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## Mother's Eyes

Would you know the baby's skies ?  
Baby's skies are mother's eyes.  
Mother's eyes and smile together  
Make the baby's pleasant weather.

Mother, keep your eyes from tears,  
Keep your heart from foolish fears,  
Keep your lips from dull complaining,  
Lest the baby think 'tis raining.

## Our Lessons This Quarter

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

We shall hear much about the brave Peter, as we did, also, last Quarter. But, in the very first lesson, we are introduced to another, who is to become a very great preacher and missionary.

His name was Saul. Afterwards he was called Paul. We have heard of him before. He helped to put Stephen to death because he was a Christian. He now becomes a Christian himself in a very wonderful way. Jesus speaks to him direct from heaven.

Peter brings a sick man back to health by a word, and by a word, again, brings back to life a woman who had died. Then, in two lessons, follows the story of Peter telling a Roman soldier and officer about Jesus, the Saviour of the world, and of how the officer and his household immediately became followers of Jesus.

Then the fierce, cruel Herod killed James, the brother of John, and cast Peter into prison : he hated Jesus and his followers so. We shall learn of Paul's healing a cripple and of his being stoned so that it was thought he was

dead. But God was watching over him. He had yet much for him to do.

The story follows of the voice Paul heard of a man calling to him : "Come over into Macedonia, and help us !" and of how, when Paul went, Lydia was the first to find the Saviour.

Then, in the last lesson of the Quarter, except the Review, the story of how Paul and his companion Silas were beaten on the back with rods and chained fast in a dark dungeon, of how God set them free, and turned the heart of their jailer to himself.

Two things we are likely to learn from the Quarter's lessons so that we shall never forget them—that the love of Jesus in the heart makes men brave and faithful ; and that God will protect and keep all who are bravely and faithfully doing his work.

## The Imitative Age

*By Mrs. C. M. Hincks*

"We must soon be careful what we do before the baby," we say, and why ?

We smile at baby, and he smiles back. We wave to him, and he waves too. We talk to him, and, in a few months, his rosy lips are framing syllables in imitation of our own. We speak to him constantly in soft, modulated tones, and he acquires a sweet, gentle voice ; or we scold him loudly, and the baby voice is raised in harsh, imitative tones, while the baby foot stamps crossly on the floor. Jack struts about with his hands in small pockets like father, while Dorothy must carry a gay parasol to be like mother. We take them to church, and both children must have money

to put on the plate as mother and father do. We kneel to pray and the little eyes watch us keenly and down come the little figures on the stool with heads reverently bowed. We rise to sing, and the childish voices ring out above the rest, often to our amusement and embarrassment. And so it is through the years of childhood, and even further. We see what a wonderful gift this power of imitation is.

The results of imitation are most important in character building. In the first place, "when the child imitates he begins to understand." For example, Jack learns to share his toys in imitation of mother who shares things with him, and he soon understands the joy of unselfish sharing. Dorothy cuddles her baby doll and showers caresses upon it, and thus understands better mother's great love for her. She plays that her dolly is disobedient and thus learns to realize what her disobedience means to her mother. Again, the children enact the stories they have heard, perhaps that of David; and, as they save the sheep from the fierce beasts, they understand better the shepherd's love and care for his flock, and, from that, they grasp the significance of their evening prayer.

"Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me;  
Bless Thy little lamb to-night."

Perhaps they have heard the stories of Jesus told so frequently and vividly, that, even although they may not dramatize them, their desire will always be to do as Jesus did "when he was a little boy."

In the second place, repeated imitation results in habits which become an inseparable part of the child's life. Repeated giving, in mere imitation, will make generosity a habit; repeated irritability, in unconscious imitation of mother or nurse, will result in bad temper and disagreeableness. Let us, therefore, see that the good acts are repeated and that the bad ones are never allowed to recur. We cannot begin too early "to be careful what we do before the baby," for the unconscious imitation begins before we are aware, and is often too late to uproot the bad habits acquired. One moment may afford the baby an example to be copied again and again, but it is often

the work of days and weeks to cure him of naughty ways.

Toronto

### Baby Land

How many miles to Baby Land?  
Any one can tell;  
Up one flight,  
To your right—  
Please to ring the bell.

What can you see in Baby Land?  
Little folk in white,  
Downy heads,  
Cradle beds,  
Faces pure and bright.

What do they do in Baby Land?  
Dream, and wake and play,  
Laugh and crow,  
Shout and grow;  
Jolly times have they.

What do they say in Baby Land?  
Why, the oddest things;  
Might as well  
Try to tell  
What a birdie sings.

Who is queen in Baby Land?  
Mother, kind and sweet;  
And her love,  
Born above,  
Guides the little feet.

—George Cooper

### The Child's Problem

"You don't know what a problem that child is!" said a tired mother to her caller. "I punish her and scold her until I am fairly ashamed of myself. Then her father takes her in hand, only to make matters worse. What can I do?"

So much for the mother's side. No doubt her child does present a problem that looks hard to solve. All parents know how it is. But what of the greater problem that the father and the mother present to the child?

If we could put the child's own thoughts into words, we should probably get something

like this: "What a world of perplexity and contradiction! How can I ever learn anything helpful from father and mother? Last night they scolded me because I did not eat when I was not hungry; this forenoon they spanked me because I ate when I was hungry. They send me out to play when I am sleepy, and put me to bed when I want to go out. Father often tells me to do something that mother forbids. Neither of them sticks to the same thing for two successive days. I have to suffer in turn from their love, their ignorance and their digestion. What can I do?"

Thus to a child, with its eagerly active mind groping everywhere and grasping at everything in its effort to learn the ways of life, the parents are often a problem that fills his young heart with discouragement and despair—a problem that leads him to cultivate a "goodness" that is the result of fear, and a "badness" that is the product of example and environment.

If parents would honestly try once in a while to get the point of view of the child, how much more reasonably they would exercise their authority! And how it would simplify their own task to recognize that the child, too, faces a big problem!—Youth's Companion

### His Own Knew Him

One of the occupations in Australia is sheep-raising. There are large ranches upon which many sheep and lambs find food, and the shepherds guard their own.

One day a man was arrested for stealing a sheep. The man claimed that the sheep was his own, that he had been missing from the flock for some days, but, as soon as he saw the animal he knew him.

The other man claimed the sheep and said he had owned him since he was a lamb, and that he had never been away from the flock.

The judge was puzzled how to decide the matter. At last he sent for the sheep. He first took the man in whose possession the sheep was found to the courtyard, and told him to call the sheep.

The animal made no response, only to raise his head and look frightened as if in a strange place and among strangers.

Bidding the officers go back to the courtroom, he told them to bring down the defendant. The accused man did not wait until he entered the yard, but at the gate, and where the sheep could see him, he began a peculiar call. At once the sheep bounded toward the gate, and by his actions showed that a familiar voice was calling.

"His own knows him," said the judge.

### What Might Have Been

"I know who has a hole in her pocket," said Jack.

"How did you know it?" exclaimed Ethel, flushing.

"What's this?" and Jack held up a crumpled handkerchief. "I found it just inside the front door. Then I stepped on a slate-pencil in the hall, and I picked up a penny on the stairs, and—"

"Why, I thought I pinned up the hole tight," interrupted Ethel.

"Ethel Emerson! Pinned up a hole in your pocket!" said her mother. "I am ashamed of you! You had better go to your room at once and mend it. You'll have time before lunch."

"O mother, I'm in such an interesting place in this story! Can't I do it by and by?" and Ethel looked to see how many pages there were in the chapter.

As Mrs. Emerson made no reply, Ethel shut her book, but took it with her to her own room.

Her finger was in the place where she had been reading, and she said to herself, "I must read just a little further, and see if Mildred finds her tickets. It will be too bad if she can't go to the concert."

Then she shut the book with a snap.

"I'm careless enough, but I won't be disobedient, too. I wonder what's left in my pocket, anyway. Goodness me! how near I came to forgetting this," and she took out an envelope.

"Mother," she said, as Mrs. Emerson came into the room, "I saw Uncle John this morning, and he told me to be sure to give you this note at noon. It's lucky I was going to mend my pocket."

"Yes," replied her mother, after she had read the note. "We should both have lost a treat if you had forgotten it. He wants us to meet him down-town, and to go to the Musical Festival with him this afternoon."

"Just think!" said Ethel; "what if I'd lost that note out of my pocket! And, O mother! what if I'd kept on reading and hadn't minded you!"

"Yes," replied Mrs. Emerson, "there were two chances of losing the concert."

—Exchange

### A Dinner Party in India

By Miss Janet E. Sinclair

Away in a city called Mhow in Central India we missionaries were invited to dinner at an Indian doctor's home. He had become a Christian, and he studied medicine and married a Christian lady. They had many opportunities of helping poor Christians, and telling the heathen about Jesus, for they could mingle with people of all classes.

