his own power. Ask yourselves then, how I can cast out evil spirits from these poor sick people without first having overcome Satan himself. A strong man's house can only be robbed after he himself has been bound."

Jesus also told them that all kinds of sin shall be forgiven men, except the sin of re-

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

jecting and putting contempt upon God's Holy Spirit. "You may speak against Me", He said, "and be forgiven, but he who speaks against the Holy Spirit, as He shows Himself through these works of Mine, will never be forgiven."

Then the people standing about Jesus said, "Behold Your mother and Your brethren are outside seeking for You." And Jesus, looking at the people around Him, said gently, "Behold My mother and My brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother, and My sister, and My mother."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What prevented Jesus from getting rest and food? 2. Who had come down from Jerusalem to see Jesus' miracles? 3. By whose power did the Pharisees say Jesus had worked these miracles? 4. What did Jesus say no earthly kingdom or family would do? 5. What then would Satan not do? 6. What question should the Pharisees ask themselves? 7. What was the one sin that would not be forgiven men? 8. What news did the multitude give Jesus? 9. What was Jesus' answer? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Two little sisters, Polly and Betty, were sitting near a brook in the woods. "Just listen to that noisy brook", said Betty. "It scolds and scolds. I do wish it would keep quiet." "Why, Betty", said Polly, "it is not scolding, it is singing. Just listen to its little trills and gurgles." "The leaves are falling from the trees, how bare and ugly they look", cried Betty again. "But it is so lovely to be able to gather the red and golden leaves", replied Polly. "Then we see more of the blue sky and the sun shines on us better." Betty looked quite angry. "Your eyes and ears must be made differently from mine", she said. But the difference was only in their hearts. If the heart is right, the brook will sing, not scold; the sky will look blue, and through the bare branches God's love will shine.

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. Amen.

—Hymn 545, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—102. **What name is given to the household or family of God?** God's family is called the Church.

SHORTER CATECHISM—21. *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?* A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, for ever.

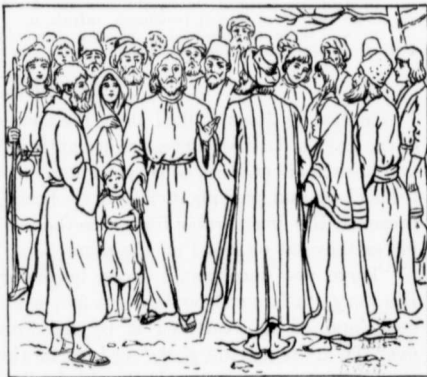
The Question on Missions

(Third Quarter, AT SCHOOL IN HONAN.)—

1. What School Work is our Honan Mission doing? At Changte, Weihwei, and Hwai-king there are Boys' Primary Boarding Schools; at Changte and Weihwei, Girls' Primary Boarding Schools; at Weihwei, a Boys' High School and Normal School; besides these, there are a few country day schools.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Lesson tells us how very busy Jesus was when He went about the country long



ago. Great crowds of people followed Him to hear Him preach and to be healed of their diseases by His power. *Color the drawing.*

I Have Learned To-day

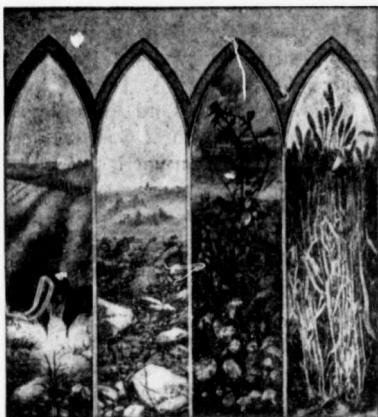
THAT I SHOULD BE JESUS' FRIEND

Lesson II.

THE SEED IN THE FOUR KINDS OF SOIL July 14, 1912

Mark 4 : 1-20—Memory Verse, 20.

Golden Text—Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.—James 1 : 21.



- 14 The sower soweth the word.
 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown ; but when they have heard, Sa'tan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.
 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground ; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness ;
 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time : afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.
 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns ; such as hear the word,
 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.
 20 And these are they which are sown on good ground ; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, as Jesus walked along the shores of the Lake of Galilee, a great crowd gathered and pressed about Him, so He got into a little fishing boat and, pushing it off from the beach, preached His first parable from it to the people as they sat or stood on the shore.

"There was once", said Jesus, beginning His story, "a farmer who went out to sow his seed, and as he scattered it by handfuls over the ground, some of the seed fell on the hard-beaten pathway and the birds flew down and ate it. Some of the seed fell on rocky places where there was only a little earth. It quickly grew up, but because it had no depth of root, it soon withered away. And some fell along the side of the field, where thorns choked the good seed so that it also bore no fruit. But the rest of the

1 And he began again to teach by the sea side : and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea ; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land.

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

3 Hearken ; Behold, there went out a sower to sow :
 4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth ; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth :

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched ; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased ; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God : but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables :

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive ; and hearing they may hear, and not understand ; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable ? and how then will ye know all parables ?

seed fell on good ground that had been made ready to receive it, and it grew and brought forth a great harvest."

When the people had gone away, wondering over this story, the disciples came and asked their Master to explain it to them. "What is meant by the seed ?" they asked. "The seed", Jesus answered, "is the Word of God which I preach to you, and the four kinds of ground stand for four kinds of hearers."

The wayside ground represented the people who were too careless to pay attention to God's message. The stony ground represented others who heard, remembered Jesus' words and for a little while obeyed them, but as soon as they had trouble or found

the commands of Jesus were hard to obey, they ceased trying and forgot them.

Others came to hear Jesus preach and listened to Him gladly; but afterwards they went away and forgot His words because they were so taken up with worldly things. These were like the ground in which the seed was choked by the thorns. But those who hear the Word of God and obey it and bring forth fruit, or good deeds, are like the fields of good ground which bring forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred times as much as the farmer sowed.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus speak His first parable? 2. Where did the people sit who heard it? 3. Into what four kinds of soil did the seed fall? 4. Which only yielded fruit? 5. What question did the disciples ask Jesus about the parable? 6. What was meant by the seed? 7. What kind of hearers are like the hard footpaths? 8. Who were like the stony ground? 9. Who were compared to the thorny places? 10. What kind of hearers were like good fields? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Letty dropped a few flower seeds into the ground and little leaves soon began to peep up and grow. They liked the air and sunshine so much that they were very big in a month or two. Then came beds of beautiful flowers; and the flowers blossomed all the summer long, and the old ladies over the way had a bunch to brighten their room every day.

