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Getting Ready for Christmas

By Mrs. C. M. Hincks, B.A.

If we were to ask a group of small children what day of all the year they loved the best, they would probably one and all answer without hesitation : "Christmas !" If, however, we were to ask them why they love Christmas so much, there might be some variation in the replies. Probably the majority would give some such answer as : "Because Santa Claus comes and brings me what I want," or, "Because we have a Christmas tree and a party."

Surely this attitude towards Christmas is natural in little children and not to be blamed; and yet, we want them to love the day for much more than this. If our children's interest in Christmas stops there, it is our fault. We become so busy before that day "getting ready," purchasing and making gifts, baking cakes and puddings, that we ourselves are prone to forget very often the real meaning of this day when the greatest of all gifts was given to us. Let us first take time to see that we have the right Christmas spirit, and then help our children to acquire it also.

Tell them the story of the first Christmas day until they know it by heart. How they love it ! How they delight to look at the pictures of that dear baby in the manger or in his mother's arms ! One little child said to her mother once as she was shown such a picture : "Mother, may I stroke the baby ?" And when the mother nodded, oh ! how gently and tenderly she stroked it ! If we haven't such pictures hanging where our children can see them all year round, let us at least pin one up as Christmas time draws near that they may learn to love it and the

babe whom it represents, and let us pin it low where they can touch it and study all its details.

Let us also teach them little songs about the birth of Jesus. There is a host to choose from, one of the most simple and most beautiful being Luther's Cradle Hymn :

"Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,

The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.

The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,

The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay."

Many of the Christmas hymns in our church hymnals are beyond our children in word and thought and have difficult airs, but even then there are a few quite within their grasp, as, for instance : "Once in royal David's City," and "While shepherds watched their flocks by night." In such hymns the Christmas story itself is given and being in verse and set to music is much more easy for them to remember.

Again, let the children remember the baby Jesus in their prayers. When they are thanking the heavenly Father for his love and care, for his gifts of father and mother, of home and food, let them add a thank you for the greatest gift of all,—the Father's only Son.

Having thus aroused our children's love of the baby Jesus, and love for Christmas as his birthday, by story, picture, song and prayer, let us teach them how they can show this love in tangible form. The child understands that, if he wants really to show his love for mother or father, he will obey them and help them ; just so, he can learn that, if he is to show Jesus that he truly loves him, he will try to obey him and help him. Jesus himself has told us how this can be done, "Inasmuch

as ye have done, it unto one of the least of these my brethren," he says, "ye have done it unto me." And so, long before Christmas, we should begin to interest our children in some needy family where there are boys and girls just the age of our own, boys and girls who haven't all the good things our own children have.

[If we don't actually take our own little ones to see these less fortunate children, we should talk about them a great deal. We should know their names, and just how old and how big they are, so that we can buy stockings and mittens just the right size, or books and toys which they will really enjoy. And these gifts must mean genuine effort and sacrifice on the part of our children. Most small children are apt to be selfish, but they have their generous moods of which we must take advantage, and Christmas is a time when it is easy to arouse such moods. Our children are then so eager and so excited, they are so delighted at the prospect of getting gifts themselves that they are ready to help make others just as happy as themselves.

Let the gifts mean sacrifice of time from play in order to earn money to buy them or in order to make them with their own little hands. Let them also mean sacrifice of candy and other luxuries,—remember, willing sacrifice, however, not forced, if it is to be of real value in the training of our children in generosity. Most children will feel a genuine joy in earning and saving money for such a purpose and in busying their fingers in making their gifts for father or mother and even those outside the home.

All this will mean effort and time on the part of the busy mother ; but it will be effort and time well spent. Perhaps, as the little ones work, we can tell them, too, the best of the Christmas stories, which will help to engender the love of giving ; such stories as "Why the Chimes Rang," "The Bird's Christmas Carol," "Little Gretchen and the Wooden Shoe," and the Bible story of the Wise Men with their gifts. The children will want these stories over and over again, and will consciously or unconsciously act them out in their own little lives as they are busied "getting ready for Christmas."

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When Christmas Comes

I mustn't only think of play
When comes again a Christmas Day ;
But I must try, in every way,
The little Jesus to obey.

I mustn't think he's far away,
But close to me, this Christmas Day ;
That he can hear each word I say,
That he is watching as I play.

For, if I feel that he is near,
The angel's song I'll seem to hear ;
The star I'll see, 'twill shine so clear,
And Christmas Day will be more dear.

—Helen Elizabeth Coolidge



He Smiled

One day a little girl was walking along the street, humming to herself as she went. She saw a gentleman she knew, an old neighbor of hers, coming toward her, but his eyes were fastened on the ground.

"Good morning, Mr. Green," said the little girl as she passed him. "What a beautiful day this is !"

Mr. Green looked up to see who spoke and only said, "Huh ! is it ?"

"Why, yes," replied the little girl. "The sky is so blue, and the sun shines so bright, and the birds are singing so sweetly !" But before she had finished speaking the old man has moved on without even smiling.

Just then the little girl spied a playmate across the street. Running over to her, she said, "Come, help me make Mr. Green smile. If we run down the next block, we can meet him again before he gets to the corner."

The two girls ran down the street, the first giving instructions to the second little girl as to what they should say to Mr. Green. As they turned the corner they saw Mr. Green coming toward them. When they got up to him, they said together in a cheery tone, "Good morning, Mr. Green. What a beautiful day this is !"

He took his eyes off the ground and only looked at them.

Not giving him time to say anything, the little girls went on talking :

"The sky is so blue, and the sun shines so bright, and the birds are singing so sweetly!"

"Oh, are they?" was all the old man answered. He then walked on.

"I'm going to get somebody else to help us," said the first little girl. "I'm sure he would smile if we could make him think of something pleasant."

So she found another friend and let her into the secret. "Mr. Green will be coming back in a few minutes, and we can pass him again."

Before long they saw the solemn old man coming slowly up the hill. Together the three children started off toward him.

"Now," said the first little girl, as they came directly up to him; and a chorus sounded forth: "Good morning, Mr. Green; isn't this a beautiful day?" As he looked up, they continued: "The sky is so blue, and the sun shines so bright, and the birds are singing so sweetly!"

"Why, so it is a beautiful morning," the old man replied as if making a discovery. He looked up at the sky, then at the three little girls, and smiled, and walked on.

"He did it, he did it!" cried the first little girl. "I knew he would."

"He smiled," shouted the others as they all ran off to play.—Mildred G. Gregory



Home Patriots

Every mother who is maintaining a home in accord with lofty ideals is a patriot. It requires great strength of character to hold to ideals and defy materialistic tendencies in these days. This strength parents must possess if they would impart to their children not only noble motives, but the moral vigor to live up to them. A restless struggle to attain, to push aside anybody, anything that stands in the way of self-achievement will meet and tempt every mother's child when he or she steps forth into independent struggle.

Another temptation will come to select a lifework on the basis of materialism, rather than because it is the work which will respond to the individual's inclination and finest possibilities. Often consideration is given only

to social advantages or financial gains which an occupation promises. Character is a form of wealth too little studied. Sons and daughters will not meet uniformly high ideals when they enter the business world. The only way to be sure of their ever being armed patriots is to equip them nobly while they are in the formative state, while their natures are susceptible to idealistic impressions.

The mother who accepts homemaking and child rearing as her first responsibility, to whom every other interest is a stepping stone to success in this great life work, is as true a patriot as any extolled in song and story. If such a spirit actuated all motherhood and if fathers exemplified the earnest, sincere, purposeful, well-balanced ideals mothers struggled to instill, graft and all other evils that menace political life would soon end. Fathers and mothers of to-day are deciding the future fate of the nation.



Christmas Gifts for the Children

In our zeal to fill our children with the joy of giving, let us not forget that there is also a perfectly legitimate joy in receiving. We are in danger of forgetting that a gift is the expression of love and thoughtfulness, and that even those children who have an abundance of gifts at home will attach a certain value to one that comes from their Sunday School or their teacher.

It is, to say the least, an open question as to whether the great stress we lay upon children's giving rather than receiving is not influenced somewhat by consideration of economy on our part. To be sure, gifts do mean an outlay of money, but the amount may be greatly limited by a little forethought. Inexpensive souvenirs of a summer's trip or something made away back in the year will impress the children with the feeling that they have never been forgotten. Such gifts, too, will be distinctive through their novelty.

For little children the gifts may be connected with their Sunday School lesson. For instance, certain Beginners were given blue porridge bowls, in each one of which was a card bearing a decoration of candlestick and star in green and red, and this grace:

God is great and God is good,
 And we thank him for our food ;
 By his hand we must be fed ;
 Give us, Lord, our daily bread.

Amen.

The children were asked to remember the Thank You prayer before every meal.

Some Primary children who had had missionary lessons about Indians were given bows and arrows, sleds with Indian heads painted on them, birch-bark canoes, and dolls dressed in Indian costume. Dolls dressed in foreign costumes are appropriate for little girls who have been hearing missionary stories, and something interesting from the same land may usually be found for the boys.