They now have three boys and one dear little girl of their own; the boys attend an English school, but the little girl is not old enough yet, being only five.

The doctor wears English clothes, except his hat, which is the close-fitting Indian hat of soft felt worn by Christians, for in India you can tell a man's religion by what he wears on his head.

The doctor's wife wears the dress of the Indian lady, even to their shoes which they wear without any stockings and slip off when in the house.

Their drug store is across the corner from our Canadian Presbyterian Mission School for boys, and they live in rooms above the store which you reach by going up a stair from the store then out over a roof, and down a few steps into their living room.

Mrs. Bunyan met us as we went in, and invited us to be seated till all the guests would arrive; then, when all was ready we were taken into the dining room, which was very small, and there were no chairs! Worse still there was no large table! There were some little stools, but they were just a few inches

from the floor. We were asked to sit on the floor with our legs crossed and our backs against the wall, the men on one side of the room, the women on the other, with one of the wee stools or rather tables, for such they were, in front of each guest.

And now after asking a blessing, the food was brought in by the doctor's sister and his wife's sister, who live with them, as it is customary for the ladies of the house to do the cooking and to wait on the table, thus honoring their guests, even when they have many servants; and they stooped down so gracefully and put the delicious curried chicken on our plates, then supplied us with chapaties and poories which they use instead of bread—but dear me! we had no knives, forks or spoons to eat with, no, nor even chop sticks like the Chinese use. How do you think they eat? Well, they just use their fingers. They make little balls with their rice in the gravy, and convey it neatly to their mouths, only using the right hand.

Usually the food is so hot with pepper and spices that we cannot eat it, but feel like Silverlocks when she tasted Rough Bruin's soup. However, these kind friends knew our failing, and made it to suit us, so like Tiny Cub's it was "just right," and, like Silverlocks, we "ate it all up;" but the dear brown children, and I assure you they are very handsome and lovable, did not need to cry, because their mother, like our mothers here, takes good care that they have a share of all the good things.

Before we left the tables, one of the young ladies brought a small bowl of water and a towel, so that we might all dip our fingers and dry them; then came the getting up which to most was quite an ordeal, and one stout gentleman had to be helped, which gave us a good laugh.

We then returned to the sitting room where they have chairs, and the children sang some hymns and songs learned at school. Then all the guests were garlanded, which means they put chains of flowers around our necks as a mark of honor, and we said goodbye to our kind friends.

Toronto

## AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1916

## I. OPENING HYMN. (Suggested tune : Mariners, 584, Book of Praise.)

(Softly)

Welcome, welcome, holy Sabbath,  
Happy day of joy and light ;  
In our Sabbath home we gather—  
Hearts are glad and faces bright.

Gentle Jesus, bend to listen,  
Make us like Thee, pure and mild ;  
In thy love and tender mercy,  
Hear and bless each waiting child.

## II. PRAYER. Scholars repeating short clauses after teacher.

## III. RECITATION. The Church Bells (from "Song Stories," by Patty Hill).

Come ! Come ! people come !

Come ! come ! people come !

See the church doors now are open wide.

This the bells' message to me, to you ;

Come ! come ! all may come !

Come ! come ! all may come !

Plenty of room for you all inside.

Fathers and mothers and children too.

## IV. OFFERING. Sing (Tune : Madrid, 573, Book of Praise.)

Freely give, freely give,

Joyful songs, joyful songs,

'Tis God the Father's way ;

Treasures from His bounty fall ;

Freely give, freely give,

Joyful songs, joyful songs,

For our mercies every day.

He has blest, has blest us all.

## V. CRADLE ROLL SERVICE.

*Teacher.* What did Jesus say about the children ?*Class.* "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

VI. THE "GREAT HYMN OF THE CHURCH." Hymn 567, Book of Praise. (The verses of this hymn 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. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGE. Thanking the Father, Ps. 100. The recitation of the passages given Quarter by Quarter in the Orders of Service, leads to the obtaining of a pretty Certificate in Colors. For Form of Application write to Rev. J. C. Robertson, B.D., our General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

## VIII. SINGING. (Suggested tune : St. Oswald, 274, Book of Praise.)

Christ has conquered Death for ever,

Sheaves that ripen after sowing,

Hallelujah, sing His praise ;

Tell the story o'er and o'er.

Nothing from His love shall sever,

Hallelujah, sing His praise.

Jesus lives, o'er Death victorious,

Shout His praises evermore ;

Flowers in tender beauty growing,

We shall see His face all glorious,

Tell the story o'er and o'er ;

Shout His praises evermore.

IX. 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.

## X. SINGING. Selected by the children.

## XI. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

## XII. LESSON HYMN.

## XIII. SCRIPTURE RECITATION IN CONCERT.

He "made . . the moon and stars to rule by night."

"Praise ye him, sun and moon : praise ye him, all ye stars of light."

"The night cometh, when no man can work."

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

## XIV. DISTRIBUTE PAPERS, ETC., AND DISMISS.

## Lesson I.

## CONVERSION OF SAUL

April 2, 1916

Acts 9 : 1-11, 17-19. Study Acts 9 : 1-31. \*Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 100 : 1.

**Golden Text**—Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners ; of whom I am chief.—1 Timothy 1 : 15 (Rev. Ver.).



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1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damas'cus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jeru'salem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damas'cus : and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven :

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me ?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord ? And the Lord said, I am Je'sus whom thou persecutest : it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do ? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

8 And Saul arose from the earth ; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man : but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damas'cus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and

neither did eat nor drink.

10 And there was a certain disciple at Damas'cus, named Anani'as ; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Anani'as. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Ju'das for one called Saul, of Tar'sus : for, behold, he prayeth.

17 And Anani'as went his way, and entered into the house ; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Je'sus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales : and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damas'cus.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Saul, a Jew, who was born and brought up in a city named Tarsus, hated the followers of Jesus. He caused them to be ill-treated and put in prison and even killed. After he had done all he could against them in Jerusalem, he got leave from the high priest to go to the city of Damascus, and find out any men or women in the Jewish churches there who were friends of Jesus, and bring them bound with chains to Jerusalem to be put to death.

Saul started on his cruel errand. He traveled many miles, till at last he saw the beautiful city of Damascus in the distance.

Suddenly, there flashed upon him from heaven a light, which was so bright it blinded his eyes and he fell to the ground. Then he heard a voice. Listen. "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me ?" "Who are you, Lord ?" Saul replied. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting by making my friends to suffer."

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Saul was astonished when he heard these words from Jesus who had gone up to heaven. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Saul asked, trembling with fear. "Get up, and go into the city, and there you will be told what you are to do," Jesus said.

Saul's companions could not speak, they were so astonished at hearing the voice, but seeing no person. Saul got up from the ground, but he was blind. His friends led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. He was blind for three days, and neither ate nor drank anything.

Jesus had a disciple in Damascus, named Ananias, to whom he spoke, saying, "Ananias, go into the street which is called Straight, and ask at the house of Judas for a man named Saul of Tarsus. He is in that house praying."

Ananias at once obeyed. He found Saul. "Brother Saul," he said, "Jesus sent me to you that you may get back your sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost." At once Saul's blind eyes were opened, and he stood up and was baptized by Ananias, and became himself a follower of Jesus. He stayed for some time amongst the disciples of Jesus in Damascus, whom he now loved, talking with them about Jesus, eager to learn all he could about him, eager to get to work telling others about Jesus, and the wonderful way in which Jesus had changed his wicked heart.

What a wonderful change Jesus had made in Saul's heart! He became Jesus' greatest helper.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Saul? 2. How did he treat Jesus' followers? 3. Why did Saul want to go to Damascus? 4. What happened on the way? 5. What did Jesus say to Saul? 6. What did Saul ask Jesus? 7. What did Jesus tell Saul to do? 8. When Saul arose from the ground, what was the matter with him? 9. How did he get into the city? 10. How long was he blind? 11. What did Jesus tell Ananias to do? 12. Did Ananias find Saul? 13. What happened then? 14. Did Saul become a follower of Jesus? 15. How did he show his love for Jesus? 16. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find—  
O Lamb of God, I come!

Just as I am—Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down—  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come! Amen.

—Hymn 151, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

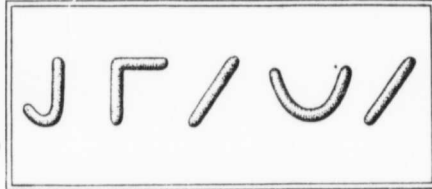
PRIMARY CATECHISM—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment? The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." 82. What is it to honour our father and mother? To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

### The Question on Missions

(Second Quarter, OUR MISSION TO CENTRAL INDIA.)—1. Where is Central India? It is part of the great country of India, over which our own King George rules. Our missionaries work amongst many thousands of towns and villages scattered thickly over the country.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the beautiful name of Jesus in letters such as are used in books for the blind. They are raised up, and very simple, for the blind



read with their finger tips. How thankful we should be that we can see to read about Jesus, and how eager we should be to tell others about him!