Letty's mother kept dropping kind word-seed into everybody's heart. Letty watched these seeds grow too. They blossomed into comfort and love and bright faces and smiles and thanks. "I'll plant kind word-seeds too; see if I don't", said Letty. "I think the flowers are perfectly lovely."

Lesson Hymn

Is there a thing beneath the sun,
That strives with Thee my heart to share?
Ah! tear it thence, and reign alone,
The Lord of every motion there—

Then shall my heart from earth be free,
When it hath found repose in Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 215, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—103. What is the outward sign of membership in the Church? The outward sign of membership in the Church is baptism.

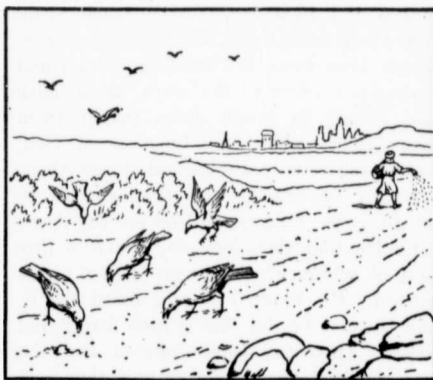
SHORTER CATECHISM—22. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man? A. Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

The Question on Missions

2. Who are the pupils in these schools? They are either themselves professing Christians, or the children of Christian parents. There are other schools in which children can go, but they all have heathen influences. The church wants its children to be educated in a Christian way.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

As you color this picture of the birds eating



ing the seed that fell on the hard road, ask God to give you a tender heart.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LISTEN WHEN
JESUS SPEAKS

Mark 4 : 26-32 ; Matthew 13 : 33—Memory Verses, 26-28.

Golden Text—Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.—Matthew 6 : 10.



26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground ;

27 And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself ; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God ? or with what comparison shall we compare it ?

31 *It is* like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth :

32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches ; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

Matt. 13 : 33 Another parable spake he unto them ; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The people of Israel did not understand much of what their leaders and teachers, the scribes and Pharisees, tried to teach them. But when Jesus came, His teaching was so simple that even the smallest child could understand. One of the ways, as we have said before, in which Jesus taught them many things about the kingdom of God, was to tell them parables and stories about everyday happenings and then explain in what way the kingdom of God was like these.

So He told them one day about a tiny seed of wheat which a man planted in the ground. He watered it and cared for it, and because he did this it grew larger and larger. Then the leaves opened and the ears of wheat grew and grew until they were ripe. Then the man brought his sickle and cut down the stalk of grain, and throwing away anything that was useless carried the good ears into his barn.

By this Jesus meant that in every man, God planted good seed. He gave him life, food, clothes, home and a loving law to guide him, and God expected the man to grow up kind

and good and to bring forth fruit, or good deeds, for Him, because God had done so much for him. Those who did this were gathered into God's house at harvest time,—which meant the end of the world,—and those who did not were thrown out as useless, because they had borne no fruit for God.

Jesus told another story, too, which was much like this. The kingdom of God, or the love of God, He said, was like a mustard seed, which is one of the smallest of seeds, yet when it is sown in the ground, it grows until it becomes such a great plant that birds can build their nests in its branches. So it is with our love to God. At first it seems only small, but if we are truly His children, it will go on growing stronger and greater until we love Him more than any one else, and try in all that we do, to please Him.

Jesus told still another story about a woman who was making bread. She took a little leaven, or yeast, and put it into flour, and it spread and spread, until it had reached every part of the flour and made light and good bread. This meant that whenever the

love of Jesus entered into people's hearts, it spread, until not only their own lives were made better, but it showed its effects upon every one with whom they lived or worked.

Questions on the Lesson

1. In what simple way did Jesus teach people His truths? 2. What did He first say the kingdom of God was like? 3. What did the man do when the corn was ripe? 4. How was this like the kingdom of God? 5. To what tiny seed did Jesus liken the kingdom of God? 6. To what did the seed grow? 7. How was this like the kingdom of God? 8. What story did Jesus tell about a woman? 9. In what is the love of Jesus like leaven? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Wake up! Wake up! Ver-y, ver-y beautiful!" sang Mr. Robin one morning in spring. "Here I am!" answered a daffy-downdilly, as she playfully poked her head through the ground. "I'm here too", said a lavender crocus. "It is indeed a beautiful world to live in." "And to work in", added Mr. Robin as he thought of the busy summer ahead of him. "And to play in", said daffy-downdilly as she swayed and nodded in the breeze. "And to love in", sighed the sleepy little violet. "And to grow in", said a baby fern. "And to sing in", sang a little blue-bird near by. "And to trust in", said a tiny blade of grass. And so they thought. And each one tried its best to be all that God meant it to be.

Lesson Hymn

Summer suns are glowing
 Over land and sea,
 Happy light is flowing,
 Bountiful and free.
 Everything rejoices
 In the mellow rays,
 All earth's thousand voices
 Swell the psalm of praise. Amen.
 —Hymn 483, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—104. **How are we baptised?** We are baptised with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 105. **Why is this sign used?** Because Jesus Himself commanded it. SHORTER CATECHISM—23. *What offices doth*

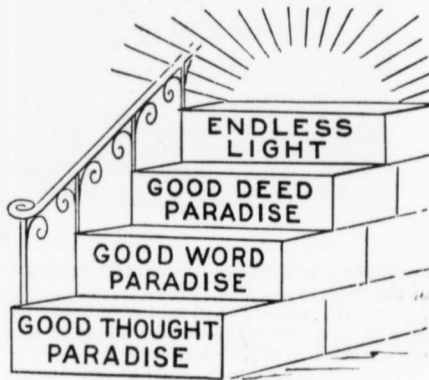
Christ execute as our Redeemer? A. Christ, as our Redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

The Question on Missions

3. From what kind of homes do the children come? Most of the homes are quite poor, with only earthen floors and paper windows, and no heating in the winter. There is little furniture, and fewer ornaments. The better homes have brick floors, and are partly heated with open coal fires.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a picture of a golden stairway upon which we may go to the better land.



It is a great thing for us to begin to climb this stairway when we are young. Jesus climbed it and He wants us to. Draw the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE JESUS MORE
 AND MORE

Lesson IV.

THE WHEAT AND THE TARES

July 28, 1912

Matthew 13 : 24-30, 36-43—Memory Verses, 37-39.