Books, of course, offer a wide field for choice and for little children delightful scrap-books may be made, calling their attention to various things in which it is important their interests should lie, and bearing suggestive titles, such as, An Animal Book, A Book of Flowers, Children from Every Land, In the Sea, Feathers and Fur, A Book of Kind Folk, All Sorts of Mothers.

And even the ordinary toy should not be despised, for, if so selected as to appeal to a child, it can be the means of added friendliness between him and his teacher.—Frances Weld Danielson



The Papoose

As told by the pupils of the Indian School, Birtle, Man.

When a little Indian babe or papoose comes to an Indian home, he finds a warm, loose robe, a nicely beaded bonnet and a moss bag, ready. The moss bag is a cosy nest made of strong velvet or plaid, faced along the edges with leather pierced with holes for the leather thongs, with which the child is laced in like a foot in a shoe, only his wee face to be seen. To keep the child comfortable, he is bathed, objecting as much as any white child, dressed in his robe and bonnet, then laid in the opened bag upon some pieces of flannelette long enough to cover his face if asleep, and wide

enough to enclose his whole body. This is the babe's cradle for one or two years. The bags are plain and fancy. Usually there is one of each kind for each child, one for the night and one for the day. The fancy one is decorated with silk sewing, beadwork and ribbons.

Often cushions of feathers, or bits of soft warmed dry moss are put about the arms, legs, and chest, so that the tender body touches only what is soft. The coverlets are folded, the bag laced up and the child ready for the day. The bag is fastened to a long, wide board, painted red or green, and is then stood up against the wall or fastened to a tree or carried upon the mother's back by means of thongs which pass over the mother's head and around her breast and shoulders.

The child, if awake, can watch all that is going on. If restless, his hands are let free, and he plays with trinkets tied to the top of his board. Or he is taken out and, if able to creep, put upon the ground, after having his feet and legs clothed in moccasins.

Once able to walk, the child, if a boy, is dressed in cap, coat, long trousers and moccasins ; if a girl, with a long, gay-colored dress, moccasins and a shawl. The garments differ from those of the parents only in size. Fancy dress garments are made of deerskin, decorated with beadwork.

The child is named in many ways—after one of the near relatives, or because of something in the child's appearance or actions, or after some animal or natural event at the time of his birth. Pet names are also quite common.

For games, the child plays at the things the parents do. The boy acts the hunter, the warrior, the medicine man, the big chief. He snares game, fishes and goes long tramps with his father. The girls build wee tents, care for rag babies, make mud pies, sew dolls' clothes, build bonfires and cook what the boys find. In the winter time, they will sit around the fire and listen to the men tell wonderful stories about hunting and fighting, and fairy stories about Nonabush, the Indian fairy man, who is always playing tricks on his friends. These stories are never told in the summer.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Fourth Quarter, 1913

I. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE.

Teacher. Why do we say : "For Jesus' sake" when we pray ?*Class.* There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.*Teacher.* Seek ye the Lord while he may be found.*Class.* Call ye upon him while he is near.*Teacher.* The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him.*Class.* To all that call upon him in truth.*All.* Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray.

II. PRAYER. A few sentences by the teacher followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison.

III. SINGING. (Tune, Hymn 242, Book of Praise.)

Day by day we magnify thee
 When our hymns in School we raise ;
 Daily work begun and ended,
 With the daily voice of praise.

Day by day we magnify thee,
 When for Jesus' sake we try
 Every wrong to bear with patience,
 Every sin to mortify.

Day by day we magnify thee,
 Not in words of praise alone ;
 Truthful lips and meek obedience
 Show thy glory in thine own.

Day by day we magnify thee,
 Till our days on earth shall cease,
 Till we rest from these our labors,
 Waiting for thy day in peace.

IV. OFFERING. After receiving offering, all stand and with bowed heads and folded hands recite (or sing very softly to Tune, Hymn 284, Book of Praise) :

Oh bless the gifts we bring,
 And let them useful be :

Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
 We do it unto thee.

V. A PRAYER FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CRADLE ROLL.

Bless all our Cradle Roll babies,
 Wherever they may be ;
 Although in homes so scattered,
 Thou every one dost see.

We love them and thou lovest them :
 Oh ! may they grow to be
 A band of little Christians,
 Obedient, Lord, to thee. Amen.

VI. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGE. Asking and Receiving, Matthew 7 : 7-12 ; God's Beautiful Home, Revelation 22 : 1-5. 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, D.D., our General Secretary for Sabbath Schools, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

VII. SINGING. Memory Hymn, Hymn 509, Book of Praise. (The verses of this Hymn should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them, Sunday by Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

VIII. 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.

IX. LESSON HYMN.

X. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

XI. CLOSING HYMN. Speak of God's gift ; and during the first part of the Quarter sing Hymn 488, Book of Praise. During the latter part of the Quarter, sing Hymn 519, Book of Praise, or other Christmas Hymn.

Genesis 12 : 1-9. *Scripture Memory Verse, Matt. 7 : 7.

Golden Text—Be thou a blessing.—Genesis 12 : 2 (Rev. Ver.).



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his tent, *having* Beth'-el on the west, and Ha'i on the east : and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And A'bram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

THE LESSON RETOLD

We are going to hear about a man named Abram, who was the great, great, great, grand-father of all the little Jewish boys and girls all over the world. *

Long, long ago, God chose Abram to be the father of a big family or nation, which God meant to take care of and train. He was going to teach them his laws and how to worship him. And after many years God meant to send his own Son Jesus to live amongst them and teach them, and to be the Saviour of all the people in the world.

So one night while Abram lay sleeping in his tent, in one of the Bible lands, he heard some one saying to him : "Abram !" He sat up and listened. It was God who spoke to him. "Abram," he said, "I want you to

1 Now the LORD had said unto A'bram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee :

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great ; and thou shalt be a blessing :

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee : and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

4 So A'bram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him ; and Lot went with him : and A'bram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Har'an.

5 And A'bram took Sar'ai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Har'an ; and they went forth to go into the land of Ca'naan ; and into the land of Ca'naan they came.

6 And A'bram passed through the land unto the place of Si'chem, unto the plain of Mo'reh. And the Ca'naanite *was* then in the land.

7 And the LORD appeared unto A'bram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land : and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Beth'-el, and pitched

his tent, *having* Beth'-el on the west, and Ha'i on the east : and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.

9 And A'bram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

leave your old home and your father and mother and brothers and sisters, and go away to a new home which I will give you for you and your family forever, for I am going to make a great nation of your family and I will bless you and make you a blessing. I will bless those who are kind to you and punish those who do you harm. In your family all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.

We know what God meant when he said that, but Abram did not know what he meant, for it was years and years after this that God sent Jesus into Abram's nation to be a blessing to all the families of the earth, as he is to-day.

So Abram said good-by to his friends, and started away with his wife Sarai and his

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nephew Lot and all their servants and sheep and cattle. The women and children rode on the backs of camels, and the men walked and drove the flocks of sheep and herds of cattle and went ahead to choose out the best places to pitch their tents when night came on. They journeyed on and on till at last they came to the land which God had promised to give to them—the land of Canaan. They found that it was a very good land indeed, rich in pasture for the cattle and in food for the people. But there were wild tribes of people living in the land, and the women and children were very much afraid that those wild people would pounce upon them and kill them, but God took care of them and guided them safely.

One day God appeared to Abram and said, "Abram, this is the land that I am going to give to you and your children." And then Abram built an altar of stones and worshiped God. Then they traveled on to another part of the land, and they put up their tents and rested a while, and then Abram built another altar and worshiped God, who had brought them safely to this good land.

God said to Abram, "Be thou a blessing." Learn this Golden Text, and remember that God wants each of you to be a blessing to those around you.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was the great, great, great grandfather of all the little Jewish boys and girls?
2. For what did God choose Abram?
3. What was God going to do for this new nation?
4. Whom did he mean to send to them?
5. Where was Abram's house?
6. What did God tell Abram to do?
7. What

- did Abram do when God told him to go?
10. What promises did God make to Abram?
11. Who went with Abram to the new land?
12. What kind of a land did they find it to be?
13. Who lived in the land?
14. What did Abram build?
15. Whom did he worship?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Whither, pilgrims, are you going,
 Going each with staff in hand?
 We are going on a journey,
 Going at our King's command;
 Over hills and plains and valleys,
 We are going to His palace,
 Going to the better land. Amen.
 —Hymn 583, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day THAT I SHOULD OBEY GOD

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 116. What is meant by the gospel? The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

The Question on Missions

(Fourth Quarter, HOME LIFE AMONGST THE CANADIAN INDIANS)—1. What are the homes of the prairie Indians like? In winter the Indian lives usually in a log house. Most of them have no upstairs and only one room. Quite often they have no beds and sleep on the floor. There may be a stove, table, cupboard and a few chairs. But many Indians now have good frame houses with several rooms and good furniture. In summer they live much in tents.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing, and remember that we are on a journey to a better land, with God our protector and guide.



Lesson II.

ABRAM HELPING LOT

October 13, 1918

Genesis 13 : 5-11 ; 14 : 14-16. *Scripture Memory Verse, Matt. 7 : 8.

Golden Text—A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.—
Proverbs 17 : 17.