**I Have Learned To-day That**  
JESUS CAN GIVE ME A NEW HEART

Lesson II.

**ÆNEAS AND DORCAS**

April 9, 1916

Acts 9 : 32-43. \*Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 100 : 2.

**Golden Text**—In all things shewing thyself an ensample of good works.—Titus 2 : 7 (Rev. Ver.).

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the body said, Tab'itha, arise. And she opened her eyes : and when she saw Pe'ter, she sat up.  
41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

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

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

**THE LESSON RETOLD**

Peter was one of Jesus' disciples who was a very great preacher. He traveled all over the country preaching about Jesus. One day he came to a town named Lydda, where some followers of Jesus lived. One of these was an old man named Æneas, who had been sick in bed for eight years, with a disease called palsy, which made him quite helpless.

Peter went to see the old man, and said, "Æneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee well ; arise, and make thy bed." And immediately Æneas got up. He was cured at that moment. When the people in the town saw that Æneas was cured, many of them became followers of Jesus.

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 And forasmuch as Lyd'da was nigh to Jop'pa, and the disciples had heard that Pe'ter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

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

40 But Pe'ter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed ; and turning *him* to

Not very far from Lydda there was another town, which was on the sea shore. The name of this town was Joppa. Here lived a very good woman named Tabitha. Dorcas was another name by which she was known. Dorcas was very kind to the poor and sick and any one in trouble. She was always doing kind deeds, sewing for the poor with her own hands, and the people all loved her. But sad to say, one day Dorcas was taken sick. She grew worse and worse, and at last she died. Her friends laid her body in an upper room ready to be buried.

There was great sorrow in Joppa that day "How this good woman will be missed !"

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"Oh, if only she had not died!" the people said, as they mourned for their friend.

Then the followers of Jesus, in Joppa, remembered that they had heard that Peter was in the town of Lydda, not far away. They sent two men to Peter to ask him to come to Joppa at once. Peter came back with the men and they took him to the upper room where the body of Dorcas was lying. The room was filled with people weeping and moaning. The poor widows showed Peter the coats and garments which Dorcas had made for them, while she was with them.

Peter sent all the people out of the room. Then he knelt down and prayed, then turned to the dead woman and said, "Tabitha, arise." She opened her eyes and when she saw Peter she sat up, and Peter gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then he opened the door and called the followers of Jesus and the poor women to come back into the room, and he showed them their dear friend Dorcas alive again. We may imagine how very happy they all were.

The news spread through the town of Joppa, and many believed in the Lord, by whose wonderful power Dorcas had been brought back to life.

Peter stayed many days in Joppa at the home of a man called Simon the tanner.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Peter? 2. To what town did he come? 3. What sick man did he find there? 4. What did Peter say to Æneas? 5. What happened then? 6. How did the people act? 7. Where was Joppa? 8. What good woman lived there? 9. In what way did she help the poor people? 10. What happened to her? 11. Who was sent for? 12. Did Peter come at once? 13. Where did they take him? 14. Who were in the room? 15. What were they doing? 16. What did Peter say to the dead woman? 17. What happened? 18. What did many of the people of Joppa do? 19. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

O, what can little hands do  
To please the King of Heaven?

The little hands some work may try  
To help the poor in misery:  
Such grace to mine be given.

O, what can little lips do  
To please the King of Heaven?  
The little lips can praise and pray,  
And gentle words of kindness say:  
Such grace to mine be given. Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

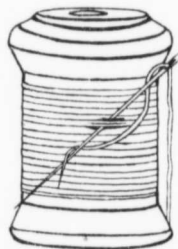
PRIMARY CATECHISM—83. Which is the Sixth Commandment? The Sixth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill." 84. What did Jesus say about the Sixth Commandment? Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all angry passions.

### The Question on Missions

2. Tell about the home life of the children in India. They live with their parents and other relatives mostly in small, dark houses, into which little fresh air comes. Most of the people are very poor, and the boys usually have to go to work when they are very young.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a needle and thread. They remind us of how Dorcas made garments for the poor people. Color the drawing and remember



that we can all do deeds of kindness to others. In this way we can show our love to Jesus who has loved us so dearly and has done so much for us.

### I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS IS THE GREAT PHYSICIAN

## Lesson III.

## PETER AND CORNELIUS

April 16, 1916

Acts 10 : 1-16. Study Acts 10 : 1-23. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 100 : 1, 2.

**Golden Text**—There is no distinction between Jew and Greek ; for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him.—Romans 10 : 12 (Rev. Ver.).



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1 There was a certain man in Cæsare'a called Corne'lius, a centurion of the band called the Ital'ian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Corne'lius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord ? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Jop'pa, and call for one Si'mon, whose surname is Pe'ter :

6 He lodgeth with one Si'mon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side : he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Corne'lius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually ;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Jop'pa.

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Pe'ter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour :

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten : but while they made ready, he

fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth :

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Pe'ter ; kill, and eat.

14 But Pe'ter said, Not so, Lord ; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice : and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

In the town of Cæsarea lived a Roman soldier named Cornelius. He had learned to serve the true God of Israel, and had taught his family, also, to serve him. He gave a great deal of money to the poor, and in every way showed that he really served God.

One afternoon about three o'clock, while Cornelius was praying, an angel from heaven came to him in a vision or dream. The angel

called him by name. Cornelius was afraid. He said, "What is it, Lord ?" The angel said, "God remembers your prayers and your kindness to the poor. Now send men to Joppa and ask for a man named Peter who is at the house of Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side. Peter will come and tell you what you ought to do."

Then the angel went away and Cornelius called two of his house servants and one very

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good soldier, who waited upon him. Cornelius told them all he had seen and heard. Then he sent them to Joppa to find Peter, as the angel had told him to do.

Next day while they were still on their way to find Peter, Peter himself was on the housetop praying. It was Peter, you remember, who had brought Dorcas back to life. In the country where Peter lived, the flat roof of the house was often used as a room, a place of quietness and rest.

While Peter was praying, he grew hungry, but while dinner was being got ready, he fell asleep. In a vision or dream he saw a great white sheet let down from heaven by the four corners, and in it there were animals of every kind, and creeping things and birds, and he heard a voice saying: "Arise, Peter, kill and eat."

But Peter said, "No, Lord, I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." Now when Peter spoke of some animals as being "common" and "unclean," he meant that Jews were forbidden to use them as food. Then the voice said, "What God says is clean, you must not call common or unclean." The voice said these words three times, and then the sheet was drawn up to heaven again.

God took this way of teaching Peter that he loved the people of other nations as well as the Jews. People like the Roman soldier Cornelius belonged to God's big family as really as did the Jews, and all were to be taken into Jesus' church. God was showing Peter how he should treat Cornelius and those who lived in his house.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Cornelius? 2. Where did he live? 3. To what people did he belong? 4. What had he learned to do? 5. What did he teach those in his house? 6. What did he do for the poor? 7. What was he doing one afternoon? 8. What happened while he was praying? 9. What did the angel say? 10. Whom did Cornelius send for Peter? 11. In whose house was Peter? 12. Where had he gone to pray? 13. What vision did he see? 14. What did a voice say to him? 15. What did Peter answer? 16. What did the voice say three times? 17. What happened then? 18. Why did God

show this vision to Peter? 19. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Father of all, from land and sea  
The nations sing, "Thine, Lord, are we;  
Countless in number, but in Thee  
May we be one." Amen.  
—Hymn 466, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

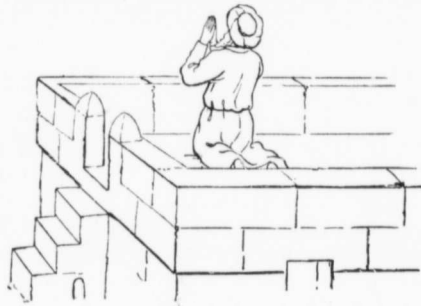
PRIMARY CATECHISM—85. Which is the Seventh Commandment? The Seventh Commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." 86. What did Jesus say about the Seventh Commandment? Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all impure thoughts.

### The Question on Missions

3. What pleasures do the children of India enjoy? There are the processions, music and feasts at marriages; long journeys with their parents to places where idols are worshiped; and the amusements at country fairs and on religious holidays, of which there are a great many.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a man on a flat housetop, praying. God wants us to pray to him every day. He



is never tired of hearing us, and he will give to us every good thing that we need. Color the picture.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS WANTS ME TO HELP SOME ONE

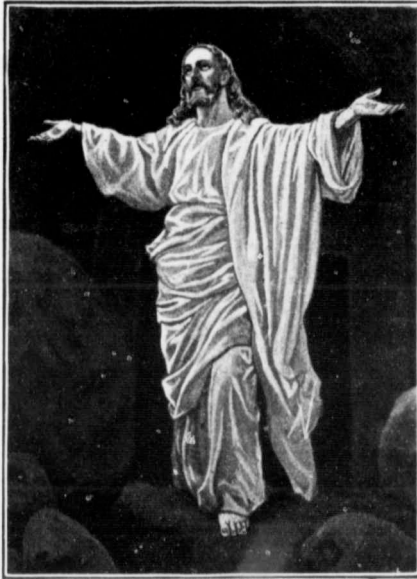
Lesson IV.