Golden Text—Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them : but gather the wheat into my barn.—Matthew 13 : 30.



24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field :

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field ? from whence then hath it tares ?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up ?

29 But he said, Nay ; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest : and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them : but gather the wheat into my barn.

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house : and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man ;

38 The field is the world ; the good seed are the children of the kingdom ; but the tares are the children of the wicked one ;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil ; the harvest is the end of the world ; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire ; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity ;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire : there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus, sitting in the little fishing boat, told the people still another parable. "The kingdom of heaven", He said, "is like a certain farmer sowing good seed in his field." But a neighbor had a grudge against him and came in the darkness one night and sowed weeds and thistles all over the carefully planted field.

At last the wheat came up and the farmer's servants went out to inspect the crop. What was their surprise to find great quantities of tares and weeds, springing up with the wheat. They hurried to their master

thinking he must have been cheated in the seed he had bought. But the farmer knowing that the seed which had been sown was good seed, said at once, "Some enemy must have done this."

Then the servants, anxious to save the crop, begged to be allowed to root out the weeds. But the farmer said, "No, for in gathering out the weeds there will be danger of also destroying the good grain. Let both grow together till harvest time and then I will say to the reapers, 'Gather first the weeds into bundles and burn them, but gather the

wheat into my barns.'"

Then when the people had gone, Jesus explained this parable also to His disciples. The field meant the world; the owner of the field, Jesus Himself; the good seed meant the words that He preached; and the wheat that grew up, the persons who listened to these words and obeyed them. The enemy that sowed the bad seed was Satan; and the weeds in the field meant wicked men; the harvest is the end of the world and the reapers are the angels.

"And as the weeds were gathered and burned in the fire", said Jesus, "so at the last day, all that is wicked or evil shall be destroyed. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?
2. What kind of seed did the farmer sow?
3. What happened one night?
4. What kind of seed did the enemy sow?
5. Who discovered the enemy's work?
6. Why would the farmer not allow the tares to be weeded out?
7. What did he say should be done?
8. Who was meant by the farmer in the story?
9. What was the field?
10. What was meant by the good seed?
11. What by the bad seed?
12. What was meant by the harvest and the reapers?
13. What would happen on the last day?

Lesson Story

"Bobby, did you mail the letter I gave you last evening?" asked mother. "Oh mother, I forgot. I had to get some new shoestrings, and I—" "But I told you to get those yesterday." "Yes, but father made me weed the bed I'd forgotten the night before and—" "Bobby", called his brother, "didn't you nail that slat on the rabbit-pen yesterday? they're all out." "Oh, I forgot", said Bobby, again, springing up in dismay to hunt his pets. "Bobby, Bobby", said his mother sadly when he trailed slowly home again after finding only half his pets, "this bad habit of yours is growing worse every day instead of better, and choking up an otherwise good little character." Bobby looked rather startled. "Well, I won't let it, after this", he promised earnestly.

Lesson Hymn

For we know the Lord of glory
Always sees what children do,
And is writing now the story
Of our thoughts and actions too. Amen.
—Hymn 543, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—106. What does the water in baptism mean? The water in baptism teaches us that we need to have our sins washed away.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 21-23.

The Question on Missions

4. What ages are the pupils when they enter school? They must be between the ages of seven and seventeen, and unmarried. Many come in quite late, because their parents were not formerly Christians, and did not send them to school.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The people who came to hear Jesus teach and preach heard Him speak about many things that they knew very well. He told



them about fishing and building houses and baking bread. In the Lesson we find Him telling His hearers about sowing seed and reaping, and storing the crop in the barn. Draw this picture of a barn.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD HELP, NOT HINDER JESUS

Lesson V.

THE WORTH OF THE KINGDOM

August 4, 1912

Matthew 13 : 44-53—Memory Verses, 45, 46.

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



44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field ; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls :

46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind :

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

49 So shall it be at the end of the world : the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just,

50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire : there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

51 Je'sus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things ? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

52 Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man *that is* an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

53 And it came to pass, *that* when Je'sus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Another story which Jesus told His disciples at this time was about a man who found a treasure in another man's field. He was so anxious to get it for his own, that he went and sold all that he had so that he might buy the field in which it was buried.

Another parable like this one was about a merchant who was searching for beautiful pearls to buy, and at last he found one that was larger and more beautiful than any he had ever seen before. But its price was so great that he had not the money to buy it. Therefore he went away and sold everything he had so that he might buy that one precious pearl. And this is the way persons feel who want their sins forgiven. They cannot be happy till it is done, and they are willing to give up every sinful pleasure, and everything that offends God, so that they may come to Him and ask Him to forgive their sins for them.

Then Jesus spoke of the fishermen with their net. They cast it into the water from their

boat and afterwards drag it slowly to the shore. When they reach it and draw the net out of the water again, they find a great number of fish in it. But the fish are of many different kinds. Some are good ; these they gather into baskets to keep. And some are bad ; these they throw away.

So, Jesus said to His disciples, it would be at the end of the world. For He told them again, as He had told them before, that, at the last day, the angels would come forth and separate the righteous from the wicked and would cast the wicked into a furnace of fire where they would weep and cry out with pain.

Then Jesus turned to His disciples and said, "Have you understood the meaning of all these parables I have told you ?" And they answered, "Yes, Lord." "Then", said Jesus, "every scribe or teacher who is taught about the things of the kingdom of God, should, like a householder who owns beautiful treasures, bring them out, so that his family and his

friends may see and enjoy them also."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What story did Jesus tell about a treasure in a field? 2. What other parable about a pearl merchant did Jesus tell? 3. What were both these merchants like? 4. How did fishermen fish with a net? 5. What two kinds of fish were found in the net? 6. What was done with these different kinds? 7. How was this like what would happen on the judgment day? 8. What question did Jesus ask His disciples? 9. What was their answer? 10. What then did Jesus say they were required to do? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A shepherd boy was keeping his sheep in a flowery meadow and because his heart was happy he sang gaily all day long. One day the king, who was out hunting, heard him and said, "Why are you so happy, my boy?" "Why should I not be happy?" answered the boy. "Our king is not richer than I." "Indeed", said the king, "what are your great possessions?" "The sun in the bright blue sky shines as brightly upon me, as upon the king", answered the boy. "The flowers on the mountain and the grass in the valley grow and bloom for me as well as for him. My hands are worth more than money to me; my eyes are of more value than all the precious stones in the world. I have food and clothing too. Am I not, therefore, as rich as the king?" "You are right", said the king smiling, "but your greatest treasure is your contented heart. Keep it so and you will always be happy."