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trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Ho'bah, which *is* on the left hand of Damas'cus.

16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Abram moved his tents from one place to another, but at last came back to Bethel, the place where he first built an altar, and there he worshiped God and settled down and became a farmer. God blessed Abram and he became very rich in silver and gold and flocks and herds. He had hundreds and hundreds of sheep and oxen and cows—more than you could count.

□ Abram's nephew, Lot, who came with him, had grown rich, too, and had many flocks and herds and many tents, for he had a large family, besides all his servants and their families.

After a while the herdsmen of Lot's cattle began to quarrel with the herdsmen of Abram's

5 And Lot also, which went with A'bram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together : for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was a strife between the herdsmen of A'bram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle : and the Ca'naanite and the Periz'zite dwelled then in the land.

8 And A'bram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsmen and thy herdsmen ; for we *be* brethren.

9 *Is* not the whole land before thee ? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me : if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right ; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jor'dan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sod'om and Gomor'rah, *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of E'gypt, as thou comest unto Zo'ar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jor'dan ; and Lot journeyed east : and they separated themselves the one from the other.

Ch. 14 : 14 And when A'bram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his

cattle as to which should have the best places

for their cattle. When Abram heard that they were quarreling, he said to Lot, "We must not have any quarreling between us nor between our herdsmen, for we are brothers and we should be kind to each other. If there is not room for us both in this place, leave me, and go and choose a part of the land for yourself. You have the whole land before you. If you choose the country on the left-hand side, then I will go to the right, and if you go to the right, then I will go to the left."

So Lot looked about and chose what he thought was the best place. Abram and Lot said good-by to each other, and Lot and his

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family and all his servants and flocks and herds journeyed to the rich pasture lands beyond the Jordan river, and Abram stayed where he was in the land of Canaan. Lot soon became friends with the people who lived in the cities nearby and he pitched his tents near Sodom.

Now the people there were very wicked and sinners in the sight of God. It was not long before great trouble came upon them. Enemy kings came and fought with their kings, and the people fled out of their cities. The enemy kings took away all the food and money and goods belonging to the people of the wicked cities, and alas for poor Lot, who had become a friend of those wicked people and had chosen to live near them. The enemy kings took Lot, also, and everything he owned and carried him away a captive to their own land.

One of the captives escaped and went and told Abram about the dreadful trouble that had come upon his nephew, Lot. As soon as Abram heard about it, he gathered all his servants who were trained soldiers and away he started to rescue Lot from those enemy kings. His servants pounced upon them by night and killed them, and then he went into the city and brought Lot and all his family and all that he owned back to his own house in safety.

Our Golden Text says, "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did God bless Abram?
2. Who was Lot?
3. Why did Lot's herdsmen quarrel with Abram's herdsmen?
4. What did Abram say to Lot when he heard about the quarrel?
5. What place did Lot choose?
6. With whom did Lot become friends?
7. What kind of people lived in those cities?
8. What trouble came upon those people?
9. What did the enemy kings take from them?
10. Whom else did they take captive?
11. What did they take from Lot?
12. Who told Abram about the trouble that had come upon Lot?
13. What did Abram do at once?
14. What did Abram's servants do to the enemy kings?
15. What did Abram do for Lot?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

One is kind above all others—
 O how He loves!
 His is love beyond a brother's—
 O how He loves!
 Earthly friends may fail or leave us,
 One day soothe, the next day grieve us:
 But this friend will ne'er deceive us—
 O how He loves! Amen.

—Hymn 542, Book of Praise

The Catechism

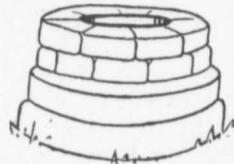
PRIMARY CATECHISM—117. What command did Jesus give about the gospel before he left the world? Jesus told his disciples to go and preach the gospel to all the world.

The Question on Missions

2. What are the homes of the Vancouver Island Indians like? Amongst the pagan Indians several families live together in a large house. Some families build small frame houses for summer use. The Christian Indians have better houses, sometimes with good furniture and even musical instruments.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In hot Eastern countries wells are very highly prized. The clear, cool water is so pleasant to men and beasts. Now Jesus tells



us that the water from a deep, ever-flowing well is a picture of the blessings which he is willing to give us. Copy the drawing, and ask Jesus for his great gifts.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE UNSELFISH

Lesson III.

ABRAHAM GIVING ISAAC TO GOD

October 20, 1918

Genesis 22 : 1-14. *Scripture Memory Verses, Matt. 7 : 9, 10.

Golden Text—I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life.—1 Samuel 1 : 11.

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thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And A'braham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns : and A'braham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And A'braham called the name of that place Jeho'vah-j'i'reh : as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt A'braham, and said unto him, A'braham : and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son I'saac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Mori'ah ; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And A'braham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and I'saac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day A'braham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And A'braham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass ; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And A'braham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon I'saac his son ; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife ; and they went both of them together.

7 And I'saac spake unto A'braham his father, and said, My father : and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood : but where is the lamb for a burnt offering ?

8 And A'braham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering : so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of ; and A'braham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound I'saac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And A'braham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, A'braham, A'braham : and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him : for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld

THE LESSON RETOLD

Abraham had just one son, and his name was Isaac. You may be sure his father loved him very dearly, and was very proud of him, as he saw him growing up to be a fine, strong, good-looking lad.

One day God spoke to Abraham, and Abraham said, "Here I am, Lord." God said, "Abraham, I want you to take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go away to a mountain which I shall tell you of, and there you shall offer him to me for a burnt offering." Abraham never for one moment thought of disobeying God's bidding, although it nearly broke his heart to think of offering his dear son to be burned upon the altar.

So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his ass and took with him two of his

young men servants and Isaac his son, and they chopped wood for the burnt offering and carried it to the place of which God had told him.

At last Abraham saw the mountain ju ahead of them. When they came to it, he told his servants to stay with the ass while he and Isaac went up to the mountain to worship God. Abraham gave the bundle of wood to Isaac to carry, while he carried the fire to light the wood and also carried a big knife, such as they used when offering a lamb as a burnt offering.

As they walked along, Isaac looked up at his father and said, "Father, we have both fire and wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham could not bear

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to tell the lad what God had said, and so he replied: "God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering." And this quite satisfied the lad. So they went on side by side till they came to the place God had told Abraham about. There they gathered stones, and Abraham built an altar and laid the wood upon it. Then he took his son Isaac and bound him and laid him on the altar upon the wood, and Abram took the knife in his hand to slay his son, just as they always did when they offered a lamb as a burnt offering.

Just at that moment the angel of the Lord called to Abraham out of heaven, "Abraham, Abraham." And Abraham replied, "Here I am." Then the angel said, "Do not touch the lad, for now I know that you fear God, seeing that you have not kept back even your only son when I asked you to give him to me." Just think how glad Abraham would be when God told him that he need not give up his dear son Isaac.

When he looked around, he saw a ram, caught by his horns, amongst the trees, and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Think how glad God would be when he found that his servant Abraham loved and feared him so much that he was even willing to give up his son whom he loved, when God asked for him.

"I will give him unto the Lord all the days of his life," is the promise that Samuel's mother made to God. This is our Golden Text.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How many sons had God's servant Abraham? 2. What was the lad's name? 3. What did God tell Abraham to do with the lad? 4. What did Abraham do next morning? 5. When they came near the mountain what did Abraham tell his servants to do? 6. What did Abraham and Isaac do? 7. What question did Isaac ask his father? 8. What did Abraham reply? 9. When they reached the place of which God had told him, what did Abraham do? 10. What happened just as Abraham had taken the knife in his hand to slay his son? 11. What message did God give to him? 12. What did Abraham see when he looked around? 13.

What did he do with the ram? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

"Take up thy cross," the Saviour said,
 "If thou wouldst My disciple be;
 Deny thyself, the world forsake,
 And humbly follow after Me."

Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
 Nor think till death to lay it down;
 For only he who bears the cross
 May hope to wear the glorious crown.

Amen.

—Hymn 235, Book of Praise

The Catechism

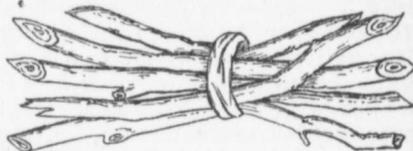
PRIMARY CATECHISM—118. Has this command been completely fulfilled? No; there are still many people in the world who have never heard of Jesus, and who worship idols.

The Question on Missions

3. Where are our Missions to the Indians? We have Missions to the Indians on the Lake of the Woods in Ontario, at several places in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and on Vancouver Island. At all these places there are schools for the Indian boys and girls.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The wood that Isaac carried was like this bundle of branches (*copy*). Abraham dearly loved his son Isaac, but was willing to give



him up to God. Isaac, too, was willing to do what God commanded. Jesus wants each scholar to give himself up to live for him.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD GIVE MY BEST TO GOD

Lesson IV.

ISAAC AND REBEKAH

October 27, 1918

Genesis 24 : 57-67. Study Genesis, ch. 24. *Scripture Memory Verse, Matt. 7 : 11.

Golden Text—Let not mercy and truth forsake thee . . . so shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.—Proverbs 3 : 3, 4.