**THE GOSPEL FOR THE GENTILES**

April 23, 1916

Acts 10 : 24-33, 44-48. Study Acts 10 : 24-48. \*Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 100 : 3.

**Golden Text**—Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons : but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him.—Acts 10 : 34, 35 (Rev. Ver.).

**THE LESSON RETOLD**

Peter had a dream while he was sleeping on the housetop, and when he awoke he wondered what the dream meant. Soon there was a knock at the door of the house where he was.

The Holy Spirit said to Peter : "Three men are at the door asking for you. Get up and go down and go with them, for I have sent them."

Peter went down and found three men standing at the door. "I am the man you are seeking. Why have you come for me?" Peter asked. "Cornelius, a Roman soldier who worships God, sent us to ask you to come to his house in Caesarea," the men answered.

Peter brought them in, and they stayed over night. Next day Peter and some others went with them to Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting at the door of his house. He bowed at Peter's feet and worshiped him, but Peter took him by the hand and lifted him up and said, "Stand up, Cornelius. I am just a man like yourself;" and they went into the house talking together.

Peter found a houseful of people waiting for him, for Cornelius had sent for his friends to come and listen to Peter. Peter said, "You know it is against the law of the Jews for a man that is a Jew to be friends with one of another nation, or to go into his house, but God showed me in a dream that this law is wrong. He told me that I should not call anybody common or unclean. That is why I came at once when you sent for me. Now tell me why you sent for me."

Cornelius said, "I had a dream in which an angel came to me and told me to send to Joppa and get Peter to come and tell me what I should do." Peter said, "Now I see that God wants to receive everybody into his family. In every nation those who fear God and do right are accepted by him."

Then Peter told them all about Jesus. He told them the story, which we all know well, about Jesus being put to death on the cross. He told them that all who believe in Jesus shall have their sins forgiven, and be God's own dear children. While Peter was speaking, God sent the Holy Spirit upon them all.

Peter said, "We cannot keep them from being baptized, since they have received the Holy Spirit as well as we." So he commanded that they should all be baptized.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. About what was Peter wondering? 2. Who came knocking at the door of the house where he was? 3. What did the Holy Spirit tell Peter to do? 4. What

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did the men say to Peter? 5. How did Peter treat the visitors? 6. Whither did he go with them? 7. How did Cornelius greet him? 8. What did Peter say to Cornelius? 9. Whom had Cornelius invited to hear Peter? 10. What did Peter say about the law of the Jews? 11. What had God told Peter? 12. Why had Cornelius sent for Peter? 13. What did Peter talk about to these people? 14. What came upon them all while Peter was speaking? 15. What did Peter say? 16. What was then done? 17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Whosoever heareth, shout, shout the sound,  
Send the blessed tidings all the world  
around!

Spread the joyful news wherever man is  
found,

"Whosoever will" may come!

"Whosoever will! whosoever will!"

Send the proclamation over vale and hill:

'Tis a loving Father calls the wanderer home:

"Whosoever will" may come! Amen.

—Hymn 457, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WANTS EVERY ONE TO  
KNOW ABOUT HIM

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—87. Which is the  
Eighth Commandment? The Eighth  
Commandment is "Thou shalt not steal."

### The Question on Missions

4. Why are boys so much more thought of  
than girls? Because the father believes that  
he will not be happy after he dies unless he has  
a son to give him a proper funeral; and, be-

sides, it is a great expense to parents to get  
husbands for their daughters when they grow  
up.

### EASTER LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15 : 1-11

Paul was the great apostle or messenger of  
Jesus to the people in lands far away from  
Jesus' own country. He had gone away over  
the sea to a country called Greece, and had  
preached to the people in a city named Cor-  
inth. Many of these Corinthians learned to  
love Jesus and to be followers of him.

Sometime after Paul went away, he thought  
he had better write a letter to these Corinth-  
ians for fear they might be forgetting what  
he had taught them. So Paul wrote a letter  
(on a long strip of parchment rolled on a  
wooden roller) and sent it to the Corinthians.

In this letter Paul called them his brothers.  
He told them to remember the gospel,  
or "good news" about Jesus, which he had  
told them when he went to visit them. He  
told them if they would keep on believing in  
Jesus they would be saved.

Paul told them again that Jesus died for  
their sins and was buried in the tomb and rose  
again on the third day after he was put in the  
grave.

His friends saw him many times after he  
rose from the dead. Peter saw him and the  
eleven apostles saw him and five hundred  
people saw him at one time, and the apostle  
James saw him and again the apostles saw  
him at the time he was going up to heaven.  
And Paul himself had seen Jesus, too.

Paul wanted the Corinthians to be sure  
that Jesus really rose from the dead. Then  
they would be sure that all who die will be-  
come alive again.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The words to be copied should make us very glad. For they tell us that we have a living  
and loving Saviour, who is ever ready to help us.

**NOW IS CHRIST RISEN**

## Lesson V.

## PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON

April 30, 1916

Acts 12 : 1-11. Study Acts 12 : 1-19. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 100 : 2, 3.

**Golden Text**—The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Psalm 34 : 7.



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1 Now about that time Her'od the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the church.

2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.

3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Pe'ter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)

4 And when he had apprehended him, he put *him* in prison, and delivered *him* to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him ; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The lesson tells us about a king whose name was Herod. He was very anxious to please his people the Jews.

He knew how the Jews disliked the followers of Jesus, and saw that he could not please them better than by being cruel to Jesus' disciples. So one day he sent his soldiers to take James, one of the twelve special friends and helpers of Jesus, and kill him. This made the followers of Jesus very sad. James was one of the twelve friends of Jesus whom he liked to have always with him wherever he went.

When Herod saw how much pleased the Jews were at his killing James, he sent his soldiers to take Peter, also, and put him in prison. The soldiers took Peter to the prison and put him under the care of a strong guard of soldiers so he would be quite sure not to get away.

This happened about the time of the Jewish feast called the Passover. Herod meant to take Peter out of prison after the feast and set him before the people that he, too, might be killed. He hoped in this way to make the people even more friendly to him. So Peter

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was kept in prison, and all the time the friends of Jesus were praying to God to take care of him and set him free.

Herod was so afraid that Peter might get out of prison that he had him chained to two soldiers day and night. Two other soldiers kept guard, one at the inner door and one at the outer door.

Soon the last night of the Passover time came. Next day Peter would be led out of the prison to die. Oh! how sad his friends were feeling! How earnestly they prayed to God! And that very night God answered their prayer.

Peter was sleeping between the two soldiers, bound with chains, when suddenly the dark prison cell was filled with a great light. An angel visitor touched Peter's side and raised him from the ground, telling him to get up quickly. And his chains fell off his hands. The angel told him to fasten up his long robe and bind his sandals on his feet and wrap his cloak about him, and follow him.

Peter followed the angel as he had said. The angel led him through two prison doors and then through the big, iron gate that led out to the city, which opened of itself, and they went out and passed through the street. Then the angel left him, free! There Peter stood wondering whether it was not all a dream, but soon he knew that he was really free, and with a grateful heart he thanked and praised God. As quickly as he could he went to the house where his friends were praying for him. They were very surprised and very glad to see him again safe and sound.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. About what king does the lesson tell?
2. Whom was he anxious to please?
3. Whom did he put to death?
4. What did the Jews think about this?
5. Whom did Herod next put in prison?
6. What did he mean to do with Peter after the Passover?
7. What did the followers of Jesus do to help Peter?
8. How was Peter guarded in prison?
9. What happened while Peter was sleeping?
10. What did the angel tell Peter to do?
11. Where did the angel lead him?
12. Where did Peter then go?
13. How did his friends feel when they saw him?
14. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

While Thou art near,  
I need not fear  
The gloom of midnight hour;  
Blest Jesus, still  
From every ill  
Defend me with Thy power. Amen.

—Hymn 570, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

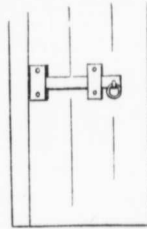
PRIMARY CATECHISM—88. Which is the Ninth Commandment? The Ninth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." 89. What is it to bear false witness against our neighbour? It is to say what is not true about others.