Lesson Hymn

I rest my soul on Jesus,
This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces,
I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus,
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes,
His name abroad is poured.

I long to be like Jesus,
Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
The Father's Holy Child;

I long to be with Jesus,
Amid the heavenly throng;
To sing with saints His praises,
To learn the angels' song. Amen.

—Hymn 123, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—107. Can the washing with water take away our sins? No. It is the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ that cleanse from sin.

SHORTER CATECHISM—24. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

The Question on Missions

5. What sleeping accommodation have they in school? From six to ten sleep in a room on a long brick or wooden platform, with a straw mat over it. Each supplies his own quilt, in which he wraps himself, also using his clothes to cover him. A brick does for a pillow.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Pearls are very beautiful and very precious. A pearl necklace like this would cost a great



deal. There are better things than pearls; some of them are forgiveness of sin, love and kindness. Seek to have these better things in your life. Draw the picture.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS IS VERY PRECIOUS

Lesson VI. A TROUBLED SEA AND A TROUBLED SOUL August 11, 1912

Mark 4 : 35 to 5 : 20—Memory Verses, 38, 39.

Golden Text—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change, and though the mountains be moved in the heart of the seas.—Psalm 46 : 1, 2.



7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Je'sus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion : for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And forthwith Je'sus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine : and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand ;) and were choked in the sea.

14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15 And they come to Je'sus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind : and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Je'sus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decap'olis how great things Je'sus had done for him : and all men did marvel.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had preached from the little boat to the multitude gathered on the shore for many long hours. He was then tired and weary, so He entered into another large boat with His disciples to cross over the Lake of Galilee to the country of the Gadarenes. While they were crossing a terrible storm arose and they were in great danger. But amid all the noise of the tempest, Jesus lay asleep on a pillow in the boat.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ch. 5 : 1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs ; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains :

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces : neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Je'sus afar off, he ran and worshipped him.

7 And he cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Je'sus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion : for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And forthwith Je'sus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine : and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand ;) and were choked in the sea.

14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15 And they come to Je'sus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind : and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Je'sus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decap'olis how great things Je'sus had done for him : and all men did marvel.

And the frightened disciples wakened Him, crying, "Master, do You not care that we are perishing?" Jesus immediately arose up and rebuked His disciples for their want of faith. Then He spoke to the winds and the sea. "Peace, be still", He said, and at once the winds fell, the sea ceased roaring and there was a great calm, and Jesus and His disciples reached the other side in safety.

As they landed, a strange, wild man,

possessed of an evil spirit, rushed towards them. He was so fierce and strong that, although he had often been bound with fetters and chains, he had broken them in pieces and now roamed among the tombs which were cut in the rocky caves of the hills, torturing himself in his pain and misery.

But Jesus did not shrink nor turn from this poor wild man. He cried at once to the evil spirit to come out of him. And the spirit, knowing that Jesus was the Son of God, and had power to command him, said, "There is not one, but many of us in possession of this man. Do not send us out of the country, but let us enter into the herd of swine feeding there on the mountain."

And Jesus said, "Go." And immediately the evil spirits entered the swine, and the whole herd ran madly down the slope of the mountain and perished in the sea.

When the owners of the swine heard the news they were very angry and hurried to Jesus, begging Him to leave their country at once. So Jesus, rejected and thrust out, entered into the boat again, while the grateful man He had healed prayed that he might go with Him. But Jesus refused, saying that he could serve Him better by remaining at home to tell his friends what great things the Lord had done for him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What lake did Jesus cross? 2. Who went with Him? 3. What happened on the way? 4. How did Jesus still the storm? 5. Who met Him as He landed? 6. Where did this man live? 7. What did Jesus cry to the evil spirits? 8. What did the evil spirits say to Jesus? 9. What did they ask

of Him? 10. What happened to the swine? 11. What did the owners do when they heard the news? 12. What did the cured man come to ask Jesus? 13. What did Jesus tell him to do instead? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within. Amen.
—Hymn 162, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT THE WIND AND THE SEA
OBEY JESUS

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—108. **What does our baptism teach us?** Our baptism teaches us that we belong to Christ, and must be true to Him.

SHORTER CATECHISM—25. *How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?* A. Christ executeth the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

The Question on Missions

6. What food do they eat? Mostly boiled millet, thick for breakfast, and thin for supper. With this they have boiled or salted vegetables, and steamed bread made of millet or bean flour. All the utensils needed are a bowl and a pair of chopsticks.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Here is a picture of the sea to color. The waves are rolling in on the shore and the boats are sailing in the breeze. The sea is great. God made it and rules it.



Lesson VII.

THE RULER'S DAUGHTER

August 18, 1912

Mark 5 : 21-24, 35-43. Study Mark 5 : 21-43—Memory Verses, 41, 42.

Golden Text—And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi ; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.—Mark 5 : 41.



21 And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him : and he was nigh unto the sea.

22 And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jai'rus by name ; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet,

23 And besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death : I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed ; and she shall live.

24 And Jesus went with him ; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

35 While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead : why troublest thou the Master any further ?

36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

37 And he suffered no man to follow him, save Pe'ter, and James, and John the brother of James.

38 And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly.

39 And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep ? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

40 And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying.

41 And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Tal'itha cu'mi ; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked ; for she was of the age of twelve years.

43 And he charged them straitly that no man should know it ; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus had cured the man with the evil spirit in the country of the Gadarenes, He remained there for a short time preaching to the people and curing all manner of diseases, and afterwards He crossed over the Sea of Galilee again.

One day, as Jesus landed from a boat by the shore of Galilee, one of the rulers of the synagogue, called Jairus, came running up to Him. He fell on his knees and cried out, "My little daughter is dying ! I pray thee come and lay Thy hands on her and make her well." And Jesus, always ready to help those in trouble, went with the poor father.

As they walked along, many people crowded round. Among those was a poor woman

who had suffered from a terrible disease for twelve long years. Shrinking and timid, she said to herself, "If I can but touch His robe, I know I shall be made well again." So, pressing through the crowd close behind Jesus, she reached out and touched the hem of His long robe. But Jesus knew what she had done, and turning about, He said, "Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole, go, and be healed of thy disease." And immediately the woman felt herself cured, and went away rejoicing.