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66 And the servant told I'saac all things that he had done.

67 And I'saac brought her into his mother Sar'ah's tent, and took Rebek'ah, and she became his wife ; and he loved her : and I'saac was comforted after his mother's death.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Abraham was now very old, and the lad Isaac, his only son, was grown to be a man. Abraham wanted to choose a good wife for Isaac, for he was afraid Isaac might take a wife from among the heathen women who lived in the land. So Abraham called his oldest and most trusted servant and told him to go back to their old home far away and bring back a wife for Isaac. The good servant, whose name was Eliezer, promised to do as his master wished, and started away with ten camels and some other servants with him. He also took with him beautiful presents of silver and gold.

How shall he know what one to choose for Isaac ? He thinks of a plan. He will take his camels up to a well to drink just at the time when the women are coming out to get

57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and enquire at her mouth.

58 And they called Rebek'ah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man ? And she said, I will go.

59 And they sent away Rebek'ah their sister, and her nurse, and A'braham's servant, and his men.

60 And they blessed Rebek'ah, and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.

61 And Rebek'ah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man : and the servant took Rebek'ah, and went his way.

62 And I'saac came from the way of the well La'hai-roi ; for he dwelt in the south country.

63 And I'saac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide : and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

64 And Rebek'ah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw I'saac, she lighted off the camel.

65 For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us ? And the servant had said, It is my master : therefore she took a vail, and covered herself.

water. He will ask one of the women to let down her pitcher so that he may have a drink of water. He asks God to show him which one to ask, and if she says, "Yes, drink, and I will give your camels a drink also," then he will know that is the one God has chosen to be Isaac's wife.

Just then Rebekah, a very beautiful young girl, came to the well and filled her pitcher, and Eliezer ran to her, and said, "Please let me have a drink out of your pitcher," and she said, "Yes, and I will give a drink to your camels also." Thus Eliezer knew that God had chosen this beautiful Rebekah to be the wife of Isaac. He praised God for helping him to find this maiden. She was one of Abraham's own relations, her father, Bethuel,

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being his nephew. He went with Rebekah to her father's house and told him his errand. "Will you let her go back with me to my master's house?" he asked, and the father said, "Take her as the Lord hath spoken." Then Eliezer gave many beautiful presents to Rebekah and her family.

When he was ready to return home, her family did not want to let Rebekah go for a few days, but he wanted to take her back with him, so they said, "We'll call Rebekah, and ask her if she will go." So they called her and, when they asked her if she would go far away to Canaan to be Isaac's wife, she said at once: "I will go." So Rebekah and her maidservant went with Eliezer. They rode upon big camels like those you have seen in pictures.

Isaac was out walking in his fields one evening, when he saw the camels coming down the road. When Rebekah saw Isaac, she asked who he was. Eliezer said: "It is Isaac, my master." So she got down off the camel and took a veil and covered herself, as the custom was.

Then Eliezer told Isaac all that had happened, and Isaac took beautiful Rebekah into his mother's tent. So she became his wife, and he loved her very dearly.

Our Golden Text says, "Let not mercy and truth forsake thee . . . so shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What does our story say about the ages of Abraham and Isaac?
2. Why did Abraham want to choose a wife for Isaac?
3. What did Abraham say to his servant?
4. What did the servant say and do?
5. Whom did he ask to direct him in his choice?
6. How did he know the right one to choose?
7. Which did he choose?
8. What did Rebekah's father say?
9. How did they decide when she should go?
10. Whom did Rebekah take with her?
11. How did they travel?
12. Where was Isaac when they arrived?
13. What did Rebekah do when she saw him?
14. Where did Isaac take her?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

All the way my Saviour leads me—
 What have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt His tender mercy
 Who through life has been my guide?
 Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
 Here by faith in Him to dwell—
 For I know, whate'er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well. Amen.
 —Hymn 320, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—119. What does God's word tell us about the spread of the gospel? God's word tells us that the gospel shall be preached in all the world before the end comes.

The Question on Missions

4. What is the food of the prairie Indians? It is very like our own. Besides beef and pork, they use a great deal of the flesh of deer, rabbit, fish, partridge, prairie chicken and duck. Only in the better homes do they bake bread. In the others bannocks are made instead. Fruit and vegetables are used when they can be got.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a girl carrying a water jar. It reminds us of how Rebekah drew water from the well for the camels of Eliezer,



the servant of Abraham. So Jesus wants us to be kind and polite and helpful to all about us, whether they are strangers or friends.

I Have Learned To-day
 THAT I SHOULD BE KIND

APPETITE AND GREED—WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

November 3, 1918

Genesis 25 : 27-34. *Scripture Memory Verse, Matt. 7 : 12.

Golden Text—Every man that striveth in the games is temperate in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown ; but we an incorruptible.—1 Corinthians 9 : 25 (Rev. Ver.).



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27 And the boys grew : and E'sau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field ; and Ja'cob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

28 And I'saac loved E'sau, because he did eat of *his* venison : but Rebek'ah loved Ja'cob.

29 And Ja'cob sod pottage : and E'sau came from the field, and he was faint :

30 And E'sau said to Ja'cob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red *pottage* ; for I am faint : therefore was his name called E'dom.

31 And Ja'cob said, Sell me this day thy birthright.

32 And E'sau said, Behold, I am at the point to die : and what profit shall this birthright do to me ?

33 And Ja'cob said, Swear to me this day ; and he sware unto him : and he sold his birthright unto Ja'cob.

34 Then Ja'cob gave E'sau bread and pottage of lentiles ; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way : thus E'sau despised *his* birthright.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Would you like to hear about the two baby boys whom God sent to Isaac and his beautiful wife Rebekah ? Their names were Esau and Jacob. Esau was the oldest, and in those days, when the father died, the eldest son became the head of the family and received a special blessing. This was called his "birthright."

While the boys were little fellows they did not know anything about this "birthright," but when they got bigger they knew that some day Esau would be head of the family, and Jacob did not like this at all, for he wanted to be head of the family.

As the boys grew up, they were quite different from each other. Esau liked to go out with his bow and arrow and shoot birds

and animals, and often he shot the pretty deer that roamed about in the woods. He used to bring home the deer he killed. Jacob liked to stay around the tents helping his mother. He learned to make a very good food out of lentils, which are a kind of small bean. He helped his mother in many ways and she loved him most, but the father, Isaac, loved Esau, the brave hunter, best. Isaac liked to eat the nice meat that Esau brought back to the tents when he went out hunting.

One day Jacob had made some very good, steaming hot food, and just then Esau came home from hunting. He was very tired and hungry and the food did smell so good ! Esau was a greedy young man and very fond of eating and drinking.

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Now it happened that for a long time Jacob had been wondering how he could manage to get Esau to give up his "birthright" to him. Jacob thought he would be a much better head of the family than Esau.

Now here is Jacob's chance. Esau said, "Please, Jacob, give me some of that good food just as fast as ever you can, for I am nearly dead with hunger."

"Sell me your 'birthright' and I will give you all the food you want," said cunning Jacob. "Well," said Esau, "what good will my 'birthright' do me if I am to die of hunger?" "Promise me your 'birthright,'" said Jacob again, and Esau promised, and then Jacob gave him food and he ate and ate till he was satisfied, and he left the tent and went out into the fields again. Poor Esau did not know all that he was going to miss by his greediness and his fondness for eating and drinking.

Those who want to be "winners" and not "losers" must not be too fond of eating or drinking anything that will harm them, nor do anything that will weaken their body. "Every man that striveth in the games is temperate in all things," our Golden Text tells us.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is our story about?
2. What were the names of the boys?
3. Which was the eldest?
4. What did the eldest son become when the father died?
5. How did Jacob feel about Esau being head of the family?
6. What did Esau like to do?
7. Which son did Isaac love best?
8. What did Jacob like to do?
9. Which son did Rebekah love best?
10. What did Jacob wish to get from Esau?
11. What did Esau ask Jacob to give him?
12. What did Jacob ask Esau to do in return?
13. What did Esau do?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

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

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

—Hymn 530, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—120. What part should you take in giving the gospel to the heathen who have never heard of a Saviour? If I cannot go myself to tell them about Jesus, I should pray for them, and give of my money to send Bibles and missionaries to them.

The Question on Missions

5. How do the Vancouver Island Indians get food for themselves? Many of the Indians now work like white people, and buy most of their food from the stores. Those who have not money catch fish for themselves. They are very fond of seal and whale fat. Berries are plentiful in the summer.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bows and arrows were used by soldiers and hunters in olden times. We ought all to be soldiers fighting under our king, Jesus, against



every evil thought and feeling that comes into our hearts. Copy the picture of a bow and arrow.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE GENEROUS

Lesson VI.

JACOB DECEIVES HIS FATHER

November 10, 1918

Genesis 27 : 18-29. *Scripture Memory Verses, Matt. 7 : 7-12.

Golden Text—Speak ye truth each one with his neighbour.—Ephesians 4 : 25 (Rev. Ver.).