### The Question on Missions

5. Tell some things which they are taught in their homes. Many are taught that evil spirits with great power live in rivers, wells, trees and stones; some are taught to worship animals and the heathen gods; and others to obey the teachings of the false prophet Mohammed.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Peter was put into a prison with doors fastened by strong bolts. But God's angel came and brought him safely out. And the



angels of God are all about us every day, to guard us from danger. No harm can come to us while our loving heavenly Father is taking such care of us. Copy the drawing.

### I Have Learned Today

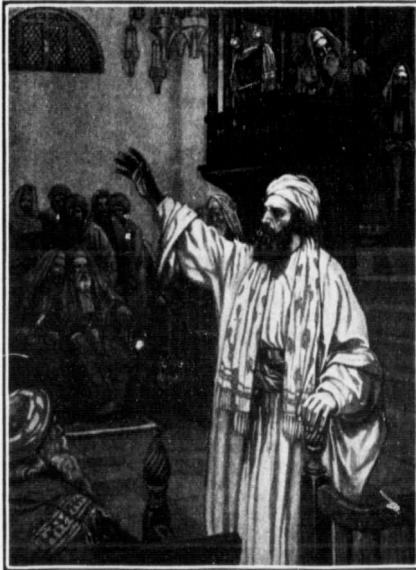
THAT I SHOULD PRAY FOR OTHERS

Lesson VI.

## THE MISSIONARIES OF ANTIOCH

May 7, 1916

Acts 11 : 19-26 ; 13 : 1-3. Study Acts 11 : 19-30 ; 12 : 25 to 13 : 12. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 100 : 1-3.

**Golden Text**—Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations.—Matthew 28 : 19 (Rev. Ver.).

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in An'tioch.

Ch. 13 : 1 Now there were in the church that was at An'tioch certain prophets and teachers ; as Bar'nabas, and Sim'eon that was called Ni'ger, and Lu'cius of Cyre'ne, and Man'aen, which had been brought up with Her'od the te'trarch, and Saul.

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

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

## THE LESSON RETOLD

You remember the story of Stephen. He was one of Jesus' helpers who lived in Jerusalem. The Jews were very angry at him for teaching people to believe in Jesus, and they took him out of the city and stoned him to death. Then they ill-treated all the other friends of Jesus who were in Jerusalem, so that many of them had to go away to other towns and villages all over the land.

Each one carried with him a very precious thing,—the message about Jesus, and, like seed scattered by the wind, the message was carried everywhere and very many heard

19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Ste'phen travelled as far as Phen'i'ce, and Cy'prus, and An'tioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

20 And some of them were men of Cy'prus and Cyre'ne, which, when they were come to An'tioch, spake unto the Gre'cians, preaching the Lord Je'sus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them : and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jeru'salem : and they sent forth Bar'nabas, that he should go as far as An'tioch.

23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.

24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith : and much people was added unto the Lord.

25 Then departed Bar'nabas to Tar'sus, for to seek Saul :

26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto An'tioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Chris'tians first

the wonderful message and believed it.

At first these friends of Jesus spoke about him only to their own people, the Jews. But it happened that some of them who came from an island named Cyprus and a country named Cyrene, when they came to the city of Antioch taught the people of other nations, called Gentiles, about the Lord Jesus. God was with them and helped them to teach, and a great many who heard them, believed what they taught and became followers of Jesus. Some of the Jewish Christians did not think it was right to receive these people

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into the church, so they sent word to the apostles who had stayed in Jerusalem and asked them if they thought it was right to receive these strangers. Many of them were becoming followers of Jesus.

The friends of Jesus in Jerusalem had a meeting, and decided to send Barnabas to Antioch to see what was going on. When Barnabas came to Antioch he was so glad to find that so many of the Gentiles there were becoming followers of Jesus. He knew that God himself was helping in this work. Barnabas went about amongst them, and told them all to keep on trusting in Jesus and serving him. Barnabas was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and full of faith in Jesus. Many more people were added to the Lord.

Barnabas found so much to do in Antioch that he felt he must have some one to help him. He thought of a boy friend of his, now grown to be a man and a great preacher. His name was Saul of Tarsus.

Barnabas started out to go to Tarsus to find Saul, and when he had found Saul, he brought him to Antioch, and for a year Saul and Barnabas preached and taught the people in Antioch to love and serve Jesus. The followers of Jesus were called "Christians" first in Antioch.

While Saul and Barnabas and others were praying one day, the Holy Spirit said to them, "Set apart Barnabas and Saul for some work which I want them to do." So after they had all fasted and prayed, they laid their hands on the heads of Barnabas and Saul, and blessed them and sent them away to be missionaries.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Tell the story about Stephen. 2. What happened to other followers of Jesus in Jerusalem? 3. Whither did they go? 4. To whom did some of them preach in Antioch? 5. What did these people do? 6. Who in Jerusalem heard about this? 7. Whom did they send to Antioch? 8. How did Barnabas feel when he saw that the Gentiles were being taught about Jesus? 9. What kind of a man was Barnabas? 10. Whom did Barnabas bring to be his helper? 11. How long did Saul and Barnabas preach in Antioch?

12. What were the followers of Jesus called first in Antioch? 13. What did the Holy Spirit say about Saul and Barnabas? 14. What was done before they were sent away? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Jesus calls us : o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild, restless sea,  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us : by Thy mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear Thy call,  
Give our hearts to Thy obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all. Amen.

—Hymn 242, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

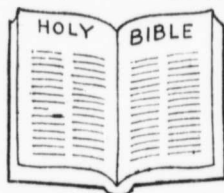
PRIMARY CATECHISM—90. Which is the Tenth Commandment? The Tenth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." 91. What is it to covet? To covet is to have a wrong desire for what belongs to others.

### The Question on Missions

6. How are the boys hindered from going to school? Many parents do not think it necessary for their children to go to school; the boys, even when they are very young, have to help their fathers in their work; there are many heathen holidays; and there are few schools and teachers.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Bible is the best book in the world. It is meant for all the people in the world. It is now translated into nearly all the languages



of the world. A few cents will send a Bible to almost any part of the world. Copy the drawing, and think what you ought to do.

**I Have Learned Today That**  
I CAN HELP TO SEND MISSIONARIES

## Lesson VII. "LO, WE TURN TO THE GENTILES" May 14, 1916

Acts 13 : 13-15, 42-52. Study Acts 13 : 13-52. \*Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 100 : 4.

**Golden Text**—I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth.—Acts 13 : 47 (Rev. Ver.).



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13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Pa'phos, they came to Per'ga in Pamphyl'ia : and John departing from them returned to Jeru'salem.

14 But when they departed from Per'ga, they came to An'tioch in Pisd'ia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, *Ye men and brethren*, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gen'tiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Bar'nabas : who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

46 Then Paul and Bar'nabas waxed bold,

and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you : but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gen'tiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gen'tiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

48 And when the Gen'tiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord : and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Bar'nabas, and expelled them out of their coasts.

51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Ico'nium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

The two missionaries, Barnabas and Saul, sailed away from Antioch to the island of Cyprus. They took with them a helper named John Mark.

Paphos was the chief city on this island. While they were in Paphos, Saul changed his name to the Roman name Paul, and after this we shall hear of "Paul" and Barnabas. They sailed away from Paphos in a little ship, and landed at Perga. John Mark then left

them, just at a time when they needed him very much, and Paul and Barnabas went on alone to another Antioch, in a different part of the country from the Antioch we learned about in last lesson.

When Sunday came they went to the Jewish church, or synagogue. They went in and sat down quietly amongst the worshippers. When the ruler of the synagogue saw them he sent a messenger to ask them if

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they would like to speak a few words to the people.

Paul stood up and preached a wonderful sermon. As the crowds went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles followed Paul and Barnabas and begged that they would come again next Sunday and preach the same words to them. And many Jews who had become followers of Jesus came to them, and the missionaries talked to them and helped them to keep on with happy hearts following Jesus.

Next Sunday such a crowd came to the synagogue! The Jews were angry when they saw the crowd listening to these missionaries. They became very rude and called out in loud voices, contradicting everything the missionaries said. “That is not true!” “God’s word is not for the Gentiles!” they shouted in anger.

But Paul and Barnabas were not afraid of the Jews. They said, “God sent the message about Jesus to you Jews first, but you would not believe it, so now he has sent us with the glad news to the Gentiles.”

After these words the missionaries walked out of the synagogue, leaving the angry Jews shouting at them and calling them names. The Gentiles were so glad when they heard the missionaries say that Jesus was for them, too. Many of them became followers of Jesus. Paul and Barnabas carried the glad news of Jesus all through that part of the country.