While Jesus was speaking to the woman, some of the ruler's servants came running to him, crying out, "Your little daughter is dead ; you need not trouble the Master

to come any further." But Jesus turned to the poor sorrowing father and said, "Do not be afraid, only have faith in Me." And taking with Him only His three disciples, Peter, James and John, and the father, Jesus went on to the house. About it the hired mourners were already weeping and wailing as their custom was for the dead; but Jesus said to them, "Why do you weep and make this great noise? The little girl is not dead, but only asleep." And they all mocked at Jesus, for they were sure the child was dead.

But Jesus put them all aside, and with His disciples and the father and mother went into the room where the dead child lay. And He took her by the hand, and said, "Little girl, I say unto thee, arise!" And the child's life came back to her and she rose up and walked and spoke, as if she had been only asleep. And Jesus commanded His disciples and the father and mother to tell no one what had happened, and then He left them and went on His way again.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came begging Jesus to cure his little daughter?
2. Who touched His robe on the way to the ruler's house?
3. What happened to her?
4. Who came running to meet the crowd?
5. What news did they bring?
6. What did Jesus say to the father?
7. Who only did Jesus take with Him?
8. What did Jesus say when He saw the mourners at the house?
9. What did Jesus do and say when He entered the room?
10. What happened then?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

If I come to Jesus,
 He will make me glad;
 He will give me pleasure,
 When my heart is sad.

*If I come to Jesus,
 Happy I shall be,
 He is gently calling
 Little ones like me.*

If I come to Jesus,
 He will hear my prayer,
 For He loves me dearly,
 And my sins did bear.

If I come to Jesus,
 He will take my hand,
 He will gently lead me
 To a better land. Amen.
 —Hymn 553, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—109. Why are the children of Christians baptised? Because they are members of the Church, and are to be cared for and taught to love and serve Jesus Christ.

SHORTER CATECHISM—26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king? A. Christ executeth the office of a king in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

The Question on Missions

7. How do they dress? Mostly in blue cotton clothes; in the summer single, in the winter thickly wadded, so that the little tots can hardly waddle. Shoes are all cloth; trousers are tied round the waist and ankles; shirts and coats button down the side. In summer no hats are worn, in the winter they are worn even in the house.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

These are strange words to you. They mean "little one rise up", and show the ten-



derness and power of Jesus. Remember this, and copy them.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS GIVES LIFE AGAIN

Luke 4 : 16-30—Memory Verses, 18, 19.

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



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

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

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

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

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus, as He wandered and preached and taught, came back again to the little town of Nazareth where He had been brought up. And when the Sabbath day came, He went into the synagogue and stood up to read and explain the scriptures to the people. They brought the book of Isaiah the prophet to Jesus, that He might read from it. And opening the book, Jesus read from it these words, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor ; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind ; to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Then Jesus gave the book back to the minister again, and began to explain, that these words, spoken so long before by Isaiah, had now come true in Him.

And all the congregation wondered, and said among themselves, "How can this

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

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

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

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

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

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

22 And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Jo'seph's son ?

23 And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself : whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.

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

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

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

27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elise'us the prophet ; and none of them was cleansed,

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

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do His mighty works among the heathen, and they would see and hear and believe.

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were filled with anger, and rushing towards Jesus, the crowd swept Him out towards the steep wall of rock close by, intending to throw Him over it. But Jesus' time had not yet come, and by a miracle He passed through the crowd without any one seeing Him, and went on His way unhurt.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what town did Jesus come? 2. What did He do there on the Sabbath? 3. What message did He read from Isaiah? 4. How did Jesus explain this? 5. What did the congregation say? 6. What did Jesus say He would not do in Nazareth? 7. Why? 8. To whom had Elijah gone when he was rejected by Israel? 9. What leper alone was cured by Elisha? 10. To whom would Jesus turn if He were rejected by Israel? 11. What did the crowd then do in their anger? 12. How did Jesus escape? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A funny little old-fashioned lady came up the path to the Darrells' door. Susy Darrell and her little friend Mary, playing in the arbor, saw her, and how they did laugh at her queer clothes! And even when the little old lady stopped and spoke to them, they kept on laughing. She looked at them very severely. "I thought my niece Mary would have nicely mannered children", she said, and walked on up to the house.

Susy looked startled. "Oh dear", she said, "that must have been mother's rich old Aunt Susan. I wish I hadn't been so rude." And she wished it still more, when she heard afterwards that Aunt Susan was going to take little sister Caroline with her on a lovely long trip, "because she hadn't made fun of an unknown old lady."

Lesson Hymn

Hark, the glad sound, the Saviour comes!
The Saviour promised long;
Let every heart exult with joy,
And every voice be song!

On Him the Spirit largely shed,
Exerts its sacred fire;
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love,
His holy breast inspire. Amen.

—Hymn 35, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—110. When Jesus Christ was about to leave the world, how did He ask to be remembered? Jesus appointed the Lord's Supper, and said, "This do in remembrance of Me."

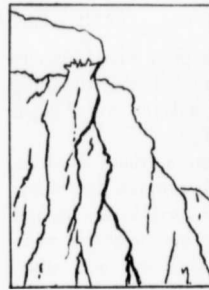
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 24-26.

The Question on Missions

8. What are the school working hours? Rising bell rings at 5.30 with an hour's study before breakfast. Morning prayers are at 8.30 followed by school hours about as in Canada. In the evening the pupils study from one to two hours, in the schoolrooms.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Near Nazareth where Jesus was brought up there were very high hills and steep precipices. The picture shows one of these precipices. When Jesus went back to Nazareth



to preach, the people were unkind to Him, and tried to throw Him off the top of this precipice. But God brought Him safely away from them. When you draw the picture, remember that God will help you in every time of need, if you ask Him.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD NOT PUT JESUS AWAY

Lesson IX.

THE DEATH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST September 1, 1912

Mark 6 : 14-29—Memory Verses, 27, 28.

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



the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry ; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought : and he went and beheaded him in the prison,

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel : and the damsel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

14 And king Her'od heard of him ; (for his name was spread abroad :) and he said, That John the Bap'tist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

15 Others said, That it is Eli'as. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

16 But when Her'od heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded : he is risen from the dead.

17 For Her'od himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Phil'ip's wife : for he had married her.

18 For John had said unto Her'od, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

19 Therefore Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him ; but she could not :

20 For Her'od feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him ; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Her'od on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Gal'ilee :

22 And when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and danced, and pleased Her'od and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt and I will give it thee.