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Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

27 And he came near, and kissed him : and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son *is* as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed :

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine :

29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee : be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee : cursed *be* every one that curseth thee, and blessed *be* he that blesseth thee.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Isaac, the father of Esau and Jacob, was now a very old man and his eyes were dim so he could not see. He could only lie in his tent and think of the days gone by. One day he called Esau and told him to take his bow and arrow and go out and shoot a deer, for he was longing for some of the nice venison, and he promised that he would give Esau the blessing which the firstborn son was to receive.

When Rebekah heard this she made a plan to get the blessing for Jacob, whom she loved

18 And he came unto his father, and said, My father : and he said, Here *am* I ; who *art* thou, my son ?

19 And Ja'cob said unto his father, I *am* E'sau thy firstborn ; I have done according as thou badest me : arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me.

20 And I'saac said unto his son, How *is* it that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son ? And he said, Because the Lord thy God brought *it* to me.

21 And I'saac said unto Ja'cob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son E'sau or not.

22 And Ja'cob went near unto I'saac his father ; and he felt him, and said, The voice *is* Ja'cob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of E'sau.

23 And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother E'sau's hands : so he blessed him.

24 And he said, *Art* thou my very son E'sau ? And he said, I *am*.

25 And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat : and he brought him wine, and he drank.

26 And his father I'saac said unto him,

best. She told Jacob to go and bring her two young kids, and she prepared them for food in the way his father Isaac liked them. Then she put the hairy skins of the goats on the hands and neck of Jacob to make them feel like the hairy hands and neck of Esau. And she dressed him in some of Esau's clothes and sent him in to his father's tent with the savory meat which she had prepared.

Jacob went into the tent where his father was lying and told him he had brought the

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meat which he was wanting. "Father, here I am," he said. Isaac was expecting Esau to bring the venison, but he did not think Esau could be back so soon. "Is it Esau or Jacob?" he asked, for he was blind. Then Jacob deceived his father. He pretended that he was Esau and asked his father to give him the blessing he had promised. "Come near, my son, so that I may feel thee to see if you are really my son Esau." He felt his hands and his neck and they felt hairy just like Esau's. "The voice is like the voice of Jacob but the hands are Esau's," he said.

Then Jacob gave him the meat which his mother had prepared. Then Isaac said, "Come near me and kiss me, my son," and Jacob came near him and kissed him, and then he was sure it was Esau, for the clothes Jacob wore had the smell of the leather clothes which Esau wore when he went hunting.

So Isaac gave Jacob the blessing which he meant for Esau, whom he loved best. "God give thee the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth and plenty of corn and wine. Let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee. Be Lord over thy brethren and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee. Cursed be any one that curseth thee and blessed be he that blesseth thee."

"Speak ye truth each one with his neighbour," our Golden Text says. Jacob did wrong in not telling the truth to his father, but God forgave him and in the end did really give him all the blessings he had intended to give to Jacob and his family.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What can you tell about Isaac at the time of our story? 2. What did he ask Esau to do for him? 3. What did he promise to give to Esau? 4. Who heard Isaac making this promise? 5. To whom did Rebekah think the blessing should be given? 6. What plan did she make? 7. What did she tell Jacob to bring to her? 8. What did she do with the hairy skins of the kids? 9. What clothing did she put on Jacob? 10. Why was Isaac not quite sure if it was Esau or Jacob? 11. How did he try to find out which it was? 12. Who got the blessing which Isaac intended for Esau? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Within thy tabernacle, Lord,
Who shall abide with thee?
And in thy high and holy hill
Who shall a dweller be?

The man that walketh uprightly,
And worketh righteousness,
And as he thinketh in his heart,
So doth he truth express. Amen.

—Ps. Sel. 7, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 121. What becomes of our bodies when we die? When we die our bodies return to dust. 122. What becomes of our souls when we die? The good go to heaven and the wicked go to hell.

The Question on Missions

6. Tell about the home life of the Indians. In an Indian home the family go to bed and get up just when they feel like it, and eat, not at regular times, but whenever they are hungry. The women and girls eat when the men have finished.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here is a title of God from the Old Testament. Copy it, and remember that God

A GOD OF TRUTH

wants us to be truthful in word and deed. He hates lying, and wants us to hate it too.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD NEVER DECEIVE

JACOB FLEEING FROM HIS ANGRY BROTHER

November 17, 1918

Genesis 28 : 10-22. *Scripture Memory Verse, Rev. 22 : 1.

Golden Text—He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities.—Psalm 103 : 10 (Rev. Ver.).



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be God's house : and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob had hardly got away from his father Isaac's tent after he received the blessing when his brother Esau came in from hunting. He had killed a deer and made a savory dish of venison, which he brought to his father. "Father, sit up and eat the meat I have brought you and give me the blessing you promised me," Esau said.

Then Isaac was much astonished. "Who are you?" asked the blind, old father. "I am your son Esau." Isaac began to tremble all over. "Where is he who brought me meat and I have eaten it before you came and have given him the blessing? Your brother Jacob came and deceived me and got the blessing that I meant to give to you," cried the old man.

10 And Ja'cob went out from Beershe'ba, and went toward Har'an.

11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set ; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them* for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven : and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of A'braham thy father, and the God of I'saac : the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed ;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south : and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

15 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land ; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of.

16 And Ja'cob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place ; and I knew it not.

17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place ! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

18 And Ja'cob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

19 And he called the name of that place Beth'-el : but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first.

20 And Ja'cob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

21 So that I come again to my father's house in peace ; then shall the LORD be my God :

22 And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall

When Esau heard this he cried bitterly, "Have you only one blessing? Bless me also, O my father," Esau begged, and his father gave him a blessing also. This blessing would bring Esau riches and power and in the end he would be able to get away from serving his brother Jacob.

Esau hated Jacob because he had taken away both his birthright and his blessing, and he said he would kill Jacob just as soon as the old father Isaac was dead.

Rebekah heard this and told Jacob to go far away to his uncle Laban's house and stay there till Esau got over being angry. Then Isaac called Jacob and forgave him and blessed him again and sent him away to his uncle's home.

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Jacob started on his journey. When night came on, he stopped by the roadside and took a stone for a pillow and lay down to sleep, and he dreamed a dream. He thought he saw a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. The angels of God were going up and down the ladder, and at the top of the ladder he saw God himself. God spoke to Jacob and told him that he was going to give all this land to him and to his children, and they would become a very large family and would be a blessing to all the families of the earth. God promised to be with Jacob and bring him back safely to his own land.

Then Jacob awoke. He believed that the dream was true and he said, "This is surely the house of God and the gate of heaven."

In the morning he took the stone upon which he had slept and set it up so that he would remember this place. He called it Bethel and promised that some day he would build a house for God there and that he would serve God faithfully all the days of his life and would give to the Lord a tenth part of all he owned.

So Jacob found out what a loving, forgiving God our heavenly Father is. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us after our iniquities," our Golden Text tells us.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came to Isaac's tent just after Jacob had left it?
2. Where had Esau been?
3. What did he bring to his father Isaac?
4. What had Isaac promised to give to Esau?
5. What did Isaac ask Esau?
6. Why did Isaac not know him?
7. Who had come and got the blessing?
8. What did Esau do and say?
9. What blessing did his father give him?
10. What did Esau say he would do to Jacob?
11. What did Rebekah do when she heard this?
12. What did Isaac do?
13. What did Jacob use for a pillow the first night of his journey?
14. What was Jacob's dream?
15. What did he do next morning?
16. What promise did he make to God?
17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

O God of Bethel! by whose hand
Thy people still are fed;

Who through this weary pilgrimage
Hast all our fathers led:

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers! be the God
Of their succeeding race. Amen.

—Hymn 301, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 123. What is heaven? Heaven is the holy and happy place where Jesus is. 124. What is hell? Hell is a place of woe, where the devil and evil spirits are.

The Question on Missions

7. How do the prairie Indians spend the summer? Many of them spend the earlier part of the summer traveling about, visiting friends and picking senega root to sell. In August they come home to gather in hay for the winter. Other Indians spend the summer on their farms like white people. When away from home they live in tents.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing of a sleeping man, resting his head on a stone for a pillow. How help-



less he looks. And we are just as helpless when we are asleep. But God watches over us, and protects us from all danger.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD LOVE GOD

Genesis 33 : 1-11. *Scripture Memory Verse, Rev. 22 : 2.

Golden Text—A soft answer turneth away wrath.—Proverbs 15 : 1.



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10 And Ja'cob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand : for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me.

11 Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee ; because God hath dealt graciously with me and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The lesson for to-day is a story about two brothers "making up friends" after a quarrel. These were Jacob and Esau, the two sons of Isaac. We heard how Jacob took both his birthright and his blessing away from Esau. Then he fled from his brother Esau, who was so angry at him that he meant to kill him. Jacob fled to the far away home of his uncle Laban. There he met his beautiful Rachel, and, after a long time, she became his wife.

Some years passed, and at last God told Jacob to return to his own land. So Jacob gathered all his sheep and cattle and everything he owned and took his family upon camels and started for home.

1 And Ja'cob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, E'sau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Le'ah, and unto Ra'chel, and unto the two handmaids.

2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Le'ah and her children after, and Ra'chel and Jo'seph hindermost.