This made Paul and Barnabas very happy, but a sad time was coming. The angry Jews set some of the great people of the city against Paul and Barnabas, and at last the missionaries were driven out of the city. But they had done good work there, and left many followers of Jesus who were filled with joy at the glad message they had received.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Barnabas and Saul go after they left Antioch? 2. Who was their helper? 3. Where did Saul change his name to Paul? 4. To what place did they go next? 5. Did they go to church in Antioch? 6. What do the Jews call their church? 7. Who asked Paul and Barnabas to speak? 8. What did Paul tell the people? 9. Who asked the missionaries to come again next

Sunday? 10. How many people came to hear them? 11. How did the Jews act? 12. What did Paul tell them? 13. How did the Gentiles feel when they heard Paul’s words? 14. How were the missionaries driven out of the city? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Sing them over again to me,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see,  
Wonderful words of life.  
Words of life and beauty  
Teach me faith and duty.  
—Hymn 559, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—92. What did Jesus say the Commandments teach us? JESUS said the Commandments teach us to love God with all our heart, and to love others as ourself.

### The Question on Missions

7. What special hindrances have girls? Many people in India believe that girls are not fit to go to school; they are married while they are very young; and there are fewer schools and teachers for girls even than for boys.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In all parts of the earth there are lands over which King George rules. But Jesus is a far greater king. Every land in all the



world belongs to him, and all people ought to obey him. But there are many people who do not know Jesus, and we should help to send missionaries to tell them of him. Copy the drawing.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS IS MY TEACHER

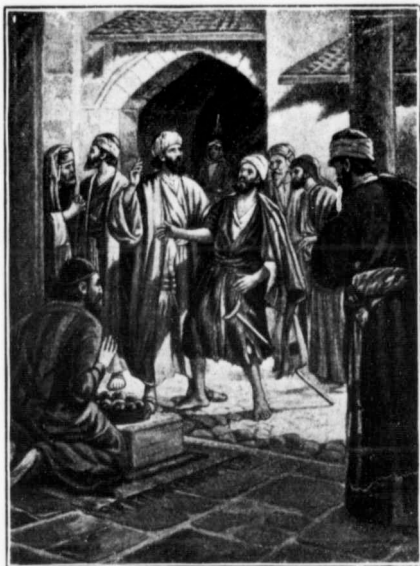
## Lesson VIII.

## THE CRIPPLE OF LYSTRA

May 21, 1916

Acts 14 : 8-20. Study Acts, ch. 14. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 100 : 3, 4.

**Golden Text**—He giveth power to the faint ; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength.—Isaiah 40 : 29 (Rev. Ver.).



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8 And there sat a certain man at Lys'tra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked :

9 The same heard Paul speak : who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

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

12 And they called Bar'nabas, Ju'piter ; and Paul, Mercu'rius, because he was the chief speaker.

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

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

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

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

17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

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

19 And there came thither certain Jews from An'tioch and Ico'nium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

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

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Paul was preaching in a city called Lystra. In the crowd listening to him there was a poor lame cripple, who had never been able to walk since he was born a little baby. Paul saw him sitting, eagerly looking at him. "There is a man who believes all I am saying," Paul said to himself. Paul looked at him, and said in a loud voice, "Stand up on your feet !" and the lame man jumped up and walked.

When the people saw what had been done, they thought Paul and Barnabas were gods who had come down from heaven in the form

of men. Barnabas they called Jupiter, and Paul they called Mercury.

The priests of the temple of Jupiter brought oxen with garlands of flowers around their necks to be offered as sacrifices to these gods who had come down to them. Crowds rushed from all parts of the city. A great procession,—priests, the oxen with garlands of flowers around their necks, crowds of people—walked through the streets.

Paul and Barnabas at first did not understand what was going on because the people spoke a language which was strange to them.

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Soon, however, they found out what all the noise and crowds meant. They rushed out and ran amongst the people, saying, "Stop this! We are not gods. We are just men like yourselves, who have come to tell you that you should turn from your false gods and worship the true God, who made heaven and earth and the sea and all that is in them."

At last, after a great deal of talking, the missionaries kept the crowd from offering these sacrifices, and the disappointed people went to their homes. The oxen were led back to their stalls in Jupiter's temple, and Paul and Barnabas went quietly on with their preaching.

But soon enemies came. A company of Jews from Antioch came to stir up anger against the missionaries. The people of Lystra turned upon Paul and Barnabas and stoned Paul, till they thought he was dead. Then they threw him out of the city.

Friends followed Paul and gathered around him as he lay bruised, and as they thought, dead. While they stood around him, he opened his eyes and spoke to them, and to their great joy he was soon able to be taken back into the city. Next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Paul preaching in our lesson story? 2. Whom did Paul see amongst the crowd? 3. What did Paul say to him? 4. What did the people think when they saw the cripple walking? 5. What did they call Barnabas and Paul? 6. How were they going to worship them? 7. Did the missionaries know this? 8. What did they do when they found out that the people were

worshipping them? 9. What enemies came? 10. How did the feelings of the people to the missionaries change? 11. How did they treat Paul? 12. How badly was Paul hurt? 13. Who helped him back to the city? 14. Where did Paul and Barnabas go? 15. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

O Lord of heaven, and earth, and sea  
To Thee all praise and glory be;  
How shall we show our love to Thee  
Who givest all?

The golden sunshine, vernal air,  
Sweet flowers and fruit, Thy love declare;  
When harvests ripen, Thou art there,  
Who givest all. Amen.

—Hymn 427, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE KIND

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—93. Whose help should we ask to keep the Commandments? We should ask God to give us his Holy Spirit to help us to keep His Commandments.

### The Question on Missions

8. What kinds of schools has our church in India? There are day schools, where boys and girls learn such things as reading, writing and arithmetic; industrial schools, where they learn to do useful things with their hands; and Sunday Schools where they learn about Jesus.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

There are still very many people in the world who worship idols of wood and stone. These are their gods, who can do nothing for them. How eager we should be to send these people missionaries and Bibles, so that they may learn of the God who is our loving Father and theirs too! Copy these words.

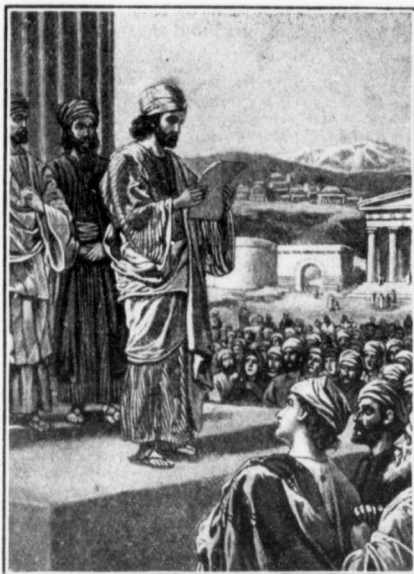
# THE GODS OF THE NATIONS ARE IDOLS

## Lesson IX.

## THE COUNCIL AT JERUSALEM

May 28, 1916

Acts 15 : 22-33. Study Acts 15 : 1-35. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 100 : 1-4.

**Golden Text**—With freedom did Christ set us free.—Galatians 5 : 1 (Rev. Ver.).

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if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

30 So when they were dismissed, they came to An'tioch : and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle :

31 Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

32 And Ju'das and Si'las, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

33 And after they had tarried there a space, they were let go in peace from the brethren unto the apostles.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Soon after the last lesson Paul and Barnabas started to go back to the city of Antioch, the place from which they had sailed on their missionary journey.

On their way home they visited again all the places where they had been preaching. They chose men in each place to take care of the church there. They called these men elders, and they "ordained" them, or set them apart, for this work by laying their hands upon their heads and blessing them.

Paul and Barnabas were glad to get home to Antioch. They had been away for a long time. The Christians in Antioch held a

22 Then pleased it the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to An'tioch with Paul and Bar'nabas ; namely, Ju'das surnamed Bar'sabas, and Si'las, chief men among the brethren :

23 And they wrote letters by them after this manner ; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gen'tiles in An'tioch and Sy'ria and Cilic'ia :

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

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

26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication : from which

large "missionary meeting," and the two missionaries, Paul and Barnabas, told about their travels and how God had helped them to preach to the Gentiles. But some teachers had come to Antioch from Jerusalem, who said that all the Gentiles who became followers of Jesus must follow all the customs of the Jews or they could not be Christians.

Now Paul and Barnabas were very much troubled when they heard this. Jesus had not said that his followers must follow these customs of the Jews. All that people required to do was to believe in Jesus and con-

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fess their sins and be baptized. That was what it meant to become a Christian.

It was decided that Paul and Barnabas should go themselves to Jerusalem and find out what the followers of Jesus there thought about these things. So they started on their journey. When they came to Jerusalem, a great meeting was held. At this meeting it was agreed to send two of their great workers, Judas and Silas, back to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They wrote a letter for these men to take to the followers of Jesus in Antioch. This is what they wrote in the letter :

"We have heard that some men have gone from Jerusalem to Antioch and caused trouble amongst you by saying that you must keep to the old customs of the Jews or else you cannot be Christians. This is not true ; we did not send these men to you, but now we are sending two men to you with our beloved Paul and Barnabas, and they will tell you the same things we are writing to you. You do not need to trouble yourselves about these old Jewish laws. Just remember not to eat any of the meats that have been offered to idols, and to keep yourselves pure."