23 And he swore unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask ? And she said, The head of John the Bap'tist.

25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and said, I desire that thou wilt give me by and by in a charger the head of John the

THE LESSON RETOLD

As the fame of Jesus and His miracles spread throughout the land, Herod the king at last heard of Him and felt very much afraid.

Once Herod had been a friend of John the Baptist, but when this prophet had sternly reproved him for the terrible sin he had committed in marrying his brother's wife, Herodias, while his brother was still alive, he cast John into prison. Herodias was even more angry, and did all in her power to persuade the king to put John to death ; but Herod feared to do further harm to the holy man of God, and steadfastly refused.

Now it happened that one day Herod gave a great birthday feast to all the chief men of his kingdom, and as they sat eating and drinking the daughter of Herodias came in and danced before them. The king and his guests were delighted at this unexpected

entertainment, and Herod, to show how pleased he was, swore a great oath to give her anything she asked for.

The young girl did not wish to decide such an important question for herself, and went out to ask her mother's advice, and Herodias, who had been waiting for just such an opportunity as this, told her daughter to ask not for riches or honor, but for the head of John the Baptist to be brought to her on a platter.

The king was sorry now that he had made such a thoughtless promise, for he did not wish to put John to death. But he was afraid of the bad opinion of his friends who had heard his oath, and so he commanded the cruel deed to be done.

So John, the good prophet, was put to death in the prison, and his head was brought on a platter to the daughter of the queen,

who carried it to her mother. When John's followers heard of it, they sorrowfully came and carried away his body and buried it and went and told Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What king heard about Jesus? 2. Whom did he think Jesus was? 3. What great sin had Herod committed? 4. What had John said to him? 5. What did Herodias wish to have done to John? 6. Why was Herod unwilling to do this? 7. On what day did Herod give a great feast? 8. Who danced at the feast? 9. What did Herod promise to give her? 10. What did she ask? 11. Who told her to ask this? 12. Why did Herod not refuse? 13. Where was John slain? 14. Who came and buried John's body? 15. To whom did they tell their loss? 16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Joe stood shivering and shaking in the hall, with water running from his clothes and from his dripping curls. Mother eyed him severely.

"I suppose, Joe, that this means that you fell into the mill pond", she said. "Did you forget that Uncle John said at noon to-day that the ice was not safe?"

Joe hung his head.

"I—I thought it didn't look safe", he chattered, "but I'd promised the other fellows, and—and they all went, and—I couldn't back out, and—." Mother looked still more severe. "And, just to keep a silly promise, you did what you knew to be a dangerous thing. Oh Joe, Joe, I'm afraid you'll pay dearly for it."

And Joe did pay. For long weeks he struggled with the cold and fever that were the result of that unlucky fall into the mill pond. But it made him resolve one thing, that never again would he keep a promise that he knew to be wrong when he made it.

Lesson Hymn

Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin;
Each victory will help you some other to win;
Fight manfully onward; dark passions subdue;
Look ever to Jesus—He will carry you through.

*Ask the Saviour to help you,
Comfort, strengthen, and keep you,
He is willing to help you,
He will carry you through. Amen.*

—Hymn 530, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—111. **What is meant by the bread in the Lord's Supper?**

The body of Christ, who is the bread of life.

SHORTER CATECHISM—27. *Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?*

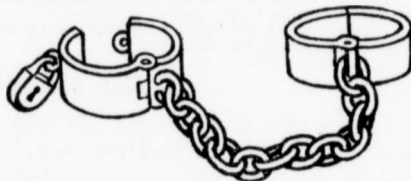
A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

The Question on Missions

9. What games have they? They have no team games. The girls play jacks or bounce a ball; the boys fly kites, kick a shuttlecock, "cock-fight" standing on one leg, or form a string of "sheep" while one tries to catch the tail end. They are very fond of football, but cannot afford to buy the balls.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Bad habits are worse than prison shackles.



Copy these shackles and pray to be kept from sin.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD DEARLY LOVE
MY FRIENDS

Lesson X.

THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE

September 8, 1912

Matthew 9 : 35 to 10 : 15. Study Matthew 9 : 35 to 10 : 15 ; 10 : 40 to 11 : 1
—Memory Verses, 7, 8.

Golden Text—He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.—Matthew 10 : 40.



10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves : for the workman is worthy of his meat.

11 And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy ; and there abide till ye go thence.

12 And when ye come into an house, salute it.

13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it : but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.

15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sod'om and Gomor'ra in the day of judgment, than for that city.

35 And Je'sus went about all the cities and vil-lages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few ;

38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Ch. 10 : 1 And when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these ; The first, Si'mon, who is called Pe'ter, and An'drew his brother ; James *the son of Zeb'edee*, and John his brother ;

3 Phil'ip, and Barthol'omew ; Thom'as, and Matth'ew the publican ; James *the son of Alpha'us*, and Lebba'us, whose surname was Thadda'us ;

4 Si'mon the Ca'naanite, and Ju'das Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

5 These twelve Je'sus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gen'tiles, and into *any* city of the Samar'itans enter ye not :

6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Is'rael.

7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils : freely ye have received, freely give.

9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus went about through the land, teaching the people and healing their diseases, His heart was filled with sorrow, for they seemed to have no strong leaders among them, and no faithful teachers to tell them the things of God and His kingdom.

So Jesus called His twelve disciples to Him, that He might send them out to preach the gospel and to heal diseases. Now the names of the twelve apostles were, Simon Peter, and his brother Andrew, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew, James the son of Alphæus and Lebbaeus, Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who afterwards betrayed Him. These twelve the Master sent forth as the first missionaries, to do His work, and

before they went, He told them what they were to do.

"On this journey", He said, "you are not to go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, but only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, warn them that the kingdom of heaven is at hand, and that Christ has come to save all that believe in Him. You shall be given power to heal the sick, to make the lepers well and to raise the dead. Give freely of all that has been so freely given to you."

Jesus also told His disciples not to take money or food with them for their journey. All they needed would be provided for them, because they were doing His work. When they entered a city or town, they were to

enquire for some good people, and when they had found them, they were to remain with them while they were in that place.

