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"DON'T." (SEE THIRD PAGE.)

## SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST QUARTER.

## LESSON 3.] PREACHING OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. [JAN. 21.

Luke 3. 1-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Prepare ye the way of the Lord.—Luke 3. 4.

MEMORY VERSES, 3-6.—And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth.

And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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

## LESSON STORY.

Jesus lived quietly in Nazareth for eighteen years after the visit to Jerusalem. When he was thirty years of age he began to preach, and the story of his entrance upon this great work is told in this lesson. John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin and was six months older. People gathered from all parts of the country to hear him, and to be baptized in the river Jordan if they were sorry for their sins.

John did not want any honour for himself, but he told the people that a greater than he was coming, and that this one would baptize them with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

When Jesus heard what John the Baptist was doing he knew that the time had come for him to begin his work. So he went to John and was baptized by him.

## LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What preacher did the people go to hear?

*John the Baptist.*

2. Whom did he baptize?

*Those who were sorry for their sins.*

3. Where did he baptize?

*In the river Jordan.*

4. Who was John?

*A cousin of Jesus.*

5. What was he sent to do?

*Prepare the way for Jesus.*

6. Who came to John to be baptized?

*Jesus.*

7. Why did he do this?

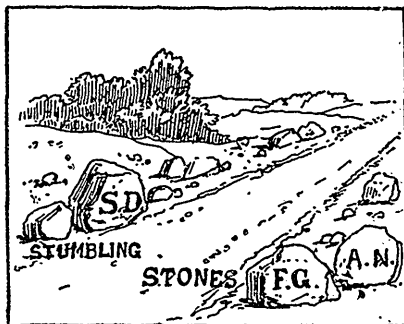
*To set us a good example.*



When a holy voice is sent  
Saying to our hearts, "Repent,"  
Jesus, Saviour, take us in  
Save thy little flock from sin.

Who knows  
anything about  
road-making?

Can one man build a wide, good road all by himself? No; it takes many men working together. Long ago, when kings went on journeys in the Eastern lands, they sent a messenger, or, as he was called, a herald, to clear the way before the journey, and to see that the roads were smooth and ready.



### DON'T.

I might have just the mostest fun

If 'twasn't for a word,

I think the very worstest one

'At ever I have heard.

I wish 'at it 'ud go away,

But I'm afraid it won't,

I s'pose 'at it'll always stay—

That awful word of don't.

It's "don't you make a bit of noise,"

And "don't go out of doors,"

And "don't you spread your stock of toys

About the parlour floor,"

And "don't you dare play in the dust,"

And "don't you tease the cat,"

And "don't you get your clothing mussed,"

And "don't do this and that."

It seems that I have never found

A thing I'd like to do,

But that there comes some one around

'At's got a "don't" or two.

And Sunday, 'at's the day 'at "don't"

Is worst of all the seven.

Oh, goodness, but I hope there won't

Be any don'ts in heaven.

## TRY TO HELP.



Our cut, I think, is the picture of a little Chinese boy. There are many in heathen lands enduring great hardships that they may carry to the heathen the glad news of salvation. These missionaries have not elegant homes as you have; they have left many loved ones behind in this country, and we know not the effort it cost them to give up all. Now and then they will grow weary, and their hands will hang down if not held up by some Aaron or Hur. Will not all who read this make some sacrifice in order to help on the work of missions? Deny yourselves; save the nickels that you were going to spend for candy, and put

them in the missionary basket to teach the heathen about God and his love. Do something to help the toiling and trustful workers.

You say "Our Father, which art in heaven," at morning prayers, and then you run away and forget all about him. You do not look up at him when you are happy, or turn toward him when you are in trouble the whole day. At night, if he should say, "Why did you call me Father?" you would have to confess that you didn't mean it, that you didn't think what you were saying.

What a bright and happy day it would be if we should each one try to do as many kind things as we could!