3 And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

4 And E'sau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him : and they wept.

5 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children ; and said, Who are those with thee ? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant.

6 Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves.

7 And Le'ah also with her children came near, and bowed themselves : and after came Jo'seph near and Ra'chel, and they bowed themselves.

8 And he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met ? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord.

9 And E'sau said, I have enough, my brother ; keep that thou hast unto thyself.

When they came near to the place where Esau lived, Jacob sent messengers to tell Esau that he was coming and begging that he would receive him kindly.

The messengers returned and told Jacob that Esau was coming to meet him with four hundred men. Then Jacob was afraid, for he thought his brother was coming to do him harm. He prayed to God to keep them safe. Then he sent his servants with a great many sheep and goats and cows and asses and camels as a present to his brother Esau, for he hoped in this way to "make up friends" with Esau.

That night God told Jacob that he would

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now be called Israel, because as a prince he had power with God and with men.

At last Jacob saw Esau coming with a great many men. Jacob put first his servants and then the older members of his family, and behind them his wife Rachel and her young son Joseph, for he loved them most and wished to keep them as far as possible away from his brother, for he did not know but Esau still meant to kill him and might harm them also.

Jacob went on before his family and servants. He kept bowing low till he came near to his brother. Then what do you think happened? Esau ran to Jacob and threw his arms about him and kissed him and they both wept, and so they "made up friends." Who are all these women and children?" Esau asked. Then Jacob brought all his family and introduced them to his brother Esau.

"I met your servants driving a great many cattle; where were they going?" Esau asked. "I was sending them to you so you would be pleased and willing to 'make up friends,'" Jacob said. But Esau told Jacob to keep them, for he had plenty of sheep and cows and asses and camels of his own. But Jacob persuaded him to take the present he had sent him because he was so glad to be friends.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is our lesson about? 2. Who were the brothers? 3. What had Jacob taken from Esau? 4. Why did Jacob flee from home? 5. Where did he go? 6. Who became his wife? 7. What did God tell Jacob to do? 8. What did he take with him on his journey? 9. What message did he send to Esau? 10. What word did the mes-

sengers bring back? 11. Why was Jacob afraid when he heard this? 12. How did he try to "make up friends" with Esau? 13. What new name did God give to Jacob? 14. How did Jacob prepare for Esau's coming? 15. Whom did he put farthest from danger? 16. What happened when the brothers met? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

When deep within our swelling hearts
The thoughts of pride and anger rise,
When bitter words are on our tongues,
And tears of passion in our eyes,

Then we may stay the angry blow,
Then we may check the hasty word,
Give gentle answers back again—
And fight a battle for our Lord. Amen.
—Hymn 527, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE GENTLE

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—125. What did Jesus tell his disciples about his coming again? Jesus told his disciples that he would come again, to judge the world.

The Question on Missions

8. How do the Vancouver Island Indians spend the summer? In the spring they go to their fishing grounds to get fresh food, and in the summer most of them work in salmon canneries and saw mills or at picking fruit. Some of them go to the hop fields in the State of Oregon. In this way they earn money to buy their winter clothing and other things.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy these words, and ask Jesus to help you to forgive all who do you harm.

FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER

Lesson IX.

JACOB SOLD BY HIS BROTHERS

December 1, 1918

Genesis 37 : 18-28. *Scripture Memory Verses, Rev. 22 : 3, 4.

Golden Text—Hatred stirreth up strifes : but love covereth all transgressions.—
Proverbs 10 : 12 (Rev. Ver.).



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18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him.

19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh.

20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him : and we shall see what will become of his dreams.

21 And Reu'ben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands ; and said, Let us not kill him.

22 And Reu'ben said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him ; that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again.

23 And it came to pass, when Jo'seph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Jo'seph out of his coat, *his* coat of many colours that *was* on him ;

24 And they took him, and cast him into a pit : and the pit *was* empty, *there was* no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat bread : and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ish'meelites came from Gil'ead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to E'gypt.

26 And Ju'dah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood ?

27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ish'meelites, and let not our hand be upon him ; for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content.

28 Then there passed by Mid'ianites merchantmen ; and they drew and lifted up Jo'seph out of the pit, and sold Jo'seph to the Ish'meelites for twenty *pieces* of silver : and they brought Jo'seph into E'gypt.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jacob, whose name God had changed to "Israel," had twelve sons. He loved the two younger sons most. Their names were Joseph and Benjamin.

The older brothers were very jealous of Joseph, for the father loved him best of all, and had given him a beautiful coat of many colors. Joseph had been dreaming some very wonderful dreams which he told his brothers. He dreamed that they were all out in the harvest fields tying the wheat into sheaves, and his sheaf stood upright while their sheaves all bowed down to his sheaf. His brothers

sneered and said: "So you think you are going to rule over us, do you?"

Then Joseph dreamed another dream. He saw the sun and moon and eleven stars bowing down before him. His father said, "Shall I and thy mother and they eleven brothers bow down before thee?"

Joseph's ten older brothers were shepherds. One day, when they had been away with their flocks for many days seeking good pasture, Israel called Joseph and told him to go and find his brothers and bring him word how they were getting on. So Joseph started out to

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find them. He was told that they had gone on to Dothan, so he followed them.

When they saw him coming over the hills, still a great way off, they said, "See this dreamer is coming." And they began to plan together to kill him. "We'll kill him and cast him into a pit, and we will tell our father a lie. We will say some wild beast has killed him." But Reuben, the eldest brother, would not agree to do this. "Don't let us kill him," Reuben said. "Let us put him into the pit and leave him there." Now Reuben meant to get him out of the pit when his brothers were not looking and send him back to his father. Reuben had a kind heart and wanted to do right.

When Joseph came up to his brothers they caught hold of him and pulled off his "coat of many colors" and put him into a pit. Then they sat down to eat their dinner. While they were sitting eating, a company of merchants with their laden camels came along. These men were going down into the land of Egypt with goods which they had for sale.

"Let us sell Joseph to these men and they will take him away and sell him for a slave in the land of Egypt," those wicked brothers said. So they took Joseph out of the pit and sold him to the merchantmen for twenty pieces of silver and they took him away down into the land of Egypt.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What new name did God give to Jacob ?
2. How many sons had Israel ?
3. Which did he love most ?
4. What did Jacob give Joseph ?
5. How did his older brothers feel towards Joseph ?
6. What was Joseph's

7. What did his brothers say ?
8. What was his next dream ?
9. How did his brothers act toward him then ?
10. On what errand did Israel send Joseph ?
11. What did his brothers say when they saw him coming ?
12. Who would not agree to do this ?
13. What did Reuben want to do with Joseph ?
14. What did they do when Joseph came up to them ?
15. Who came along just then ?
16. What did the brothers at last do with Joseph ?
17. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Hymn

Lonely in a stranger land,
Cast me not away from Thee,
Lead me by Thy gentle hand,
Lord, abide with me. Amen.

—Hymn 579, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE PATIENT

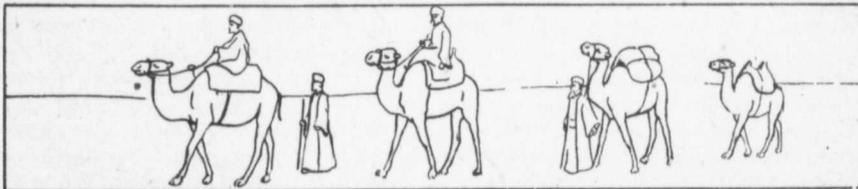
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—126. What will happen at the Judgment Day ? At the Judgment Day the dead will be raised to life again ; and Jesus will separate the good from the bad.

The Question on Missions

9. What sports or games have Indian children ? The boys play with bows and arrows, sleighs, dogs and games which they make up for themselves. The girls play with dolls and picture books, and those who are in school skip and make mud pies. The children are also fond of long walks.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL



Here is a picture of a number of people traveling over the desert, camels, horses and people. It is called a caravan. Poor Joseph was carried away by just such a company. But God was with him and meant to bring good out of what was so hard to bear. Color the picture, and remember that God will be with you also, if you love and serve him.

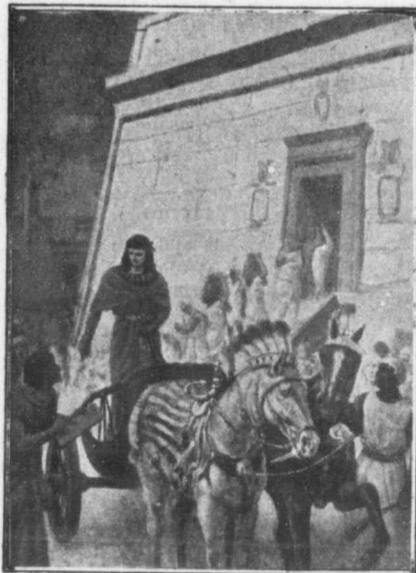
Lesson X.

JOSEPH MADE RULER OF EGYPT

December 8, 1918

Genesis 41 : 33-44. *Scripture Memory Verse, Rev. 22 : 5.

Golden Text—He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much.—Luke 16 : 10 (Rev. Ver.).