If they were kindly received, a blessing would fall upon the house, but if the people did not welcome them, if they would not listen to their message, God would one day punish, not only them, but their city also. For such people would deserve even greater punishment than the people of the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, for these had never received the teachings and the warnings which the Jews were now receiving from Jesus and His disciples.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Jesus send out His twelve apostles to do? 2. What were the names of the apostles? 3. To what people were they to go? 4. Of what were they to warn them? 5. What miracles would they be able to do? 6. What were they not to take on their journey? 7. Why? 8. What were they to do when they entered a city? 9. What were they to do afterwards? 10. What would happen if they were kindly received? 11. What, if they were not? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Don't see why teacher always wants us to work so hard for missions", grumbled Danny.

"Let me ask you this", said Aunt Mary. "Suppose you had a very rich and powerful neighbor. He gave you a piece of garden for your own, helped you every day to care for it and to gather in the fruit when it was ripe. Suppose then he should say to you, 'I have not enough men to gather in my own harvest, will you help me, or give me some of the fruit of your garden, so that I may sell

it and hire more men?' Would you turn away the neighbor who had done so much for you, Danny?" asked Aunt Mary, "or would you help him all you could with his work?" Danny looked sober. "I see now what you mean, Auntie, and I'll try after this to help in God's work all I can, when He has done so much for me."

Lesson Hymn

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone. Amen.
—Hymn 459, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS WANTS ME TO WORK FOR HIM

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—112. What is meant by the wine in the Lord's Supper? The blood of Christ, shed for our sins.

SHORTER CATECHISM—28. *Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?* A. Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

The Question on Missions

10. What do they study in school? In the Primary Schools, Scripture, Chinese Readers, Writing, Geography, Arithmetic, Music, Nature Study, Elementary Science, all in Chinese characters, except Arithmetic, which has the Arabic notation as we have it. In the High School they study in Chinese much the same subjects as in Canada, and also the English language.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Each of these letters begins the name of one of the twelve apostles. As you *copy* the letters, learn the names and try to be a good helper of Jesus, as they were.

P.A.J. J. P.B.T. M.J. T.S. J.

Matthew 11 : 20-30—Memory Verses, 28, 30.

Golden Text—Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matthew 11 : 28.



20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not :

21 Woe unto thee, Chora'zin ! woe unto thee, Bethsa'ida ! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Si'don, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Si'don at the day of judgment, than for you.

23 And thou, Caper'naum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell : for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sod'om, it would have remained until this day.

24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sod'om in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 At that time Je'sus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.

26 Even so, Father : for so it seemed good in thy sight.

27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father : and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father ; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart : and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus' home, when He was here on earth, was near the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum, and most of His wonderful miracles had been done in and around these cities, and most of His simple and beautiful sermons had been preached there. In spite of this, few of the people who lived in those cities had, as yet, repented of their sins and become true disciples or followers of Jesus.

Jesus' heart was filled with sorrow, when He thought that, above all, His own home people had rejected Him, and one day He sadly rebuked them, saying, "Woe unto you, Chorazin ! woe unto you, Bethsaida ! For if I had done in the heat en cities of Tyre and Sidon the great works which I have done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. Now, I tell you truly, that, at the last day, God will deal less severely with the heathen people of Tyre

and Sidon than with you who have rejected His Son."

"And you, oh city of Capernaum", Jesus went on, "whom I have exalted by living and working in you, shall be thrust down into darkness, for if I had done in Sodom, that most wicked of all cities, the mighty works which I have done in you, its people would have repented, and it would not have been destroyed. And I say to you, that Sodom also will not be punished as you will be."

Yet there were a few simple, loving people in those cities who believed in Jesus as the Messiah and as their Saviour, and for these Jesus gave thanks to God in a short prayer. "I thank thee, oh Father", He said, "that Thou hast hid the things of Thy kingdom from those who think themselves wise, and hast shown them unto these trustful, childlike souls."

And He concluded His talk to them with these beautiful words : "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me ; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where had most of Jesus' work been done? 2. What had the people of these places not done? 3. In what words did Jesus rebuke them? 4. How would the people of Tyre and Sidon have received Jesus? 5. Whom would God treat more severely than these people? 6. What city had Jesus honored by living in it? 7. What would happen to this city? 8. What would the people of Sodom have done, if they had seen Jesus' work? 9. For whom did Jesus give thanks to God? 10. With what beautiful words did He conclude? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"None of the fruit was to be eaten while it was green", Mother had said before she went away, and yet there was Willie John out in the garden eating all the reddest currants he could find, which were hardly red at all. And because Willie John ate currants, so did Baby Sue, and Baby Sue didn't know the difference between red and green, so she ate them all. And when mother came home, there was a very sick baby to attend to.

"I'm sorry to have to do it", said Mother sternly afterwards to Willie John, "but I must punish you for disobeying." When Willie John had stopped crying after the "punishment", he said, "You didn't whip Baby Sue, Mother, for doing the same thing I did." "Because Baby Sue didn't know she was doing wrong", Mother explained, "and you did, and that makes all the difference in the world. Do you see?" "Yes", said Willie John very soberly.

Lesson Hymn

"Come unto me, ye wanderers,
And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!

Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way ;
But morning brings us gladness,
And songs the break of day. Amen.
—Hymn 142, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—113. Who should go to the Lord's Supper? Those only should go to the Lord's Supper who love Jesus Christ and try to follow Him daily.

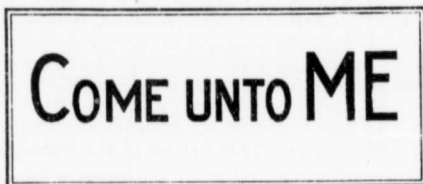
SHORTER CATECHISM—29. How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ? A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

The Question on Missions

11. What other work have they in school? All must keep their rooms tidy. The boys grind the millet flour which they eat, turning the millstone with long levers. The girls sew and help in the kitchen work. In the High School the boys have charge of their own boarding arrangements.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

How kind Jesus is to invite us to come to



Him. As you copy this, thank Him for His kindness.

I Have Learned To-day

TO COME TO JESUS WHEN HE CALLS
ME

Lesson XII. THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND September 22, 1912

Mark 6 : 30-44—Memory Verses, 41, 42.

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

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Je'sus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Je'sus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they

have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Some time after Jesus had sent His disciples out through the country to teach and to heal, they all returned together to Him, to tell Him all that they had done. Jesus knew that they must be very tired after their journeying, so He proposed that they should all go away into a lonely place to rest awhile in quiet.

But the sick and suffering people waiting to be healed, found out where they were going, and hurrying away, they reached the desert place before Jesus and His disciples arrived. And although the Master was weary and worn, His pitiful heart could not turn them away, and all day long He preached

to them and taught them and healed those who were sick.