When the Christians in Antioch read this letter, they were very glad. Then Judas and Silas, who had brought the letter, talked to them, and explained what it meant. After a short visit, these men went back to the apostles in Jerusalem.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. To what city did Paul and Barnabas decide to return ? 2. What places did they visit on their way ? 3. What did they do in each of these places ? 4. How did the Christians in Antioch welcome them ? 5. What had some teachers from Jerusalem been telling them ? 6. What was it decided that Paul and Barnabas should do ? 7. How did the Christians in Jerusalem welcome them ? 8. Whom did the apostles and elders send back to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas ? 9. What did they send with them ? 10. What did they write in that letter ? 11. Were Christians to follow the old laws of the Jews ? 12. What must Gentile Christians do ? 13. How did the Gentiles feel when the letter was read to them ? 14. What did

Judas and Silas say to them ? 15. What is the Golden Text ?

### Lesson Hymn

Faithful and just art Thou,  
 Forgiving all ;  
 Loving and kind art Thou  
 When poor ones call ;  
 Lord, let the cleansing blood,  
 Blood of the Lamb of God,  
 Pass o'er my soul ! Amen.

—Hymn 160, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 94. What is prayer ? Prayer is telling God our wants, confessing our sins, and thanking Him for His goodness. 95. To whom should we pray ? We should pray to God only.

### The Question on Missions

9. Do the children get on well at school ? Yes, quite as well as children in Canada. They are quick to understand what they are taught ; they have very good memories ; and they study hard. They are specially good at "learning by heart."

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The lesson tells of a letter which was sent from Jerusalem to Antioch. It was likely in the form of a roll such as the one held by



the man in the drawing (color). The letter told the Christians at Antioch that they could be saved by simply trusting in Jesus. And that is true for us to-day.

### I Have Learned To-day

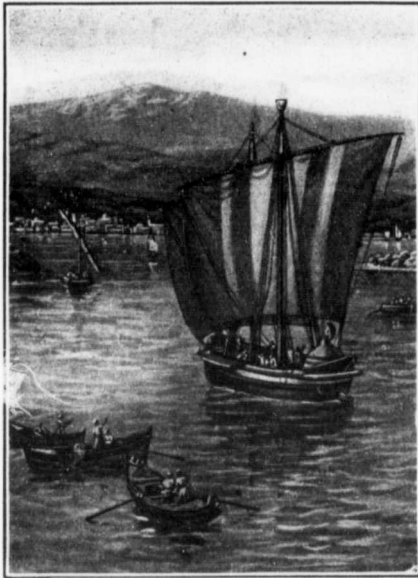
THAT JESUS IS MY SAVIOUR

## Lesson X.

## THE CALL OF THE WEST

June 4, 1916

Acts 16 : 6-15. Study Acts 15 : 36 to 16 : 15. \*Scripture Memory Verse, Ps. 100 : 5.

**Golden Text**—Come over into Macedonia, and help us.—Acts 16 : 9.

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worshipped God, heard *us* : whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained *us*.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Paul started on another mission. But this time Silas was with him instead of Barnabas.

On their way they were joined by a young Christian lad named Timothy. God guided the travelers to a town named Troas. This was a busy seaport where ships came from far away lands.

While they were there, they met Luke, who was a doctor. Luke was a follower of Jesus. Paul and Luke became great friends, and when they went away from Troas Luke went with them.

Macedonia was a land where they did not know Jesus. God wished Paul and his companions to go there and tell the people about Jesus. One night when Paul

6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia : but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night ; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis ;

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony : and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made ; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted *thither*.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which she attended unto the things

lay down to sleep, he had a dream. He saw a man from Macedonia standing with his hands stretched out. "Come over into Macedonia, and help us," he said. Next morning Paul told Silas and Timothy and Luke what he had seen in the night. They were all sure God was calling them to go over to Macedonia and tell the people in Macedonia about Jesus. So they at once got ready to go. They went down to the sea shore where there were a great many ships, and soon they found one which would take them across the sea to Macedonia.

The little ship with its high-peaked white sail was driven along by the wind, and before

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very long they had crossed the sea and were in Macedonia.

They were the first missionaries of Jesus who had ever gone into that part of the world. They went to Philippi, the largest town. There were very few Jews in Philippi. The Jews had no church there. They went away out of the city to a quiet spot by the riverside and there they prayed to God.

When Sunday came Paul and his friends went out to this place. They found only a few women there. They sat down and worshiped with them. Then Paul told them about Jesus.

One of them, named Lydia, gave her heart to Jesus and became a Christian, and soon both she and her family were baptized. Lydia was a rich woman, and she begged Paul and his companions to stay at her home while they were in Philippi.

That was a very happy time for the missionaries. Every Sunday they went out to the place of prayer by the riverside and there Paul preached to all who came. Soon a Christian church was formed.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who went with Paul on his second missionary journey? 2. Who joined them on the way? 3. To what place did God send them? 4. Who was Luke? 5. Why did Paul and his companions wait in Troas? 6. What was Paul's dream? 7. What did they all think the dream meant? 8. What did they do then? 9. To what place did they go? 10. Had any missionaries been there before? 11. Where did the Jews of Philippi

worship? 12. On what day did Paul and his friends go thither? 13. Whom did they find there? 14. What did Paul do? 15. Who became a Christian? 16. What did she do for Paul and his friends? 17. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

I love to hear the story  
Which angel voices tell,  
How once the King of Glory  
Came down on earth to dwell.  
I am both weak and sinful;  
But this I surely know,  
The Lord came down to save me  
Because He loved me so. Amen.  
—Hymn 556, Book of Praise

### I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD GIVES ME WORK TO DO

### The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—96. May we pray to Jesus Christ? Yes; because Jesus Christ is God. 97. May we pray to the Holy Spirit? Yes; because the Holy Spirit is God.

### The Question on Missions

10. How do our missionaries attract the children in the marketplaces and villages? They sing Christian hymns set to tunes which the children know; they show lantern slides of Bible scenes; they distribute picture cards; or tell some interesting story.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy these words, and try to find out how you can help little people in heathen lands.

*Come over and help us!*

Lesson XI. . . **SOWING AND REAPING—TEMPERANCE** June 11, 1916  
**LESSON**

Galatians 6 : 1-10. Study Galatians, ch. 6. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 100 : 4, 5.

**Golden Text**—God is not mocked : for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.  
 —Galatians 6 : 7.



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1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness ; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived ; God is not mocked : for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption ; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing : for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

### THE LESSON RETOLD

A letter ! Yes, everybody likes to get a letter. Paul, the great missionary, wrote a great many very long letters to those whom he had taught to be Christians. He had heard that the followers of Jesus in a country named Galatia were not as good as they should be. They were forgetting Paul's teachings, and some of them were getting back into sinful ways. So Paul wrote them a long letter. He begged them to keep close friends with Jesus and to keep away from all evil. Our lesson story is part of this letter.

Paul wrote to these people in a very kindly way. He called them his brothers. He told them if any of them got into trouble through doing something wrong, those who were followers of Jesus should be kind and patient with the sinful one and try to get the wrong-doer back into right ways. They should

remember that they themselves might some time be tempted to do wrong and then they would like some one to be kind to them and help them back to the right way. They should help one another in their times of temptation or trouble or sorrow, for this was Christ's law.

People should not be proud and think a great deal of themselves. This is very wrong and foolish. Everybody should watch his own conduct. If he does well he has reason to be glad. He should not take the praise for what another does.

Everybody has his own troubles to bear of one kind or another. Nobody should be sad and grumbling and worry other people who have troubles of their own to bear.

Then Paul told them that all who had been taught God's word, should share their good

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things with the ministers who had taught them. Paul had heard that some of them were not helping to support their missionaries and ministers.

Paul also told them about sowing and reaping. If the farmer sows wheat, he is sure that he will have wheat grow from that seed. If people do right things, they will reap good things in their life time. If people live only to please themselves and take part in sinful things, they will reap sorrow and death, but those who are filled with God's Holy Spirit shall reap everlasting life in heaven. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Paul begs them not to get tired doing what is right, for if they keep on in the right way, they shall be sure to get a good reward for well-doing. They must do good to everybody whenever they have a chance. They must be generous in giving to others, especially to those who belong to the followers of Jesus.

Now, the use of strong drink is one of the bad seeds. We must not let the smallest seed of this bad habit grow in our "life-garden."