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33 Now therefore let Phar'ah look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of E'gypt.

34 Let Phar'ah do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of E'gypt in the seven plenteous years.

35 And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Phar'ah, and let them keep food in the cities.

36 And that food shall be for store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of E'gypt ; that the land perish not through the famine.

37 And the thing was good in the eyes of Phar'ah, and in the eyes of all his servants.

38 And Phar'ah said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is* ?

39 And Phar'ah said unto Jo'seph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, *there is none* so discreet and wise as thou *art* :

40 Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled : only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

41 And Phar'ah said unto Jo'seph, See, I have set thee over all the land of E'gypt.

42 And Phar'ah took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Jo'seph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck ;

43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had ; and they cried before him, Bow the knee : and he made him ruler over all the land of E'gypt.

44 And Phar'ah said unto Jo'seph, I am Phar'ah, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of E'gypt.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The merchantmen brought Joseph down to Egypt and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, bought Joseph for a slave. Joseph served his master faithfully, and the Lord was with him and helped him in all that he did. Potiphar loved Joseph, but his wicked wife hated the young Hebrew lad. She told a lie about him, and caused his master to put him in prison. The keeper of the prison loved Joseph because he was so true and faithful, and after a while he gave him charge of all the other prisoners.

Now it happened that Pharaoh's chief butler and his chief baker had offended

Pharaoh king of Egypt and had been cast into prison, and Joseph had charge of them. These men each dreamed a dream. They told their dreams to Joseph, and God gave him wisdom so that he was able to tell them the meaning of their dreams, and they promised in return that they would tell Pharaoh about him when they got out of prison, and perhaps Pharaoh would let Joseph out also.

One night Pharaoh dreamed some dreams which troubled him. He called all the wise men of his kingdom and asked them to tell him the meaning of his dreams, but not one of his wise men knew what the dreams meant.

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Then the chief butler remembered the young lad Joseph in the prison, who had told him the meaning of his dream and it had all come true, so he told his master about Joseph. Pharaoh sent to the prison and ordered Joseph to come to him, and he told Pharaoh the meaning of his dreams. He told Pharaoh that God had sent the dreams to let the king know that God was going to send seven years of great plenty in the land, and after that he was going to send seven years of famine when no food would grow in all the land, for man or beast.

Joseph told Pharaoh that he should choose a man who would be faithful and wise and make him governor over all the land, and appoint officers to gather up the corn into storehouses during the seven years of plenty, so that there would be plenty of food during the seven years of famine.

Joseph's wisdom pleased Pharaoh so much that he chose Joseph to be ruler over all the land of Egypt, and Joseph was next to the king in power. He rode in state in a grand chariot all over the land, and Pharaoh ordered that everybody should bow down to Joseph and obey him. The king took the ring off his own hand and put it on Joseph's hand, and he dressed him in beautiful clothing and put a chain of gold around his neck.

You see the faithful boy became the faithful man and God rewarded and blessed him.

Our Golden Text tells us, "He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did the merchants take Joseph?
2. Who bought him?
3. How did Joseph serve his master?
4. Who told a lie about Joseph?
5. What did his master do with him?
6. How did the keeper of the prison treat Joseph?
7. What two servants of Pharaoh were sent to prison?
8. Who told them the meaning of their dreams?
9. What did they promise?
10. Why was Pharaoh troubled?
11. What could his wise men tell him?
12. Who told Pharaoh about Joseph?
13. What did Joseph tell him?
14. Who gave Joseph wisdom?
15. Whom did Pharaoh choose to be ruler in Egypt?
16. What did Pharaoh order the people to do?
17. What did he give Joseph?
18. Why did God

reward Joseph? 19. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, whate'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His Hand He leadeth me! Amen.*

—Hymn 297, Book of Praise

The Catechism

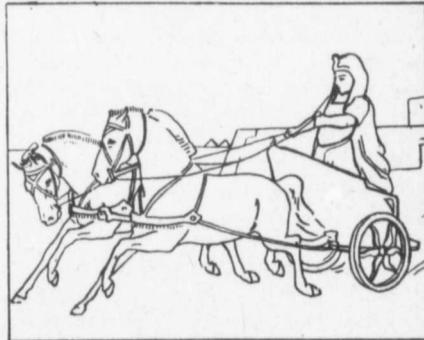
PRIMARY CATECHISM—127. What will become of the good at the Judgment Day? Jesus will take the good to be with himself forever. 128. What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day? The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

The Question on Missions

10. What is done in cases of sickness? Pagan Indians call in the "medicine man," who often has some good medicines made from herbs. But he also uses many foolish customs, such as beating on a drum, board, box or tin pan to drive away the sickness. The more civilized Indians call in a white doctor and use his medicines.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was in a chariot like the one in the drawing that Joseph rode after he had been made ruler in Egypt. He received so great an



honor because he had been diligent and faithful. Color the drawing, and try to follow Joseph's example. Then God will reward you.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE FAITHFUL

Lesson XI.

JOSEPH FORGIVES HIS BROTHERS December 15, 1918

Genesis 45 : 1-15. *Scripture Memory Verses, Rev. 22 : 1-5.

Golden Text—If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.—Matthew 6 : 14.



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Egypt, and of all that ye have seen ; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.
 14 And he fell upon his brother Ben'jamin's neck, and wept ; and Ben'jamin wept upon his neck.
 15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them : and after that his brethren talked with him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Joseph's brothers sold him to the merchantmen, they took his coat of many colors and dipped it in the blood of an animal. Then they showed the coat to their father Israel and told him they had found it. The old father wept bitterly, for now he was sure that some wild beast had killed his dear son Joseph and he mourned for him day after day.

After a while famine came in the land of Canaan. The little children were crying for food and their fathers and mothers had scarcely any to give them.

One day Israel called his sons to him and told them he heard that there was plenty of corn in Egypt, and they must go down there

1 Then Jo'seph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him ; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Jo'seph made himself known unto his brethren.

2 And he wept aloud ; and the Egypt'ians and the house of Phar'ah heard.

3 And Jo'seph said unto his brethren, I am Jo'seph ; doth my father yet live ? And his brethren could not answer him ; for they were troubled at his presence.

4 And Jo'seph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Jo'seph your brother, whom ye sold into E'gypt.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither : for God did send me before you to preserve life.

6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land : and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be earing nor harvest.

7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God : and he hath made me a father to Phar'ah, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of E'gypt.

9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Jo'seph, God hath made me lord of all E'gypt : come down unto me, tarry not :

10 And thou shalt dwell in the land of Go'shen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast :

11 And there will I nourish thee ; for yet there are five years of famine ; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty.

12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Ben'jamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen ; and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither.

14 And he fell upon his brother Ben'jamin's neck, and wept ; and Ben'jamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them : and after that his brethren talked with him.

and bring back corn for food for them and their families or they would all die of hunger.

So they started off with sacks and asses to carry back the corn which they hoped to get. One day ten men appeared before the ruler of the land of Egypt. They bowed low before him and told him who they were and what they wanted.

Joseph knew at once that these men were his own brothers, but they never imagined that this great man to whom they were bowing down was their young brother Joseph, whom they had sold some years before. Joseph was very kind to them and gave them corn in their sacks. He did not tell them who he was, but told them they must bring their

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youngest brother Benjamin next time they came back or he would not let them have any more corn.

At first Israel would not let Benjamin go, but at last he consented and the brothers came back to Egypt and brought Benjamin with them. Joseph called them to him and sent all his servants away so he could be quite alone with them. Then he said, "I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Tell me, is my father yet alive?"

You may imagine how astonished his brothers were when they heard this. They could not answer, for they were so frightened. They thought Joseph would surely punish them now and perhaps kill them. He told them to come near him and not to be afraid. He was not angry at them and he was going to be kind to them and help them, for he was sure that God had sent him to Egypt so that he might be able to keep them alive during the time of famine.

Joseph told his brothers to go back to Canaan and bring their father and their wives and children and servants and flocks and herds and come to live in the land of Egypt, and he would give them all the food they needed till the famine was over.

Then he threw his arms around Benjamin's neck and kissed him, and he kissed all his brothers, and they all wept for joy. "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you." This is our Golden Text.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Joseph's brothers do with his coat?
2. What did his father think?
3. What came over the land of Canaan?
4. What did Israel tell his ten sons to do?
5. What did they do when they came before the ruler of Egypt?
6. What did Joseph know about them?
7. Whom did they think he was?
8. How did Joseph treat them?
9. Whom did he tell them to bring when they came again?
10. Why did Israel allow Benjamin to go?
11. After Joseph sent his servants away what did he tell his brothers?
12. What did they think then?
13. What did Joseph tell them to do?
14. What did Joseph do to his brothers?
15. What did they all do?
16. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

One there is, above all others,
Well deserves the name of Friend;
His is love beyond a brother's,
Costly, free, and knows no end;
They who once His kindness prove,
Find it everlasting love. Amen.

—Hymn 79, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—129. What is the last prayer in the Bible? The Bible closes with the prayer, "COME, LORD JESUS." 130. What is the last promise in the Bible? The last promise in the Bible is, "I COME QUICKLY."