But as evening drew on, the disciples came and begged Jesus to send away the multitude, as they had had nothing to eat all day. "Give them something to eat", said Jesus to His disciples. "But, Master", they answered, surprised, looking at the great crowd of people, "we have nothing but five loaves and two small fish." "Bring them to Me", said Jesus, and He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass. So they all sat down in rows of fifty and a hundred, a great company of five thousand men, besides women and little children.

Then Jesus took the bread and the two little fish, and when He had asked God's blessing on the food, He handed it to His disciples, and they passed it round to the people. And although there was so little food at the beginning, and so many people, yet every one had more than enough, for when they had finished, and the disciples gathered up the fragments that were left, they found that there were twelve baskets full, much more than there had been at the first. And all those who had seen this miracle were filled with wonder, and said that Jesus must indeed be the long-promised Messiah. Then Jesus sent away the multitude, and entering into a boat with His disciples, crossed over to the other side of the sea.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What had the disciples been doing?
2. To whom did they return?
3. What did Jesus propose to them to do?
4. Who reached the place first?
5. What did Jesus do during the day?
6. What did the disciples ask Him to do at evening?
7. What did Jesus bid them do?
8. How much food had they?
9. What did Jesus command them to do?
10. How many people were there?
11. How many baskets of fragments were gathered up afterwards?
12. What did this show?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Each of the girls in our club", said Louie, "is going to take something to the Old Ladies' Ward in the hospital this winter, and oh, Mother, what will I do? I suppose we couldn't afford—" Mother's face looked so sorry. "I'm afraid not, dear, but I know something that you can give that will cost no money, and that no one else in the Club could give—your voice." Louie looked quite disappointed. "But that would be nothing to give, Mother", she began. "Just try and see", said Mother.

So every Saturday afternoon she went to the hospital, and with her clear, sweet voice, sang to the old ladies all the dearly loved songs and hymns they asked for. "That's a bigger pleasure to us", sighed one old lady happily one day, "than all the rest of the gifts we get put together." "So you

see your little gift was blessed, and made into a big one after all", said Mother, when Louie told her.

Lesson Hymn

Poor and needy though I be,
 God Almighty cares for me;
 Gives me clothing, shelter, food,
 Gives me all I have of good. Amen.

—Hymn 513, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—114. What are baptism and the Lord's Supper called? Baptism and the Lord's Supper are called sacraments. **115. Are there any sacraments besides baptism and the Lord's Supper?** No. Jesus appointed only these two.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 27-29.

The Question on Missions

12. What religious work do they do? In the Primary Schools there are Christian Endeavor Societies. The meetings are conducted by the pupils, and many of the addresses are given by them. Some of the High School pupils teach in the Sunday School, and some help in street preaching.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

Color the picture of the boy with the basket, and think of the boy who gave up his bread



and fish, that Jesus might feed the multitude. We too can give to Jesus and He will make our gifts a blessing to others.

I Have Learned Today

TO HELP THE WEAK AND WEARY

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

September 29, 1912

Golden Text—The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.—
John 6 : 63.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES.
PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 102-115. SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 21-29. SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN—593, Book of Praise.

Jesus' Wonderful Words and Works

Lesson I. Why did Jesus' friends think He was "beside Himself?" What sins will be forgiven? What sin cannot be forgiven? Who did Jesus say were His mother and His brethren?

Lesson II. Where was Jesus sitting when He spoke the parable of the Lesson? Where was the multitude? How many kinds of soil does He describe? Who are the wayside hearers? The stony ground hearers? Among the thorns? The good ground?

Lesson III. What does Jesus liken to a mustard seed? How small is this? How large does it grow? What is compared to leaven? Where is this hid? What happens?

Lesson IV. Who sowed the good seed? Who sowed the tares? When? What happened? What did the servants wish to do? What did their master command them? What would happen at the harvest? Who shall shine as the sun? Where? When? Why?

Lesson V. Tell the story of the pearls. Of drag net? What do these teach?

Lesson VI. Why did Jesus wish to leave the multitude? In what did He set out to cross the lake? Who were with Him? What came on? Where was Jesus? What was He doing? What do the frightened disciples do? What does Jesus do to the wind? What does He say to the sea? What followed? What, to the disciples?

Lesson VII. Who came to Jesus in distress? What made him so sad? What does he ask? What does Jesus do? What sad message is brought to him? What does Jesus do? Tell what happened in the room where the little dead girl lay?

Lesson VIII. Into what town does Jesus now come? Where does He go to worship? From what book does He read? Can any one of the class recite any of the words that He read? Whom does He say is meant? How did the people feel? What did they do?

Lesson IX. Why was Herod frightened? Why had John reproved Herod? What had Herod done to him? Which two wicked women had persuaded him to do this?

Lesson X. How was Jesus now spending His time? How did He feel towards the multitudes? What did He say about the harvest? About the laborers? What did He tell His disciples to do? How many of these did He call to Him? What power did He give them? To whom did He send them? With what message?

Lesson XI. Name three cities where Jesus had preached. Name three heathen cities which He mentioned. Why would the cities where He preached suffer worse than the wicked heathen cities? What very loving invitation does Jesus give? To whom does He give it?

Lesson XII. Why does Jesus invite the twelve to go apart with Him into a lonely place? What do the people do? How does Jesus feel toward them? What wonderful thing does He do for them? How much was left over?

Lesson Hymn

Fight the good fight with all thy might, Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right; Thy joy and crown eternally. Amen.

The Question on Missions

13. What do the pupils expect to do after leaving school? After seven years in Primary School, and four years in High School, some help in the hospital, some become teachers. It is hoped that a number will go on to college and become doctors, and ministers. We hope our pupils will become good leaders for the Christian church in China.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I should love God's Word

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

<p>LESSON I. Malignant Unbelief.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. The Ruler's Daughter.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Seed in the Four Kinds of Soil.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. The Visit to Nazareth.</p>
<p>LESSON III. The Growth of the Kingdom.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. The Death of John the Baptist.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. The Wheat and the Tares.</p>	<p>LESSON X. The Mission of the Twelve.</p>
<p>LESSON V. The Worth of the Kingdom.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Judgment and Mercy.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. A Troubled Sea and a Troubled Soul.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. The Feeding of the Five Thousand.</p>

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

Name Address

Name of Sabbath School Teacher's Name

DATE 1912	JULY				AUGUST				SEPTEMBER					TOTAL FOR QUARTER
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