What a kind, helpful letter this was which Paul wrote to the Galatians! Surely they would try again to do what Jesus would like to see his followers doing, so that they might at last hear words of praise from him.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom did Paul write a letter?
2. What did Paul call the Galatians?
3. How did he tell them to treat wrongdoers?
4. What should they remember?
5. What was Christ's law about helping one another?
6. What did Paul say about pride?
7. How should people bear trouble?
8. How should they treat their ministers?
9. What did Paul say about sowing and reaping?
10. What kind of deeds are good seeds?
11. What kind of deeds are bad seeds?
12. What will people reap from each of these seeds?
13. To whom should they do good?
14. To whom should they be especially kind?
15. Name one of the bad seeds.
16. What is the Golden Text?

### Lesson Hymn

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noon-tide and the dewy eves,

Waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves!

*Bringing in the sheaves!*

*Bringing in the sheaves!*

*We shall come rejoicing,*

*Bringing in the sheaves! Amen.*

—Hymn 455, Book of Praise

### The Catechism

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—98.** For whose sake do we ask God to hear and answer our prayers? We ask God to hear and answer our prayers only for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son. **99.** For whom should we pray besides ourselves? God's Word teaches us that we should pray for all men.

### The Question on Missions

11. What Sunday School lessons do the children in India use? Most of them use the same lessons as we have in Canada. These are translated into their own language. Many of the younger children study the life of Christ or are taught simple Bible stories.

### AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a man sowing seed, and remember that all our actions are like



seed, either good or bad. No one would like to sow bad seed, and we should be careful not to do any evil deeds.

### I Have Learned Today

THAT STRONG DRINK WOULD DO  
ME HARM

## Lesson XII.

## THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER

June 18, 1916

Acts 16 : 19-34. Study Acts 16 : 16-40. \*Scripture Memory Verses, Ps. 100 : 3-5.

**Golden Text**—Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.—Acts 16 : 31 (Rev. Ver.).



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killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

23 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm : for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Si'las,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved ?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Je'sus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes ; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Si'las, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city,

21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Ro'mans.

22 And the multitude rose up together against them : and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely :

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Si'las prayed, and sang praises unto God : and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken : and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have

## THE LESSON RETOLD

One day in Philippi, Paul and his friends met a poor slave girl who had an evil spirit, and made a great deal of money for her masters by telling fortunes. She followed them, and heard their words about Jesus. Day after day she followed them. At last Paul ordered the evil spirit to come out of her. At once the girl became quiet and her right mind came back to her. Her masters were very angry, because they knew that she would not

tell fortunes any more. They caught hold of Paul and Silas and dragged them to the marketplace where the judges sat. "These men are teaching things it is not lawful for us to do," they said. The judges ordered that the missionaries should be beaten. They were dragged to the public whipping place in the middle of the market square. Their coats were torn off them, and they were beaten with sticks till their backs were sore. They

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were taken to the prison and the jailor was told to keep them safe. He put them in a dark, damp inner prison and fastened their feet so they could not move. That night they prayed and sang praises to God.

At midnight, suddenly a rumbling sound was heard. Then a crack! The prison walls fell. The doors burst open. The prisoners' chains were broken. It was an earthquake.

The jailer sprang from his bed. He saw the prison doors open. Paul and Silas have escaped! What shall he do? He will be killed for not keeping them in prison. He drew his sword to kill himself. But Paul's voice called out: "Don't harm yourself, jailer, for we are all here!"

Then the jailer called for a light. He ran into the cell and fell down at the feet of Paul and Silas. He believed now that they were truly sent from God.

He brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy family."

The jailer at once took them into his house, and washed their sore backs and made them comfortable and gave them food. Then he and his family were baptized.

**Questions on the Lesson**

1. Whom did Paul and his friends meet in the streets of Philippi?
2. How did she make money for her masters?
3. What did Paul do for her?
4. Why were her masters angry?
5. What did they do to Paul and Silas?
6. How did the judges treat them?
7. Where were they sent?
8. How did the jailer treat them?
9. What happened in the night?
10. Why was the jailer afraid?
11. What was he going to do?
12. What did Paul say?
13. Where did the jailer take them?
14. What question did he ask?
15. What did they answer?
16. How did the jailer now treat Paul and Silas?
17. What is the Golden Text?

**Lesson Hymn**

Simply trusting every day,  
Trusting through a stormy way,  
Even when my faith is small:  
Trusting Jesus—that is all.

—Hymn 293, Book of Praise

**The Catechism**

**PRIMARY CATECHISM—100. What form has Jesus given to guide us in prayer?**

Jesus said, "After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN."

**101. What is this prayer commonly called?** This prayer is commonly called, "The Lord's Prayer."

**The Question on Missions**

12. How are the children of our church in Canada helping the children in India? Besides giving of their money to send missionaries, they give money to help in taking care of orphans whose parents have died in times of famine; and they gather and send to India picture cards for the missionaries to use.

**AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

God takes care of those who serve him. He burst the doors of their prison and set

**Believe on the  
LORD JESUS**

Paul and Silas free. Copy the answer they gave the Philippian jailer: "Believe on the Lord Jesus."

**I Have Learned Today That**

**I SHOULD GIVE MYSELF TO JESUS**

**Lesson XIII. REVIEW—THE PHILIPPIAN CHRISTIANS** June 25, 1916

**Golden Text**—Finally, brethren . . . whatsoever things are honourable . . . whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report ; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.—Philippians 4 : 8 (Rev. Ver.).

**REPEAT**—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **BIBLE WORK.** **SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGE** (Ps. 100). **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Questions 81-101. The "Great Hymn of the Church"—567, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

Read Philippians 1 : 1-11 ; 4 : 1-9.

**The Quarter's Stories**

All our stories this Quarter have told us about how the first helpers of Jesus helped in his work. Let us see what we remember about all these stories.

**LESSON I.** Whom did he see on his way to Damascus ? For what was he going thither ? What happened to him on the way ? How did Saul get back his sight ? What did he at once begin to do ?

**LESSON II.** To what two towns did Peter go ? Whom did he cure of palsy in Lydda ? What good woman of Joppa did he bring back to life ?

**LESSON III.** Who was the soldier who sent for Peter ? What can you tell about Peter's dream ? What did it mean ?

**LESSON IV.** Who told Peter to go to Cornelius ? What did Peter tell the people in Cornelius' house ? Who became followers of Jesus ?

**LESSON V.** Who killed the apostle James ? What did Herod do to Peter ? What did the followers of Jesus do to help Peter ? How did God take Peter out of prison ?

**LESSON VI.** What follower of Jesus had been stoned to death by the Jews ? Why did many followers of Jesus go away from Jerusalem ? To what place did some of them go ? Whom did the apostles send to Antioch ? What name was given to Jesus' disciples first at Antioch ?

**LESSON VII.** Who were the first missionaries to heathen lands ? To what island did they go ? What had been Paul's name ? Where did he take a new name ? How did the governor of Cyprus treat Paul and Barnabas ?

**LESSON VIII.** What did Paul do for a cripple at Lystra ? Whom did the people think Paul and Barnabas were ? What did priests and people do ? What did the missionaries tell them ? How did they afterwards treat Paul ?

**LESSON IX.** Where was a great meeting held ? Of what did Paul and Barnabas tell ? To what place was a letter sent ? What men did they send back with Paul and Barnabas ?

**LESSON X.** Who was Paul's companion on his second missionary journey ? What was Paul's dream ? Where did the missionaries go ? What rich woman in Philippi became a Christian ?

**LESSON XI.** From what letter was the lesson taken ? What did Paul say about sowing and reaping ? Name one very bad seed.

**LESSON XII.** How did Paul help the slave girl in Philippi ? What did her masters do to Paul and Silas ? Where were they sent ? How did God take them out of prison ? What did the jailer ask ? What did Paul and Silas answer ?

**Lesson Hymn**

There is a city bright,  
Closed are its gates to sin ;  
Nought that defileth,  
Nought that defileth  
Can ever enter in.

Saviour, I come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I pray—  
Cleanse me and save me,  
Cleanse me and save me,  
Wash all my sins away. Amen.  
—Hymn 587, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

**Jesus will show me how to help him**



## FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

LESSON I. Conversion of Saul.	LESSON VII. "Lo, We Turn to the Gentiles."
LESSON II. Aeneas and Dorcas.	LESSON VIII. The Cripple of Lystra.
LESSON III. Peter and Cornelius.	LESSON IX. The Council at Jerusalem.
LESSON IV. The Gospel for the Gentiles.	LESSON X. The Call of the West.
LESSON V. Peter Delivered from Prison.	LESSON XI. Sowing and Reaping (Temperance Lesson).
LESSON VI. The Missionaries of Antioch.	LESSON XII. The Philippian Jailer.

## SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

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

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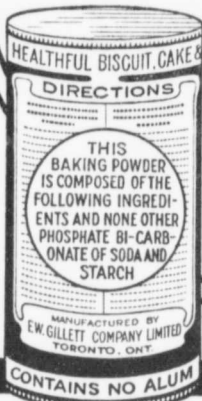
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