The Question on Missions

11. How is a visitor treated by the Indians? He is treated very kindly. The best food in the house is set before him, and neighbors are invited to help in entertaining the stranger. But if he stays longer than he should, he is told that the food is done.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the drawing (*color*) we see two brothers tenderly embracing each other. It was so that Joseph embraced his younger brother



Benjamin, when Benjamin came down to Egypt. We should learn from Joseph how we ought to love our brothers and sisters.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE FORGIVING

Lesson XII.

JOSEPH CARES FOR HIS KINDRED December 22, 1918

Genesis 47 : 1-12. *Scripture Memory Verses, Matt. 7 : 7-12.

Golden Text—Honour thy father and mother.—Ephesians 6 : 2.

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THE LESSON RETOLD

When Pharaoh, king of Egypt, heard that Joseph's brothers had come down from Canaan to get food in Egypt, he told Joseph to fill their sacks with corn and to give them everything they needed, and send them home to bring their wives and children and their father Israel and come back to live in the land of Egypt, where there was plenty of food. Pharaoh told Joseph to give them wagons to bring their wives and their little ones.

Joseph gave the brothers clothing and food for their journey, and he sent a great many presents to his father and plenty of corn and meat to feed them all on the journey back to Egypt, and they started back to the land of Canaan.

At last after a long, tiresome journey they all came again to the land of Egypt.

Then Joseph told Pharaoh that his father and brothers and their wives and children with everything they owned had come to the land of Goshen and were waiting there to see

where Pharaoh wished them to live. And Joseph took five of his brothers and presented them to Pharaoh. Pharaoh talked to them and asked them what their occupation was, and they told him that they were shepherds and could not get food for their sheep in their own land. They asked Pharaoh to let them stay in the land of Goshen, where they might live by themselves and tend their sheep.

Pharaoh told Joseph to let them live in the very best part of the country, and he also told Joseph to let some of them take care of the flocks and herds that belonged to him.

Then Joseph brought his father to Pharaoh and Pharaoh talked to him, and then he gave Pharaoh his blessing and went back to the place where his sons were.

So Joseph made a home for his father and brothers and their families in the best part of the land where the pasture was the best and the water pure and plentiful for themselves and their flocks, and Joseph supplied them with what food they needed, and they were all very happy and prosperous in their new home. So you see all Joseph's dreams came true, and God blessed him because he obeyed the words of our Golden Text, "Honor thy father and mother." And this is how the children of Israel came to live in the land of Egypt.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Pharaoh say when he heard that Joseph's brothers had come down to Egypt to get corn? 2. What did Joseph give them for their journey? 3. To whom did he send a present? 4. Who came back to Egypt with Joseph's brothers? 5. What did Joseph tell Pharaoh? 6. Whom did Joseph present to Pharaoh? 7. What question did Pharaoh ask the five brothers? 8. What was their answer? 9. Where did

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Pharaoh tell Joseph to let them live? 10. Over what did Pharaoh give them charge? 11. Who gave Pharaoh his blessing? 12. What was the name of the place where the children of Israel lived? 13. How did they get on in their new home? 14. Why did God bless Joseph? 15. What is the Golden Text?

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions 116-130.

The Question on Missions

12. Do the homes of Christian Indians improve? Yes. They use tables and chairs and use dishes, knives and forks and spoons like ours at meals instead of sitting on the floor round a pot, each person eating from it with a wooden spoon. The women learn to spin and sew and knit.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Color the drawing, which pictures Jacob praying that God would bless Pharaoh, the



great king of Egypt. We should pray always, that God will bless our king and queen and make them good and wise.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD BE HELPFUL

CHRISTMAS LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

Luke 2 : 8-20

You all know and love the Christmas story which tells you how Jesus the King of kings

left his heavenly kingdom and came down to earth to live for a while with his people.

God promised his people many, many years ago that he would some day send his son Jesus to them.

One beautiful starry night the hillsides around Bethlehem were dotted with white, woolly heaps, for the sheep were taking their rest and the shepherds had flung themselves down on the grass and were gazing up into the sky. Suddenly the sky became very bright and the shepherds jumped up in fear. Then they heard the voice of God's angel messenger saying, "Fear not, for I bring you good news which will bring great joy to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Then the angel told the shepherds how they should know him: "You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly there were with this angel a great many more angels and they were all singing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Then the angels went back to heaven and the shepherds spoke to one another. "Let us go right now into Bethlehem and see for ourselves, this babe which the Lord hath told us of," one said; and the others said, "Yes, let us go." So they hurried away into Bethlehem, and they found Mary and Joseph, and there in a manger lay the baby Jesus.

When the shepherds had seen him they went away and told everybody they met what they had seen and heard about this child. Everybody wondered at what the shepherds told them, but Mary never forgot these things which she had heard.

Then the shepherds returned to their flocks, praising and thanking God for all they had heard and seen.

Lesson Hymn

There came a little Child to earth,
Long ago ;
And the angels of God proclaimed His birth,—
High and low.
Out in the night, so calm and still,
Their song was heard ;
For they knew that the Child on Bethlehem's
hill

Was Christ the Lord. Amen.

—Hymn 520, Book of Praise

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW—FAITH'S VICTORIES

December 29, 1918

Golden Text—This is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith.—1 John 5 : 4.

REPEAT—GOLDEN TEXTS FOR THE QUARTER. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES (Matt. 7 : 7-12 ; Rev. 22 : 1-15). PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 1-130. MEMORY HYMN—Hymn 509, Book of Praise. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.

Read Hebrews 11 : 8-22.

Questions on the Lessons

LESSON I. Whom did God call to go to a new home ? What promise did God give him ? Who went with Abram ? What was the name of the new home ?

LESSON II. Why did Lot's herdsmen quarrel with Abram's herdsmen ? What did Abram tell Lot to do ? Where did Lot choose ? What happened to Lot ? How did Abram help him ?

LESSON III. What did God tell Abraham to do with Isaac ? How did he prepare to obey God ? What did God say to him then ?

LESSON IV. Whom did Isaac take for a wife ?

LESSON V. Who were Esau and Jacob ? What did they each like to do ? What did Esau sell to Jacob in return for food ? What do people sometimes lose for the sake of strong drink ?

LESSON VI. How did Jacob deceive his father Isaac ? What did Isaac give Jacob ?

LESSON VII. Why did Jacob have to flee from his home ? Where did he go ? What did Jacob dream ? What promises did Jacob make to God ?

LESSON VIII. Who was Jacob's wife ? Who told Jacob to return to his home ? What new name did God give to Jacob ? Who met him on the way ? How did they "make up friends ?"

LESSON IX. How many sons had Jacob ? Which did he love most ? What did he give to Joseph ? How did the older brothers treat Joseph ? Where did Jacob send Joseph ? What did his brothers do with him ?

LESSON X. To whom did the merchants sell Joseph ? Why was he put in prison ? How did the keeper of the prison treat Joseph ? Who told Pharaoh about Joseph ? What did Joseph tell Pharaoh ? What did Pharaoh's dream mean ? What did Pharaoh do for Joseph ? How did Joseph prepare for the famine ?

LESSON XI. Who came to Egypt to buy corn ? How did Joseph treat his brothers ? What message did he send to his father Israel ?

LESSON XII. How did Pharaoh treat Joseph's people when they came to live in the land of Egypt ? In what part of the land did they live ? Who provided food for them ?

Lesson Hymn

Stand up for Jesus, Christian stand !
Firm as a rock on ocean's strand !
Beat back the waves of sin that roll
Like raging floods around thy soul !

Stand up for Jesus, Christian, stand !
Lift high the cross with steadfast hand !
Till heathen lands with wondering eye
Its rising glory shall descry.

Stand up for Jesus, nobly stand !

Firm as a rock on ocean's strand !

Stand up, His righteous cause defend ;

Stand up for Jesus, your best Friend. Amen.

—Hymn 260, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That God cares for me

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. Abram Leaving Home.	LESSON VII. Jacob Fleeing from His Angry Brother.
LESSON II. Abram Helping Lot.	LESSON VIII. Jacob Wins Esau.
LESSON III. Abram Giving Isaac to God.	LESSON IX. Joseph Sold by His Brothers.
LESSON IV. Isaac and Rebekah.	LESSON X. Joseph Made Ruler of Egypt.
LESSON V. Appetite and Greed—World's Temperance Sunday.	LESSON XI. Joseph Forgives His Brothers.
LESSON VI. Jacob Deceives His Father.	LESSON XII. Joseph Cares for His Kindred.

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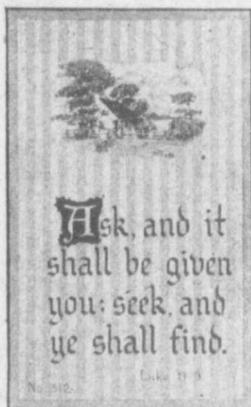
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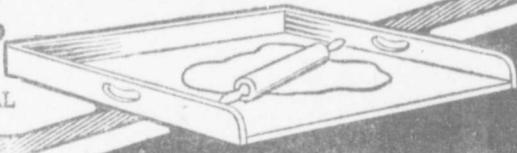
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